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on "The Great Hymns
of the Church"

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"The Church in the
Wildwood"
By Rev. C. Fred Lehr
of Aplington, Iowa



Rev. Charles M. Koller, Th. D.
Minister of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J.

What's Happening

The Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., is undergoing a number of renovations, including the installation of an elevator at an approximate cost of \$4000. Other improvements have been the arranging of reception and sitting rooms and the installation of an indirect lighting system. The Rev. E. R. Lengefeld, the new superintendent of the Home, has been largely responsible for many of these improvements.

The White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, has set definite goals for its members for a three month period from April to June. This program includes the winning of 6 new members, a regular Sunday attendance of 150 members, an attendance of 25 members every Wednesday evening, the reading of the New Testament by the church members and \$1200 in total contributions. The Rev. William L. Schoeffel is the minister of the church.

The First German Baptist Church of Madison, So. Dak., conducted evangelistic services for almost two weeks from March 8 to 19 with the Rev. F. W. Bartel of Avon, So. Dak., serving as evangelist. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Henry R. Schroeder, wrote that "we are glad that a number of young people came forward, expressing their willingness and desire to follow the Lord." Mr. Schroeder has been holding a special class of instruction for these young people.

Evangelistic services were held in the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., by the pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, immediately after the Golden Jubilee of the church on March 17 and continuing until Easter Sunday, March 28. There were 13 persons who confessed their faith in Christ, who are now meeting with the pastor in an instruction class. A baptismal service is being planned for some Sunday in June. A Vacation Bible School will be conducted in the Riverview Church this summer.

From April 6 to 15 the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., held a series of evangelistic and inspirational services with Bishop C. F. Derstine of Kitchener, Ontario, as the special speaker. Every evening Bishop Derstine led a provocative Bible study followed by an evangelistic message. He also spoke at the Sunday services of the church. This "Spiritual Life Series," attended by many members and friends of the church, had many blessings of religious enrichment.

Evangelistic services were held from Feb. 14 to March 14 in the German

Baptist Church at Rosenfeld, Saskatchewan, Canada, and its station at Annetal with the pastor, the Rev. G. Ittermann, conducting the services. All of the meetings were well attended. There were 16 persons who were converted as a result of the services. The baptismal service will be held sometime this summer. The B. Y. P. U. has charge of the Sunday evening service of the church at least once a month.

Evangelistic services were held every evening during the Passion Weeks preceding Easter Sunday in the German Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, with the messages brought by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Ed-

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

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The Braese Library has a limited number of books for use in Vacation Bibles School classes, which can be borrowed for the school period.

Any further assistance in the organization and conduct of a Vacation Bible School will gladly be given upon request by sending your questions to the young people's secretary.

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mund Mittelstedt. There were 19 persons who confessed their faith in Christ as Savior during these services. A baptismal service was held on Easter Sunday before a large and attentive audience, at which time 17 persons were baptized on profession of their faith.

The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of Dayton, Ohio, has accepted the call extended to him by the North Avenue Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., to become its pastor and will begin his ministry on the new field on Sunday, May 30. He will succeed the Rev. Louis B. Holzer who has recently gone to Pittsburgh. Mr. Baumgartner's ministry of five years in the Fourth Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, was most successful, and it was with deep regret that the members of the church accepted his resignation.

The First German Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., celebrated its 80th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11. The Rev. Julius Kaaz, who has been minister of the church for the past 10 years, was in charge of the program. Professor F. W. C. Meyer, pastor of the church from 1888 to 1900, served as the guest speaker at the occasion. Professor Otto Koenig, minister of the church from 1900 to 1916, also had a large part in the program. Many members and friends had a share in the gala observance.

The First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., observed the Passion Week preceding Easter Sunday with special inspirational meetings. The messages were brought by the Reverends J. Gittings of the Englewood Church, Stanley Johnson of the Bellwood Mission, J. A. Pankratz of the local church and M. L. Leuschner. The B. Y. P. U. held a sunrise service on Easter Sunday morning with the Rev. Stanley Balland, minister of the Jefferson Park Bible Church, as special speaker. The Rev. J. A. Pankratz baptized 4 boys at the Easter morning service.

On Sunday, April 11, the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., had as guest speaker at its services the Rev. J. G. Draewell of Philadelphia, Pa. The B. P. U. of the church conducted a sunrise service on Easter Sunday, and in the evening the church choir rendered the cantata, "The Easter Sunrise." On Sunday, April 4, the pastor of the church, the Rev. Victor H. Prendergast, baptized 3 persons on confession of their faith and received these and another person into the fellowship of the church at the communion service that followed.

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Editorial

THERE is no sweeter joy in life than that of strolling down memory's lane. At least, that is a delight when the lane passes through gorgeous gardens of flowers, the fragrance of which fills the air. Quietly and reverently one can pause before every flower until memory's pictures of yesterday becomes life's most precious treasures.

Is there anyone so hardened by life that the memory of a barefoot, carefree boy, whistling merrily as he tramps down some road in search of adventure, or of a curly haired girl, thrilled as she rocks in her arms a large doll that can open and close its eyes, might be offered for sale? Does a warm smile come to your face as you remember the first valentine you received from one who was secretly dear to you or the recognition of love as you looked deeply into someone's eyes? Can you remember the smell of a new-mown field of alfalfa or the briny salt air as you saw the ocean for the first time? Isn't it true that Mother's Day is so meaningful to us because of its associated memories of mother's smiles, of the many things which her hands made for us, of her ministering spirit in times of illness, of her words of endearment and encouragement spoken to us with a mother's understanding?

It is a great deal more than sentiment that leads us to say that memory is God's gift to mankind. It is one significant phase of God's image in which we are made. One of the old Christian creeds stated that "the chief end of man is to glorify God forever," but the soul's blessing of the Lord goes hand in hand with the remembrance of God's benefits. The joy and power of the Christian life are certainly conditioned by the remembrance of that "happy day that fixed my choice on thee, my Savior."

But this garden of memory needs to be tended

and cultivated. One can remember only the wrong things that grow like weeds in a garden, such as ugly thoughts, smutty stories, hatreds, grudges and the like until to remember is like a hell of mental agony. It is not at all strange that Dr. C. Wallace Petty in preaching a sermon on "Memory" talked mostly about "learning what to forget." "We cannot be really happy until we are able to forget our hurts, the words and deeds of others which have bruised and scarred. So the wise man builds his citadel of memory carefully. His remembrances he clusters about the great restraining, inspiring, encouraging experiences of life." That is the purpose of such festivals throughout the year, such as anniversaries and Mother's Day, to cultivate the art of true memory in remembering only the good and lovely and noble in life. That is the purpose of every Sunday with its services of worship and spiritual meditations to "remember Jesus Christ." Our memory needs to be enriched not only by the right kind of things which we remember but by the reverent and thoughtful attention which we accord them.

Remembrance, however, is much more than a "sitting still and twiddle-your-thumb" exercise. It should give courage to fight in the struggle of life, inspiration to climb toward higher achievements and joy to advance in wisdom and moral caliber as well as in years. There is a unique propulsive power in every ennobling memory, of which full use ought to be made. The memory of mother's prayers has helped many a man "to go straight." The old Sunday School hymns and Bible verses, memorized as children, have spoken mightily to many adults, struggling vainly in the whirlpool of the world. Every memory of life, which we can share with Jesus Christ, should be the spiritual alchemy that can change our lives more and more into the gold of precious value.

"The Church in the Wildwood"

This delightful and informative story of a well known hymn, related by the minister of the Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, is the first of a series of articles to appear monthly in "The Baptist Herald" interpreting and telling the story of some of the most beloved hymns of the Christian Church.

By the REV. C. FRED LEHR

“THE spot where the ‘Little Brown Church’ now stands was a setting of rare beauty. There was no church there then, but the spot was there waiting for it. When back in my home, I wrote the song ‘The Little Brown Church in the Vale’. Under the circumstances, what was more natural than that the little church at Bradford, Iowa, painted brown, and the song ‘The Little Brown Church in the Vale’ should be wedded, and known as one and the same.” These words, taken from an article by Dr. William Savage Pitts, the author of this well known hymn, briefly but fully tell the story of the song.

As he wrote the account, so let it stand, telling forever the story of a vision which a man had and which was realized by others, themselves ignorant of the vision and the song that grew out of it. The church did not know of the song until Dr. Pitts himself sang it at the dedicatory exercises of the church in 1864, while the song itself had been written in 1857.

The Story of the Hymn

"The Little Brown Church in the Vale," with which the song, "The Church in the Wildwood," is so closely associated, stands about two miles north of Nashua, Chickasaw County, Iowa. For us as German Baptists its location is best determined by saying that it stands about midway between our Parkersburg and Elgin Churches of Iowa. It is about 40 miles north of the former and about the same distance west of the latter. It is a typical country church, peacefully and snugly hidden away in a grove of evergreen trees. It is still an active church, for services are held there regularly, and its growing constituency, we are told, consists mainly of

It has become a veritable "Mecca" for the young people of Iowa and surrounding states, for over 30,000 people visit and register there annually, and an average of 600 marriages are solemnized in it each year. "Believe-it-or-not" Ripley recently stated that the highest number of marriages solemnized there in one year was 745. It speaks well for young people of this

section that they will go to this historic shrine rather than to some civil official to "pledge their troth." Many of them bring their own pastor along, others ask the genial and ever obliging minister of "the Little Brown Church" to officiate. Since the church makes a small charge for every marriage solemnized in it, the church knows little of financial difficulties.

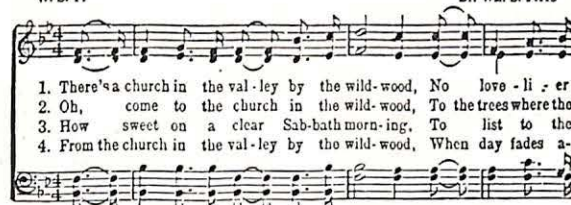
When Dr. Pitts in 1857, at that time a singing teacher, by the sheer beauty of the surroundings was inspired to write this song, he undoubtedly had in mind such a church as he had seen and in which he had worshipped many times. The church which he visualized on that balmy summer afternoon was one that would be the very heart and life of the community, a place where one would meet and have fellowship with neighbors, a place of comfort and rest, of power and inspiration, would draw nigh in saving and from which should emanate that would give character, on to the life of the entire

It was such a church as this that Dr. Pitts had in mind when he wrote the hymn. What a story it tells of one's love for and appreciation of the old home church! Though it has outlived its usefulness theoretically, actually many and great voices are calling us back to the genuineness.

The Church in the Wildwood

W. S. P.

Dr. Wm. S. Pitts



D.S.—No spot is so dear to my child-hood As the

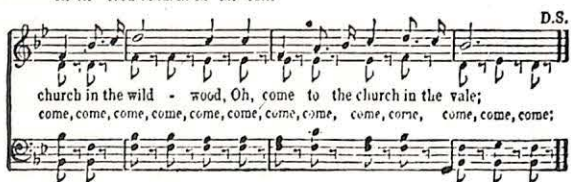
FINE CHORUS

lit - the brown church in the vale.
weep by the side of the tomb.
come to the church in the vale.
way to the man-sions of light.

Oh, come, come, come, come, come, come,

lit-tle brown church in the vale.

D.S



the simplicity, the warmth and the sincerity found in these wayside churches. A recent magazine article told the story of the late Fred B. Smith, well known throughout the land, and himself the product of such an old-fashioned Iowa church. Addressing the ministers of Chicago several years ago, he told them of a visit to China. After a meeting there, he was given the opportunity of meeting personally the missionaries of that district, and among them were three who told him that they had been won to the Lord Jesus Christ and had heard his call to higher service in the little, old-fashioned church which he himself had attended as a lad and where he, too, had been converted, and which had, to use his own words, "a protracted meeting every year that lasted from corn-husking time until seed time."

Dr. Smith also told of a great city church which he had visited in this country, and in which he had told the story of his meeting with these missionaries. Toward the close of his address he turned to the pastor of that great church and asked him how long it had been since his church had sent someone forth into the service of the Master. With evident embarrassment the pastor replied that, as far as he knew, his church had never sent one forth, and added significantly, "When we want a missionary, we have to go to some old-fashioned church that has a protracted meeting every winter." In his address to the Chicago ministers Fred B. Smith closed with this challenge: "Brethren, we had better go back to the old Book and the old gospel." He is but one of many who are calling the church back to that "spiritual glow" which was so vital a part of the old "Church in the Vale."

God's Acre

"The Little Brown Church" at Nashua does not have a cemetery on its grounds. The town cemetery is nearby, and so the need for one was never apparent. But the church Dr. Pitts envisioned did have one. In the hymn, "The Church in the Wildwood," the author thinks of that last impressive service held over the dead form of one who has lived, loved, and given himself to the community in unselfish service. He speaks of the time when the parting hymn shall be chanted, and we "weep by the side of the tomb."

Our German fathers coined a most beautiful and meaningful word, when they called the burial place "God's Acre," a place not merely for the burial of our beloved dead, but one also which preaches a perpetual sermon to us on the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the dead. If it is "an acre," it must be a place of sowing, and where we sow, we look forward the harvest. And here in God's Acre, where we do "weep by the side of the tomb," because we, too, "love the clay, the soul's enshrinement," precious seed is sown that shall some day blossom forth with new and everlasting life.

Dr. Pitts in spirit must have been on a "Lord's Day morning," as he wrote the third stanza of his famous song, for he seemed to hear the clear ringing bell of the church that he had envisioned penetrating the "solemn hush of nature newly born" and beckoning worshippers to the house of God. How strangely the call of the old church bell affects one! It seems as though God himself was calling by its tone, and that seems to be the significance of Longfellow's word:

"For bells are the voice of the church,
They have tones that touch and search
The hearts of young and old."

Many are they who, having lost the way to God and his house because of the rush of business and other interests, have found them again as the bell called them back, calling, "O come to the church in the vale." Many, too, are they who, after years of wandering elsewhere, long to come back to the old home and church with all their sacred associations to spend life's evening where happy childhood hours were spent and from there to "wing their flight to the mansions of light."

It Is Your Church and Mine

The words of this song are more than just a poetic description of a particular building, still standing and still serving its high and holy purpose. It is an ode, rather, to the almost forgotten place of worship, friendship, power and blessed associations, known as "the country church," "the church by the side of the road," of which the "Little Brown Church in the Vale" will ever stand as a blessed and beautiful symbol.

When in 1916 the "Little Brown Church in the Vale" celebrated its Golden Jubilee, Dr. Pitts was invited to come and take part in the festivities. He came, then a venerable old man of 86 years of age, and brought with him another song, written especially for the occasion and dedicated to the "Little Brown Church in the Vale," a sort of sequel to the original song.

After Fifty Years

Once more I stand by the Church in the Wildwood;
Once more I wait by its wide open door;
Hearing the songs I loved in my childhood,
Thinking of those who have gone on before.
Here in the valley, near to the Wildwood,
Bravely they wrought and nobly they won,
Now they are sleeping, quietly sleeping,
Fathers and mothers, sisters and sons.

CHORUS—

Little Brown Church, church in the wildwood,
Dearer art thou as the years roll along!
Enshrined in dear hearts, loved in remembrance,
Cherished and lauded in story and song.

Once more I stand by the Church in the Wildwood;
Once more I hear its clear ringing bell,
Sending its tones o'er prairie and woodland,
Calling, "O come to the church in the dell."
Oh! how I love thee, church in the wildwood!
Oh! how I love thee, there's no one can tell!
Long may the bell tones call in the faithful.
Church in the wildwood, church in the dell.

Tenth Anniversary of a Memorable Ministry

By MR. CHARLES KLAUSMANN of Newark, N. J.

The Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., celebrated the 10th anniversary of the installation of its pastor, the Rev. Charles W. Koller, Th. D., with festive exercises on Sunday and Monday, March 21 and 22.

On Sunday morning the Sunday School marked the opening of the program with special exercises. The morning service of worship, with Mr. Walter A. Staub presiding, was addressed by the Rev. William Kuhn, D. D., general missionary secretary. Miss Jessie E. Ayres, soprano soloist, sang the number, "The Lord is My Light."

The evening service with Mr. William Schmidt presiding featured a baritone solo, "The Palms," by Mr. R. Harry Arnold and an anniversary ad-

presented to Dr. Koller a purse to be used on a trip to the Holy Land. It is expected that Dr. and Mrs. Koller will make the trip to Palestine during the months of June and July of this year.

The following brief sketch of Dr. Koller's life and ministry and of his service in the Clinton Hill Church since his acceptance of the call in 1927 appeared in the souvenir program from which citations have been made.

Charles W. Koller was born at Waco, Texas, and received his elementary training there. Then followed eight years of secretarial work and real estate management. During this period he completed the Accountancy Course of the La Salle Extension University

TRIBUTE TO DR. KOLLER

By the REV. WM. KUHN, D. D.

It was in 1927 that Dr. Koller accepted the call to the Clinton Hill Church of Newark, New Jersey. During these ten years progress has been made to a remarkable degree. These anniversary festivities offered many fine opportunities for the expression of the love and respect in which Dr. Koller is held by his people.

In Acts 18:24-28 we have the record of the ministry of that eloquent Christian Jew, Apollos of Alexandria. With but slight paraphrase the record of Apollos is an apt characterization of the ministry of Dr. Koller during the past ten years at the Clinton Hill Church of Newark.

A certain Christian named Charles W. Koller, born at Waco, Texas, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Clinton Hill. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing at that time only the fundamental elements of Christian truth. And he began to speak boldly in his own pulpit: whom when some more mature Aquilla and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. And when he was come to Clinton Hill, he helped them much which had believed through grace: for he mightily convinced many in his congregation, and that publicly, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

In the making of Dr. Koller the Clinton Hill Church of Newark has been a factor with a most potent influence. This anniversary not only recognized the worth of the distinguished pastor but, without planning on its own part, it again brought to our attention the many sterling qualities of its membership. The Clinton Hill Church shares with the Fleischmann Memorial of Philadelphia the distinction of being our two oldest churches. This church has always been blessed with an exceptionally large number of strong lay-members. Many of the leaders of our own denominational enterprise have always been members of this church. In this church there has always been a missionary vision and a generosity in missionary giving that has given the Clinton Hill Church the distinction of being our largest missionary contributor. At the same time their example has exerted a most salutary influence upon many other churches.



Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J.

dress by the Rev. Vincent Brushwyler, pastor of the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J. The church choir also rendered a special musical program, and the attendance of church members and friends taxed the seating capacity of the church to its utmost.

At the anniversary dinner held in the church basement on Monday evening, March 22, more than 300 persons were in attendance. Mr. H. Theodore Sorg served most ably as toastmaster. Ten visiting preachers and secretaries brought their eulogies and best wishes, and these addresses together with the response of Dr. Koller made the evening a memorable occasion. The speakers on the program were Dr. William Kuhn, Rev. Vincent Brushwyler, Rev. John P. Kuehl, Dr. Charles E. Goodall, Dr. Winfield S. Booth, Dr. M. Joseph Twomey, Dr. J. C. Hazen, Dr. George McNeeley, Rev. Albert C. Freeman and Charles J. St. John. Miss Erna M. Hoelzen, the missionary of the church, sang the solo, "A Spring Song."

It was with great joy that the church

of Chicago. Then came the World War, which claimed his services for about a year.

In January, 1921 Mr. Koller entered Baylor University of Waco, Texas, to train for the ministry and in 1923 received his Bachelor of Arts degree. Continuing his studies in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas, he received the degree of Master of Theology in 1926.

Four student pastorates were served in Wellborn, Reisel, Hallsburg and Morgan, Texas. In 1927 he accepted the present pastorate. Since that time he has completed the required graduate work that entitled him to a Doctor of Theology degree, conferred upon him in 1935.

In the ten years of Dr. Koller's pastorate 499 new members have been received into the church, 315 of which were by baptism. The net membership gain has amounted to 81 per cent. During these 10 years of Dr. Koller's ministry the Clinton Hill Church has given \$333,681.03 for all church and missionary purposes, of which \$266,917.61 was for missionary enterprises.

What's Happening

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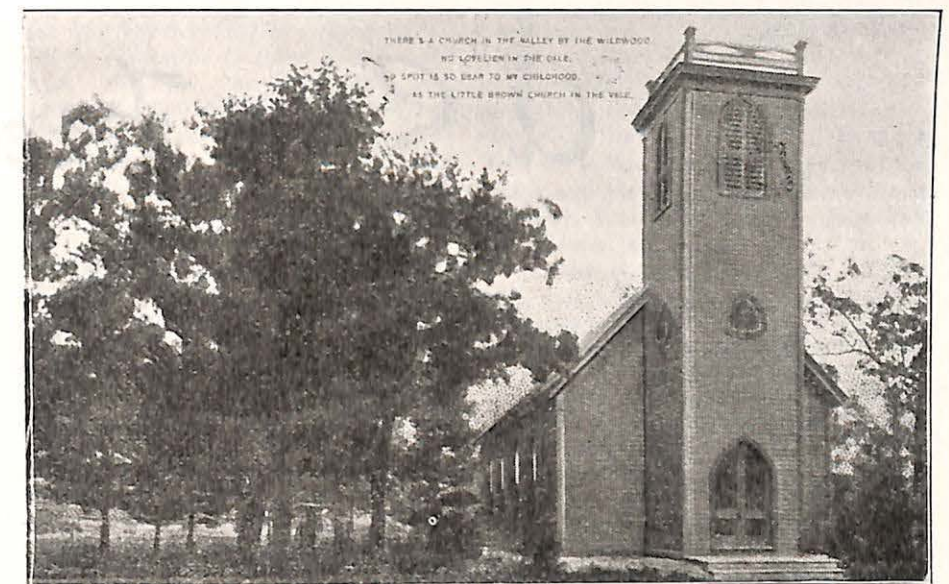
The Fleischmann Memorial and the Second German Baptist Churches of Philadelphia, Pa., invite all pastors and members of their sister churches who expect to attend the sessions of the Northern Baptist Convention from May 20 to 25 to be the guests of their families, so far as accommodations are available. For reservations please write either to Rev. Milten R. Schroeder, 4017 Ninth St., or to Rev. Assaf Husmann, 1116 Bridge Stret, Philadelphia, Pa.

On Sunday, Feb. 21, the Stafford Baptist Church of Sherwood, Oregon, organized a young people's society with the minister of the church, the Rev. Carsten H. Seccamp, leading the group in this forward step. The attendance on Easter Sunday at the services in this rural church was such that special chairs had to be brought for the occasion, and the Sunday School attendance record of 8 years standing was exceeded on that day. On Easter Sunday evening the Sunday School rendered a fine program, and the offering of \$30 was sent to the General Missionary Society.

The Rev. C. A. Montanus of Chicago, Ill., the author of the inspiring article about D. L. Moody's life and ministry which appeared in the Feb. 1, 1937, issue of "The Baptist Herald," was suddenly stricken on a train en route from St. Paul to Chicago on Friday, April 9, and died soon thereafter. He had visited a number of German Baptist churches on his many travels, bringing his stereopticon lecture on Moody and preaching at church services. His son-in-law and daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. William Schobert of Victor, Iowa, where Mr. Schobert is pastor of our church, are widely known in the denomination.

On Easter Sunday evening the choir of the Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, rendered the cantata, "King Triumphant," before a large audience. The choir of 26 members is directed by Mr. Arend Dreyer. At the morning service the pastor of the church, the Rev. C. Fred Lehr, spoke on "The Power of Christ's Resurrection." The offerings of the Easter services amounted to \$239. On Sunday morning, April 4, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago served as guest preacher. A Hammond organ was used in demonstration at the services of the church on Sunday, April 25, with an organ recital held in the afternoon.

Miss Lenore Kruse of Philadelphia, Pa., has been called to serve the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., as its missionary. This large and influential church of Detroit, of which the



The Original "Little Brown Church in the Vale" That Inspired the Hymn, "The Church in the Wildwood"

Rev. Paul Wengel is the pastor, will offer a challenging opportunity for missionary service to Miss Kruse. She is the daughter of the Rev. F. P. Kruse of Kankakee, Ill., and received her training at the Baptist Institute for Christian Workers and Temple University of Philadelphia. She is a member of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, where she rendered a conspicuous service in various capacities. Miss Kruse will begin her ministry in Detroit about July 15.

Easter Sunday was a joyous occasion at the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon. In the morning service the pastor, the Rev. G. Neumann, preached on "the Certainty, the Joy and the Power of the Resurrection." In the evening service 5 candidates followed the Lord in baptism, 4 of whom were Sunday School scholars and the other a young woman from the station at Gooseneck. Evangelistic meetings had been held by Mr. Neumann just prior to Easter, according to the report of Miss Mildred Voth of the church. On Easter Sunday afternoon a service was held in the school house at the mission station in Guthrie which was filled to capacity.

A World Wide Day of Prayer for ministers and missionaries has been called for Pentecost Sunday, May 16, by the Great Commission Prayer League with offices at 808 No. La Salle St., Chicago, Illinois. Attractive literature for this observance can be secured free of charge from the above address. The purpose of the call is given in an arresting brochure: "The need for a world wide revival is preme. Ministers and missionaries recognize the fact more keenly than do others; they are on the world's spiritual battle fronts. The strengthening

of their arms, and the quickening of their souls will mean worldwide blessing of the church of God, and the salvation of many. If they were to articulate their deepest desire, would they not say, 'Brethren, pray for us?'"

On Sunday morning, March 7, the Rev. Assaf Husmann, pastor of the Second Church of Philadelphia, Pa., received 9 new members into the church's fellowship and on Easter Sunday, March 28, he had the joy of baptizing 3 persons. At the evening service the church choir rendered the Easter cantata, "Olivet to Calvary" by Maunder. On Friday evening, April 9, the play, "S' Manthey," was presented by the young people's society of the church, the proceeds from which went toward the building fund. On Tuesday evening, April 13, Percy Crawford and his quartet, known nationally for their religious radio programs, had charge of a service in the church. The attendance at all of these special services was exceedingly fine.

The German Baptist Church of Prince George, British Columbia, Canada, which is the most northerly church of the denomination, celebrated the Bible Day festival on Sunday, March 14. Mr. John Goronzie, Sunday School superintendent, was in charge of the fine program, consisting of recitations, choir songs, vocal and instrumental numbers. Mr. E. Schlitt, formerly a colporter in southeastern Europe, brought an interesting message on the Bible as illustrated by some of his experiences. The Rev. C. A. Gruhn, who is serving as missionary on the field, brought a sermon on the text, "But the Word of our God abideth forever" (Isa. 40:3). The offering for our colportage work brought \$6.09, which is very fine considering the poverty of the people living there.

A Song Forever

By Paul Hutchins

SYNOPSIS

Gardner Wilkens, after a number of reckless experiences with tragic consequences including the death of his father, was led to turn over a new leaf and resolve to do things that Christ wanted of him. In the editorial policies of the town's newspaper, "The Mayville Citizen," he began to express his firm Christian convictions. But his brother, Clyde, thought that he was merely pretending and therefore despised the sight of Gardner, whom he considered to be a hypocrite. One day Clyde and his friend, Erwin, who played in a jazz orchestra for the Wee Woods Dance Hall, were engaged in a serious conversation concerning the meaning and purpose of life. Clyde was startled as Erwin asked: "Do you ever feel that there wasn't much in life to live for, Clyde?"

CHAPTER EIGHT

There it was again. Always something to drive his thoughts back to religious things! Clyde couldn't figure out Erwin. A year ago he had seemed so different, taking the lead in suggesting new places to go and interesting things to do. They had had so much fun in those days, but a change seemed to be coming over Erwin. He lacked the old enthusiasm, seemed to be suffering from some peculiar complex. A year ago Erwin had moved to Mayville from Alabama. His southern ways and habits of speech made him popular almost immediately.

At the dance the usual crowd of young people was present. There were laughing, gayly attired girls swinging in the arms of young men. There was noise and banter and, outside, rough, bold taking by the more reckless; dark cryptic planning by young men whose ideals in life were always low. Present, also, were many of the more refined and cultured of the community, who, at home, decried the downward trend of the times and spoke disparagingly of the future of America's youth; denying the dangers of the dance, yet tolerant of it because of their own desires and because of public opinion.

From the platform, Erwin cast occasional glances at the whirl of dancers. Slaves, they seemed to him, bound by the pleasures of the movement, moving, all of them, in obedience to the music. They were like the colored folk down South, who, still in many homes, were little better than slaves.

Suddenly the music stopped. The mad, wild thing they had been playing seemed to have had no melody. For ten minutes the orchestra had played it; going over it again and again. Now at a signal from Hardy the tempo had increased. Faster and faster and still more fast. The dancers, obedient as always, responded, whirling dizzily, hilariously, madly. The fingers of the pianist flew over the keys. He bounced up and down on the piano bench, his right foot peddling furiously. Up and down with the speed of lightning the saxophonists fingered the keys of their instruments. Erwin had always hated to play in this way. Music was something that ought to be kept sacred. It was not intended to make its appeal to men's lower natures. Tonight, of all nights he had hoped Hardy wouldn't make them play like this. Down south they didn't play so fast, not often anyhow.

But Hardy had done it. And for the second time since Erwin joined the Rhythm Makers he allowed his rebellious spirit to boil over. His fingers refused to work. He removed his lips from the mouthpiece. He dropped his instrument into his lap. Hardy saw and a dark scowl flashed across his face. Erwin knew what that scowl meant. A little thrill of gladness shot through him. He was out now and he was glad of it!

Clyde was dancing with Lela. She danced gracefully with carefree movements and with apparent deep enjoyment. For a moment only did she endeavor to follow the demands of the increased tempo. Then she stopped and removed Clyde's arm from about her waist. "Let's get some air," she said, and without waiting for him she made her way to an exit. He followed, and together they strolled out past the line of cars to the "Big Rock," a secluded place, some one hundred yards from the dance hall. Other couples were there before them. Farther still, they wandered following a tiny footpath. It was a moonlit path. It reminded Lela of another night in the early summer when she and Gardner had walked along the Old Pine Trail at Rynelle.

Little was said. Clyde was trying to think of some way to let her know about Gardner and Mrs. Beckwith without actually telling her. More than ever now he wanted to get even with Gardner. One way to do that would be to join the orchestra and play for

dances, which Gardner hated more than almost anything else in the world. Another way would be for Lela to find out about Mrs. Beckwith. The path turned a little farther on and led back to the dance. He would have to speak soon or it would be too late. They had been talking only inaneities all this time.

"I suppose you know Mrs. Beckwith has been staying at our house since Old Abner went to jail," he began.

"Yes, I know that. I think it was splendid of you boys to help her in that way. Do you like her? She seems to be so efficient. She helped Mother a few days last Spring."

Clyde saw his opportunity. "Surely, we all like her—Gardner especially."

There was silence. Then Lela said, "I suppose you miss your mother. It must be nice to have someone you like so well, to look after the home."

This wasn't the kind of reply he had expected. He must try again. "Mrs. Beckwith looks a lot younger than she used to—wears her hair in the latest fashion and her clothes are right up to the minute for style. Gardner seems to like her better that way, and I suppose she does it to please him. I couldn't help but notice it this afternoon when they were alone in the front room. She'd been crying a little and yet she looked so happy. And Gardner was sitting so close to her so—ah—you know—kinda funny—" Clyde hurried on, "I didn't mean to see them but I was going to play the piano and I just happened to."

And so it came about that Lela felt for the first time in her life a stab of jealousy in her heart for Gardner.... She, too, had noticed the changed expression on Mrs. Beckwith's face and the change also in her outward demeanor, the new way of fixing her hair, the latest fashioned clothes and the color in her cheeks.

Was it possible that Gardner of whom she had always been so sure was casting his eyes on other fields! It chagrined her that it should be Mrs. Beckwith. She could not believe it at first—did not want to believe it. But her jealousy gave credence to the very thing she tried to deny. Next day Lela watched Mrs. Beckwith as she walked past her home on the way up town. There was no denying the change in her, the spring in her step as her heels clicked rhythmically upon the sidewalk.

At the tennis court next day, Gardner found her more solicitous of him than before. "You must not play

hard," she said. "I'm so afraid it's not safe for you. You've been without your cane for only a few weeks."

"I know," he defended himself, "but I won't have to play hard to beat you, you know."

Smash! Lela's racket caught the ball with a swift back-hand stroke that finished the third set in her favor. She laughed merrily and came to meet him at the net.

"That's all today, Gardner," she said playfully authoritative. "No, not another game!"

"In another month," he prophesied, "I'll be able to really play again."

"And in another week, I'll be reciting to Professor Howell at Rynelle, 'To be, or not to be, that is the question—'"

"Only another week! Time does fly, doesn't it? I'm afraid I'm the one who'll be quoting Hamlet, only I'll be adding, 'Whether it's nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous women, or to take arms—'"

"To take in arms, you mean," she interrupted banteringly. They were on old terms once more—almost. Perhaps Clyde had been only teasing about Mrs. Beckwith. At any rate, Lela discovered, that she liked Gardner very much, that her fondness for him had been converted into something which not only surprised her, but which wrought in her a feeling of restlessness, a longing, heretofore inexperienced. The weeks when Gardner had lain in the hospital had done things to her heart. No, she was not in love, she could never be in love with Gardner, not with any man as ordinary, as lusterless as he. Steadiness, principles and character were requisites to be desired in a man but—A dashing, colorful, breathtaking period of courtship, an impassioned proposal by some handsome Lochinvar—this had been, and still was, Lela's—this had been, and still was, Lela's dream of a satisfying love affair. Love must come to her on the wings of the morning and carry her away, on and on in continuous ecstasy and delight. There must be thrills—glamorous, nerve-tingling thrills! This would be love! And this, she knew, Gardner could never give her.

Nevertheless, the thought of Mrs. Beckwith disturbed her and provoked emotions which were new and disquieting. She searched Gardner's face that night. She might read the truth. Instead, she saw something else, something she had not noticed before—exalted and magnificent.

The sun had dropped behind the trees in the west and the lengthening shadows had pushed the last bit of sunlight from the court. They were still facing each other across the net. She studied his face more closely while his eyes looked into hers. The tiny scar in his forehead! She had never really noticed it before. A sense of shame swept over her. That mark! She had

been responsible for it. His infatuation for her had led him to deny his highest principles in order to gain her favor. Oh, she had hated him that night, but now she felt a thrill of appreciation for him, not because he had done it, but because he had loved her enough to allow himself to be driven to it. Such a sacrifice in another might not mean much, but in Gardner, who hated such things, it had been tremendous! For the first time she understood. She had driven him to pay the highest price a true man can ever pay for woman. He had offered an unstained character upon the altar of love. She loathed herself, and the thing within her that had led her to make such an offering upon such an altar!

Impetuously she reached out her hands and gently drew his face toward her and pressed her lips to the tiny angular mark upon his forehead.

"You don't hate me for doing it, Lela?" he asked.

"Hate you? No! I hate myself. I feel responsible for it, I—"

"I'll forgive you, Lela," he said tenderly. "But making it right with one another is only a part of making things right with Him! He is the forgiver of all sin! It was His name I besmudged—more so than my own. You know—He leadeth me in paths of Righteousness for His Name's Sake!" Lela, I was a professing Christian, perhaps a genuine child of God and I— He hesitated. The days and nights in the new mold into which God had fitted him had done much to fire his heart with a more ardent love for the Name that is above every name. The quiet talks with Jean in the hospital had taught him many things and made him see and love the Christ, Whose Name he had professed but in Whose service he had been so inefficient and disinterested.

"You see, Lela," he went on, "I am like one of the characters in the Bible; I have given the enemies of the Lord an occasion to blaspheme!"

Lela did not reply. His words in disparagement of himself had driven their way deep into her own heart. The pain of them joined as if in conspiracy with her already guilty conscience to make her still more miserable.

In her room that night, Lela wrestled with a new problem; with many new problems. From every side they crowded in upon her to demand attention and solution. Was Gardner in love with Mrs. Beckwith? Was Mrs. Beckwith in love with him? What was this new dissatisfaction which weighed upon her soul and made her miserable, made her detest the very things in her life which she had loved so sincerely? Or had she loved them? Tonight she wasn't sure. An emptiness within her made her yearn for some-

thing which all her life she had desired, yet only now had come to realize it.

When Gardner left her at her home, he sat for some time quietly in his car, watching her. He lifted his hand in play'ul salute as she turned at the porch and waved to him. He continued with his eyes upon the door she had disappeared within.

The old emotions were raging within him once more and he sought, as he drove way, to analyze them, to discover in them the truth concerning his love for her. If true love were to be defined by emotion only, then he should have no difficulty in knowing that his affections for her were genuine. Before his hospital experience he had never tried to examine his desires. His infatuation had been so intense, so overmastering that he could not think, could not tolerate any thought which would tell him that his love was insincere. He wondered about that, now, wondered why his attitude had changed. If it had. In the days before, there had been no Jean Carroll with whom to make comparisons, no woman whose qualities of character outshone those of Lela.

Jean Carroll! He must not allow himself to think of her. Jean belonged to Larry. Well, he did not know as he cared to think particularly of her anyhow.

After supper he sat in the library to read. Tommy was away at a boy scout meeting and Clyde had gone with Erwin in the car.

From the hall, the old clock ticked slowly, rhythmically, restfully. In the silence of the home, in the quiet of the library with Father's books lining its walls, Gardner sat in meditation. Faint sounds from upstairs told him that Mrs. Beckwith was there, stirring about. There was something satisfying about having a woman in the house—an efficient, quiet woman who understood a man when he was facing some important question. Was it because of the testings she herself was passing through, that made her sympathy seem so hopeful to him?

Gardner had never discussed with her his heart problems, had never had occasion to, yet he knew that she understood. His talk with her yesterday had awakened in him a profound respect and admiration for her.

Wings! She had been given wings! Wings of faith with which to fly above the storms that beat upon her life. New wings! Or else the original wings which God had given her when she had first trusted him, but which all these years had been folded. Her song, like that of the nightingale had been hidden under her wings. But now! Like the sky lark of the morning she had unfolded her wings, singing as she soared.

He caught the strains of an old hymn as they floated from her lips down the stairway into the room where he was:

"There is never a day so dreary,
There is never a night so long,
But the soul that is trusting in Jesus,
May somewhere find a song;
Wonderful, wonderful Jesus—
In the heart he implanteth a Song."

He implanteth!

Yes, it was He Who had done this wonderful thing for her. Were the songs of life more sweet, he wondered, because the notes of sadness mingled with those of joy in their harmony?

He, too, had found the wings. Ahead of him might be other storms, wild, fierce, soul-shaking. This he could not not know. This he did not need to know. One need not know the future, but to know *only the God of the Future!*

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Clyde sat in the back row of the old Stone Church, as far away from the minister as possible. For two weeks the evangelistic services had continued and there was to be one more week. Then, Clyde told himself, if he should be able to hold out that long, life for him would go on as usual.

This was Friday, the night of the dance, and Clyde had neither inclination to be here at the church nor to listen to the evangelist. He could not understand the enthusiasm that had been awakened in Mayville. Night after night the crowds gathered; and night after night some times many—were converted to Christ.

"It is your privilege, as a human being with a free will, to shut Jesus Christ out of your life. It is also your high privilege to accept and trust him as your Savior and Lord and to acknowledge that fact by lip and life. But—" The words had disturbed Clyde until for the past few nights he had been unable to sleep soundly. "You cannot be on neutral territory! When Pilate announced before the multitude that he was innocent of the blood of 'this Just Person,' he was telling a falsehood. The very act of washing his hands was a lie! . . . Christ cannot and will not come into your life until you, of your own free will, open the door and let him in. . . . Keep the door of your heart closed against him here and you will find the door of Heaven barred against you in the hereafter!"

"It isn't fair!" Clyde complained to Erwin one night at the close of the service. "I want to live as I please!" "That's our privilege, you know," Erwin drawled in his slow, southern way. "But in the revival meetings we have down south, they preach the same kind of gospel as we're getting now and they sure do have a sight of conversions. Some of 'em aren't genuine, but that isn't the preacher's fault, nor

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Holidays in China

By MISS BERTHA M. LANG

China Inland Mission,
Pingyanghsien, Che., China,
February 12, 1937.

My dear friends,

First of all, I want to express my sincere thanks to those of you who sent either letters or cards at Christmas time. How those greetings from individuals and groups encourage our hearts! Each of you deserves a letter, but, alas, time doesn't permit a personal reply. Will those of you who wrote, therefore, accept this as your reply?

My last letter told you of my safe arrival and the welcome that awaited us. Since then the days have been full, and we are glad to have them so. To some of you I've written telling of the evangelistic trips I've been taking



A Buddhist Nun in a Chinese Temple,
Whose Picture was Taken by
Miss Lang

on Sunday afternoons after the services. We go to nearby villages and distribute tracts as well as preach.

Some weeks ago, as we were winding our way homewards, we saw an old lady sitting by the roadside. She had heard of our being in the village and wanted to get sight of the "foreign" lady. I stopped to chat with her. She was 80 years of age and her mind was keen as could be. Briefly the way of salvation was brought to her and then a copy of a prayer given to her. As a child, she repeated after me: "O, true God, be merciful and have compassion on me, a sinner." We couldn't stay with her a long time. Before we left she had carefully put the paper with the prayer on it into her pocket. She can't read. If she forgets, someone else will have to repeat it for her.

But will they? Neighbors and friends are not anxious for one who has faithfully served the idols all those years at the close of life to turn to the true God. Remember such as her in your prayers! Will you?

Our fellow missionaries' boys were home for their Christmas holidays and I promised to take them on a trip to some wonderful deck formations at a village about ten miles from here. On the hillside among the rocks is a temple for Buddhist nuns. The location is exquisite. Quiet reigns round about and one has a splendid view of the district for miles and miles. At other times when we went to that place, two nuns chatted with us. This time a new one was there. So I enquired as to where the other two were. The reply was: "They've both gone to a western place,"—meaning they had died. I was shown their graves. Large earthenware pots were their final resting place.

Turning to the nun who was showing us around the place, I told her how grieved I was that she didn't worship the true God. "Worship the true God?" she said, "I worship the true and the false." "But how do you worship the true God?" I asked. Turning to where the sun was, she folded her hands and bowed several times to it and then turning to me she said, "That's how I worship the true God." Poor benighted soul!

For some time I pleaded with her but she didn't want to listen. What a lot of merit (in her eyes) had been stored up these many years, for she's over 60 years of age. She couldn't give all that up for the true God. I asked if she would mind my taking a snapshot of her. She readily consented but not before she had gone to her room and arrayed herself in her "wind cap" and her string of beads. That picture of her is reproduced on this page of "The Baptist Herald." How we covet her for the Lord!

Just recently a Buddhist nun turned to the Lord and now she is despised by the others. But he still goes on in her new found faith and rejoices in her persecutions.

Yesterday was Chinese New Year's Day. It's the big holiday of the year! The government can try as it will to change the New Year to correspond to our foreign one, but it can't be done! In these inland places they cling to the old custom. "As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be," can easily express the feeling of the people when the New Year is concerned. Were you to go on the streets during the next few days, you would find them practically empty. They're celebrating!

Golden Jubilee of the Riverview Church

By the REV. JOHN WOBIG of St. Paul, Minnesota

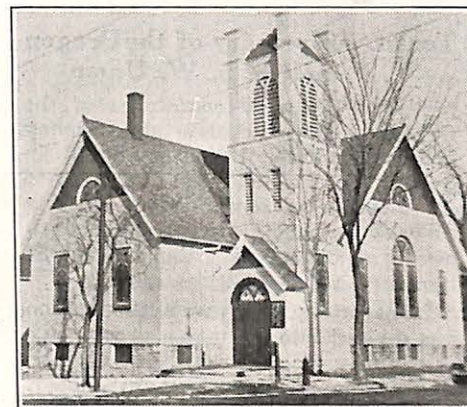
From March 14 to 16 the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. For this occasion all the German Baptist churches of the state had been invited and also the South St. Paul Baptist Church, a daughter of the Riverview Church. The church was crowded with members and friends at every service of the Jubilee.

The church auditorium was beautifully decorated with gold tinted smilax, and a gorgeous bouquet of snap dragons, acacia and yellow jonquils adorned the platform. The table decorations were golden candles and yellow jonquils.

The first day of the Jubilee was on Sunday, March 14. The Sunday School service was in charge of the superintendent, Mr. Walter Spiess. Miss Victoria Orthner, a former missionary of the church, sang a solo. At the morning and afternoon services sermons were delivered by our guest speaker, the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D., our general missionary secretary. He stressed the fact that we should pause and express our gratitude to our forefathers for what they accomplished, when to recall the specific occasions when Christ did exceeding abundant in times of trouble and during seasons of special gatherings, and lastly to go on into the future with confidence in the Christ. The pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, brought the message of the evening. Taking as his text Ps. 145:4 he reminded us of the heritage that had become ours, and that we must faithfully guard it in our possession so as to be able to hand it down to those of tomorrow. Special music was rendered by the Ladies' and Men's choruses of the church at the morning uses of the church at the morning service. Prof. John Jaeger and Mr. Leonard Jaeger provided the music for the afternoon. In the evening musical selections were given by the Sunday School, Men's Chorus, Young People's Quartet and Ladies' Missionary Society Chorus.

Monday evening was designated as "Family Night." Oral greetings were given by the representatives of the visiting churches and former members. This and friends who were present. The reading of letters was followed by the reading of letters from former pastors, members and friends of the church. The choir of 1900 and "Singers of Yester Year" were special features of the evening. Our speaker for the evening was the Rev. H. Hirsch of Minneapolis, who showed us how as Christians to build aright and to become faithful pillars in the church, calling our attention to the fact that the faith and faithfulness of our fathers challenge us.

Tuesday evening brought the Jubilee



The Riverview Baptist Church
of St. Paul, Minn.

to a close with a consecration service. The message was brought by Prof. H. Wingblade of Bethel Academy, who, taking the life of Dwight L. Moody as an example of what a life wholly consecrated to God can do, urged us to do likewise. Two very appropriate numbers were sung by the Bethel Girl's Trio.

The Riverview Church was organized on March 14, 1887. The church was formerly a mission of the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul. The gradual increase of families living on this side of the Mississippi River, now known as the Riverview district, as



Rev. John Wobig

well as the problem of transportation to and from the church down town and also the encouraging results at the mission led to the founding of the present Riverview Baptist Church. The organization was effected by 25 charter members of whom only one, Mrs. Abraham Janzen, is the only surviving member of the church.

Rev. Henry Schulz, pastor of the parent church, supplied our church until a permanent minister took charge. The following pastors have served the church during these fifty years: Henry Schulz, 1887 to 1888; C. H. Schmidt, 1888 to 1892; A. L. Tilgner, 1892 to 1894; J. Scholz, 1894 to 1897; J. Jaeger, 1897 to 1903; J. Herman, 1903 to 1909; H. Thiel, 1909 to 1910; Wm. Pfeiffer, 1911 to 1913; E. H. Otto, 1913 to 1917; Wm. E. Schmitt, 1917 to 1927; H. R. Schroeder, 1927 to 1935; and the present pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, who began his work in November 1936.

In the course of time other organizations within the church came into being, such as the Ladies' Missionary Society in 1888, the Young People's Society the same year, two organized classes for women known as "the Golden Hour Circle" and "the Searchlights." A Men's Brotherhood and a chapter of the World Wide Guild have also been organized.

In 1919 Miss Anna Glewwe was appointed by the congregation to serve as church visitor and missionary. She served faithfully until January, 1926. In May 1926 Miss A. Victoria Orthner accepted the position and served until the fall of 1928.

During this period of fifty years 411 members were received into the fellowship of the church. Through baptism we received 235; by letter, experience and restoration, 176. Through death we lost 62, by erasure 66. We dismissed 120 by letter to other Baptist churches in various parts of the United States. The majority of those dismissed by letter joined English speaking churches. The American language is now used entirely in all our services.

The sum of \$90,702.11 was raised by the church members to defray local expenses from its organization to the present time. The sum of \$13,920.27 was contributed for mission work.

In 1888 a mission work was commenced in South St. Paul, where a number of German Baptists had settled. Cottage prayer meetings were begun. Later a Sunday School was organized and conducted in one of the public school buildings. In 1905 a piece of ground was purchased and a chapel moved thereon and reconstructed. In 1927 30 members of our church living in South St. Paul formed a church organization and were dismissed by letter to the newly organized Baptist Church of South St. Paul.

The blessings that have come to the members and the community throughout these fifty years are difficult to estimate. We thank God for them. It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to help us in the future and that work may continue to prosper.

Reports from the Field

Pacific Conference

St. Patrick's Day Party by Two Sunday School Classes in Los Angeles

"The King's Daughters" and "Pals" classes of the Sunday School of the First German Baptist Church in Los Angeles, Calif., combined their class meeting with a St. Patrick's party at the home of the Misses Ruth and Evelyn Schultz on Friday evening, March 19. St. Patrick's day colors were delightfully carried out in the green bread and salad.

During the evening our new minister, the Rev. B. W. Krentz, was presented with a table lamp as a token of our welcome.

During the past year "the King's Daughters" have contributed \$80 to general missionary undertakings. A part of this was due to the auction sale, held annually by the class.

The new officers for the coming year are Esther Johnson, president; Ruth Shadick, vice-president; Florence Eisele, secretary; Alice Eichblatt, treasurer; and Florence Wessel, missionary secretary.

We have had a fine year of fellowship with one another and in communion with our Lord.

The B. Y. P. U. Program of the Odessa Baptist Church

The B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church of Odessa, Washington, has not sent in a report to "The Baptist Herald" for some time, but we have been active just the same. Even though some of the meetings had to be dropped for various reasons, we have kept at work and have planned how to stimulate interest and to further the work of our Lord and Master.

Our B. Y. P. U. meets twice a month preceding the regular evening service. Various topics have been presented for discussion in which we have taken part actively.

On New Year's evening we held our annual election followed by a social gathering. The officers for the coming year are as follows: Mrs. J. G. Rott, president; Mrs. John Schorzman, vice-president; Miss Florence Weber, secretary; and Miss Harriet Schiewe, treasurer. The program committees are divided into four groups, with three young people in each group, working with the president.

For this year we have decided to hold a special Bible study, following the book, "Through the Bible in a Year" by O. S. Schultz. This has already created much interest.

FLORENCE WEBER, Secretary.

Tenth Anniversary of the Oregon Y. P. and S. S. W. Union

The 10th annual conference of the Oregon Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union convened in Salt Creek, Oregon, from March 13 to 14. Our conference opened with a "Workshop Hour," in which the business was conducted. Reports of the treasurer and committees were read.

Immediately afterwards the session was divided into discussion groups, one on Sunday School work, led by Dr. Hagen; the other, led by Laura Meier, discussing the B. Y. P. U. meetings.

Festivity reigned during the banquet hour. Approximately 180 guests were served. The program was interspersed with songs and cheers. This occasion being the 10th anniversary of the Union, a roll call of past and present officers was held, and as each responded a rosebud was presented in recognition. Earl Marks and Harry Johnson, former presidents, brought short talks about the beginnings of the organization. Music during the banquet was furnished by a male quartet from Salt Creek. In looking toward "August in Portland," the motto used at banquet, talks were given by Emma B. Meier, Ruth Pfaff, Laura Meier and Sarah Schultz on the last general conference. As to the coming conference, Emma Freitag gave a report on the committee work, and a skit was presented by Lauretta Beltz, Viola Kimmel, Esther Zink and James Billeter. We are looking forward to this conference with anticipation and enthusiasm.

Following the banquet we adjourned to the consecration service, at which Dr. Hagen gave us a very earnest message on "The Marks of a Christian."

The Sunday School hour was given over to three messages: "Why a Sunday School" by Sam Rich of Bethany; "The Responsibility of a Sunday School Teacher" by Lydia Schirman of Salem; "God's Care in Time of Need" by Elsie May of the First Church of Portland. The regular morning service was conducted by the Rev. G. Neumann of Salt Creek. Dr. Hagen gave an inspiring message in the English language and Mr. Neumann in the German language.

The final session of the conference was the young people's rally. Our theme was "Forward with Christ." Music was rendered by an excellent male chorus led by Mr. Neumann. The two new officers, vice-president, Ed May, and secretary, Mildred Voth, were fittingly installed by the Rev. Gerhard Neumann. The addresses and speakers for this session were as follows: "Forward in Christ" by Irvin Voth of Salt Creek; "Forward for Christ" by

Laura Meier of the First Church of Portland; "Forward with Christ" by Dr. Weston Herringer of McMinnville. An offering was held for our Danubian Mission work.

All those present were happy to have attended the conference and enjoyed the fellowship with our hospitable church in Salt Creek. May we, indeed, go "Forward with Christ!"

GERTRUDE M. BELTZ, Secretary.

Atlantic Conference

Atlantic Conference Program Clinton Hill Church of Newark, N. J.

May 12 to 16, 1937

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

7:45 P. M.: Address, Rev. Alfred Bernadt (English).

THURSDAY, MAY 13

9:30 A. M.: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer. Roll Call of Delegates. Appointment of Committees. Reading of Church Letter. 11:30 A. M.: Devotional Address (German), Rev. G. Schmidt of Baltimore.

2:30 P. M.: Local Missionary Secretaries Report, Dr. W. A. Mueller. General Missionary Secretary's Report, Dr. W. Kuhn (English). 4:00 P. M.: Address (German), Rev. John Grygo. 7:45 P. M.: Address (English), Dr. William Kuhn.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

9:30 A. M.: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer. Reports. Publication Society, Mr. H. P. Donner or Rev. S. B'um. Philadelphia Home for the Aged. Widows and Orphans. Girls' Home of New York. Rochester Seminary. 11:00 A. M.: Forum on Denominational Policies, led by Dr. C. W. Koller, "How Can We Supply Our Churches with Efficient Pastors?" 11:30 A. M.: Devotional Address, Rev. M. L. Leuschner (English).

2:30 P. M.: Program of Women's Missionary Societies.

7:45 P. M.: Young People's Night (English). Rev. Theo. Koester, Meriden, Conn.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

9:30 A. M.: Hymn, Scripture, Prayer. Reports, Resolution Committee. Committee on Time and Place. Nominating Committee. Election of Officers. Memorial Service, Rev. John F. Niebuhr (English). 11:30 A. M.: Address (German).

6:30 P. M.: Young People's Banquet. Speaker, Dr. M. Joseph Twomey.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

Morning and Evening: Conference guest speakers in local churches Clinton Hill, Walnut Street and Evangel. 3:00 P. M.: Young People's Mass Meeting, Rev. Martin L. Leuschner.

Special Lenten and Easter Services in Meriden

The members of the Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., made an interesting study of the Gospel of John during the Lenten season.

The Rev. Theodore Koester, our pastor, gave us many helpful and inspiring talks. This series was fittingly brought to a close with a candle light and communion service on Thursday evening, March 25, during the Passion Week.

A sunrise Easter service was held at Castle Craig Tower in Hubbard Park which was sponsored by the Inter-church Council of Meriden. More than 150 young men and women joined in this service representing various Protestant churches of the city. The Rev. Theodore Koester, pastor of the Liberty Street Baptist Church, brought an inspiring Easter message on "Sunrise at Sunset." Myron Schuster, Jr., also a member of the Liberty Street Church, served as chairman of the service. The S. O. Club served a delicious Easter breakfast at the church after the sunrise service.

At the Easter morning service of the church Mr. Koester preached a forceful sermon on "The Cost of Being Immortal." Afterwards a very impressive baptismal service was held in which 3 young women followed Christ in baptism.

LYDIA STOCKBURGER, Church Clerk.

Southern Conference Training School in Waco Reaches Its High Goal

As usual the March winds blew in the Training School for the German Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, from March 8 to 12. Everybody was in a working mood, and splendid cooperation was shown by everyone to make a great success of the school.

Classes were taught as follows: "The Life of Christ" for Adults by the Rev. A. Becker in the German language; "Planning a Life" for Seniors by Walter S. Schaible; "Whom Do Teachers Teach?" for Sunday School workers by the Rev. C. H. Edinger; "Witnessing for Christ" for Intermediates by Miss Adeline Brenner; "Bible Heroes" by Miss Ida Hill.

Refreshments were served and special numbers during the intermission were rendered every evening. "A Stunt Night" was held on Thursday evening, March 11, in the nature of a contest between the girls and boys, which was judged to have been a tie. On Friday evening after "a hard struggle" over the examinations, the young people with some of the adults rushed to the park for a wiener roast and a song fest.

The goal that was set for 90 persons was also reached. Such evenings as these of our Training School will long be remembered.

MATHILDA HIRSCH,
Corresponding Secretary.

Report of the South-Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Spring Convention

The knowledge that the spring conference of the South-Texas, Louisiana and Alabama churches was to be held in Louisiana was a source of special pleasure to the Mowata B. Y. P. U. The young people took the responsibility upon themselves to prepare the heartiest of welcomes for the visitors. The conference was held at Mowata from Feb. 25 to 28.

The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. reports from our sister churches were, in the main, very encouraging.

Elgin, Texas, which has no resident pastor, reported one monthly B. Y. P. U. meeting, and Sunday school and prayer service every Sunday.

Donna, Texas, was represented by its pastor, the Rev. L. Hoeffner, as a little church with a future. The Sunday School attendance averages 70. There is an active B. Y. P. U. Many non-Baptist visitors provide the Donna church with open channels for Christian service.

Greenville, Texas, under the leadership of its pastor, the Rev. J. J. Lippert, achieves some really good music, as the writer can testify. There are a mixed choir, a male choir and a quartet. Greenville has a splendid German B. Y. P. U.

Our newest sister church in Elberta, Alabama, has a fine Sunday School with an average attendance of 75. There is an English B. Y. P. U. of nearly 25 members. Under the leadership of their pastor, the Rev. Philip Potzner, the young people periodically give interesting programs at the church services.

Kyle, Texas, has the largest Sunday School, numbering about 100 members. They are divided into ten groups, half of which conduct their classes in English. The B. Y. P. U. is divided into five groups.

Elm Creek, Texas, has no resident pastor. There is no B. Y. P. U., but there is a little Sunday School, and visitors frequently come to the services.

Mowata, Louisiana, has an active Sunday School with one English class under the leadership of Miss Hattie Bieber, for the English-speaking children of the neighborhood. There is a small but undefeated B. Y. P. U. During the past twelve months this small group has taken charge of the evening service six times. An unused room adjoining the church auditorium has been made into a church parlor.

On Saturday, Feb. 27, a program was given by the Mowata B. Y. P. U. Guest numbers included a German poem read by Martha Kleinschmidt of Elberta, Ala., and an English article on "Faith" read by Malinda Hill of Kyle. The Rev. J. J. Lippert gave an inspiring short address on "Christian Cooperation." Duets were sung by Hattie Bieber and Augusta Loewer and by Liesel Gerthe and Augusta Loewer, the

latter with guitar accompaniment by Liesel Gerthe. Outstanding in its artistic appeal was Carl Loewer's, "Die Uhr," sung by Augusta Loewer. An unforgettable preparation for Passion Week was given by Werner Graupe's rendition of "The Crucifixion" from "Ben Hur." Louisa Schwandt gave an English recitation from the writings of Count Leo Tolstoy. The play, "Annie Arrives for the Easter Festival" was presented by Anna Bieber, Ruth Bieber, Ludwig Casselmann, Liesel Gerthe, Werner Graupe, Augusta Loewer and Louise Schwandt.

The entire convention was pervaded by a sense of warm Christian fellowship, which will long be remembered.

LOUISE SCHWANDT, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

The Institute of the Oklahoma Y. P. and S. S. W. Union at Shattuck, Okla.,

From Thursday, May 27, to Sunday, May 30

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 27

7:45: Song Service.
8:00: Devotional, Bessie Union.
8:10: Address, Rev. M. L. Leuschner: "The Transfixed Vision of the Christian Life."

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 28

9:00: Devotional, Emanuel Union.
9:40: Classes, taught by Mrs. Otto Graalman of Okeene; Rev. A. G. Rietdorf of Gotebo; and Mrs. J. Ehrhorn of Shattuck.

10:35: Recess.
10:45: General Class, Mr. Leuschner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2:00: Devotional, Gotebo Union.
8:00: Devotional Ingersoll Union.
8:10: Address, Rev. M. L. Leuschner: "The Divine Outlook of the Christian Life."

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 29

9:00: Devotional, Okeene Union.
9:40: Classes.
10:35: Recess.

10:45: General Class, Mr. Leuschner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Recreation.

SATURDAY EVENING

General Program by the Young People's Societies of the State.
SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 30
9:45: Sunday School.
10:00: Morning Service, Rev. Charles Wagner of Okeene delivering sermon.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

2:30: Reports of Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s.
3:00: Address, Rev. Martin L. Leuschner: "Youth Facing Life's Most Difficult Task."
4:00: Recreation.

SUNDAY EVENING

7:45: Song Service.
8:00: Installation of Officers.
8:15: Address, Mr. Leuschner: "Far Down the Future's Broadening Way."

Eastern Conference

The Willing Workers' Club of Killaloe, Ontario

The Intermediate Girls' Class of the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada, was organized in January, 1936. The officers, who are elected semi-annually, are as follows at present: Rita Cole, president; Rachel Hein, vice-president; Leona Weckworth, treasurer; Elga Chatsick, secretary; and Edna Verch, pianist. Our motto is "Where There's a Will There's a Way!" and our class song, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

We meet every Tuesday evening, beginning with a devotional service and again closing our study and work period with a circle of prayer.

In December we held a sale of fancy work, sewing and knitting, the proceeds of which amounted to \$15. At Christmas the Willing Workers broadcast a program over station SERVICE. Messages came in from China, India, Bolivia and Western Canada calling for aid. The girls cheerfully responded by sending knitted scarfs to the White Cross service in India. We have taken charge of the evening service of the church in the absence of the pastor and have assisted the various church organizations willingly at all other meetings.

Our membership has grown from 12 to 17 girls since January, and it is our earnest desire that God may help us grow in faith so as to reflect the spirit of Christ in our village and wherever we may go.

ELGA L. CHADSICK, Secretary.

Central Conference

Days of Refreshing at Lansing, Mich.

For several weeks the Rev. C. A. Daniel supplied the German Baptist Church at Lansing, Mich., and sought to prepare the hearts and minds of the people for a series of revival meetings held during the first part of February. The Rev. J. J. Abel of Lehr, No. Dak., arrived on January 30 and preached daily for two weeks. Six persons were led to Christ, and the church was greatly encouraged and happy when it learned that the Rev. J. J. Abel had accepted its urgent call to become its pastor and was planning to begin his labors with them the first of June.

The writer of this report is ministering to the people every Sunday and has enlisted quite a few of the members to prove the Lord by bringing the tenth of their earnings to the Lord for three months. The offerings have doubled and trebled and we hope the people will like God's plan so much that they will continue it. On Easter Sunday the total offerings were more than \$83, a good part of which was for missions. At the beginning of this year the church was enabled to pay \$500 on its church building debt. There

were 54 members who partook of the communion on the first Sunday in March. The total membership is a little over a hundred persons.

The Rev. J. J. Abel, the new pastor, will find a group of young people and a splendid opportunity for aggressive work in God's Kingdom. The Sunday School has taken on new life and is at present endeavoring to increase the attendance and to reach new scholars. The Women's Missionary Society is a very active organization.

C. A. DANIEL, Reporter.

Easter Sunrise Service at the Ebenezer Church of Detroit

On Easter Sunday the B. Y. P. U. of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., again sponsored a sunrise service. Cold March winds did not keep the people at home, and there was a crowd of more than 150 persons at the early service.

As has been the custom in the past, the services assumed the form of a musical program, and it was truly a beautiful way to begin the Easter Sunday. Arnold Bourziel began the program with a delightful organ recital which was climaxed by the majestic "Hallelujah Chorus." Donald Wild gave two sacred numbers on the marimba, and Gus Majeske sang a hymn, "Sunrise." Lois Lille gave a reading, "An Easter Victory" with piano accompaniment by Harriet Schultz. Olive Witt and Ruth Enss sang a most lovely duet, "He Liveth." The program was interspersed with numbers on the organ. The entire service was most uplifting and everyone felt that it had been good to have been there.

After the service everyone went downstairs for the breakfast. The tables looked like a breath of spring with daffodils, and the oranges as well as the nests of Easter eggs gave the tables an additional dash of color. Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Dressler had to get up extra early that morning to make the coffee and boil the eggs, but when they saw how everyone enjoyed the breakfast, they certainly felt more than rewarded.

ANN LEYPOLDT, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Special Services and Anniversaries at Racine, Wis.

The Rev. A. Engel, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., baptized 10 persons on the Sunday following Easter. Another baptismal service will be held soon as the result of special meetings conducted recently by the VanderJagt evangelistic party. The meetings were held for two weeks preceding Palm Sunday.

On Tuesday evening, March 2, the church observed a double wedding anniversary celebration. The occasion served as a church rally as well, since it brought practically all the families together. It was the silver wedding

anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James Fenton, and the golden anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Niebuhr. A fitting program was enjoyed by a large group, reminiscences were brought and gifts presented by the church and the Women's Missionary Society.

On Good Friday afternoon the Fundamental churches of the city held their Union service in Grace Church with seven ministers participating.

The church holds a special feature service one Sunday evening each month. On April 11 Dr. C. A. Montanus gave his stereopticon address on "The Life and Work of D. L. Moody." Some of the other features in this series were talks on "From Communism to Christianity" by a Presbyterian missionary of Chicago, and "The Conflict of Cross and Crescent" by an Armenian missionary. REPORTER.

Fifth Anniversary of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee

As members of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., we, too, rejoice with the prophet Isaiah, when he says in the 25th chapter: "Oh Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth."

On March 3, 1932, we organized as a church, and we are happy to say that the Lord has been with us during the trying years of the depression. Thus, on the above date of this year we were privileged to celebrate our fifth anniversary.

We were happy to have Dr. Wm. Kuhn, general secretary of the German Baptist Churches of North America, with us as our guest speaker. He expressed his birthday wish in the words of the Apostle Paul, as recorded in Philippians 1:27: "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ."

The Rev. E. H. Otto, who served the church as its first pastor for a little over two years, expressed his greetings and birthday wishes in the words of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

We were also happy and honored in having Dr. A. Le Grand, secretary of the Wisconsin State Convention, as another guest in our midst. He spoke encouragingly on a verse of Scripture as recorded in Rev. 3:8, "Behold, I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it."

Our Sunday School orchestra favored us with a number of selections which were enjoyed by everyone. Our English mixed choir as well as our German male chorus rendered some very fine and fitting numbers.

The Rev. Herbert Hiller, our beloved pastor, was in charge of the program.

In conclusion the women of the church served us with sandwiches, cake and coffee. The entire event was a very happy one and will long be remembered. A. W. H. GIESECKE, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Bible School at Winnipeg, Manitoba

The week of March 7 to 13 was a most interesting one for the members of McDermot Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois, secretary of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, was a visitor in the city during the week and with the assistance of the Rev. A. Felberg, our own minister, arranged afternoon and evening Bible



Some of the Members of the Bible School Recently Held at Winnipeg, Canada

study classes. The lectures were most interesting and helpful, and that they were greatly appreciated was evident by the fact that the classes were very well attended.

The afternoon classes commenced with a talk by Mr. Leuschner on "Sunday School Teaching" which, of course, is very important in Christian work. This was followed by a study of "Bible History" which was the subject on which Mr. Felberg chose to speak. The remainder of the afternoon was then given over to discussion of these subjects. The average attendance at the afternoon meetings was 21.

The evening classes, the attendance at which far outnumbered that of the afternoon, there being 67 persons present, were also devoted to two subjects for discussion. The first part of the evening was given over to a lecture on "The Christian Conscience" by Mr. Leuschner. This was followed by a talk on "The Life of the Apostles" given by Mr. Felberg. Those attending were then given an opportunity to rid themselves of perplexing questions on these two subjects, which seemed to be many and were very ably answered by those in charge.

Each evening the classes were brought to close with a short talk given by Mr. Leuschner on "The Crossroads of Life" and it was with a feeling of deep spiritual benefit that those assembled departed for their homes.

As an added feature of interest it was suggested that essays should be written by those attending the classes, and to this end two subjects were proposed, namely, "How Can the Bible

Help to Awaken My Conscience?" and "The Life of the Apostles as Followers of Christ." Certificates were given to those submitting such essays.

MISS E. GUREL, Reporter.

Sacred Concert at Morris, Manitoba

The choir of the German Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, directed by the pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, gave a concert of sacred songs on Sunday afternoon, March 14. Three years ago our choir had 12 mem-

bers. At the present time our roll numbers 47 persons.

The program, given to a large and appreciative audience, consisted of nine selections by the choir, a pantomime by a Sunday School class, and an inspirational address by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, our young people's secretary, whom we had the pleasure of having in our midst on that afternoon. Mr. Leuschner's message was the opening address for our evangelis-

the flood sufferers of the Ohio and Mississippi Valley in answer to the appeal in our denominational papers. A picture of the Morris church choir, which rendered this sacred concert, appears on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

May God bless our singers and make them a blessing in our community!

IDA J. HOFFMAN, Reporter.

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Large and Fine Bible School at Olds, Alberta

The German Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta, Canada, again had the privilege of holding a Bible School recently. The sessions were in the evening from 7 to 10 o'clock so that all could attend. There were 42 students, of whom three were Knee Hill Creek students.

Our topics with the teachers were as follows: "Christian Ethics" and "Baptist Principles" by the Rev. G. Beutler; "God's Plan of Salvation" by the Rev. Charles Thole; "Music" by our choir director, Albert Unger. Every evening was brought to a close with a devotional period led by one of the students.

On Friday evening, March 12, the closing program was held with Mr. Beutler in charge. The program consisted of varied selections by the students and a guitar duet by the visiting students. Miss Frances Link spoke in behalf of the young women and August Weiss for the men. The teachers brought inspiring messages, Mr. Unger speaking about "The Importance of Music in Church Life," Rev. C. B. Thole on "God's Method of Teaching," and Rev. Beutler on "The Meaning and Success of the Bible School." Mr. Leonard Wagner spoke on behalf of the students, thanking all who had made this Bible School possible.

GLADYS FALKENBERG, Reporter.



The Choir of the German Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, with the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, Director, in the Center of the Front Row

tic meetings, which were held from March 14 to 26. Again and again during that afternoon the appeal, "What shall I do then with Jesus, who is called the Christ?" rang through the church and found lodging in our hearts. For do we not have trouble, even as Pilate, in answering that same question if we do not stand right with Christ?

The offering of this occasion went to

A Joyous Easter Season Observed at Prince George, British Columbia

The Easter season brought us many blessings here at Prince George, British Columbia, Canada. On Palm Sunday we tried to enter into the spirit of the throng which accompanied our Lord into Jerusalem, singing praises

unto him. On Good Friday we reverently bowed our heads beneath the cross and followed our Savior to the tomb. Long before daybreak on Easter morning we were aroused out of our sleep by sweet melodies and the cheering words. "He lives, he lives!" The members of our church choir left their homes soon after midnight and went from house to house singing the resurrection songs of Easter.

On Easter Sunday we had the largest attendance since I came here two months ago as missionary. The Easter offering amounted to \$15.02.

On the Monday after Easter a number of our members met for the purpose of organizing a B. Y. P. U. This was an inspiring gathering. Our orchestra cheered our hearts with many uplifting melodies. After the undersigned had presented the plans and purposes of a young people's society, we proceeded with the business of the organization. Linda Fichtner was elected president; August Fichtner, vice-president; Willie Goronzy, secretary; and Willie Teschke, treasurer. The society decided to meet once each week. We are expecting many good things from this new organization in the church.

C. A. GRUHN,
Missionary and Pastor.

Beside the City of Roses

THE AGE OF SETTING SUN

By Mr. Samuel Rich

The region about Mt. Hood is densely wooded with many species of trees, shrubs and vines. I shall never forget the beautiful dogwood and rhododendrons as they were in full bloom among the steeple-like fir trees when a group of my schoolmates and I made the trip one beautiful May day. It makes one say with the Psalmist: "Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars; beasts, and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl: kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: both young men and maidens; old men and children: let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven."

Then circling around the mountain peak, that pointed upward as though ascribing its majesty to God, we start down the long grade toward the City of Roses just as the sun is casting its last colorful rays upon the snow-covered slopes of the mountain, truly reflecting the glories that typify the closing of a fruitful life in the service of the Master.

Those who have served well may look back on a life well lived and see its virtues enhanced by the last long rays of twilight just as the Master beckons them to their reward.

A SONG FOREVER

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the Lord's either, I reckon, 'cause Jesus himself had one Judas among the twelve and Peter was a backslider for awhile."

"One thing sure, until I can do it honestly, I'll never make a profession. I can't stand hypocrisy."

"I wonder if a man is being any more honest when he refuses to become a Christian," Erwin returned meditatively. "I reckon the Lord can't stand hypocrisy either. My mother used to say that he spoke more hard words against hypocrites than he did against those who were supposed to be the out and out sinners."

They were sitting in front of Erwin's house in Gardner's car.

Erwin went on more earnestly: "One thing I like about that preacher though, is the way he makes it seem so wonderful to know Jesus, as if a fellow hasn't really lived unless he has accepted Christ. And that music—say can't she play, though?"

"She can play all right," Clyde admitted. "I bet she can play jazz too, like anybody's business."

"I bet she can, too. But I bet she don't!"

"What makes you think so?"

"'Cause you don't believe in it, I heard her say so!"

"Aw, come one! What's wrong with jazz?"

Yet, Clyde knew there was something about it that was not right. For one thing it violated nearly all the laws of music.

Clyde had finished his cigarette and was lighting another. It always perturbed him that Erwin refused to smoke with him.

"No, I promised Ma I never would, and I never will," Erwin had said. "I may be a black sheep in other ways but I can't stand to hurt Ma's feelings."

Clyde had had enough along this line. "When are we going to organize our own orchestra? Now that you're out of the Rhythm Makers, what's to hinder us from having one of our own? Three more instruments and we'll have enough: a good sax and—"

"When I quit Hardy, I quit for good, Clyde," Erwin interrupted soberly. "I can't stand it any more to see music lose its ideals. Music is a sort of sacred thing. Don't you think so? Oh I know I haven't been an angel and I'm not any Christian by a long way, but I've made up my mind to keep my music more reverent-like."

Clyde laughed nervously. "I suppose you'll be joining the revival orchestra next and playing way down there at the front of the church like they do in Sunday School!"

"Maybe I will—in fact I am going to!" Erwin declared. And with that the boys separated for the night.

(To Be Continued)

Daily Bible Readings

Based on the International
Sunday School Lessons

Wednesday, May 5
Friends of Jesus
Read John 15:14-19

Thursday, May 6
Praying in Faith
Read Mark 11:20-24

Friday, May 7
Perseverance in Prayer
Read Luke 11:5-10

Saturday, May 8
Acceptable Prayer
Read Acts 10:1-6

Sunday, May 9
Joyous Communion with God
Read Psalm 34:1-8

Monday, May 10
Isaac Envied
Read Genesis 26:12-16

Tuesday, May 11
Isaac Wins by Yielding
Read Genesis 26:17-25

Wednesday, May 12
Joseph Envied by His Brothers
Read Genesis 37:5-11

Thursday, May 13
Living Together Peaceably
Read Romans 12:17-21

Friday, May 14
Saul Envies David
Read 1 Samuel 18:5-9

Saturday, May 15
Jealousy and the Mob Spirit
Read Acts 13:44-50

Sunday, May 16
Conditions of Blessedness
Read Matthew 5:1-12

Monday, May 17
A Man of Appetite
Read Genesis 25:27-34

Tuesday, May 18
A Man of Anger
Read Genesis 27:41-45

Wednesday, May 19
Bodily Discipline
Read 1 Corinthians 9:22-27



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