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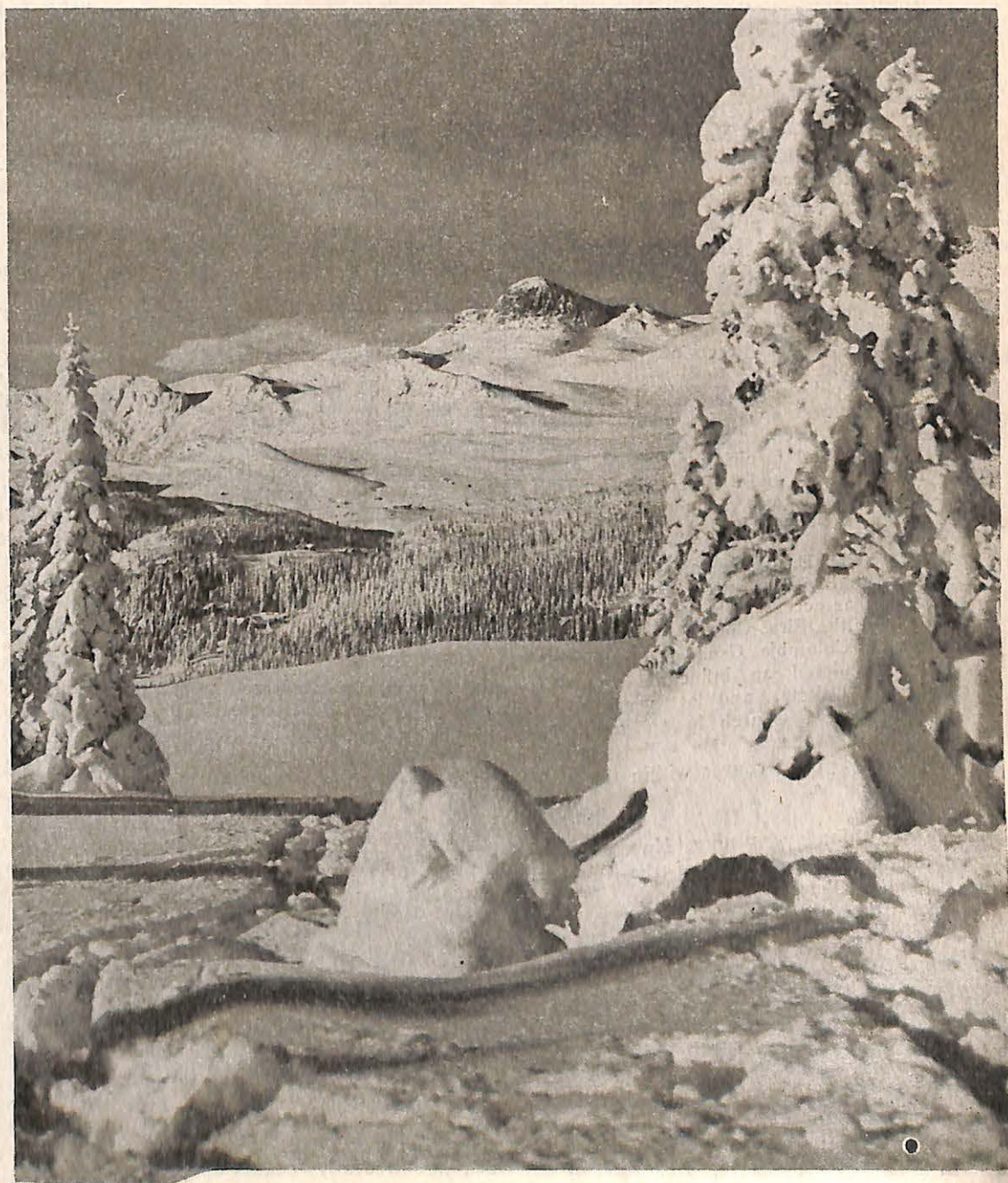
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# What's Happening

The Rev. J. A. Pankratz, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., since 1929, resigned shortly before Christmas. His resignation will take effect on May 1st. He will retire from the active ministry after a long and honorable service in our denomination.

The Rev. Herman P. Bothner, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., and Miss Anna Catherine Linder of Buffalo, N. Y., were married in the South Park Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 25. After a short honeymoon trip by car, Mr. and Mrs. Bothner established their residence in the Baptist parsonage in Pound.

Two weeks of revival meetings were held in the Baptist Church of Linton, No. Dak., during November with the Rev. Albert Krombein of Fredonia assisting the local pastor, the Rev. Frederick Alf. On Sunday, Nov. 21, Mr. Alf baptized 8 persons in the nearby church at Ashley, No. Dak. An out-of-door baptismal service will be held next summer at Linton.

Evangelistic services were conducted in the Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., from Nov. 8 to 21 with the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger of Kenosha serving as the guest speaker. The meetings were well attended and messages were uplifting and inspiring. On the Sundays, Nov. 14 and 21, the Rev. G. Wetter of Watertown supplied the pulpit of the Kenosha Church.

The Rev. E. S. Fenske, minister of the German Baptist Church in Herreid, So. Dak., has accepted the call extended to him by the First Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Mr. Fenske has rendered an influential ministry in the Dakotas, and last year he led the Herreid Church in an ambitious building program. He will begin his ministry in Vancouver within the next few months.

On Monday evening, Nov. 29, the members and friends of the German Baptist Church in Hutchinson, Minn., surprised their pastor, the Rev. A. Foll, with a reception on the occasion of his birthday. Congratulations were expressed by representatives of the church and a gift was presented to Mr. Foll. It was a festive evening of good cheer and happy fellowship with everybody participating in the program of games and other activities.

On Thanksgiving night, Nov. 25, the young people's society of the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Ill., sponsored the play, "Follow Thou Me." It was

presented to a large audience by a cast of 12 young people, including the Misses Evelyn Woodrich, Mildred Nance, Lillian Hennings, Lois Blatt, Mae Gernenz and Joan Lane, Mrs. Kathryn Edwards, Mrs. Alice Luhrs, and the Messrs. Arthur and William Salzman, Kenneth Edwards and Albert Gernenz.

Miss Dorothy Socolofsky, the youngest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Socolofsky of Cordell, Okla., began her residence early in November in Washington, D. C., where she is employed in the Veterans' Administration Bureau. Last year she passed the

## NEW DENOMINATIONAL LECTURE

A new "still" film entitled "God's Glory Revealed in our Denomination," has been prepared for distribution in our churches. It consists of almost 100 colorful and fascinating new pictures, depicting the story of our entire denominational enterprise in its foreign and home missionary work, the service of our institutions, and the inspirational events of the General Conference in Portland, Ore.

The projector and the pictures, which are in the nature of stereoptican views arranged on a continuous film, will be sent to churches, young people's societies or missionary organizations requesting them of the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. In case of numerous conflicting requests, they will be met according to the sequence of their arrival at headquarters.

Civil Service examination for Junior typists. She attends the National Baptist Memorial Church in Washington and reports that she has found the services interesting and helpful.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 11, the members and friends of the Baptist Church of Holloway, Minn., held a pleasant reception for their new pastor, the Rev. H. C. Wedel, and his family. The reporter stated that "the program given was an expression of a group of Christians, that is in hearty co-operation with the Kingdom of God and anxious to work for the Lord and Master." The pastor had an opportunity of expressing words of appreciation at the close.

The Rev. F. Trautner of Eureka, S. Dak., has recently engaged in several series of evangelistic meetings.

Two weeks were spent in the Johannessthal station of the Ashley Church in North Dakota with the pastor, the Rev. W. Luebeck, during which 11 persons were converted. At Greenway near Eureka, Mr. Trautner assisted the pastor of the Congregational Church in similar services. He also participated in the Union meetings held in Eureka at the close of November and early in December.

During the month of November the Second Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held a series of interesting discussion on Dale Carnegie's popular book "How to Win Friends and Influence People." Many of the young people took part in the stimulating programs. Evangelistic services were held in the church from Sunday, Nov. 21, to Sunday, Dec. 5. The pastor of the church, the Rev. A. Husmann, brought the messages. On Sunday, Dec. 12, Dr. F. W. Meyer, missionary in the Philippine Islands, and the Rev. Wm. Kuhn of Chicago, Ill., were the guest speakers.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 2, the members of the B. Y. P. U. of the Harlem Church of New York City were guests of the B. Y. P. U. of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J. After a short song service the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt led the devotional period. The program rendered by the visiting society, consisted of recitations, various piano solos and musical selections, followed by a short play, entitled, "Is It Nothing to You?" The Jersey City society took charge of the remainder of the evening, entertaining the guests with games and refreshments.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, the Rev. G. W. Rutsch, pastor of the Baptist Church in Gackle, No. Dak., had the privilege of baptizing 16 persons, among whom

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## EDITORIAL

AT this time of the year we are often called upon to "turn over a new leaf." That expression does not convey adequately the profound significance of this date in the calendar of our lives.

### New Trails for the New Year

It suggests too easily the possibility, with the turning of one's hand, of changing from what we are to what we would like to be. All of us carry with us the luggage of the past in ingrained habits, the scars of battles, the moral consequences of our deeds, the training of others, which we cannot always drop along the wayside except by the grace of God.

But the New Year does call us to venture forth upon new trails of a more abundant and worthwhile life. These new trails start out wherever we are. They branch out from our present attainments. As we peer into the mist that hides the tomorrow from our present knowledge, we are led to believe that some of those new trails promise marvelous new treasures in ennobling friendships, business achievements, coveted honors, places of authority, memorable inspirations and heavenly visions.

"The Baptist Herald," beginning its sixteenth volume, is embarking upon new ventures of faith. The enlargement of the publication with a slight increase in price will provide necessary space for B.Y.P.U. programs, devotional pages, a greater variety of inspirational articles and material of a practical nature for church leaders. The reaction of our readers will be awaited with eager interest. The success of the New Year will depend upon the new trails over which "The Baptist Herald" will go in an ever-widening sphere of its influence for Christ and his Kingdom.

Our churches will find the year, 1938, more critically molding the future course of our history. "No man liveth unto himself." The weal or woe of every local church seems to affect the

life of the group. In this day of dangerous disintegration, that is threatening some of our local churches, the need for taking the right new trails which will ultimately bring us to the largest ministry of influence and blessing in the interest of God's Kingdom must be clearly discerned at the very outset. Having done that, then, like Abraham who "went out, not knowing whither he went," we as churches must venture onward by faith into new missionary trails in Mambila, into new paths of service on the difficult home field, into new avenues of deepening fellowship with the brethren of our faith every where.

We are beginning to emerge from a period of intense economic and political turmoil in our country with one fact quite conclusively established. The new will be radically different from the old. Former party lines are almost completely erased. The rights of rugged individualism, where every man keeps whatever he can get for himself, are being seriously questioned. The need for new experiments in dealing with the grave social problems of our day is receiving increasing emphasis by the leadership of our country.

How intense life, in all of its phases, has become! We seem to live a thousand years in a decade. The pace at which we travel is almost maddening. Great surging movements of the world affect our personal thinking and church life. Catastrophic events leave their scars upon us. But, ever and anon, we return to the simple faith of our childhood, that if we put our hands into the hand of the almighty and eternal God and embark upon the new trails of the New Year, he will lead us aright.

"And so I go on, not knowing,  
I would not if I might:  
I would rather walk in the dark with God  
Than walk alone in the light;  
I would rather walk with him by faith  
Than walk alone by sight."



# "Living for Jesus"

This interpretive article about one of the most popular and challenging young people's hymns which has been selected by the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union as its theme song for the years 1938 to 1940 has been prepared for "The Baptist Herald" by the youthful, energetic pastor of the Baptist Church in Elgin, Iowa.

By the REV. PAUL ZOSCHKE of Elgin, Iowa

THE song, "Living for Jesus," gripped my heart on the first occasion I heard it and has been a source of joy to me ever since that time. How rich the Christian's life is because of the music of the church! The human heart rises so often to the heart of God on notes and measures. The harmony of music frequently produces everlasting harmony between man and God. The mingling of message and melody is irresistible to many a distracted soul, and so God counts another reconciled child.

In this heart-stirring hymn we find our own confession to the world in the stanzas, and our pledge to our Master in the chorus.

The first stanza meks our position plain:

"Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
Striving to please him in all that I do,  
Yielding allegiance glad-hearted and free,  
This is the pathway of blessing for me."

Not only have we made the choice of Christ as the Lord of our lives, but it is our endeavor to please him in every undertaking.

Permitting hypocrisy or falsehood in our lives in word or deed means not only unreliability but a definite betrayal of him. The presence of foreign elements spells weakness, and often uselessness. Hence, we are striving to please him in all that we do. Our religious practices, social customs, financial dealings, civic affairs, family relationships, and even private habits must bear his approval.

"Out of the heart are the issues of life." Therefore, this allegiance must be "glad-hearted and free." Forced allegiance is never genuine. The movement of life must be from within outward to be lasting and happy.

In the second stanza the doctrinal reason is stated for our devotion to our Savior. Long ago God pronounced a death penalty upon sin. "The wages of sin is death." Christ chose to take this death sentence upon himself. The "sin and disgrace," which we had brought upon ourselves, he gladly bore. As a result of this vicarious suffering we are free and can go to the heart of the Father as though we had not sinned. This atonement is that of "the Lamb of God."

"Living for Jesus who died in my place,  
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace,  
Such love constrains me to answer his call,  
Follow his leading and give him my all."

This great atoning love of Christ is a constraining force in our lives. Those who have been rescued from physical death through another's heroism, which resulted in his own death, have a genuine illustration of this atonement. They feel the obligation of living the lives of two, namely their own and their Savior's. So we answer the call of our Savior from spiritual death with whole-hearted allegiance.

So often we find life divided, one part militating against the other. Many Christians have been accused of wearing their religion on Sunday and hanging it in the closet for the rest of the week. Our intention is clearly set forth in the fourth stanza:

"Living for Jesus wherever I am,  
Doing each duty in his holy Name,  
Willing to suffer affliction or loss,  
Deeming each trial a part of my cross."

Whether we are the star in the spotlight or the unnoticed man in the corner, we must do each task as though the atoning Savior had personally asked us to do it. This will save the star from pride and vainglory, and the unnoticed man from despair. Life will have a real purpose, and purpose lends power to life.

Another great part of this purpose of life is brought to us in the latter part of the fourth stanza, the former part naming the reward of our efforts:

"Living for Jesus through earth's little while,  
My dearest treasure, the light of his smile,  
Seeking the lost ones he sought to redeem,  
Bearing the weary to find rest in him."

The atonement of Jesus was made for everyone. To bring others to a recognition of this fact is the main concern of every Christian. The keenly sensitive heart cannot be happy while others are unhappy without Christ.

Now the dearest treasure that can come to one is the smile of love. True lovers will give up everything for that smile. "Jesus, lover of my soul" means "all the world to me."

To the world we have made our declaration. After each part of that declaration we make a pledge to our Christ in the words of the chorus:

"O Jesus, Lord and Savior,  
I give myself to thee,  
For thou in thy atonement  
Didst give thyself for me."

As I let this chorus resound in the chambers of my heart I experience a forgetfulness of self and a clearer vision of the Savior.

This hymn is an inspiration because it came as an inspiration to the author and composer. The melody was first composed and used under the title of "Sunshine Song." The words were rather "light and summery" as the composer, Mr. C. Harold Lowden, himself says, but it was written for a Children's Day service and was hardly expected to live longer than for that season. But many pastors and superintendents liked the melody so much that they repeatedly requested Mr. Lowden to give it a more general setting.

Sometime later, when the composer was contemplating the issuance of a collection of hymns, he pulled this melody from his files and played it over. The tempo and rhythm suggested the words, "Living for Jesus," which were then placed as a caption. Then playing it over repeatedly, this new title suggested a setting of deep consecration and words that would be most appropriate for the refrain.

The next problem was who should be asked to write this consecration message. After prayerful consideration Mr. T. O. Chisholm, who had already supplied Mr. Lowden with a number of

poems, seemed to be the logical man. This author had never made poems to order, and so he sent the material back saying that he had not the slightest idea as to the method used in writing words to music and that he required absolute freedom in the construction of his verses. Mr. Lowden immediately returned it to him again with a letter saying that he believed God had led him to this choice and suggesting that he let God write the poem if he felt he could not do so. This challenge was accepted, and after several weeks "Living for Jesus" in its present form was in Mr. Lowden's mail.

More than a million copies have been sold in single sheet form, and it has appeared in scores of hymn and song books of various publishers and denominational houses. It has been translated into fifteen different languages and dialects of which there is record and perhaps many more of which there is no record.

May these words help to make this song a new song for you in your heart! Let it be the challenge of your life even as it is to serve as the motto of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of our denomination for the next triennium. "Live for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please him in all that you do!"

## Greetings, Baptists of the World!

By DR. GEORGE W. TRUETT, President of the Baptist World Alliance,  
and DR. J. H. RUSHBROOKE, General Secretary

AT the opening of a New Year we once more greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The unity which our Baptist World Alliance represents is a blessed reality for which our people in every continent give thanks to God. We have seen new evidence of this in the year that is passing away.

We recall with joy the series of regional conferences in Europe in which we were privileged to participate. Differences of race and language vanished in the all-pervading sense of oneness in Christ. And the Zürich World Conference, bringing together young Baptists from East and West, North and South, provided a fitting and impressive climax.

India has seen the birth of an All-India Baptist Union embracing men varying in race and speech, but unified by their common loyalty to the gospel. China, where linguistic difficulties are fewer, but distances great, has laid firm the foundations of her national Baptist Alliance.

Our hearts are specially drawn to our fellow-believers in certain lands.

We share the universal horror at the cruel wrongs inflicted upon China. We pray that our Baptist brethren, all other Christians of that land, and the whole Chinese people, may be granted strength, courage and patience under

their trials, and a happy issue from all their afflictions.

In Russia through the long years our people have suffered and still remain faithful; we dare not forget them.

In Rumania, ecclesiastical and civil authorities have tested the soul of our brethren, but the "sufficient grace" has not failed. With clear mind and strong heart they maintain their witness and as their story is told to the world it has evoked admiration as well as sympathy.

These are days of fierce challenge. In wide areas of earth religious liberty has been trampled under foot, and in others it is menaced.

Such days need us. The story of our past with its witness for liberty reinforces our energy for present-day tasks. Truth and freedom are unconquerable. Though alone, we would still stand for these divine ideals, and we gladly join hands with all fellow-Christians who are ready to serve them. But as heirs of Helwys, Roger Williams and John Bunyan, we Baptists feel the responsibility of our heritage. We must bear unflinching witness for truth and freedom. 1938 calls for that witness. Let us enter the New Year resolved to maintain our loyalty to Christ and our liberty in him.

May God grant you all a year made strong and joyous by his holy presence!



# How God Measures Time

An important New Year's question, "How much of 1938 will you really live?", is answered in this remarkably fine article with keen, Christian insight by the pastor of the Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, formerly minister in New Britain, Conn.

By the REV. REUBEN P. JESCHKE of Dayton, Ohio

For many people in America something truly remarkable happened at 12 o'clock, midnight, on Dec. 31, 1937. At that moment they veritably felt the old year "go out" and the new year "come in"; so literal in meaning have these expressions become to them. This attitude does not limit itself to any one group. Worshipers at a Watch-night service or participants in a noisy "celebration" may equally have been conscious of it.

We need not decry order and precision in the measurement of time. Still many people do think of it largely as a substance that mechanically may be parceled out in little units. This can cause a feverish haste for human achievement, but often it beclouds the mind to a higher and more fruitful

Therefore, God's time is that which we are already following.

That conclusion probably means little. In any case, it solves no problem of life. The truly pertinent question therefore is: "What, in the sight of God, is important about time?" An answer to that should interest us, for as applied to the lives of men and women it would open the way to an existence that is happier and more secure.

Surely, a very careful division into weeks, days and hours cannot ultimately be vital. That does nothing creative. To accomplish his purposes God often employs long periods of time. Even those who leave him out of the world say the same thing in other words, when they admit that usually history

portant thing is the length of time; the more important is always what it contains. Our knowledge of spiritual things tells us that the heavenly Father is concerned about making love, truth and righteousness prevail. His business is always urgent. Yet the value of time to him will depend, not so much upon the number of hours that have passed, as upon what, during that time, has been achieved in the way of bringing these things about.

It is well that we bring this whole matter more particularly down to the plane of human living. Let our conscience ask us, not, "How long have you lived?" but, "How much have you lived?" Whereas mankind has been overly impressed by the mere mechanics of time, it has urgent need of entering the higher spiritual approach. The length is important, not for itself, but because of what it should include.

Some people live more in twenty years than others in seventy. The former build upon rock; they lay up treasures that endure. The latter merely exist. Much of their activity is destructive of soul and body. What they accumulate and value is of the earth. What a glorious thing it is, therefore, when a true servant of God lives to a ripe old age! In his body Jesus wrought among men for a very few years. How mightily he lived in that short period, the history of the world has amply proved.

The present year will have three hundred and sixty-five days for everyone. For some life—physically, mentally, and spiritually—will stand still or go backward. For others these days will be marked by loving service, talents made more effective, increased insight into the truths of life, a deepened faith, a spiritual vision made more distant and more searching. The truth of God, which changes not nor passes away, will have become more fully embodied. In God's sight their time alone has true significance.

An auto of mine was equipped with a very eccentric clock. It would function only when there was outside vibration. Whenever the motor was running or the auto was being driven, it would keep time. Otherwise, it refused to do so. In a week it marked off a day or less of actual time. Many people live in just such a fashion. Only under special emotion do they really begin to live. They have been moved by a missionary sermon, or they have attended revival meetings, or, perhaps, there has been a death in the family. And so, for a short while, time really goes

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The Rev. R. P. Jeschke in His Study

spiritual attitude. Much in our time-keeping system could be altered, and it would still remain in essential harmony with the movements of the earth and the heavenly bodies. What, then, may our higher approach be? Or, how, in the last analysis, can we think of God as looking upon time?

As Christians it is our conviction that the world has come into being through the creative activity of God's spirit. Our increasing knowledge of the universe only helps further to convince us that the same Creator is still at work. Even as Jesus said, "My Father worketh even until now, and I work." The question seems answered, then, for we reason thus. Our time is based upon the movement of earth and heavenly bodies. God made these and is still at work in their present history.

travels a long road before the final word on a matter is spoken.

The Eternal, we believe, has his divine purposes with the world and the beings who occupy it. But, eternity is in his hands. Where his will is not quickly brought to pass, the centuries will, nevertheless, find it to prevail. The Psalmist was right: "A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." The apostle Peter utters a similar thought: "But forget not this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." The moments may be important, but even we look upon things in the light of their total expression. To God that is the first consideration.

Stated in other words, the less im-

# Daily Meditations

By PROFESSOR LEWIS KAISER of Rochester, N. Y.

## Saturday, January 1 The Opening Year

Philippians 3:13—"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."

Read Philippians 3:10-14.

On the threshold of another year! The door closes behind us, and we enter a new room in our Father's house, which we are to furnish with our own hands. All that the old year held of joy and success, we would carry into the new. What it held of regret and bitterness, we would penitently let God bury into the oblivion of his grace.

Prayer: Our times are in thy hands, O God. We commit ourselves into thy keeping.

## Sunday, January 2 The Unchanging God

Psalms 90:1—"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations."

Read Psalm 90:13-17.

Nature and history are marked by change and decay. Our human purpose, the Father's will, has never failed, marked by many falls. But God's purpose, the Father's will, has never failed. Although not always mindful of his presence, still he leads us on, until he brings us home.

Prayer: Help us, O Lord, in this new year to practice thy presence, to discern thy good guidance and to trust thee in all conditions.

## Monday, January 3 God in the Commonplace

Mark 9:41—"Whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward."

Read Matthew 10:40-42.

One of Jesus' great lessons was to get men to look for God in the commonplace things, of which God makes so many. Was not Abraham Lincoln right, when he said, "God must love the common people, for he made so many of them." Why should we crave for the exceptional thing—a miracle, perchance? The ordinary suffices—even the cup of cold water—when one sees God in it.

Prayer: O Lord, may the little, common things of life become great to us, because we see thee in them.

## Tuesday, January 4 In Step with God

Isaiah 40:31—"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; . . . they shall walk, and not faint."

Read Isaiah 40:27-31.

An army marches more easily and with less fatigue, when all of its members are in step. And life, too, loses much of its strain and stress and be-

comes far more harmonious, when it is lived in step with God. To such only is the promise of divine guidance and support given in a confused and troubled world.

Prayer: Eternal God, may we ever be conscious of the fulfillment in our own lives of thy promise of "strength renewed."

## Wednesday, January 5

### Repent Ye!

Luke 13:3—"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Read Luke 13:1-5.

"Repent ye!" was the clarion call of Jesus. "Change your mind," as we would translate. Not a change of garments, did he demand, nor of opinions, nor of customs and rules, but a change of mind (heart), of temper, of attitude, of disposition. "Change of mind" strikes at the root of character.

Prayer: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

## Thursday, January 6

### Not Imitation but Growth

Ephesians 4:15—"That ye may grow up into him in all things."

Read Ephesians 4:11-16.

The Christian life is not so much the imitation, but the reflection of Christ. Real goodness is not the goodness of the copy-book, but that of a growing tree. The tree develops, not by imitation of the parent tree, but by participation in its life. Not mechanically copying Jesus, but growing up into Christ is the secret.

Prayer: To grow up into thy life and likeness is my deepest longing, O Master.

## Friday, January 7

### Sufficiency for Every Need

Deuteronomy 33:25—"As thy days, so shall thy strength be."

Read Deuteronomy 33:24-29.

"Build a little fence of trust around today;

Fill the space with loving deeds and therein stay;

Look not through the sheltering bars upon tomorrow;

God will help thee bear what comes of joy or sorrow."

Can we say with Paul: "I have learned how to be content, wherever I am?"

Prayer: Thou, guide of my life, help me to see in my disappointment thy wise appointment. Pour sweetness into the cup of my affliction.

## Saturday, January 8

### The Magnetic Christ

John 12:32—"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Read John 12:27-36.

There is no power so persuasive as love. It always attracts, as hatred always repels. The magnetic power of his redemptive love magnetizes all who respond to him. And they, having been magnetized by Christ, in turn draw others.

Prayer: O Master, dwell in us with all thy saving power that we may rise out of our littleness into thy greatness.

## Sunday, January 9

### The Uses of Mistakes

Micah 7:8—"When I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me."

Read Micah 7:7-9.

Someone has said: "It is better to make mistakes, than to make no effort." Mistakes are unavoidable, if we are ever to make life count for something. We learn best by experience. But when we fall, we must arise again. Most victories have been made out of the courage to "try, try again." Success will come at last.

Prayer: Perfection is with thee, our Father. Forgive our imperfections. Help us to arise from our falls. Give us to see our next step more clearly.

## Monday, January 10

### Christ and the Church

Ephesians 5:32—"I speak concerning Christ and the church."

Read Ephesians 5:24-30.

What a high opinion Paul had of the Church, the Church with all of its imperfections. He couples the Church with Christ with no sense of incongruity. To speak highly of Christ and disparagingly of the Church—His body—is a glaring contradiction, for "Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it."

Prayer: We thank thee, our heavenly Father, for the Church of Christ. Help us to render to her the affection and service we owe her.

## Tuesday, January 11

### The Sanctity of the Marital Tie

Ephesians 5:25—"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

Read (again) Ephesians 5:25-33.

The relationship of husband and wife has its ideal in the relationship of Christ and the Church. That gives to the marital life a peculiar sanctity. The heart of that sanctity is love; not mere sentimental love, but sacrificial love, even "as Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it."

Prayer: O Christ, may thy love reflect itself in the intimacies of our married life.

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# B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

By MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of "The Baptist Herald"

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Sunday, February 6

## Many, Yet One

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

### Introduction

1. In a remarkably unique sermon Dr. Bernard C. Clausen, a Baptist minister of Pittsburgh, Pa., grows enthusiastic over "the Miracle of Me." Your body is a complex, human organism with at least 784 different parts, each of which becomes a synchronized, obedient, harmonious self, or, in the words of Dr. Clausen, "a symphony of orchestration." The unity which this body of many parts achieves is, indeed, one of life's greatest miracles.

That is a picture of the Christian Church, in these words of the Apostle Paul. He calls the Church the body of Christ (Verse 12). There are many members (verse 20) and diversities of gifts, (verse 28), but they are all "but one body." That greater unity of the church of Christ must always be emphasized so that "there should be no schism in the body."

### Baptists of the World

2. The Baptists of the World, organized into the unifying Baptist World Alliance, number more than eleven million people. The sun never sets upon Baptist people. They are to be found everywhere, preaching the gospel of Christ with simplicity and fervent spirit. They are endeavoring to pattern their lives after Christ and their organizations after the New Testament Church. They are striving to emulate their early heroic leaders, such as John Bunyan and Roger Williams, by insisting on the freedom of conscience, the separation of church and state, a spiritual church. They are continuing the missionary zeal of William Carey, Luther Rice, Adoniram Judson and John Mason Peck by taking the banner of Christ in a holy missionary crusade to every corner of the globe.

Today is Baptist World Alliance Sunday, when we need to be challenged by the words of Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, the general secretary, written especially for this day: "It is a joy to realize that, when men and nations are becoming dangerously self-centered, there is a real Baptist brotherhood that girdles the globe, and by a common faith and polity, binds in a spiritual unity peoples who are in other respects poles asunder."

We ought to pray for our persecuted Baptist brethren of Russia and Rumania. We ought to gain a better appreciation of the millions of Negro Baptists in the National Convention. We ought to become better acquainted with the stirring records of Baptist history.

## German Baptists of North America

3. Our churches, which number more than 270 with 36,000 members, are such a motley variety of language, peoples, and social types that one wonders what holds them together. Not even the name, "German Baptists," sets us apart, for many of our churches seldom use a German word in all their services and activities. Our territory covers the South and the North of the United States, extends over the vast provinces of Canada, stretches from sea to sea. Some of our conferences cover an area that is 1500 miles across.

But we are all people for whom Christ died. We are all part of the world that God loved. We have all become members of the body of Christ. We have our mutual obligations in the great work of our denomination. If we shirk at our task the whole work will suffer. (Verse 26.) The ties of Christian faith and love bind us together into an ennobling fellowship of spirit.

### Many Christian Groups

4. A very revealing question is to ask concerning the religious affiliation of outstanding evangelists, who have been blessed of God and about the authors and composers of the songs we love to sing. It will show how God has wonderfully used men and women of many denominations. It will stress for us the need of remaining sympathetic and tolerant, even though we retain our own convictions.

Did you know that Gipsy Smith is a member of a Methodist Church, that Billy Sunday was a Persbyterian in good standing, that Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps" is a Congregationalist preacher? "Jesus, Lover of my Soul" was written by a Methodist, "Rock of Ages" by a Unitarian, "In the Garden" by a Presbyterian, "Lead, Kindly Light" by a Catholic. In spite of the many differences that separate us in our denominational bodies, there is a common desire to worship God and to love Christ as our Lord and Master.

The Apostle Paul was laying such emphasis upon this unity of the larger Church of Christ as his body with its many members and diversities of gifts as an introduction to the marvelous chapter on love.

### References and Suggestions

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## A Christian's Country

Scripture References: Amos 5:12-15, 21-24; Luke 4:16-21

### "Thus Saith the Lord"

1. The prophets of olden times were the fiery charioteers for God. With flaming passion they rode recklessly against the evils of their day. With thundering voices they shouted the commands of God, "Thus saith the Lord!" They were severely critical of the things that were wrong and displeasing to God in the affairs of their country. Even Amos had to say, although he was called a traitor for doing so, "I know your countless crimes, your manifold misdeeds—browbeating honest men, accepting bribes, defrauding the poor of justice." (Verse 12.)

These prophets looked at their country through the eyes of God and saw it as it ought to be and as it might be if God was given a chance. What they wanted was to "let justice roll down as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream." (Verse 24.) They were not at all at home in the world in which they lived because of the evils, injustices and social sins which they saw. Someone said that it is our tragedy that we are too easily at home in our world, closing our eyes to these evils, becoming insensitive to the wrongs of our day, failing to show Christian courage.

### Jesus and the Early Church

2. Christ's first sermon dealt with the physical and spiritual condition of his fellow-men. He saw his mission in terms of his ministry as God's Son to the poor, the brokenhearted, the captives, the blind and the bruised. In burning contrasting words he showed his deep concern for the most abundant life of his people: "Woe unto you that are rich!"... "Blessed are the poor in spirit!" And again: "Woe unto you that are full!"... "Blessed are they that hunger after righteousness!" (See Luke 6.) Jesus looked at his country and always saw the individual in need of God, of happiness, of daily bread, of love, of an abundant life!

The early church was often the severest critic of the political ills and social injustices of its country. Its members refused to become worshippers of the Emperor. Peter and John refused to obey the magistrate because they "had to obey God rather than men." The Apostle Paul supervised a blazing bonfire in which all the pernicious, evil books of Ephesus were burned. The early disciples of Christ often went to their death because they refused to compromise with the evil of the world and could not be silent in their denunciation of sin.

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## Looking at Our Country

3. Let us look at our country, whether it be the Yankee analyzing the United States or the neighbor to the North trying to understand his Canada. Spiritual life everywhere seems to be on a low ebb. Church buildings in most places are too large for the people who go to church. No great surging revival has swept any section of the world for the past several decades. Neither the World War nor the economic depression has aroused any widespread penitence in people's hearts for their sins and transgressions. Men and women have a great sufficiency of money to spend for luxuries, for tobacco, for automobiles, for amusements, but a few pennies have to suffice for missions and the church.

We must realize, however, that each of us reflects something of the whole. A part of the clay of the country as a whole sticks to the feet of each one of us. If our country in general needs a revival, possibly it is you and I who especially need God's quickening and revitalizing power. Let our prayer then be: "O God, send the fire of thy Holy Spirit upon this earth and begin by lighting the candle of my life!"

### The Social Problem of Our Day

4. Young people of our day, especially the youth of our Christian churches, ought to be poignantly aware of the social evils that prevail in our country. In this day when nations are arming themselves to the hilt for a future war, seemingly not so far off, young people should know how munition manufacturers in times of peace and war sell their deadly wares to every available purchaser and at the same time are involved in most of the lobbies that are creating agitation for more military protection for this country. The legalizing of gambling in many states of the Union is one of the gravest issues of our day. Lynching will continue to be the black mark that besmirches our national life, especially when United States senators filibuster against a bill, outlawing lynching, by reading from the Bible. The topsyturvy distribution of wealth in this country can be pictured as follows: If 3 apples represented all the wealth in the U. S. and 100 people the entire population, then 2 men would get 2 of the apples and a large bite out of the third and the 98 other people would have to be content with the rest of the third apple. Such inequalities and injustices are not Christian.

### References and Suggestions

"Resolutions on Christian Action" adopted by B. Y. P. U. of America in 1936 (Free—Any Number).

Literature on Such Social Problems as Race Relations, War, Liquor Traffic, Economic Injustices and Gambling will be sent on request.

"Christ's Alternative to Communism" and "The Choice Before Us" by E. Stanley Jones.

"War Madness" by Stephen and Joan Rauschenbusch. (See Book Reviews.)

# Workshop for Church Leaders

## Introducing the Workshop to Our Readers

By the Editor of "The Baptist Herald"

How vividly I remember the workshop of my childhood days! The room was no larger than a cave and my tools—a small saw, a hammer, a cheap plane, nails, and odds and ends of wood—were those of a beginner. But that little workshop of mine was the scene of grandiose schemes in carpentry and of gigantic experiments in construction. It was a boy's laboratory in which all kinds of theoretical plans were tested and put into practise.

This BAPTIST HERALD workshop for church leaders—principally those of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.—will be patterned after such a practical workshop for boys. The tools of religious education in the knowledge of the best available materials and the most effective methods for church work will be placed into the hands of the reader. All kinds of helpful suggestions for Sunday School officers and teachers and B. Y. P. U. leaders will be made. Program outlines will be given. References to the latest books on related subjects will be cited. Provocative questions will be answered. This will be your department in THE BAPTIST HERALD to be conducted by you through your questions and reactions in order to help you to build more constructively and successfully for God in your church and organization.

The editor would suggest that you direct your questions to him at Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. If anything has arisen in your organization that has become a problem or on which you would like to have some light, send it on to us. The questions for discussion should deal with topics affecting the work of the Sunday School or young people's societies and their membership. On the whole, the Sunday School work will receive the major emphasis since it is the phase of our work which is most neglected in THE BAPTIST HERALD, but we hope to reach a proper balance before the year is finished.

A few of the topics which will be considered in this "Workshop" can be revealed. In the next issue of THE BAPTIST HERALD we hope to reprint a very illuminating and helpful article on "Does the Sunday School Teacher Know Her Geography of the Holy Land?" from a leading religious periodical. It is chuck full of fascinating facts that will "stick" after the article has been read. Other articles will deal with the best methods for an evangelistic Sunday School, the church library, the departmentalizing of the Sunday School, the election of officers, the organizing of a teacher training class, the value of rewards for scholars,

the Family Altar, a unified program for church and Sunday School, the Vacation Bible School, the B. Y. P. U. pledge, committees for a good young people's society, the six point record system, the age limit for the B. Y. P. U., and a host of other topics.

The wide awake and industrious Sunday School teacher or officer should have some religious periodical coming to his or her house which will supplement the material on the Sunday School lesson with inspiring articles in the general field of religious education. The best all around publication of this kind is the International Journal of Religious Education, a monthly magazine for \$1.25 a year, which presents a great array of helpful and informative articles for church leaders. It can be ordered at the address, 203 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. "The Children's Leader" of the American Baptist Publication Society (1701—1701 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.) is a notable monthly magazine of material and methods for children's leaders in Christian education, which costs only \$1.00 a year. Another excellent general magazine is "The Teacher," published by the Southern Baptist Convention at 161 Eighth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., at \$1.00 a year, which brings an ideal combination of general articles, book reviews and suggestive pointers along with the Sunday School interpretations.

Several very helpful pamphlets can be secured from the editor's address free or at a small charge. From time to time notice will be given of such available booklets in this workshop. A 27 page pamphlet on "Pictures for Children" with a variety of suggestions for the selection of religious pictures for the church, class room or home and for their care can be secured free by writing to the editor for a copy. An invaluable booklet of 23 pages on "Equipment and Arrangement" is indispensable for leaders in small church buildings with a single room and limited equipment and who want to use that to the best advantage for their school. It can be secured for five cents by writing to the editor for it.

Boys and girls in our Sunday School should be encouraged to read the Bible for themselves and to memorize certain portions of it. A little leaflet of about ten pages on "Worthwhile Ways of Reading the Bible" can be secured in any reasonable number without any charge from the editor. An annual Bible reading calendar, beautifully decorated, with a plan for reading the Bible through in a year can be secured in single copies free from the editor.

We'll see you again in two weeks!





# Sunrise

By Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill

## SYNOPSIS

At half past ten on a Wednesday morning young Jason Whitney came out of the bank and walked down Main Street in the opposite direction from his home with a hard set look on his face. The books at the bank had been tampered with; suspicion had been cast upon him; now he was going away forever. Everyone in town soon knew the news. Rose Allison, the minister's daughter, refused to believe that Jason was guilty because of things that had happened at school when he was blamed for everything. Joyce, Jason's sister, was heartbroken over the most recent tragedy in her home. The stepmother bitterly blamed the father for Jason's waywardness, and Mr. Whitney fumed at the bank officials for their action. Mr. Parsons inquired of his wife about their son, Rowan, suspecting that he had gone with Jason because of their friendship for each other. Everyone wondered how it would all turn out!

## CHAPTER THREE

In the back room of Rowley's place five men were eating an uninviting supper, waited upon by an ill-kempt woman with straggling gray hair and a sodden face. She was wearing men's shoes and she shuffled noisily about the wooden floor as if driven by an unseen overseer.

Two of the men were young with hard dare-devil faces. The others looked old in crime and had cruel mouths and eyes that flinched as nothing.

"Anything happened today, Nance?"

"Naw!"

"Nobody come in?"

"Cuppla parties fer gas. Nobody else, only ceptin' Jase."

"Jase ben here? Whad'd'ee want? He knowed we was away."

"Didn't want nuthin'. Jes' come in ta make a phone call!"

Rowley dropped his knife harshly. "Jase made a phone call here, an' you didn't tell me!"

"Well, I'm tellin' ya now, ain't I?" Rowley frowned.

"Who'd'ee call?"

"Jes' some gal. He was callin' off a date."

"Fer when?"

"Fer tonight!"

"Oh, well, then that's okay! More cabbage, Nance, an' be quick about it! We got a lot ta do yet. What time was Jase in here?"

"I couldn't say," said the old woman drawing a bored sigh. "I was takin' a nap an' didn't look at the clock."

"Well, next time you looks at the clock, see, Nance!" threatened Rowley with a grim glance. "Ah, Nance, ef anybody asks where we was tonight, y'ur ta say we come in early an' et supper an' went straight ta bed. An don't say another thing, no matter how hard they press ya. See?"

"Jes's you say!" answered Nance sullenly, and shuffled away to wash her dishes.

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The night was dark, for the little thread of a moon that had appeared timidly not far from the single star, had slipped away early, too young to stay up late, and the star too, had pulled a cloud over its face.

But Joyce still sat there on her log watching up the road.

She did not see the side door of her home open, nor hear her stepmother calling:

"Joyce! Joyce! Come here! I want you!"

She was watching up the road! Where was Jason?

At last she rose and slowly made her way across the pasture lot, and through the Parson's meadow, not sure even yet that she was going to dare to go to the door and speak to Hannah Parsons. She longed so for some human being to speak to who would understand her. And Hannah was gentle and kind. But then what would Hannah understand? She couldn't tell her fears for her brother.

Nevertheless she made her way across the dewy grass, finally arriving at the pasture bars, and stood there leaning against a post watching Hannah's light in the kitchen window, when Rowan's car drove in.

Joyce waited in the shadow till Rowan came out and started to close the garage doors. Then she called softly through the darkness.

"Rowan! Rowan!"

He dropped his hold on the door instantly and came over to her.

"Joyce? You here? What's the matter?" he asked anxiously. He knew it would be no trifle that would bring shy Joyce Whitney in search of him.

"Rowan have you seen Jason?" she asked in a whisper. "I was hoping he had been with you? He hasn't been home all day." Joyce's heart was beating so fast it almost seemed to stifle her. All the pent-up anxiety of the

whole day was in her voice, and her hand stole to rest at the base of her throbbing throat. She looked up eagerly into the young man's eyes. Her own were luminous with unshed tears even in the darkness and suddenly Rowan let down the bars and came and stood beside her, one hand resting comfortingly on her shoulder.

"No, I have not seen him," said Rowan gravely, and his voice was gentle as one talks to a little child. Its sympathy broke down the girl's self-control and her lips trembled.

"They say he has lost his position in the bank," she hurried on with her explanation, "and you know what that would mean to him! He knows father wouldn't stand for his losing another job, and—he—maybe wouldn't dare—come home!"

And now the tears rained down.

She put her hands up to brush them excitedly away. "I thought perhaps—you might know where I could look for him! Nobody at home will do anything. They are angry! Very angry! And Jason would do anything when he gets frantic! I'm so worried. If I could only get word to him I'd go away with him myself. I have a little money of my own that would keep us till we could find something to do. Oh, isn't there any place you could suggest where I could look for him?"

A look almost of fear passed over Rowan's face.

"You say he's lost his job at the bank. Are you sure?"

"I guess it's true all right. My stepmother telephoned to Mr. Goodright. I don't know why. She didn't tell me what he said. She was very angry. But I know Jason. He wouldn't stay to face a thing like that."

"No," said Rowan thoughtfully. "I don't suppose he would. But I didn't think Goodright would turn him away. I thought—"

Oh, Jason was probably to blame," said Jason's sister breaking down utterly and hiding her face in her hands for an instant. When she lifted her face, the one star had done away with her clouds and twinkled over Joyce's tears as she looked at the young man bravely, trying to conquer the tremble in her voice. "But—he's my brother! And I have to stand by him! Oh, don't you know any place where I could look for him?"

"Yes!" said Rowan crisply. his lips set, his whole body tense. "I think I know one place where he could go. He

told me once—never mind! I'll find him. I'll bring him back to you! Oh don't cry, dear!"

And suddenly his arms went around her, he drew her close to himself, and laid his face tenderly down on hers kissing her wet lashes. Then his warm eager lips were on her own sweet trembling mouth, and he whispered softly with his lips against her hair:

"You are precious!"

One long moment more he held her close as she yielded her weary weakness to his strong arms, and then he let her go.

"I must go!" he said. "There wouldn't be a minute to spare if he is gone where I think. But I'll bring him back! You can trust me! I've got to go in the house for something before I start. Where will you go? Will you come in with Mother?"

"Oh no," said Joyce drawing back, "I must get right home! I'll have plenty to face as it is. Nobody must know I came here."

"Of course not!" said Rowan. "I ought to have thought of that!"

A moment more and Joyce was fleeing back through the pasture, her eyes starry with hope, and Rowan's kiss stinging sweetly upon her lips. It was the first time Rowan had kissed her. He had kissed her and said she was precious! But she mustn't think about that now. She must only think about her brother. The kiss had been a sort of seal from Rowan that he would help her. It was almost sacred. She must not think of it in any other way—not now, anyway.

She could feel his strong arms about her yet, as her feet flew on across the rough pasture, going with swiftsure where they would have had difficulty in walking in the day, the thrill of her spirit carrying her on as if she had wings.

And Rowan, slipping off his shoes, was stealing up the back stairs, hoping to get away without his mother's knowing. Strange he should expect to, seeing he had hardly ever succeeded in getting away with anything like that in his life! Mother Hannah was a canny woman and had sharp ears.

He had a little money up in his room. He would need it, if things fell out as he expected.

He got the few things he was after and stuffed them in his pockets. He was on his way down again, his shoes in his hand, when he saw his mother standing at the foot of the back stairs in a shaft of light that came from the dining room door. She was smiling up at him.

"Your dinner is ready, laddie!" she said gently, not to startle him.

"Thanks, Mother!" he smiled at her embarrassedly just as when he was a little boy about to steal away on some forbidden project. "But I've got to go somewhere right away. I can't stop for dinner. It's something important, Mother! You'll have to trust me!" Various emotions played over Han-

nah Parson's face in the darkness of the kitchen, but what she said was:

"All right! Here's a sandwich to take with you! Put your shoes on and I'll have it in a paper bag!"

She stepped to the table in full view of him as he sat on the lower step of the stairs putting on his shoes. She swept four slices of bread with butter, laid two slices of hot beef within, reached to the cupboard drawer for a paper bag, and added a thick slice of maple cake. All in one motion it seemed, and Rowan, even in his absorption and haste, took thought to be glad of the kind of mother he had. He knew her heart was bursting with anxiety, but she would not ask him where he was going. It was her way. He was not a child any more. He knew, too, that he had often given her cause for anxiety. Yet here she was like a brave soldier sending him off with food into the unknown.

"When will you be back, laddie?" she asked in a voice that tried to be cheery.

"I can't tell, Mother." Rowan finished tying his shoe and stood up to take the lunch she had prepared.

"I—asked because your father said he wanted to see you. He asked that you stay up for him. Something important, he said. You know it's his Building Association night!"

Rowan was at the door with his hand on the knob, and she was not following him but her eyes were straining him to her very soul with yearning to protect him. He read the look:

"I can't be sure," he explained hurriedly. "I'll come back as soon as I can, and you and Father can trust me, Mother!"

He turned his head to look back and add:

"Tell Father it's something he would do if he were in my place. It's something I must do, and I—can't explain! If I don't get back tonight tell him I'll see him in the morning!"

"All right, my son!" Hannah Parsons' voice kept steady till the end, and she stepped to the window and looked out into the darkness as the rusty old car rattled away into the night again. He hadn't exchanged his car! Probably he was disappointed! Oh, she prayed that this thing he had to do was not any childish vengeful thing about his car, not any fancied dishonesty that must be avenged, not any unreasoning idea of crude honor.

"And Lord, don't let him be going to Rowley's, or anything like that!" she prayed. And yet it was straight toward Rowley's that Rowan Parsons was driving.

A girl with dark hair blowing about her face, stood out on her own back steps and listened to the clatter of his old machine, and pushed from her any doubt or dismay that pressed on her mind when she saw which way he was going. Remembering those strong arms that had been about her, a kiss on her lips, she would not doubt him. She would not let herself even think that

perhaps Rowan and Jason had been mixed up together somehow in something—it was all so vague—a thing built up of sneers and looks and half-formed sentences, like the whistle of a whiplash in air, writhing for a victim. So her eyes grew starry in the dark again as she rested on the word of Rowan that he would bring back her brother.

Did either of the two watchers who listened to the fading clatter of the old car have hint of premonition that the lad had fared afar, and that it would be long before he returned? If so the shadow was not dark enough to dim their thought of how he had looked and what he had said as he left them, and their hearts swelled with joy in spite of all their fears.

The wind had risen and was driving swift purple clouds across the dark sky when Joyce went into the house, seeking to steal upstairs to her room without seeing anybody. But her stepmother's ears were keen, and her voice was sharp.

"Joyce! That you at last? Come in here. Your father wants to see you!"

Joyce came into the sitting room, smoothing her hair back from her white face. Out there on the steps in the night she could feel Rowan's arms about her protectingly, hear his voice telling her she was precious, but in here in the bright lights that her stepmother loved she was all alone and must protect herself. Perhaps God was here, too, somewhere, but He always seemed very far away in that atmosphere. She told herself that she had no reason to cringe this way before her stepmother, but still she could not get away from the horror of her words. They seemed like acid in a wound.

Her father sat there stern and angry. He regarded her as somehow to blame for the state of things that had descended upon their household again.

"Well," said Mrs. Whitney leaning back in her wide rocker and swaying luxuriously back and forth as if the present occasion were one she enjoyed, "I suppose you've been out hunting darling baby-brother again. What success did you have this time? Gallivanting around in the dark in the country when most respectable young women are in homes carefully protected, or out under proper escort! What you think of yourself I'm sure I don't know. What the neighbors will think will be plenty. Wait till I hear it served up to me tomorrow over the phone, or at my bridge club. But don't let me interrupt you. Do tell us the latest news!"

Joyce had grown very white and angry now, and she could not trust herself to speak. She gave her stepmother one long haughty furious look, turned wild eyes of appeal toward the implacable father who sat there in his silent anger. Then realizing how hopeless it would be to appeal to him, she turned on her heel, dashed up the stairs, and down the hall to her room, locking the door and dropping on her knees beside the open window:

"O God," she prayed, "don't let her



ever find out where I went. Please, please don't!"

And then she heard her father's heavy footsteps coming up the stairs.

"Joyce!" he thundered at her door.

"Yes, Father," she answered bravely, opening her door.

It was dark in her room. Only the weird light of the night at her window showed the clouds whirling tempestuously across a midnight blue. He stood blinking in the doorway with the brilliant light of the hall chandelier behind him, looking strangely baffled for an instant.

"Where is the light switch?" he roared. "Why are you here in the dark?"

She did not answer, but switched on the light and stood frail and white facing him, her big tragic eyes pleading with him for mercy.

"Where is your brother?" he roared, made savage by the vision of her sorrowful face. "And why should you be acting as if you were on a stage playing a tragedy? Where is Jason, I say?"

"I don't know," she answered.

"When did you last see him?" His eyes fixed her icily as if he thought she might be tempted to conceal something.

"At breakfast."

"How did he act?"

"Just as usual. He seemed quite happy. Was whistling as he went away."

"And when did you hear about this—this—outrageous!" he paused for a word and ended in blowing his nose resoundingly.

"When he didn't come home to lunch," answered Joyce as steadily as she could. "Aunt Libby asked the grocery boy if he had seen him, and he said no, and told her he wasn't at the bank any more."

"And didn't you do anything about it? How did you know the grocery boy knew?"

"Mother called up the bank. She didn't tell me what they said."

Joyce turned slightly away from the merciless glance in her father's bitter eyes, and saw the star, shining amid the fitful clouds. It quieted her to know that somewhere out there was Rowan hunting for Jason. She couldn't tell her father that. It would only make him more angry. He resented Rowan. He tried to make out that it was Rowan's fault that Jason went with a lot of "rough-scuff" as he called the Rowley crowd. But it comforted her to know that Rowan was looking for him. And it comforted her to remember that he had told her she was precious, only she hurriedly tucked the thought far back in her mind lest her father should hunt it out of her—he had such a way of piercing the soul of his children with scathing words!

"Was there—any trouble—at breakfast—?" he began hesitantly and after a pause speaking in a lower tone. "Did Jason have any altercations—with—" he cast a glance toward the head of the stairs—"that is—I mean, did anything happen—at breakfast?"

"No," said Joyce turning a pitying glance back at her father. Did he, too, feel those terrible family arguments, the sharp, barbed tongue of the woman whom he had married—or did he think it was all his children's fault? She looked speculatively at his bitter eyes and sour mouth. It seemed as if she faintly remembered other days in her childhood when those eyes were merry, not bitter and the mouth pleasant and laughing. Always he had been a stern disciplinarian, but there had been times in her little girlhood when she loved her father greatly, and when they had beautiful hours together. But that was when her own mother was living.

She went a little nearer, feeling a sudden pity for him, which of course she must not express.

"No, Father," she said gently, "there was no unpleasantness at all. Everything was quite cheerful, and Jason went off in a good mood."

"And you have no idea what it's all about? You can't think of anywhere he could be, or why he should go off like this?"

"Mr. Whitney!" called his wife from the foot of the stairs. Her voice was like a fire siren, insistent, demanding, and she always called him "Mr. Whitney" when she knew his children were listening. It somehow seemed to give her the upper hand over the whole family.

"Why are you staying up there so long when you know I want to talk to you? Mr. Whitney!"

The father adjusted his voice to sternness.

"You say you don't know why he should be asked to resign his position, Joyce? Well, I'm quite sure it must have been his fault somehow, whatever the cause. It comes down to the same thing. You have so pampered him and petted him, so humored his every wish, that he is just a worthless lazy nobody. It is really all your fault! It only goes to show what a thankless task it is to rear children!" He turned and walked loudly downstairs, the noise of his footsteps blending with his wife's voluble words as he reached the floor below, and Joyce sank down by the window again. She drooped her head on her arms on the window sill, and suddenly remembered Rowan's arms about her and his lips kissing away her tears. Then something glad and new began to mingle with her prayers.

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Over across the pastures Hannah Parsons got out the hardest task she could find and sat down to work late. She always did that when there was hard sailing ahead—something to fear or something to bear—she looked for the hardest task she could find and worked at it with all her might. It seemed to make the time go faster.

So now in her big rocker by the sitting room table, she sat and darned a lot of Rowan's old socks that she had almost decided were not worth darning. She had indeed considered cutting them up for polishing cloths.

stitches as fine as weaving, that would not have hurt a baby's sensitive skin, and Rowan was no baby. She tried to smile as she darned away, thread by thread, clipping the ends off with her sharp scissors, inserting her capable hard-worked hand in the sock. No darning. She had indeed considered think how pleased Rowan would be to have that particular pair of socks with the blue and white clocks resurrected. He had been sorry when they wore out. He liked them. She tried not to remember the glint of determination, the look of a knight about to go on a pilgrimage, in Rowan's eyes when he had told her this errand of his was important. Perhaps it was important. She longed with all her heart that her son should be a true knight and go on the right kind of errands, but he was young enough and eager enough to mistake values, and to think a matter of vindicating his own or some friend's rights a sufficient cause for sacrifice. She hoped and prayed that Rowan was not just going off on some hot-headed tangent. She must believe in him.

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### How God Measures Time

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forward for them. Only too soon they are again at a standstill. In a mechanical sense they go along with the calendar. In relationship to God's forward-moving purposes they are going backward.

To pay attention to the relentless passing of the years is important. But not for the reason that most people consider it so. They think of the body failing in strength, of amusements that soon can no longer be enjoyed, or of personal beauty that is rapidly fading. Birthdays become painful reminders of life's utter transiency. Time does, indeed, go on, and we cannot stay its progress.

May we, instead, be sensitive to the possible quality of our days! Their length is important only as it mirrors an opportunity to express the will of God in Christ-like living. Life is an unrelieved tragedy when empty of that love, which makes us partakers of the life eternal. The spirit of the Psalmist must have been well-pleasing to Jehovah: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Naturally, the more the years are filled with such wealth, the greater the total content of our lives will be. Other things are of secondary value.

To God the true measure of a man's life is determined, not by how long he has lived, but by what of abiding worth he has expressed in it. A thousand years may be of no more meaning than a day. That is commonly enough taken for granted, but, judging by our behavior, it is not brought to bear as a motive for more Christ-like living. Be concerned, first of all, about the quality of your days! Thus does God measure time!

## What's Happening News

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were three married couples. These baptized converts and 9 others were received into the fellowship of the church at the communion service which followed. Since Mr. Rutsch began his ministry in Gackle on Oct. 1 there have been 32 persons who have been added to the church's membership. Five weeks of intensive evangelistic meetings were conducted by him in Gackle and Alfred with marked success.

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The Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak., held evangelistic meetings for two weeks in November with the Rev. R. Sigmund of Fessenden serving as evangelist. About 18 young people professed to have taken a definite stand for Christ. Beginning with Dec. 7 a series of similar meetings conducted in the English language was held in the church for the special benefit of the community. On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, a nine pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Fischer. Shortly after Jan. 1, 1938, Mr. Fischer will begin his ministry on the new field of the Ebenezer Church of Wessington Springs, So. Dak.

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On Sunday, Dec. 5, the Rev. August Rosner, pastor of the Ebenezer East Baptist Church in Saskatchewan, Canada, baptized 16 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. For the first time in the history of the church the candidates were baptized in the church's baptistry in a very impressive service. The custom of out-of-door baptismal services is still very popular in this section of the denomination. These converts had largely made their decisions for Christ during several weeks of evangelistic services held in the church during November and conducted by the Rev. J. Weinbender of Southey and the local pastor. In the station at Homestead from Nov. 15 to 19 the Rev. J. Kuehn assisted Mr. Rosner in evangelistic meetings with 9 persons making their confession of faith in Christ. These will be baptized soon.

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On Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 25, the B. Y. P. U. of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, presented the play, "The House on the Sand," before a large audience. The play, directed by Miss Ruth Lohmann, included the following cast of characters: Harriet Mueller, Bernice Fromm, Mildred Hoelzen, Mildred Brennecke, Mrs. Walter E. Kohrs, Herbert Wittkamp, Max Bohlen, Warren Schwerin, Irvin Wittkamp. On Sunday evening, Nov. 28, the Rev. W. S. Argow, interim pastor, baptized 8 persons on confession of their faith. Recently an impressive service was held in which the redecorated church was dedicated to rededicated service in God's Kingdom. Almost \$700 were received for the cost involved. During November and December special "Church Night" pro-

grams were held with 4 classes conducted by leaders, a variety of musical numbers rendered and a closing period of worship and song. An average attendance of 100 persons attended these fine programs.

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On Tuesday evening, Nov. 9, a reception was held by the Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minn., in honor of its new pastor, the Rev. Wm. H. Schobert, and his family. Several musical numbers were rendered by Gladys Van Gerpen, Anna and Margaret Courts. Visiting ministers from the neighborhood and representatives of the church brought greetings and congratulations. In view of the services rendered by the Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann of Minneapolis in supplying the pulpit during October a lovely farewell reception was held for him several days previously. On a recent Sunday afternoon the cabinet of the Minnesota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union held an inspiring program with the following participating: the Misses Margaret Fratzke, Gertrude Helms, Hilda Glewwe and Elfrieda Reck and the Messrs. Vernon Heckmann and Theodore Hirsch.

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From Sunday, Oct. 3, to Christmas Day the Sunday School of the White Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio, was engaged in a spirited attendance contest, called "the Lincoln Highway Contest." An attendance goal of 211 scholars was sought through this contest. The annual election of the church officers was held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 7, following a supper served in the basement of the church. The pastor of the church, the Rev. William L. Schoeffel, served as dean of the Baptist School of Religion which was held for eight Monday evenings in the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church beginning with Oct. 18 and continuing through Dec. 6.

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On Tuesday evening, Nov. 4, the B. Y. P. U. of the Immanuel Church of New York City rendered a visitation program in the Second Church of Union City, N. J. Among other appreciated numbers was the Chinese play, "A Visit to the Chen Family." The guest speaker was the Rev. John E. Gryco. Other participants in the program were Louise K. Dunger, Elizabeth Herzog Hedwig and Dorothy Quenzer and Lydia Kosik. On Tuesday evening Nov. 9, the young people's society of the First Church of Union City, N. J. rendered a program in the Immanuel Church with the Rev. John Schmidt as guest speaker. An unusual program depicting the stories of songs, was rendered, followed by a happy social period.

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On Oct. 17 the King's Daughters Class of the Oak Street Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., sent a large number of chickens to the Chicago Home for the Aged for a special din-

ner. The church at the same time forwarded 450 quarts of canned fruit and 40 sacks of apples to the same Home for the Aged. The Helping Hand Class of the church provided the Children's Home in St. Joseph with sufficient chickens for a delicious Thanksgiving Day dinner. Shortly thereafter the Ladies' Aid of the church dispatched a small flock of chickens to our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., for a feast enjoyed by the students. The generosity of these organizations of the Benton Harbor Church are most commendable!

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The Rev. Vernon Jaeger, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jaeger of Manteca, Calif., who are frequent visitors in the Lodi church, has recently become one of the chaplains at Fort Riley, Kansas. His grandmother is a guest of the Portland Home for the Aged. Several of his relatives are living in St. Paul where they are members of the River-view Church. Mr. Jaeger is a graduate of Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago. He has served as chaplain in Fort Sheridan near Chicago, Fort Lewis at Tacoma, Wash., and from 1934 until recently at Wheeler Field in Hawaii. He and his wife and three fine boys spent a day in Chicago at the seminary, where it was the great joy of the editor to have a brief visit with them.

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A large box of missionary material, weighing several hundred pounds, was recently sent to our gypsy missionaries in Bulgaria, the Sisters Lydia Doellefeld and Emma Herrmann. The merchandise consisted of bandages, children's clothing, new Canton flannel, and a varied assortment of patches for the tattered gypsy clothes, all of which was contributed by the women's missionary societies of our churches. It is hoped that this material will enter Bulgaria free of all duty charges. On previous occasions the Queen of Bulgaria had interceded personally on behalf of the Baptist churches in her country to the great joy of our missionaries. The General Missionary Society through the general secretary, Dr. William Kuhn, wishes to express its appreciation to the generous donors.

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The new president, Miss Jessie Dell Crawford, of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill., was inducted into office with impressive inaugural exercises on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 7, at the school. Miss Alethea Kose, a member of the faculty, was in the inaugural procession. Two young women of our churches, Miss Laura Reddick of Cathay, N. Dak., and Mrs. Edith F. Tiller of Philadelphia, Pa., students of the school, sang in the Glee Club that rendered several lovely numbers. Mrs. Orin R. Judd, a daughter of the Rev. J. C. Grimmell and a former German Baptist, offered the inaugural prayer. Among the German Baptists present were Mrs. Lydia Kaaz, Mrs. Emma Kampfer, Miss Anna Brinkmann and the Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago.



# Dedication of New Church at Lorraine

By the REV. PIETER SMIT, D. D., of Lorraine, Kansas, Pastor of the Church

The First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kan., was host to a great assemblage of its neighbors and friends at the dedication services on Sunday, Nov. 28, when its new church edifice was dedicated to the glory of God. A loud speaker system in the basement, Sunday School rooms and out-of-doors made the services available to all who attended.

At 10 o'clock the processional of children and young people of the congregation began from the school building to the church. The people of the church had been worshipping in the school building during the erection of the new edifice. The processional was symbolical of "The Exodus"—the going out of the old church into the new, and the inheritance of our promised land. Howard Melchert and Vernon Kruse served as leaders of the procession, the one carrying an American flag, the other a Christian flag. Upon the arrival of the group at the church altar and the seats reserved for them, they gave the salutes to the two flags.

A fellowship dinner was enjoyed by 600 guests and members of the church during the noon hour. The dinner was served by the ladies of the church.

The afternoon session, which began at 2 o'clock, was a fellowship meeting. Music for this service was furnished by the college young people of the community who were home for the Thanksgiving holiday. Dr. Smit read letters and telegrams from former pastors, former members and friends of the church. In the audience were many neighboring pastors, who were called upon for a few words. Those who responded were the Reverends M. Trail, pastor of the Baptist Church in Ellsworth; L. Holladay, pastor at Raymond; C. Knight, pastor of the Frederick Baptist Church; J. H. Kornelson, pastor of the Bethany Church in Lincoln county; George Lang of Tacoma, Wash.; Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill.; B. Hiebert of Sterling College; E. Kary of Durham, and A. Weisser, pastor of our church in Stafford.

At 7:30 P. M. the evening program

torical background of the German Baptist colony in Lorraine. The anniversary sermon was brought by the Rev. George Lang of Tacoma, Wash. A Memorial Candle Service was held with Dr. Pieter Smit presiding, and Mrs. Lou Willms, Walter Steinberg, Mrs. George Schroeder, Randle Rolfs, Harold Dobrinski and Pauline Janssen each representing a decade in the life of the church and each lighting ten candles on the birthday cake.

There was time between the services on both days for the visitors to go through the church and Sunday School plant. The building is comprised of the sanctuary, a three-floor Sunday School unit, a full basement, stage, kitchen and furnace room.

The sanctuary is finished in oak, with matching woodwork and pews. The oak-covered steel girders make a beautiful trim to the ceiling and high part of the walls. On the rostrum is a new settee for the minister and his pastoral associates, and a new pulpit with two flower stands. Below, on the floor and directly in front of the pulpit, is the communion table. A choir loft back of the rostrum has a seating capacity of 24. Higher and in back of the choir loft is the baptistry, with a stained-glass window overhead, showing the river Jordan, given in memory of Lou Willms by Mrs. Willms and their children.

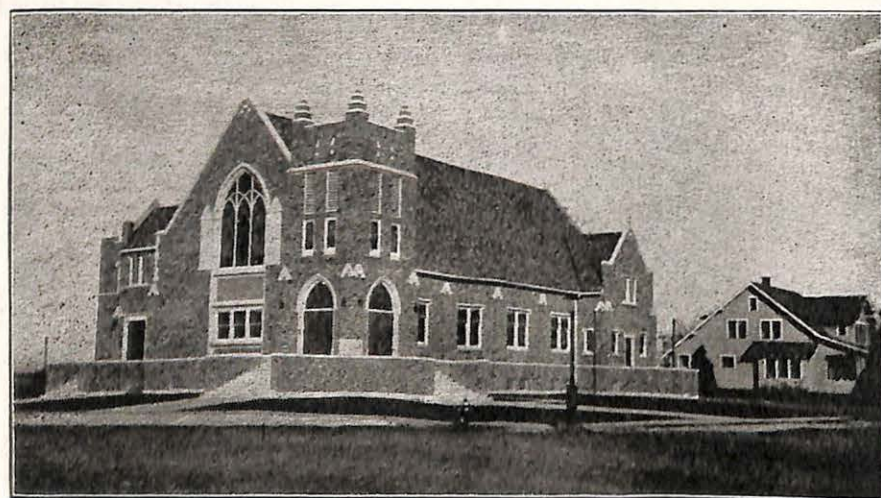
At the south end of the sanctuary and over the narthex is the balcony, which seats an additional 150 people. Here is a larger stained-glass window of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Janssen by their children. A trust fund has been established for a perpetual light to illumine this stained-glass window at night in memory of our late brother, Marvin Janssen, who passed away on the first of November. Thereby, the wayfarer will see a lighted picture of Christ praying for him "In the Garden."

Other individual gifts to the church were the three plaques in the entrance hall, the two silk flags mentioned before in this report, and the completed Sunday School room No. 2, which was equipped by the teacher. The art-glass windows of the sanctuary are in beautiful color harmony with the slate shingles of the roof.

The Sunday School unit is comprised of three floors: Primary, Junior and Intermediate, and Adult departments. Each department has its own assembly room, with class rooms on three sides.

Work commenced on the new building project on Jan. 11, 1937, following a Sunday farewell service in the old frame structure. The church is of

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The New Church Edifice at Lorraine, Kansas

The congregation sang the theme song of the dedication, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." The Rev. George A. Lang, a former pastor of the church and now pastor of the church in Tacoma, Wash., read the Scripture lesson followed by an anthem by the choir, "Singing Unto the Lord With Thanksgiving." Dr. Wm. Kuhn, general missionary secretary of the denomination, brought the dedication sermon, dedicating the new building to the worship of God, the proclamation of God's truth, and Christian fellowship. Dr. Pieter Smit, pastor of the church, presided at the dedication ceremony. Mr. Paul Peters, Sr., chairman of the building committee, handed the keys to the pastor, and he, in turn, passed them to Mr. Ben Kruse, chairman of the board of trustees.

began. Following the worship service the Rev. George A. Lang brought a denominational sermon on "Baptist Brand Marks."

Monday afternoon's program was devoted to missions. The program consisted of prelude and invocation; Scripture lesson, missionary prayer, a number by a sextet of High School girls, and missionary sermon by Dr. Wm. Kuhn.

The church celebrated the 60th anniversary of its founding at the service on Monday evening. After the worship service an historical paper, "Down the Years," was read. This paper was printed in detail in the souvenir booklet handed to everyone who attended the Sunday services. It was written by Mrs. Clarence Peters and Mrs. George Henry, and presented the his-

# A Milestone for the Burns Ave. Church

By MISS LYDIA E. BEKOWIES of Detroit, Mich.

"Ebenezer, hitherto the Lord hath helped us." Such were the words ringing in the ears and hearts of the members and friends of the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Mich., on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the church which was celebrated from Tuesday, Nov. 23, to Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Fred Potz, our organist, rendered a brief organ recital preceding the service. Our pastor, the Rev. G. Neumann, was in charge of all the meetings. Various organizations had presented the church with lovely chrysanthemum plants which added much to the decorations for the festivities.

A recitation, written by Mr. E. Wilde in honor of this happy occasion, was brought by Mr. Frank Meiser. Letters of greeting and congratulation from friends and former pastors were read. Our speaker was the Rev. B. Graf, who had formerly served the church as pastor for 18 years. The male choir and our women's chorus rendered fitting beautiful numbers during the program.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 24, the other German churches of the city joined us in our celebration. The Ebenezer Church was the first to take part in the program. A number was sung by the male quartet of the church, after which the acting pastor, the Rev. J. G. Draewell, brought a brief address. Before the Rev. E. Kliese of the Second Church spoke to us, the mass choir of the Burns Avenue Church sang the beautiful anthem, "Gloria in Excelsis" by Beethoven. Dr. Gleiss of the Detroit Baptist Union was the next speaker to express words of congratulation. A vocal solo, "Thanks be to God," was sung by Mr. Elmer Wengel of the Bethel Church, followed by the Rev. Paul Wengel, the pastor of the church. The Rev. G. Lang of Tacoma, Wash., who happened to be present in the city, was called upon to say a few words, after which Prof. Lewis Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., dismissed the meeting with the benediction.

On Thursday afternoon the members of the church again gathered to continue their celebration, in which various branches of the church took part in the program. After an organ prelude our male choir rendered a number. The Scripture lesson was read by one of our young men, Mr. Jack Rettinger, followed by a number from our mixed choir. Another of our young men, Mr. Gordon Ernst, led us in prayer. A beautiful violin solo was played by Mr. Stanley Ernst.

A brief address was delivered by our pastor, spoken especially to all the charter members present, and souvenir booklets of the anniversary were dis-



The Reverends B. Graf and G. Neumann Burn the Last Mortgage Papers of the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit at Its 40th Anniversary

tributed to these members. Several of these charter members were given an opportunity of speaking a few words. "Ebenezer," a recitation written by Mrs. Wm. Schindler, was brought by the author, after which Mr. Elmer Dymmel favored us with a xylophone solo. The Rev. Wm. Hoover of the Connor's Avenue Church spoke briefly to us at this time. A dialogue, "Economy Pays," was presented by five members of the B. Y. P. U. The male choir, under the direction of Mr. Stanley Ernst, favored us with a selection. Miss Ruth Russell, a member of the Cross and Crown Society, read a report in honor of their tenth anniversary on this occasion.

Between the afternoon and evening services the members of the Tabernacle Society served refreshments, prepared by the Women's Missionary Society, in the basement of the church.

The climax of our celebration was reached in our evening service on Thanksgiving Day. The Rev. B. Graf read the Scripture lesson, choosing the 103rd Psalm. After the male choir had rendered another selection, the Rev. A. Lyons, pastor of our mission, offered the prayer and spoke briefly.

During the months of October and November the members of our church had put forth every effort to raise enough money to pay off the mortgage on the church building, amounting to \$4800. The Lord answered our prayers and the necessary money was raised. While the congregation stood in rever-

ent awe, Mr. Graf struck the match that burned this mortgage paper. As the last flickering flames were still burning, the congregation sang with great joy, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Our guest speaker for this occasion was Prof. Lewis Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., who spoke to us on the subject, "Forward." We considered ourselves very fortunate to have the beloved professor in our midst. Our mass choir brought this celebration to a fitting close in singing the "Hallelujah Chorus."

It was in January, 1897, that 82 people banded together and founded the Third German Baptist Church of Detroit, now known as the Burns Avenue Church. In 1915 the present church building was erected and dedicated to the Lord's service. In 1918 the present pipe organ in the church was bought and dedicated. In 1925 expansion again became necessary, and the building was remodeled to accommodate our ever-growing Sunday School. The new building provided for a completely departmentalized Sunday School. In 1928 the mission building was dedicated.

Our church has always taken a great interest in missions and has contributed liberally to this cause. Many other projects have been and are being carried on by this church, which space does not allow us to mention.

We praise and thank God for all the blessings of the past and pray that his blessing will continue to abide upon his people at this place.



# Reports from the Field

## Eastern Conference A Growing Sunday School in Killaloe, Ontario

In one of the finest sections of Renfrew County, Ontario, Canada, there is situated the Killaloe Calvary Baptist Church. This church with its many organizations has made an earnest attempt to have an outstanding and successful year during 1937.

Perhaps, the most notable organization in trying to achieve any accomplishments was the Sunday School under the capable leadership of Mr. Harry Zummch with 9 splendid assistants. Since the Rev. Edgar Klatt has assumed his duties in this church, interest has been maintained on a high level. Bible contests have proved to be interesting as well as educational. A picture of our Sunday School is reproduced on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

The Sunday School has a total enrollment of 112 children and adults, with an average attendance of 80. A mission offering is received quarterly. With God's help, it is to be anticipated that there may be a blessed prosperous future in 1938 for this Sunday School of ours. E. Edna Verch, Secretary.



The Sunday School of the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario

## Southern Conference A Thanksgiving Program and an Engagement Reception Are Gala Events in Mowata, La.

On Sunday, November 14, the young people and Sunday School workers of the First German Baptist Church of Mowata, Louisiana, gave a Thanksgiving program in their church, which had been decorated with many of the farm products of Louisiana. Huge stalks of sugar cane flanked the ends of the platform, the rear of which was filled with flowers and ferns. A grouping of fruits and vegetables, freshly gathered from our gardens, reminded us how richly our needs have been supplied by the Author of all good gifts. There were oranges, figs, peanuts, pecans, and various vegetables on the platform, flanked by sheaves of rice.

### NOTICE, REPORTERS!

Because of the large number of reports reaching the editorial office and the limited space in "The Baptist Herald," all reports in 1938 will have to be abbreviated to 500 words or less. The only exception will be the reports of special church anniversaries. Please limit yourself to the main essential facts in your reports.

"The Baptist Herald" has a fixed rule that all reports must reach the editorial office at least within one month after their occurrence. This rule will be strictly enforced. Your friendly co-operation will be deeply appreciated.

Editor.

Musical numbers included those by a quartet, composed of Anna, Hattie, Edgar and Heinrich Bieber, and by the choir. A song was sung by the Primary children, who also added much to the program by their German recitations. Our pastor, the Rev. G. C. Schwandt, gave us a short address on

"Gratitude." A dialogue, dealing with the persecutions of Christians in Soviet Russia, brought our program to its close.

On the following evening a reception was held on the Henry Bieber plantation in honor of Miss Eleanore Hill of Kyle, Texas, and Mr. Edward Bieber, whose engagement had just been announced. The large, hospitable home of the Biebers was filled to capacity by young and old, who had come to offer their congratulations. The program of the evening included games, music, and one humorous recitation, "Katrina in New York." A delicious supper was served on candle-lighted tables, decorated with autumn flowers.

We of Mowata, although a small group, are a busy one, and are grateful for the blessings of God!

Louise Schwandt, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference Fourth Rally of the Northern North Dakota B. Y. P. U. Association

On Friday, November 26, approximately 200 young people were gathered at McClusky, No. Dak., for the fourth annual rally of the Northern North Dakota B. Y. P. U. societies.

The program of the morning consisted of a short devotional service led by the McClusky society, which also favored us with a vocal duet. The "Welcome" was given by Esther Kaiser, president of the local society, and the response by Ella Albus, the Union's president. The morning worship was brought by the Rev. G. Schroeder of Max, whose text was taken from Jude 20—"Build up yourselves on your most holy faith." This message helped us to understand our motto, "Building On." Our theme song, "O Master Workman of the Race," was sung in closing.

Following the opening exercises of the afternoon program, three short addresses were presented, as follows: "How I Will Help a Christian World," by Miss Lillian Lutz of Carrington; "When Do I Build With Christ?" by Miss Mary Albus of Pleasant Valley; and "Bricks for Building," by Herbert Wolitarsky of Turtle Lake. Two vocal selections were given by Virginia Wallace Seibold of Carrington. An interesting feature of the afternoon program was the address given by Miss Beatrice Ericson, a missionary of Swatow, China. She showed us several costumes which were formerly worn in China and also explained many of their habits of living and ways of worship. Her message was an inspiration to us all. We were favored with two vocal duets by Virginia and Elaine Becker of Washburn. A short business session was held which closed the afternoon meeting.

The most inspiring event of the day was the banquet in the evening. The program consisted of several short impromptu speeches, selections by the Anamoose and Edinger Boys' Quartets, group singing, and two Russian songs by the Rev. G. Schroeder. The main speaker at the banquet was Miss Beatrice Ericson who again brought us an interesting message. For the closing service we assembled at the local High School auditorium. The first part of the meeting was taken up by the showing of slides on the topic, "Building Our Denomination." The theme for Mr. Schroeder's closing address was "To Be Content," taken from Philippians 4:12. This message brought us a new inspiration to search for God and to continue to be "Builders" for his Kingdom in years to come!

Violette Schulz, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### The Linwood Assembly Will Be Held from Aug. 1 to 7, 1938

The Lakes States Assembly at Linwood Park, Vermilion, Ohio, will be held during the coming summer from Monday, Aug. 1, through Sunday, Aug. 7. This assembly is one of the largest of the young people's institutes held throughout the denomination. Many of the young people from Cleveland, Detroit, Dayton and other nearby cities as well as from distant places such as St. Paul, Chicago and Southern Illinois have been in attendance at previous assemblies.

Recently the program committee some of whom are shown in the accompanying picture, met in Detroit to plan for this summer's assembly. In view of the fact that no assembly was held last year, due to the General Conference at Portland, Ore., an especially fine and inspiring program has been planned for the week's activities.

All young people within a radius of several hundred miles of Linwood Park are urged to make their plans for this assembly. Any future information can be secured by writing to the president of the assembly, Miss Alice Reinicke, Clayton, Ohio.



Several Officers of the Linwood Assembly

Left to Right: Alice L. Reinicke, President; Rev. Paul Wengel, Dean; Bertha A. Koester, Vice-President; Richard A. Reinicke, Treasurer; and Evelyn H. Peters, Secretary.

## Recent Red-Letter Days in the Bethany Church of Milwaukee

The Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has experienced a number of "Red Letter Days" during the past few months, which have made a lasting impression upon us.

We were privileged on Sunday evening, Oct. 31, pleasantly to surprise Mr. and Mrs. William Kehrein, members of our church, who on Oct. 26 had been married 25 years. Unbeknown to them, an appropriate program had been arranged. The German male chorus as well as the church choir rendered beautiful selections. Our pastor, the Rev. Herbert Hiller, preached a wonderful sermon on the text, Psalm 103:5. An opportunity was given the members of the church to extend their personal greetings, all of which were timely and fitting. Mrs. Kehrein responded in an interesting manner.

Another "Red Letter Day" was on Sunday, Nov. 14, when a young man and a family came forward after a Sunday morning worship service and accepted Christ as their Savior.

Last, but not least, our evening service on Thanksgiving Day again proved to us that God will not forsake his own. Without the usual "collection talk," which is so predominant in many churches, and which sometimes does more harm than good, we held our Thanksgiving offering. The church owed a balance of \$475 on a mortgage note for some real estate which it had purchased a few years ago. No pressure was brought to bear upon anyone, and still the offering amounted to \$524.67. The attendance on this evening was 104 persons.

We rejoice that the Lord has done wonderful things and we confidently rely on his promises to do even greater things in the future.

A. W. H. Gieseke, Reporter.

## Southwestern Conference Evangelistic Meetings in the Pin Oak Creek Church in Missouri

The Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Mo., held evangelistic services from Oct. 31 to Nov. 14 which were well attended. The Rev. G. Lee Phelps of Wetumka, Okla., Baptist missionary to the Indians, was the evangelist. After Mr. Phelps' conversion and after having preached in a few churches and served as missionary for a district associaten of the Southern Baptists near here, he accepted the call to become missionary to the Indians of Oklahoma. In that work he carried on for 36 years. His book, "The Tepee Trail," tells of his work there. We admired his physical as well as his spiritual ability which are very remarkable at the age of 74, considering all the hardships he endured among the Indians.

Sixteen different churches, mostly Southern Baptist churches, were represented at different times during these meetings. People from different parts of the state, who in former years had known the Phelps and some of them his early converts, came to hear him preach. Five persons from our church community accepted Christ as their personal Savior and are candidates for baptism. One other person came for membership by letter. We believe the spirit of the Lord was working on the hearts of many, and the future may still reveal some of the results. We will long remember the inspiring and helpful messages of Mr. Phelps during the two weeks that he and his wife were with us.

During the past year we have enjoyed a number of fellowship meetings with our neighboring English Baptist churches in connection with interdenominational work, in which we also feel that we are sharing in the building of God's

## Northwestern Conference Farewell Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Schobert at Victor, Iowa

The entire congregation of the Baptist Church at Victor, Iowa, gathered at the mid-week prayer service on Thursday evening, Oct. 1, with the express purpose of bidding our beloved pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. William Schobert, and their family farewell before they left for their new home in Delft, Minnesota, and their new field of ministry in the Jeffers Church.

After a number of persons in the congregation responded to Mr. Schobert's surprise at the large attendance in the service. Mr. J. Langhein took charge.

Mr. Langhein, speaking on behalf of the church, Mr. Arthur Lang for the Sunday School, Mrs. Clemens Daniels representing the Women's Missionary Society, and Mrs. Milton Langhein for the B. Y. P. U., well conveyed the sentiments of all, when each mentioned the joys of fellowship with the Schobert family during their brief sojourn at Victor. Mr. Schobert responded by singing a requested solo, and by relating some of the high spots of joy and communion during his pastorate here. Miss Virginia Shine rendered a solo, and Mrs. Clement Daniels and Miss Ruth Blome rendered a duet.

It was with a feeling of genuine regret that we said "Good-bye" to Mr. Schobert and his family, but since the word literally means "God be with you," we can mean it from the depths of our hearts, and rejoice in the fact that they are under God's guidance.



Kingdom. Under the Missouri Sunday School Council of Religious Education, we took part in a young people's program on April 4. On Oct. 23 the county convention of that organization met in our church. We had a splendid meeting, since we could speak of things we had in common in our work, namely, our faith in Christ Jesus.

During the last two years we have had Union Thanksgiving services with our Mt. Sterling Methodist Church. This year the service was in the Methodist church and the Rev. John Kemnitz, our pastor, delivered the sermon.

Miss R. Leimkuehler,

Church Reporter.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. EMILIE GRUEN

Another of the Lord's devoted followers and faithful servants has entered the heavenly home in the person of Mrs. Emilie Gruen, widow of the late Rev. P. O. Gruen, missionary to the Jews in New York and Philadelphia. Mrs. Gruen was born in Constantinople, Turkey, on Jan. 1, 1874, and completed her earthly pilgrimage on Nov. 10, 1937, at the age of 63 years.

While a young girl she attended mission schools and Christian services in Alexandria, Egypt, as well as in Constantinople, as the result of which there came into her heart the desire to accept Jesus Christ and his gospel. Because of prevailing circumstances relating to her traditionally Jewish surroundings she was not permitted, however, to express her faith in Christian baptism. That public confession was not made until Dec. 25, 1904, when she was baptized in Germany by Pastor Dolman. On Sept. 15, 1891, she was united in marriage to Mr. Paul Gruen, which sacred relationship was enjoyed for a little more than 42 years, Mr. Gruen having preceded her in death approximately 4 years ago.

In July, 1916, Mrs. Gruen came to America, to which country her husband had come two years before; and in New

York, Newark, and Philadelphia she assisted him in mission work of various kinds among her own people. For some years she was actively engaged in the work of the Bethel Mission of South Philadelphia. There she was instrumental in bringing the gospel especially to the mothers and children of Israel. Because of her age and failing health she retired in August of this year, making her home with a son in North Caldwell, N. J.

The work of the mission continues, however, under the able leadership of another son, the Rev. Emil D. Gruen, who is giving his time and effort in a persistent endeavor to lead the lost among his people to Jesus Christ. Surviving Mrs. Gruen and mourning her departure are five children, one daughter and four sons; a sister; and wide circle of other relatives and friends. In 1931 Mrs. Gruen became a member of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church and from that time until her death she was faithful and true and sincerely devoted to the work of her Lord as expressed in her church.

The funeral service, held on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 13, in the church, was led by the pastor, the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder. Others participating in the service of tribute and honor were the Revs. A. Jung, F. Hagner, A. Husmann, and F. Clingen. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord... they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Philadelphia, Pa.

Milton R. Schroeder.

## MY PRAYER

"These are the gifts I ask of thee,  
Spirit serene—  
Strength for the daily task;  
Courage to face the road;  
Good cheer to help me bear the traveler's load;  
And for the hours of rest that come between,  
An inward joy in all things heard and seen."

—HENRY VAN DYKE.

## The Club Plan

Without repeating what has been previously announced we urge upon our churches the very earnest consideration of the Club Plan whereby special low rates can be procured on the fulfillment of a few considerations which are extremely practicable and which make for the strengthening of our denominational lines.

Not only will our general work be greatly benefited but each local church will inject a new life-impulse into its own organization that is bound to have a wholesome reaction.

Not for a long time has anything happened that has so stirred the imagination into enthusiasm and resultant decisions.

Just study the following list of churches that have to date formally adopted the plan:

American Falls, Idaho  
Anamoose, N. Dak.  
Ashley, No. Dak.  
Avon, S. Dak.  
Beaver, Mich.  
Bethlehem, Pa.  
Benton Harbor, Mich.  
Bethany, Milwaukee  
Bison, Kans.  
Burns Ave., Detroit  
Cottonwood, Texas  
Dayton, O.  
Ebenezer, Detroit  
Ebenezer East, Saskatchewan

Elgin, Iowa  
Franklin, Calif.  
Gackle, No. Dak.  
Gotebo (Salem), Okla.  
Hilda, Alta.  
Jeffers, Minn.  
Jersey City, N. J.  
Kenosha, Wis.  
Kossuth, Wis.  
Lansing, Mich.  
Linton, No. Dak.  
Lorraine, Kansas  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Morris, Man.  
Mount Sterling, Mo.  
Okeene (Zion), Okla.  
Overstone, Man.  
Philadelphia, Pa., II.  
Portland, Ore., I.  
Randolph, Minn.  
Salt Creek, Ore.  
Spokane, Wash.  
Startup, Wash.  
St. Rose, Man.  
Vesper, Kansas  
Wilmington, Del.

## LETTER-BOX

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

### BRICKBATS . . .

Editor, The Baptist Herald:

Your leading editorial of November 15th deplores the passing of the virtues ascribed to the agency of pioneer hardship. If it were, indeed, hardship alone that made for the admirable moral principles of our grandparents, this advantage is today obviously enjoyed by more persons than the editor seems to think—primarily, I should say, by the eight or ten million unemployed, together with an at least equal number employed, as are California farm laborers, only part time, and then in most instances at very low wages.

It is a generally accepted fact that, as the President recently stated, one-third of our nation is ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed. What would our Walter Rauschenbusch think of our sublime equanimity in the face of a host of undernourished babies, women, and growing youth? Or our great leader, Christ?

I am sorry to note that our editor seems callous, even blind, to the dilemma of suffering humankind. Such a statement as "A grave danger faces our country in the modern relief program which trains some people to think that the world owes them a living"—such a statement, I say, is in my opinion utterly unworthy of a follower of the great Friend of the poor, who fed the multitude and healed the sick. Such an insinuation is unbecoming even the ordinary intelligent savage, much less a Christian.

H. W. S., Los Angeles, Calif.

### AND ROSES!

Editor, The Baptist Herald:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Donner informing me of the offer of club rates, which the Publication Society has made to the churches in regard to "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote." Sunday morning the proposition was put before our church and the church has heartily accepted the responsibility of putting these papers into those homes which do not voluntarily subscribe for them through the booster. I myself believe that this offer of reduced rates will certainly prove to be a blessing during the coming months, for it will put our papers into homes which previously had never had a religious paper.

Mr. Editor, I must give you recognition for the material you have published and are publishing in "The Baptist Herald." The articles on gospel hymns, the wonderful addresses and your timely editorials have always challenged me not only to serve Christ better, but they have urged me to consecrate myself more fully to Him and to control, at least in a measure, my selfish and petty faults. May God bless you in this great work!

M. L., Bethany Baptist Church,  
Vesper, Kan.

# A Chat About Books

Book bargains are "a thing of joy forever." Whether one unexpectedly makes a wonderful discovery in the book stalls of a second-hand store or is told of some new book that sells only for a few cents but is worth a great deal more, the result is the same. The event is marked down in one's calendar as a red-letter day never quite to be forgotten.

In resuming these "Book Chats," which the editor has missed as much as the readers who have written to him, it may be best to start off with the recent books, all of which have been published to sell for fifty cents or less. You ought to find several bargains in the following list of books!

### A BOOKLET OF COMFORT

A most unusual and helpful booklet of spiritual comfort is Dr. J. T. Larson's "Christ, the Healer of Broken Hearts." (Published by the author, 3033 Columbus Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.—63 pages—25 cents.) It is especially fine for ministers, deacons or church leaders to distribute to church members and friends who are ill, in view of the special reduction of 50% for lots of over 10 copies for this book.

The author is an evangelist of note under whose preaching more than three thousand persons have found Christ. Most of the book was written after an experience in the hospital. Dr. Howard C. Kelley, the world-famous physician of Baltimore, has a beautiful preface in which he recommends the book as "an excellent remedy, taken in tabloid doses in the sick bed, calculated to draw the hungry to our Great Physician who never loses a case."

The message of the booklet speaks directly to the sick, the bereaved, the lonely, the tired of heart, the comfortless. It is fragrant with the words of the Bible. On page 22 ten sweet "P's" are cited from the 23rd Psalm which form a fragrant garden by themselves. Illustrations taken from personal experiences and the lives of other Christian people abound in these pages. Comforting hymns and poems are quoted.

Quietly and soothingly like the water in a cooling, refreshing stream the author imparts the comfort of God's Spirit. "He is the Healer of broken hearts, for his own was broken for you and me." Here is a booklet that given to someone in need will return to you in blessings hundredfold.

### BIBLE INSTITUTE BOOKLETS

A heart-searching booklet on prayer is Richard W. Lewis' "What Hinders Prayer?" (Bible Institute Colportage Assoc., 48 pages—25 cents), in which the author brings guidance and help to "many a Christian, praying in vain, who has made a shipwreck of faith."

This fine brochure will not only teach the Christian how to pray but also to understand God's answers to his prayers.

Dr. Herbert Lockyer's sermons can always be read with great spiritual delight and benefit and his sermon, "He Could Not!" (15 pages—10 cents) is even better than the average. In this sermon Dr. Lockyer shows how Christians "limit the operation of the Almighty God" in their own lives and in the church. The secret of the mastery of God's power is the glorious climax of the sermon.

### BEATITUDES FOR THE FAMILY

For lovers of poetry and home (and who would not want to belong to that noble company?) it will be a happy adventure to read the beautifully bound book, "Beatitudes for the Family" by Dr. Leland Foster Wood, formerly professor in the Rochester Theological Seminary and now serving as secretary of the Federal Council's Committee on Marriage and the Home. (Printed privately by the author, 105 East 22nd St., New York, N. Y.—106 pages—50 cents.)

These Beatitudes on such lovely themes as "Family Fellowship," "Hallowed Memories," "The Treasures of Leisure," "Singing at Home," "Bells of Joy," "Domestic Harmony" and "the Gift of Love" are "intended for occasional reading," in the author's words, "as aids to meditation on the true aims of family life and a guide in solving family problems in the wisdom of true affection."

The following poem is indicative of the spiritual tone and affectionate color of the Beatitudes:

"Happy is the family  
Whose experience is wonder and beauty;  
For love opens new vistas,  
And pleasanter paths are found  
By the walk in the comradeship  
Than by one who is alone."

### FROM THE CROSS

One of the best books of the year, even though the fine cloth copy costs only fifty cents, is Gaius Glenn Atkin's "From the Cross—The Seven Last Words." (Harpers—1937—65 pages—50 cents.) The beautiful diction of this former minister and at present professor of homiletics at Auburn Seminary mark him as one of America's greatest preachers. He has combined his masterful art in the use of words with his unflinching radiant faith in Christ in these meditations upon Jesus' last words from the cross. One will not find this book easy reading, but the largest nuggets of gold often come from the deepest mines!

This is a gem of a little book that will lead one to a better understanding of and a deeper reverence for

Christ's last words upon the cross. "For," as the author says, "those words are windows colored with pity, love, loneliness and suffering, sorrow, through which to see deep into Christ's travail of soul upon the hill outside of Jerusalem."

### HAZEN BOOKS ON RELIGION

For those young people of our churches and colleges, for whom the Christian faith has its intellectual perplexities and problems, nothing better could be recommended than the first three volumes of the Hazen Books on Religion, each of which with 70 to 75 pages in a cloth bound edition sells for fifty cents. The books are distributed by the Association Press.

The first of the series was "Christianity—And Our World" by Professor John C. Bennett, in which "the meaning of Christianity as a religious faith, a way of life for the individual and for society, and a movement of life in a church" is vividly interpreted as a background for an aggressive program of Christian action. The meaning of Jesus' life for the youth of our day finds a clear outline in Mary Lyman's "Jesus," and a profoundly philosophical but simple devotional understanding of God is secured from the reading of Professor Walter Horton's "God."

### WAR MADNESS

A memorable book which will be indispensable to all Christian lovers of peace who want to be realistically intelligent about the contemporary problems of war and peace is "War Madness" by Stephen and Joan Raushenbush, (National Home Library Foundation—1937—190 pages—25 cents.) Stephen Raushenbush, the son of Professor and Mrs. Walter Rauschenbusch, has based this most stirring and revealing book upon the disclosures of the war racket made in 1935 before the U. S. Senate Munition Investigating Committee, of which he was the chief investigator. This cloth bound book with its vast data of information and its keen ethical judgment (with his father's Christian discrimination manifesting itself between the lines) upon the business practices of those who help to make wars possible today stamps this as a book that simply has to be read!

The story of modern gun peddlers who sell their wares for profit to foe and friend alike is ghastly beyond description. The spirit of militarism that parades in the sheep's clothing of patriotism is more alive today than ever before. Whether we can stay out of war is problematical, unless the citizens of this country understand the situation and heed the warnings so clearly, so impassionately set forth by Stephen Raushenbush and his wife.



## The Baptist Herald and 1938

The HERALD has crossed the threshold of another year. For fifteen years it has heralded the interests of the denomination. They have been years of training and development out of which the better and bigger paper has emerged.

As previously announced, and as witnessed by the first issue of the new volume, the HERALD has matured into a twenty page magazine. This means more room for expression and expansion of usefulness.

### A Few Considerations:

**FIRST**, as to the subscription, please make sure that the renewal is promptly made. There can be no interruption in the service.

**SECOND**. Use every reasonable effort in widening the circle of readers. Success can only score when the list strikes "paying dirt."

**THIRD**. Remember, the increased printers bills make a higher rate compulsory. It is therefore one dollar and fifty cents.

**FOURTH**. A Club Rate, inaugurated by the General Council, is available to any church making itself responsible for placing either the weekly "Send-bote" or the "Herald" in every home of its membership. Now is the logical time to determine this attractive means of becoming denominationally minded.

### The Management.

#### New Church at Lorraine

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modified Gothic architecture, with a square tower at the southeast corner. The walls are faced with brick and trimmed with white stone.

The building committee, under whose direct supervision the building was erected, were the Messrs. Paul Peters, Sr., chairman, John Rolfs, Joe Melchert, Alfred Janssen, Harry Bronleewe, Henry A. Froning and Oscar Wilkens.

The building was erected at a cost of \$60,000. A new \$5,000 Mohler pipe organ has been purchased but will not be installed until sometime in December.

## 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!

As the theme song of the National Union during this period the wonderful young people's hymn,

### "LIVING FOR JESUS"

has been selected. The story of that song has been brought with interpretive vividness by the Rev. Paul Zoschke in the current issue of "The Baptist Herald." It deserves to attain a popularity even greater than it enjoys at present. Its pledge should be prayed earnestly as well as sung enthusiastically:

"O Jesus, Lord and Savior,  
I give myself to Thee;  
For Thou, in thy atonement,  
Didst give Thyself for me;  
I own no other Master,  
My heart shall be Thy throne,  
My life I give, henceforth to live,  
O Christ, for Thee alone."

Leaflets with the words and music of this hymn are available free in lots not over 50 copies by writing to the editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. These leaflets are especially for such churches, the hymnals of which do not include this song. You may secure your copies without charge at once.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S RESOLUTIONS

The National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union will endeavor to lead with a good example in a building program for Christ. At its session in Portland, Ore., the following resolutions were passed, which each sectional Union, B. Y. P. U., and Sunday School will be urged to carry out.

1. Make some substantial offering during 1938 toward the new Mambila mission field or Kakaland in Africa or toward one of the many projects listed in the Nov. 1, 1937 issue of "The Baptist Herald."

2. Gain new subscribers to "The Baptist Herald" until the total of 5000 has been reached. Approximately 1000 new subscribers are needed to reach this goal.

3. Secure 50 Sunday Schools and young people's societies which have met the requirements of the Six Point Record System and have attained the Standard of Excellence.

## DAILY MEDITATIONS

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Wednesday, January 12

### The Source of Our Strength

Isaiah 30:15—"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."

Read Isaiah 30:15-21.

The prophet tried to curb the war-like spirit in Israel by warning them not to trust in armed resistance against their enemies. Not in the force and fury of battle would Israel's triumph be found, but in the quiet and unseen depths of a vital faith in Jehovah, in their willingness to wait and see the salvation of God. Not grim war, but God-confiding faith overcomes the world.

Prayer: Almighty God arm us with the might of unwavering confidence in thy ever-present power in our struggle with the forces of evil.

Thursday, January 13

### First Things First

Matthew 6:33—"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

Read Matthew 6:31-34.

How important that we see things in their correct relations! But in the press of life our perspective often becomes distorted, so that we stress the trifling and overlook the vital. We must put Jesus Christ and his Kingdom in the center of life. Then all other things will fall into their proper relations.

Prayer: Help us, O Christ, to en-throne thee in our lives.

Friday, January 14

### Increase Through Giving

Proverbs 11:24—"There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it turneth to poverty."

Read Proverbs 11:23-31.

Put 500 dollars in gold in a vault or bury it in the ground, and it remains 500 dollars and no more. Put the gold at work and it brings a return; it provides work and income to others. So the riches of Christ come to those who give to others out of their own experience. How true that "he that loses his life for my sake, shall find it."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to share with others the riches of Christ that have come to us.

Saturday, January 15

### The Grace of Kindness

Ephesians 4:32—"Be ye kind one to another."

Read Ephesians 4:29-32.

One has said: "Kindness is love active." The kindness of Jesus was his love in action. If we would be lovable and helpful, a force for good, if we would be as attractive as a blooming garden, as sweet as the song of a mocking bird, let kindness have a home in our soul!

Prayer: May our lives reflect the beauty and winsomeness of Christ, our Savior!