

# THE BAPTIST HERALD

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The Liberty Bell  
in Its Historical Shrine  
in Philadelphia, Pa.,  
Will Never Ring  
Again, But Its  
Message of Political  
and Religious Freedom  
Will Always Ring  
Out Throughout the  
Land.



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# What's Happening

✧ Prof. H. von Berge will teach at two assemblies this summer, at the Lake States Assembly and at the Winona Lake Assembly.

✧ The Rev. G. Beutler of Olds, Alberta, Canada, baptized 9 candidates on May 29 and extended the hand of fellowship to two others.

✧ Mr. Harold Stassen, a member of the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn., is a candidate on the Republican primary ticket for governor of the state of Minnesota.

✧ The Rev. J. J. Renz has resigned from his pastorate at Creston, Nebr., to follow the call from Plevna, Mont. He expects to begin his work there about the middle of July.

✧ The Rev. and Mrs. A. Kujath were warmly received by the church of Regina, Sask. A large number of friends and members attended so that the church was filled to capacity.

✧ "SO SEND I YOU," this well known hymn, composed by Prof. H. von Berge, was sung very effectively at the Northern Baptist Convention at Milwaukee by the pastor of the Chinese Church of Chicago.

✧ The Rev. A. R. Sandow, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Muscatine, Iowa, baptized three candidates on May 15 and will extend the hand of fellowship to several more on June 5.

✧ The B. Y. P. U. of the Ebenezer Baptist Church finished an unusual missionary campaign, the goal of which was \$200. On June 5, the close of the campaign, the society presented a missionary play, "Pin Holes." In spite of the hard times the goal was reached.

✧ Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Meyer are gradually returning to their field of labor again, the Philippine Islands. They left Racine on a motor trip to the Pacific Coast planning to embark July 9 on the "Empress of Asia" from Vancouver.

✧ The Spring Valley Baptist Church conducted a dedication service recently for their newly renovated basement. After a fitting service in the main auditorium all those present were escorted by the trustees into the basement where another short program was enjoyed by all.

✧ The Young Ladies' Choral Club of the Second Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., presented its Annual Concert on June 7. The girls from 16 to 22 years of age and under the direction of Miss Marg. Macoskey, have been harmon-

## Lake States Baptist Assembly

The annual assembly will be held at Linwood Park, Vermilion, Ohio, the Paradise of the Great Lakes, from Aug. 1 to 7. The motto selected for the assembly is: "Let Us Build!" and the entire program is built around this slogan. The Rev. P. Wengel will serve as our dean and will lead the devotional services every morning.

Helpful and inspiring courses will be taught by this splendid faculty. "The Letters of Paul" by Prof. A. Bretschneider, dean of our seminary at Rochester, N. Y. "Music in the Church" by Prof. H. von Berge, editor of the Lorenz Publishing House. "Parables of Jesus" by the Rev. G. Neumann, pastor of the Burns Avenue Church, Detroit, Mich. "Building a Christian Personality" by Miss A. S. Kose, teacher at the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago. The inspirational period will be conducted by the Rev. L. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., on the theme, "Building." One of the most helpful and enjoyable services will be the "Sunset Service" held at the lake shore.

A special program has been prepared for the "Evening Fellowship Hour," such as games and contests, corn roast, lantern parade and dramatic presentations. The cost for the entire week including the registration fee of \$1.00, is \$11.00. Single or double rooms and cottages are available according to individual needs. Send all reservations to the Rev. William L. Schoeffel, 5515 White Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

ALICE REINICKE, President.

izing together since they were Juniors in Sunday School.

✧ Mr. Christian Schmidt, an outstanding Christian layman, a member of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., entered into his eternal rest the fifth of June. His passing was announced just as the Clinton Hill Baptist Church was assembling to greet the new pastor, the Rev. Olsen.

✧ The Kings' Daughters Class of the First German Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, spread Easter hope and joy by visiting various homes where they sang the glad Easter message. Mrs. E. P. Wahl is the teacher of the class and under her leadership an effective Mother's Day program was presented.

✧ Prof. F. W. C. Meyer's fiftieth anniversary in the Christian ministry was fittingly celebrated by the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis. Several brethren attending the Northern Baptist Convention participated in these

unusual festivities. Among them were the brethren: the Rev. Herbert Hiller, the Rev. C. Dippel, and the Rev. Paul Wengel.

✧ The Ambassador Class of the Stafford Church of Oregon celebrated its third anniversary on a recent Sunday evening by conducting a Bible Quiz. The men were matched against the ladies and won the contest. The pastor of the church, the Rev. C. H. Seecamp, served as the judge of the contest. Recently the Rev. Seecamp received the degree of Master of Theology from the Western Baptist Theological Seminary at Portland, Oregon.

✧ The tragic death of Dr. Herman Liu, president of the University of Shanghai, shocked all Christendom. On April 7, while walking along the street with Mrs. Liu, he was assassinated by hired Chinese gunmen, who were inspired by anti-Chinese elements. This outstanding Chinese Christian leader and educator was a convert of Dr. Emily Brethauer of Suifu, China, who is a member of the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

✧ On June 9, a farewell reception was held for Profesor and Mrs. Helmut Dymmel at the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dymmel were very active in the church and a large attendance of friends and members met to indicate their love and appreciation of these two good people. The Rev. H. Dymmel will begin his new pastorate with the Anaheim Church of California on the third of July. On their way they stopped at Philadelphia with the Second German Baptist Church, which is their home church.

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## EDITORIAL

THE most sacred shrine in the United States is Independence Hall in Philadelphia with its priceless treasure, the Liberty Bell. Even

though a large, angular crack has forever stilled its booming knells, that

bell seems to symbolize the spiritual genius of our land. Like a laurel wreath upon its brow, there are these words from Leviticus 25:10 to be seen running around the entire bell: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

Those words seem to be especially timely in the day in which we are living. We can appreciate more than ever the invaluable heritage of liberty, which our forefathers have handed to us. Freedom of conscience is the fundamental tenet of our constitution, by which the religious rights of worship of every group are guaranteed. We can be thankful to God that we live in a land where freedom of thought is a boon rather than in some place of stifling atmosphere with censorship, political slavery and totalitarianism. It is our prayer that this nation "so conceived and so dedicated" will always "proclaim liberty unto all the inhabitants thereof."

But recently there has been a growing tendency, even in this land of ours, to mistake license for liberty. Liberty is not the privilege of doing what you please in the society of men. Such rights would soon change our land into a hell of suffering and sorrow. True freedom is bound by the moral laws of God and by the common interests of our fellow-men. Charles Kingsley has said that "the true freedom is where a man is free to do as he ought."

That is the baffling paradox of the New Testament regarding Christian liberty. The same apostle who wrote about "the glorious liberty of the children of God," spoke of himself as a bond-servant of Jesus Christ. He exhorted Christians to "stand fast, therefore, in the liberty where-

with Christ hath made us free," but almost in the same breath he cautioned them to use their liberty by serving one another in love. That is the truth of God that makes us free, as revealed by Jesus, as we "see life whole" in all that we ought to do in the sight of God.

Such a practical revival of true, genuine liberty is needed by our land as never before. The moral constraints of God must replace the unbridled appetites of men. The following of every selfish whim and desire must give way to the devoted obedience of God's will. The supreme purpose of life in serving others must take precedence over the selfish satisfaction of personal demands. Only such, who willingly and gladly place themselves under the controlling guidance of God's moral and spiritual laws and conform to the demands of the welfare of the larger group, will know what the joys and rewards of true freedom are.

This message of freedom, immortalized by the celebration of the Fourth of July, is intrinsically a religious message. The early Baptists under the leadership of Roger Williams were right in making it the keystone of their religious creed. Our country has become great and has been the recipient of an abundance of blessings from God because it was founded on such religious principles. For those who dwell within its borders, that message with its spiritual connotation must be understood and followed. To the world at large this country of ours must be an example of liberty in the finest sense of the word.

May the Liberty Bell never cease to ring out that message, until even heaven reechoes with its tones of "proclaiming liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof!"

"O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!"



# Jesus Christ, the Lord of Life

In this superb article the pastor of the Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa, interprets the ministry of Jesus Christ as Master and Lord of all of life. It is a message that not only deserves to be read with keen interest but that also needs to be embodied in all of life's activities by young and old alike.

By the REV. H. LOHR of Parkersburg, Iowa

## Jesus the Source of Life

The Christian life begins with regeneration or the new birth. Without this, no one is a Christian. By the new birth the believer becomes a branch on the vine, which is Christ Jesus, and, henceforth, lives not of his own power, but of the power which comes to him from this connection. Some churches today are termed as "alive," while others are designated as "dead." Every church is made up of individual members, and its spiritual condition will be either "alive" or "dead" in the measure as its members are taking spiritual life from the only source of life, Christ Jesus, the Lord.

What the church needs today is men and women who recognize their dependence on Jesus as their source of life, and are connected with him in a living and vital relationship. Jesus said in John 7:38, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his body shall flow rivers of living water." And again in John 15:5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing." If we are to experience the power of his life within us, we must know him as our Savior, and crown him as Lord, for the Lord does not manifest his power in those who do not obey him. It pleased God to reveal his Son to the apostle Paul that he might proclaim him to the heathen, after he had crowned him as his Lord. There can be no spiritual life apart from him, as well as no growth nor fruit-bearing apart from his Lordship.

## Christ Controls the Christian's Character

The Christian is declared to be "known and read of all men — the epistle of Christ" (2. Cor. 3:3). The world is full of people who never read God's word. They do not know what it means to be a child of God. They know nothing of a life of fellowship with the Lord, but they read the Christian. They observe his speech and manner. They notice his outlook on life, his hopes and ideals, his dealing with his fellowmen, and accordingly take their attitude toward Christianity, the church and the Bible.

God's people are designated as "a holy peo-

ANY great principle, which is to be an incentive to the best in life, must be founded on a great truth. Every spiritual revival, which the Christian Church has experienced, has taken form about some central truth, which had been known and accepted before, but had not received the consideration which it deserved. Thus "salvation by grace" was especially emphasized by D. L. Moody, "personal responsibility" by Charles Finney, "the work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration" by John Wesley, and "the sovereignty of God" by Jonathan Edwards, with their consequent results.

## The Mastership of Christ

"The Lord Jesus Christ" is the threefold title of our Savior, and each name has its own peculiar significance. "Jesus" refers to his Saviorship. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). "Christ" refers to his Messiahship, and "Lord," his foremost title, refers to his Mastership or Kingship.

The term, "the Master," is one which is being widely used in our day with only a limited conception as to what his Mastership includes and calls for. It is, however, a fundamental truth which is clearly stated and taught in the Word of God. In Colossians 1:18 we are told "that, in all things he might have the preeminence." The apostle Paul describes his own life in Galatians 2:20 by saying, "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

Thus, we can readily understand that Jesus must be crowned the Lord over all of life's principles, and that these principles must be applied to daily conditions and needs in order to prove effective in producing a higher type of religious thought and character. This should not be considered extraordinary, for the Christian belongs to Christ. He is God's own possession, having been bought by him at an unspeakable cost, the price of his own precious blood. He has been sealed by his spirit unto the day of perfect redemption, and been called to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they are called."

ple," as "sanctified in Christ Jesus," as "saints" and other similar terms, which point out the fact that, although in the world, they are not of the world, and, very naturally, the world must not be in them. This should answer all questions regarding all questionable amusements. If the Lordship of Jesus controls the character of the Christian, then we may know definitely that this is never being done by being a stumbling-block to someone else by the things which we do and allow. The character of the Christian, as the character of anyone, will definitely influence others, for "none of us liveth to himself."

## Lord of All the Activities of Life

Many Christian people never consider Jesus as the one who wants to direct their life's activities to their own benefit and to his glory. They want to take him as the Savior from eternal death, but that obedience to his guidance is also essential to happiness, to victory and to true success has apparently never entered their minds. Jesus warned his disciples against any superficial conception of his Lordship. "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Every truly great life in the history of God's people has become great only by seeking to be guided by the will of God and trusting to him for the result.

Christianity is positive rather than negative, and the sin of Christian people today is the sin of omission and neglect, rather than the sin of commission and antagonism. Has our Lord given us any reason to think that we cannot trust his wisdom, or that he has ceased to lead to that which is best for us? Why, then, do we not more definitely seek his guidance in our activities and decisions? However, there are occasions when we ask: "How are we to know just what the Lord's will may be in these instances?" The answer is that we can never know what his will for us is until we first yield our lives completely to seek and to do his will. It is not knowledge first and obedience afterwards, but rather obedience first and knowledge afterwards. The leader of an army does not reveal his plan to every private in his command, but rather as the command is obeyed the objective is revealed. Abraham could not know the land of Canaan until after he followed God's direction and went into it. His obedience caused him to possess it!

We cannot always know what God has in store for us, but we have his promise that some day we shall know and understand. His lordship may overturn our plans. They may take us out of our chosen work and may put us into a position, which we declared we would never occupy. But, if we can trust him for our salvation, we can also trust and believe that his plan for our lives is better than our plans. In the meas-

ure as we follow his guidance, our lives will be more rich and successful from the eternal standpoint. May he teach us truly to say: "I delight to do thy will, O God," as well as to lead us to the experience that "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

## The Incentive for Christian Service

There are a number of incentives which become the ruling powers in human action. In the business world of today much of the incentive is rivalry and gain. While it is effective in stimulating effort, its tendency is to bring out the lower rather than the higher elements of life. There is also the incentive of fear. All law has power because of penalty, and penalty appeals only to fear. There is the incentive of position and power, and, if this is followed, the result very often is a life overflowing with pride and arrogance. But there is a greater incentive than these, and that is the incentive of love. The apostle says in 2. Cor. 5:14 that "the love of Christ constraineth us."

The most powerful force for moulding human life arises from the emotions rather than from the intellect. What a man loves or does not love largely controls his life. One of the causes of the intensive zeal of the early Christians was this incentive. The consciousness of their ever present Lord and his love for them created a response in their souls which became the incentive which caused them, as for Paul, "to count all things but loss that they might win him." They sought neither power, nor position, nor gain, but to be his witnesses. This incentive caused them to see life from his eternal standpoint and a lost world with his compassion.

## "More Like the Master!"

This incentive creates a love for the unloving and unloveable. It produced an Adoniram Judson, a Hudson Taylor, a John Paton, and, to bring the fact somewhat closer to us all, it produced a Paul and Clara Gebauer. This is the incentive which we all need in a far greater measure than most of us possess. This was the incentive of Jesus, whom we sometimes, with halfhearted sincerity, call "our Master." He left his throne in glory for this sinful world that he might do his Father's will. He, amid "strong crying and tears," learned to say: "Not my will but thine be done." He was the One "who through obedience was made perfect, and being made perfect became the author of salvation to all that obey him" (Heb. 5:11).

Shall we then follow the example of Christ and try to become more like him, as we crown him the Lord in the principles of our Christian lives.

"Sweet will of God, still fold me closer  
Till I am wholly lost in thee."



# Essentials For The Prospective Minister

Ministers and laymen will greatly profit by reading this article, a sermon preached before the student body of our seminary at Rochester, N. Y.

By the REV. C. A. DANIEL of Detroit, Mich.

"We are living, we are dwelling in a grand and awful time, In an age on ages telling, to be living is sublime."

THE pursuit of wealth has never brought real happiness and satisfaction. The pursuit of pleasure has often had an aftermath of bitterness and displeasure. Ambition for greatness, fame or popularity has always brought humiliation, disgrace and disaster. The service of Jesus Christ, however, which is rendered by the minister or by an humble follower of Christ will always bring joy, contentment, happiness and blessing.

You are the ambassadors of Jesus Christ, "as though God did beseech men by you, so you pray in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." You are the bearers of glad tidings to men, the messengers of peace, the witnesses for Christ, the winners of souls and the moulders of Christian character. For this supreme task you will need four great essentials: Concentration, meditation, investigation and assimilation.

## Concentration

Over and over again Christ appeals to the ears of men. No phrase occurs so often in the Gospels as this: "He that hath ears let him hear." "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it." There is nothing that the Lord deprecates more than inattention. Lack of attention. We note this especially with the disciples of Jesus Christ, who had been in the school of Christ for three years. They had had more privileges than all the prophets and godly men of old, for these men would have been glad to hear what they had heard and to have seen what they have seen. Yet how slow were these disciples to understand and to comprehend the Master.

In a lecture room one day the lecturing physician said: "Gentlemen, a physician's first duty is ACCURATE observation and RIGID attention. You are neither looking at what I am doing, nor hearing what I am saying. I will dismiss the class." The next day the doctor came into the lecture room with a bottle. It contained a very dirty looking fluid. "Gentlemen," he said, "I hold in my hand a little bottle of Jalap. Of course you are aware, that as physicians, we have many disagreeable duties. We must for instance test such messes as this, that we may accurately know their taste. Observe, I first place my finger in the bottle and then in my mouth." The bottle was then handed from one to another. When the bottle came back to the doctor he

chuckled and said: "Gentlemen, had you remembered my remarks at my last lecture about accurate observation and rigid attention, you would have saved yourselves a very disagreeable experiment. An accurate observer would not have failed to notice that I put my forefinger in the bottle and middle finger in my mouth." ACCURATE observation and RIGID attention are very essential for the prospective minister. Attention is the forerunner of blessing, concentration is the faculty of dismissing everything else from our mind, but the thing we wish to fix our mind upon. We lose very much by inattention. We sleep often with our eyes open. "And while we were busy here and there, he was gone." It is said of the poet Dante, that he went down town one day in the city of Florence to view a parade. He had to wait a long while: While standing before a bookstall, he picked up a book and soon became interested and absorbed. When he laid down the book, he discovered that the parade had come and passed by, he had neither heard nor seen it. That is CONCENTRATION.

## Meditation

We are living in a restless age, an age of action, of machinery, of speed, of never ending motion and activity. There is very little time left for reflection, for quiet meditation, for reverie. People have no time for meditation nor for prolonged reading. Hence the appearance of the Literary Digest, Reader's Digest, Religious Digest and predigested foods. Carloads of sermonic literature are ready for the busy pastor, who is called upon to attend committees, conferences, clubs, teas, banquets, meetings galore and is pestered by agents, tramps, and busybodies all the time, till his soul is weary and exclaims: "Give me a rest." Meditation, yes we have it for the busy folk in the "Fellowship of Prayer," "The Upper Room." All the gems of literature, of religion, of philosophy, of history, etc., are condensed and put into small booklets for the busy people and the pastor, who finds no time for meditation. In the middle ages men had much time for meditation in the cloisters. They read and wrote and drew in ornamental letters great volumes of Bible story, that command our admiration and wonderment. In later centuries we had a galaxy of great poets; some even earlier like Homer, Virgil, Dante. Then Shakespeare, Tennyson, Burns, Goethe, Schiller, Klopstock, Lowell, Whittier, Longfellow and others. And

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

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Sunday, August 7, 1938

## "AS OTHERS SEE ME"

Scripture References: James 1:22-27; 2:8-17.

### 1. They DO

"Do you want to see a monkey?"—It's a moss-covered trick, and we refuse to bite. Isn't it interesting how we refuse to have others hold a mirror to our faces, and yet we are tainted enough with the "Narcissus" stigma to contemplate our likeness in a mirror so long as we are holding the looking-glass! Nevertheless, our image is continuously reflected in the lenses of many candid cameras all about us. To be conscious of the all-seeing God, ever to remember the sobering truth, "Thou, God, seest me," "Thou art a God who seest," is to be wise, indeed. An added wisdom is to remember that the eyes of my fellowmen are also focused on me. Others *do* see me! And my influence and effectiveness as a Christian depends on what they see. It is well that we heed the admonition to walk worthily of our calling.

### 2. They Do SEE

We are pleased when the photographer produces what we consider to be a good picture. But we also know that a good picture may not be a faithful likeness. The photographer makes it his business to please *us*; and so he uses all the ingenuity and tricks of his trade to hide all blemishes. If there happens to be a large nose or a pair of cauliflower ears attached to our physiognomy, he knows how to play light and shadow upon our face to make the abnormalities less noticeable, or even to exploit them to make us appear quite distinguished. However, the candid camera of my fellowmen doesn't work that way. Rather, it is inclined to enlarge every wrinkle and every pimple, so that I don't like my image at all. In fact, my neighbor's eyesight is so efficient that even a fencepost in his eye does not hinder him from finding a splinter in mine. Since my neighbor is anxious to please himself rather than me, he does not touch up my blemishes. And if he is especially eager to improve *his own* likeness, he will focus a spotlight on *my* shortcomings.

### 3. They Do SEE ME

They see me by the color of my suit. If I wear a grey suit, they watch that

grey suit. They forget Paul's warning: "I am a man of like passions as you." If I am a church member, they watch me in relation to my church membership. If I am a B. Y. P. U. or S. S. worker, they watch me in relation to the garments of those offices. The more varied and ample my wardrobe, the more deliberately am I being scrutinized. It is necessary that it be so. Is it not *my* dress, physical, social, professional, that sets *me* apart to make other's observation of *me* possible? And is it not a hideous scar in my life, or an unbecoming color-combination in my apparel the special identification tag by which I am duly labeled and classified? Others see *me* most readily by means of that which sets me apart, be it good or bad.

### 4. And HOW!?

There was only one who was able to ask his enemies: "Which of you convicteth me of sin?" To the extent that we as Christians dare not ask our fellowmen that question, to that extent there is something of a cleavage between our faith and works. As Christians we are conscious of our shortcomings and try to "regard others as higher than ourselves," remembering that "with what measure ye mete, it will be meted to you." But the world, having a spirit of self-righteousness, is always alert to find and emphasize our faults. These faults are primarily matters of inconsistency, ill-fitting garments which we try to wear and objectionable color combinations in our apparel. A pair of trousers with but one pants' leg would prove quite amusing and embarrassing. So faith apart from works, profession apart from production, is only "half a pair of pants" and again and again becomes amusing to the world and embarrassing to the Christian.

### Therefore

Let us frequently remind one another that Others See Us.

Let us prayerfully strive to be characterized by the eccentricities of the Christian walk.

Let us endeavor to overcome our mistakes and inconsistencies so that the design of the Master's own hand may become so prominent in the pattern of our life, that as others see us, they may see him, and see him preeminent.

Sunday, August 14, 1938

## "WHAT AM I LIKE?"

Scripture References: Romans 7:15-25; Luke 14:28-33.

### 1. The Problem

Make a good omelette out of rotten eggs. Or, realize your good intentions, your noble ideals, your laudable aims, with your natural resources. Man left to himself, that is, the natural man, can not achieve more than his resources permit. These resources of man, no matter how much exploited and utilized, can never provide the stuff enabling him to make the grade in the eyes of the Holy One. "All our righteousness is but as filthy rags." "There is none righteous, no not one." But we do want to be something worthwhile. We do want to reach higher planes of living. We do not want to accomplish something, through that which we are, that will be acceptable by the divine standards. How can we be what we want to be, and cease to be what we don't want to be? How can we do the godly thing without being repeatedly frustrated in the attempt and ending up with the human thing?

### 2. A "Faux Pas" or Boner

Did you ever attempt to help a drowning person who insisted in his struggle to save himself? It is a relatively easy job to save one from drowning who follows the directions of his rescuer and has more confidence in him than in his own struggles. In Romans 7 Paul describes the struggle for a good life. It is a common struggle. Man wants to be good. He is trying his utmost to improve himself and even his fellowmen. But the more he struggles the more poignant his defeat. The more he considers his futile attempts, the more wretched he becomes. Man is not sinful, nor is he lost because he wants to be sinful and lost, but because he doesn't have the resources within himself to save himself. Man alone cannot conquer sin in his life, leave alone the lives of others. Every attempt to pull himself up by his own bootstraps is futile. Each defeat increases the misery of the sincere warrior. And in agony of heart he cries out: "Wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me out of the body of this death?"



### 3. The Answer—the Master Key

Like Sermonizing Sophie, we must quit living in Romans 7 and move into Romans 8. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus. For the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death." The janitors of our schools, the managers of hotels and men in charge of big buildings possess a master key that will fit the lock of every door in the building. In Christ we have the master key that will unlock all the fetters of sin and its cure. When Christ is living in us we have all his divine and unlimited resources at our command. Instead of wretchedness, we possess the hope of glory and the peace that passes all understanding. Our own struggling ceases. Our confidence is in him. Our natural, limited, impotent life, through his indwelling, has become the unlimited, victorious, supernatural, eternal life.

### 4. The Price, or, The Cost

The price for the culmination of our struggle is almost prohibitive. Since there is only one master key, and since there is but one solution to the problem, we ought to expect an exacting price. The prize is so exorbitant because it is so humiliating. Before we can enjoy the riches that are in Christ Jesus, we have to declare our own bankruptcy. We must abdicate from the sovereignty of our life and crown him Lord of all. Establishing his Lordship, we accept our own servitude. "Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves servants unto obedience, his servants ye are whom ye obey. — But now being made free from sin and become servants of God ye have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end eternal life." If our struggle against sin and condemnation has become fierce enough, we are glad to abdicate from the sovereignty of our will, affections and lusts. If our state of wretchedness has not been so very wretched after all, we may be tempted to hold back from a complete surrender and consequently receive a partial Christ and a limited victory and render a half-hearted service for the Master. What am I like?

### The Quiz

Am I one of those who try to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps, trusting in their own adequacy?

Am I like the man who failed to consider the cost properly and who had to end up with a half-finished job?

Am I like Paul who learned to regard as refuse his own learning and efforts in order to rejoice fully in the Saviorhood and Lordship of Christ Jesus, serving him with abandon, asking only: "to be found in him, not having a righteousness of mine own"?

## Workshop for Church Leaders

### A CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS

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Six girls participate wearing white robes, five carrying 15 inch candles and one carrying an 18 inch candle. After the processional the girls are standing in back of a table covered with a white cloth and on which have been arranged six low candle-holders in a semi-circular formation. A quartet or soloist should sing the hymns indicated.

PROCESSIONAL: "The Light of the world Is Jesus." (Quartet and girls.)

FIRST SPEAKER (Places tallest candle in the center holder and lights it): "I am the Light of the World. My word shall be a lamp unto thy feet." Thus spake Jesus, the Son of God. His light burns brightly in this dark world of ours. He is the Christ, the Savior of the world today, even as when he was here on earth. Burn brightly, oh light! Let thy radiant beams reach to the far corners of the world. Help to light our way so that we may know the truth, express ourselves in terms of service to the Master.

SECOND SPEAKER (lights candle from tall taper and places in holder): I am the light of Knowledge. I light the way for the youth of the world. I open to them new fields of service. I bring understanding and with understanding happiness. Burn brightly, oh light of knowledge, so that no man may miss the way. We thirst for knowledge of the God, the living God. Help us, oh God, to spread this light in our Sunday Schools, in our assemblies, and through our Christian literature. We would show others the light even as we have seen it.

THIRD SPEAKER (lights candle from tall taper and places in holder): I am the light of Missionary Enterprise. "Go ye into all the world, preaching the gospel to all creatures and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost." Burn brightly, oh light, so that the men, women and children in the darkest corner of the world may know that Jesus loves every one of them and that he came to this world so that all men might have everlasting life.

FOURTH SPEAKER (lights candle from tall taper and places in holder): I am the light of Fellowship. Christian fellowship is a gem which is of great worth. It helps to make the way less difficult when we can share one another's

burdens and joys. It is heartening, inspiring, consoling and uplifting to know that we can face our problems together, meet the world together, and do the Master's bidding together. What greater heritage has any man?

FIFTH SPEAKER (lights candle from tall taper and places in holder): I am the light of Stewardship. We have been blessed with great gifts, some in greater measure and some in lesser measure than others. May we lay our talents on the altar of the Lord. Be it our time, our ability, our encouragement, our sympathy or our worldly possessions, God can use them all. May we give unselfishly and openheartedly of that with which God has endowed us. God has promised his divine blessing on any one who will give unreservedly, even if it be ever so little.

SIXTH SPEAKER (lights candle from tall taper and places it in holder): I am the light of Faithfulness. Being faithful to Christ and his ideals is the greatest privilege of our Christian religion. It gives the opportunity to us all to show our love to Christ. It is not by what we can do that the usefulness of our lives can be measured but how faithfully we perform each task, how faithfully we accept each opportunity to live as Christ would have us live. If we are faithful, no matter how small our talents are, God will use our lives as a living testimonial to his grace and power.

QUARTET: "I Would Be True."

FIRST SPEAKER: Our heavenly Father, we thank thee for thy great love to us and that it has been manifested to us in so many ways. We thank thee that we may follow the light which has been shed on our path and pray that thou wouldst give us the strength, the perseverance, the love and the inspiration to serve thee. We ask that we may never overlook or become indifferent to the opportunities which we have to do thy will. Use us, oh Father, so that thy kingdom may come here on earth. Forgive us where we have failed and strengthen us so that we may grow in thee. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, thy Son. Amen.

RECESSIONAL: "Give of Your Best to the Master." (Quartet and girls.)

## Daily Meditations

By PROFESSOR LEWIS KAISER of Rochester, N. Y.

Monday, July 4

### A Father's Bitter Lament

"O my son, Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, I Absalom, my son, my son!" 2. Samuel 18:33.

Read 2. Samuel 18:27-33.

Absalom was the spoilt son of an indulgent father. A coddled child often turns out badly, so Absalom grew up to be a weak, selfish, cruel man. He sought to kill his father and to seize the throne, but in the ensuing battle he was ignominiously slain. How pathetic the poignant grief of the father!

Prayer: May we, O God, take to heart the sad lesson of Absalom's fateful career, that he that soweth to the flesh will of the flesh reap corruption.

Tuesday, July 5

### Using What He Had

"There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two fishes; but what are they among so many?" John 6:9.

Read John 6:5-13.

The little that this lad had given to Jesus was greatly transformed and multiplied in his hands, so that there was far more than was needed to feed a great host. Thus, even our seeming insignificant service under God's blessing can serve a great purpose. Giving what he had, the unnamed lad became the hero of the day.

Prayer: We pray thee, dear Lord, help us to give all that thou hast entrusted to us, be it much or little, for the good of others.

Wednesday, July 6

### Learning to Know God

"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10.

Read Psalm 46.

Amid the hurry and bustle of our workaday life, it is hard to feel the pulse of God's love and to be vividly conscious of his presence. We need to become still from time to time and to seek moments of quiet alone with God, if we would learn to know him better and to breathe in more deeply his life-giving spirit.

Prayer: Our soul longeth after thee, O God. Our hearts will not rest content until they find their rest in thee.

Thursday, July 7

### He Knocks and Waits

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and be with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20.

Read Revelation 3:14-22.

It was before the closed door of a luke-warm church that Christ stood, patiently knocking and waiting to be let in. Ought he not to have been within? But complacent and self-sufficient, this church had shut him out. Are there not many churches with the door locked and Christ without? Yet he in his unflinching love keeps knocking and waiting to enter with his blessing.

Prayer: Our Father, help us to clear our lives of all that prevents us from having full intercourse with thee.

Friday, July 8

### The Source of National Strength

"Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34.

Read Proverbs 14:25-35.

True greatness—in an individual and in a nation alike—is a spiritual thing. It does not depend upon extent of territory or political power, but upon characteristics and attitudes. Righteousness exalteth a nation: honor, integrity and lofty ideals; not the might of national wealth and militant power.

Prayer: O God of the nations, we come praying, that we as a people may realize that, since we have been blessed so abundantly by thee, our responsibility is correspondingly great.

Saturday, July 9

### The Seeing Soul

"As Jesus passed by, he saw a man who was blind." John 9:1.

Read John 9:1-7.

Both Jesus and his disciples saw this blind man, but how differently did they see! To his disciples the blind man was the starting-point of a theological discussion: "Who sinned, this man or his parents?" They were interested in origins and theories. Jesus saw a broken man, sitting in darkness with unseeing eyes, longing for the light. They saw a problem; he saw an opportunity, that called for his healing touch.

Prayer: O thou compassionate One, may we live in the spirit of him who so loved all people as to give his life for them.

Sunday, July 10

### The Despondent Prophet

"It is enough," he cried, "Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my father's." 1. Kings 19:4.

Read 1. Kings 19:1-10.

The champion of Carmel under the juniper tree! Down and out! Whim-

pering and whining like a petulant child! Thus, even the greatest of God's heroes have their seasons of despondency and despair. The great prophet thought his ministry to have been a failure. But this was only the prelude of the glorious experience of Mt. Horeb. There the "still, small voice" brought peace to his distracted soul.

Prayer: "Why art thou cast down, my soul? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance."

Monday, July 11

### Winning Souls

"And he brought him to Jesus." John 1:42.

Read John 1:35-42.

Is there a loftier task than to be the intermediary in bringing another one into saving contact with Jesus? When Andrew led his brother, Simon, to the Lord, he took the initial step in the founding of the Christian Church. Can anything be greater than winning a soul, made in the image of God, to the Kingdom of God?

Prayer: Give us, O God, a burning desire to bring people to Christ. May the Holy Spirit fire us with a passion for winning souls.

Tuesday, July 12

### The Secret of Providence

"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." Psalm 25:14.

Read Psalm 25:14-21.

There are secrets of Providence which God's children may learn. His dealings with them often seem to the outer eye dark and terrible. Faith, however, looks deeper and says: "This is God's secret." Within the rough wrappings I now see there is hidden a treasure, that will once be revealed. Mastered by Christ we may master every circumstance in time.

Prayer: We will trust thee, dear Master, even in the dark dispensations of life. We see, reflected in the storm-clouds, the brilliant bow of thy mercy and grace.

Wednesday, July 13

### Perplexed in Prayer

"We know not what we should pray for as we ought." Romans 8:26.

Read Romans 8:22-28.

The very things that often perplex us in our Christian experience may prove to be the answers to our prayers. We pray for patience, and there come fresh trials that tax us to the utmost, for "tribulation worketh patience." We pray for submission and God sends us

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# Sunrise

By Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill

## SYNOPSIS

Jason Whitney, a bank clerk, was implicated in a bank robbery because of circumstantial evidence. On the day before the robbery he had been "fired" by the bank. He left town hurriedly without telling anyone, not even his sister, Joyce, who was his closest friend, about his whereabouts. His notebook was found on the floor in front of the safe. Everyone in town seemed to think that Jason was guilty of the crime, all except Rose Allison, the minister's daughter, who had talked to Jason over the telephone shortly before his sudden departure. In the meantime, Jason, far from home, reflected on the past of his life. He had to admit all kinds of mischievous things, but everybody was always finding fault with him. All except Rowan Parsons, who became his best friend. Life seemed to be much more pleasant with him as a chum!

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN

And then, right out of the blue, without any warning, just like a miracle had come the job in the bank. Where it came from he didn't know. Nor whose influence had got it for him. His father disclaimed any knowledge of it, and doubted if he could make good. He got no encouragement at home except from Joyce whose eyes were shining at his success. Just Mr. Goodright's wonderful note in the post office for him one discouraged morning saying he heard he was looking for a job and offering him a chance in the bank.

The only drawback had been that his old enemy of bumblebee days was there also, but he figured he wouldn't have anything to do with him, and of course the other fellow was a man now and probably had a little sense. So everything had been wonderful for several months. And then suddenly those queer things happened: each employee was called into Mr. Goodright's office and told quietly, like a warning, that money was missing. Little mistakes were discovered here and there; he knew they suspected him. It was all so subtle, it seemed as if someone had planned it. It was then that he began to watch Corey Watkins. Somehow the very fact that he had always been able to get away with the mischief that he really planned himself made Jason doubly alert in watching others, and day by day he saw little things that made him wonder.

And at last, that awful morning when a marked bill was found by Corey Watkins in his locker at the bank!—planted there of course, because he had no knowledge of it. He still felt glad he had hit Corey Watkins. He wished he could hit him again. Of course that was not the way clerks were expected to behave in banks. But he raged inwardly afresh as he recalled the look in Corey's neat face as he accused him.

Jason had told Mr. Goodright the bill wasn't his and he knew nothing about it; Mr. Goodright had said all right, if that was the case they would try him again. But Jason had risen up in his old time wrath and declined to have anything more to do with the bank. It was the same old story. Other people's crimes were blamed on him. He knew now well enough where that bill came from, who had planted it in his drawer. But he wouldn't tell. He couldn't prove it, of course, though he might have created suspicion if he had gone to work in the right way. But he scorned to do that. So he held his head high and left the bank and let it be told around that he had been fired. Well, what was the difference?

Of course all his dreams of being a buddy of Rowan's were gone now. Rowan wouldn't want to be friends with a guy that had been fired after getting such a break as he had when he got in. No, he would just cut loose from everything and carry out his scheme of long ago.

He would leave at once. He would never go back to the old town. Not until he was rich and successful. He'd show them!

Bitterly he thought these things as he walked out the familiar way toward Rowley's. Not to play this time for money to carry out his schemes. Mr. Goodright had given him a whole month's pay, although he had earned but one week of it. But it was habitual to walk this road so he took it.

When he got to the turn of the road he looked back just to get a glimpse of the old place before he left it forever. His eyes burned a little with unwonted tears as he saw the trees and houses and all the familiar scene. There was the high school where he had gone so recently, and there the tall white steeple of the church.

Then suddenly he thought of Rose and his promise to her. Why, this was the night of the meeting, and he had meant to keep that promise. Something in her eyes when she asked him

had made him feel he must do it for her, and now he must keep tryst. For a whole second he hesitated. Of course he could still go back tonight to that meeting. He wouldn't need to go home, nor let anybody he knew see him all day, and he could sit at the back of the church. Nobody would be expecting him there, and he could leave before the service was quite over. He would be keeping his promise to Rose, and he could write back sometime and let her know he had been there.

Then suddenly he realized that he would have hard work to get away with that and not meet somebody who would tell his father and there would be all kinds of a row, and they would perhaps block him in his purpose. No, better get out while the getting was good, and not come back till he was on his feet really for keeps.

But he mustn't go without somehow letting that kid know that he had meant to keep his promise. He would go in to Rowley's and telephone. He hadn't meant to go to Rowley's at all, but now this was the quickest way and then he could light out and make his getaway before anybody had an idea he was gone.

So he went in and called Rose.

And when he came out he found himself greatly shaken. Something in her voice when she said she was sorry, when she told him she believed in him and cared whether he went away, made his heart come up somewhere in the region of his throat. Nobody but Joyce had ever spoken to him like that. Gee! what would it be if he was the kind of fellow who could go with a girl like that and take her places. What if he should go away and get to be the right kind of fellow somehow and come back some day and go to call on her. Would her eyes light up the way they had when he said he'd go to meeting for her? Would her voice light up and get warm the way it had over the telephone?

Walking on out of his home life Jason carried with him a lovely little picture of Rose in her pink dimity, looking up at him with her great blue eyes, eyes that had curly lashes with tangles of sunbeams in them, golden curly lashes. And hair that curled like sunbeams too. Say, she was a pretty girl. She was a honey! There weren't any girls around like her.

He thought of the wild coarse young hoydens who came to Rowley's, skinny gaunt creatures with large red lips

and vivid cheeks made brighter by the chalk white of the surrounding flesh. Girls with dark plastered hair cut in queer boyish shapes. Girls with hair that seemed to have been designed by the evil one himself. Girls who looked like emaciated clowns, and acted the part. Girls with flimsy dirty little frocks, and a great deal of their skinny anemic backs showing. It revolted him that he had ever danced with them. They were coarse little things without an idea in their heads except to get as much out of a boy as they could. Girls who drank and smoked and conducted themselves in a disreputable way generally. When he thought of his desultory contacts with such girls he was disgusted with himself, as if he had suddenly found some defiling substance on his hands and knew not how to cleanse it. He hadn't had much to do with any of them, he had only danced with them a few times. They hadn't interested him. They were too low a type perhaps, though he didn't know that. He was merely getting his eyes open to himself and his own movements.

Suddenly as he saw all the familiar things disappearing they grew dear to him. The neat little town, the quiet countryside, the long meadows where his father's cows grazed, the sunsets that flung themselves behind the hills that he could see from his window, the trim compact little bank of clean limestone where he had been so proud to work, where he had really begun to be different and act like man and not just like a kid—all that conjured up because of one girl in a pink dress, with lights in her gold hair and lights in her blue eyes, and a quiver of liking in her voice that was for him!

A strange new sweet thrill went through his young heart when he thought of her voice as she said she believed in him and she cared, and he thought back to school days and how she had smiled sometimes when he played some simple prank and nobody else knew who did it. She had a sense of humor, that girl! Why hadn't he had sense enough to see when he had the chance what a friend she would be to a fellow if he was just half decent. Of course he wasn't paying much attention to girls in those days. He was all for athletics. He thought it was sissy to talk to girls. But now he suddenly longed for that chance back again. Why hadn't he walked home with Rose and carried her books? Rose—what a sweet name! She looked like a flower in that pink dress!

Maybe her father wouldn't have cared for a friendship between them, but maybe he would have been different he had a friend like that! He raised his head proudly and walked along with his back straight, and his step firm. Of course his father was respected, and they had a nice home, and if he started out going with a girl like that when they were scarcely more than children, likely her father wouldn't

have objected. He had enough background behind him if he had only used it! What a fool he had been!

Perhaps if Joyce hadn't been away at college when he was in high school she would have invited young people there, and Rose might have come and he would have been there having a good time with them all, and things might have been different.

But there was his stepmother. She had to keep the house so immaculate. If you brought in a grain or two of mud it was all up with you. She wouldn't have allowed good times. She rode Joyce to death. Even now, she did. He could see that, little as he had stayed at home.

Well, if his own mother had lived, things would have been different.

He sighed heavily and walked drearily on.

There was nothing for it but to go away as he intended and try to be worth something. Probably if he ever did come back in a position to be friends with a girl like Rose, he'd find her married to some chump like Corey Watkins!

Suddenly he ground his teeth together in helpless wrath when he thought of his enemy. What a disaster that would be! Good night! If he thought anything like that could happen he'd turn right around and go back and protect her!

Only of course he couldn't, not in his present predicament. Not without a decent job.

As he thought back now he almost wished he had eaten humble pie and told Mr. Goodright he would stay on probation and show him he was all right, prove to him that he could make good. After all, Mr. Goodright had been fair. Believing as he did that he, Jason, was a petty thief, he had yet offered him another chance. But it had made him so hot to think that any man could even think such things of him for a minute that he hadn't even questioned his haughty gesture of refusal.

But that was before he talked with Rose over the telephone. That was before her voice had those tears in it about his going away in anger from his home and his job. That was before she said she had cared, and she believed in him.

Of course he could turn now and go back to the bank and tell Mr. Goodright he had changed his mind and decided to stay and show him that he was mistaken in him. But how could he? With his old enemy Corey there it would scarcely be possible. He couldn't tell Mr. Goodright to watch Corey Watkins, a man older than he was, who had gained the respect of everybody in town by his snug ways. Nobody would believe him even if he told what he knew. And it was unthinkable that he should tell. That was his one bit of virtue that he held to.

Besides, if he went back now, under a cloud, somehow it would seep out. It probably had already. And nobody

would have anything to do with him, not even if he never went to Rowley's again. They had him tagged and he couldn't get away from that, not unless he went away long enough for them to forget his past, and made a new record. Then he could come home and they would probably accept him on a new basis. But if he went back now he wouldn't likely be allowed to see Rose at all. If he did once or twice he would have the whole nasty prying town talking about her, and he wouldn't stand for that. No, it was better to go on. He couldn't go back and meet his father's roar of disgust, his stepmother's contemptuous sarcasm, and his sister's sad eyes. There wasn't anything he could do but go on.

Then he thought of Rowan. That gave a wrench to his heart. Rowan had acted as if he believed in him. They had nice times together. They were buddies. Rowan wouldn't go back on him even if the town did, or his family, or anybody. But of course he wouldn't go back and involve Rowan in a friendship that was unworthy of him, either. Rowan and Joyce and the girl, Rose! He sighed heavily as he plodded on, his eyes down. The world looked black indeed to him, and he was beginning to see that it was mostly his own fault. For the first time in his life he was seeing that his disappointments were largely of his own making. He hadn't suspected it before. He had thought that everybody else was to blame.

Perhaps if he had gone to Rowan with the whole story Rowan would have helped him work something out without his pilgrimage afar. He had told Rowan once what he meant to do sometime if things went wrong again, and Rowan had laughed at him. Had told him that the way to straighten things out was to stay where the trouble had begun and face it, untangle it, find out what was wrong and set it right.

But Jason was too proud to take such advice. Even now he was too proud. He could not go back to a girl who believed in him and face a time of ignominy.

No, he would take her belief in him as a precious talisman and he would hide it away in his heart to help him to success. She cared, well he would make her care more. He would be what she wanted him to be.

Oh, she hadn't said anything about being different, of course, only she had one little fear when she asked him if he had voiced that one little fear when she asked him if he had done anything—no she hadn't put it that way. She had said: "You haven't, have you?" She had taken it for granted that it wasn't his fault, and yet she must have had a fear. Yes, of course, he hadn't given her reason to be sure about him, but he would in future. And just as soon as he got established somewhere and was in a fair way to success he would write to her and tell her about it. He would have to do it quickly be-



fore some other guy discovered what a lovely flower she was and tried to snatch her for himself.

The thought spurred him onward. He must hurry up and succeed.

Perhaps when he got located somewhere he'd venture to write to her. Not too soon, for he wanted to have something definite in mind. He wanted to be able to say:

"I've accepted a position with the So and So Company of Bank, and I'm in a fair way to success," etc. He wanted to tell her how it had helped him to know she believed in him, and cared whether he succeeded or not. That would be enough for a first letter, and then if she answered that perhaps they could go on and correspond, and he would feel that he had an anchor out somewhere and wasn't just drifting. It would be wonderful to have somebody you dared tell your inmost thoughts to, somebody who wouldn't laugh.

Perhaps he would write to Rowan sometime later, too. But you couldn't tell a man who was older than you were just all you were thinking. He hadn't thought ever before that you could tell any girl things like inside thoughts, not till he heard Rose's voice when she said she cared.

Of course she didn't mean anything silly by that, as some girls would mean. She meant real things, things like mothers would say, if you had a mother who cared. Things even deeper than that. Things that God made you feel. Jason wasn't very well acquainted with God. His father wasn't very well acquainted with God. His father asked the blessing at the table in a sort of a mumble that raced along to get done; it was just a gesture heavenward; his father's life didn't seem to match up with even such a blessing. God was very far away to Jason, and dim and vague. But he guessed there was a God somewhere who made women like Rose. She was not just a good-looking body that could show you a good time, she cared about your soul.

So Jason walked on swiftly, unaware of his extreme weariness, unaware that the sun was setting lower and he was footsore and hungry, intent only on getting on.

He knew just where he was going. Back at home in his room he had a box full of steamship folders. He had spent hours in studying them. He knew where they docked, knew the numbers of the docks where these great ships that went to strange weird corners of the earth, were to be found. He had written to steamship companies, and to sailing vessels. He was full of information concerning the far countries that had lured him in his misery. He even knew what times of the month certain ones sailed, or thought he did, though of course timetables changed. But he knew their general hours of sailing. He began to calculate what

he would like to do if he could make it. But he must get to New York first, and of course he hadn't any too much money to start out in life with just a puny month's salary. He must save every cent he could. He had to eat. He must get a job on the ship of possible. Any ship would do, of several lines he knew. He didn't care much where he landed. There would be chances in one place as well as another he thought. If he got a job on a ship it would save him trouble about passports and details of which he had the vaguest knowledge possible, as they hadn't seemed very important. The thing was to get to New York and find his ship. It seemed to him that of course there would be any number of them, just waiting round to take him where he chose, and perhaps actually glad to give him a job.

He walked on briskly, although now he was beginning to be aware of sudden weariness. He was glad when a farmer in an old flivver came along and offered him a lift. He climbed in beside him with almost a semblance of his old cheerful grin. Things weren't going to be so bad when people came along genially like this to help.

The farmer asked him a lot of questions which he skillfully evaded, answering them without imparting a single fact, he thought, and they jogged along in the general direction of New York.

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## DAILY MEDITATIONS

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sufferings. For we learn obedience by the things we suffer. To accept every circumstance as coming straight from the hand of a loving Father is the way to peace.

Prayer: Dear Father, may we never falter and fail in our trust in thy guidance, even though we do not understand the way thou art leading us.

Thursday, July 14

### "As Thyself"

"Thou should love thy neighbor as thyself." Leviticus 19:18.

Read Leviticus 19:13-18.

God's measure is often disconcerting. Would it not have been enough to have said: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor"? Why "as thyself"? Why go on and tell how much we must love him? Because we are so prone, even in loving our neighbor, to pay more to ourselves than to him. What a wonderful world this would become if every one of us would think of another as soon as of oneself!

Prayer: Teach us, Lord, how to serve thee with singleness of heart. May our love to others rise to the high mark of the appeal: "as thyself".

Friday, July 15

### Prayer

"In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your

requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6.

Read Philippians 4:1-9.

What is prayer? Prayer is the sense of weakness and insufficiency of the finite reaching upward after the strength and all-sufficiency of the infinite. Phillips Brooks said, "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed."

Prayer: Our Father, forgive our halting, stammering tongues. May thy Spirit teach us how to pray.

Saturday, July 16

### The Emigrant

"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country . . . unto a land that I will show thee." Genesis 12:1.

Read Genesis 12:1-6.

Abram knew nothing of the place to which he was bound beyond the vague suggestion—"to a land that I will show thee." He had no friends there. He carried no letter of credit, drawn upon the resources of that strange country. He was moving altogether in the realm of moral faith. He was the pioneer, blazing the path for all those men of faith who have moved out under sealed orders.

Prayer: In the firm assurance of thy guiding presence, O God, may we unfalteringly follow thy call, even though the goal of our pilgrimage be still hidden.

Sunday, July 17

### Because

"He first loved us." 1. John 21:19.

Read 1. John 4:12-19.

In all of God's creative acts and manifestations a supreme purpose is expressed, though we may not understand it nor even observe it. He expresses himself in nature's stupendous whole as in his perfected plan of redemption. The beautiful world about us is made for us. Salvation was accomplished for us. All things are for us. Why? Because "he first loved us."

Prayer: Father, thy love is evidenced on every hand. Give us eyes to see it and hearts to appreciate it.

Monday, July 18

### Hitherto!

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." 1. Samuel 7:12.

Read 1. Samuel 7:7-12

The Alpine shepherds have a beautiful custom of ending the day by singing an evening farewell to one another. As dusk begins to fall, they gather their flocks and lead them down the mountain-paths singing, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." "Let us praise his name." And, at last, they sing to one another the friendly farewell, "Good night, Good night!"

Prayer:

"Thou who has helped us hitherto, Help us all our journey through."

# Contributor's Page

## My Greatest Thanks

By MISS CONNIE LINES  
of New Kensington, Pa

To God I'm thankful, 'cause he's kept me through this year,  
He's clothed me, led me, fed me and protected me from fear.  
My God is always with me and he keeps me day by day,  
His ever gentle kindness just leads me on to say,  
That without him all trials of life I'm sure I couldn't bear,  
But as it is, all I can do is go to him in prayer.  
So on the day of thankfulness my greatest thanks will be,  
That there's a God whom I can love, and who loves even me.

## My Prayer

By SUSAN SCHILLING  
of Alanson, Michigan

My Father!

When the day dawns bright and clear,  
Let me feel thy presence near.  
Let me not forsake thy way  
In forbidden paths to stray.  
For, sometimes, when the skies are blue,  
And life seems good and troubles few,  
My restless feet would hurry on  
Forgetting thee—thou Holy One!  
I would not have it so!

And when the day dawns dark and drear,  
Oh, heavenly Father! stay thou near.  
When storm clouds flee across the sky,  
When cruel winds moan and sigh,  
When friends forsake and loved ones flee,  
Father! stay by me.  
Hold me tight by my hand,  
Draw me to that higher land,  
Above the petty hurts and woes,  
Above the greed and strife and show  
Of the world below.

Then, Father, speak, that I may know  
The path to take, the way to go.  
Give me faith and strength anew  
And send me back my work to do.  
I would have it so!

## Quotation Nuggets

By CLARENCE SUSEK  
of New Kensington, Pa.

Half the world is unhappy because they can't afford the things that make the other half miserable.  
No human task is harder than thinking more of others than you think of yourself.

A man shows his character most often by what he laughs at!

## Jesus Always Is Guiding Me

By MYRTLE JANZEN  
of Morris, Manitoba, Canada

Our God has sent another night;  
The outside world is no more light.  
I cannot turn and not help see  
That Jesus still is guiding me.

I do not have to turn my face  
And see there's still a light some place.  
This light is with me all day long;  
At night it also sings its song.

Whatever we say or do or see,  
Jesus always sees you and me.  
He hears our voice, where'er we are;  
For him no distance it too far.

What Jesus has in store for us  
Is more than anyone can guess,  
If we give our life that's first so dim  
Altogether as sinners to him.

I've done so at the age of five,  
As sinner gave to Jesus my life;  
I never regretted it, for I see  
Now Jesus always is guiding me!

## What Will I Do for the Master?

By MRS EDNA JAHN  
of Sheboygan, Wisconsin

What have I done for the Master today  
As the hours were slowly fleeting away?  
Was I too busy 'midst tumult and noise,  
That I failed to hear the still small voice?  
There was something, it seemed, it was trying to say;  
Or was it reminding me that I had neglected to pray,  
Since I in my selfish and stubborn will  
Had caused that sweet and small voice to be still?  
So as night draws nigh, with shame I recall,  
I have failed my duty; I've not answered his call.

Now what can I do for the Master today;  
Will I let the hours slip idly away?  
No, I'll read his Word, and I'll kneel to pray;  
And ask, "What wouldst thou have me do today?"  
There are loads to be lifted, kind deeds to be done;  
Cheery smiles to be given, and souls to be won;  
There are the weak, and the lonely, the needy and sad;  
It will take so little to help make them glad.  
Then as night draws nigh, I lay down to rest;  
God knows that the day has really been blessed!

## Roses in Portland

By REV. AUGUST HERINGER  
of Salem, Oregon

The roses blossom very bright  
In different colors, red and white;  
They always are a lovely sight  
And fill your heart with much delight.

If you watch them as they unfold  
Their buds into a flower fair,  
You look at wonders still untold  
As complicated as the air.

Some grow in clusters, climbing high  
Around the arches and gateway;  
They are a sight as you pass by  
And look so pleasing, sweet and gay.

Some grow upright, just like a tree,  
With one straight trunk, that branches out.

They're such a lovely sight to see,  
As they grow upward, firm and stout.

They are the symbol of pure joy,  
A friendship that is lasting true.  
Awakening memories, long gone by,  
And gladden young and old anew.

Let's strew them on the path of those  
Whom we do love and so well know,  
And gladden hearts that live with us  
As long as lovely roses grow.

## The Heavenly Garden

By MRS. EDNA GIESEKE  
of Trenton, Illinois

They say that up in heaven  
There's a garden fresh and fair,  
Filled with every kind of flower,  
Blossoms gorgeous, rich and rare.

Every day from out this garden,  
Fall the rosebuds, filled with cheer;  
And then on earth we found one,  
And we named it "Baby Dear."

How we built our hopes around it!  
Shielded it from all life's woes!  
How we planned for the bright future,  
"When our bud's a full-grown rose!"

But above!— One bud was missing  
In that garden, rich and rare;  
So one day an angel whispered  
To our bud that was most fair:

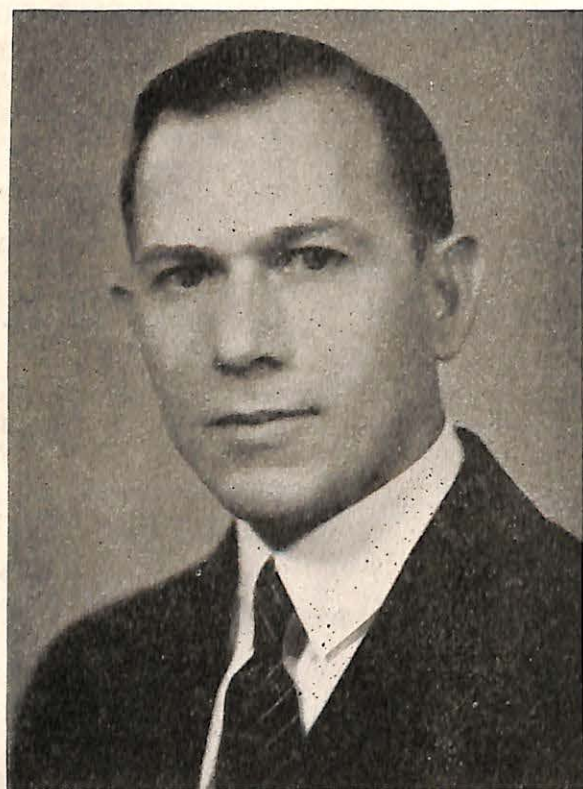
"Come back home, dear little blossom,  
For the Master wills it so!"  
Then our hearts were filled with sadness,  
Dark seemed every path with woes.

But on high—all was rejoicing,  
For to each, our Father knows,  
Came the ones who loved the rosebud  
To find in heaven their full-blown rose.



# Dr. Koller's Presidential Inauguration

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



The eyes of the Baptist world were literally focused on the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Illinois, from Sunday, May 22, to Tuesday, May 24, on the occasion of its threefold festive celebration. Dr. Charles W. Koller, formerly pastor of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., was formally inaugurated with pompous impressiveness as the fourth president of the seminary. Thirty-one students of the class of 1938 received their degrees and certificates at the colorful graduation exercises on Monday evening, May 23. The observance of the 25th anniversary of the seminary with a notable program brought the memorable exercises to a wonderful close.

German Baptist friends of the nearby Chicago churches were present in large numbers. Great was their joy in the realization that our denomination had again made another notable contribution to the larger Baptist work of the Northern Baptist Convention.

It was an occasion, of which the entire Baptist constituency must take account. Dr. Powell in his charge to the newly-elected president said that "by virtue of his office and in his own power the president of the Northern Seminary is a leader of thought and power in the entire Baptist denomination." The story of the seminary's miraculous growth during the 25 years of its history indicates the important and responsible position which its president

holds. More than two hundred students are regularly enrolled in its student body. A splendid equipment and a beautiful campus make it an outstanding seminary in its material resources.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 24, in the First Baptist Church of Oak Park, Ill., as the organ pealed out the majestic strains of "the Pilgrims' Chorus" from "Tannhäuser," the academic procession of representatives from more than 30 schools entered the church. The Rev. George Hensel of Kankakee, Ill., represented the German Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y. A dignified and formal restraint combined with a warm and sincere friendliness graced this occasion. Dr. Koller's own words, characterizing the ideal young man leaving the seminary halls, are truly characteristic of his own spirit, as he takes over the reigns of leadership of this school—"cultured, scholarly, Bible-believing, Spirit-filled, preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ!" Gracious felicitations and a hopeful outlook into the future were everywhere evident.

At the inaugural service Dr. Earle V. Pierce of Minneapolis, president of the Northern Baptist Convention, brought a memorable address on "The Place of the Theological Seminary in the Program of Jesus Christ." It was a message that was stern in its challenge to the man in the pulpit as well as to the man in the pew, accompanied

by warm, humorous anecdotes as only Dr. Pierce can describe them.

About 650 persons were guests of the seminary at a delicious dinner served in the dining hall of the church which was followed by a program of brief addresses by representatives from a number of sister schools and Baptist organizations. Mr. James L. Kraft, Sr., well renowned as the manufacturer of cheese bearing his own name, served as the able and tactful toastmaster.

The forward and outward look of the Northern Baptist Seminary found a notable expression in the Tuesday evening program in the same church, filled with almost a thousand people. Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, the general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, brought a significant address on "The World View of Baptists," in which he reviewed the promising rapid growth of Baptists, winsomely described their outstanding qualities, and with solemn seriousness defined the tasks ahead. Dr. William L. Ferguson, president-emeritus of the seminary, reviewed the seminary's quarter century record in an address, remarkable for its brevity and compactness. Dr. Harry O. Anderson, the vice-president, addressed himself significantly to the subject of "Northern's Look Ahead."

Dr. Koller has entered upon his new field of service as president of the Northern Baptist Seminary with auspicious promise. Repeated utterance was made in the exercises to the divine guidance that was constantly felt in the selection of Dr. Koller, after a search for the right man extending over two years of time. Plans are already under way for a more aggressive program in evangelical theological training in the future. Many new friends are being won for the institution. Everywhere one learns with joy how Dr. Koller has captivated the hearts of the students and won the interest of Chicago Baptists. The large enthusiastic attendance by the seminary friends at the several exercises was an outward evidence of such an inner loyalty to the ideals and program of the seminary.

History has again been made by the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago as it embarks on the second quarter century of its work. Fond dreams and cherished ideals have again been envisioned for the future. A pledge of loyalty to Christ and his Word has again been given by the leadership of the school. With Dr. Charles W. Koller at the helm of the institution, German Baptists of North America will, not only watch the outcome with interest, but will strengthen his hands of service with prayer and friendly support.

# Reports from the Field

## Southern Conference

Burton, Texas  
Choir Activities

The Greenvine Baptist Church Choir was organized about two years ago and has been doing splendid work since. Recently it rendered a bi-lingual program, portraying in song the life of Christ. It started with his birth and concluded with his second coming. Appropriate scripture passages were read between songs, and a number of happy, enthusiastic children sang a group of children's songs to represent Christ's childhood life.

The church was unable to seat all of the audience, and many compliments were received by members of the choir. A large number of visitors was recorded.

On Sunday, May 29, the choir made a tour of two of the neighboring churches, Elgin and Kyle, where it presented the same program.

The choir was richly blessed and well repaid for its earnest work and sincere efforts to serve the various churches visited.

To show this appreciation for the fine cooperation which the members of the choir exhibited in preparing the program, the minister, the Rev. J. J. Lippert, who is also the director of the choir, sponsored a lawn party which was immensely enjoyed by all present.

MILTON LIPPERT.

## Atlantic Conference

New York City

Third German Baptist Church

At our Easter Service we had the pleasure of baptizing a young girl of our Sunday School. The Easter Offering was \$40 and two sisters gave \$100 in loving memory of the late Rev. R. Hoefflin and his wife. The Women's Missionary Society gave \$25 and the Sunday School \$10, making a total of \$175. We also had a celebration for our pastor, whose birthday was on Easter Sunday. Mrs. Niebuhr sang several beautiful solos and the Elmer Baier Orchestra greatly assisted in the song service. Mrs. Schieman, our church secretary, also recited a very appropriate poem in German.

On Mother's Day we had the pleasure of baptizing a mother on profession of her faith before a large congregation. Our Mother's Day offering was \$40, which goes to the "Old Oak Farm," where between 30-35 of our Sunday School scholars have two weeks vacation each summer.

WANDA SCHIEMAN.



## Eastern Conference

Buffalo, N. Y.

Concert of the Seminary  
Students Quartet

The members and friends of the High Street Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., recently had the delightful privilege of attending a sacred concert given by four young men of our seminary at Rochester, N. Y. This quartet purposes to visit a large number of our German Baptist churches throughout the United States and Canada. After hearing their personal testimonies, we felt that even their musical renditions were a true reflection of a vital consciousness of God and a living experience of Jesus Christ.

While it is utterly impossible for our brethren to visit with the span of a summer vacation all of our churches, one cannot help but covet for every church such an opportunity. We were aware of the deep earnestness and the deep genuine sincerity that accompanied the endeavors of these young men. Moreover, we are happy that they are our brethren, for we have real cause to be proud of them.

We feel, furthermore, that our brethren are rendering our denomination an invaluable service, for they, like all others who love the denomination, share in the task of binding the tie of unity even more firmly. They not only help to form, as it were, connecting links between our individual churches, but also between the churches and our seminary.

The method they have chosen to accomplish this noble end is by no means an easy one, no matter how alluring. Nor will the material rewards in many instances be anything but meager, for

a considerable number of the churches which our friends will visit on their tour are either very small or else have suffered in successful years unusual economic reverses.

Nevertheless, a double portion of blessing and satisfaction awaits those churches which will not only open their doors but likewise their hearts to these young men.

ARTHUR KANNWISCHER.

## Andrews Street Baptist Church

The Rev. Harvey Koester of the Andrews St. Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., had the privilege of baptizing five adults on May 15.

The members of the Pathfinder Class, a group of 35 young men and women, instructed by Professor Frank Woyke, recently presented the play, "The House on the Sand." The play was under the capable direction of Mrs. Frank Woyke. During the past year the class took charge of three Church School programs, and presented the radio dramas "Cain and Abel" and "Finding God's Way" at mid-week services.

The B. Y. P. U. under the presidency of Rubin Kern has also had an outstanding year. The weekly meetings were in charge of various chairmen: musical, Mrs. Arthur Weisser; educational, Evelyn Theis; devotional, Robert Schreiber; mission, Adam Huber; social, Rudolph Woyke. A panel discussion on the "Rich Young Ruler," a discussion, "Choosing Between Right and Wrong," by Prof. Woyke, another on "Courtship," led by our pastor, a drama, "James of Galilee," and a talk in costume by Missionary Bruno Luebeck and his wife are worthy of mentioning.



The Ladies' Missionary Society, under the presidency of Mrs. H. Dymmel, presented the pictures "Seeing God's Glory" and a missionary drama at a mid-week service. The offering went to Dr. Kuhn. The Granite Class with Mr. Hetwin Friederich as president and the Amity Class with Mrs. Harold Condon as president were also active in the missionary enterprise of our church and denomination.

Under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Harvey Koester, we are continuing to "press on toward the goal."

IDA THEIS.

**Lyndock and Sebastopol Churches**

It is almost a year since we have begun our work here at the two churches Lyndock and Sebastopol. We cannot say that more blessings were showered upon us than we were able to receive, but we can well say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, for thou doest wonderful things."

First of all we saw the need of making a change in our Sunday School educational system by giving the children good Christian education. The only Sunday School material we had were the German "Lektionsblätter" and only the Adults secured those. The children were not having any Christian training in our Sunday School outside of teaching them the German language.

So in order that our little children and young people should have some Christian training we had to find suitable material for them. We made different trials, and we admit they were "trials." The main part was to secure teachers for teaching the lessons successfully. We finally were able to introduce the Department system and we were surprised with what great enthusiasm the teachers went to work.

We also have organized two Sunday School classes, one of them the Young Ladies' Class and the other the Young Men's Class.

We also gave special emphasis to evangelism in our Sunday services. We certainly have been blessed in these meetings; 15 souls have made open declaration that they have accepted their Savior and have expressed the wish to follow Jesus in baptism.

If it is the Lord's will, we shall conduct a daily vacation Bible school beginning with July 5. At this same time we intend to hold revival meetings in the evenings.

JOHN HEER.

**Dakota Conference  
Grace Baptist Church at Gackle and Alfred**

The Bible Day and Children's Day Programs were rendered and deeply appreciated. Also very impressive programs were given at Easter time and on Mother's Day.

A mass choir of forty-three voices

rendered the Easter Cantata, "Prince of Life." The Rev. G. W. Rutsch directed the choir and Miss Pearl Lehr was the accompanist. Besides giving this cantata in our church, we were also privileged to render it in several of our neighboring churches.

HARRY DE WITT.

**Emery, S. Dak.  
Welcoming a New Pastor**

On Thursday evening, May 19, the church held a reception for the new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Lang. The meeting was in charge of Mr. Henry Olthoff, one of our deacons. The various organizations welcomed the new pastor through their respective representatives and many musical numbers were rendered enhancing the value of the program. We were also happy to greet several ministers from neighboring churches at this occasion; among them were the following brethren, Rev. Albert Lang, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler and Rev. N. A. Schmidt of the Presbyterian Church of Emery. At the conclusion refreshments were served and many encouraging words were exchanged with the new pastor and friends.

EDWARD H. ROSKENS.

**Pacific Conference  
Portland, Oregon  
Organ Dedication**

Recently an unusual social gathering took place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kimmel in Portland, Oregon. Upon the graduation of their daughter "Bobbie" from High School, they purchased a Hammond Electric Organ. Miss Kimmel is the talented pianist for the Sunday School of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church. She shows rare skill and promises through constant effort



Miss Kimmel at the Organ

to develop into an accomplished musician.

Some fifty friends were invited to their home to hear this splendid organ and to dedicate it. Prof. Alexander from the Sherman and Clay Music House was the guest of honor and in his own skillful manner played many renditions, demonstrating the innumerable variations of stops and tone qualities. The organ is soft enough for the home, yet it has sufficient volume to fill the average church auditorium.

During the intermission our pastor, the Rev. Fred W. Mueller, brought a brief dedicatory message, setting the organ apart for the advancement of better Christian music.

ANNA WARDIN.

**Franklin, California  
Activities of the B. Y. P. U.**

Our society has been very faithful and active in the service of the Master. Our society conducts the second and fourth Sunday evening service of every month with short addresses, musical numbers, testimonies and prayer. We always are inspired by the counsel of our pastor, the Rev. G. G. Rauser.

On Mother's Day we gave a special program consisting of two plays: "A Gift for Mother" and "The Influence of Mother."

We have enjoyed from time to time fellowship programs based on a social nature where members and friends come to know each other better. One of these evenings was the "Birthday Social" at which occasion the birthday of everyone present was observed. We hope to achieve greater things with the help of our Lord and inspired by the motto: "Onward and Upward."

MABEL VENINGA.

**Salt Creek, Oregon  
German Baptist Church  
Activities**

We of Salt Creek feel very fortunate in having the Rev. J. N. C. Hiebert as our minister for the past eight months. Rev. Hiebert has served as missionary to India for seven years and he plans to return there soon. We can truly say that the Lord has blessed us through him during these months, because the Word has been opened to us and explained so clearly.

During Rev. Hiebert's pastorate here Mrs. Hiebert has been very active in serving the Lord. Each Wednesday evening, while the regular prayer meeting was in session, she conducted a Bible class for children. A group of about twenty-five between the ages of six and fourteen came together each Wednesday in a class room. They learned scripture passages and heard stories from the Bible. Through this work Mrs. Hiebert has been a great blessing to us.

Besides fulfilling the duties of the Salt Creek Church, Mr. Hiebert holds

regular meetings in the Guthrie school house, a neighboring community, every Sunday afternoon. Mr. D. Bartel, a deacon in our church, conducts regular services in another neighboring school house at Gooseneck every Tuesday evening. Singers from the church accompany these men and bring the message in song.

These meetings have not been held in vain; for just recently eleven young people accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

The Lord has richly blessed us during the Rev. Hiebert's ministry and we pray for great blessings in the future. We are thankful for the large number of young people, as well as old, who come to hear his Word on Sundays and on Wednesday evenings. This is most encouraging to us and we are enjoying this fellowship with him.

MILDRED VOTH.

**Central Conference  
Detroit, Mich.**

**Connors Avenue Baptist Church**

Three years ago on May 3rd, 53 charter members organized our church. By the grace of God a place of worship was erected. In recent months the church was very often filled to capacity, and our young people needed a room where closer fellowship with God could be enjoyed.

Besides having the Rev. H. P. Kayser with us on Friday, May 6, we had the pleasure of having the Rev. S. Blum, the editor of the "Sendbote," in our midst. On May 8 a dedication service was held for the new addition. Short messages of greetings were expressed by the different churches. Rev. P. Wengel of the Bethel Church, Rev. E. G. Kliese of the Second, Rev. J. G. Draewell of the Ebenezer, and Rev. G. Neumann of the Burns Ave. Church.

Along with approximately 4800 hours of sacrificial service on the part of our members, the total income at May 3 was \$32,355 of which \$1742 was given to various missionary benevolences. To the first mentioned sum our young people had the joy of adding \$455. We are happy to report a present membership of 188. Our church now has a seating capacity of 400. A new oil burning air conditioned heating plant was installed. Rooms for the 10 Sunday School classes have been arranged.

The different organizations are all active. The Women's Missionary Society meets once a month. Aside from the regular mid-week prayer meeting, the men meet every Saturday night for prayer. The mixed choir, male choir, children's choir, and the guitar chorus add to all of our services. We also have a brass band and a children's orchestra.

Knowing in whom we have believed we trust in the author and finisher of our faith to lead us on.

LILLIE HOOVER.



Mothers and Daughters of the White Avenue Baptist Church

**Bethel Baptist Missionary Society**

The Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., had a very interesting Mother and Daughter program on May 19.

After the program, an anniversary surprise was given our pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wengel, who were married 20 years ago. Our president, Miss H. Moehlmann, spoke in behalf of the society, stressing that 20 years of wedded life was not all sunshine and rose, but that into each life some rain must fall. Every word spoken by her to the newly-weds of 20 years ago had some definite meaning. She then presented Mrs. Wengel with a beautiful bouquet of red roses. There were 20 roses, and from each rose a white ribbon hung down with a dollar bill tied to the end of same. A card with an extra \$5.00 was in the center of the bouquet.



The Rev. and Mrs. P. Wengel

Our church organist, Mrs. B. Zannoth, then played the wedding march and the young bride and groom marched to the table, the officers, members and friends totaling about 50 in all. The tables were beautifully decorated for this occasion. We then joined in singing that beautiful hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds."

MRS. H. E. WILLIAMSON.

**Cleveland, Ohio, White Avenue**

A very interesting and enjoyable Mothers and Daughters Banquet was held Friday evening, May 20. The Fellowship Hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion and a very tasty and sumptuous dinner was prepared by Mrs. H. Zion and served by the young men of the church. Miss Gertrude Fetzer very ably presided as the toastmistress. Miss D. Neiland gave a most fascinating talk on her recent trip to the Orient, entitled: "Mothers and Daughters of Other Lands." Then with the aid of a "reflectoscope" we enjoyed photographs of years ago, picturing what our mothers looked like when they were young.

On Sunday, May 1, the Ever Ready Circle, of which Mrs. W. L. Schoeffel is president, entertained all the mothers of the church at a tea given in the Fellowship Hall. Every mother was presented with a pansy plant. Among the many interesting talks given was the one given by our General Missionary Secretary, the Rev. William Kuhn.

Our pastor, the Rev. William L. Schoeffel, has completed his fifth year in our church. On a difficult field and in these trying times God has led and blessed him and the church in many ways. We were happy to recognize this occasion by surprising our pastor at the conclusion of our quarterly business session held on May 4. The chairman of the board of deacons presented the pastor with a bouquet of flowers and an envelope. We are always happy here in Cleveland to hear about the forward movement of the Kingdom and call out to our brethren: "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

On Wednesday, May 18, Mr. and Mrs. John Ries celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The Fellowship Hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion and crowded to the doors. Mr. Ries is an employee of our Publication House for many years; this prompted Mr. H. P. Donner to present to Mr. and Mrs. Ries an electric chime clock in the name of our Publication Society. The occasion was an effective testimony of the endurance of a Christian Home.

CARL LINSZ.



### St. Joseph, Mich. Board Meeting of the German Baptist Children's Home

On Tuesday, June 7, the Board of the German Baptist Children's Home met at St. Joseph, Mich., for its annual session. Mr. Netting of Detroit, Mich., acted as moderator.

The new constitution, drawn up by Mr. Henry Marks of St. Paul, Minn., and translated into the German language by the Rev. Hans Steiger, was read and adopted. Reports were given by the Rev. Steiger, superintendent of the Home, and Mr. Achterberg of St. Joseph, who is secretary of the local committee. This committee deserves honorable mention for its untiring efforts in behalf of the Home. A vote of thanks was extended to the committee by the Board, as well as to Dr. C. W. Merritt, a local physician, who has given the children the best of medical service, free of charge, throughout the year.

The Board is happy to report that the finances are in excellent condition, largely due to the capable management of the local committee.

Under the able leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. Hans Steiger, the Home has become a real home for our boys and girls. The writer wishes that every German Baptist could either visit our Children's Home or see the miniature of it made by Henry Staude, one of the boys of the Home, who is graduating from high school this year.

The building has been modernized to meet the requirements of the state for adequate fire protection. The spacious grounds, with its beautiful flowers, gives the children an uplifting environment. The children have access to good schools and, above all else, are being reared under the Christian influence of the Rev. and Mrs. Steiger who have the love and respect of "their children."

At present there are twenty-five children in the Home. Since there is room for more, we would urge pastors to notify the Rev. H. Steiger if there are any children in their churches who have lost their parents or whose parents are unable to support them.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. H. Steiger.

H. W. WEDEL.

### Southwestern Conference

#### The Oklahoma Institute

The annual Institute of the Oklahoma Baptist Young People's Union was held from May 26 to 29 with the Zion Baptist Church in Okeene, Okla. The motto selected was: "The All-Powerful Christ." The Rev. W. S. Argow was our guest preacher and teacher. The roll call is always an unusual and interesting feature at these occasions.

We benefited greatly from the following courses and our teachers. "Our

Baptist Faith" was taught by the Rev. W. S. Argow; "The Second Coming of Christ" by Rev. F. W. Socolofsky; the "Junior and His Church" by Miss Esther Schilberg. Saturday afternoon was spent at the Roman Nose State Park where we enjoyed many games and contests. In the evening a musical service was enjoyed by everyone.

The sermon on Sunday morning was given by the Rev. Geo. F. Ehrhorn in the German language on the theme, "The Remnant." On Sunday afternoon a sacred concert was given, featured by a mass choir composed of representatives of the various participating churches. Of special interest were the selections played on a marimba by Miss Sylvia Nightingale.

At the evening service the new officers of the union were introduced. They are as follows: Pres., Earl Geis of Gotebo; Vice Pres., Dare Wiegand of Okeene; Secretary, Ruth Weber of Ingersoll; Treasurer, Beatrice Fischer of Okeene, and Adult Counselor, the Rev. P. A. Klein of Immanuel. The closing address was brought by the Rev. W. S. Argow on the theme: "Let the Lord have His Way."

ESTHER SCHILBERG.

### First Church of Lorraine, Kansas

God has been very graciously to us. Our pastor, Dr. Pieter Smit, led us in two weeks of evangelistic meetings, as result of which 26 have united with the Church, and a few more are still waiting.

Our pastor has led a teacher training class for the past two years so that a fine group will receive certificates from the Evangelical Teachers Training Association at the end of this month. From May 22 to 29 we conducted a Missionary and Bible Conference under the direction of the Rev. Harold B. Street, Mr. Paul London, an outgoing missionary to Africa, and the Rev. G. W. Playfair assistet Mr. Street. At the closing service 19 young people dedicated their lives for full time service; two of these are ready to go to school this fall for training; we are praying for the others that God may open to them doors of service. On the day of Prayer and Fasting an offering was taken which amounted to \$566.33.

On Sunday, June 5, Dr. and Mrs. F. Meyer of the Philippine Islands spoke to our congregation.

We are looking forward to entertaining the Southwestern Conference.

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### Northwestern Conference

#### Minnesota Association

A well constructed program built around the theme: "The Church and Its Ministry" welcomed the thirty delegates to the 60th Minnesota Vereinigung held May 19-22 at the Riverview

Church of St. Paul, of which the Rev. John Wobig is the energetic minister. In the newly decorated interior the delegates were warmed by the hospitality and kindness of the entertaining Church.

The program committee's ability to relate various aspects of the Church's work around a central theme proved to be a success. Rev. Wm. H. Schobert's opening sermon laid the basis of the Church's work. He emphasized faith in the Christ of the Scriptures with its simultaneous act of repentance; baptism being but an act of obedience on the part of the applicant.

The Friday session brought two papers on "The Church's New Testament Setting" the Rev. John Wobig, and "The Leadership of the Church" by the Rev. E. Wolff. The former stated that the Church "was a company of disciples or followers of Christ united by the privilege of evangelism, teaching, and benevolences." Brother Wolff's contribution mentioned four qualifications for Christian leadership: "personality, tact, sympathy, and possessed by the Spirit of Christ."

A packed house on Friday night saw the play: "Romance of Ruth" as portrayed by the State Young People. This is at least the third time it was performed, having been given at Hutchinson and Randolph. The Rev. H. C. Wedel closed with an interesting sermonette on the "Heart of the Church."

Emphasizing the need for a "Church full of soul winners" and a "cleansed royal priesthood of believers" as the vital necessity in the work of Evangelism in the Church, the Rev. Wm. H. Schobert of the Jeffers Church characterized many of the prevailing high pressure methods of evangelism as contrary to plain teachings of the Bible. The Rev. H. C. Wedel of Holloway contributed a paper on the "Duties of the Church;" his remarks were centralized on four main thoughts: "the relationship of believers toward God, fellow members, a deeper Christian experience, and the world of lost men."

Out of the wealth of experience in the ministry, the Rev. H. Hirsch and the Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann gave deep insight into the problems of Church worship as related to the Word of God, to prayers and to the cross. More respect for God's house and worship could show a greater improvement.

The closing messages on Sunday morning by the Rev. A. Foll of Hutchinson, this year's moderator, and that in the evening by the new pastor of the First Church of St. Paul, the Rev. E. Wolff, brought the Association to a close. The former outlined "the Far Horizon of the Church" and the latter unflinchingly prophesied the "Unfailing Triumph of the Church."

The new officers for the coming year are: moderator, John Wobig; vice-moderator, E. Wolff; secretary, Wm. H. Schobert; treasurer, H. Hirsch.

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### Essentials for the Prospective Minister

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yet how essential is meditation for the minister. "Look and live, meditate and reflect, and you will live by the things and the persons that you see." "But Mary kept all these sayings and pondered them in her heart." We are to cultivate the memories of the heart as well as those of the intellect. Blessedness and prosperity were promised to David, if he meditated day and night upon the law of God.

Let never your zeal for God outrun your communion with God. "While I was musing the fire burned." The artist meditates and muses, then he paints. The poet muses before he writes, the preacher must meditate before he preaches. Jesus spent a whole night in prayer, before he chose the twelve disciples. He prayed and meditated a long time before he entered upon his public ministry. He prayed and meditated much before every crisis in his life. A minister must have time, take time for meditation and prayer.

### INVESTIGATION

By this I mean much study. "Study to prove thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of God." Jesus said unto the Pharisees, "Ye search the scriptures and ye think ye have eternal life in them and they are they which testify of me." A minister must give much time for study, to examine the scriptures, to analyse, compare and search for the truth.

Some sermons may come to you like a flash of inspiration, some after much toil and painstaking study. The sermons, which you have made quickly, may be the result of long reflection and study. Especially helpful has been the reading of biography. Great men and women embody in their personalities the outstanding facts of contemporaneous history and enable us to make an impress upon our time:

"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing leave behind us  
Footprints in the sands of time."

### ASSIMILATION

That is the ultimate aim of all study and education: Assimilation. Our ultimate aim of our training should be better men and women. When Samuel spake in the presence of God: "Speak, Lord, thy servant heareth," God revealed himself to him and he became a new voice in Israel, a great prophet, whose words and life made a deep impression on his people. And not one of his words fell to the ground. And that is worthwhile.

You will remember the woman who told her pastor how much she enjoyed his sermon. The pastor then asked her, if she remembered the text, but she could not recall the text. "Then you remember some of the thoughts of the sermon," but she could not recall

any of the thoughts. Now the preacher began to doubt whether she told him the truth. She assured him, however, that she had received a great blessing from the sermon and had become a better woman. She assimilated the sermon and put it into practice. That is what we mean by assimilation. When we study a language, we have to learn the rules of grammar, but when we have acquired the language, we forget all about the rules. When we build a house we need a lot of scaffolding, but when the house is finished the scaffolding is disregarded. Remember, men, that you need four essentials in your ministry, namely: Concentration, meditation, investigation and assimilation.

"And thus the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

### OBITUARY

#### WINNIFRED MABLE WINZEL

Mrs. Winnifred Mable Winzel, nee Boltz, was born on Oct. 16, 1897, in the town of Concord, and died on Wednesday, June 9, 1938, in Mercy Hospital, Milwaukee. She was born again and baptized into the fellowship of the Concord Baptist Church on June 9, 1911, under the ministry of the Rev. Wm. E. Schmitt.

On Oct. 5, 1922, she was united in marriage. After several months of illness she submitted to a serious operation on June 6, and died three days later. A few minutes before she passed away she assured her husband that all was well, and after having given a few funeral instructions said: "I am safe, I have no aches or pain, take good care of yourself and Irene," and kissing him farewell she passed on to the realms beyond.

Preceding her in death are her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

She leaves to mourn her husband, Irene Krantz to whom she had been a mother for seven years, three sisters, Ella Thom of Sullivan, Sarah Gatz of Hartland, Frances Wundt of Farmington; three brothers, John of Merton, Frank of Milwaukee, Sidney of Concord; also twenty-five nieces and nephews, besides a great host of relatives and friends.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Concord, Wis.

G. Wetter.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

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❖ On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, the Rev. G. A. Lang conducted a baptismal service in which six young people followed their Lord in baptism. At the end of the same service these with one other man who was received on confession of faith received the hand of fellowship.

❖ Church Changes Its Name. On May 11, 1938, the officers and members of the First German Baptist Church, located at Catalpa Avenue and 64th Place, Ridgewood, New York, voted to change the name of the Church to "The Ridgewood Baptist Church," this change to take effect immediately.

❖ Effective promotional work was rendered to the churches of the Alberta Association by the two pastors, the Rev. F. W. Benke and the Rev. G. Beutler. They visited a number of pastorless churches and exhorted the brethren, especially the young people and the workers in our Sunday Schools. Ten churches were visited between May 9 and 19.

❖ The Rev. W. J. Zirbes supplied recently the pulpit of the Second Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. He retired six years ago after serving this church for the past seventeen years. During that time the church mortgage was cleared and two young men entered the ministry. Friends of Mr. Zirbes will rejoice to hear of his restoration to health again and the service of the Master.

❖ A Vacation Bible School was held in the German Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon, from June 6 to 17 with a large enrollment of boys and girls. The pastor of the church, the Rev. J. F. Olthoff, served as the principal. The following members of the church composed the faculty: Mrs. A. Haas, Miss Gertrude Heyden, Mrs. H. Neuman, Jr., Mrs. J. F. Olthoff, Mrs. S. Schirman, Miss Margaret Reischke, Mrs. Walter Willecke, and Miss Helen Winkelman.

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### Prize Book

The \$1,000 Prize Book on "Except Ye Repent," written by Dr. Harry A. Ironside, of Chicago, and published by the American Tract Society seems on the way to starting a revival of religion. A prominent business man has ordered the Society to send 175 copies, enough for each Protestant clergyman, Roman Catholic priest, Jewish rabbi and social worker in his city, with a special request that each copy be loaned to 27 persons. If each recipient of this gift carries out the suggestion of the donor, 4,900 persons will read the book which emphasizes individual and national repentance as the one great need of today.

### Roger Williams' Church

Founded by Roger Williams in 1638, the historic First Baptist Church of Providence, Rhode Island, is this year celebrating its Tercentenary. Throughout the winter and spring months a series of Sunday evening meetings has been held, each with a speaker of national reputation. Formal anniversary week was scheduled for April 24 to May 1 with anniversary sermons, historical addresses, Old Home Day, University Night, and an impressive historical pageant. To preserve the famous edifice, now nearly 165 years old, a fund of \$15,000 is being raised for major repairs, painting and renovation. In celebrating this significant anniversary the announcement says that the church has three things in mind: (1) the history of the church itself which throughout the three centuries has greatly blessed mankind; (2) the history of Baptist beginnings in America, thus making the anniversary an occasion for speaking of "Baptist aims, beliefs, practices, achievements and our attitude toward the great problems of our day;" and (3) the anniversary as a significant event for all Protestant churches so as to

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### The Dignity of Being a Deacon

They are trying to train their deacons in China. At Linsing nine churches sent from one to seven men or women for a four-day course in the duties of being a deacon. Then they were conducted into office by a special ceremony in which there was the "laying on of hands" by three pastors. Dr. George D. Wilder reports that in this field of some 1,500 church members there are no ordained preachers.

### Missionaries in China

How missionaries are making superhuman efforts to get back to their fields in China is revealed in a report from Rev. Joshua C. Jensen of West China. Writing from Suifu on his arrival there he describes travel difficulties he encountered. "Since I could not land in Shanghai," he reports, "I went on to Hong Kong. From there I tried to get to Canton, but a Japanese war vessel drove the ship back to Hong Kong. The Kowloon-Canton road was out of commission too. So I went to Haiphong to enter China through Indo-China and Burma, and was held up by floods and rumors of large-scale banditry. I went on to Yunnan and found the bus line out of commission by reason of these bandits. Finally I hired a sedan chair and coolies and traveled over mountain trails, expecting frequently to be stopped, or met by evacuating missionaries. But I finally got here and am glad I came." In conclusion he reported everything peaceful in Suifu.

### Japan Bans Dancing

That on April first, according to press reports, all public dance halls in Japan were closed. The order was issued by the Japanese Home Minister because "dance halls where young men and women meet unchaperoned are antagonistic to the spirit of the Japanese family system and because mixed dancing is a foreign amusement unsuited to Japan's present emergency.