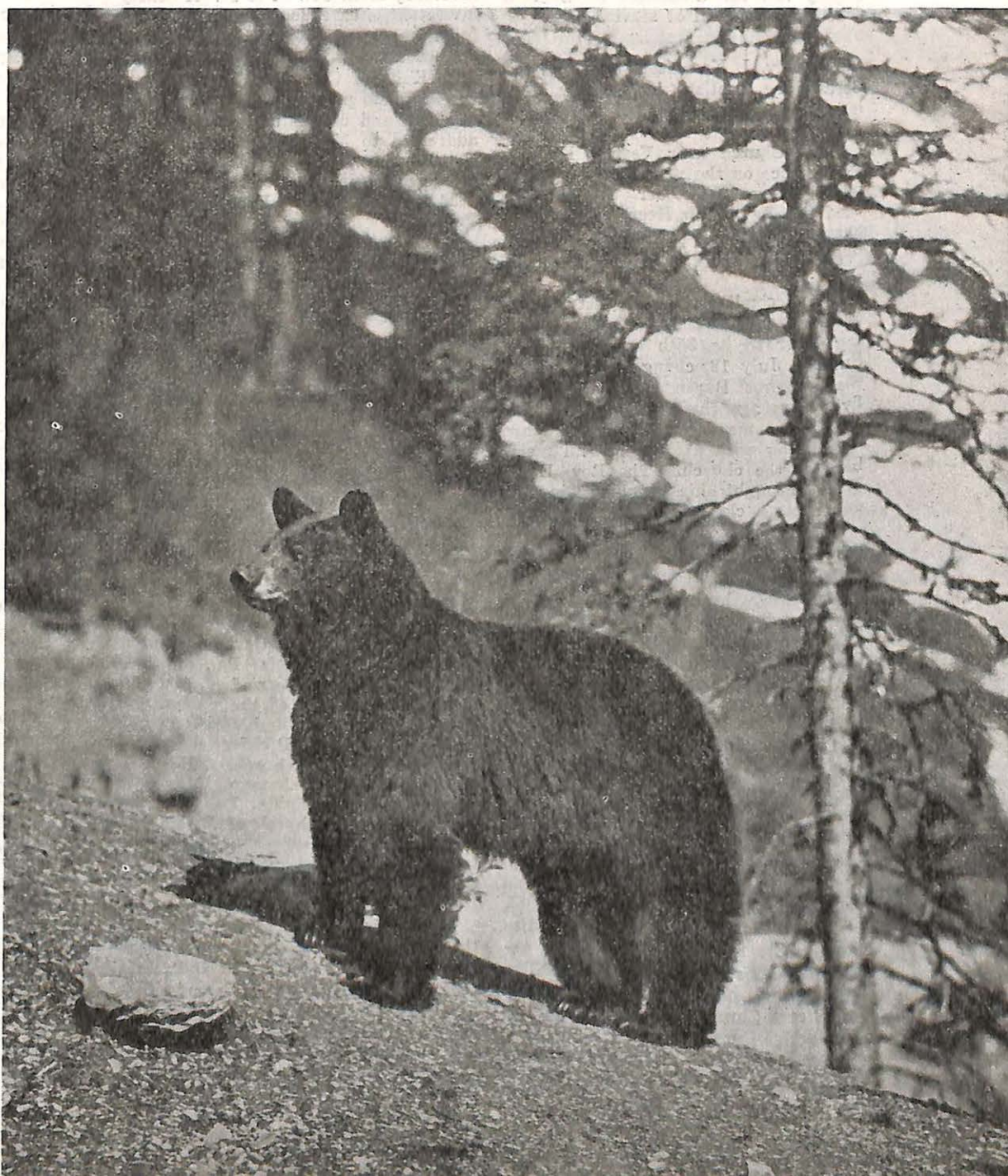


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**Black Bears,
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Yellowstone and
Yosemite
National Parks**

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What's Happening

On Sunday, Aug. 29, the Rev. William Sturhahn of Canistota, So. Dak., had the joy of baptizing 3 Sunday School girls as a result of the Spring evangelistic campaign in the Spring Valley Church. Mr. Sturhahn is also serving the Unityville Church on this field.

The Rev. J. Franz, who with his family has been residing in Forest Park, Ill., and has been a member of the Oak Park Baptist Church, has accepted the call as teacher of the Bible in the Mennonite High School of Corn, Oklahoma. Mr. Franz and his family left for Oklahoma on Sept. 6 for their new field of service.

The Rev. J. Kornelsen, pastor of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, has resigned his charge and accepted the call of the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas. His service on the new field will begin with the first of October. He will succeed the Rev. John Heer, who is now pastor of the churches in Lyndock and Sebastopol, Ontario, Canada.

The Second German Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., at a business meeting prior to its 25th anniversary on Sunday, July 18, changed its name to the Immanuel Baptist Church. Thirty-five years ago the church began with 37 charter members, 23 of whom are still living with 5 of them still members of the church. The Rev. E. P. Wahl brought his ministry in the church to a close on August 31.

The Rev. William H. Schobert, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa, has accepted the call of the church at Jeffers, Minn., where he will begin his ministry on Sunday, Oct. 29. Recently Mr. Schobert was the guest speaker at a Swedish Young People's Conference held at Lake Elban in Minnesota, 110 miles northeast of Duluth. He brought a series of sermons on Philippians and "Dispensational Truth."

On Saturday afternoon, August 28, Miss Viola Dreuth and Mr. Edward Littig were united in marriage at the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., with the Rev. John P. Kuehl, pastor of the church, officiating. Miss Bertha Stuerze was the soloist assisted by Miss Scott at the organ. The bride was the former clerk of the Walnut Street Church and was one of the most active young women of the church and a leader in the young people's society.

After serving the German Baptist Church at Fenwood, Saskatchewan, Canada, with much success during the summer months, Mr. Cornelius Rempel has received the unanimous call of the church to become its permanent pastor. He has accepted the call and will serve the churches at Fenwood and Lemberg. Mr. Rempel was formerly assistant pastor of the McDermot Avenue Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he also attended the Winnipeg Bible School.

The Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., will celebrate its 75th anniversary from Oct. 14 to 17. A hearty invitation is extended to all its friends to share in the joys of this memorable occasion. It is expected that Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Chicago, Ill., will be one of the guest preachers. All letters of greeting and congratulation are to be addressed to Mr. Walter Brubach, 53 Calhoun Ave., Pittsburgh (10), Pa., or to the minister, the Rev. L. B. Holzer, 2234 Brownsville Rd., Pittsburgh (10), Pa.

The members of the General Council met at the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., on Saturday, Sept. 11, to prepare plans for a concerted promotional program to be conducted throughout the denomination during the closing weeks of October and in November preceding the observance of the Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week. The teams, each of which is to consist of two ministers, are being prepared for action at present. The motto to challenge the thinking of the denomination during these visitation weeks is "Facing Our Task."

Mr. Peter Pfeiffer, a second year student of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., filled the pulpit of the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., on Sunday evenings for a period of 6 weeks during the absence of the pastor, the Rev. A. Husmann, on his trip to the Pacific Coast. Mr. Pfeiffer is a member of the same church. He also served the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., and the German Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., during the absence of their pastors, the Rev. Milton Schroeder and the Rev. E. Wolff, respectively.

On Monday, Aug. 30, the members of the Ladies' Aid of the German Baptist Church of Cathay, No. Dak., and their families helped Mr. and Mrs. Otto Strogies to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. Among the many who took part in the program were Mr. Wm. Neumann representing

the board of deacons, Mrs. Bertha Wahl in behalf of the Ladies' Aid, Mr. Henry Brckofsky for the Sunday School, Mr. Fred Seibold as a Sunday School teacher of Mr. Strogies, and the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Ittermann, pastor of the church and his wife.

Recently young people's societies were organized in the Rosenfeld and Tabor Churches near Anamoose, No. Dak., of which the Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer is the pastor. The new officers of the Rosenfeld society are Mrs. E. Fandrick, president; Miss Amanda Martin, vice-president; Mrs. Emil Isaak, secretary; and Mr. Emil Fandrick, treasurer. The officers of the newly organized society of the Tabor Church are Mr. Henry Rauser, president; Mr. J. Rust, vice-president; Miss Alvina Rust, secretary; and Mr. Ben Littke, treasurer. "Great things are expected for the future in the work among these young people."

On Sunday evening, Aug. 22, the pulpit of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, was supplied by the Rev. Charles F. Zummach, the former pastor. On the following Sunday, Aug. 29, Prof. O. E. Krueger, another former minister of the church, preached at both services. The Rev. Frank Orthner of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent the Sunday in the church with his brother, Mr. Carl Orthner, secretary of the Sunday School, and led the Men's Bible Class. An attendance of 300 was registered for the Sunday School on that morning. The Social Service Guild held a picnic in honor of Prof. and Mrs. Krueger in one of the city's parks in the afternoon. The Rev. W. S. Argow is serving the church as interim pastor.

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Editorial

THE forward look is always a mental tonic by itself. The apostle Paul had learned the art of "straining" to what lay before him and of "pressing on" to the goal ahead of him. Youth

Looking Ahead to 1938! finds the most glorious things of life in the promises of the tomorrow which it eagerly seeks to realize. It was this radiant, trustful, forward look to the General Conference at Portland that deepened the sense of loyalty of the young people to the denomination and the spirit of enthusiasm for its program of the future.

The coming year ought to be one of notable progress. Every young people's society and Sunday School should feel a justified pride in having a share in this work. Through the ministry of our evangelist, the Rev. John Leypoldt, who is just beginning his service on the Pacific Coast, and other sectional evangelists, a more intensive program of evangelism will be carried on throughout the denomination.

Many of our churches have seldom had the privilege of entertaining conferences or associations. The secretaries of the denomination have not found it possible to visit them in view of limitations of time and strength. The members and friends of such churches have never felt a strong attachment to the denomination and its program because they have never been set on fire for it. During the coming months preceding the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week and throughout next summer teams of our leading ministers are to visit almost every church, large and small, for the purpose of informing and inspiring everyone, without exception, concerning our denominational enterprise.

The year 1938 will undoubtedly mark new missionary trails for the denomination further into the heart of Africa. The Mambila field beyond

Kakaland in the Cameroons is to be opened for evangelization by new missionaries to be sent to Africa by us. Such an enlarged missionary program will require wider hearts of love, larger gifts of money, more fervent prayers of devotion and deeper resolves of consecration. The National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union has set the goal for each B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School of our churches to make some substantial and sacrificial offering for this new mission field during the coming year.

Our publications want to keep step with the denomination in its forward-marching enterprise. The forward look of "The Baptist Herald" is especially clear and bright at this time. A larger "Baptist Herald" consisting of twenty pages is to make its appearance on January 1, 1938. This additional space will provide for B. Y. P. U. program material, a variety of articles suggesting practical helps for the Sunday Schools and young people's societies, devotional pages to be edited by Professor Lewis Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., a forum page with contributions by readers on provocative subjects, and a brief evangelistic message presenting the claims of Jesus Christ as Savior to the reader.

Beginning with the November 15th issue one of Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill's most recent and best novels, "Sunrise," will be published. The serial installments in next year's issues will be longer to the delight of our readers. Dr. Charles W. Koller of Newark, N. J., will write a series of picturesque articles about the familiar places of Palestine as seen by him during a recent visit and illustrated by many pictures!

With the glowing, enthusiastic forward look there will have to be the upward look of faith to Jesus Christ. Together such an outlook will bring joy to our hearts and success with God's help to our efforts!

Let Us Build!

By MR. EDWIN MARKLEIN, the Newly Elected President of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union

THIS motto, "Let Us Build!", has been chosen by our National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union for the next three years. What a great challenge it is to us as German Baptist young people to build God's Kingdom here on earth and proclaim his gospel to all his people!

In constructing a home it is very essential that the builder follow certain fundamental rules which will enable him intelligently to go about his work without fear that, upon completion, some important or vital point in his building program has been overlooked. In order that nothing will be overlooked in our Christian building program, it will be necessary to apply some of these rules to each of our individual lives that, when we have completed our task, nothing will have been forgotten and we will have built a temple of ourselves which will be an example for those who have not as yet built their lives as Christ would have them be.

The first rule must concern the drawing of our plans, in which we must be as careful as an architect so that when the drawings have been completed everything will have been included which will make a perfect building. When we

plan our Christian lives it will be ever so important that we have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as our Master Builder and that we have planned our lives in such a way that if temptations, discouragements or disappointments come

our way we will look to him for advice and comfort. "God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble."

It is also important that when our plans are complete, they must be filed and approved. There is only one way to do this and that is by prayer, asking God for his guidance, approval and help in all our undertakings. A quiet talk with God each day is a great comfort and should never be forgotten.

With our plans drawn and approved we are now ready to lay the foundation which must be built on solid ground and

made with good material. Our Christian beliefs must be founded on solid ground, which is the Holy Bible. Our lives must be so built that they will withstand all other doctrines which may undermine our foundations. "A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing."

When the solid foundations have been laid, we



Photo by M. L. Leuschner

An Informal Snapshot of Mr. Edwin Marklein in a Grain Field Near the Glacier Park Hotel

Hello! America!

Greetings from Our Missionaries in the Cameroons in Africa to the General Conference at Portland, Oregon

YOUTH of our churches and Friends of our Sunday Schools:—

Greetings to you and our best wishes for your days at Portland! While your eyes behold the glory of the west and while the hospitality of western Baptists is yours, you may be assured that in spirit we are with you. August days bring heavy rains to Kaka; to you they bring Oregon roses. And while we walk under dripping palms, we shall remember you, who walk through Portland's evergreen and dangerous parks, where,—so says Paul Gebauer,—a clergyman or justice of the peace peeps around every bush and bench.

You will do more in Portland than just examine parks and roses. You will talk about your African Mission. You have prayed and planned and sacrificed for this, your unseen task. What have we, out here, done in response? Our annual report brought you figures, facts, plans, names, hopes. God's grace will permit us at the

end of this year to present to you another report, and again, one that speaks of advance along the entire front. In the name of your Lord and ours we have preached the Word, baptized, trained the converts, healed the sick, instructed native helpers. You and the churches that sent you to Portland have helped the cause of Christ to a home in the wilderness.

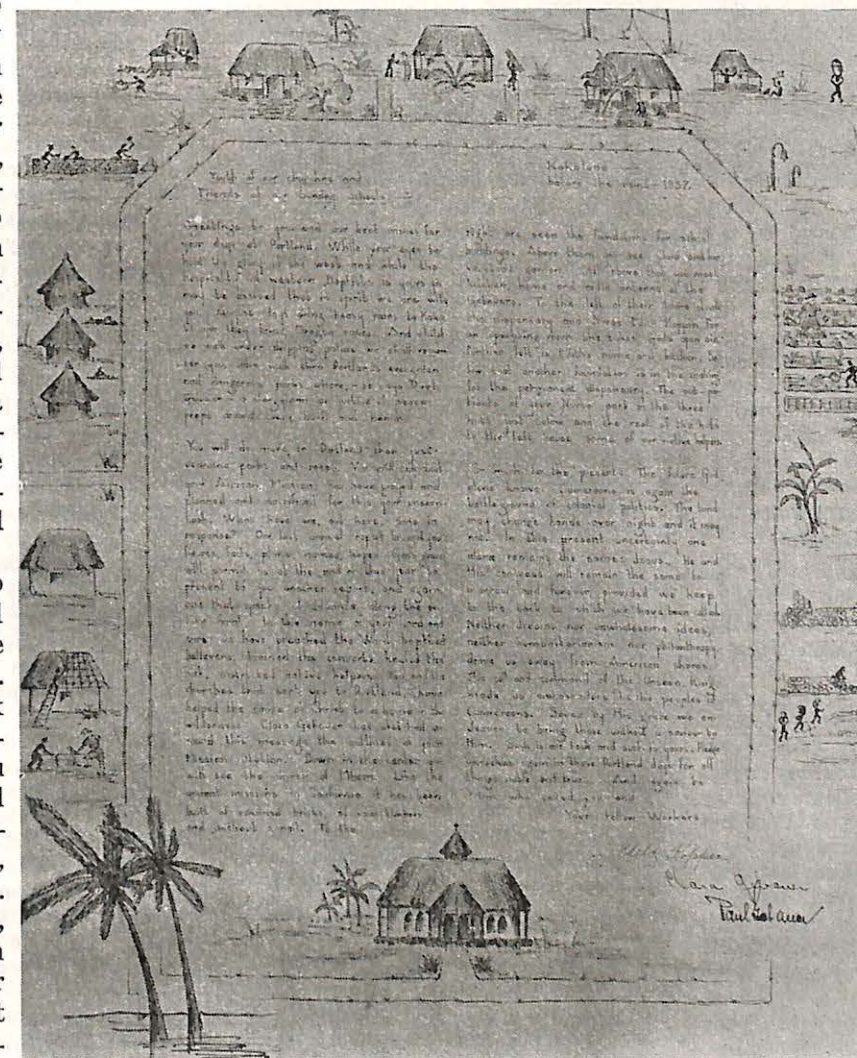
Clara Gebauer has sketched around this mes-

sage the outline of your mission station. Down in the center you will see the church at Mbem. Like the ancient missions in California it has been built of sundried bricks, of raw timbers, and without a nail. To the right are seen the foundations for school buildings. Above them you see Clara and her vegetable garden. Still above that you meet

kitchen, home and radio antenna of the Gebauers. To the left of their home stands the dispensary of Miss Edith Koppin. For an operating room she takes God's open air. Further left is Edith's home and kitchen. Below that another foundation is in the making for the permanent dispensary. The out-patients of your nurse park in the huts just below and the rest of the huts to the left house some of our native helpers.

So much for the present. The future God alone knows. Cameroon is again the battle ground of colonial politics. It may change hands over night and it may not. In this present uncertainty one remains the same:

Jesus. He and his conquest will remain the same tomorrow and forever, provided we keep to the task to which we have been called. Neither dreams nor unwholesome ideas, neither humanitarianism nor philanthropy drove us away from the American shores. The call and command of the unseen King made us ambassadors to the peoples of Cameroons. Saved by his grace we endeavor to bring those without a Savior to him.



Picture by Walter S. Schaible

A Reproduction of the Decorative Scroll Sent to the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union by Our Cameroon Missionaries for the Sessions of the General Conference

It Was a Glorious General Conference

A Glowing Testimony of Representative Conference Visitors

A Glorious Vacation

By MRS. WALTER S. SCHAELE
of Waco, Texas

What a vacation at the General Conference in Portland! Such friendliness, such genuine western hospitality, such spiritual food, such thrilling joys and the richest spiritual fellowship!

Memories! Memories that shall ever hold fast! Just what do these memories reflect? Yes, without a question, "the Silver Jubilee" of the General Conference at Portland, Oregon. There we saw the glory of God and felt his presence as we walked through the doors of the temple.

One would readily give more of his time to the Master after attending such services of worship. At the end of each day that had seemed so perfect, the thought came, "Surely this day has been the peak of the convention!" But at last we reached the summit when the sound of the organ swelled within the temple and the communion service was held. I shall never forget the serenity, for Christ walked within these walls.

A Bouquet of Sweet Peas

By REV. ERICH BONIKOWSKY
of Berkeley, California

Although Portland is known as "the city of roses," I should like to mention three sweet peas (P's) that I found there in describing my impressions of the General Conference.

The first sweet "P" was the place of the conference. For me and many others who lived in the East, North and Middle West it was a thrilling experience to see the haunting beauty of the Far West, and especially of Portland with its gorgeous surroundings.

The next sweet "P" stands for people. We were not surprised that we knew a few of them at the conference, but that we recognized so many of them. We found that they were those who usually visit the local conferences. And they are the sweet people! They are of "the cream" of our denomination. To see them in Portland united into one conference looked like a beautiful family reunion.

The last sweet "P" means program. We could not say that it was both short and sweet. In fact, the evening programs seemed too long to the impatient young people. But the conference program was "sweet" in the sense that so much room was given to the young people in separate meetings and for those marvelous outings in the wonder world of Portland's vicinity.

These are the sweet peas (P's) that I detected in a fragrant bouquet of flowers in Portland!

A Foretaste of Heaven

By MISS ALICE KAAZ
of New Haven, Conn.

It was good to have been at the General Conference! Riding along together on "the Special Conference Train" gave one an inkling of what was in store for us at the conference itself.

Singing, worshipping, and visiting with others of the same mind and faith make such a trip a memorable one. As one of the group mentioned, it was a foretaste of heaven. It was glorious to view the wonders of nature wrought by God.

The royal reception which we received at Tacoma will always remain in mind. We were glad of the opportunity of attending the morning service in that church. "All things did work together for good and for the best to them that love the Lord."

Upon arriving at Portland and hearing, "Wir begrüßen euch all," we knew that we had arrived at our destination. One of the impressive things was the loving service rendered by the Portland people and their willingness to help in every capacity.

What impressed me most was the evening meetings when the Masonic Hall was filled to capacity. It was a thrill to hear the voices of over a thousand singing together to the glory of God and then to listen to his Word.

The special program arranged for the young people was very appealing and informative. It was brought to a fitting close at the banquet on Saturday evening and the Sunday afternoon meeting by two inspiring messages.

The climax of the whole conference was the communion service where we as Christians came around the Lord's Table to dedicate our lives anew to the service of our King.

My First General Conference

By REV. THOMAS LUTZ
of Junction City, Kansas

I had the privilege of attending my first General Conference at Portland and I enjoyed it very much. The conference did something to me which I cannot fully explain. The motto, "We Dare Not Fail," is a real challenge to me, for it makes me realize my responsibility every time I think of it. I don't see how anyone attending those meetings could come away and not feel the spiritual uplift. It certainly created a desire in me to work harder.

I certainly believe the young people at the General Conference were a fine group. At every service during the day, except Saturday morning, there was always a large number of young

people present, proving to me that our Baptist young people are as interested in what the denomination is doing as the older people. Some came from a very great distance, but when one considers the reward in fellowship with the type of young people we have in our churches, distance doesn't mean much.

I'm sure that every one was well repaid. They were up early in the morning for the sunrise services and, judging from some of the remarks passed, they didn't mind getting up at an early hour but rather looked forward to the next service at some other spot of beauty, of which Portland has many. I heard a man remark in this manner, "I never saw so many young folks attending religious services." I haven't either, especially where the meetings were for young people exclusively. A fine spirit prevailed throughout the conference, and I'm sure all are looking forward to the time when we can meet again in Winnipeg in 1940.

New Outlook and New Convictions

By REV. EDWARD KARY
of Durham, Kansas

The conference at Portland is now only a memory! I have come back with a new outlook on our denominational work, and I have formed many new convictions. I have come to realize what large missionary opportunities are awaiting us, and I am convinced that our work as German Baptists is not yet finished.

The fine spirit that permeated the conference atmosphere impressed me favorably. I hope that all of us carried something of that same spirit back home with us. May we all remind ourselves repeatedly of the verse quoted so often by our moderator, "Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." May we not only remind ourselves of it, however, but may we try to achieve it!

I enjoyed the work of the young people, and I believe that they performed their task more efficiently than many of the older people. I wish, however, that it were not necessary for our young people to conduct their meetings apart from the other meetings. We are all interested in the same general program of our denomination, and it is quite impossible to attend two sessions at once.

My closing thought is in regard to the speakers. I felt that two speakers in one evening were too much, especially when they forgot their time limit. And, then, are we so limited in good speakers that certain men must be on the program repeatedly?

Outstanding Facts

By MISS ELIZABETH AHRENS
of Tacoma, Washington

A few outstanding facts about the conference that impressed me were the location and the suitability of the building in which the meetings were held; the fine attendance; and the fine spirit prevailing throughout all sessions. It was great to meet with so many of our own denomination and to learn more about the work which we carry on. Relatives and friends were seen with whom we had not met for many years, and new friendships were made. Our young people are talented. To meet with them gave us new courage to develop our own talents.

The Quiet Hour in the morning, the sermons by our various ministers, and the memorial service, all lifted us heavenward. Truly, we are proud to belong to the German Baptist denomination. Surely, we go back to our churches with a new determination to work for Christ, and we look forward to another great conference in 1940.

A Successful Conference

By PROFESSOR FRANK H. WOYKE
of Rochester, New York

Among my lasting impressions of the recent General Conference, I mention, first of all, the fine western hospitality extended to us. Guests were entertained lavishly. Everyone was talking of the friendly homes and bountiful breakfasts. In addition to this, the general initial atmosphere created was one of eager welcome and cordiality, which contributed much to the success of the conference.

The conference was further characterized by an unusually faithful attendance at the sessions on the part of the delegates and visitors. The elevator operators' calloused thumbs were ample proof of this.

A harmonious spirit prevailed throughout the conference. All decisions were reached in an orderly and peaceful manner. While the skill and tact of the moderator, Professor O. E. Krueger, was no doubt, responsible for this, it is also true that the delegates were in a cooperative frame of mind.

Not intended as destructive criticism is my impression that the conference program was too crowded. This made it impossible for visitors to give their full attention continuously. It also left too little time for making acquaintances and visiting, one of the great values of such a conference.

Finally, I was impressed by the large attendance and active, intelligent participation of youth at this conference. This indicates the possibility of holding our youth in spite of changing language conditions. To me it is also an indication of the fact that churches leaving our denomination do not do so primarily because they use a different language, but because they have lost interest in the objectives of our denomination.



A Gala Crowd of Almost 800 Persons Seated at the Beautifully Decorated Tables for the Young People's Banquet During the General Conference in Portland, Oregon, on Saturday Evening, August 14

Great Steps Forward

By REV. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE
of Elgin, Iowa

One of the outstanding characteristics of the General Conference to me was the progressiveness of the denomination. We see new fields of activity to be taken up and new needs of service to be rendered in several directions, as, for instance, the enlargement of "The Baptist Herald" and improvements to be made in some branches of our organization. This aggressiveness was also evidenced in the greater use of the English language. Being able to adapt ourselves to changes of time and to undertake new tasks is a sign of good denominational health.

I appreciate greatly the unity of spirit that prevailed throughout the sessions. It seemed that dissension among us was not even possible. We actually tried to live up to our New Testament ideal of church life, that of being of one mind and one spirit. May it be carried back into the individual churches!

The youth of our denomination received their due share of recognition in that a separate program, built to meet their needs, was provided for them. I believe that was a great forward step. The young people also gave evidence of their appreciation of this recognition by their attendance in such great numbers. However, their obligation has not been fully discharged. In their respective churches they will have to show their gratitude and loyalty by assuming a greater share of the responsibility.

The Christian friendships, formed or renewed, will long be a power for good to us all.

High Anticipations Realized

By REV. A. J. FISCHER
of Beulah, North Dakota

Another triennial conference has passed and another milestone has been reached and successfully established. Humanly speaking, this 25th General Conference was perfect in many respects. The blessings of God were felt throughout the many sessions and his presence seemed very vital to us all.

The delegates and visitors prayed much for and looked forward with great anticipation to the conference. Now that it is past, we truthfully can say that our prayers were answered realized and fulfilled fact.

The conference was well attended, especially by the youth of all of our churches. Dr. Kuhn, the general secretary, has rightfully observed and stated in that stirring message of Tuesday morning, August 10, that "we are a people that has kept its youth within the churches of our denomination."

Many resolutions were adopted and many suggestions given, some of which were timely and others helpful. The messages and addresses were inspirational and showed much labor and spiritual guidance. In them appeared many a challenge. Some have become part and parcel of the delegates and visitors, while others will be carried out in days to come.

"We Dare Not Fail" was the appropriate motto. It held our denomination together in the past. It prompted our leaders in their thinking in the present. And we who stand at the threshold of a new generation feel vitally attracted to it. Therefore, "let us be up and doing!"

Fellowship With God and Friends

By MISS FRIEDA L. WEISSER
of Camrose, Alberta, Canada

Conference! Immediately my mind goes back to those inspiring days in August. Portland is, indeed, a city of flowers and homes! That beauty of the mountains and lakes along the way has really been a message in itself for me. One saw God's omnipotence as Creator in nature, but still during our conference days in Portland one really had an experience with him as heavenly Father.

I shall not forget that first evening when friends and acquaintances met once again, and "Hello" and peals of laughter began sounding and resounding throughout the halls of the temple. It made me think how happy those people must have been when they ran to meet Jesus when he came to Jerusalem.

At all times during the General Conference a profound spirit of friendliness and cooperation was shown in planning and working out the great program of our denomination. All this impressed me deeply, especially to see how the speakers and workers realized the seriousness of time, the privilege of working and the challenge of being "out and out for Christ."

The addresses, songs and everything that was rendered have left their imprint on my heart. So I go forth knowing that "I dare not fail!" Christ is the solid rock. May I ever be found faithful to that high calling in Christ Jesus!

All One in Christ Jesus

By MISS EMMA M. SCHIFFERER
of Salem, Oregon

As I stood in the entrance of the Masonic Temple in Portland about five o'clock in the afternoon of August 9 and watched the arrival of delegates and visitors to the 25th General Conference, the Scripture passage, "... for ye are all one in Christ Jesus," became more of a reality to me than ever before. What a thrill it gave me to see the cars arrive, bringing fellow-Christians from nearly every state in the Union and from Canada! You needed no introduction. The smiling faces told of a bond of love and mutual understanding, and of joy and peace in the heart which had come with a personal experience with God, when Jesus became Savior and Lord. What a privilege and joy to be a child of God and to belong to that great Christian family!

A new interpretation of the truth, "We cannot explain God, but we can experience him," came to me as I made the acquaintance of some of the leaders in our denomination and listened to their messages. What wonderful experiences they have had with God! How necessary it is that, especially as young people, we have that personal

and vital experience with Christ, whereby we become new creatures in him! Then all life will be illuminated and, truly, the beauty of Jesus will be seen in us.

What a wonderful heritage we have as a denomination! Justly we can be proud of the work so nobly begun by our forefathers, of the vision which they had and of the work undertaken and accomplished by them. Justly, too, we can be proud of those who are carrying on the work at the present time and of that fine group of wholesome, loyal and consecrated young people who will carry on the work in the days to come.

Truly, our motto, "Let Us Build," should inspire every young person in our denomination to greater efforts than ever before.

Majestic! Incomparably Inspiring!

By MISS FRED A. P. KLEIN
of Cathay, North Dakota

Majestic! Incomparably inspiring! Singularly impressive! These adjectives describe for me the General Conference held at Portland. The beautiful auditorium where the conference was in session, so effectively decorated with Oregon blossoms of every hue, lent an air of sanctity to every meeting. More than that, the conference theme, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God—We Dare Not Fail!" in stately letters, that hung above the platform of that immense auditorium was a blazing torch held high to challenge and inspire every delegate and visitor.

Perhaps, of greatest significance to the future development and expansion of our denomination was the inclusive program provided for our young people. More than ever before, the young people from every part of our scattered field of work had a very definite program to fit their needs. That the special young people's sessions were a decided success was evidenced by the enthusiastic attendance at every meeting from the first get-acquainted luncheon to the climax—the rally on Sunday. Surely, those of us who enjoyed the benefits of these meetings will be better fitted to serve the Master and our denomination than ever before!

The entire conference was interesting; everyone enjoyed it. Repeatedly I heard remarks such as "We planned to leave about the middle of the week, but we simply couldn't break away." Last, but not least, my first General Conference will remain a fadeless memory because of the spiritual benefits I derived. From the key-note address by our able moderator, Prof. Krueger, to the last challenging and vital address, "Life at Its Best" by the Rev. Vincent Brushwyler, the conference was a source of life-giving inspiration and boundless blessings.

In short, when it was all over I wondered why I hadn't been attending General Conferences all my life!

Ours is a Great Work for God

By MR. HERMAN ZACHAY
of Philadelphia, Pa.

The General Conference in Portland is now history. The impressions and inspirations, however, will be lasting and helpful to everyone who attended the same. Portland and its fine group of German Baptists will long be remembered. Aside from the inspiring messages by our pastors and denominational leaders, the excellent choir singing, organ and brass music, one was convincingly impressed with the fact that we as churches and individuals are a part of a great work in the Kingdom of God.

I would urge everyone who is of the opinion that our German Baptist work is of little importance to attend our next General Conference to get a glimpse of this great work, to feel the fine brotherly spirit, and to meet the leaders of our denomination and a host of other friends whose aims and goals are the same as ours. It will help you to do your job more faithfully in your own respective church.

God has poured out his blessings abundantly at this General Conference. These were the spiritual blessings. There were also other joys in connection with the conference such as seeing the wonderful handiwork of God in nature, in the mountains, lakes forests, rivers and flowers, all of which was made for our own respective church.

A High Tone of Spirituality

By REV. ARTHUR KANNWISCHER
of Buffalo, New York

Three things stand out in my mind as I think of our Silver Jubilee Conference. I was, in the first place, not a little impressed by the high tone of spirituality which prevailed throughout the entire conference week. Since such an atmosphere is created in part by the persons in charge of the program, it is my conviction that we as German Baptists are blessed, not only with leaders of ability, but, indeed, with leaders of deep spirituality as well.

The profound reverence which hovered over most of the conference sessions made a further lasting impression upon me. This spirit of devotion was felt more particularly at some of the meetings. I shall long remember the one occasion when a truly stirring season of prayer took place, in which a large number of people participated. Seemingly they were waiting for an opportunity to open their hearts to God.

I would not forget to mention, too, that this spirit of reverence accompanied the various meetings conducted by the young people. It thrilled my heart to see the young people of our denomination filled with the real love for Jesus Christ and a true devotion to his cause. God bless our young people and likewise their inspiring leaders!

The Spirit of Unity at the Conference

By MR. D. A. WEDEL
of Wasco, California

The twenty-fifth General Conference has passed and is now history. Those of us who were privileged to attend the conference for the first time, undoubtedly, were favorably impressed. Having heard reports of the Baptist beginnings in America, one marvels at the program that the work has made.

The sermons and addresses delivered at the General Conference sounded the many favors received during the past and brought us face to face with our present opportunities and responsibilities as followers of the Master. The Christian fellowship, that prevails among Baptists, was very enjoyable at Portland. Old friendships were renewed and new ones were made.

One made the acquaintance of men whose articles have been published in "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote." Another thing that impressed me was the spirit of unity, that prevailed in all the business deliberations in the General Conference and also in the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' meetings. Our field is spread over a large area and we all have our personal opinions and convictions. To blend them all into one great purpose "for the Master's cause" was uppermost in all meetings.

How often we hear that our field of labor as German Baptists is diminishing. But on the contrary, it is bigger than ever, if we stand shoulder to shoulder and support those chosen as leaders at the head of our various phases of work. Our ministers in our churches also need our cooperation and, above all, our prayers.

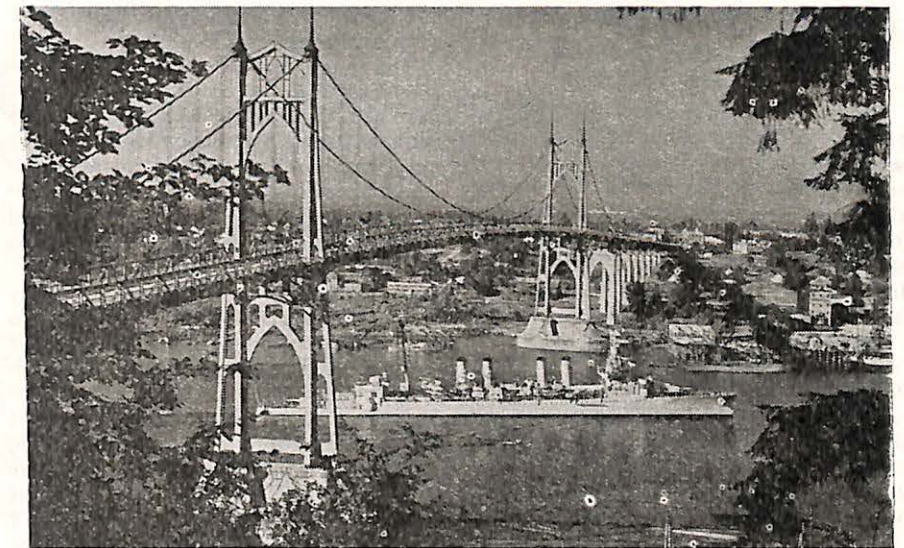
Mention should be made of the beautiful scenery in and around Portland. Last but not least, the hospitality we received at the conference was unexcelled. Those of us who were stationed in the homes were royally entertained. On the whole, it was good to have been at the General Conference in Portland. May we be a blessing to our churches during the coming days and serve him better who saved us and has promised to be with us!

Through the Eyes of an Outsider

By MRS. EDNA GIESEKE
of Trenton, Illinois

I am not a German, neither am I a Baptist, but having in my possession a "died-in-the-wool" German Baptist husband and an equally well-grounded step-son, I hold somewhat of a step-relationship to the denomination, and it was in this capacity that I went to Portland and to the General Conference.

I want to mention some of my vivid impressions gained during that week. That perfect ease without, which comes from perfect peace within, marked



A Beautiful View of the St. John's Bridge in Portland, Oregon

many of the faces and actions in the group, and we found ourselves at ease in friendships, new and old. The ease and grace of preparation and confidence on the part of moderator and others in authority, as well as on the part of those who brought messages were apparent in every session, teaching again that "perfect love casteth out fear."

We expect earnestness on the part of those who are on "the shady side of forty," and found it in the conference. But when one feels the hush of reverent youth, when one listens to prayers ascending heavenward from young lips, and when one catches glimpses of high resolve in the eyes of young men and women, hope has a rebirth and we vision a tomorrow whose horizon stretches farther than that of today.

To a systematized ex-school-teacher, such perfection in the efficiency of organization could not but make itself felt. With a precision that told of efficient preparation, programs moved forward as planned. Efficient committees reported efficiently. Efficient leaders poured oil upon troubled waters, and efficient song-leaders brought forth harmony that must have registered in glory.

An organization is no larger than the ideals which it personifies. It was interesting to "listen in" at the afternoon sessions of young people and to follow the discussions which proved the ideals of this group. "First things first," seemed to have been the purpose at every session. Surely, the denomination whose young people are setting up standards of right living and thinking is in no danger of being overcome.

The keynote of the conference song, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," sang itself into the very being of everyone present, so that the challenge "We must not fail" of conference fame, became the "I will not fail" of individual resolutions in countless numbers of lives.

Reasons for Thanksgiving

By REV. A. G. RIETDORF
of Gotebo, Oklahoma

What did the General Conference mean to me? It has meant first, last, and above all the reason for much thanksgiving to the Father in heaven. There is now passing through my mind the high points of the more than 5,000 mile trip that took us to Portland, down the coast through California, and then back home to Oklahoma.

We saw new fertile lands and rolling plains, piling mountains and yawning canyons, roaring waterfalls and steaming geysers, towering redwoods and, nearby, the unresting sea. All these are mine now, not in titles of law, but as real treasures of the soul, so that in any moment of silent reverie I can stand before them again, see their beauty and hear their voices. Glorious possession! Mine for all this life and, who can say, not for eternity? Who can refrain from thanking God for such rich possessions?

Furthermore, the conference meant a much better understanding of the work of the denomination. If "inspiration is nine-tenths information," then all who attended might well be inspired to do greater things for the Lord in this part of his vineyard. How about the extension in Africa? The possibilities of the Danubian countries? The success of the Northwest? The problems that confront us in the states? There at the conference they were presented and discussed, and nowhere else could so much be learned in so short a time.

Last, but perhaps most satisfying of all, was the assurance of success reflected in the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' sessions. There they were, hundreds of young people, strong, earnest, able, willing to carry forward the Lord's work and do honor to his name! I thank God for these future leaders, for the present leaders, for the great number that attended and the greater host which they represent.

Vivid and Happy Memories

By MRS. ADEL STABBERT
of Anaheim, California

Click, click! Cameras clicking everywhere! Pictures being taken to preserve memories of the General Conference! How well we should like to see all those pictures! But even without the camera, impressions were indelibly photographed in our minds during those days which remain vividly in our memories.

The pleasure of greeting countless friends, old and new, the enjoyment of Portland's hospitality, reunions with various groups in parks, restaurants and homes were pleasurable experiences, even though incidental to the chief blessings received during the meetings.

The attractive and abundant young people's program, the two sunrise services which were truly mountain-top experiences, the fellowship luncheons, the banquet, the excursions and the fine social gathering one evening were the successful results of laborious planning by the capable president, and the Council of our National and Young People's S. S. Worker's Union and by the Portland people.

The general meetings, bringing us inspirational and thought-provoking messages, helped to increase our feeling of loyalty and devotion to our denomination. The memorable communion service brought the conference to an impressive close.

The inspiring strains of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" still ring in our ears as well as the other songs which were in true German Baptist style.

The theme, "Let Us Build," has been well chosen for the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union for the next triennium. With Christ, the solid foundation, and with specifications and materials which we have received from the stirring conference addresses, we should be able to build greater things in the future.

Memories and Thrills!

By MR. HARRY H. GEIS
of Okeene, Oklahoma

It is difficult to find words to express my thoughts concerning my impressions received at the General Conference.

The trip to the beautiful city of Portland, which had been so alluringly portrayed in "The Baptist Herald" for so many months, the meeting of old friends, the opportunity of making new friends and the grand hospitality of our hosts were experiences that will bring memories and thrills of the Conference for a long time to come.

All of the splendor of God's handiwork in our beloved country was as a symbol to us as young people of the spiritual beauty that should radiate from our lives as Christians.

Our motto, "We Dare Not Fail," was a renewing of our covenant with God that our lives in the future ought to

be molded more and more in the will of our Master.

The young people were awakened to the fact that we must carry on and dare not fail. This was very forcibly demonstrated by our young people's program that recognized and acknowledged the work of those of our denomination who have gone before us and handed to us the torch which it is now our duty to hold high.

In reviewing the conference in my mind I cannot help but call attention to the three words used by one of the speakers in his words of welcome, "Information, Confirmation and Transformation." Informed in the matter of our denomination and God's program, conformed to the principles of Jesus Christ, and transformed anew in Christ Jesus! If we experience this, than I am sure that the General Conference fulfilled its purpose, and we will begin making plans for our next general meeting-place.

Mountain-Top Experiences!

By REV. H. PALFENIER
of Steamboat Rock, Iowa

It is not always easy to give a correct estimate of an experience like that of the General Conference. The multitude of impressions make it difficult to separate and to evaluate them according to their respective worth. But some of them are outstanding like the lovely mountain peaks which we were privileged to see in Oregon and Washington.

Who of us, who had the privilege of going to Portland on "the Special Train," will ever forget the days of fellowship which we had? Indeed, it was a real preparation for the days in Portland and a foretaste of heaven! Unforgettable will be the Lord's Day spent in Tacoma. The very love of God was poured out upon us through his children.

That unity of spirit, so real all along the way, was made even more manifest during the conference. From the uttermost bounds of the South and North, the East and West, the people came, but they were fused together into one harmonious whole by the indwelling spirit of Christ. This spirit was manifest in all the activities and deliberations of the conference and made possible the solution of the various vital problems that confronted us. If this unity could be maintained throughout the entire denomination, what glorious victories might not be won for the Lord!

One of the outstanding facts of the conference was the fine and active part which the young people played in the program. As long as we have young people in our churches who are devoted to the Lord and his work, we need not fear.

Some convictions, wrought within my own mind, prompt me to make the following suggestions:

1. Preparations for future General

Conferences should include adequate police protection, if possible, over the money and property of the delegates and visitors.

2. All evening and special meetings should be kept within reasonable time limits.

3. The language used during the sessions must be determined by the prevailing conditions, as to language existing in the churches of the territory in which the conference meets.

An Optimistic and Hopeful Conference

By REV. JOHN WOBIG
of St. Paul, Minnesota

Just like the towering snow-capped mountains, stately and majestic, remained long and clear in our view as we journeyed homeward, so also impressions received at the General Conference in beautiful Portland continue with us.

The opportunity of exchanging greetings and having fellowship with fellow-pastors and Christian workers is certainly in itself a worthwhile contribution which the General Conference affords to all. There one renews old acquaintances and adds the new. It makes one think of our denomination in terms of a large family where love for one another expresses itself in sincerity and devotion.

Large audiences at all the sessions manifested the interest that our German Baptists are showing in the welfare and work of our denomination. Especially appreciative are we for the large number of young people in attendance, and we heartily favor the ample time allotted to them on the program.

Although the note of disintegration was often sounded, still the reports given on the various phases of the denomination were optimistic and hopeful concerning the future. The messages which were delivered were thought-provoking and again reminded us of our great responsibility of being true to our calling. It was deeply gratifying to note the emphasis that was so often placed upon the great need of personal work in soul-winning.

A suggestion, however, might be made to improve our next General Conference. I personally feel that the evening messages should be of a more inspirational nature instead of being linked with the discussions of the day. Too many preliminaries tire the people, are an injustice to the speaker of the evening and mar the effectiveness of the message. The message should be the important part and the speaker should have a responsive audience to receive it.

May we carry with us the conference motto, "We Dare Not Fail"! May the words of the apostle, to which our genial moderator referred us, be our aim during the next triennium, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus"!

A Song Forever

By Paul Hutchins

SYNOPSIS

Gardner drove Lela to the railroad station at Stromberg, from where Lela went by train to her college at Rynelle. In spite of her mother's bitter opposition, Lela and Gardner were deeply in love with each other. On the return trip to Mayville Gardner drove through a blinding snow storm with Simp, Old Dan's dog, sitting on the front seat beside him. After arriving home and going to bed Gardner was alarmed by the dog's constant barking and howling. But the wind, blowing now a terrific gale, swallowed up the sounds of the howling and Gardner, after turning out the lights, drifted into sleep.

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It was several hours later before Gardner awakened. He sat up suddenly. His dream had been of Simp and Old Dan. Gardner dreamed he was on a platform in heaven and his eyes were watching a closed doorway, when suddenly Old Dan's wrinkled face peered in and his frightened eyes stared in horror at Gardner and at the thousands upon thousands of angels in shining garments. Lela was there too, and Jean and Larry, Mr. Howard, Tommy, Father and Mother and other Christians of the town. Then Old Dan's face disappeared and the door went shut. Then came the sound of Simp's barking, closely and startlingly from the outside.

Startled into sudden wakefulness, Gardner sat up in bed and listened. "It's Simp!" he exclaimed. "What can be the matter with that dog?" He snapped on the lights and drew on his slippers and bathrobe. At the turning on of the lights the barking ceased.

"Whew! What a dream!" But rather than being elated over the vision, Gardner felt strangely depressed. It was the face of Old Dan locking in that disturbed him. *Old Dan wasn't inside!* He was *outside*, looking in! There had been a finality about the closing of the door. Now the details of the dream came to him more clearly. An angel had stood with somber countenance beside the door and only those who were worthy were allowed to enter; and Dan Towers had been refused admittance!

The barking outside began once more, and, without knowing why he did so, Gardner began to dress. Perhaps the dog was cold or perhaps something was wrong with Old Dan and the dog had come for help.

Without making any more noise than necessary, Gardner hurried down the stairs, drew on his boots, overcoat and gloves and pushed open the side door. A drift blocked the exit, but he closed the door behind him and plunged out. Simp, trembling and shivering, leaped up, placing his front paws on Gardner's coat.

"What on earth is wrong, Simp? Are you cold or what? Why don't you stay at home? I can't be getting out of bed on a night like this to look after you! Here, come here! Get into the garage." But before Gardner had opened the door, Simp had darted away in the darkness toward home.

Gardner was bewildered, the haunting memory of his dream disturbing him. Perhaps Old Dan was ill. He resolved to follow the dog, so with flashlight in hand, he struck out. His watch showed the time to be half past three in the morning. There was something ominous about the back door of Old Dan's house. Gardner stared at it and at the snow-covered steps, while Simp hung at his heels acting more queerly than ever. "Here's your home, Simp. Now stay here!" He pushed the snow from the wood shed door and opened it. But Simp refused to go in.

"Hm! Never saw a dog act in such a manner!"

There was only one thing to be done and Gardner did that. He knocked firmly at the back door of the house. Again he rapped, and then again and again. He turned the knob and gave the door a push but evidently it was locked. Around the house and the front door he hurried, a terrible anticipation gripping him. Something had happened, he felt sure, but what, he could not foretell. The entrance to the front door was completely blocked by snow, but Gardner plowed through and knocked loudly at the door. Here too he was answered only by silence, while snow swirled and piled deeper about him. Such storm had not visited Mayville in years. Faintly now Gardner recalled a similar one when he was a little boy.

"Well, Simp, we'll have to give it up." Then a new idea came to him. Perhaps Old Dan had stayed all night at the pool hall. "Let's go up town, Simp."

At Mr. Howard's home Gardner stopped, and to the astonished Mr. Howard explained his dream, his fears and the peculiar actions of the dog.

"I don't go much on dreams, Gardner," Mr. Howard said, trying to get himself fully awake.

"Neither do I. I know the laws of psychology and how dreams are supposed to be made."

"God's Revelation is complete now, in the Word, and he is neither adding to it nor taking away from it. But he may be leading you nevertheless. I'll go with you."

No lights were visible in Dan's place and no one answered their persistent knocking.

"We ought to get Gib Holden and break in," Gardner said. "I know something is wrong . . . know it!"

The found the night watchman asleep at the town jail. In spite of his remonstrance and his certainty that there was nothing wrong he went with them.

"I may be a fool," Gardner said, "but I don't believe the dog is."

Simp had never seemed so alert. At last the door was opened and Gib pressed the light button. But the lights did not turn on. "Maybe the storm has damaged the wires outside," he said. Their flashlights played around the room. The odor of beer and heavy liquor was in the air. The old iron stove in the center of the room was cold; the fire had been out a long time, evidently, for the thermometer registered far below freezing.

"It's twenty below outside," Gib said, "and it'll be zero in here by morning. Well, come on, boys, we'll soon know what's what." They would go to Old Dan's safe next.

But Simp was already there, whimpering and sniffing at a dark object on the floor.

"My . . . G . . . !" Gib exclaimed. "It's Old Dan!"

A dark patch of red covered Dan's wrinkled, gnarled face and his body lay in a crumpled heap on the floor beside the opened safe door. Gardner was frozen with horror and a voice within him cried, "Oh, he's dead! gone into eternity . . . unprepared!"

Gib bent over the silent form and listened for the heart-beat. A moment later he straightened up, his face tense. Then he said slowly, "He . . . he . . . is dead!"

But Dan Towers was not dead. In the hospital at Stromberg he made a slow, steady recovery, under the watchful care of Dr. Holdredge and an efficient staff of nurses.

He did not know that in the terrible thing that had happened to him, the hand of God's judgment had entered his life, that the sword of wrath had struck him in order to arouse him from his sleep of death. Nor did he know that in wrath, God had remembered mercy. He might never have understood had not a faithful witness in the person of Jean Carroll, sat beside him and told him, in her own inimitable way, of the Love of God in Christ Jesus.

Dan was sitting, propped up in bed in his room. Miss Carroll stood beside him, talking quietly, restfully. She had placed on his table a vase of flowers, fresh from the green house.

"From a friend in Mayville," she exclaimed, as she adjusted the flowers to his liking, while Old Dan's eyes followed her every movement.

"Who in Mayville?"

"There was no name, only a card. Here it is." She held toward him a neatly printed card, bearing the announcement: "From one who is praying for you."

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Let Us Build!

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are ready to build. That means that we must strive toward the one goal which is better Christian living, which can only be obtained by building Christ's program which he has outlined for us to greater heights. There is only one way in which we can successfully complete this task and that is by working and striving to become more like our Lord Jesus Christ at all times.

If our lives are built as our Master Builder would have them be, we are then ready to enjoy the glories of God and to witness for him in such a way that we will be living examples of him, always willing to do that which he would have us do.

The echoes of our great conference are surely still ringing in the ears of all those who attended. The inspirations which we have received have been ones which we will carry with us for a long time. The great number of young people who were in attendance at our meetings was proof that we can say, "We are proud to be German Baptists." The spirit which was prevalent in all our meetings was such that made one feel that one could not spend a more profitable vacation than attending the General Conference.

All the young people's events in the General Conference were a sure sign that we have started out on our building program. If we continue in that direction and make out our lives as the Lord Jesus Christ wants them to be, "we cannot fail!"

What's Happening News

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At the recent annual business meeting of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., the boards of trustees and deacons were enlarged from 5 to 7 members. The new trustees are Messrs. Alfred Bartz and John Deetjen, and the new deacons Messrs. Clarence Peterson, Harry Piel, and Henry Bartz, the later of whom will succeed the late Mr. Louis Mollhagen. Mr. Clarence Bartz was reelected as church moderator. Mr. Max W. Stock, chairman of the board of trustees, announced a substantial increase in the salary of the pastor, the Rev. L. H. Broker. All reports from the organizations showed conditions and accomplishments to be most gratifying.

The Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak., has an attractive weekly church bulletin. Miss Minette Backus, a new member of the Emery High School faculty, is the leader of the new choir that sings on Sunday evenings. Mr. Edward Roskens, the new publication society agent, is making an extensive canvass of the church for our publications and in a few days secured 44 subscriptions for "The Baptist Herald." During the next 6 months every member of the church will be visited by one of the deacons in an intensive spiritual ministry. The Rev. Thorwald W. Bender is the pastor of the church.

The young people's conference, comprising the German Baptist churches of Dayton, Indianapolis and Cincinnati, Ohio, was held from Saturday, Sept. 4, to Monday, Sept. 6, in the latter church and city. A religious drama was presented at the opening service on Saturday evening. The Rev. Theodore Koester of Meriden, Conn., was the guest speaker, bringing stirring addresses to large audiences on Sunday morning and at a dinner meeting on Sunday evening. At the Sunday afternoon services, Mr. A. R. Hahn, student pastor of Dayton, was the speaker. The annual picnic on Monday, Labor Day, was a great success.

The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the New England Association this summer conducted a successful experiment in holding a Junior Assembly for boys and girls from 10 to 12 years and an Intermediate Assembly for boys and girls from 13 to 15 years at the summer cottage in Madison, Conn. The Junior Assembly was held during the last week in June, and the Intermediate Assembly during the first week of July. Each group had two class periods daily for five days, the courses centering around Bible and character building. Local pastors served as instructors, and several members of the churches as counsellors.

From Monday, Aug. 16, to Saturday, Aug. 21, a Youth Rally was held at the Hubbard Lake Mission of the First Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., with evangelistic services held every evening. The messages were brought by Mr. Elmer Bailey of Oklahoma Baptist University of Shawnee, Okla., and Mr. James Savage, a student of Wheaton College and a resident of Pontiac, Mich. From Sunday, Aug. 22, to Friday, Aug. 27, meetings were held in the Alpena Church under the auspices of the Young People's Fellowship Club, of which Miss Milly Paad is the president. The minister of the church, the Rev. Walter C. Damrau, received 5 new members into the church on confession of their faith in Christ at the communion service held on Sunday, Sept. 5.

The Iowa Association will be held at the German Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa, from Sunday, Oct. 3, to Wednesday, Oct. 6. The theme for the program will be "Those Things Which Cannot Be Moved" (Hebrews 12:27) and such subjects as the following will be considered by ministers of the association: "The Word of God," "The Promises of God," "The Church of God," "The Witnessing Church" and "The Hope of the Church." Dr. William Kuhn of Chicago, Ill., will be the guest speaker on four different occasions. The preacher for the Sunday services will be the Rev. O. W. Brenner of George, Iowa. The Rev. W. S. Argow of Burlington will speak on Monday evening. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Wm. H. Schobert, wrote that "we are anticipating some blessed fellowship as we have had in the past."

The Rev. John Leypoldt, the evangelist of the denomination, left Forest Park, Ill., where he and his family have been residing since September 1, for the Pacific Coast on Sept. 15 to begin a series of evangelistic meetings in the Oregon churches. From Sept. 15 to Oct. 1 Mr. Leypoldt conducted evangelistic meetings in the First Church of Portland. He will be serving the Salt Creek Church as evangelist from Oct. 2 to 15. From Oct. 17 to 26 he will be leading the Second Church of Portland in an evangelistic campaign and the church in Odessa, Wash., from Oct. 27 to Nov. 5. He is scheduled to be in the Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., from Nov. 7 to 19, and in the First German Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, from Nov. 21 to Dec. 3. Mr. Leypoldt preached in both services of the Oak Park Baptist Church in Forest Park, Ill., on Sunday, Sept. 12, where he and his family have recently become members.

Reports from the Field

Pacific Conference Vacation Bible School at the Odessa North Church

The Daily Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., was held from June 14 to 18 in the country church, a station of Odessa.

The school started with the salute to the American flag, the song, "America," salute to the Christian flag, the song, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," salute to the Bible, singing, reading of God's Word and prayer. Following this we went to our various classes.

Mrs. J. G. Rott taught the little children of 3 to 5 years, Miss Alma Goetz the children of 6 to 12 years, and the Rev. J. G. Rott the young people. Our average attendance was 37. The school of one week was enjoyed alike by pupils and teachers. The forenoon and part of the afternoon were spent in Bible reading, Bible memorization, making of posters and study of Christian doctrine. The latter part of the afternoon was used in preparation for the Children's Day program. The Bible School came to a close with a picnic, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

On June 27 we had our Children's Day program. The two dialogues, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" and "Lost and Found" were very successfully given. The newly organized Ladies' Choir made its first appearance. At the close an offering was held for our Chapel Building fund.

The above mentioned dialogues with some other numbers were given recently in the Odessa and Spokane Baptist churches by our young people. Spokane is quite a distance from Odessa, but the young people filling 5 cars, were willing to go and give this program there. A picnic lunch was served in the park by the Spokane young people for the visiting group.

J. G. ROTT, Reporter.

The Pacific Conference at the Salt Creek Church

The Pacific Conference was a little shorter than usual in duration this year but perhaps better in spirit. The region around Salt Creek where the conference was held from August 5 to 8 prepared for the proper attitude of mind. Salt Creek is located in a beautiful region in the romantic state of Oregon. The groves of evergreen trees, towering high towards the sky, remind the human being of its relation to a Higher Being. The hospitality of the members of the Salt Creek church was felt everywhere.

All meetings, as usual, were preceded by a devotional gathering. These were led by the Rev. G. Rauser of



Vacation Bible School at Odessa, Wash., with the Rev. J. G. Rott in front at left

Franklin, Calif., and the Rev. C. A. Gruhn of Canada. The Rev. B. W. Krentz of Los Angeles preached the opening sermon. The other preachers of the conference were Professor Helmut Dymmel of Rochester, N. Y., and the Reverends K. Feldmeth of Los Angeles, J. F. Olthoff of Salem, and John Schweitzer of Bethany. The Rev. F. E. Klein of Wasco, Calif., delivered the sermon on Sunday morning. The Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke of Sacramento, Calif., led in a special devotional hour on Friday, and the Rev. S. Blum of Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday.

A doctrinal message was given by the Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., informing us on "Jesus Christ, the Judge of the Living and Dead," and the Rev. J. Kratt of Portland, Oregon, introduced the discussion on "The Question concerning the Jews."

Outstanding for the young people was the meeting on Sunday afternoon at the High School auditorium at Dallas, Oregon, where Professor Dymmel gave an inspiring message to the young people.

As one contemplates the sessions of a conference one's mind naturally goes back to certain outstanding impressions that one has received. The outstanding things of the Pacific conference, to my mind were the splendid singing of the mixed choir and the men's choir and the sermon by Professor Dymmel on "Digging Ditches for a Revival."

The conference was well entertained by the Salt Creek Church near Dallas, Oregon. It can be said in honor of this rural church, that they entertained royally, fed us with the best food, gave us the best beds, and did everything possible to satisfy such a large number of guests for the three days. We all had a good time together, planning and thinking how we can better serve our Lord and Master in bringing about the Kingdom of God.

A. AUCH, Reporter.

The Young People's Sessions of the Pacific Conference at Salt Creek

Approximately 500 German Baptists assembled in the auditorium of the Dallas High School on the closing day, Sunday, Aug. 8, of the Pacific Conference which was held in Salt Creek near Dallas, Oregon, this year. The male chorus of that church opened the meeting by singing "Fight to Win." Chester Buening of Texas led the congregation in a splendid song service, after which Miss Esther Leuschner of Anaheim, Calif., read the scripture lesson and the Rev. H. Ekrut from the Cottonwood Church of Texas led in prayer.

Mr. Norman Boehm, national president of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, was introduced to the Pacific Conference by Mr. Harold Petke, president of the Oregon Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. Mr. Petke was in charge of the meeting this afternoon. Samuel Rich of Bethany was chosen as Pacific Coast council member to serve on the council of the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union for the next three years. The choir of the Salt Creek Church sang two numbers during the afternoon.

Professor H. Dymmel of Rochester, N. Y., who was the main speaker for the afternoon, gave each person present a desire to do more and greater things for Jesus Christ in his stirring address on "The Harp String." We must yield to the Master if he would play a harmonious chord on our strings of life. This inspirational sermon was closed with the words of the familiar hymn "Give of Your Best to the Master."

The male chorus sang "What Did He Do," and Professor Woyke pronounced the benediction.

MILDRED VOTH, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference Wisconsin Young People's Assembly at Pound

We wish all readers of "The Baptist Herald" might have shared the blessings bestowed upon those attending the Wisconsin Young People's Assembly at Pound from July 12 to 16.

The general theme of our assembly was, "Knowing and Doing God's Will." It was stressed again and again that we cannot know God's will if we do not know and accept his Son, Jesus Christ into our hearts and lives.

Devotionals each morning by the Rev. T. Stoeri of North Freedom deepened our desire to know God's will for our lives. The Rev. H. W. Wedel, our



The Pupils and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School at Olds, Alberta

new dean, spoke on "The Word," "The Birth," "The Life," and "The Price." Professor A. A. Schade conducted a class on, "Salvation According to John's Gospel." Prof. Schade also brought the evening messages. Messages concerning "The Way of Life and Youth" and "Knowing God's Will Always," enriched by impressive bits of poetry were given by the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger.

On Thursday evening all young people's societies represented at the assembly united their efforts and the result was a fine "All State" program.

Afternoons were spent in discovering and investigating the scenic places in the vicinity of Pound.

Officers for the coming year are: president, Albert Rohrbach, Jr., Manitowoc; vice-president, Francis Guenther, Sheboygan; secretary, Faythe Habeck, Schofield, and treasurer, Harold Antholt, Coleman.

ELSIE JAHNKE, Reporter.

Northern Conference The Summer Ministry and Baptismal Service at Glidden

We have been richly blessed here in Glidden, Saskatchewan, Canada, during the past three months, and we want to spread the good news.

The past weeks and the summer proved to be joyous weeks for us all. Our church was always well filled, and we were blessed by the inspiring messages brought to us by our student pastor, Mr. Paul Hunsicker, who served our church during the past three months from June to September.

We must say that God has blessed us wonderfully through our revival meetings, and that a number of our young people have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. We hope that others who have heard the call may be added to our numbers.

The picture reproduced on this page of "The Baptist Herald" is a group of our young people who have accepted Christ and who have also followed his will through Christian baptism.

MARY MOHNINGER, Reporter.

Daily Vacation Bible School at Olds, Alberta

On Monday, August 2, the first Vacation Bible School was begun in the Baptist Church at Olds, Alberta, Canada. The enrollment numbered 33 pupils ranging from 6 to 14 years of age, who were divided into 3 classes. The average attendance for the two weeks was 28 pupils. The teachers were the Rev. Gottfried Beutler, Mrs. G. Beutler and Miss Erica Kruger.

In our first class period the pupils were taught to read and write the German language. The second hour was a study of Bible history and a memory period. The memory work included the books of the Bible, the ten commandments, the first and twenty-third Psalms, the names of the apostles, the Lord's prayer and the beatitudes. The last half hour was a singing period under the direction of Mrs. G. Beutler.

On the evening of August 15 a closing program was given by the children with each department taking part. At the close of the program a prize was awarded to the most studious pupil in

Mr. Unger expressed his appreciation and gratitude toward the Rev. G. Beutler for his added ministry by presenting him with a surprise gift. Mrs. Ida Falkenberg in the name of the mothers thanked Mrs. Beutler for her splendid work among the children and as an expression of love gave her an envelope containing a gift. Also to Miss Kruger the appreciation was shown in a very loving way for helping along in the school by presenting her with an envelope containing a gift.

ERICA KRUGER, Reporter.

Central Conference Vacation Bible School in the Burns Avenue Church and Its Mission in Detroit

From July 12 to 23 the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., conducted two Vacation Bible Schools, one at the Burns Avenue Church and the other at its Chalmers Liberal Mission.

The Burns Avenue School had an enrollment of 102 children, with an average attendance of 90. It was under the direction of Miss Maxfield, who was assisted by fourteen capable workers from the Burns Ave. Church.

The Liberal Mission had an enrollment of 115 children with an average attendance of 102. This school was under the direction of Miss Boli who had ten mission workers as her assistants.

Both schools had a transportation committee to provide for free transportation for the children who lived a long distance from the churches. Mrs. Clarence Miller was chairman of the committee at the Burns Ave. Church, while Max Wilde did this work at the mission.

On Friday evening, July 23, both schools had their closing exercises at their respective churches. "Christian Living and the Life of Christ" was the general theme of both schools. Prizes



The Baptismal Candidates, Mr. Paul Hunsicker and Church Members at Glidden, Saskatchewan

each class. Mr. F. Unger, our Sunday School superintendent, presented the prizes to the winners, Frieda Edel, Walter Unger and Velma Falkenberg.

A happy surprise for the teachers followed. A bouquet of flowers was handed to each teacher by one of the pupils. In behalf of the Sunday School

were awarded for note book work, color book work, memory work and posters. The work of the children was put on display at these exercises.

May the seed that was sown in the hearts of the children bear much fruit in their future years!

LYDIA BEKOWIES, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Farewell Program for Mr. Charles Newman at Buffalo

It was with a feeling of regret that the members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., recently met in the church to bid farewell to Mr. Charles Newman who was about to leave for California to make his home with a daughter at Redlands.

Ever faithful to his Savior and the church, in which he was a charter member, Mr. Newman served with unceasing devotion in many capacities. He was the first secretary of the Sunday School of which he later became superintendent. He also served as treasurer, and at the time of his departure was teacher of the adult German Bible Class.

Mr. Newman served the Bethel Church for many years as a trustee. His counsel and willingness to perform any task assigned him made him an invaluable asset to the board.

Not only did he serve his church but also our beloved denomination as agent of the Bethel Church for our Publication Society. Through his constant efforts he was able to place our church at the head of all the churches. Mr. H. P. Donner has no end of praise for this faithful servant.

To express our appreciation in a material way for his many years of unflinching service, the church and several individual members presented Mr. Newman with gifts.

CARLTON SMITH, Reporter.

Dakota Conference The Young People's Assembly of the Northern North Dakota Association

The sixth assembly of the Young People's Northern North Dakota Association, held at Asbury Camp, No. Dak., was opened on Monday evening, July 12, by the president, Ernst Klein, who introduced the evening's speaker, Prof. Frank Woyke of the German Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y. He spoke on the "Grace of Wholeheartedness." On the following four mornings Prof. Woyke gave lectures on the "Christian Life." In the afternoons he conducted a class on "Missions."

The Rev. Benjamin Schlipf had charge of the intermediates, conducting two classes for their benefit, "The Plan of Redemption," and "Bible Study."

A very inspirational speaker was Prof. H. G. Dymmel, also of the Baptist Seminary of Rochester, who had charge of the classes on "Christian Youth and Its Place in Life," and "Teacher Training."

A new note in the assembly was the "Sluice Box," a general discussion period, conducted by the president with occasional speakers. Various subjects were discussed, from the "Union Rec-

Annual Bazaar of the Chicago Home for the Aged

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Aid Societies of the German Baptist Churches of Chicago and vicinity for the benefit of the Western German Old People's Home will be held on Thursday, October 14, at the Home, 1851 N. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The hearty cooperation of all interested friends in the form of financial or material gifts is solicited. They may be delivered personally or sent by mail. Many worth while articles will be on sale at the bazaar. Meals will be served at 12 o'clock noon, and at 6 o'clock in the evening.

A program will be presented in the Humboldt Park church in the evening, to which all are heartily invited.

MRS. JUDIA W. DEUTSCHMAN,
Secretary.

ord" to "Next Year's Assembly." Many individuals took part and the various questions were answered.

Bonfires after the evening's service were well attended, and the various societies took part in "Stunt Night" and the "Sing" Festival.

On Thursday afternoon a business meeting was held at which an entirely new executive committee was selected. The officers for the following year are: Ella Albus, president; Esther Kaiser, vice-president; Ferne Murray, secretary; Leslie Albus, treasurer; and Rev. R. Kaiser, dean. Also the following appointments were made: missions' committee, Esther Kaiser, chairman; Rev. W. Knauff, and Esther Schlipf; editor of the "B. Y. P. U. Record," Gilbert Derman; associate editor, Ruth Klein; historian, Ernst Klein.

The final bell was sounded Friday evening when the new officers were installed at a very impressive ceremony. Following this Prof. Dymmel gave the consecration address, "The Power of Faith." FERNE MURRAY, Secretary.

Daily Bible Readings

Based on the International
Sunday School Lessons

Sunday, October 3

Kinship with Christ
Read Mattew 12:46-50

Monday, October 4

Kept for Christ
Read Jude 1-4

Tuesday, October 5

Kept in the Love of God
Read Jude 17-25

Wednesday, October 6

God Our Keeper
Read Psalm 121:1-8

Thursday, October 7

Kept by the Power of God
Read 1 Peter 1:3-10

Friday, October 8

Kept in Temptation
Read Revelation 3:7-13

Saturday, October 9

God a Refuge
Read Psalm 31:19-24

Sunday, October 10

Living with God Forever
Read Revelation 7:9-17

Monday, October 11

Christian Speech
Read James 3:1-12

Tuesday, October 12

Christian Conduct
Read James 3:13-18

Wednesday, October 13

Good Neighbors
Read Ephesians 4:25-32

Thursday, October 14

Christian Behavior
Read Matthew 5:38-48

Friday, October 15

Godly Living
Read Titus 2:1-15

Saturday, October 16

Walking Worthily of God
Read 1 Thessalonians 1:3-12

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Commencing, therefore, with the first number of the new year, the sixteenth of its career, an expansion to twenty pages will go into effect. This means four additional pages for each issue, an increase of twenty-five percent, and this will allow much more room for reading matter.

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Here follows

An Announcement of some of the outstanding features:

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Second. SPECIALLY PLANNED ISSUES. November first: Mission Number; up-to-date news from the Cameroons, and from the Danubian Countries.
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Third. FAVORITE SONG STORIES. "In the Garden," "Living for Jesus," "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love."

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