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**Majestic Mount Hood,
a Temple of Snow,
near Portland,
Oregon,
as Seen in an Unusual
View Through a
Picture Frame of
Stately Trees and
Wooded Canyons.**

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What's Happening

On Sunday afternoon, July 25, the Rev. Emil Becker, pastor of the Baptist Church of Washburn, No. Dak., had the joy of baptizing five persons on confession of their faith in Christ.

On Sunday, July 25, the Rev. Benjamin Schlipf, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak., had the joy of baptizing 3 converts before an audience that taxed the capacity of the church. The conversions were the result of personal work by the minister.

On Sunday, July 18, the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church of Creston, Neb., held its annual election with the following results: Herman Kalweit, president; Milton F. Scheffler, vice-president; Ruth Brunken, secretary; Herbert Husmann, treasurer; and Elizabeth Jonescheit, pianist. Serving on the program committee are Mrs. Adolph Prang and the Misses Elizabeth Jonescheit and Henrietta Husmann.

The Rev. E. Bibelheimer, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont., baptized 4 persons on confession of their faith in Christ on Sunday, July 25, one of whom was from the Pablo Church. The student quartet from the German Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., also rendered a program on that Sunday, which made the services memorable and long to be remembered by the host of people in attendance.

The First and Second German Baptist Churches of Wetaskiwin and the church of Wiesental, Alberta, Canada, have granted their pastor, the Rev. Fred W. Benke, a leave of absence for 5 months due to his ill health. A program in his honor was held on Wednesday evening, July 28, before his departure for the Pacific Coast by the Wiesental Church, at which time expressions of appreciation were voiced and a gift presented to him. During Mr. Benke's absence the churches will be served by the Rev. Robert Jacksteit of Minitonas, Manitoba.

The summer assembly of the Atlantic Y. P. and S. S. W. Union was held from July 24 to 31 at Bethel House, Sea Cliff, Long Island, with more than 30 enthusiastic young people in attendance. In addition to the recreational features, classes were held with Dr. F. W. Meyer, missionary in the Philippine Islands, and Dr. Herbert Gezork, professor of Furman University in North Carolina, serving as the efficient teachers. The Rev. Reuben Jeschke of New Britain, Conn., acted as dean of the assembly. The recreational program

was in charge of Mr. Vincent Mold of New Britain, Conn.

The Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held an exceptionally fine Vacation Bible School from July 6 to 23 with an enrollment of 70 children and an average attendance of 60. The school was under the supervision of Miss Ruth C. Doescher and the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder with the Misses Anita Zimmermann, Jeanette Steinbronn, Dorothea Blaser, Dorothy Jackson, Anita Moeschlin, Marian Ackermann and Doris Fester assisting in the various departments. An unusual item of the curriculum was the inclusion of several temperance talks which the children enjoyed very much and which benefited their lives. The closing program for the school was held on Friday, July 23.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Pekin, Ill., is completing a twenty-six foot addition to its church building. This addition is the entire width of the building, which includes the main auditorium, east wing and basement. The addition, together with the new heating plant and other equipment and improvements, will cost approximately \$10,000. The dedication of the improved building will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12, and it is planned to have regular meetings on Sunday, a special speaker and music on Monday evening, and to conclude the dedication services with a church fellowship supper on Tuesday evening, Sept. 14. The Rev. Frank B. Haynes is pastor of the church and the trustees who are supervising the construction work are N. Zimmerman, Sr., John Bonk, Sr., and John Sheppert.

The Oak Park Church of Forest Park, Ill., held a Vacation Bible School from June 21 to July 9 with an enrollment of 90 children and an average attendance of 75. The teachers of the fine school were Miss Victoria Orthner, Primary department; Elsie Rose Dons, Beginners' department; Margaret Franz, Boys' Work; Mrs. Charles Remus and Mrs. A. Anderson, Girls' Work; and the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, pastor of the church. Vacation Bible Schools were also conducted by the mission stations of the church, the school in Bellwood having been held from July 12 to 16 with an enrollment of 85 children and with the Rev. Stanley Johnson in charge, and the school in Cicero from July 14 to 25 having an enrollment of 40 children and Mr. John Mageen, student at the Moody Bible Institute, in charge.

The Rev. G. E. Lohr, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif.,

suffered a stroke on Monday, July 26, while swimming with friends at Long Beach, Calif., and before assistance could reach him he was dead. His unexpected death has brought deep and poignant grief to his many friends, who loved him for his sterling qualities of Christian character, his warm friendliness and his quiet, effective leadership. The members of the Lodi church, to whom he had ministered with such faithful spirit since 1918, have especially felt the stunning blow of his passing. Miss Emma Rowe of the church wrote as follows: "We as a church and community will miss him very much as I know we will have a hard time replacing him with a pastor who has all the fine qualities he had. We can best sum it up by saying that he lived his Christianity and not only preached it."

A Vacation Bible School was held in the German Baptist Church of Anamoose, No. Dak., for two weeks from June 21 to July 2 with 26 children enrolled. Of these 18 received certificates at the closing exercises held on Friday evening, July 2, before a large and appreciative audience of parents and friends. The teachers and assistants were Mrs. E. Wehr in the Junior department, Mrs. F. Mosal and Miss Ruth Kurzweg in the Primary and Beginner department, Miss Adalene Derman, pianist and assistant in handwork and recreation, and the Rev. W. W. Knauff in charge of worship, Bible memorization and chorus singing. A Teacher Training Course has recently been completed with 19 young people completing the work and receiving credit cards. On Sunday, July 25, the Rev. W. W. Knauff baptized several young people at a service combined with the nearby Guthrie Baptist Church, which also held a baptismal service at the same time.

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Editorial

THE SILVER JUBILEE of the General Conference at Portland, Oregon, was an epoch-making and record-breaking program. God in his

bounteous love opened the windows of heaven

with showers of spiritual blessing. The Portland churches far excelled even the renowned reputation of the friendly West with their warm hospitality and well prepared arrangements. Delegates and visitors came from every conference of the denomination in a colorful procession of German Baptists on the march to Portland until the registration reached the total of 858 persons, the highest number of any General Conference. The city of Portland was arrayed in her loveliest raiment of smiling flowers, carpeted lawns, fragrant pine trees and cool, delightful weather.

The stirring parade of young people in attendance at the Portland conference was one of the most prominent features of those significant days. "East and West" met not only in the election of officers for the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union but also in the inspiring fellowship of young people who, from everywhere, had followed the call, "On to Oregon!" Every event on the thrilling young people's program was either a sell-out or a glowing success. The fellowship luncheons had capacity crowds. The sunrise services left their touch of spiritual beauty upon two to three hundred young people present at each service. The mammoth social hall was packed with young people for the program of fun and play after one of the evening services. The Saturday evening banquet with 775 persons seated at the beautifully decorated tables was a glorious sight to behold. The services of worship and the sight-

seeing trips alike found the youth of our churches prominently in the foreground.

This notable fact helped to give the General Conference its optimistic note of future outlook and its radiant spirit of joyous enthusiasm. Dr. Kuhn's statement, presented to the conference with deep emotional fervor, that "one of the beauty spots in the landscape of our church field is that we have kept our young people with us," was quoted repeatedly by others. Leaders of the denomination in its several branches of a widespread ministry spoke of the inspiration that came to them in observing the young people at the conference. Professor von Berge's words echoed the conviction of others, "God's work is still going on!"

This forward-looking spirit found a definite expression in the aggressive program of the denomination to which the convention consecrated itself. New mission fields in the Cameroons of Africa are to be captured for Christ. More intensive evangelistic and young people's work is to be executed on the home field. "The Baptist Herald" is to be increased in size to twenty pages for a larger and more effective ministry. The young people's participation in the General Conference is to be continued. God as "a mighty fortress, a bulwark never failing" is to given a larger place than ever before in the working program of the denomination. That was the dominant keynote of the General Conference.

History was made at Portland, indeed! In a day of transition in which some wondered about the loyalty and devotion of our English-speaking youth in the German Baptist denomination, a strong and stirring answer was given by these young people under the inspiring leadership of Mr. Norman J. Boehm, the retiring president of the National Union: "We are proud of our denomination! We will be true to Jesus Christ! Let us build his Kingdom!"

Life at its Best!

This timely message by Mr. Brushwyler, pastor of the Evangel Church of Newark, N. J., was delivered at the young people's mass meeting on Sunday afternoon, August 15, at the General Conference in Portland, Oregon, and its stirring presentation was one of the memorable mountain-peaks of inspiration at the conference.

By the REV. VINCENT BRUSHWYLER of Newark, N. J.

"And he built an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there; and Isaac's servants digged a well."

Genesis 26:25.

IT is said that Louis, the Great, of France had engraved on his wedding ring these words, "God first, Margaret second, and France third." No matter how much we may differ from that great king in his political philosophy, we must agree that the wording on the wedding ring is given the right order—God first, home second and occupation third.

That was the order of Isaac's life, revealed in the words of our text. "He built an altar there... he pitched his tent there... and his servants digged a well." Here we see the secret of the patriarch's life—God first, home second, and occupation third.

Many young people are starting out in life majoring in minors, putting Margaret or occupation first and God last. When a young man is called "girl-crazy" or vice versa, we have the world's way of saying that that person is putting Margaret first. Others are so engrossed in making a success of their occupation that they have no time for Margaret and much less for God. When Margaret or occupation come first, failure and tragedy are bound to follow as far as one's Christian life is concerned.

The Example of Isaac

The example of Isaac is an illustration of life at its best. Religion, home, and occupation are the three most important phases of life. Portray a man's religious life, his home life, and his business life and one has little left to add to his biography.

Isaac built an altar where God appeared to him. He pitched his tent there. He built his home around the altar. Then he set out to dig wells, establishing his occupation also around the altar. When young men and women build a life along that outline, they are going to build a life that will last, one that is worthwhile, one that will be a blessing, not only now, but in the ages to come for the glory of God. That is life at its best.

The Altar at the Center

Let us consider the first of these three phases of life. Isaac put "First things" first. We also

must put major things in their proper place. Too many are majoring in minors. How foolish it would be to give first consideration to the minor courses in college! The wise student sees that all the important major subjects are taken care of first, and then fills in the minors afterwards. It must be that way in our whole life. Of course, these three phases often overlap, but if God is at the center of our life, everything will take its rightful proportion.

I came to God some years ago through the blessed verse in Matthew, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things" (what things?—the material things, the minor things—) "all these things shall be added unto you." I can testify as one Christian with these years of experience that when the major things—God, his kingdom, and righteousness—are put first, the minor things such as the material necessities of life are taken care of.

It usually costs something to put God first. Isaac built an altar, but let me remind you that Isaac was upon the altar some years previously. He was willing to sacrifice his own life, if God wanted it. That is the one gift that God covets—the gift of ourselves. Nothing else can be substituted. He is not primarily interested in our money unless he has us. Until we do what the Macedonians did, who "first gave themselves," anything else is only secondary.

God Must Have First Place

When God holds first place in our hearts, we find the abundant life that Jesus speaks about. Some young people think that the consecrated life is a dull and uninteresting life. One need only read the missionary reports of Paul Gebauer and other consecrated Christians to find out that such an idea is false. Others are afraid that a consecrated life will make them unpopular. People who are half-hearted in their religion have just enough religion to make them miserable. Like Israel in the wilderness they still have their hearts set on the flesh-pots of Egypt.

What a wonderful thing it would be if every young person in this great audience would see that the altar to God is first in their lives. Some of our young people have let minor things come between the altar and themselves. Some have gained an education, but at the expense of their

altar. They attended schools that have had a dampening effect on their former Christian convictions. They have lowered their Christian ideals because of the pagan influence to which they have subjected themselves. Others become successful in business, but at the expense of their altar. Christian young people! We dare not fail in keeping alive the Baptist heritage which has been handed down to us at the price of blood. Life at its best will only be ours when God is first in our lives.

A Beautiful Christian Home

The second lesson that Isaac exemplifies is the importance that he gave to his home life. "He pitched his tent by the altar." God and the home ought to be very closely related. Too many Christians in this day have copied the example of the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, recorded in the twenty-second chapter of Joshua. They chose their inheritance on the east side of Jordan. They chose this land entirely from the standpoint of material gain. It was fertile pasture land. However, they could not erect an altar on this side of Jordan. That would be defying God's commands. After much misunderstanding, they finally erected a sort of substitute altar, to which they could point in time of question about their religion to prove that they were not pagans. Their altar was not a part of their daily living but merely a symbol. They were like many today, who from a practical standpoint are pagan but have their names on the church roll to which they can point when they are asked if they are Christians. Such an altar and such church membership are not only worthless but harmful. They often stand in the way of possessing the real thing. Our altar must, not only be part of our daily lives, but it must be the primary part, around which everything revolves.

The twenty-fourth chapter of Genesis reveals several important steps in Isaac's marriage and the establishment of his home. In the first place there was real concern about this marriage on the part of the parent, Abraham. He saw to it that his son would not marry a pagan. Isaac's bride was to be chosen from among his own kind. There was wisdom behind that concern. Abraham knew that he had a revelation from God. That revelation must be preserved and realized in his offspring. Isaac was to be the channel of that revelation.

Secondly, there was much intercessory prayer about that marriage. The servant prayed earnestly for divine guidance in his mission. If we expect God to bless our future homes, we had better seek his guidance in our romances. No two people miraculously change into deep men and women of prayer just because they get married. If we do not pray before we are married, there is little assurance that we will pray after we are married. Some young people have the erroneous idea that when they are married and

settled down they will build a home around the altar. If there was no altar before, there probably will not be one afterwards. Next to our personal relationship with Jesus Christ as our Savior marriage is the most important step in life. This relationship should be entered through a courtship that is immersed in a spirit of prayer and an earnest seeking of God's will. It is little wonder that we read that Isaac pitched his tent by the altar when we see how prayerful were the steps in his courtship.

An Occupation Essential to Life

Finally, I want to say a word to you about your vocation or occupation. We note from the text that Isaac was a well-digger. That was a very necessary and useful occupation. Water is essential to life. While driving west to the conference, we noticed some very barren stretches of land. Farther on in our journey, we saw fertile farm lands. What made the difference? Just one thing—water! Water transforms a desert into a garden.

Indeed, Isaac's occupation was essential to life. Such cannot be said about all industry today. Many things at which people spend eight hours a day working, could be dispensed with and the world would be no poorer. In fact, the world would be better without them. I am thinking at the moment of the liquor traffic. Think of the thousands of people, many of them young people, who are working at jobs in office and factory that have some connection with the liquor business. The liquor traffic is a business that is certainly not essential to society's welfare, but is extremely detrimental. No Christian ought to have any interest, either by way of investment or occupation, with any industry that cannot have the smile of God's approval upon it.

I wonder sometimes what would happen if all professing Christians dared to be Christian in principle and practice. No young life can enjoy the full blessing of God unless that person has sought the will of God regarding his occupation. A person has no right to say, "I want to be a doctor, a lawyer, a nurse, a teacher, a stenographer, or a missionary," unless he or she can say that with the approval of the Holy Spirit in his or her life. Unless our ambitions are consecrated to God's glory, we cannot expect his blessing. We cannot enjoy life at its best.

God's Plan for Your Life

God has a plan for everyone of you. Have you ever asked him what it is? He is more willing to reveal it than you are to ask for it. Will you not at this moment take your place in his great plan, that throughout all eternity you may rejoice and be glad that you had the privilege for the few brief years of life of doing his will. Make him first in your life. Take him into your home life. Ask him what he would have you do. Let your whole life revolve around him. I covet for all young people life at its best!

The Empowering Christ

The Keynote Address by the Moderator at the General Conference

By PROFESSOR O. E. KRUEGER OF ROCHESTER, N. Y.

"I have learned ... I know how ... I can ... I do." Thus you read in Paul's letter to the Philippians. "One thing I do ... I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Paul had such a sense of his weakness that he cried out in despair: "O wretched man that I am. Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" His will to power had failed so regularly and consistently that he described his impotence by declaring: "The good that I would do, I do not; the evil which I would not, that I do."

TWO WORDS FOR "POWER"

There came, however, a power into his life which he had not generated himself, a power from without which he declared to be none other than the power of the risen and living Christ. In describing his new energized life he used two words for power. The word "ischyo," is translated, "I can." I have the power to resist, to carry the load. "I know how to be abased and how to abound; how to be filled and how to be hungry." These situations did not overmaster him. He had defensive power. The other word "endynameo," from which we have the related word, "dynamite," implies an inherent power which also expresses itself. Such power dwelt in Christ and transmitted itself to Paul. So he could say: "I can do all things through Christ who empowers or enables me."

A steel bar has power to carry a certain load, to resist a certain strain. When it is magnetized it has a power, not its own, which has been added through something that happened from without. Then it can not only resist a strain but it can reach out, lay hold on and grip another bar that has no such power of its own. We are told that if you hold a steel bar pointing north and south and strike it with a terrific blow it becomes magnetized. Every atom has a north and south pole. The vibration caused by the blow seems to release these atoms sufficiently to allow them to arrange themselves in order: all north poles pointing north; all south poles, south. It is a perfect battle array, ready for the conquest of any iron or steel within grasp. If that be not true, something happens in human life that is true along a similar line.

Paul had the experience of being smitten down. With that blow his whole life became integrated. He became magnetic, dynamic. The secret of it all is in the empowering Christ. It all came to him through the gospel, the

good news, the power (dynamic) of God.

THE CREATIVE WORD OF GOD

The purpose by which Paul was "empowered" moves through four stages. This enabling Christ came to Paul first of all, as the creative word of God.

We cannot deny the power of the word of God. "God said, 'Let there be light' and there was light." All things were made by him, the creative word. In Jesus Christ the eternal creative word of God became flesh and manifested his power in word and life. Behold him in action! "Take up thy bed and walk." The impotent man walks. "Be thou clean!" The rotting body is made whole. "Be thou opened!" The blind receive their sight, the deaf and dumb hear and speak. "Lazarus, come forth." The dead man hears the voice of his creator and obeys his command.

Men know how to use the power of the written and the spoken word. By the words of men peaceful nations have turned into fighting machines. The pen has been said to be mightier than the sword. We use the power of the spoken word with our children. When they feel they are not able to do a certain thing we encourage them with positive suggestions. If you were to frighten that little fellow when he tries to get on his feet and discourage him every time he tries to take a step he might never learn how to walk. If you call your children dumb-bells, numbskulls and simpletons, you are helping them wonderfully to become just that!

The hypnotist also knows something of the power of the spoken word. A man who has the gripping power of 100 pounds is put under hypnotic control and given the suggestion that he is very, very weak. His power sinks down to 29 immediately. Then the suggestion comes that he is very strong. His gripping power goes to 142, far beyond his natural power.

GOD'S WORDS IN US

"If a man calls his brother a cursed fool, he is worthy of hellfire." Why is the Lord so severe? Simply because it is a criminal act to damage a soul. And souls are thus damaged. If the words of man have power to build up and to destroy, how much more should we expect that of the words of God! Jesus Christ is the creative word of God. He spoke creative words to Simon when he told him that he was not a reed swaying in the wind but a solid rock. He spoke creative words to the disci-

ples when he told them that they must be perfect as their Father in heaven is perfect. He spoke creative words to Saul when he said: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? ... I am Jesus whom thou art persecuting ... I will send thee far to the Gentiles." Jesus said: "The words I speak, they are Spirit, they are life." Indeed, his word is a living seed and has creative power.

But what do his words create in you? In me they create a sense of sin and of unworthiness. "Lord, depart from me for I am a sinful man." If the ten commandments were intended to develop a consciousness of sin, the Sermon on the Mount does that much more effectively. Its cutting edge is much sharper, its ideals are so much higher. If men say that all they need is the Sermon on the Mount, they have never taken it seriously. It certainly is sharper than a two-edged sword. He who applies it to himself will find it "piercing even to the dividing of the soul and the body."

THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

The enabling Christ came to Paul, in the second place, as the perfect example, the compelling Son of God.

Having Luke, who made such a complete study of the life of Jesus, as his friend and companion, having spent two weeks with Peter and some time with James, and having heard the testimonies of many martyrs, Paul must certainly have known very much about the life and work of Jesus. The charm of his grace, the manner of his manhood, the perfection of his character laid hold on Paul as the magnet grips the bar of iron... The Spirit of Jesus, the mind of Christ made Paul his prisoner. God revealed to him that this perfect man is the Son of the living God. "When it pleased God to reveal his Son in me..."

The law had created in Paul a sense of sin and a desire for righteousness. The words of Jesus had intensified that conviction and that desire. In Jesus he found the highest ideals realized and personified. But, after all, that brought him no redemption. Good words and perfect patterns have a limited power. Simon had been told that he was a rock but he was still a reed when the maid blew him down with a few frightening words. He had looked at a perfect example for three years, but he found it impossible to follow in his footsteps. He followed afar off. Before he became ready to have himself crucified,

something else had to occur in his life. And it did occur! Peter speaks of a redemption "not by silver or gold, but by the precious blood of Jesus Christ as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

THE REDEEMING LOVE OF GOD

The enabling Christ came to Paul in the third place as the redeeming Love of God.

It is useless to tell a prisoner, tightly laced in straight jacket, to climb mountains. He must first be released and set free. Good words and a perfect example will not help. A power from without must come within to release and to magnetize. That power is redemptive love.

God has always been the God of love and also the God of wrath. He is that still and always will be. He changes not. He has loved with an everlasting love. With loving-kindness he has drawn us to himself. "God so loved the world that he gave." Some seem to think that in spite of John 3:16 the death of Christ changed an angry God into a God of love. But the passage declares that the very motive of God's gift is love. The death of Christ then is a declaration of God's love, the highest declaration possible. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." "God proved his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." The blood of Jesus Christ is the highest demonstration of the everlasting love of God.

But it is more than a demonstration. It is effective in redemption. Paul had shared in the consequences of Adam's

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'Ein' Feste Burg ist Unser Gott.

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OUR MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE

HOME MISSIONS (24 Agencies)	137,000
ABROAD MISSIONS (24 Agencies)	25,000
WOMEN'S MISSIONS (24 Agencies)	45,000
YOUTH MISSIONS (24 Agencies)	15,000
FOREIGN MISSIONS (24 Agencies)	25,000
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A Thrilling View of the General Conference Platform, Looking Across the Colorful Garden of Portland's Finest Flowers to the Speakers on the Program for Friday Evening, August 13, and the Mass Choir under the direction of Mrs. Emma B. Meier with the Conference Motto Overarching the Scene

sin. In the unity of humanity it cannot be otherwise. Through his union with Christ he shared in his righteousness and his life. He finds this redemption in the blood of Christ, the cross of Christ, in which is all his glory, through which the world had been crucified unto him and he unto the world.

THE GLORY OF THE CROSS

What do we mean when we talk about the power of the blood? It is the symbol in time and space of what is eternal in God. It has visualized in matter what is invisible in spirit. In the death of Christ something happened in history which is eternal in God and beyond history. So we read "of the lamb slain from the foundation of the world." From him flows eternal redemptive power.

Paul had discovered the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus which had made him free from the law of sin and death. "For that which the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God in sending his Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin condemned sin in the flesh." By that law the old prisoner of sin, Saul, was dead, and a new man, Paul, was born within. In Christ he became a new creature. "The life that I now live in the flesh I live in the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me."

Have we not all gone over the very same road? From our very childhood we have been listening to his wonderful words of life; his perfect character has had captivating power; but we have all discovered that fine words and perfect patterns could not save us. Our

release came when we were apprehended by redemptive love, when we felt the power of the uplifted Christ draw us to himself and the cross became all our glory and we too were able to say: "He loved me and gave himself for me."

THE UNIFYING AND TRANSFORMING SPIRIT OF GOD

The enabling Christ came to Paul, in the fourth place, as the unifying and indwelling Spirit of God.

"One thing I do." Paul had been a divided personality, a sort of "two-in-one" or double individual. There was a Saul who wanted to do the good and there was a Saul who did the evil. "A man with two minds is unstable in all his ways." It is impossible to serve two masters, God and mammon.

Christ came into Paul's life as the unifier of his mind. In Christ he finds a center which unifies all his interests, all his energies. His self-seeking is all gone. His life is Christo-centric. Of many of the preachers of his day he said: "They all seek their own and not the things of Christ Jesus."

Christ, the empowerer, came into Paul's life as the unifier of his motives. "The love of Christ constraineth me." No one has emphasized more strongly than did Paul the thing that Jesus put into the very center of Christian life. He declares the very driving power of his life to be the love of Christ. Because of this one thing he can do all things. Christ had overshadowed him, and then he empowered him.

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General Conference Echoes

With Glimpses Along the Way and of the Conference
Held at Portland, Oregon, from August 9 to 15.

Special Train Trip

Reported by the Editor of
"The Baptist Herald"

The trip of the General Conference Special Train was an adventure of joy and a pilgrimage of fellowship. Even the spacious Union Station in Chicago was changed into a temple of happy greetings and farewells by the 150 train passengers and their many friends who were there to see them off on Thursday evening, Aug. 5th.

The six tourist cars and standard sleeping car were filled to capacity. The air-conditioned observation and lounge car and the modern comfortable coach were the scenes of innumerable friendly conversations, exciting checker and anagram games, devotional services and special programs. Some of the finest memories of the trip are associated with the diner car because of the sumptuous meals served by the Northern Pacific Company, (who can ever forget the grand Idaho potatoes fit for a king?), the opportunities for stimulating conversation and the thrilling sights to be seen from the large windows.

As the Special Train sped across the green, fertile fields of Minnesota and the expansive and promising grain lands of the Dakotas, the singing and praying German Baptists on board gave a glowing testimony for Jesus Christ. The train personnel commented repeatedly on the exemplary conduct of the passengers. As the Pullman conductor said: "I have never seen such a fine train crowd as you have been." On the steep climb to the Great Divide in the Rockies and down the spectacular descent to Butte, Montana, followed by the scenic trip through the wooded canyons along the winding, splashing mountain streams the observation platform at the end of the train was a popular rendezvous for lovers of nature.

As the train approached Tacoma on Sunday morning, August 8, the enthusiastic comments could easily be overheard. "I wouldn't have missed this trip for anything." "Hasn't it been wonderful?" "Everything has far exceeded my fondest expectations." "This has surely been a foretaste of what heaven must be like!" It was a grand trip which combined spiritual blessings and sightseeing thrills on a memorable train that endeared itself to all its privileged passengers and prepared them for the greater joys to come.



The Young People's Secretary and Mr. Walter Marklein, a former president of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, Taking Moving Pictures of Conference Scenes

Sunday, August 8

The stop-over in Tacoma, Washington, for Sunday was the portal into the enrapturing garden of the General Conference. The Special Train passengers were met at the Tacoma Union station by a large reception committee and 40 private cars. Pink and blue badges of welcome and corsages of fragrant flowers were pinned upon the coat lapels and dresses of the guests before they were whisked in the cars to the German Baptist church.

The inspiring church service in charge of the local pastor, the Rev. George A. Lang, was addressed by Prof. O. E. Krueger, the moderator of the General Conference. More than 350 people packed the church to its utmost capacity. It was the first of several mountain-top experiences on that day, which lifted the worshippers to new and greater heights of emotional fervor and spiritual vision.

Following a fellowship dinner served in the basement of the church, as only the Tacoma women can prepare and serve a dinner, more than 200 persons were taken by car to Paradise Inn, almost 6000 feet high on the side of Mt. Rainier, or Mt. Tacoma, as the Indian name is used more appropriately by our Tacoma friends. Even though the mountain in its bashful timidity could not be seen because of heavy fogs and rain clouds, still the mountain trip had its inspiration at

the vesper service held in a large hall in front of a crackling fire and addressed by the Rev. Paul Wengel of Detroit, Mich., on the theme, "God and the Mountains."

With the smiles of Tacoma friends reflected upon our faces, the several messages stirring in our hearts, and the songs reechoing in our souls, we returned to our Pullman cars and Special Train to continue the journey to its destination at Portland. But Tacoma has won a large place of love in the heart of every passenger on that train that time can never erase!

Monday, August 9

Reported by the Editor of
"The Baptist Herald"

The silver jubilee of the General Conference began promptly according to schedule on Monday evening in the commodious auditorium of the Masonic Temple of Portland with the spirited singing of the conference hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Even on the opening night the auditorium was crowded with 1500 people in attendance, not including the 110 members of the mass choir on the platform singing with divine inspiration under the direction of Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland.

The large platform was richly decorated with a bevy of Portland's most gorgeous flowers. It was a feast for one's eyes to see the colorful array of gladiolas, larkspur, stock, tiger lilies, golden rod, phlox, clarkia, delphinium and daisies. Over the pulpit the theme and motto of the conference spoke with challenging message to all who entered the hall.

For hours during the day the delegates and visitors had been arriving from the denomination's churches in record-breaking numbers until the total of 858 paid registrations was reached towards the close of the week. The arrangements committee with the Rev. E. P. Wahl as chairman had brought their plans to perfection, so that the entire convention schedule was carried out without a single disturbing or marring note. Every person arriving for the convention was greeted with a rose and a smile and a hearty hand-clasp. Homes were opened with gracious hospitality. Automobiles were graciously placed at the disposal of the arrivals. The registration packet filled with programs, song book, missionary brochure and reports was a generous return for the dollar. From the very start one sensed the auspicious

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spirit of the conference that was to be acclaimed by everyone as "the finest and most inspiring General Conference" in the remembrance of those who attended.

The Masonic Temple was a veritable bee hive of activity during the days of the conference. The fascinating mission exhibit and interesting young people's posters in the lounge room converted that room into a popular meeting place and a source of religious inspiration. The dining halls were frequently used for banquets and dinners. The large book room was always filled with thronging crowds. Committee rooms were the scene of busy activity.

But the reporter must return to the thrilling moments of the opening service. The greetings to Portland were brought by the Rev. E. P. Wahl, Dr. Starring in behalf of the Baptist State Convention and a representative of the mayor of the city. A cordial response was delivered by the Rev. J. Leypoldt, who was in charge of the service. The keynote of the convention was delivered by Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., the moderator, on the theme, "The Empowering Christ," which appears in print in the current issue of "The Baptist Herald."

In the cool air of a Portland night following the benediction of God upon the service and the happy fellowship of greeting friends, the conference delegates and visitors made their way to their homes for the week, grateful to God for his blessings and eagerly seeking to see more of his glory during the conference sessions.

Tuesday, August 10

Reported by the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder of Philadelphia, Pa.

With a well-filled assembly room, an atmosphere of eager expectancy, and a keen interest in the hearts of all for the denominational activities the first full day's session of the conference got under way promptly at nine o'clock. Following a brief devotional service led by the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt of Brooklyn, N. Y., the official call to order for the jubilee conference was sounded by the able and genial moderator, Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y. The latter's admonition to the delegates and visitors to exercise in all the deliberations "common sense saturated with the spirit of Jesus Christ" was well received by the many who were assembled to discuss the affairs of the Kingdom enterprise.

Of special interest in the first business session was the report of the General Council which was organized three years ago. Speaking on behalf of the council Dr. William Kuhn, the beloved denominational executive secretary, enumerated the many things for which all German Baptists can be thankful. Then in a very discriminating but not pessimistic manner he proceeded to point out some of the threatening dangers which appear on the landscape of



The Masonic Temple of Portland, Oregon, Which was the Meeting-place of One of the Largest and Most Inspiring General Conferences in the Denomination's History

our denominational enterprise. Those disturbing things, however, were not permitted to cool the spirits of the loyal followers of the Christ, for the report of the secretary and the atmosphere of the meeting pointed directly to challenging words of the conference motto, "We Dare Not Fail."

The next order of business concerned the Publication Society and included the reports of the secretary of the publication board, the Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel; the business manager, Mr. H. P. Donner; the editor of "Der Sendbote," the Rev. S. Blum; and the editor of "The Baptist Herald," the Rev. M. L. Leuschner. While all the reports set forth numerous difficulties confronting the publication work, they likewise suggested forward steps to insure greater efficiency and further progress. As a fitting close to the session the Rev. John Leypoldt of Cleveland, O., led the conference in a half hour of quiet and deeply spiritual worship, speaking on the theme, "In the Beginning God."

In the afternoon the opening devotional service was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Seecamp of Stafford, Ore. A special committee appointed by the moderator to consider publication matters reported through its chairman, the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of Milwaukee, Wis. Several important resolutions offered by the committee were tabled for further consideration and action. Then followed numerous reports on the benevolent work of the denomination. Mr. Hans Steiger represented the orphanage in St. Joseph, Mr. Reuben Windisch the Home in Philadelphia, the Rev. E. Lengefeld the Home in Chicago, and the Rev. J. Kratt the Home in Portland. Following the reports Prof. H. Dymmel, the chairman of the special committee for benevolence affairs, presented several resolutions which were deferred for later action.

The evening session continued the

emphasis on the work of the publication society when the Rev. C. F. Zummach of Trenton, Ill., and the Rev. E. Mittelstedt of Morris, Man., brought timely and inspirational messages. The former spoke in English on "The Printed Page and Kingdom Building" and the latter spoke in German on "The Printed Page and Character Building." Also included in the evening session was an enthusiastic song service led by Mr. Reuben Windisch and two selections by a male chorus of sixty voices conducted by Mr. Harold Petke of Portland.

During the day the young people participated in several events which had been planned specifically for their enjoyment. At noon a capacity crowd of 280 persons attended a get-acquainted luncheon. In the afternoon busses were employed for an extensive sight-seeing tour of the city of Portland. Following the evening service 8 special street cars filled with laughing, singing young people conveyed a large group to Council Crest, a high point in Portland, from which the lights of the city were viewed.

Wednesday, August 11

Reported by the Rev. George A. Lang of Tacoma, Washington

Wednesday was ushered in with a beautiful sunrise service in the Rose Bowl at which about 200 early risers were in attendance. Mr. Walter S. Schaible, vice-president of the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, spoke on the theme, "In the Morning of Life."

Missions was the order of the day on the General Conference program. The Rev. H. G. Ekrut opened with Scripture and prayer. Morning, afternoon and evening were spent in considering our accomplishments, in viewing our future possibilities and in being stirred toward definite action in our missionary opportunities. Young people, dressed in comely native Danubian costumes, moved about in the corridors,

exhibit rooms and general assembly, and were presented to the great audience when the missionary report was given. Our efficient general missionary secretary, Dr. William Kuhn, gave his report in his customary warm and stirring manner.

Our general treasurer, Mr. H. Theo. Sorg, gave the treasurer's report for the past triennium and Mr. J. E. Rocho gave the financial status of the Pension Fund. Among the recommendations by the sessional publication committee, two very important ones were that "Der Sendbote" appear in new form, duplicating the size of "The Baptist Herald," and that the size of "The Baptist Herald" be enlarged from 16 to 20 pages at an increased subscription price of \$1.50. The closing quiet half hour was conducted by the Rev. S. Bum, who spoke on "Progress in Becoming Quiet." This progress is possibly only by reflecting upon what we were and are now, by a proper attitude to Christ, and by anchoring our souls to the immovable eternal Christ.

The Rev. Emil Becker led the afternoon devotional. Then we were privileged to have Carrie B. Adams, a contemporary hymn and cantata writer, introduced to the convention, who spoke a few words of encouragement. The budget for the coming triennium was presented by the finance committee through its chairman, Mr. Arthur Schwerin. The sessional missions committee with Dr. Pieter Smit as chairman submitted several recommendations in which our home and foreign missionary opportunities and responsibilities were stressed. More aggressive, evangelistic efforts at home and abroad by young and old, ministers and laymen, were earnestly encouraged.

Concurrently with the General Conference, the young people held an interesting and valuable gathering in the downstairs auditorium. The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner brought an interesting graph lecture and historical address on "75 Years of German Baptist History in 25 Minutes," and the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner spoke on "Our Young People's Work As I See It."

The Rev. H. W. Wedel of Milwaukee brought the evening German message, speaking on the topic, "Am I My Brothers Keeper?" He laid emphasis upon our right attitude to our neighbors and on the meeting of this obligation to them. The conference mass choir and Mr. Reuben Windisch warmed and lifted our hearts heavenward by their soul-penetrating anthems and solo.

The climax of the day was truly reached at its close, when Mr. H. Theo. Sorg of Newark, N. J., addressed the great evening audience on "Our Baptist Heritage." In masterly language and in racy impassioned oratory we were led into the archives of Baptist contributions in the history of the world, stressing especially that of civil, economic and religious liberty, won and maintained through the efforts of many Baptists. Among the names mentioned

were Hubmaier, Carey, Milton, Bunyan, Judson, Roger Williams, Spurgeon, Rauschenbusch, statesmen, judges and world characters who left their impress upon "the sands of time." It is a noble array of personalities into whose heritage we have entered. Let us "follow in their train." At the conclusion of this address, the audience broke forth into enthusiastic, appreciative applause. Thus ended a busy, blessed and profitable day.

(Mr. Sorg's marvelous address will be published in full in a forthcoming issue of "The Baptist Herald." Editor.)

Thursday, August 12

Reported by the Rev. Alfred Bernadt of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The inspirational moments of the devotional service marked the opening of the session for the day, after which the business of the Kingdom was transacted. The General Council recommended through Mr. H. T. Sorg the appointment of promotional men for three month periods to inform our churches about what has been done and what we hope to do with God's help in all branches of our work in the years to come. After some discussion this plan was adopted.

The Rev. J. F. Olthoff in presenting the report of the Pension Committee recommended among other things that the Pension Plan be carefully studied and administered in the future on a more equitable basis that might include a greater percentage of our ministers and missionaries.

The work of the seminary was then considered by the General Conference. The three new professors Bretschneider, Krueger and Woyke, were officially presented to the conference and their appointments approved. Professor Bretschneider brought the greetings from the retired members of the faculty at Rochester. After assuring the conference of the great possibilities that lie ahead for our seminary, he urged every church to give its unstinted support to this phase of our work. The School Committee and Trustee reports were presented and adopted by the conference. Then followed the customary quiet half-hour led by the Rev. J. Leypoldt who presented in most inspirational manner the theme, "The Saints of God."

The Women's Program in the afternoon was another of those great gatherings that our "Frauen" invariably have at conferences. The Mesdames S. A. Kose, J. Kratt, J. Kaaz, O. E. Krueger, William Kuhn, and the Misses Alethea Kose and F. Hoffmann took their respective parts in the program. Special music was presented by groups from the First German and Immanuel Churches of Portland and Bethany Church. Missionaries who were present were presented, and Missionary Bruno

Luebeck gave an informative and inspirational address concerning his field work at Swatow, China, followed by Miss Mary Epp with a message about her work in South America.

A simultaneous meeting was held by the young people in the afternoon with the downstairs auditorium filled to capacity. Following an address by Miss Lois Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., on the theme, "What's Before Us?", an interpretive glimpse into the possibilities of the future, the Rev. Paul Wengel assisted by Prof. A. A. Schade, Miss Alethea Kose and Miss Kathryn Yung conducted a provocative and informative forum on "The Effective Sunday School."

In the evening the large auditorium seating 1500 people was filled again to capacity to hear an address given by the Rev. David Hamel of Rochester on the theme, "The Glory of the Christian Ministry" and a German address given by Rev. H. Palfenier of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, on the theme, "Preach the Word." As usual a splendid choral group from the local churches rendered inspirational musical numbers.

And so we came to the close of another conference day in the beautiful "City of Roses" in Oregon! It was especially a wonderful close for several hundred young people who gathered in the downstairs auditorium for a social program of games under the direction of the Misses Alice and Dorothy Reincke of Clayton, Ohio, and the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of Milwaukee.

Friday, August 13

Reported by the Rev. Pieter Smit, D. D., of Lorraine, Kansas

As it began to dawn toward Friday 250 young people dared to get out of bed for the second sunrise service. The Rev. Milton R. Schroeder led the meeting with an inspirational message. There was a keen response to this wonderful service in God's great out-of-doors.

The meetings of the General Conference were resumed when the Rev. A. Feberg led the devotions at the temple. Dr. Reid McCollough brought greetings from the Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary. This was followed by routine business such as Publication Society Committee report, discussions on the work of the society, addition of members for promotional work, etc. A resolution was adopted to investigate the means of establishing a stronger Pension Fund for the ministers and missionaries. We were again favored with a special number from a young women's sextet from Waco, Texas. Now, where do we go from here? Two invitations came from churches for the next conference in 1940. "Winnipeg or Bust" was the choice of the conference instead of "Rochester Next."

The Rev. Bruno Luebeck was presented to the conference and brought words of greetings. The Rev. W. S.

Argow of Burlington, Iowa, led us in a worshipful memorial service for those who had passed to glory during the year. The usual quiet hour ended the morning session.

The afternoon was a time for the young people with Norman J. Boehm, president, in charge. Chester Buenning very ably led us in the song service while the Rev. T. W. Bender read the Scripture and the Rev. L. H. Broeker led in prayer. We were wonderfully blessed by the singing of a Chinese mother who sang "Blessed Assurance" in the Chinese tongue. The Rev. William Kuhn, D. D., who seems to have insight into everything, spoke to the young people on the subject, "Our Heritage and Relation to the Denomination."

Two little Chinese girls added to the afternoon's program by singing "He Will Hold Me Fast" in their native language. The afternoon closed with prevailing business and election of officers for the coming three years, following the report of the young people's secretary, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner.

The new officers of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union are Ed Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., president; Harold Petke of Portland, Ore., vice-president; Frieda Klein of Cathay, No. Dak., secretary; and M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., young people's secretary.

At five o'clock the ministers and wives gathered for the seminary banquet, where the Rev. Louis B. Holzer ably led the meeting that followed. Many angles of a ministerial life were touched upon in the short talks by several ministers.

The evening closed with Dr. Kuhn presiding at the conference session. The Rev. Phil. Daum described our Canadian field in the first address, and the Rev. John Leypoldt then brought an emphatic message on evangelism.

Saturday, August 14

Reported by the Editor

The conference group divided rather sharply on Saturday. Some stayed in Portland to attend the closing business session of the conference. The reports of committees, the adoption of resolutions and the passing of important conference motions completed the business transactions of the day. The date of the General Conference in 1940 to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, was set for the third week in July, 1940.

Mr. H. P. Donner led the closing devotional period by speaking on "A Diagnosis and a Prescription—a Denominational Clinic." This was followed by a twenty minute period of prayer in which many took part. In this profound atmosphere of prayer the group was led with unanimous enthusiasm to sing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" as all those present joined hands in Christian fellowship.

Closing Day

Sunday was the best day of all in the brightness of the sunshine and the brightness in the hearts of the conference visitors. The Sunday Schools in the two Portland churches were brightened by the greetings from visiting friends. The morning service of worship reached a great climax in the singing of the large minister's chorus led by the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt and the sermon by the Rev. Assaf Husmann of Philadelphia, Pa.

The feature of the afternoon mass meeting for young people was the challenging address on "Life at Its Best" by the Rev. Vincent Brushwyler of Newark, N. J., which is published in this issue of "The Baptist Herald." It followed a varied program of singing, the installation of new officers conducted by Mr. H. P. Donner, the reading of letters from Dr. George W. Truett and Missionary Paul Gebauer, a memorial service in memory of the late Rev. A. P. Mihm led by Mr. Walter Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the announcement of the prize-winning posters. Simultaneous with this meeting, a German service was held in the downstairs auditorium addressed by Rev. Herman von Berge.

The singing of the conference was an inspiration in itself. German Baptists love to sing to the glory of God.

The communion service in the evening was the fitting spiritual climax to this notable General Conference. Led by the Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., who was assisted by the Reverends J. A. H. Wuttke of Sacramento, Calif., and R. M. Kleingbeil of Colfax, Wash., and 40 deacons, the communion service was observed with quiet serenity, fervent prayer and forward-looking faith. Everyone at the service felt the strength of "the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love" throughout the denomination as well as the strength of the bonds of faith and trust with Christ, our Lord and Savior. With high hopes and dauntless courage and joyous outlook the conference visitors bade each other farewell and turned their faces homeward to build for Christ and his Kingdom!

Among all the homeward-bound pilgrims none was happier and more grateful than our beloved general missionary secretary, the Rev. William Kuhn, whose vision of several years of a great inspiring conference at Portland had been realized and had been brought to a glorious completion. His leadership in our denomination with God's help and seal of approval was symbolized by the manner in which the Portland General Conference became the greatest of all conferences in the denomination's history. Its blessings must now become the streams of life revitalizing our churches and transforming the desert places into gardens of spiritual glory!



Professor O. E. Krueger,
Relected Moderator of the General
Conference for 1937-1940

Reports from the Field

Northwestern Conference

The 52nd Annual Report of the Randolph B. Y. P. U.

As we of the B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., look back over the past year, we are again reminded of God's guidance and leadership in our meetings and other activities.

We have had ten regular meetings this year. We have also enjoyed the fellowship meetings with other societies, which were given by talented young people from other churches, and those conducted by our own society. We are very grateful to our pastor, the Rev. H. C. Wedel, the male chorus, and all others who have contributed to the success of our society.

The officers for the past year were Gladys Miller, president; Royce Miller, vice-president; Edna Miller, treasurer; and Marion Peter, secretary.

We look forward to another year of consecrated service for Jesus Christ.

MARION PETER, Secretary.

Opening of Mite Boxes by the Women of the First Church of St. Paul

The Women's Missionary Society of the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., has a service once a year for the opening of its mite boxes. On Thursday, July 15, the members and friends of the society met at the home of Mrs. Barrette, who always has an open house for any church activities.

A program of special music, violin solos, songs, readings and a recitation was given by members and friends. While Mrs. I. Bruns played a lovely violin solo, all came forward and under a cross, beautifully trimmed in green, laid their mite boxes and gifts to the amount of \$25 for mission work. After the dedication prayer and song a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

We do not often report about our work, but we hold our regular meetings every month and help to support the work in our church and missions. We hope to do more in the future.

HANNA NEVE, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference The Annual Report of the Ladies' Aid of Wilmington, Del.

The Ladies' Aid of the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Del., has a membership of 17 women. We hold our meetings on the first Thursday of the month with an average attendance of 12 present. We have enjoyed the

meetings immensely this year, for all the members invited us to their homes.

We make it a point to remember all who are sick or confined to their homes with cards, fruit or flowers. We have made substantial contributions to the General Missionary fund. We have nickel strips which must be returned filled in September and May. They brought a total of \$22.50. We also gave \$50 for the support of the church, \$25 for the coal, \$5 for renovating the parsonage. We sold extracts, dish cloths and Christmas cards in order to make money for our society. Mrs. Edna Leedon is our new president. Mrs. Emma Hoffmann preceded her as president for 16 years.

On Feb. 10 we observed the day of prayer at the church, taking box lunches and coffee for our supper at church, where we had charge of the meeting which was well attended.

We read missionary books at our meetings. We finished "Between Two Centuries" and have also gone through the "Life of Ann H. Judson." We pray that God will be with us during the coming year and help us to do more for the Lord's work.

MRS. ALICE M. LUDWIG, Secretary.

Dakota Conference The Baptist Young People's Assembly of the Central Dakota Association

The week of July 5 to 11 was one of great spiritual instruction and fellowship for the young people of the Central Dakota Association. Their summer assembly this year was held at Jamestown College, Jamestown, No. Dak. The delegates and visitors stayed in Watson and Sanford dormitories and the evening services were held in Voorhees Chapel.

Registration was held on Monday, July 5. Prof. H. G. Dymmel spoke in the evening. After the service a get-together gathering was held in Sanford parlor.

On Tuesday and each following day the same routine was carried out. Classes convened from 9 to 11 o'clock. At 9:00 A. M. "Bible Doctrine" and "Baptist Principles" were taught by Prof. H. G. Dymmel and Prof. F. H. Woyke, respectively. At 10:00 o'clock they also taught "Teacher Training" and "Missions." The assembly met every morning at 11:00 o'clock in Watson lounge for a half an hour's gathering of a devotional nature.

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons classes on "Music" and "Business Procedure" were conducted by Prof. H. G. Dymmel and Mr. J. C. Gunst. The Rev. A. Ittermann of Wishek spoke

Tuesday evening and after the services a spelling bee was held in Sanford parlor.

The young people from the Ashley church were in charge of the sunrise service on Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock. The annual business meeting was held in the afternoon. The following officers were elected; president, J. C. Gunst, Grand Forks; vice-president, Ephraim Schrenk, Venturia; secretary, Phyllis J. Bushy, Jamestown; treasurer, Adella Schmidt, Gackle, and dean, Rev. David Littke, Streeter. In the evening the Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch spoke, after which a bonfire was built a short distance away and marshmallows were roasted. Many also gave their testimony as to what it meant for them to be a Christian.

The Rev. D. Littke of Streeter addressed the group on Thursday evening. Afterwards an amateur hour was enjoyed by all in Watson lounge. Mr. Oscar Bonikowsky was "Major Bowes." Interesting and varied numbers were presented by different members of the group.

Another sunrise service was held on Friday morning with the Linton B. Y. P. U. in charge. In the afternoon the young people motored to Spiritwood Lake for a picnic. The majority of the group enjoyed swimming and before the picnic supper the installation of officers was held. After the service at which Rev. Victor Sherling of Jamestown spoke, Prof. Woyke showed moving pictures of his European travels.

A short devotional meeting was held at 8:30 on Saturday morning before classes. A large number of people attended the banquet in the evening with Prof. Dymmel as toastmaster.

Sunday, July 11, was the last day of the assembly. Sunday School and a worship service at which Prof. Dymmel spoke, were conducted in the morning. Prof. Woyke addressed a group at a short service in the afternoon.

All attending felt and voiced their opinion that the college was an ideal place for our assembly and they had received a blessing and much benefit from having attended.

PHYLLIS J. BUSHY, Secretary.

Southern Conference The Southern Conference at the Carroll Avenue Church in Dallas From July 13 to 18

On Tuesday evening, July 13, German Baptist friends from the Texas churches, Mowata, Louisiana, and Elberta, Alabama, motored to the city of Dallas where the meeting-place for spiritual blessings took place with the convening of the Southern Conference. The local pastor, the Rev. Wm. Schweit-

zer, welcomed the delegates and visitors to the homes and church. The evening message on "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" was given by the Rev. J. J. Lippert.

A devotional period was led each morning by the brethren Kuchenbecker and Benny Spross and the Reverends H. Ekrut und L. Hoeffner. A quiet half hour every morning followed the business session and was conducted by the Reverends L. Hoeffner, P. Potzner and A. Becker. The Wednesday evening message was given by the Rev. H. Ekrut on "Seek to Save the Lost Souls."

Thursday afternoon was reserved for the Ladies' Aid groups, and they rendered a fine program. On Thursday evening we had the privilege of having the editor of "The Baptist Standard," Dr. F. M. McConnell, who spoke to a large gathering on "Public Sentiment." On this evening a special number, "Rest in the Lord," was rendered by the Dallas choir and dedicated to those who have gone to the great beyond during the last conference year.

On Friday afternoon the young people of the B. Y. P. U.'s and Sunday Schools held their business session in connection with which there was the election of officers. On Friday evening we had the pleasure of hearing the executive secretary of the Texas Convention, Dr. Campbell, who brought a message to the young people on "Youth and Yokes." On Saturday morning after the unfinished business period the Rev. C. C. Gossen conducted an open forum on a theme of great interest to the youth of today, "Movies."

During the Sunday School period on Sunday morning speakers from churches in Kyle, Crawford, Donna, Mowata, and Elberta took part. The Sunday morning message was brought by the Rev. Paul Hintze on the text, "Whatever he saith unto you, do it."

Sunday afternoon we had the privilege of listening to a young people's program given by various talented representatives of B. Y. P. U.'s in Crawford, Hurnville, Cottonwood, Mowata and Dallas. The installation of new officers was held. The offering amounted to \$15.83. The special speaker on the program was the Rev. W. H. Buening who spoke on "Defeat and Victory."

On Sunday evening we were favored with something unusual, a "Police Chorus" of 15 men who brought several selections, which was enjoyed very much. The message was brought by the Rev. P. Potzner on the words, "Have I not sent thee?"

The conference would not have been complete, had it not been for all the splendid numbers rendered by the Dallas church choir and the different individual numbers given by various ones every day. May we all have gone back to our respective places of duty more willing to do our bit in God's Kingdom during this new conference year!

MATHILDA HIRSCH, Reporter.



Smiling Young People at the Lake Geneva Assembly of the Young People's Union of Chicago and Vicinity

Central Conference Inspiring Assembly for Young People from Chicago and Vicinity at Lake Geneva

July 5th brought to a close the summer assembly of the German Baptist young people of Chicago and vicinity, which was held at College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The efforts of the committee, headed by Victor Loewen of the First Church of Chicago, and all those associated with the work were greatly rewarded when a large number turned out for the week and a still larger group for the week-end. This was the first time in the history of the organization that an entire week was set aside for Bible study and fellowship, and the results were gratifying enough to warrant the formulation of plans for the summer of 1938.

It was our privilege to have Professor Albert Bretschneider of the Rochester Seminary with us for the week, who brought us a series of messages from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Dr. W. D. Emerson, dean of Wheaton College and professor of Psychology, brought a group of messages on "Psychology and Christian Experience." The Rev. J. Mueller of the Immanuel Church led the group discussion on young people's problems. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, who was to have been on our faculty but due to illness was unable to take his class, was with us for the week and was able to lead one discussion group on Saturday. The Rev. Theo. W. Dons of the Oak Park Church, Dr. W. Kuhn, the Rev. L. Gittings of the Englewood Church and Mr. Otto Nollinger of the First Church were present with us and spoke at various meetings. An interesting time was had at the Saturday night banquet when a number of the group took part followed by a message by Dr. B. Otto, a former pastor in the Chicago area.

Sunday was a busy day. The day was started with Sunday School which was in charge of Mr. W. Pankratz. Perhaps the most impressive service of the week was that of Sunday morning when the entire group wended their way to "Vision Hill" where Professor Bretschneider brought the message assisted by Arthur Pankratz, who was in charge of the large choir and band. A light musical program arranged by Arthur Pankratz added to the enjoyment of Sunday afternoon. The closing consecration service held on Sunday night brought to a close the meetings of the conference, except for a short devotional service on Monday morning when a "Say-So" meeting was held and the group expressed their thoughts on the conference and the blessings received.

Much could be said of the recreational facilities of College Camp. Golf was a favorite, especially for the pastors (Professor Bretschneider thinks it's a pretty good game too), ping pong, horseback riding, bike riding, volley ball, not to mention every type of water sport, including sailing.

A more ideal spot in which to study and fellowship and to "Consider Him," the theme of the assembly, could not have been found anywhere, and those who had the privilege of having been there voiced their opinion that they would be looking forward to another "Lake Geneva Assembly" in 1938.

ETHEL BOYER, Reporter.

Decision Day and Baptismal Service in the Bethel Church of Detroit

On Sunday, August 1, seven boys and girls of the Church School of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., made public confession of their faith in Christ through baptism. They were Marilynn Brucks, Winifred Brucks, Barbara Dreves, Gilberte D'Haillecourt, Shirley Green, William Kydon and Roger Williams.

The young people made their decision to follow Christ partly as a result of recent evangelistic services, and partly as the result of a "Decision Day" in the Junior-Intermediate Department which came as the climax to several weeks of definite preparation. At the beginning of the period the teachers and workers of the department held a retreat, in which the necessity and importance of evangelism were considered and plans laid for a definite program of personal work. The retreat was climaxed with a consecration service.

After several weeks of personal work on the part of the teachers and workers in the classes and in the department as a whole, the pastor, the Rev. Paul Wengel, spoke to the group on three successive Sundays, concluding the third with a definite appeal, resulting in a number of decisions. Those who made their decisions were gathered into a class of instruction on church membership, meeting every day for a week in sessions of one and one-half hours. On completion of the course of instruction the service of baptism was held.

REPORTER.



The Sunday School Teachers of the Edmonton, Alberta, Church at the Annual Picnic

Northern Conference

The Fine Edmonton Sunday School at Work and Play

The Sunday School of the First German Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, under the capable leadership of our superintendent, Mr. Ed. Nelner, meets each Sunday morning with an average attendance of 142 scholars. The Sunday School is divided into various classes, so that the lesson may be treated in a way that it will be most helpful to the scholars as they pass through the various stages of Christian development.

July 1st was a special day of rejoicing when about 250 children and adults laid aside their work and cares to come together for the annual picnic. A large green glade surrounded by trees and shrubs was chosen as the setting for this happy outing.

At the commencement of the picnic an open air devotion was held at which various classes contributed numbers.

The Male Choir under the leadership of Mr. Wm. Schubert and the Band under the guidance of Mr. Ed. Nelner assisted with musical numbers, and we do believe that it was a "joyful noise" that we as Christians were able to make in the presence of our Creator during this beautiful open air meeting.

Following this an enjoyable program of races, contests, and baseball was arranged by our sports committee of which Mr. Oscar Wollenberg is chairman. Mr. Alfred Zielke and his staff of caterers had a most busy day supplying the needs of the hungry picnickers, and although they were tired and weary at the close of the day, it was nevertheless a pleasure for them to have been able to make others happy.

It must have been a most enjoyable scene that greeted our pastor, the Rev. Aug. Kraemer at the picnic grounds on his return to Edmonton, as older members were gathered in their respective groups enjoying the sunshine and open air, and keenly watching the younger athletes matching their skill against each other. We are, indeed, grateful to our pastor and family for the very ac-

Rev. N. A. Christensen of Medicine Hat.

On Saturday morning Miss E. Ittermann had charge of the devotional period. The Rev. Otto Fiesel, director of young people's work and the Rev. N. A. Christensen, director of the Sunday Schools, gave their reports concerning their visitations to the various churches. An inspiring message for Sunday School work was brought by Mr. P. Hunsicker.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr. John Kundert had charge of the devotional period. During the afternoon period the election of officers for the coming year was held which resulted as follows: Rev. Otto Fiesel of Hilda, president; Rev. G. Ittermann of Rosenfeld, vice-president; Mr. E. Straus of Bur-stall, secretary; Mr. P. Sehr of Medicine Hat, treasurer; Mrs. Adolf Jaster of Rosenfeld, pianist. The directors for the coming year are Rev. O. Fiesel, young people's director; Rev. G. Ittermann, Sunday School director; and Mrs. Gus Schatz, music director. The afternoon was brought to a close with a message by Mr. Walter Stein. The Saturday evening inspirational message was brought by the Rev. G. Ittermann.

On Sunday morning Mr. Adolf Jaster, superintendent of the local Sunday School, was in charge of the combined school. The superintendents of the various churches of the Union addressed the audience, and the Rev. N. A. Christensen brought a message. The Rev. O. Fiesel brought the morning message which was a blessing to us all. The mass choir led by Mr. G. Schatz sang two numbers during the service. The afternoon was brought to a close with a splendid program by the young people of the Union.

JOHN KUNDERT, Reporter.

The Alberta Baptist Convention at Wiesental

In past years the German Baptist Convention of Alberta, Canada, usually lasted for several days. This year it was held in connection with the Tri Union for only one day. The time has been greatly reduced, but the blessings have no doubt been extended.

The church of Wiesental with its community was "the home" of our gathering, beginning Wednesday evening, July 21, and closing in the afternoon of Sunday, July 22. We call it the "Home" because of the fine way in which we were received by the pastor, the Rev. F. W. Benke, as well as the faithful members of the church.

The name, "Wiesental," when put into English words, gives us a vivid picture of the country surrounding the church. It speaks of meadows green fields, pasture lands, streams and vales.

To the strains of music rendered by the Wiesental orchestra the many visitors and friends assembled in and about the tent. After an inspiring introductory message given by the Rev. A. Kraemer of Edmonton, and a word of welcome by the Rev. F. W. Benke,

the Rev. G. W. Rutsch of Stony Plain made the reply. On Thursday morning, after a short devotional period conducted by the Rev. H. Schatz of Leduc, the convention was organized. This was followed by reports from the various churches. We also had the privilege of having Professor and Mrs. Frank Woyke in our midst. After a hearty welcome had been extended to them by the audience, Professor Woyke of the German Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., gave a very interesting lecture on the topic, "Resolute Christianity." The afternoon session was also opened with a short devotional period, conducted by the young people's society of the Second Baptist Church of Leduc. Following this the remaining church reports were given, describing the successful work in the past year. The closing topic of our convention was "The Christian Church," a Bible study conducted by the Rev. A. Kujath of Calgary.

As the Alberta Baptist Convention we wish to join in saying, "We have done our work to the glory of God." RUBIN KERN, Reporter.

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Read Proverbs 15:1-9

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Contentment in the Home
Read Proverbs 17:1-8

Friday, September 10
Spiritual Cooperation
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The Church Family
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Sunday, September 12
Godly Influence
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A King Chooses Wisdom
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Seminary Opening at Rochester

The German Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., will open the new school year Wednesday, September 15. All new students should be in Rochester by Tuesday evening. On Wednesday morning they will meet the dean and faculty for classification and for instruction as to how they can profit most, intellectually and spiritually, while they continue their studies in "the Flower City." In the afternoon the faculty and new students will make a tour of the city and vicinity in automobiles to become acquainted with the beauty spots and wonderful educational opportunities of this fair city.

Classes begin on Thursday at 8 A. M. All students are expected to be present by that time. On Friday evening the formal opening exercises will take place in the chapel with the principal address by Professor Frank Woyke. There will also be a welcoming address by a senior and by the acting pastor of Andrews Street Church. A reception, to which all students and friends of the institution are invited, will be held immediately afterwards.

The incoming class is composed of eleven young men who come with high educational attainments and spiritual qualifications. They are coming from the extreme East and the extreme

A SONG FOREVER

Due to the General Conference reports and several addresses published in this Special Conference Number of "The Baptist Herald," the regular installment of the serial story, "A Song Forever," could not be included. It will be continued as usual in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald."

West, from the North and from the South representing four states and three provinces in Canada. We pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon them as they leave their homes and churches to take up their new way of life with its unique privileges and high responsibilities. May the pastors and churches that send these young men undergird them with their prayers for their task!

The names of the young men who are entering the seminary this Fall are as follows: John Giesbrecht of Dallas, Oregon; Robert Schmidt of Narberth, Pa.; Emer Buening of Hope, Kansas; Robert Schreiber of Bethlehem, Pa.; Hans Joachim Wilcke of Cleveland, Ohio; Cornelius Rempel of Winnipeg, Manitoba; Fred Schmidt of Leduc, Alberta; Fred Mashner of Leduc, Alberta; Carl Weisser of Camrose, Alberta; John Weinbender of Southey Saskatchewan, and Leslie Albus of Carrington, No. Dakota.

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Fall Session opens Sept. 14. Write to Pres. Andrew B. Martin

The Empowering Christ

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Christ came into the life of Paul as the unifier of his migration. He was on his way and knew where he was going. Today many lightly declare they know where they are going. You cannot have a unified life unless you have a unified goal. "Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching toward the things which are before, I press onward to the goal." That goal is both a place and a state.

THE IMAGE OF CHRIST

The state of that goal is nothing less than his transformation into the image of Christ. "To know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his suffering being made conformable unto his death." Paul knew himself to be "predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son."

This is the normal Christian life. Not every Christian may be conscious of its process. But Christ does come to the individual as a creative word of God, as the pattern of perfection in the Son of God, as redemptive love in the cross of the Son of God, as the unifying and transforming Spirit of God in the heart of the believer. If that describes your history you too can say: "I can do all things through Christ who empowers me."

WE DARE NOT FAIL!

His power is available. Why then are you always confessing your defeat? Why are you not a powerful Christian? You may and you must have victory. You know all about the Word of God, the beautiful sinless life of Jesus, and his atoning death on the cross. Do you know anything about the real resurrection of Jesus Christ which not only left an empty tomb but filled an empty heart? Do you know anything about the indwelling Spirit? But why do so many still live such a mean, narrow, sour, bitter life? Why are so many such grumbling, growling, money-grabbing Christians? No! If you are that, you are not a Christian. Are you a branch cut off the vine? A branch has no power of its own. Are you severed from Christ? Or have you never fully surrendered to him? Why not let the empowering Christ come into your life?

When the sons of Zebedee asked for the grant of special privileges, Jesus replied: "Are you able to drink the cup which I shall drink and be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They replied with emphasis, "We are able!" In speaking of Christians as incense-bearers and as the very fragrance of Christ, Paul asks, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Then he hastens to reply, "We are!" I can . . . through Christ!

He did not fail us. We dare not fail him. Our denominational tasks will be set before us these days in all of their challenges and difficulties. We can win! We must win! We shall win, if we have the will to win.