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An
Unusual View
of the Statue of
Abraham Lincoln
Against a Background
of Snow-covered
Trees
in Portland, Oregon,
Standing Serenely
Across the Street
from
the Masonic Temple,
the Meeting-place
of the
General Conference
in 1937



What's Happening

The Christmas cantata, "The Adoration," was rendered in the German Baptist Church of Cathay, No. Dak., on Sunday evening, Dec. 19. The Rev. A. Ittermann directed the choir. The Christmas story was read by Miss Verna Wahl. The church orchestra played several selections. The Misses Ruth Heringer and Renetta Berndt sang a duet.

Recently the B. Y. P. U. of the Immanuel Church of Portland, Oregon, held its annual business meeting. The following officers were elected: Victor Steinfeld, president; Delbert Delzer, vice-president; Maxine Haag, secretary; Charlotte Stuart, asst. secretary; Raymond Steinfeld, treasurer; Margaret Marks, pianist. The Rev. Otto Roth, the pastor of the church, is assisting the B. Y. P. U. in its ambitious program for the coming year.

The Berea Class of the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., gathered at the home of Mrs. Himmelsbach on Monday evening, Dec. 27, and surprised Mrs. Schiel, who was formerly president for many years, on her birthday. After a program of songs and games, Mrs. D. Miller, the new president of the class, presented Mrs. Schiel with a gift. After a most pleasant evening of fellowship, the teacher, Mrs. S. Wuerch, brought the meeting to a close with prayer.

The Rev. Daniel Meyhoefer of Bridgeport, Conn., whose resignation as pastor of the King's Highway Baptist Church of the same city was announced in the last issue of "The Baptist Herald," will close his service there on April 1. During the summer he intends to make an extensive trip to Europe and to Palestine and to visit his parents in Germany whom he has not seen in 11 years. In the Fall he will attend Westminster College near Pittsburgh Pa., for further studies in order to attain his B. A. degree.

The Rev. J. A. Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., whose resignation as pastor of the First German Baptist Church was announced in the Jan. 1 issue has written to the editor of "The Baptist Herald" correcting the statement that he will retire from the active pastorate. He hopes to be able to continue in some Christian work or interim service as the Lord may lead. In June of this year it will be 41 years since he began his service as a minister of the gospel. This ministry is still very dear to his heart.

An unusually fine program was ren-

dered on New Year's Eve at the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, No. Dak. The first part of the evening at this Watchnight service was devoted to the play, "The Pageant of Life," presented by the members of the Young Ladies' class. With appropriate songs the message of each season of the year was dramatically symbolized. The pastor of the church, the Rev. G. W. Rutsch, also brought an address for the occasion. The balance of the evening was devoted to a social period and a season of testimonies and prayers.

Mr. Harvey L. Neelen of Milwaukee, a son of the late Judge Neele B. Neelen, a staunch German Baptist leader, and of his widow, Mrs. Neelen, who is still a member of the North Avenue Church of Milwaukee, took the oath of office as judge of the district court in Milwaukee on Monday, Jan. 3. Judge Neelen is a young man of only 31 years of age. He is a member of an English Baptist Church of the city. Mrs. Neelen of the North Avenue Church holds the unique distinction of being the widow and mother of judges in the district court.

An agency for all steamship lines between the United States and Europe is held by the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D.D. All tickets for such service can be secured through him. Every possible courtesy will be shown all who are interested. Every bit of profit, accruing from the sale of such steamship tickets, goes to the denomination's mission fund. In past years quite a number of members have provided considerable business, but it is hoped that 1938 may be a record-breaking year! Dr. Kuhn's address is Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

The General Missionary Society has recently received checks totaling \$125 from the Women's Missionary Society and the Matrons' Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church of Madison, So. Dak., to be applied on the principal of the church debt of \$4000. Mrs. H. F. Krueger, the president of the Women's Society, wrote as follows: "The women of our church are anxious to clear up this debt and have made a good start. We hope that it will kindle enthusiasm in the rest of the church and can pay off the entire amount soon."

The Women's Missionary Society of the Laurelhurst Church of Portland, Ore., held a Christmas program recently to which their husbands and friends had been invited. The Christmas story was read by Mrs. Anna Wardin. The program consisted of in-

strumental and vocal numbers, several recitations and a travelogue. Eleven large baskets of food for the needy unemployed of the church were prepared. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Fred W. Mueller, had a part in the service before the period of social fellowship at the close.

The Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor of the German Baptist Church in Herreid, So. Dak., had the joy of baptizing 7 persons at the Watchnight service on Friday evening, Dec. 31. The Rev. Arthur Fischer of Beulah, No. Dak., preached the baptismal sermon. These converts and 3 others were received into the fellowship of the church at the communion service that followed. During the last hour of the service the five deacons of the church brought brief messages. Mr. Fenske will close his ministry in Herreid on Sunday, March 21, in order to begin in Vancouver, Canada, on April 1.

Recently revival meetings were held in the Baptist Church of Donna, Texas, in the fruitful Rio Grande Valley. The evangelistic messages were brought by the Rev. C. H. Edinger of Kyle, Texas, the mission secretary of the conference. Although the heavy rains necessitated the abbreviation of the scheduled series of meetings, many blessings were received and a boy confessed his faith in Christ. At the Christmas program the young people presented the play, "When Christmas Comes." The Rev. L. Hoeftner the pastor of the church, wrote that they "are trying to be active and to carry on the Lords work."

On Thursday, Jan. 6, the Rev. Henry Koch quietly celebrated his 75th birthday at his home. He is still able to (Continued on Page 53)

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EDITORIAL

SINCE the first of the year, "The Baptist Herald" has been entering many new homes for the first time. Several hundred new subscribers

**Welcome!
New Readers
of "The Baptist Herald"**

have been added to "The Baptist Herald" family, bringing us much closer than ever to the realization of our fond hopes of attaining five thousand subscribers. The concerted co-operation of boosters and agents, the earnest solicitation by ministers, and the active good-will of readers in behalf of "The Baptist Herald" have been a source of great joy to us.

An elderly woman in one of our churches, who cannot read "The Herald" herself because she is blind, is subscribing to it for her promising young grandson, a boy of eight years of age. An Oklahoma resident has also subscribed for a friend of of his, who is a Methodist minister. The recent article about the hymn, "Living for Jesus," so delighted him that he asked for fifty copies of the song. In the little town of Hilda, Alberta, Canada, "The Baptist Herald" is welcomed by the ticket agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway and his wife, who are not members of the German Baptist Church. In distant Alaska at the Baptist mission station at Juneau "The Herald" is a regular visitor.

We welcome you, new readers, to the joyous fellowship of this large family of "Baptist Herald" friends. It is our endeavor to uplift the Lord Jesus Christ into spiritual prominence and glory through the ministry of this publication. To that end we welcome your contributions and criticisms in order that "The Herald" might be adapted to meet your peculiar needs and to be privileged of God to be the channel of divine blessings for you.

Undoubtedly, you will be interested in the purposes which motivate the editor in the preparation of each issue. We must always take this

fact into account, that our readers form a conglomerate group of people with varied interests and backgrounds of life. Somehow all the varied requests must be satisfied and the many needs must be met.

Since "The Baptist Herald" is a denominational paper, it must bring an array of news. This is done by the short paragraphs on the "What's Happening" pages and by the reports. They will be kept fresh, brief, and graphic, illustrated by pictures, in order to catch your attention and to hold your interest.

But we shall always balance this with inspirational articles and material for spiritual reflection and Christian growth. The finest possible articles will be solicited. The best sermons of our ministers will be published. Evangelistic messages for the unconverted reader will be featured. The most recent reports of Christian missionaries will be given important space. Special events in the church's calendar will be commemorated in its issues.

A number of departments will have special interest for certain groups. "The Daily Meditations" will be the spiritual light that brightens the beginning of each new day for many. The younger ones will delight in the "Children's Page." The B. Y. P. U. leaders will use the program material. Budding poets will send their poems for the "Contributor's Page." The young people will eagerly wait for the next installment of the serial story, "Sunrise." The studios will follow "The Book Chat." "The Letter-box" will be ideal for those who want to blow off some excess steam!

We welcome you again, new readers, to this banquet table in each issue of "The Baptist Herald." You may not care for every dish, but we do trust that you will be amply satisfied after partaking of the good things offered to you. We want this to be a spiritual feast for your enjoyment!

What's Before Us?

Miss Lois Schroeder, a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., and the president of the Anaheim B. Y. P. U., stirred the hearts of the young people in one of the General Conference meetings in Portland, Oregon, with the presentation of this fine, interpretive message. It is especially fitting to be considered by young people everywhere at the beginning of this year, 1938.

By MISS LOIS SCHROEDER of Anaheim, California

Interest in the future and in the things of tomorrow is not merely confined to young people as a group, but it is reflected in almost every phase of our material life today.

We have deserted the stage of modernistic art for that of the futuristic. An entirely new type of architecture is being prophesied for the homes of tomorrow. Educators are interested in the school of tomorrow, while various advertisements in papers and magazines depict the city of tomorrow with its streamlined effects, underground traffic and futuristic beauty. Even the New York World's Fair of 1939 is taking for its theme, "The World of Tomorrow," instead of the traditional exposition themes, based on the accomplishments of the past.

LOOKING FORWARD

And so it is with our spiritual life. It is largely based upon the faith and hope of that which lies before us.



"Forward lies the crown and onward is the goal!" Spurgeon

Charles Haddon Spurgeon has said, "In our Christian pilgrimage it is well, for the most part, to be looking forward. Forward lies the crown and onward the goal. Whether it be for hope, for joy, for consolation or for the inspiring of our love, the future must, after all, be the grand object of the eye of faith."

Now, just what is before us as German Baptist young people? To predict definite trends, results and events of the future would be impossible. My ability to prophesy might, however,

measure up to the dog owner's estimation of the cleverness of his dog. When asked, "Is your dog clever?" he answered, "Clever! I should say so. When I say, 'Are you coming or aren't you?' he either comes or he doesn't." So we can safely say that we are either going to advance spiritually and promote the Kingdom of God or we aren't!

The sixth and seventh chapter of Galatians tells us more definitely what we must expect. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." We shall get out of our Christian life and denominational work exactly what we put into it. It is like the home bank. Only the pennies, nickles and dimes that we have dropped in will come out. There is no magic power by which they increase or multiply.

Just as our strength today is due to the work of our pioneers, so what we do on the modern frontiers will determine in a large measure the spiritual

upon to perform, to win souls for the Master's Kingdom by making use of the German language, is not entirely ended.

Our frontiers are ever being extended into Canada and the Northwest among German-speaking immigrants from Europe. It is our God-given task to further this work and to continue in our missionary endeavor in those sections. In Central Europe we as German Baptists stand almost alone in our missionary enterprise in the Danubian territory, especially among the Gypsies. In the Cameroons in Africa we carry on an independent work of evangelization among the black natives. And here at home we are striving to win souls for Jesus Christ and his Kingdom through the ministry of the church throughout our country.

It is true that few of our young people can understand and speak the German language and that many churches have discontinued using the German language entirely. However, our common heritage continues to draw us close together until we feel like one large family, united in strength and purpose so that our great work can continue.

But loyalty to our denomination or to our Baptist faith as such is not enough. We must give our loyalty to Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. Let us give Christ first place in our lives and make him the center of all. A life fully surrendered to Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit is the life that can make the most worthwhile contributions in any field of endeavor in this day and age.

A GREAT CHALLENGE

Might we not say that, as German Baptist young people and Sunday School workers, we have before us a challenge, to live the Christlike-life? This great challenge comes to us, as it does to all Christian youth, from the home, the school and the church. It is also a challenge from the business, professional and political world.

The home is sadly in need of real Christian fathers and mothers who will establish the family altar and will instruct their children to pray and read God's Word.

Your church and mine and our denomination at large are ever in need of devoted Christian workers who are

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The Story of a Young Man

During 1938 "The Baptist Herald" will publish a number of the best sermons of the ministers of our denomination, some of which will have a special message for those readers who have never made a decision for Christ as Savior. The following sermon by the pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in Oregon was delivered originally as a radio address in Vancouver, Canada.

By the REV. JOHN C. SCHWEITZER of Portland, Oregon

In six brief verses the author of the gospel according to Mark paints a word-picture that captivates our mind and soul. These verses are Mark 10: 17-22. It is the terse story of a young man meeting Christ and failing to meet his challenge. Youth, with all its fervor and impetuosity, is very beautiful to Jesus. In this young man it was combined with station, high standing and wealth. Jesus, when he saw him, loved him.

LIFE'S GREATEST QUESTION

This young man came to our Lord with life's greatest question, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered his question. He always answers honest questions. Nowhere in all his life do we find that he was not willing to be put on trial. And so he is today. He is not afraid of questions. He invites them.

In coming to Jesus, the young man addressed him as "Good Master." Jesus seized upon the expression and asked him, "Why callest thou me good? There is none good save one, even God." By this he meant to say, "First of all, do you understand that there is none who is good except God? And if so, in calling me 'good' and in calling me 'Master,' do you understand that I am God, and the Master of your life?" This is clearly the Master's meaning at this point, and it opens up the whole question of salvation. Jesus wanted to say to him, "You desire to be saved. You call me God and Master. And if I am God to you, and your Master, as you say, then you are saved."

SALVATION IN CHRIST

To this the young ruler made no reply. It was there that the first flaw in his character was found.

There is no general opposition to Christianity. Everybody wants to be saved. All people want to go to heaven, but they want the privilege of establishing their own religious standard. Christ wanted to show this young man that to be saved meant to make a full surrender of body, soul and mind to the mastery of Jesus Christ.

The reader will observe next that the young ruler was very ready to answer the Master in reference to the question of morality and ethics. "All these things have I observed from my youth." He was just like thousands of good

men of today. The devil wants nothing better than to get men and women to believe that salvation is simply a matter of an ethical life. But it is not so. One may keep all of the ten commandments, if possible, and still be lost. Salvation primarily rests in Jesus Christ. He in his atonement for our sin must be accepted as Savior and Master of your life, or there is no such thing as being saved. Jesus saw all the good points in the young man's life and still his reply was, "One thing thou lackest!"

ONLY ONE THING

What was this one thing lacking? Some may say, "If one thing lacking is sufficient to close the door of heaven against us, then we are hopelessly lost." But we must remember that that one thing is often everything.

Here is a three-story building. Suddenly smoke and flames burst forth from the roof. A fire! Everyone escapes except for one little girl who is left behind when all passageways are in flames. The child is seen at the window and its screaming cries for help are heard. The crowd below is moved to the depths of their souls, but they cannot save the child. There is no ladder anywhere to be had. One thing! Just one thing lacking meant everything!

What is this one thing? Let us look again at the young ruler. The one thing lacking in his life was not a desire to be saved. He desired to be saved so much that he ran to Jesus. But desire in itself is not salvation, nor will desire in itself count for salvation. Again, it was not reverence that he lacked, for he revered Jesus so much that he came and knelt before him. He was a man of high station. For him to kneel before the man of Nazareth under such circumstances meant a great deal. What a beautiful sight it must have been!

Again, it was not an upright moral life in which he was lacking. Joseph Parker once said, "Respectability is the great difficulty of Christ; he can make no progress against the respectable people. Respectability is killing the church, stamping out enthusiasm; it is piety preserved on ice." We must get rid of self-sufficiency, self-contentment, and self-idolatry. Something must take place to change the inner life as well

as the outer life, for a man starts out wrong when he begins life.

A FULL SURRENDER

What then, finally, is the one thing lacking in this young ruler's character? Jesus gives us the answer in his requirement when he says, "Sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor." This answer is not given to every inquiring soul. The particular circumstances must be considered in order to understand the Master's meaning.

This young man had started out by calling Jesus "Master." He doubtlessly thought that he was sincere, but Jesus knew better. He touched him at the most vital point in his life. That point was his money. "Give up that which binds you for my sake and prove that I am your Master. If you will not do that, then you will know yourself that you are mistaken and insincere in your profession." In other words, Jesus said to him, "Accept me as Lord and Master of your life. Accept me as God, and then bow down to me as such, not only in your profession, but in actual deed. Let me be your Master. That is salvation."

But the rich young ruler could not stand the test, and he went away sorrowing! In turning away and refusing to let Jesus master his life, he turned away from the will of God. And that means everything! He was so near to the highest possession in his life. So near and yet he lost. He was so near to the Kingdom of God, and still he remained outside. Is this not the story and the picture of multitudes of people of today?

CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL

Oh, listen to Jesus at this point. He would give the highest possible success to every life. It is a slander to say that he has favorites among the children of men. He wants every man and every woman to have the highest possible victory in their lives. But to give it, he himself must be Master. Would you have that victory? Then let him have control of your life.

He will fill you with his Spirit. Following him, where he goes, you will go; when he stops, you will stop. This is the life that Jesus wants of us, and it is the life that the world is waiting to see. Let us remember that unless we crown Jesus Lord of all, we do not crown him at all.

B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

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THE WORLD IN JESUS' DAY COMPARED WITH OURS

Scripture: Matthew 23:1-7, 23-26, 37; 11:20-24.

Leader. The work-a-day world of a given time constitutes a sort of a frame, which sets off the portrait of its great men, or shall we say, a setting which gives them a background from which to shine. As a gem must be seen in a setting to be appreciated, so a man must be seen in his world setting to be understood. Possibly that accounts for this subject being assigned for our study.

But Jesus not only lived in the ancient setting of his day but he waits to be placed in the setting of every world situation. Hence, we must discover that which was common to his world and to ours that we may give him this setting in our day. We shall have four speakers who will tell us, first, about the World of Things, second, the World of Ideals, and third, the World of Social Conflicts of Jesus' day and of ours.

First Speaker. The world in which Jesus lived was much poorer in things than is ours. They had no steam nor electric power, no machine production with its consequent flood of inexpensive merchandise, no printing press with its consequent flood of literature and public education. They had no movies, radios, telephones, nor fast trains and airplanes. Land was tilled by means of oxen and wheat thrashed with hand flails. Many hours were spent by the lonely shepherd watching his flocks.

Leader. How strange and quiet it would seem to us to live in a world minus the thundering trains, the dashing automobiles, and all the other tools and instruments which minister to our needs and comforts! Would we take more or less interest in the worthwhile things of life, such as social justice, character-building, worship, and immortality? Would we have more or less leisure. Would this be favorable or unfavorable to the higher interests of life? Does the presence of so many things lead us to think that life consists of the abundance of things which a man possesses? Would there be less desire for riches in such a world?

Second Speaker. Jesus lived in a Graeco-Roman-Jewish world. Greek ideas, Roman laws, and Jewish religion were at work, together shaping the ideals of life. Athletics, physical strength, and triumph were contributed by the Greeks. The Romans sought

by means thereof to master the world. The dangling sword and the glittering spear in the hands of the ever present Roman soldier symbolized his authority. Jewish religion sought to leaven life with justice, mercy, compassion, and helpfulness. The conflict between these better ideals of Jewish religion and the more primitive ambitions of the Gentile world finds striking expression in the conflict between Ben Hur and Massala in the novel, "Ben Hur." Jesus contrasts the two in Luke 22:24-26. The ideal of the materialist is to have; of the Roman, it was to rule; and of Jesus it was to serve, or to be worth something to the world of humankind.

Leader. The ideal of the Greeks probably was to gain personal distinction, in other words, to be something. We then have four ideals of life presented: to be, to have, to rule, and to serve. Which predominates in modern life? Which has the greatest promise of blessedness for the world?

Third Speaker. The Jews were engaged in a serious conflict with the Gentiles in Jesus' day. All through their history they had suffered from Gentile oppression. They expected God some day to avenge their wrongs. This might occur in two ways: he might destroy the heathen, or they might be converted and become friends.

Hezekiel's Armageddon looked toward their destruction. The prophet Jonah belonged to the same school. On the other hand, Isaiah in his Messianic passages and in his Suffering Servant Songs looks for the conversion of the heathen. Here Jesus parted ways with the popular attitude of his day taking the more exalted view. Read his experience in the synagogue in Nazareth in Luke 4:16-30. Race prejudice against the Samaritans, and national hatred against the Romans represented Jewish patriotism. Jesus would have none of it.

The world of today is torn by the same sinister forces. Unless the goodwill of Jesus is made to prevail, this prejudice and hatred will lead to wholesale murder on the bloody battlefield. Time does not permit us to deal with the personal phases of social life further than to suggest the Golden Rule and the Sermon on the Mount as Jesus' guide.

Suggestions: If any young people's societies find this program material too brief, the editor of "The Baptist Herald" will be glad to send some additional material in pamphlets, books or helpful literature. State your need clearly in your letter to the editor.

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WHAT CHRIST DOES FOR INDIVIDUALS

Scripture: Luke 19:10; Matthew 11:28-30; Luke 7:41-48.

Leader. People have turned to religion for help in every situation of life. In olden times, when things went against one, he felt himself pursued by an evil fate. Today our Bible brings us an entirely different story. In Christ we have the answer to all our questions and the solution to all our problems. The first speaker will tell us how people sought to win favor of the gods. The second will speak on the refinement which has resulted in religious expectations; the third on man's highest purpose in the world; the fourth on man's greatest spiritual need; and the fifth on Christ's supply of this greatest need.

First Speaker. Religious teachers prescribed various ways in which the favor of the gods might be gained. The bringing of a sacrifice, in which the priest shared for his compensation, was one of the oldest methods. The prophets stressed righteousness and fairness, love and mercy in relation to fellowmen as that which would please God. Prescribed fasting, wailing, clothing in sack-cloth, rolling in dust and ashes, were resorted to in later Old Testament times to move the heart of God to sympathy and compassion. A prescribed belief is being largely stressed in our times. As one method failed to bring the desired results, another was adopted. People are still asking with Micah of old: "Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, my God?"

Second Speaker. The trouble may not always have been with men's ways of courting God's favor, but with the expectations themselves. Religion was expected to absolve man from the sufferings which are common to all life, to assure prosperity, or to bring victory over the enemy. But it was found that even righteousness does not assure immunity from suffering and misfortune. The Book of Job and many of the Psalms attest this fact. Today most people do not expect this from their religious devotion. They have more spiritual desires, of which we shall hear presently.

Third Speaker. We think of God as an ever present help in our struggle to realize life's highest purpose in the world. This purpose is to "incarnate God." We speak of the incarnation by which we mean the coming of Jesus into human flesh. In a very real sense God must find a human body in

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which to live, a human mind through which to think, human talents through which to serve, a human soul through which to love. It is not man's purpose to be free from trouble, but in the midst of trouble to give expression to the mind of God. In this way human life may come to its highest expression and may make its greatest contribution to mankind.

Fourth Speaker. It is impossible to incarnate God in the manner, of which we have just heard, unless we know him. We can know him only because once in history he did come to us and met us on our level. Jesus said in his intercessory prayer: "I have glorified thee on earth and have finished the work thou gavest me to do." But even after we know God, we still find it very hard to live on the spiritual level that our ideal requires. The reason for that is, first, that we are of dual nature. We have something of God in us, but we are also subject to the laws of the flesh. We can hope to win out in the resulting conflict only through divine help. Then, again, we are living in an evil environment. There is so much sin about us that we gradually become used to it and are in danger of drifting into it.

Fifth Speaker. The way Christ helps us to realize life's highest purpose is suggested in the Scripture references for our lesson. In Luke 7:41-48 divine forgiveness, opening the way for a baptism of divine love, is suggested. Sin makes life hard and cold. Divine forgiveness produces love. Unless we have these, we shall be unable to incarnate God. In Luke 19:10 we are told about Jesus who is actually seeking out people who would aspire to realize the true purpose of life. Whoever is indifferent to this is lost, but Jesus seeks to find the lost, changing his indifference to genuine concern. In Matt. 11:28-30 he promises to help us by means of yoking himself with us. He will share our load or our struggle, and through fellowship with him his strength shall become strong in us.

Leader. What, then, shall we expect of Christ? To be kept from sickness or financial reverses? To win out in our competition over others? To get knowledge without study? To overrule nature for our accommodation? Or, have our expectations been refined, so that we long, through him, to see God, to become children of God, washed from our sins, born of his spirit, engaged in his enterprise, being instruments through which he realizes his purpose and will in the world.

Questions for Discussion. Can we then expect material rewards for our godliness? Shall we, or shall we not, expect healing for our bodies through prayer to Christ? Does he leave us altogether to ourselves in our material struggle? What is the relation between our efforts and his help?

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Workshop for Church Leaders

SUGGESTIONS FOR AN EVANGELISTIC SUNDAY SCHOOL

By the REV. J. H. KORNELSEN of Vesper, Kansas

A Sunday School that reaches its constituency, wins its scholars to Christ and feeds the lambs with "the Bread of Life" must be considered a successful Sunday School.

However, only twenty per cent of the Sunday School scholars in our country are won to Christ while in the schools. Twenty per cent are brought to a decision for Christ by other agencies, while sixty per cent are never converted at all.

An evangelistic Sunday School is one that has evangelistic teachers. Even though Decision Day around Easter time is of great importance and, indeed, very helpful to many to take a definite stand for Christ, it is the teacher who personally prepares the soil and plants the seed that later springs forth in the resurrection unto life eternal.

Every Sunday School teacher, truly born again, has a desire to win his or her pupils to the Lord and Master. But not every teacher knows how to bring his pupils, especially children, to a definite decision. The pastor, as a Sunday School worker, finds it his primary duty to train his workers in personal evangelism.

Probably the most important factor in leading a child to Christ is his love and admiration for his teacher. Some one has said, "First I learned to love my teacher; then I learned to love my teacher's Bible; then I learned to love my teacher's Savior." This seems to be God's universal plan and procedure of winning anyone to Christ.

The three months preceding Decision Day should be utilized by the pastor in calling conferences with his teachers with special emphasis upon evangelism. He may ask the teachers to exchange suggestions and methods that they have used and read about. Each teacher should bring a list of names of pupils who are to be won for Christ. These pupils should then be definitely prayed for. It is doubtful if anyone is ever won for Christ unless he is prayed for! The lesson material should be discussed and every lesson made to point to the Savior and the way to find him.

For Decision Day the writer has used a simple outline on the blackboard. The following words are written in a column. "Believe, Believe, Receive." Then a dash underneath, below which the column is continued with the words, "Confess, Confess, Obey." At times, we have asked children to copy the outline on filing cards. The first "Believe" means believing what God says about being lost in sin. This we jot down opposite the first "Believe" with the proper Scripture reference, which the speaker must quote in full.

The second "Believe" is believing that Christ can and will forgive and cleanse from all sin. Write it down with Scriptures. Then comes "Receive" which may be illustrated by offering a child a small gift. He may not take it immediately, and sometimes even fail to believe that the speaker means it. Here is a splendid opportunity to illustrate faith and also the truth that the offered gift is of no avail until received. The pupils copy the outline.

Then proceed with the second part under the line. The first "Confess" is confessing Christ before men. Show how needful and helpful that is, and of course, use Scripture accurately. The second "Confess" is confessing and forsaking sin. How we need to emphasize this point. Finally, Christians want to "obey." Read John 3:36 to them in "the Revised Version" of the Bible.

We then explain to the entire congregation that this is the method of becoming a Christian, which is often entirely new to even adults. Many are brought to conviction and decision while we are speaking to the children.

There is a great risk involved in asking children for a public confession after such a message, lest even after the most careful explanation the child might misunderstand or be drawn into a confession because others do so. Sometimes, we have asked the boys and girls to write their decision on the card for themselves. Before they do this, it is explained that the cards will be gathered and handed to their respective teachers who will then speak to each one individually about their decision and help them.

When an altar call is extended to children and adults in the same meeting, it might be well to give them separately. Adolescents often have an aversion for being categorized with children. This is avoided, when boys and girls write their decisions, which naturally excludes those who are too young to write, while the older ones are being asked to come forward or to raise the hand.

When pupils have been evangelized and converted, it becomes the privilege of the teacher to nurture "the babes in Christ." Further articles in the "Workshop for Church Leaders" can suggest the best methods for this important phase of the Christian life.

Further literature of a very helpful character can be secured from the "Child Evangelism Fellowship," 203 No. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Illinois, or from the editor of "The Baptist Herald." The literature of this fellowship will be sent free to those requesting it.

Daily Meditations

By PROFESSOR LEWIS KAISER of Rochester, N. Y.

Tuesday, February 1

Where Do You Stand?

Exodus 32:26—"Who is on the Lord's side?"

(Read Joshua 24:14-18)

In the darkest days of the Civil War some Christians said to President Lincoln: "We trust that the Lord is on our side." Lincoln replied: "I am not so much concerned, whether the Lord is on our side, as I am that we should be on the Lord's side." That is always the side of justice, right and truth. Our first duty is to find out God's side and then to align ourselves with it.

Prayer: Lord, let us know thy purpose and will and then help us to stand for it.

Wednesday, February 2

It Never Fails

John 14:14—"If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

(Read John 14:12-18)

Every promise has one end wrapped around the throne of God and is interwoven with his very integrity. If one promise should fail, it would shake the very foundation of his throne. If the need of life crushes us, it is not because God fails us. It is rather because "ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:2).

Prayer: Father in heaven, I look to thee in absolute trust. What thou hast promised, thou wilt do.

Thursday, February 3

Courage is Conquest

Psalms 27:14—"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage and he shall strengthen thine heart."

(Read Psalm 27:7-14)

Life is our supreme adventure. We need courage to live it. We must break the despotism of fear. The power to endure is the measure of manhood. But lasting valor comes from within. The consciousness of having the power of God at our back gives us a fighting front in life. "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

Prayer: Oh, thou triumphant Christ, may I share thy victory through faith.

Friday, February 4

Always Faithful

Revelation 2:10—"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

(Read Revelation 2:8-11)

"Semper fidelis" (Always faithful) is the motto of the "United States Marine Corps." It is a splendid motto for the Christian, too. Loyalty is the great essential of life. There may be mistaken loyalties, but loyalty itself is

never mistaken. Honor to those who are faithful to the end!

Prayer: "O God, to us may grace be given,

To follow in their train."

Saturday, February 5

My Brother's Keeper

Genesis 4:9—"Am I my brother's keeper?"

(Read Genesis 4:1-9)

This was the surly question of Cain, after he had slain his brother, Abel, in a fit of jealous rage. God's answer to Cain's query was "Yes!" That answer persists to this very day. Life is not individual alone; it has its inevitable social aspects as well.

Prayer: Dear Father, we pray that we may exemplify that forgetfulness of self that we see in the life that Christ freely gave for the redemption of mankind.

Sunday, February 6

Home, Sweet Home

2 Timothy 1:5—"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and in thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

(Read 2 Timothy 1:3-10)

We think of the home of Timothy's childhood with its family altar, Bible reading and praying as an ideal Christian home. Such a home is not only sweet but wholesome, too. Indeed, it is the safeguard of society and of the nation. That such homes are becoming less in number is a growing peril to our country.

Prayer: Gracious Lord, may our homes be kept sweet and pure under the sway of Christ's love.

Monday, February 7

The Still, Small Voice

1 Kings 19:12—"And after the fire a still small voice."

(Read 1 Kings 19:9-14)

The still small voice came a'ter the fire and storm. It was the Lord's answer to the troubled and perplexed mind. It dispelled fear and brought cheer to the aching heart. The tempest was silenced and the clouds fled, when the Eternal One spoke peace to the prophet's soul. It was God's loving voice.

Prayer: In the turmoil of our lives, gracious God, keep our ears open for the still voice of thy comforting love.

Tuesday, February 8

Toward the Goal

Philippians 3:14—"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

(Read Philippians 3:7-15)

In one sense the Christian life is a life of restlessness. No sooner is a great thing done, than there is the desire to do another and a better thing. There is a "divine discontent" in every true Christian heart, a dissatisfaction with what has been realized and a determination to push on to larger conquests. We crave progressive action.

Prayer: Dear Lord, as the future beckons and challenges, help us to respond courageously and victoriously.

Wednesday, February 9

Back to God

Psalms 51:12—"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."

(Read Psalm 51:7-17)

Have we drifted away from the source of true joy and inner peace? Have we become engrossed in material things, absorbed in temporal matters to the exclusion of eternal verities? Have we, like the Psalmist, lost God, as it were, through sin? Then back to God! When sin is put out and God taken in, then the joy of salvation will come back.

Prayer: Gracious Father, cleanse us and take away our sins. Cause the joybells again to ring in our hearts.

Thursday, February 10

The More Abundant Life

John 10:10—"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

(Read John 10:1-10)

We all wish to get the most out of life. Real religion makes for a fuller life. The sinner sadly misses the mark. Instead of strength and sweetness, he finds weakness and bitterness. The follower of Christ, however, has already entered into the realities and rewards of the eternal life. He walks the way of power and peace, the way of grace and joy.

Prayer: Eternal Spirit, we would be more vital in our religion. In every way we would be more worshipful, because more worthy.

Friday, February 11

Value of Friendship

Proverbs 18:24—"There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

(Read Proverbs 18:19-24)

Friendship is one of the strongest ties in life—perhaps formed in youth and continued throughout a lifetime. Emerson declares: "The only way to have a friend is to be one." Of all friends the one who "sticketh" closest to us is Jesus. To have his friendship

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Contributor's Page

Yearning

By LYDIA T. REEH
of Rochester, New York

Ah, would that I might feel the earth
Against my bosom prest,
That I might get so close to thee,
That all my soul would rest
And feel a part of thee.

Oh God, who mad'st all Nature
Aglow with splendor after rain,
Make my life pure, and strong, and
free,
As song of trilling lark
Within thy heavens concealed.

Prayer

By IONE WIDING
of Portland, Oregon

What a wonderful privilege we have in
prayer
To come to the Lord with our burdens
and cares;
He looks not on wealth, our position or
stature,
But into the deepest, our own sinful
heart.

He cares for the lonely, the honored
and lowly;
To each one of these his promise is
blessed.
"Come unto me, all ye who labor and
are
Heavy laden; I will give you rest."

Life's Weather

By MRS. W. S. JAEGER
of Hunter, Kansas

I looked across a snow-covered roof
To the wonderful, deep blue sky;
Beyond this roof a frosted tree
Stretched its glistening branches high.

The ground was covered with purest
white
Until each flaw and mar were gone;
Everything looked so clean and bright;
Seemed it could not be soiled again.

Next day the sky was leaden grey,
While fog and mist filled the air;
The beautiful snow was melting away,
Stained by the mud as it lay there.

How like our life the weather is!
Some days all seems supreme;
Then again dark clouds hang over our
heads,
Not all is what it may seem.

The good book says, so now I know,
Though soiled by this old world's strife,
The blood of Jesus washes white as
snow
And then gives us eternal life!

Transformation

By MRS. HULDA M. WILKE
of Burlington, Iowa

There is no death;
Just turning off the switch—
A gleam of light,
And there—beyond our sight—
The light of life,
Gently, quietly,
Enters another room;
Beyond the stars,
The sun, the moon,—
Just another room!

War!

By MRS. WILLIAM SCHINDLER
of Detroit, Michigan

It's only a three lettered word,
But, oh, the pain and tears,
The agony it holds . . . ,
The sight of happy manhood
That leave their all to die . . .
For what?
For greed, and lust, and lucre,
Our home must suffer—
You and I!

Oh, Lord, protect thy people
And give us PEACE,—we pray;
Take all the terrible worry
Of another war away;
Oh, Jesus, only you can give
Us peace and quiet all;
So let us look to thee always,
Even when nations fall.

Foes in the Night

By ETHEL L. RENNISON
of Elgin, Iowa

"We wrestle not against flesh
and blood." Ephesians 6:12.
How many foes come skulking through
the night
That never dare to show themselves by
light;
Discouragement, its deadly darts un-
seen,
Lust, with its arrows poison-tipped and
keen,
And jealous hate and pride my soul
affright;
I have no strength to overcome their
might.

I need a mightier Helper in my
plight;—
O Christ, my Captain, clothed in armor
bright,
With sword of steel, thy feet with iron
shod,
Deliver me from these, strong Son of
God!
See! at thy wrath my foes have ceased
to fight,
And all their cowardly hosts are put to
flight.

Let Us Build!

By EVERETT ZISSELL
of Bridgeport, Conn.

For we shall build a spiritual house
Build it great and fine;
We'll use no stone nor mortar
But souls like yours and mine.

We'll build great, wondrous archways
That sparkle, blaze, and shine;
We'll use no wood and metal,
Just souls like yours and mine.

This spiritual house eternal,
Everlasting and for all time,
Let's hope that it will include
Both your soul and mine.

A Responsible Church

By REV. F. L. STROBEL
of West Frankfort, Illinois

A responsible church, if you ask me,
Is one that has vision, keen eyes to see;
Duties within and without its domain,
It rarely complains, it always seems
sane.

Churches like Pilate, the handwashing
type,
With many excuses and efforts so light,
Soon fling their treasures away to the
swine;
Sit helplessly then with a cynical whine.

Churches like Jesus, the footwashing
kind,
Assume every duty, go forth with a
mind
To visit the fatherless, widows—have
care
Not to sit with great talents in a soft,
easy chair.

God's Little Red Rose

By ELMA LEHMAN
of Forestburg, Alberta, Canada
There's a little red rose now blooming
for me,
In the deepest recess of my soul;
Its petals, they open to his shining
love,
To the Jesus who maketh men whole.

So long has it grown by my weary
heart's door,
Far too withered and languid to bloom,
But showers of blessing from Heaven
above
Have dispersed a sweet-scented per-
fume.

I'll guard and I'll cherish God's little
red rose,
Till the day that my Lord calls me
home,
When there for my deeds I shall reap
a reward
In that promised land over the foam.

Sunrise

By Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill

SYNOPSIS

Jason Whitney arrived at the bank one morning and learned that he had been "fired." The books at the bank had been tampered with and suspicion had been cast on him. He left the town hurriedly, without having said a word to his father and stepmother and to his sister, Joyce, who had always helped him generously. About the same time, Rowan, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parsons, and a close friend of Jason, left home unexpectedly, telling his mother not to worry about his return. Early the next morning a neighbor brought the terrible news that robbers had broken into the bank during the night and almost killed the watchman besides taking a lot of money with them. Jason's notebook had been found on the floor in front of the safe. Later in the morning the sheriff and detectives arrived at the Parsons' home. They ransacked the house, looking for something. Finally, they asked Mrs. Parsons whether Rowan had ever had a gun.

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But Hannah could smile at that. No, he never had a gun. She knew he wanted one, but for her sake he didn't get it. She was afraid of guns. Guns went off when you didn't expect them to and she didn't like to have them about. They had never had a gun in the house except an old revolutionary one that Charles' great-great grandfather had used in the war. It was up in the attic behind a trunk. Would they like her to get it?

They smiled sheepishly and went out to look around in the garage. They stopped again at the door to apologize again. They said Charles had suggested that they come and look, but Hannah knew that somebody else must have suggested first that there was possible reason for looking, or Charles never would have said it. The very attitude of the sheriff implied that! Someone, perhaps all of them, had suspected Rowan, her boy, of complicity in this awful deed, which would perhaps turn out to be murder!

"Father in Heaven, I'm putting my trust in you!" breathed Hannah softly in her heart, and turned her quiet eyes on the man who questioned her.

"No, Mr. Turner, I'm quite sure Rowan never had a gun hidden in the garage nor anywhere else. You are welcome to search all you want."

Soon after they were gone the telephone rang. It was Charles.

"That you, Mother? Did Hop Turner come over there to look around?"

"Yes," said Hannah. "They've just gone."

"Well, you needn't worry. I wanted them to look around for themselves. I knew you'd understand. I tried to let you know they were coming, but something came up here so that I couldn't telephone any sooner. Sorry you had to be worried."

"I wasn't worried, Father." Her voice was strong and cheery.

"That's right. That's my girl!" said Charles with relief in his voice. "I knew I could trust you not to fret. You see, this thing is from the Lord somehow, and we've got to go through it triumphantly. I suppose it's one of our testings."

"Yes, Father, I thought about that," said Hannah. "Are you all right?"

"Yes, I'm all right!" was the hearty response. "But I've got to stay around here most of the day, and maybe into the night awhile. Being a director of the bank isn't all it's cracked up to be. They've been pretty hard hit."

"Oh, you mean money!" said Hannah in a tone as if that meant very little now. "You mean you may have to give up everything we own? But I won't mind that!"

"Well, Hannah, it may not come to that! But, of course, if it did, I know you'd take it like a soldier. However, we haven't gone as far as that. We've got to catch the thieves first. But I can't talk over the telephone. You just pray. Any word from Rowan yet?"

"No," confidently.

"Well, that's all right," said Charles. "He'll come sooner or later and have an explanation. Now, you take things easy, Hannah. I may not be home till late tonight. I'll take a bite down town at the grocery. We're going over books and things."

"Books?" said Hannah startled. "Is there something wrong with the books?"

"We're making sure about everything, Hannah. Now, don't you go to getting up things to worry about."

"No, I won't!" said Hannah. "But Charles, you think maybe—" Her voice trailed off in a worried little sigh.

"No, I don't think anything except that it's all going to be right in His good time. Now, Hannah, you pray!"

Hannah turned from the instrument with a sigh and looked about her. Something she must do to keep her

hands busy and her mind from dwelling on possibilities. She could go through the trunks in the attic, of course, and sort out things to send to Myra. Or she could clean the cellar. That was an idea. Clean the cellar!

She took three steps toward the cellar door and paused. Suppose those men should come back and find her cleaning the cellar! Might they not suspect her of clearing out something that she didn't want seen? No, best leave everything just as it was. It would be wisest to be seen going about her daily avocations as if nothing had happened. There were the yellow tomatoes glowing on the vines waiting to be picked! This would be the very day to make her yellow tomato preserves! Of course she hadn't intended to do it for three or four days yet, till she got her shelves cleaned in the cellar to receive them, but yellow tomato preserves were the very thing to be made today while her mind was upset. They required attention and skill and would be quite disarming if anyone came in. Hannah hated the thought of prying neighbors asking questions. She desired to keep her affairs to herself, and whatever anxieties she might have to bear, to bear them unannounced.

So she took her sunbonnet and a bright new preserving kettle and went to the garden, carrying a little wooden stool to sit on as she picked down the row.

Down across the hollow in full sight of the tomato patch lived Widow Lamb, in a ramshackle cabin of three rooms and a leaky roof. Her cow had a habit of getting into the corn field and feasting now and then, just as Widow Lamb had a habit of getting into her neighbor's affairs and feasting her dreary soul on rare tidbits that were not meant for her.

And it wasn't long before Widow Lamb came over.

Hannah Parsons had filled two large baskets with the clear yellow globules, and taken them into the kitchen. She had washed them and put a great kettle full of them over the fire, and on the big white polished kitchen table she had spread out the other ingredients for her preserves. The big gray sugar jar, the ginger jar, the spices, the measuring cups and spoons, were all there at hand, and ranged along the wide oilcloth-covered shelf that ran from sink to stove were shining jars, and rings and covers lying in bowls of hot water; two long silver spoons to

put in the jars so the hot stuff wouldn't break the jars when it was poured in, soup plates to put beneath the jars lest a drop should be spilled, though Hannah Parsons never spilled a drop when she was filling her jars. Everything was ready when that knock came at the door, and Hannah startled a little. She had been almost happy for the moment thinking of everything she would need, trying to keep her mind busy so she wouldn't have to remember the robbery, and Rowan, her boy, away—where?

But instantly it all came back of course. Who was this now? The sheriff again? Or perhaps some other official to question her?

But she wiped her hands on the roller towel and tried to walk calmly to the door, though her heart was beating wildly. One thing she had resolved, that whoever came or whatever she was asked, she would not appear frightened. She would present to her suspicious public, if that was really what they were, a front of absolute trust in her son. And nobody, just nobody should be able to make her flinch. God was over all this and it was going to be made plain, and Rowan was going to be justified before his home town some time—God's time.

So she put a comfortable smile upon her face and opened the door. It was a relief to see Widow Lamb. Of course it had been inevitable that she would come. Nothing grave or gay, of sickness or sorrow or festive occasion had passed without a visit of investigation from Mrs. Lamb.

"Good morning," she said, her quick little eyes darting about the big inviting kitchen, and searching the shadowy doorway of the dining room. "I've just run up to see if I could borrow a sprig of parsley for my soup. Mine didn't do so well this summer, and the last of it is gone. Somehow I don't think soup is so tasty without parsley."

"Of course!" said Hannah Parsons heartily. "Come right in and sit down. I have some fresh picked in my ice box, just brought it in a few minutes ago."

She set forth a rush-bottomed chair and was conscious as she stepped into her pantry to get the parsley, that her visitor went to the chair by way of the kitchen next to the dining room, and paused long enough by the doorway to scan that room with a quick glance. Hannah was glad she had set the table for three as usual, in spite of the fact that she dared not hope that Rowan would be back for lunch. She knew her caller would take that in, and she could see it in her eyes that she had, as she came back with the parsley. Mrs. Lamb settled down in the chair and prepared to have a chat.

"What you doing?" she asked peering inquisitively toward the table, and then rising and lifting the lid of the preserve kettle to look within. "My goodness. Yellow tomatoes already? Why,

I didn't know they were ripe enough yet for preserving."

"Yes," said Hannah with satisfaction, "they were lovely. I thought I'd get at it early. There's always so much pickling and preserving this time of year."

The guest stepped over to the table and picked up a plump yellow tomato.

"Seems 'zif they might a waited a bit, just a few days yet," she said, studying Hannah Parsons' face.

"Well, perhaps they might," agreed Hannah presently, "but it suited me to do them today so I picked them."

"You're making an awful lot," said the visitor.

"Yes, I usually make a good deal. Rowan is very fond of them, and his father isn't far behind in the amount he can eat. They do like spreadings on their bread. And then I always send some down to Myra, too."

The Widow Lamb surveyed her narrowly.

"H'm! You're expecting Rowan to be with you this winter, are you?"

"Well, so far as we know now that is the plan. He did talk of taking a post graduate course at college, but I guess he's about given it up. He seems to think he wants to get to work."

"Didn't he go off yesterday? I thought I saw him drive out early in the morning."

"Yes," said Hannah patiently, "he went over to Bainbridge to see a car he heard about. He thought he might like to trade his for it."

"Oh, and he hasn't come back yet, has he?"

"Oh, yes," said Rowan's mother pleasantly, "he came back last night. Excuse me, I'm afraid that kettle is going to boil over."

"Why, I didn't see him come," said Widow Lamb, "I watched out the window till dark and I didn't see him come."

"Oh, can you see as far as our drive from your house?" asked Hannah innocently.

"Why, of course I can. I don't know what I'd do for company if it wasn't for watching my neighbors. I can see Whitney's house, and even a piece of Carroll's house beyond, especially in winter, when the leaves are off the trees. I can tell what time their lights go out every night. And Jason Whitney's window is right in line with my bedroom window. I can always tell when Jason comes home late—or when he doesn't come home at all. I'm a real light sleeper you know, living alone as I do. I suppose it's a kind of self-protection keeps me wakeful. And Jason Whitney's light shines right into my eyes. Do you know last night he never came home at all!"

"Oh, I don't see how you could tell that," said Hannah calmly. "He might have slept in some other room, or he might have even undressed in the dark if he came home late. Young folks do like that sometimes."

"What you doing?" she asked peering inquisitively toward the table, and then rising and lifting the lid of the preserve kettle to look within. "My goodness. Yellow tomatoes already? Why,

"Oh, nothing like that in the Whitney house," said Widow Lamb with a dolorous shake of her head. "Nathan Whitney knows what goes on in his house. You can tell a lot about your neighbors, if you're used to their ways, even by when the lights go off and on. What time did you say it was when Rowan got home?"

"Why, I guess I didn't say," smiled Hannah. "I didn't take notice to the clock."

"Was Jason Whitney with him?" "Why, no, I don't think so," said Hannah. "He didn't say anything about his being along."

"Well, you know what they're saying about Jason this morning, don't you?"

"Why no," said Hannah cheerily, "I hadn't heard anybody say anything. But then you know people always will be talking. I wouldn't bother about gossip, Mrs. Lamb."

"Well, Hannah Parsons, there are some things one better bother about." She lowered her voice to a shrill whisper. "They're saying that Jason knew more'n a little about that robbery in the bank last night! They say he was with the Rowley crowd, and some folks think it was him that did the shooting! They say he had a gun that the bullet they took out of Sam Paisley's side would fit!"

Hannah Parsons laughed.

"Oh, the idea!" she flouted gently. "That's ridiculous! Jason is a high-spirited boy, I know, but it's absurd anybody would say a thing like that about him. Why he's often been over here. We're very fond of Jason. He would no more break into a bank or about Sam Paisley than I would, Lizzie Lamb, and you know it. I don't think people ought to repeat foolish talk like that."

"Well, I thought I ought to tell you," said the Widow Lamb offensively. "Jason working in the bank and all, the way he did, and just the day he was dismissed! And your Rowan going with him as much as he does, and sometimes going with that low-down Rowley crowd—I thought you ought to be told!"

For an instant Hannah's eyes flashed at her caller. Then she laughed again.

"Well, Mrs. Lamb," she said amusedly, "now you've got it off your mind suppose we talk about something else. Taste this preserve. Do you think it has ginger enough in it?"

The Widow Lamb took a good spoonful of the translucent preserve offered and smacked her lips.

"It's not so bad, is it?" she said. "Not that I'm overly fond of yellow tomatoes myself, but this seems to be real tasty. Well, now you speak of it, it might stand just a dear little bit more ginger, and cinnamon too. Let me have another taste. I wasn't thinking of the cinnamon when I was tasting the last."

But finally the Widow Lamb went home bearing two hastily filled jars of preserve in a grape basket and Hannah drew a sigh of relief.

All the afternoon they kept coming, neighbors who were curious, and neighbors who were anxious for Hannah, and wanted to see if she was worrying, and she met them all with a smile and sent them away with a pint jar of her delicious preserve, till they didn't know what to think.

And in between her callers Hannah Parsons would slip away to her bedroom and kneel beside her bed for a few minutes' look up into the face of her Heavenly Father, a breath of other-world air, and a bit of strengthening for the hard way she must go.

Then after the dusk came down, Joyce Whitney stole across the meadows like a wraith and slipped into the kitchen, her white face staring out of the shadows of the night when she opened the door. Her eyes were large with trouble, and Hannah Parsons turned from the stove where she was preparing a nice little supper in case either of her two dear men-folks came home, and took the girl close to her heart, folding her in loving hungry arms.

Joyce Whitney had had a hard day. Beginning with the early morning when her father had raved about the house like a madman, there had been trouble and turmoil every hour. Nathan Whitney took himself off to the village to discover for himself just what had happened. He returned within the hour to question the womenfolk sternly and irascibly concerning every move that had been made the day before, especially anything that had to do with Jason, and then to shout orders at them all concerning what they were and what they were not to say when people came. They were all relieved when he went away again and his wife turned back to her own perplexities. For of all days for it to happen, this was the day when it was her yearly turn to entertain the bridge club, and they would begin to arrive by two o'clock.

Joyce always hated the event. It had happened three times in the past. Joyce didn't play bridge and wouldn't learn, which was another grievance that her stepmother had against her. But just because of this lack in her, her stepmother demanded twice as much service from her. There were the bridge tables to get ready, the sandwiches to make, the cakes to cut, and the parlor and the sitting room and the bedrooms must be in perfect order. Mrs. Whitney was proud of her big house and liked to show it off.

Joyce had just finished arranging a little side table with coffee cups and silver and sugar bowl filled with loaf sugar when her father came rampaging in again. He flung his hat gustily down right in the midst of it all, jostling off a fine old china cup till it rolled from the edge and crashed in flinders on the floor, scattering lumps of sugar hither and yon. Then he let out a roar.

Let Us Build

These challenging words have been chosen as the motto of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union to guide its activities during the coming triennium. Everywhere in our churches young people will be urged to emphasize this challenge in their program. Let us build for Christ and his Kingdom!

The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Atlantic Conference is publishing a small paper, called "THE BUILD-ER," for its young people. In the November, 1937, issue the able editor, Mr. John Hensel of Philadelphia, Pa., has written the following editorial which will be of special significance to young people everywhere. Editor.

ON FIRE FOR THE LORD

History tells us that various tribes and races of people have been and are fire worshippers. Fire has played an important part in Biblical as well as secular history. God spoke to Moses from a burning bush, and later his presence among the wandering Israelites was symbolized at night by a pillar of fire.

In each of us there is burning, or attempting to burn, a fire of religious zeal. It is a blaze, the magnitude of which is limited only by ourselves. We have within us the power to radiate its intense heat of combustion.

There are many other possible analogies between personal character and fire in its many phases. We see the so-called Christian who works only when praised and cajoled by his fellow workers. A "forced draft" is necessary to fan him into action.

We see also much evidence of green wood trying to burn and only creating a dense, acrid smoke. With such material we must be patiently helpful in an attempt to supervise the "seasoning" period.

Did you ever see magnesium ribbon burn in oxygen? If you did, you will appreciate that maxim, "a flash in the pan." for this type of combustion, while very brilliant and complete, is exceedingly brief. It is quite all right to "burn out" while working for the Lord, but our length of service should be spread over the greatest possible number of years.

What sort of fire does your life represent? Smouldering embers? Green wood? A flash in the pan? Or is your life represented by a steady, intense flame, continually fed by a challenge to "... go forth ... and tell all nations"? With that holy zeal for Christ, let us build his Kingdom!

Let Us Build!

"What is all this tomfoolery getting in my way? Teacups in the parlor at a time like this! What do you think you are doing, I should like to know."

He glared at his wife and then at Joyce who stood white and silent behind her stepmother.

His wife bristled and puffed up like a turkey cock.

"This is the day for my bridge club!" she said haughtily. "It is my turn to entertain them. What are you doing home at this hour of day anyway? You are very much in the way!"

She stopped to pick up her precious cup and he glared at her.

"Indeed!" he said, "I'm in the way, am I? In my own house I'm in the way! Well, I like that! And you are presuming to go ahead and entertain your bridge club when my only son is in danger of being tried for murder, are you? Well, you'll find yourself mistaken. You'll entertain no bridge club in my house today! I didn't marry you to entertain the bridge club."

Mrs. Whitney was trembling and very angry.

"Nathan, do you realize to whom you are speaking? Ordering me around as if I were a servant, or a slave! Indeed I shall do nothing of the kind. Do you want the whole town talking about us any worse than they are now on account of your precious son? Don't you have sense enough to see that if we call off an affair that has been expected the neighbors will think there is something to all this? What we've got to do is to pay no attention to the whole thing, just go right ahead as if nothing was the matter. Tell people Jason has gone away to get another job. Tell them he didn't feel there was enough prospect in the future in this little bank, and then they'll see what we care for all their hints and silly gossip. Joyce, pick up that sugar and dust it off. No, don't throw it away. The floor is perfectly clean and what they don't know won't hurt them when it's in tea. I can't waste that sugar! Aunt Libby! Bring the dustpan and brush and take up this broken cup. Joyce, you'll have to take that linen cover off and iron it again. It's got all rumpled! And Mr. Whitney, I wish you'd go back to the village or somewhere. I didn't expect you to be around under foot and I've got all I can do to get ready for that club. Do you realize there will be thirty-two ladies here in a little while, Mr. Whitney?"

Nathan Whitney, realizing that his wife was probably right, as she usually made it appear, and in a panic at the thought of such an influx of women, seized his hat and went off again, slamming the door behind him loud enough to be heard across the meadows over at Parsons'. And Joyce, feeling sick at heart, gathered up the sugar, and made things as right as could be, but could not forget the anger and the panic and the actual fear in her father's eyes.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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render a beneficent ministry in the Oak Park Church of Forest Park, of which he is a member, although he has retired from active service. After serving as pastor of the German Baptist Church in Vienna, Austria, he came to the United States with his family and served our churches at Kansas City and Shell Creek, Neb., South Chicago, Ill., and Erie, Pa., and for a number of years he and his wife were the chaplain and matron of the Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill.

The Rev. Otto R. Schroeder, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church in Anaheim, Calif., since 1925, read his resignation to the church on Sunday morning, Jan. 3. It will take effect early in May, since on April 7 he will observe his 70th birthday. Under his ministry the Anaheim church has grown numerically and the beautiful church edifice has been built. After visiting relatives and friends next May in the Middle West, he will retire from the active pastorate and reside in Anaheim. Mrs. Schroeder's health has not improved appreciably during the past few years, but her glowing faith and radiant spirit continue to give her strength to carry on victoriously.

At the Watchnight service in the German Baptist Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak., the Rev. J. C. Gunst had the joy of baptizing 5 young people on confession of their faith. These young converts had made their decision for Christ during the special evangelistic meetings on the Sunday evenings of December and as a result of the fine personal work of the Sunday School teachers. These persons and another young man were received into the fellowship of the church at the communion service on Sunday evening, Jan. 2. A surprise was held by the church on the occasion of the pastor's birthday in December, at which time he was presented with a fine desk and a chair for his study.

The Christmas festival was observed by the Sunday School of the White Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26. Mr. N. G. Giesse, superintendent, was in charge of the service. The first part of the program, entitled "Christmas in Song and Story," was written by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel. The exercises of the Primary and Beginner departments was well received. A Christmas drama, "Christmas in the Cobbler Shop," was presented by a group of young people, including Donald Boettger, Bernice Lindenbaum, Ruth, Homer and Hubert Zion, Henrietta Holley, Thelma Rowley, and Albert Bessel. At the Watchnight service on Dec. 31, Mr. Schoeffel baptized 3

Readers of the Bulletin of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School Please Take Notice!

I have been asked to keep up-to-date the mailing list of ministers who have been receiving the Bulletin of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. Some of the Bulletins have been returned during the past few months, indicating a change of address. If you desire the Bulletins to continue to visit you, kindly send your correct address to me at once.

ALBERT BRETSCHNEIDER,
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Rochester, N. Y.

persons on confession of their faith in Christ.

On Monday, Jan. 3, the German Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., held the second part of its annual business meeting. The first of the two meetings, held shortly before Christmas, was devoted to the election of officers. Reports of the representatives of all the church branches were given at the second business meeting. The books of the church were closed with a considerable balance in the treasuries. The average Sunday School attendance increased from 115 at the close of 1936 to 147 at the end of last year. During the three years of the ministry of the Rev. F. E. Klein almost 100 new members have been received. He wrote in a letter to the editor that "the happiest years of my ministry have been those with the Wasco Church. The Lord has blessed us in a very gracious way."

At the Watchnight service of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, a memorial service was conducted by Mr. H. J. Rieke church historian, in memory of 12 members and friends of the church who "had answered the heavenly summons of the Master during the year." This has been a beautiful custom in the church for more than a decade. Instrumental and vocal numbers were rendered by a double string duet composed of Evelyn and Eunice Bohlken, Virginia Fehseke, Floraine Miller, and Ada Snyder, a double trio of Mrs. Ruby Meilahn, Marjorie Rieke, Milton Marquardt, Mildred Brenneke, Ruth Lohman and Donald Kohrs and a mixed quartet. Prayer was offered by the interim pastor, the Rev. W. S. Argow. The impressive memorial service was prepared and read by Mr. Rieke. It will be gladly loaned to any interested friends for use on similar occasions if such will write to Rev. W. S. Argow, 1415 Osborn St., Burlington, Iowa. Preceding the service the quarterly business meeting was held at which Mr. Argow was presented with a gift from the church.

WHAT'S BEFORE US?

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willing to sacrifice time, talent and money to further Christ's work. It is from within the ranks of the church that its future leaders, ministers and missionaries must come.

What a great challenge comes to us from the schools of today where Christ is ignored! Have young people enough courage of their Christian convictions to remain true to their faith in spite of ridicule and persecution?

How the business and professional world need young men and women who have iron in their blood, who have the moral courage to stand up for the right to deal fairly and squarely when to do otherwise might mean personal advantage and financial gain! For "what profiteth it a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

The challenge of the political world with its social and economic problems comes to us from city, state and nation. It is within this political realm that a practical application of the Christian life is needed more today than ever before.

A GLORIOUS NEW DAY

Confronted with this "great challenge," that of living the Christian life, as it comes from these various fields of endeavor, we realize the great opportunities and obligations that are before us. In order to make use of these opportunities and meet these obligations, let us fulfill the age-old but very effective, practical and necessary requirements for building a well rounded Christ-like character.

With the word of God in the heart of every individual young person, a prayer life which means a closer walk with God, the faithful meeting with God's people to worship and pray and a ready hand to support financially the Lord's work. I am sure that we as young people and as a denomination can and will continue in the future to make our influence felt at home, in the school and church as well as within the business, professional and political realms. We shall be prepared to take our places in this world as workmen of whom Christ need not be ashamed.

May we have sufficient faith, courage and denominational loyalty to carry on the work which those who have gone before us have so nobly begun and developed, so that as we rejoice today in the faith and devotion of those who lived during the past century, so may those who follow us rejoice in our fidelity and love for the cause of Christ!

"It's a New Day, a day for courage, And we must build a Christian world, With steady tread we march ahead With truth unfurled.

It's a New Day, a day of conquest, And we must make no compromise; Christ leads the way In this New Day— YOUNG PEOPLE, ARISE!

Reports from the Field

A "THANK YOU!" FROM OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

By DOROTHY GUTZEIT, An Alumna
of the Home

At Christmas German Baptists,
Throughout our great, wide land,
Worked with a common purpose,
Uniting heart and hand.

Their thoughts turned to St. Joseph
And to the children there,
Whom, by some turn of fortune,
God placed within their care.

Clubs, groups and many classes
Together worked and planned;
And lovely, useful presents
Were sent off by each band.

Some food sent, and some clothing,
And others games and toys—
All was so gladly given
For our girls and boys.

We wrote long "Thank-you" letters,
But sacrifices made
Seemed with these poor expressions
Inadequately paid.

But we know peace and blessing
From Christ will always live,
Long after gifts have perished,
In the hearts of them that give.

Dakota Conference

Annual Report of the Dorcas Society of Wishek, No. Dak.

The Dorcas Society of Wishek, No. Dak., has again come to the end of a successful year. Our club meets once a month. During the last year it has accomplished many notable things.

On May 9, 1937, we had a Mother's Day banquet for the club members and their mothers, with an outside speaker as guest of honor. On October 29 we had a progressive dinner which was a means of raising money to carry on club activities. During our meetings we sewed baby clothes which were sent to the Bethany Orphanage for Christmas. We had our birthday party for club members, which is an annual event.

We also donated money for various causes, including \$5.00 to the flood relief fund, \$5.00 for Mr. and Mrs. Alex Giedts' Golden Wedding anniversary which was celebrated on Dec. 22 in our church, and \$70 for our new church which was built in 1936. During the past year we held 11 regular meetings and one outing. We have an active membership list of 19 women and 14 honorary members. We ask God to bless our work in the future.

The Young Women's Missionary Circle of Plevna, Montana

The Baptist Girls' Mission Circle of Plevna, Montana, was organized in 1935 with 7 members. We are thankful to the Lord for the opportunities of service which have been ours.

Our society is being ably led by the following officers: Miss Martha Hepperle, president; Mrs. Arthur Hepperle vice-president; and Miss Erna Fuchs, secretary-treasurer. Although 4 of our members moved to other communities during the year, we still have a total of 15 members present.

We hold food sales and render programs in the community, the proceeds of which go for mission work at home and abroad. Our income last year totaled \$150.56. We have now invested part of our funds in the establishment of a library for our church. We hope that this venture will succeed as well as we have been progressing in the past.

ERNA FUCHS, Secretary.

Atlantic Conference A Christmas Celebration in New York City with "Chief White Feather"

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, the young people's society of the Harlem Church in New York City attended a Christmas celebration in the Immanuel Church of the same city. The speaker was Chief White Feather of the National Bible Institute, a converted Indian and opera singer, known formerly as the "Indian Caruso."

He was attired in full Indian dress. He called special attention to his head-dress, which his great-grandfather, Sitting Bull, had worn. He carried another head-dress which the Christians of his tribe had recently sent him. He also wore a completely beaded vest with the Dakota symbols. His inspiring Christmas message, including the story of his conversion, was a great blessing to all who attended.

We also enjoyed the singing of various hymns of foreign nations in their original tongue. We tried to learn "Silent Night, Holy Night" in the Sioux dialect, and, in return, he not only tried but succeeded in learning the hymn in German. One song, which he sang in his Mother tongue, we recognized as one which is taught in all Sunday Schools. His mother had taught it to him when he was a child.

To our great joy two girls in the Harlem Church accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior. A social gathering concluded our fellowship gathering. LYDIA KOSIK, Reporter.

Northern Conference

A Fine Program of "Love" by the Onoway B. Y. P. U.

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12, the young people of the German Baptist Church of Onoway, Alberta, Canada, gave a wonderful program, discussing the topic, "Love." The meeting was in charge of our president, Eric P. Breitzkreuz.

After an introduction by Assaf Priebe, talks were given by Leonard Bartel, Alek Adam and Erwin Priebe. Two duets were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Renn, and guitar solos by Winslow Tischer. The meeting was well attended by the young people and adults of the church.

With the help of our Lord and Master we want to go on with our young people's society here in Onoway.

MRS. ERIC BREITKREUZ, Reporter.

The Wiesental B. Y. P. U. Lets Its Light Shine for Christ

With grateful hearts to the Lord for his many blessings in the past, we as the B. Y. P. U. of Wiesental, Alberta, Canada, brought another successful year to a close.

On New Year's Eve the young people rendered a very interesting program consisting of dialogues, recitations and songs. The orchestra assisted with several selections. The weather was very moderate and our church was filled to capacity. After the program a delightful lunch was served in the basement of the church, and then we reconvened for the Watchnight service. Hearty songs of praise, fervent prayers and testimonies ascended to the throne of God. Our beloved pastor, the Rev. Fred W. Benke, who is in our midst again, spoke on the eternal refuge that we have in our God.

During the past year we had 21 regular meetings of the society, which were successfully carried out and well attended. Besides these, we had several special gatherings in the interest of our young people and we also participated in mission meetings of the church on several occasions.

The officers for this year are as follows: president, Arthur Smith; vice-president, Reynold Smith; secretary, Nathalie Rudolph; assistant secretary, Ruth Borchert; treasurer, Ruben Rudolph.

On Monday evening, January 3, we had our first meeting in the New Year. Both presidents gave short talks, followed by a consecration meeting conducted by our pastor. We would prayerfully commit ourselves to the Lord.

NATHALIE RUDOLPH, Secretary.

Fine Sunday School Work in the First Church of Leduc

Although a report of the activities of the Sunday School of the First German Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, Canada, has never been submitted before to "The Baptist Herald," we have been working with ardent zeal in the service of the Master on this field.

Our Sunday School consists of eight classes, which are well attended by young and old. Two of the classes are under the instruction of our new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Erich Gutsche. The Sunday School programs which are rendered throughout the year are appreciated and render a blessing to all. A picture of the Sunday School teachers and officers accompanies this report. They contribute much to the welfare of the Sunday School.

A banner is given to the class having the best total attendance and offering during the year. The banner class for the past year was Class No. 4, composed of intermediate boys.

As we have already begun a new Sunday School year, we look forward to 1938 with the anticipation of doing more for Christ who has done so much for us.

AGNES RINAS, Reporter.

The B. Y. P. U. of Southey Reviews the Past Year

During the past year the B. Y. P. U. of Southey Saskatchewan, Canada, was served well by its officers. It gained 12 new members. Some of the highlights during the year were the Bible School held in February, and the presentation of the play, "Romance of Ruth," at the close of the Bible School. In May the play was again presented at Nokomis; on Oct. 29 at Serath with an additional program; and on Nov. 7 at Davin and Edenwald. The society also held a farewell for John Weinbender, who left for the seminary in Rochester, N. Y.

The officers elected for the new term are as follows: president, Harold Gerhardt; vice-president, Leona Pekrul; secretary, Melvin Pekrul; treasurer, Myrtle Betker; pianist, Leona Pekrul. There were also program, visitation, literature and membership committees elected at that time. During the late fall months the B. Y. P. U. reorganized its choir, and organized an orchestra under the leadership of Mrs. Thelma Hertz.

The society holds its meetings regularly on every second Sunday. At these meetings we study the Bible to grow in spiritual knowledge. We hold prayer meetings once a month and take active part in the weekly prayer meetings of the church. Our pastor, the Rev. John Weinbender, aids our society in every way he can.

Our aim in this work of the B. Y. P. U. is to worship God and to serve him, gaining a stronger spiritual understanding of his truth.

MELVIN PEKRUL, Secretary.



The Teachers and Officers of the Sunday School in the First Church of Leduc, Alberta

B. Y. P. U. Activities in the Second Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta

The young people of the Second German Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin held their annual election of officers on Tuesday evening, Dec. 14. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: president, Robert Zilke; vice-president, Daniel Littmann; secretary, Freda Littmann; assistant secretary, Alma Fiedler; and pianist, Minnie Littmann.

Our society is not very old nor very large, but we are endeavoring to do our part in helping to "build" the Kingdom of God. Our church's membership is not very large, and so we take in the older as well as the younger people to carry on the young people's work.

We had a number of programs during the year which were well attended and greatly enjoyed. We had Bible contests, a debate, a poetry evening, musical and prayer meetings. We received many blessings from the Lord throughout the year, since everyone was willing to contribute his or her part to the success of the meetings.

Our pastor, the Rev. Fred W. Benke, arranged a series of programs with us before he left on his vacation to the West Coast last Fall. We then had our meetings every Sunday evening, taking charge of the evening service. We are very glad that our pastor is back again and helping us in our society.

We shall launch out hopefully in the New Year, trusting firmly in Christ who has called us to serve him. We receive added courage when we think of the many young people in our denomination, who are striving for the same goal in Christ Jesus.

ALMA FIEDLER, Secretary.

Southern Conference B. Y. P. U. Activities at Cottonwood, Texas

Another year of work for our Master is history in our Cottonwood Church in Texas. For the many blessings from him we are thankful.

We have completely organized our B. Y. P. U. into Adult, Senior, Intermediate and Junior Unions. The newest phase of work is a Primary Union which is doing a splendid service. Each Sunday evening, with the exception of the 3rd Sunday of the month, the various Unions meet respectively for a 40 minute program, which is followed by a short general assembly in the main auditorium. The programs, as carried out each month by the Unions, are one devotional, two quarterly, and one general program.

The devotional programs are a great blessing to our whole work. The most stirring meetings of the past year have been those when almost every member led in prayer or testified.

The special programs given each month drew large audiences. Recently the Seniors gave a missionary play, "The Sacrifice." This program was also rendered at several neighboring churches.

"The Baptist Herald" program rendered each 5th Sunday of the month is still a favorite of ours. Talks are given on topics from "The Herald." Following the program an offering is held and the money is used to buy books for our B. Y. P. U. library which now contains 36 books. Our aim is to get good literature into the homes.

The exchange of programs with neighboring B. Y. P. U.s has also been enjoyed. Crawford and Kyle have rendered very good programs at our Cottonwood Church.

The social side of our young people's work is not forgotten. A number of our leaders including our pastor, realize that social gatherings serve as "safety valves" for the surplus energy which is stored up in young people. They would rather entertain the young people in a wholesome way in our own circles than have them seek their entertainment elsewhere.

During the Thanksgiving holidays our B. Y. P. U. and church had the joy and blessing of entertaining the Fall Assembly of the Southern Conference, a report of which appeared in

the last issue of "The Baptist Herald." The Rev. H. G. Ekrut, our pastor, is a young people's man and we are thankful for his guidance and help which he is always ready to give. Our general director, Mr. Walter Gummelt, has given willingly and very freely of his time and service.

As we begin the new year we thank God for the blessings of the past and hope to serve him more faithfully in the coming year.

ELEONORE BREMER, Corr. Sec'y.

Activities and Expectations in the B. Y. P. U. of the Crawford Church

It has been a long time since a report of the B. Y. P. U. of the Canaan Church near Crawford, Texas, has appeared in "The Baptist Herald." But we can say that we are still faithful and active in the service of the Lord and a willing group of workers.

Recently a special program was given by our B. Y. P. U. at our neighboring churches in Waco, Gatesville and Cottonwood.

Much credit goes to our beloved pastor, the Rev. C. C. Gossen, who has proven to be a great help to us. To show our love to him, we as young people of the church presented him with a useful gift at Christmas.

On Sunday, January 2, we had our annual business meeting. Our officers for the coming year are as fol-

Northwestern Conference Fiftieth Anniversary of the North Avenue Church of Milwaukee

The North Avenue Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, observed its 50th anniversary from November 7 to 9, 1937. On Sunday morning the Rev. L. B. Holzer of Pittsburgh, Pa., who served the church for 17 years, preached the anniversary sermon. The sermon topic, "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," served admirably to remind us of past blessings and to encourage us to greater efforts in the future.

At the evening service a cast of 100 people presented a pageant entitled, "Father Time's Chronicles," in which the highlights of the past 50 years were depicted. Following our invitation, the German Baptist Churches of Milwaukee omitted their evening services to attend this dramatization. An overflow crowd witnessed the presentation. Many were turned away, and by request the pageant was repeated on Sunday evening, November 28.

Monday evening was observed as "Community and Denominational Night." Prof. H. von Berge of Dayton, O., spoke on the topic, "Whence Come—Whither Bound." He called attention to the part the church has in community and denominational life. The address was a challenge and will long be remembered.

grown. The records reveal 400 baptisms, 389 received by letter and 40 by experience. The closing act of the pageant revealed a large cross holding 146 burning candles, one for each departed member. The accompanying picture shows this beautiful scene in the church. The entire cast came forward singing, "Faith of Our Fathers," and forming a half circle around the cross, they raised their arms in salute.

It is in this faith that the North Avenue Church will go forward—thankful for past blessings and ready to be used by God for future service!

FLORENCE E. WENZEL, Reporter.

Echoes from the Kossuth Baptist Church in Wisconsin

The Rev. Alfred Engel of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., assisted our pastor, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, in evangelistic meetings in November. The stirring and heart-searching messages, which were so ably delivered, held the attention of the large audience and will be long remembered. On the concluding evening 4 of our young people, all members of the Sunday School, made a public confession of their acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. On Sunday evening, Dec. 12, they followed the Lord in baptism and on Dec. 26 the hand of fellowship was extended to them at the observance of the Lord's Supper.

On Sunday, Dec. 19, the B. Y. P. U. of the Bethany Church of Sheboygan presented a very fine Christmas play, entitled, "Golden Gifts for the King," in our church which was very well rendered and made a deep impression on us.

Our own young people very successfully presented a candlelight service and program entitled, "He Came to Bethlehem," on Christmas Eve which reminded us anew of that unspeakable gift which God gave to the world so long ago.

The newly organized Women's Missionary Society had charge of the evening service on Sunday, Dec. 26. This was the last Sunday that Mrs. Kraenzler, the president, could be with us. A neighborly chat, entitled "Our American Homes," was presented by Mrs. Albert Rohrbach and Mrs. Herbert Schmidtman. This was followed by a Christmas service, called "The Best of All Gifts," with Mrs. Erwin Arnholdt as narrator.

After this program our deacon, Mr. George Specht, took charge and in a very brief but fitting way, presented a gift to the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, who have followed a call to serve the Plum Cree Church near Emery, So. Dakota.

We pray for God's blessing on them and for the salvation of many souls in their service for the Lord.

EDWIN NIEPHAUS, Secretary.

Candlelight Service Held by the World Wide Guild in the Riverview Church

The World Wide Guild of the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn., was organized about three years ago. After being initiated into the St. Paul World Wide Guild, we became a part of the larger organization that binds groups of young women together who are willing to give time and effort to a definite study of missions and who make contributions of service and money for the coming of God's Kingdom in every land. Our slogan is "Worth while Girls of the World Wide Guild Working with God for the Whole World's Good."

Besides making contributions of money, we do a great deal of White Cross Work in our meetings which is sent to the foreign fields. We accept our quota at the beginning of the year and work at it throughout that year.

For the past three years we have held an unusual candlelight service shortly before Christmas. This year our program was held on Sunday evening Dec. 12. In this service, "The Way of the Cross," was our theme, in which we rededicated our lives to the service of our Lord. A picture of the young women who took part in that service is reproduced on this page of "The Baptist Herald." We also gave a play, "Susanna of the Parsonage," on Sunday, November 14.

Much has been done by the World Wide Guild of the world but we are still challenged by our covenant, "Mindful of the millions who are still in darkness because they know not that the 'Sun of Righteousness' has risen with healing in his wings, I gratefully pledge myself to work henceforth with him, giving time, money and prayer, that upon 'such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death' the light of life may shine."

It is our prayer that the World Wide Guild of the Riverview Church will more fully realize their mission and will endeavor to do more in service for their Lord and Master.

FLORENCE GLEWWE, President.

Southwestern Conference Girls' Guild at Durham Kansas, Wants Project Suggestions

Last June a group of 14 girls between the ages of 14 to 27 years got together here at Durham, Kansas, and organized themselves into the Girls' Guild. Since then, under the leadership of their capable president, Miss Virginia Herbel, they have been working on a series of interesting projects.

In the Fall a missionary play was presented at a Sunday evening service. An offering was taken at this occasion which was sent to the general missionary fund. Several weeks before Christmas the girls sold Christmas



Young Women of the Riverview World Wide Guild in St. Paul, Minn., on the Occasion of Their Anniversary and Candlelight Service

cards which were ordered from our Publication House at Cleveland. The profit made from the sale of these cards will be used for some missionary purpose. Shortly before Christmas, too, the girls embroidered dish towels and sent them to the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich.

The aim of the club for this year is to do greater things in the service of the Master. The girls are interested in knowing whether there are clubs similar to theirs in other churches. If so, they would appreciate suggestions in regard to interesting programs for their monthly meetings or in regard to any new project they might carry out. Please address such communications to Miss Orlean Geis, secretary of the Guild, at Durham, Kansas.

MRS. EDWARD KARY, Reporter.

Eastern Conference Several Seminary Students Review Their Inspiring Christmas Vacation

What does a Christmas vacation mean to a seminary student? If his home is not too far a way, it offers him an opportunity of visiting the dear ones at home. If, however, his home is three thousand miles away, about all he can hope for are ten to fourteen days in which he may sit and twiddle his thumbs.

Such would have been the fate of Frank Armbruster, Paul Hunsicker, and Hugo Zepik of the seminary in Rochester, N. Y., had they not received the invitation of the young people of the German Baptist Church at Beaver, Michigan, to spend Christmas there. An invitation like that is an honor for students, which they highly prize. Readily the trio accepted.

Pleasant, indeed, but too few and short were the days of social and spiritual fellowship spent together! It is the opinion of the students that if every church would know the seminary students personally there would be a much closer relationship between the churches and the seminary. An invitation may be just the thing to accomplish this.

So well were the activities of the week planned and so successfully were they carried out that the day of departure was most unwelcome.

HUGO ZEPK, Reporter.

Central Conference

Thanksgiving and Christmas Programs at Gladwin, Michigan

Our church in Gladwin, Michigan, has not been heard from in the last few months, but, nevertheless, we have been busy in the service of our Lord.

Sunday evening, Nov. 14, a group of forty singers from the Ebenezer Church of Detroit presented us with an exceptionally fine musical program. During Thanksgiving week prayer services each evening, in charge of different church groups, proved inspiring and beneficial to all.

Then came our annual Christmas Eve program, sponsored by the Sunday School. Once again a large crowd was in attendance, and the interesting program was enjoyed by young and old alike.

Climaxing these recent activities was, perhaps, a program given by the young people of the church. Setting forth bravely under the leadership of Mr. A. Wolfe to accomplish something which they had never before attempted, they were most successful. On Sunday



A View of the Platform of the North Avenue Church of Milwaukee, Wis., After the Anniversary Play, "Father Time's Chronicles"

lows: Benny Spross, president; Benjamin Engelbrecht, vice-president; Alma Gauer, secretary; and August Massier, treasurer.

We meet every Sunday evening. Our programs are varied in order to stimulate interest. Our B. Y. P. U. is divided into 6 groups. Each group has been asked to give at least one special program during this year. We also have fine prayer meetings and missionary programs.

Our prayer is to be of further and greater service to our Master.

LYDIA MASSIER, Reporter.

A program of fellowship followed the banquet on Tuesday evening. Greetings were heard from former members and pastors. Informal addresses, reminiscences and music characterized this interesting meeting. During the past 50 years 10 people were in some manner influenced by the North Avenue Baptist Church to enter definite Christian service and to our great joy 5 of them were present at the banquet.

The North Avenue Baptist Church received its start as a mission of the Immanuel Baptist Church, and from the small beginning it has steadily

evening, Dec. 26, a beautiful and impressive Christmas cantata was rendered to a large and appreciative audience. Special parts were sung by Mrs. Agnes Hell, the Misses Geraldine Birkholtz and Dolores Wolfe and Mr. A. Wolfe. The Christmas story was read by Charles Grapentine. Certainly, everyone again left the house of God feeling that it had, indeed, been good to have been there.

P. F. SCHILLING, Pastor.

Recent Inspiring Program at the Beaver Church, Michigan

Some time ago the Ladies' Missionary Society of the church made arrangements to give a birthday party. A suitable program was rendered, which everybody enjoyed very much. The society realized \$65 that evening.

Under the leadership of our superintendent, Mr. Majeske, the Sunday School rendered a good program on Christmas Eve. The church was filled with eager listeners. Everybody seemed to be anxious to listen to these little preachers. An offering was taken for the Children's Home at St. Joseph. At the close of the celebration the bags and gifts were distributed. Then the superintendent called the minister and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Kayser, forward and to their great surprise a beautiful parlor lamp was presented to them in behalf of the church.

The young people of the Beaver church invited a number of the Rochester students to spend their holidays with them. On Tuesday evening of the Christmas week the B. Y. P. U. arranged a banquet in honor of these students. Cheering songs were sung, and inspiring speeches delivered by the students, followed by a program of games. (The report of the students about this visit to the Beaver Church appears in this issue of "The Baptist Herald." Editor.)

Once more the church assembled in the old year on New Year's Eve. Although the weather was very bad and the roads full of ice, so that it was dangerous to turn out, this last meeting of the year was well attended. The first part of the service consisted of addresses by the seminary students. They also rendered a few musical numbers.

All were anxious to witness the last part of the Watchnight Service, which was a baptismal service. We had the privilege of baptizing 8 persons, who were converted during the revival meetings conducted by the Rev. Wm. Hoover.

The Beaver Church is also happy to be among those which have succeeded in introducing our papers into every home of members of the church. At the end of the old year our hearts were filled with gratitude to God, and with a hopeful look into the future we entered the new year!

H. P. KAYSER, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Reflections and Anticipations in the Spokane B. Y. P. U.

With joy and thanksgiving our church in Spokane, Wash., celebrated the Lord's birthday on Christmas Day, and now we look forward to starting a new year, some eagerly, some anxiously. What does it hold for us? We as Christians need not worry. He will supply our needs.

From time to time our B. Y. P. U. here in Spokane has rejoiced in receiving new members. Seven young people joined our society in December, bringing their talents into the work.

During the past summer we held our meetings in place of the evening services. Interesting programs were prepared by the officers. Now we hold our regular meetings under the group system.

We were delighted to have the young people's society of Colfax and Odessa favor us with programs, each of which left us richly blessed and eager to press forward in the work of the Kingdom.

Our pastor, the Rev. R. E. Reschke, has been our faithful guide, teaching us in every way to become more closely united with Christ in his work. He leads our church in two English services a month on Sunday evenings, and these are always well attended.

May the Lord continue to bless us in our society as we strive to bring more souls into the fold!

MRS. BEN SCHMIDT, Secretary.

Review of the General Conference at the Watchnight Service in the First Church of Portland

The spacious auditorium of the First German Baptist Church at Portland, Oregon, was well filled with both young and old members and friends, who came to see the New Year in and the Old Year out on the evening of Dec. 31st.

The two hour New Year's eve program was given entirely by the young people under the direction of our president, Mr. Ed May, and proved very interesting, for it was mainly a review of highlights of the General Conference held here in August, 1937.

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Compact reviews of some of the main addresses of the conference were given. Martha Lee Behnke reviewed the address by Mr. Edwin Marklein, "Let Us Build." Gertrude Beltz spoke on the value and power of Christian newspapers. The address, "Our Baptist Heritage" by Mr. H. Theodore Sorg, was reviewed by Mrs. Lillian Wuerch. The Rev. V. Brushwyler's address, "Life at Its Best," was given by James Billeter. A reading, "On Winged Words," was given by Mrs. Elsie May.

The choir of approximately 40 members, took part by singing the conference songs, that had previously been sung by the Conference Mass Choir, at various interludes in the program. There were also other musical selections. "The Old Rugged Cross" was played on the merimba by Miss Florence Trachsel. Robert and Richard Dreisner, two of the younger set, played a harmonica duet. The Young Men's Quartet sang several favorites, and the Girls' Octet, by special request, sang "Christmas Lullaby" again.

After a closing talk and prayer by our Dr. J. Kratt, refreshments of coffee and "kuchen" were served. Then the last hour of the old year was spent in singing and giving testimonies, and the new year of 1938 was entered with silent prayer.

ESTHER E. ROSEN, Reporter.

Welcome Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. A. Felberg and Family to Lodi, Calif.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 19, a well attended reception was held in the German Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., for our new pastor, the Rev. A. Felberg, and his family, formerly of Winnipeg, Canada. Mr. Felberg is assuming the vacancy left by the passing of our beloved former pastor, the Rev. E. G. Lohr.

The program was opened with music by the Sunday School orchestra, at which time the Rev. and Mrs. Felberg and their children were ushered to the platform by the Rev. F. Dobrovolsky, chairman of the evening, and the visiting ministers, the Reverends H. Penner, J. A. H. Wuttke and G. Rauser.

The choir under the direction of Mr. Calvin Lohr, with Miss Vera Leischner at the organ, sang an appropriate number. Following a selection by a quartet from the Franklin Baptist Church, the Rev. G. Rauser, pastor of that church, brought the message of the evening, using 1 Cor. 3:9 as his text. The Lodi choir also sang a welcome song, the words of which had been written for the occasion by Mr. Dobrovolsky.

Special welcoming addresses were given by the various organizations of the church. The Rev. F. Dobrovolsky welcomed the new minister and his family in behalf of the church itself; Mr. August Auch, Sunday School superintendent, in behalf of the Sunday

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A Chat About Books

Christian missions in some countries are on the decline. Some people assert that in such sections of the world the missionary enterprise has outlived its effectiveness. But that is most decisively not the case in Mohammedan countries. The story of Christian missions in Moslem lands is one of the most thrilling accounts of the Church's ministry.

Christian people everywhere should welcome the opportunity which is theirs, of reading and studying the fascinating and comprehensive books about this story which have recently been published.

WHAT IS THE MOSLEM WORLD?

As a textbook on this subject, which reads more like a story book, however, one can recommend Dr. Charles R. Watson's "What is This Moslem World?" (Friendship Press—1937—Cloth, \$1.00; Paper, 60 cents—207 pages.) Dr. Watson is eminently qualified to write such a popular and informative treatise. Born in Cairo, Egypt, of missionary parents, he served for many years on missionary boards and since 1920 has been president of the American University in Cairo.

In view of his close acquaintance with Moslem scholars and leaders Dr. Watson tries to give an unbiased study and an honest and fair appraisal of the need of Christian missions in Moslem lands. This fine spirit of the book is expressed in the author's words: "Love must never dull the edge of the sword of truth, but our goal is persuasion, not a self-glorifying intellectual conquest."

The Moslem world includes 250,000,000 people or more than one-seventh of the human race. This Mohammedan creed is repeated in the Sahara desert the fastnesses of Afghanistan, the steppes of Central Asia, the tropical forests of the Niger, the plains of China and even in some sections of the United States. This is a study against a vast background with which each Christian should be acquainted.

The author regards the work of the past as "merely preparatory and explanatory." He is alert to the signs of the times that point to Christ's enthronement in the Moslem world. He believes profoundly in the strategy of centering missionary attention on ten strategic Moslem cities by Christian forces. This is a book of timely importance for minister and layman, youth and age together, which will open the eyes and heart of the reader to one of the most memorable chapters in the annals of Christian missions.

TALES FROM MOSLEM LANDS

The story of Christian missions to the Moslem world is told in a most captivating manner in the attractive paper bound book, "Tales from Mos-

lem Lands," edited by Dr. William W. Reid (Friendship Press—50 cents—71 pages.) The 25 colorful illustrations, some of them full page pictures, are alone worth the price of the book. Nine missionary stories are related which acquaint one not only with the typical customs and color of Moslem lands but also with the victories of Christ in the hearts of these people. This is missionary literature at its best which will lead the reader to a renewed consecration of himself and his gifts for this cause!

THE YOUNG MOSLEM LOOKS AT LIFE

In graphic, colorful, human interest stories the facts of the Christian missionary enterprise among the Mohammedans are presented in the fine book, "The Young Moslem Looks at Life" by Dr. Murray T. Titus. (Friendship Press—1937—Cloth, \$1.00; Paper, 60 cents, 178 pages.) Since 1910 Dr. Titus has been a missionary to the Moslem people of North India. He knows the art of winning souls for the Christian cause, and this book dedicated "to the young people of the West" brings a stirring and captivating missionary challenge especially for young people. Islam is submitted firmly to the test of religious finality whether "it can always keep ahead of man with its ideals, its principles and its basic conceptions of life and the universe in which we live." The author with convincing logic and staunch faith reaches the conclusion that Christianity which truly reflects Jesus Christ alone can meet this test!

MISSIONARY STORIES TO TELL

The forty stories published in the book, "Missionary Stories to Tell," (Missionary Education Movement—1937—Cloth, \$1.00; Paper, 50 cents—178 pages,) are like a golden cluster of grapes. Each story is complete in itself, which can easily be used by a minister or religious leader for illustrative purposes. But this splendid book can be read with great interest by anyone who desires to know about the colorful background of mission lands and the missionary's task.

"Jack Gibbs who could pitch a winning game of baseball; the old, old lady who learned to read at seventy; Prem who braved the terrors of the jungle and a man-eating tiger to save his friends; the singing potter who refused to sell beauty for gain; the packman who was attacked by a brigand; a Persian boy who went to school on a magic carpet—these and many other characters pass through the pages of this book in swift moving, well written stories" which are especially adapted for use by ministers and leaders.

HERITAGE OF BEAUTY

An unusual and strikingly beautiful book is Dr. Daniel J. Fleming's "Heritage of Beauty," (Friendship Press—1937—\$1.50—95 pages), with its pictorial studies of modern Christian architecture in Asia and Africa. The churches of mission fields are becoming increasingly indigenous, that is, guided and controlled by native Christians. This same influence of the respective cultures upon churches, chapels, religious art and worship programs is interpreted and illustrated in vivid and enthralling manner in this large-sized book. For those who desire the sheer pleasure of seeing beauty in unaccustomed art forms and for others who want to be informed about the most recent developments in mission lands, this is an indispensable book which can be recommended with much joy.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS

Two unusual books on the subject of home missions deserve widespread attention. The first book, "Rebuilding Rural America," by Dr. Mark A. Dawber, (Friendship Press—1937—210 pages—Cloth, \$1.00; Paper, 60 cents), is the finest available volume about the social changes in farm life and rural communities in the light of the task of Christianity and home missions. The author believes passionately that "if rural America should lose its soul, all other gains would be false, futile and transient and the nation itself would face disaster." The plight of rural youth is given special attention and the program is outlined by which the state and the church together can minister helpfully to these bewildered young people.

The second book is a vividly graphic depiction of life in the Southern Mountains and of the church's task in "the sharing of money, of leadership, of interest and cooperation, of understanding and fellowship" in behalf of these people. It is called "Highland Heritage" (Friendship Press—1937—195 pages—Cloth, \$1.00; Paper, 60 cents), by Dr. Edwin E. White, since 1926 the pastor of a church in Tennessee, where he has been able to practice what he teaches so challengingly in this book.

A beautifully bound and illustrated book on world friendship for the little children is "Ship East—Ship West" by Elizabeth Miller Lobinger. (Friendship Press—87 pages—Cloth, \$1.00; Paper, 50 cents). A book with a similar purpose, written for children from 9 to 12 years of age, is called "Broken Guns" by Eleanor Holston Brainard. (Friendship Press—1937—Cloth, \$1.00; Paper, 50 cents).

Cleveland, Ohio.

Owing to an unprecedented large number of new subscribers for the BAPTIST HERALD our supply of the two January issues has been entirely exhausted although several hundred more copies had been printed and we are accordingly not able to furnish them to the later new subscribers, much to our regret.

Unless, therefore, otherwise noted, the subscriptions will run for one year from February first.

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DAILY MEDITATIONS

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is to have the "Greatest Thing in the World."

Prayer: Divine Master, thou art our closest friend. Help us to prove that to the world about us.

Saturday, February 12

Lest We Forget

John 4:38—"Other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors."

(Read John 4:35-42)

No man has ever been independent. Every man has leaned upon the past. We stand upon the shoulders of a past generation. There is not a privilege nor an opportunity that modern society grants to us, that is not the product of other men's labors.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to remember with humble and grateful recognition the debt that we owe to those into whose labors we have entered.

Sunday, February 13

Jesus Goes to Church

Luke 4:16—"And Jesus, as his custom was, went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day."

(Read Luke 4:15-22)

Jesus was a regular attendant of the synagogue, his church. In this as well as in many other things he was an example to us. If we are to grow in grace as we grow in years, we cannot afford to neglect the duty, the privilege and the stimulus of worship.

Prayer: Gracious Lord, may we always—in sunshine and in shadow, in fear and in anxiety—seek thy holy temple and find rest and refreshment within its gates.

Monday, February 14

A False Cry

Jeremiah 6:14—"They have healed also the hurt . . . of my people slightly, saying Peace, Peace; when there is no peace."

(Read Jeremiah 6:13-19)

What a confusion of tongues! On the one hand, the loud acclaim of peace; on the other hand, the cry of war and the rumors of war! Yes, an armed peace, that carries within itself the deadly germs of war! Not brother-

liness, but suspicion, hatred and an exaggerated nationalism mark the attitude of the nations to one another.

Prayer: Oh, thou sovereign God, breed in the peoples of the earth the spirit of trust and free them from the bondage of fear.

Tuesday, February 15

"It Is Finished"

John 19:30—"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished . . . and gave up the ghost."

(Read John 19:28-35)

"It is finished," the crucified One declared with his dying breath. Was it a cry of despair? Or, was it a triumphant utterance? Assuredly, the latter. It sprang from the consciousness that he had completed the work that God had given him to do. Something was done at Calvary, which does not need to be done again. God had given his Son that men might be saved.

Prayer: Grant, O Lord, that we might enter into the meaning of thy finished work, that we might enjoy the peace of reconciliation with thee.

Reception in Lodi

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School; Mrs. Auch, president of the Ladies' Aid, for that organization, at which time she presented Mr. and Mrs. Felberg with a beautiful basket of flowers; Adolph Grieser, president of the choir, for the choir; Calvin Lohr, B. Y. P. U. president, for that group; and the Rev. E. Huber in behalf of the deacons and other church officers. After the representatives of the church had extended their welcome to the new pastor and his family, the Reverends G. Rauser and J. A. H. Wuttke gave short addresses of welcome.

As a courtesy for the welcoming tribute, Mr. and Mrs. Felberg's little daughters Ingeborg and Esther, sweetly sang a duet, entitled, "Be Careful, Little Hands." Both Mr. and Mrs. Felberg responded, expressing their appreciation for the warm welcome which they had received.

Mr. A. Grieser in behalf of the church, expressed our heartfelt thanks to the Rev. F. Dobrovolsky for his earnest efforts and service as interim minister during the months we were without a pastor.

BERTHA MEYERS, Reporter.

LETTER-BOX

Open to all readers of "The Baptist Herald." Letters limited to 200 words.

WELCOME VISITS OF "THE HERALD" TO ALASKA

To Business Manager, The Baptist Herald:

The Dec. 15, 1937, issue of "The Baptist Herald" is of especial interest to me with the pictures and articles of the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan. It was there that I received my first experience as a worker in Children's Homes, which, unknown to me then, was a stepping stone to Alaska.

I had resigned from my mission field in Cincinnati in 1918 and expected to rest a while before again going into active mission work, but the Rev. and Mrs. F. S. Goergens' urgent repeated calls for assistance made me decide to help them out for a month or so, until "the family" was established in the new Home which was then nearing completion.

On Nov. 11, 1918, I arrived at the Home in St. Joseph. The children were then living in rented buildings. But early in December the present Home was completed and we were able to move the family in, and by Christmas we were quite well established. I can still remember the happy children's faces when they were trying to accustom themselves to the comforts and conveniences of their new Home.

When the Woman's American Baptist Mission Society learned of the experience I had gained at the Children's Home in St. Joseph, they asked me to go to Kodiak Baptist Orphanage in Alaska, as Boys' Matron. While I had never entertained the slightest wish of ever going to Alaska, I felt it was God's call, and answered that I would go. Most of the years since then have been spent up here in the Northland in work especially with children.

Once while on furlough I was privileged to visit the St. Joseph Home since the Rev. and Mrs. H. Steiger came there, and noticed many pleasant changes already at that time. So I am glad for this "Baptist Herald" number which recalls so many happy experiences there.

HILDA D. KRAUSE,
Bethel Beach Home,
Juneau, Alaska.

As It Was —
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The newest book by that prolific interpreter of prophecy A. C. Gaebelien.

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