

# THE BAPTIST HERALD

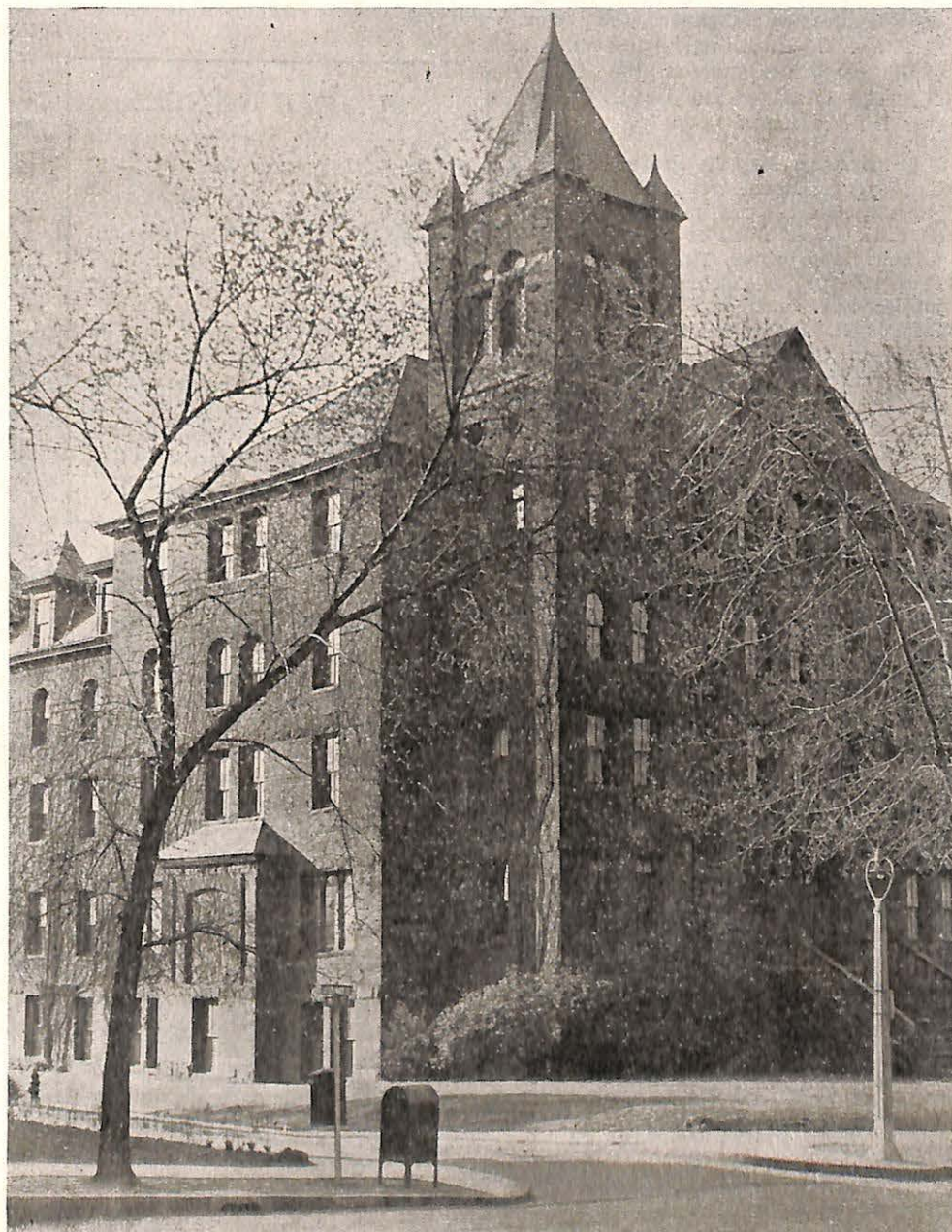
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**The Building of the  
German Baptist  
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in Rochester, N. Y.,  
Associated With  
Many Happy and  
Sacred Memories in  
the Hearts of Hosts  
of Ministers**





## What's Happening

❖ The first two weeks in April the Rev. R. Sigmund of Fessenden, N. Dak., served as evangelist at the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak. As a result of his conscientious and heart-provoking messages, the splendid work of the Sunday School teachers and several weeks of study with the new converts, the pastor, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, baptized six young people on Sunday, May 22.

❖ With a splendid group of young people the Rev. C. C. Gossen of Crawford, Texas, visited the church at Kyle, Texas, and presented a very fine missionary program. In the evening of the same day twenty-two graduates of both the Kyle and Umland Schools were honored by the church, the pastor, the Rev. C. H. Edinger, preaching a challenging message on the theme, "Christ's Challenge to Us to Devote Our Life to Him."

❖ On Sunday, May 29, Professor F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., was the guest speaker in the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis., of which he was formerly the pastor. The church helped Prof. Meyer to celebrate his golden jubilee anniversary as a minister of the gospel. Before a large audience he spoke on "After Fifty Years of Service, a Stranger Within Thy Gates." An anniversary article by Prof. Meyer is featured in this issue of "The Baptist Herald."

❖ Miss Margaret Fratzke of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mr. Vernon C. Heckman of St. Paul, Minn., will be married in the Fourth Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., on Monday, June 13, with the Rev. Henry Hirsch officiating. Mrs. Gertrude Helms will be maid of honor, and the Misses Ruth Heckman and Elfrieda Reck will serve as bridesmaids. Mr. Reuben Heckman will be the best man and the Messrs. Jack Fratzke and Harvey Heckman the attendants of the groom. Joyce Ruths as Junior bridesmaid and Mary Wilbe as flower girl are nieces of the bride. The bridal couple have been and continue to be prominently associated with young peoples activities. Mrs. Heckman is the president of the Minnesota Y. P. and S. S. W. Union and Mr. Heckman is now the vice-president, having formerly served a term as its president. Their many friends throughout the denomination wish them many of life's richest blessings. They will make their residence at 710 Summer St., Minneapolis, Minn.

❖ A Mothers' and Daughters' banquet was held in the Clay Street Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., on Thursday

evening, May 5, under the auspices of the Kings' Daughters Class. More than 100 mothers and daughters were in attendance. Mrs. R. Pieschke served as the toastmistress. The pageant, "A Mother's Dream," was a feature of the fine program. "A Toast to the Mothers" was brought by Miss Rose Bitter and "A Toast to the Daughters" by Mrs. George Humphrey. The teacher of the class, Mrs. L. F. Gassner, was presented with a bouquet of carnations. On Sunday afternoon, May 8, the Ladies' Missionary Society held a Mother's Day program with Mrs. Frieda Gassner, president, in charge. The three oldest mothers present, Mrs. Louisa Grieser, Mrs. Minnie Zoschke and Mrs. Anna Adam, were honored

### SUMMER NOTICE

During the summer months of June, July and August "The Baptist Herald" will be edited by the Rev. William L. Schoeffel of Cleveland, Ohio, during the absence of the editor in Europe.

All news items and reports are to be sent as heretofore to the editor, Mr. M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. At the editorial office they will be forwarded to Mr. Schoeffel for publication. This will prevent any possible confusion regarding addresses in the minds of the reporters. Editor.

with bouquets of flowers. On Sunday, May 15, on the closing day of the Blossom Festival, Mr. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago, Ill., was the guest of the church and special speaker at the services.

❖ Approximately fifty members of the Oak Street Baptist Church in Burlington, Iowa, met at the home of Mr. Gerhard Mailahn on the occasion of his 87th birthday. Thirteen of these people were octogenarians—eighty years of age or older. Two members of the octogenarian ranks were hindered from being present because of illness. Those who attended this service, held on Sunday afternoon, May 1, enjoyed the German sermon, a rare treat for Burlington old-timers in these days. On May 19 the annual Mother's and Daughter's banquet was held under the auspices of the Service Guild. Miss Lydia Dudycha presided as toastmistress. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion and a very fine program was enjoyed by all.

❖ On Sunday, May 15, the Oak Park Church of Forest Park, Illinois, observed the 25th wedding anniversary of its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Theo. W. Dons. Mr. Fred Grosser, chairman of the church board, presented a bouquet of flowers and a substantial gift to the honored couple. Mr. and Mrs. Dons were married in Elgin, Iowa, on May 14, 1913, by the Rev. J. G. Draewell. On that same Sunday morning the Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., a former pastor of the church, served as the guest preacher. He and his wife are staying with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grosser, until Jan. 1, 1939. On Sunday evening, May 15, Mr. Dons extended the hand of fellowship to 14 new members at the communion service.

❖ On Sunday, May 8, the Sunday School and morning congregation of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., united in a Mother's Day service in which small bouquets of sweet peas were presented by the B. Y. P. U. to all mothers present. The Sunday School presented a corsage of orchids to the oldest mother present and a corsage of roses to the second oldest mother. Among other features on the program was an impressive memorial to the departed mothers, in charge of Mr. Norman J. Boehm. In the evening service, the Rev. J. G. Draewell baptized 9 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The Mothers' and Daughters' banquet on Friday evening, May 6, was attended by 250 mothers and daughters. A feature of the program was the play, "Susan of the Parsonage," presented by the J. O. Y. Class of the Youth Department and their teacher, Mrs. E. E. Staub, under the direction of Mrs. Irwin Drawell.

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## EDITORIAL

THE apostle Paul thought of his ministry in the most exalted terms when he wrote about himself as "an ambassador of Christ." His apostleship entitled him to represent Christ and his cause here on earth. He thought of his life as that of an envoy of God who "counted all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, the Lord." It was a divine commission which he had received. By the authority of God's Spirit in him, he spoke words of commanding and impelling power. No man could disturb that divine touch upon his life.

Both for the pew and the pulpit, we need to recover some of this lost radiance of the Christian ministry. The members of our churches must recognize in their ministers "ambassadors of God," who have received a divine call to service and who in a peculiar and stirring way can speak: "Thus saith the Lord!" The ministers of our churches ought to have this insight deepened within them that they, with unique power, represent Christ and his cause here upon earth.

We have entered an era of the world's history when many former lofty standards of esteem and conduct have been levelled to the ground and former ideals on pedestals have ingloriously toppled over. In the frantic race after equality, women have lowered themselves to the level of men to their own chagrin. Christian standards of life that are clearly distinguishable from those of the world are sometimes hard to find. Even the Christian ministry, which formerly merited the highest respect of the community and was entered only by those with a distinct call from God, has often become just another job!

To be sure, the human elements in the life of the minister were shut out from view. A minister was often idolized, in spite of his vehement

objections. He was unable to move in and around his parish with a warm, natural bearing because of the halo which had been placed over his head. A reaction was bound to set in, especially with the equalizing of so many of life's relationships.

But that does not deter us from restating our thesis, that the role of the minister as an ambassador of Christ must be recaptured. He is God's representative, a "holy man of the divine," an envoy with a heavenly commission who stands in our midst and breaks the bread of life to us. In a very real sense, he has been called to our church through divine intervention, if that call has been sent and received in response to prayer. Woe unto anyone who unduly and with malice touches such a one! He has to deal, not with the minister, but with the eternal God! Surely, such a high regard for the minister and ambassador of God will have its accompanying blessings for the life of the church.

The minister needs to be fortified in his own soul with this assurance of God's special commission. One of the most dangerous pitfalls in a minister's life is that of disillusionment. The endless succession of difficulties and the constant facing of criticism bring him to the breaking-point, when he sometimes loses faith even in himself. How he needs divine courage to obey God rather than men! How he needs to see his ministry, not as an employee of an organization, but as an ambassador of Christ with a heavenly calling! Ultimately, he must give an account, not to his trustees and official church board, but to the God of the heavens and to the Judge of men's hearts. He must find himself, as truly as the apostle Paul did, in Christ, having "the righteousness which is of God by faith," that is, speaking with the voice and serving with the hands of Christ as the ambassador of the Eternal God.



## Ministering to the Stranger Within Our Gates

On June 26, 1888, Prof. F. W. C. Meyer and the Rev. C. A. Daniel were ordained into the Christian ministry in New Haven, Conn. This interpretive article by Prof. Meyer and the accompanying poem by Mr. Daniel, commemorating the 50th anniversary of their ordination, were written especially for "The Baptist Herald."

By PROFESSOR F. W. C. MEYER of Rochester, New York

The author of this article has completed half a century of service to the stranger within our gates. He has specialized on pastoral, literary and educational work among the German immigrants and their descendants and has, likewise, contacted various other foreign-speaking groups, chiefly through the medium of the German and a few picked-up phrases of Scandinavian, Yiddish, Polish, Magyar and Rumanian. Has it been worth while? Would it not have been simpler to have addressed himself to the spiritual needs of our new countrymen in the language of the land instead of their mother tongue? Why bother with anything else but "plain United States" in the effort to unify the cultural and linguistic diversity of our national melting-pot?

### PASTORAL ADVENTURES

Well, it has been interesting, to say the least. And interest is the greater part of usefulness. One hardly regrets enlivening the drudgery of his daily task by engaging experiences such as the pastoral office affords in general, and particularly among the new-comers to our shores.

At the very beginning of my work in New Haven, Conn., I won the lasting friendship of a group of Danes by reading to them my text in their vernacular. The Hebrew which I was studying under Dr. Harper at Yale was partially applied in getting nearer to our Jewish neighbors. One eager applicant accosted me: "Mister Pastor, can I become a member of your church? I have already baptized myself!" And another who was received into the fellowship of the church would scribble whole sheets full of quaint symbolism, sometimes after the manner of "This Is the House that Jack Built," to wit, "There was a poor worm of Jacob which the Father had bought for two precious stones. There was a rod that smote the worm.... There was a Fire that burned the rod.... There was a water that quenched the fire that burned the rod that smote the poor worm of Jacob which the Father had bought for two precious stones...." And if you failed to grasp the spiritual significance of that sort of cabalistic mystery, he would condescendingly look at you and attempt to explain the inexplicable.

He was always ready to participate in meetings. Since but a few under-

stood the jargon, I would let him speak for a while, then arise as a sign that he might be seated. He complained to a sister: "Brother Meyer quenches the spirit. I had my gun leveled and was about to aim at God, when he tapped me on the shoulder, and my shot missed its mark!", meaning, of course, that I had interrupted him when he was about to make the spiritual application.

### THE PARSONAGE DOORBELL

One day the door bell rang, and a man of military bearing stepped inside, his clothes a little worse for the wear. In choicest German he introduced himself as a former Prussian officer who had to leave Berlin on account of unpayable debts and was now endeavoring to get a foothold here. "I have tried to find a job in order to have my family come, but all in vain. I was just contemplating what to do, to throw myself into the briny deep, or drive a bullet through my brain; when, last night, I passed your church and the strains of a familiar German hymn attracted my attention. I stepped into the vestibule and, then, as you may have noticed, took a seat in the rear pew while you were announcing your subject, 'A Reasonable Service!' It deeply moved me!" and the stalwart man broke down and sobbed, "Oh, pastor, I need this reasonable religion; wont you help me to it?"

What a wonderful institution was that "University of the Parsonage Door-bell," where the young minister, with the bloom of the seminary still untouched, learned so much more of the needs of the stranger than Rochester and Yale combined could ever teach him! Most interesting was my contact, not only with the Hebrew and Greek of sacred writ, but with man in the original.

### IMMIGRATION WAVES

Then again the interesting work among the foreigners seemed imperative. Its urgency increased from the eighties of the last century on. The World War so absorbed our attention as to throw other matters into the background. It obscured an event, transpiring before our very eyes, which possibly was more momentous than any historic migration of the tribes, or wandering of the ancient nations or invasion of the barbarians of old.

For surging across the Atlantic and dashing and splashing upon our shores

was a human tide of astonishing magnitude. The stranger was arriving at the rate of a million a year, 3000 a day, 125 an hour, 2 every minute, day and night, year in and year out, for a decade or more. The immigration of the year 1907 exceeded the million mark by 285,349, and was equal to the combined population at that time of Alaska, Arizona, Montana, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah. In 1910 it transcended the million mark by 4,500. Or in two years of 1907 and 1910 it was as large as the entire population of a country like Greece, or Denmark, or Norway. In 1913 the total immigration was 1,197,892, and in the year of the outbreak of the great war it amounted to 1,403,081.

### THE DIVINE CHALLENGE

My colleagues and I naturally interpreted such a multitudinous advent of new-comers to our land of economic opportunity as a divine challenge to enrich them with a clearer faith, a livelier hope, a more ardent love for the Savior of mankind. And we desired to bring them the gospel message before they became disinclined to accept it by reason of the wrong kind of Americanization. It was Jacob Riis who told of a lad in the slums of New York, complaining that his dad had spanked him. Riis tried to comfort him: "Why, I guess it didn't hurt very much!" ... "No, it didn't hurt at all—but I don't care to be beaten by a foreigner!" ... It's not so much the immigrant as his children who are the source of alarm in our metropolitan centers.

### A MINISTER'S REWARDS

Whatever one may lose for being a foreign-speaking pastor or professor is richly repayed in the joy of worthwhileness of the work. So great was the present "recompense of reward" as to make future remuneration seem a bit problematical. The consciousness of having done a piece of work, which the average English-speaking pastor, or writer, or teacher could not accomplish justly stimulates one's pride. Withal, my associates and I have humbly tried to render the service we were best qualified in rendering, and gratefully we lay fifty years of earnest efforts at our Master's feet. Haply, we have served the King who may come in the garb of the stranger, and shall say: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even the least, ye did it unto me."

## Reminiscences of 50 Years in the Ministry

Fifty years ago, on May 6, 1888, Prof. Otto Koenig of New Haven, Conn., was ordained in Memel, Germany, and in the happy observance of this memorable event Prof. and Mrs. Koenig have contributed this warm-hearted article about their experiences. Both Professors Koenig and Meyer served as faculty members in our seminary for many years.

By PROFESSOR OTTO KOENIG of New Haven, Connecticut

The Baltic seaport of Memel, far up in the northeast corner of what was then East Prussia, Germany, on the evening of May 6, 1888, witnessed a ceremony which only a scattering handful of its people had ever observed before. For on that night one of its own boys was ordained into the Baptist ministry.

Having returned from the theological Seminary in far-off Rochester, in America—and more recently from post-graduate study at the Baptist College in Bristol, England—this youth, Otto Koenig, was fulfilling the most cherished wish of his saintly mother, that her boy would some day become pastor of their home church.

With youthful ambition and irrepresible zeal the young minister entered upon his life's work. But what obstacles were thrown in his path! For Baptists were regarded by the Orthodox State Church as akin to heretics, preaching a perverted gospel. So violent was the prejudice that this group of godfearing Christians, with their large meeting-house seating a thousand souls, could not, by state decree, be called a *Church!* In the State's eyes it was merely a *Chapel!*

### IN MILITARY SERVICE

Within a year of the ordination came the sudden call into military service. Fortunately for him, college-trained men were required to serve only one year instead of the usual three. As he was assigned to his hometown barracks, the young pastor was permitted to keep his pastorate, and was given the almost-unheard-of-privilege of substituting a "Prince Albert" for his army uniform when conducting religious services.

At first his fellow-troopers scoffed at their "dominie" comrade. But soon their attitude changed to respect, for he was no weakling. He surpassed nearly all his comrades in feats of strength and endurance with the result that, when the Kaiser's medal for best marksmanship in the entire regiment was pinned on his breast, they accepted him as a man's man!

Practical social service was introduced into the church activities. In his work he was ably assisted by his American bride—the daughter of Professor J. S. Gubelmann of the Rochester Seminary—whom he had married



Prof. Otto Koenig of New Haven, Conn.

shortly after his ordination, journeying to America to claim her.

A Sailors' Home was opened, for Memel was a busy seaport, frequented by many steamers and sailing vessels which stopped to load and unload grain and lumber from Russia for shipment to England. Here visiting seamen, from all ports and of all faiths, were welcomed and supplied with home comforts, accompanied by liberal doses of good Baptist doctrine.

The church membership doubled.... Sunday School attendance grew to more than six hundred.... missions were opened in the suburbs.... an English Club was organized among the young people, eager to learn the "foreign" language.... a trumpet choir was formed... classes in stenography, bookkeeping and music followed—all entered about the church as its inspiration.

### TO THE UNITED STATES

Then, after five years, came a call to the pastorate of the First Church at Rochester, New York. It seemed to be God's will and, after much prayer for guidance, the call was accepted.

Now, thought the young minister, he would certainly be on trial, for in his new flock he would have as members the very professors who taught him at the seminary. But the difficult situation, that he anticipated, never materialized, for the members of the semin-

ary faculty gave their hearty support and encouragement to their pupil of a few years past. No less valuable was the cooperation of the other members, notably the young people.

After four years of a happy ministry in Rochester there came the call to St. Louis, Mo. Here, among the events most vividly remembered were the General Conference of 1898, with its big tent in the rear yard of the church property; as well as the great cyclone, in which hundreds were killed and thousands injured, but, God be praised, not a single one of the church members was harmed!

Three years of a pleasant and fruitful ministry in St. Louis were suddenly terminated by a breakdown in health. Evidently, the Memel constitution could not become acclimated to the sultry mid-western atmosphere and a move to a more northerly clime was necessary.

Brooklyn, New York, was the next pastorate, as supply for the Reverend Carl L. Marquardt, who was absent on sick-leave. Here, blessed by members whose kindness will never be forgotten, the ministry was a short though happy one, followed by a call in 1901 to the church in New Haven, Conn., where the Rev. F. W. C. Meyer had just ended his first pastorate. With a membership of sincere Christian men and women, and a force of young people, the equal of which few of our churches could boast, the work went forward. Here also was it the pastor's great privilege and joy to baptize all four of his children and give them the hand of fellowship.

### NEW FIELDS AND DUTIES

After sixteen years in New Haven came the call to a new field, the Bethel Church in Buffalo, where, during the trying years of the World War the pastor was so ably assisted by an admirable membership which included some of the outstanding men of the denomination. Here the pastor and his family tearfully and prayerfully said "God speed!" to their oldest son, off to War. Later, they joyfully greeted him on his unexpected return, having been discharged on the eve of sailing for "Over There" for having been born in Memel, in the enemy's country!

To leave the Bethel Church for any other pastorate would have been unthinkable. But God had other plans, for the call to the faculty at the Rochester Seminary could not be resisted.



Eleven years at the seminary! How rapidly the time flew! How intensely interesting the work . . . to see the "raw recruits" arrive . . . to guide them in their studies, train them for their life's work . . . to watch their progress and, at graduation time, to realize that one had had a share in their development—a transition which often seemed almost unbelievable. Here, indeed, was ample repayment for one's efforts, to help prepare those who are to carry on Christ's ministry. No higher ambition could any man entertain—no greater satisfaction than to see that ambition realized!



The Young Soldier-Minister in 1889, Shortly After His Ordination

#### RETIREMENT AND MEMORIES

But after eleven years God called a halt. Health failed, and active work came suddenly to an end. With heavy hearts, "farewells" were said to the many dear friends in Rochester. But the parting was tempered by the return to New Haven, were, amid the children and friends of many years, life is spent in retirement, in occasional literary work, and in retrospect—reviewing the events of the past—the triumphs, the joys, and also the sorrows.

Fifty years of service in Christ's ministry! On April 10, 1938, the New Haven Church, through its pastor, the Rev. Julius Kaaz, presented to the writer, as likewise to Professor Meyer, a beautifully inscribed "Token of Appreciation for Fifty Years of Fruitful Service in the Christian Ministry." Suitably framed, it forms a companion-piece to the degree of Master of Theology presented some years earlier by the seminary. These are two highly cherished expressions of good will and Christian fellowship, which are a tangible acknowledgement of humble effort in the great work for Christ.

## 50 Years of a Ministry in Verse

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

WATERBURY, CONN., 1888 TO 1890.  
'T was back in yonder college town  
And in the Nutmeg State,  
My friend and I had written down,  
What we were to relate.

We told the story of God's grace  
And of our sacred call,  
The Christian doctrine did we trace,  
The Council heard it all.

At once they gladly ratified  
What we had bravely told,  
They set apart that very night,  
These friends both meek and bold.

God blessed their toil, one in the kirk,  
The other in a hall,  
As missionary did the work  
And many people call.

NEW YORK, 1890 TO 1896.  
Then in New York what joy he had  
To meet man's greatest need,  
And make a hundred souls so glad  
To follow Christ in deed.

What fellowship with young and old  
What promising desires,  
To form new unions which would hold  
And kindle mission fires.

They stirred the women to provide  
A Christian Home for Girls,  
And soon the youth with equal pride  
Its home and flag unfurls.

This spread contagion in the West,  
For everywhere arose  
New Union groups, who did their best  
To conquer Kingdom's foes.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., 1896 TO 1908.  
And when in Seminary town  
He came to preach the Word,  
He was discouraged and cast down  
So few obeyed the Lord.

His tactics here he had to change  
And stress the child and home,  
His preaching program rearrange  
To meet new needs to come.

Professors, students, people met  
In church to hear the word,  
From one, whose mind and heart were set  
To glorify the Lord.

BUFFALO, N. Y., 1908 TO 1913.  
To Buffalo the preacher goes,  
He finds new open doors,  
Strange people have their ills and woes,  
Their need for help implores.

He never preached with more effect  
And saw more sudden change  
Of human hearts: and God's elect  
New ways and means arrange.

Hungarians now began to search  
The way of truth and light,  
For them a nice new church is built  
Where they could all invite.

DETROIT, MICH., 1913 TO 1922.  
Now to the city of the Straits  
The Lord did bid him go,  
So many strangers in her gates  
Do wander to and fro.

This was in fact the largest charge,  
Where he did lay great stress,  
To meet the challenge and enlarge  
His sphere of usefulness.

Great crowds of people, young and old,  
Did come to hear him preach,  
Here many men were often told  
Detroit would make them rich.

The "Million Dollar Mission Drive"  
Was launched with joy and fear,  
Our church did measure up and give  
Ten thousand every year.

SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS,  
CHICAGO, 1922 TO 1928.

Now came the call to superintend  
Chicago's Mission cause,  
Old folks and girls in Homes to lend  
A helping hand and pause.

Six years he served with might and  
main,  
Discovered many friends,  
Six years passed by, there came again  
A change in rules and trends.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 1928 TO 1932.  
Back to the pastorate he did go  
To serve six blessed years;  
The Second German Church did show  
Much love twixt joys and fears.

His life's companion now went home  
To her eternal rest,  
This was the greatest blow that came  
To him who loved her best.

His sister now stepped in the breach  
To comfort and to cheer,  
She prayed for him while he did preach  
With joy and not with fear.

DETROIT, MICH., 1933 TO PRESENT  
Back to Detroit he went to live  
And soon was he employed  
To preach, evangelize and give  
Part time to work enjoyed.

"And I thank God through Christ, my  
Lord,  
That he has honored me  
To serve him faithful with his word,  
His wondrous works to see."

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

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### THE CONTRIBUTION OF CITY AND COUNTRY TO OUR NATIONAL LIFE

Scripture References: Amos 7:14,  
15; Acts 21:39; 22:3

Amos, the sheep-herder of Tekoa, had certainly overstepped his bounds. He himself says: "I was no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman." But God had entrusted him with a message to be delivered in the chapel and court of the king, a message that made priest and king quake. Amos' wandering from place to place in trading gave him an insight into the conditions of the people, and the lonely hours spent with his herds gave him time to think about these things. He knew only a just and righteous God who would certainly punish the injustice meted out to his people.

#### 1. How God Uses Country People

Throughout the years God has chosen many of his prophets from the men and women who lived very close to the soil. Not only in the field of religion but in all fields of service, the country and small villages have made their distinctive contributions. Take, for instance, our own German Baptist work. About eight years ago half of the student body of our seminary consisted of young men from the rural communities of North and South Dakota. About five years ago over half of the students came from Canada. What caused this? Was it a matter of language or the desire for educational advantages, perhaps? Yes. But might it not also be the fact that in many of our rural communities the church is still the center of attraction? Many men and women have gone out from their little communities to enter into fields of larger service.

#### 2. Those Who Stay at Home!

We all know the contributions of those who have become public figures, but we are inclined to overlook those who work close at home. The rural community has a great responsibility and there is a great need for efficient workers. How many of our rural communities provide ample facilities for wholesome recreation for their youth? Too many are negligent in regard to this matter.

You remember the call that Philip received to go to Gaza, a deserted village. There he met the Ethiopian and baptized him. It seemed a small thing;

still it was God's call. Often we make the mistake of thinking that God will call us to be something large. God often points out small things to do, right in our own community. The small task well done leads to larger ones; and these, in turn, lead to even greater. The country churches are the beacon-lights of their community. Upon them rests the responsibility of directing the youth who some day will be the leaders of our country.

#### 3. Contributions of the City

I believe we can safely say that the contributions of the city far outrank those of the country. Paul had no doubt about his importance when he said: "I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; and I beseech thee, let me speak unto the people" (Acts 21:39). Surely, anyone fortunate enough to have received the advantages that our modern cities provide, has just cause to be proud. Paul is proud of the excellent training he received at the feet of the great Gamaliel, for he felt that this had equipped him to deal with people better than he could have done otherwise. The contributions of our cities to our national life are many, but much will also be required of them because much has been given to them. For a Christian, who seeks opportunities of service, there is no lack in the cities of today. The many social and racial problems will offer opportunities of service for a long time to come. Seldom does one find a more opportune place to put into practice the principles of Christ's teachings.

#### 4. Educational Contributions

Where could we find a finer system of educational methods than in our cities? Here every opportunity is given for the development of our mental faculties. If we are interested in the preservation of our democracy, we will have to have an enlightened people. This is true, not only in our civil life, but in our church life as well. However, we must remember that we can have our mental faculties developed for the nth degree, and still have neglected our spiritual life. But our cities offer spiritual advantages, too, and make every provision for one to attain them.

#### Questions for Discussion

How would Paul's contribution to the world have differed had he grown up in Cana or Bethlehem? What influence does it have on a boy to grow up in a commercial city under the

shadow of a great university? How far will early experiences in the city or country determine one's permanent interest in city or country life?

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### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Scripture References: Psalm 72:1-4.

We who live in America hardly realize how fortunate we are! Every day we should remind ourselves of this and thank God. If you had been born into a certain caste in India, you would have been destined to remain there the rest of your life. In most countries of the world people have a small chance of ever rising above their rank. In America every son of a shoemaker or a ditch-digger is a potential president or millionaire. Such are the opportunities of this great land in which we live.

#### 1. Are We Created Equal?

Not one of us would say that we are created equal, for no two of us are alike. But we can all be masters in our own fields. We did not inherit equal talents, but we have equal opportunity to develop what we have. Someone has said, "The less you have, the more there is to get." The possibilities are on hand.

#### BUILDERS ALL

"Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings  
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,  
And common folks like you and me,  
Are Builders for Eternity?  
To each is given a bag of tools,  
A shapeless mass and a book of rules;  
And each must make, e're life is flown,  
A stumbling block or a stepping-stone."

How many a minister has said, "Oh, if I had that church, how I would make it go!" Or, how many are anxiously looking over the fence, wishing they had some other job! But that will not help much, for "it's the success you make of it and not the job that counts." These words are sage's advice: "There's more credit and satisfaction in being a first-rate truck driver than a tenth-rate business man."

#### 2. What's In Thy Hand?

That was the question God asked Moses. Moses had only a simple staff, but God showed Moses what he could do with such simple equipment. David with his sling became a conqueror. Dorcas with her needle has inspired many to do acts of kindness. The widow and her mite will be an everlasting reminder of what can be done with little. The work of God's Kingdom is great, and the needs are many



and diverse. As we put our various talents to work, each of us making his own individual contribution, then only can we accomplish anything.

We often hear young people lament the fact that they have had no educational advantages. The advantages are there. There is still time to grasp them, if you are willing to pay the price. Getting an education need not necessarily mean going to school. Jesus chose twelve disciples with different talents and different opportunities, and unto them he entrusted his great Kingdom plan. David Livingstone had a friend with whom he attended grade-school and high school. They were childhood playmates. After graduation, David Livingstone chose to walk the high road to immortality. His friend chose the low road and became an outcast. Both had equal opportunities. One failed to take advantage of them.

### 3. How Lucky Were You?

Did you ever hear someone say, "If I could only get some 'pull,' or "Yes, but that fellow had all the luck." Someone said that there is no such thing as luck. An ancient philosopher has said: "Genius is not so much inspiration as perspiration." Few, if any, of the great preachers, doctors, lawyers, singers and scientists ever achieved any success by "pull." Only after many years of hard labor were they able to enjoy a rich harvest. Someone said that he was grateful to America, not for what she gave him, but for what she enabled him to become.

In the city of Philadelphia there stands today, Temple University, a monument to Russell H. Conwell, a man who had talent but who also possessed vision. Jesus tells the story of the three servants and the talents entrusted to them. Two had visions of accomplishing things, while one buried even that which he had.

### 4. Making Your Own Opportunities!

Do we make our own opportunities? Or are we entirely dependent on chance? Do we always recognize our opportunities when they arrive? The Pharisees and scribes did not recognize their opportunity when it came. They were so engrossed in non-essential things that they missed the glorious opportunity for which they had been waiting for generations. Jesus' world in this respect is not unlike ours. Many are content to accept life as it comes. Others again reach out and grasp rich opportunities round about them. In a great world, such as the one in which we live, there are bound to be problems and tasks of unusual size. God has placed before us the possibilities of obtaining great minds and great characters. It is up to us to choose what we will have!

## Workshop for Church Leaders

### BOOKS IN THE MINISTER'S WORKSHOP

By PROFESSOR ARTHUR A. SCHADE of Rochester, New York

If you were to begin building automobiles, you would not begin where Henry Ford did, but you would seek hurriedly to master all that automobile manufacturers have learned during the past 35 years, and proceed from that point to carry on your own improvements. A chemist learns what others have discovered about the elements and the way they combine to produce compounds. A farmer does not risk his costly seed until he has learned from those who know about the planting of this particular crop.

The promoter of Christian faith and the builder of Christian character may, likewise, appropriate the rich heritage of investigation and experience which has come from those who have gone before. This heritage is largely recorded in good books. At the request of the editor and through the helpful suggestions of my colleagues, I venture to suggest some good books that ought to find a place in the minister's workshop.

Two extremes are to be avoided. Some people become slaves to books. They read so much about what others think, that they fail to develop their own thinking powers and, hence, do not share in the thrills of personal discoveries in the great source-book of Christian faith and life. Others boast that they never read a book, and that the Bible is sufficient for them. They do not make sufficient use of the experience of their fellow-workers. They often graze in barren deserts while they might be in the luxurious valley. The right way is not to permit books to substitute for the Bible, but to have them serve as pilots into the richer veins of truth imbedded in the Bible and in potential human experience.

Some books have only a passing value. They are read and placed on the shelf where they merely help to make the study look impressive. Others are source-books which are more like the tools used by the mechanic. They become indispensable to every worth while piece of work. It is with the latter that we are concerned.

Since few ministers can fully master the originals of the Bible, various translations ought to be used. The Authorized and American Standard are based on what was considered the best text in 1611 and 1885, respectively. Both, especially the latter, sought to give the exact reproduction of the original word. The precise Bible student will always need them for this special merit. The modern translations are aimed primarily at conveying the thought of the original, taking considerable more liberty with the words.

They combine the commentary and the translation. Their use will stimulate the Bible reader. They may establish their authority on the words of holy writ: "The letter killeth, the spirit maketh alive." They seek to catch the spirit rather than to reproduce the letter. The translation by Hermann Menge in German, and by Dr. James Moffatt in English, and "the American Translation" by Smith and Goodspeed represent the best. Weymouth on the New Testament is excellent.

Next to the Bible comes the commentary. The recent commentaries are much more helpful than those of a generation ago, and cost far less. One who does not aim at advanced scholarship can do no better than to procure Abingdon's "One Volume Commentary," which costs only five dollars and treats every book in the Bible. A little larger and more costly is "The Century Bible" issued by the Oxford Press. For expository preaching Alexander MacLaren's "Expositions of the Holy Scripture," originally issued in 30 volumes, and "The Expositor's Bible" series, either of which may now be had for something like \$15 to \$20, or books by G. Campbell Morgan, will prove helpful.

The minister needs books to feed his own soul. Boreham's books are rich in sermonic suggestions, delightful analogies and illustrations. "Principles of Preaching" by Ozara S. Davis and "The Minister, his Work and his Word" by Adams Brown, will make for better preachers and better preaching. Dale Carnegie's book, "How to Win Friends and Influence People," will help in making the right psychological approach to people. "The Minister's Wife," a little book by Mrs. D. W. Kurtz, will help the first lady of the congregation to make the most of her position for the Lord. A pamphlet on "Why Worship" by Muriel Lester ought to be read by the minister. The new double volume "Quotable Poems" makes an excellent gift for any minister. It will come back to the congregation in beauty-spots in his sermons. "Jesus, der Weltvollender," and "Jesus der Herr," by Karl Heim, to be had only in German, will please the theologically minded.

In the final draft I omitted the Bible Concordance. That is indispensable to every good piece of biblical scholarship. "The Analytical Concordance" by Young is, by all odds, the most complete and useful. It gives the original words as well as the translations, covers over a thousand large pages with three hundred lines to the page.

## Daily Meditations

By PROFESSOR LEWIS KAISER of Rochester, N. Y.

Friday, June 17

### The Cheerful Giver

"For God loveth a cheerful giver."—2 Corinthians 9:7.

Read 2 Corinthians 9:1-9.

True giving is not rated according to the dollar scale. It is a matter of the heart. It is every man as he purposeth in his heart. God loveth the cheerful giver. He who gives grudgingly shuts himself out from the sunshine of God's love, even though his gift runs into the thousands. "See that you abound in this grace also" (2 Corinthians 8:7).

Prayer: Thou, Giver of all good and perfect gifts, may thy beneficent Spirit incline us at all times to a cheerful support of thy cause.

Saturday, June 18

### Covetousness

"Thou shalt not covet."—Exodus 20:17.

Read Exodus 20:17 and Luke 12:15-20. "To covet" is to desire something which is forbidden and to desire it with an inordinate passion that overrides right means and uses unlawful methods. Such evil desire to have what is not ours mars the soul of man. Godliness and contentment go together, but not religion and covetousness.

Prayer: Dear Father, help us to keep our hearts clean from evil passions and covetous desires.

Sunday, June 19

### Seeing Him Who Is Invisible

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."—Matthew 5:8.

Read Matthew 5:1-12.

We cannot see God with our bodily eyes. He inhabits the eternal world, that we can see only with an inward vision. There are very real things that cannot be perceived with our physical senses, such as love and beauty. If we would see God, we must keep our inward faculties of vision, the affection of our hearts and the ambitions of our souls pure and undefiled.

Prayer: O thou Light of men, shine into the darkness of our hearts and fill us with the light and joy of thy presence.

Monday, June 20

### The Key to Peace

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee."—Isaiah 26:3.

Read Isaiah 26:1-9.

"The world is wide in time and tide and God is guide; then do not hurry." Trust God, anxious soul! He may move

slowly, but he moves surely. He neither sleeps nor slumbers. The helm of the universe is always in his hands.

Prayer: Dear Lord, grant us the gift of thy Spirit—the gift of faith that we may trust thee and find in thee the peace that passeth all understanding.

Tuesday, June 21

### The Mark of Sonship

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."—Romans 8:14.

Read Romans 8:10-17.

The indisputable evidence of a sincere Christian life is the walk in the Spirit—the dedication of the whole life to the things of the Spirit. It is a life rich in the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control. Such a life reflects the life of the Master and is a clear proof of kinship with him.

Prayer: Make us, O Christ, ever more conscious of the indwelling of thy Spirit. Help us to live up to our high calling as sons of God.

Wednesday, June 22

### The Fruitful Life

"He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of waters, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season."—Psalm 1:3.

Read Psalm 1.

It is inexpressibly sad to miss one's aim in life and to be a failure. John Wesley prayed as a young man: "Lord, let me not lead a useless life." The Master wants us to bear fruit. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." Rooted in God and continually fed by the stream of his grace, we shall lead a fruitful life.

Prayer: Gracious Father, may thy life so fill our lives that there may be ever increasing fruitfulness in thy service.

Thursday, June 23

### Preparedness

"Put on the whole armor of God."—Ephesians 6:11.

Read Ephesians 6:10-20.

Life is not always just one grand sweet song—except perhaps in poetry. It is more like a long drawn out battle. So Paul conceived of it. But let us not forget that through struggle we gain power. The constant battling against adversity and evil toughens the fibres of our soul. That is, if we fight with God on our side.

Prayer: Thou, Captain of our souls, may we be enlisted for life in the ranks of thy army and follow thee loyally to the very end.

Friday, June 24

### Spiritual Refreshing

"I will be as the dew unto Israel."—Hosea 14:5.

Read Hosea 14:1-8.

The dew is a source of freshness. It is nature's provision for renewing the face of the earth. It falls at night, and without it vegetation would die. Hence, we can see its appropriateness as a symbol of spiritual refreshment. Only as we recognize the importance of the heavenly dew in our lives will we have spiritual vigor.

Prayer: According to thy promise, O God, keep us fresh through the dew of thy grace.

Saturday, June 25

### The Touch of Jesus

"And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean."—Mark 1:41.

Read Mark 1:40-45.

We need the cleansing touch of Jesus upon our lives to illuminate, purify and invigorate them, just as it brought new life, hope and joy to the poor leper. How much the world, steeped in sin and moral corruption, is in need of that vitalizing touch! May God fill us with his Spirit and use us to spread the news of his healing power.

Prayer: Dear Lord, grant unto us the touch of thy dear hand and make us a blessing to all within reach of our influence.

Sunday, June 26

### The Untrodden Territory of Divine Promises

"Every place that the sole of your feet shall tread upon, that have I given unto you."—Joshua 1:3.

Read Joshua 1:1-8.

The Israelites actually came into possession of only so much of the promised land as they measured off with their own feet. Much remained un-trodden, hence unoccupied. How many of us have ever taken full possession of the promises of God? We invariably fall short of what might be ours.

Prayer: O thou captain of our salvation, lead us from victory to victory. May we not limit our possession of God's grace through unbelief.

Monday, June 27

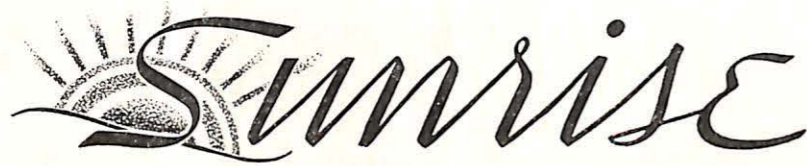
### "Always and for All Things"

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God."—Ephesians 5:20.

Read Ephesians 5:14-21.

That is all-inclusive—to give thanks  
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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 anybody, 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. But not a word was heard about Jason's whereabouts. In the meantime, his father, Mrs. Whitney, had a severe stroke. His neighbor, Mr. Parsons, came to call on him with comforting words of hope, but he, too, was aging under the heavy burden. He felt terribly tired and promised himself a rest at the earliest opportunity.

## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

But one day he felt a strange sharp pain that he had sometimes felt before. He sat and thought about it awhile, and then he called his friend the doctor to see him.

That night when he came home there was something very sweet and gentle about him, and he came and sat down by Hannah's side. It was late afternoon, earlier than he usually came. Supper was started on the stove, but not ready yet.

He sat there a minute and then he took her hand.

"Hannah," he said, "I've got something to tell you that will be hard to bear! Can you take it, my girl?"

Hannah looked up with her eyes full of fear. This was the moment she had been dreading ever since Rowan went way. Some day they would come and tell her that Rowan was dead! That he had been shot, or thrown over a precipice, or drowned. She had thought it all out and promised her Lord that if he willed it so she would take it bravely. She would take it with a smile and bow to his will. They had talked it over, the two of them, and she had been prepared for almost anything like that. She was a strong-hearted woman.

But when she tried to summon that smile great fear came instead and stood in her eyes and Charles saw it.

"No, dear, it's not that! It's nothing about Rowan. It's something else entirely," he said, and then when he saw

a new frantic fear growing in her gaze he went on.

"It's me, this time, Hannah. Be brave now!"

"I'm being brave!" said Hannah with quivering chin and a smile among the tears like a rainbow through a rain.

"Yes, I know you are. Well, I won't keep you waiting. And it isn't perhaps as bad as it might be. But you see, Hannah, I've been having a pain in my heart a good deal lately, and I thought it was just indigestion, but lately it came back so much, and so sharply that this morning I went to the doctor and had him look me over from stem to stern, and it seems I've got a bad heart. He says I'm all right every other way and I may live for years and years yet, but then again I may go any time. I've just got to be careful and live right, and forget it, and go on. Really, Hannah, it isn't any worse than life at any stage, you know. There is always the possibility that any one of us may go any minute."

He was holding her hand now, looking deep into her dear eyes.

"Hannah, we want God to have his way with us, don't we?"

"Oh yes, Charles—!" she managed. "Yes, of course," and the smile quivered out again, and so did the tears.

"I'm all right, Charles," she said, "I'm brave!"

"Yes, my girl! You're always brave! You've always been brave ever since we started out together hand in hand, and please God we'll be brave together to the end. But the blessed thing is there won't be any end. There may be a very brief separation somewhere, like when you went down once to visit Myra, but it won't last, and then we'll be at Home with Him!"

"Yes, Charles! But I hope—our Rowan—can come home—before—it—happens!"

"Well, yes, that would be nice," said Charles thoughtfully. "But after all, that won't matter so much. You know I've been convinced for sometime that Roman is off doing his duty, and that in some way God is going to use this to make our Rowan a real child of his. He had to be led. He was rebellious sometimes, and thought he knew a lot. But I'm glad God is leading him through something legitimate, and not through the discipline that comes from deadly wrong doing. I'm glad there was some good motive at the bottom. And now, Hannah, cheer up. We're living our last days down here just as happily as we ever did any others."

"Of course!" said Hannah wiping the tears and choking over the smile she flung out.

"And then there's always the thought, Hannah, that the Lord may come before anything more happens but a few pains more or less, and maybe we won't either of us go through the gate of death. But if one of us should go first and the other remain till Jesus comes, why whichever goes first will be coming in the clouds when the trumpet blows."

"Yes, I often think of that when I lie awake at night and think how the end might come for one of us and not the other. Oh, I know it will be grand and glorious any way it turns out, only I can't somehow keep the tears back at thought of you being away. Even over night. You know I always dreaded it."

"Yes, I know, but you'll have to remember that this will be the last time, and you'll come pretty soon if I go first, and then we'll be at Home forever!"

"Yes, but oh, Charles, if it should happen—before Rowan comes back, he's going to feel it so! He's going to think that he has been the cause of it all!"

"Well, you mustn't let him feel that! You see, I had this pain long before this happened. Of course this last strain has been hard on me, but it hasn't been Rowan's doings. I haven't for a minute thought it was, and you make him understand that. Perhaps I'll write him a letter too, so that if I should go before he comes back why he won't have any heartaches over that. And now, Hannah, let's have supper! I'm hungry! I didn't eat any lunch down in the village today. I guess I sort of dreaded telling you this. But now it's told and we understand each other we can go on just the same as if there was a possibility I might have to go to Washington for a few days the way I used to do when we were first married."

She looked up and tried to smile and broke down in a sob, and Charles took her in his comforting arms and held her close. Two old lovers, fearful at the probabilities of a brief parting, but knowing all would be well when they were both at Home.

That night when they knelt to pray together Hannah said:

"You'll pray our boy will come—before—?"

"I'll pray that God may have his way, whatever it is, but Hannah, girl, don't worry if he doesn't. I somehow

feel this is a long trek for Rowan, but in the end he's coming out gloriously. I haven't the shadow of a doubt."

"And there's Joyce," said Hannah. "Our Rowan loves her, I'm convinced."

"Does Joyce love Rowan?"

"Yes, I think she does," said Hannah thoughtfully. "Poor little girl! She's having a hard life. And she is very fond of you, Charles. I'm wishing so that you can stay till she has a taste of you for a father. Her own father has been so hard."

"Yes, I'd like that myself. I've always love the child. But, Hannah, her own father is coming into his fatherhood, I'm thinking. Even frozen fast in a dead body he's telling her at last with his eyes that he loves her, and she's finding her comfort in ministering to him."

"That's wonderful! But isn't it queer Mrs. Whitney stays away as she does?"

"The Lord be thanked that she does!" said Charles fervently. "It is to everybody's comfort, her own included, that she stays away. She would have the sick man back in unconsciousness in half an hour if she came, if she even stepped her foot in the room, and brought her clattery tongue into the house. Oh, Hannah, I thank the Lord daily that he gave me a wife like you, with your wise, gentle ways and your quiet tongue."

She laid her face against his arm where she had so many times gathered strength, and stilled the sharp pang to think that she might not have that refuge long on earth. Then she lifted anxious eyes.

"Charles, you said that with care the doctor thought you might live as long as anybody?"

"Yes," said Charles with a smile. "Then you will be careful? You will do just what he tells you to do?"

"Of course," said Charles. "Now I know what it means I'll do all I can."

"Charles, shall we tell Myra?"

"Not yet, Mother. It would only distress her, and maybe bring that Mark person around to look after my business affairs. I am sorry, but I'm afraid I don't trust that Mark son-in-law of mine. He looks slippery to me. His eyes are too little and too near together to see anything but his own interests very clearly."

"My poor little girls!" mourned Hannah. "If she could only have met a man like you, Charles! She's never known what real love is."

"Well, the Lord will make it up to her some day, so don't grieve too much over that. We can't help it now, and the time is coming when all the wrongs are going to be made right."

It was a few days later that he came home and told her that he had fixed things so that she would be taken care of after he was gone.

"You know I don't trust Mark, Hannah, and I've fixed things so he can't meddle, and so he can't control what

I'm leaving to Myra. It will be in your hands, her part, till you go, and then it will be strictly hers, with a guardian, Jamie Goodright, and his son if he goes. His son is a grand man and true as steel. So you don't need to worry about property at all. That won't come into it if I go. You'll have the place, of course, to live in. I've fixed it so it's not to be sold. It's yours always and Rowan's after you. But if I were you I wouldn't say anything about money to Myra and Mark. If Myra knew, Mark would get it out of her and then he'd do something to make things hot for her, and maybe for you. Of course if Rowan were here he would prevent that, I talked to him once about looking after you and his sister if I were gone and he thoroughly understood. He'll carry on all right when he gets back, but until he does, Hannah, don't talk to the others about money."

"Father, I think Myra thinks you've lost everything in the burglary. Myra's last letter said that Mark was very bitter about Rowan having made you lose all you had, and she also said, you know, that Mark thought it was utterly unnecessary for you to have to give up all you had even if you were a trustee. You ought to have salted a good pile down so they couldn't touch it, if such a contingency arose. He said you never ought to have been a trustee. I haven't answered that letter yet, Charles, I somehow couldn't bring myself to do it right away. I felt so angry at Mark, and at Myra for letting him talk that way, and for daring to repeat it to us."

"Well, you mustn't blame our girl too much. You know she has to live with him, and she's only trying to get it off her mind. She'd like to have you deny it, I suppose. But don't worry. It's all going to come right some day. And now, Hannah, we've talked about this once and we needn't go back to it. I'll write out full directions and put them in the safety box, and then if the time ever comes that you need them, you just follow them, but don't think a thing more about it unless it does. I may live to be a hundred. Who knows?"

And so the two laid their burden down before their Lord and went forth into the coming days, strong in his strength to meet whatever he sent.

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When Jason came out of the telephone booth at Rowley's after talking with Rose Allison, somehow the world looked less sordid and horrible, and the future less impossible to him.

Before he went in there, if someone had come along and suggested suicide to him he might have been in a very receptive mood. He felt that the last hope was gone and he might just as well go to the dogs as not, yet somehow he didn't seem to want even to go to the dogs. He was the prodigal without the husks left. He had in his mind only the wild idea that had chased itself back and forth in his conscious-

ness ever since he had been a boy and found that people charged him with things that he had not done. He had planned then that when he grew up, if they kept on blaming him for everything, that he would go away where none of them could ever find him again.

Oh, he hadn't been perfect. He never claimed that nor wanted them to think that, but he had grown bitter as he saw through the years the tendency to blame him with things that other boys did. The others hid behind him just because they knew he was too honorable to tell them. He began presently to feel the virtues of his position. This one bit of code he kept religiously, even though he sinned in many other ways.

Sometimes he felt that perhaps it would be just as well to be what they thought of him and be done with it all. Yet his conscience recognized the error of that reasoning, just as it also tried to point out to him the childishness of his cherished plan of going away sometime when things should get too thick for him. Yet he still clung to that longing to start afresh, and make a new record in a place where he wouldn't have past failures tagging him constantly.

He had had this somewhat in mind when he went to college. He had battled to get away to the college of his choice. His father wanted him to go where he had gone, but Jason had wanted to go far away from home where he wouldn't be known and see if he couldn't make a record to be proud of.

In the end his father had won and he had gone to the family Alma Mater. In due time his reputation at home had sped to college, and then the sparks flew.

He had to admit even to himself that he had done several mischievous things in college. But the things he perpetrated himself were never found out, it was the misbehaviour of others that was blamed on him, all because of a mean little story that had come somehow from home—he hadn't yet been able to trace that to its source but he would someday.

Well, perhaps it was his fault because he never would defend himself. He had grown up with a lofty idea of letting people think what they wanted to. He never had faced this theory honestly and rooted out the source of it. He had not yet discovered that it grew not from humility but from pride, hurt pride at the thought that others did not take for granted he was blameless! And so he had let first one case and then another pile up, until that last bitter charge in college. He would have come out and denied that if it hadn't been for that fool girl who was mixed up in it; he simply couldn't get out from under and let her take the blame, even though her boy friend did do just that!

How that angered his father! His



Alma Mater! Disgrace before his own college. He couldn't blame the old man. It was tough luck and it was just because he had foreseen something like this that Jason hadn't wanted to go there to college.

He had come home and endured the whole gamut of blame from his stepmother and his father, even down to Aunt Libby in the kitchen who went around with red eyes, snuffing, her long thin nose red and dripping with fresh she made furtive tarts for his delectable tears, blaming him even while taffon. And then Joyce. Joyce who never blamed him but who looked so sad, and who said: "Oh, Jason! Oh, —Jason!" when he came home and told her first of all. She never blamed him but her sorry exclamation cut deepest of all.

That had been a terrible time, those months after he came home from college and lay around, and worried, and was insolent to his stepmother who kept up a continual nagging that stirred up his father to habitual scathing words whenever he came around. Those were the days when he began to go to Rowley's to play pool, trying to get a little money. His father wouldn't give him a cent! And how could he ever amount to anything stuck down in this little dump of a village, and living on a farm? How could he get a job? His father wouldn't let him go to any other college. He said he had to get out and get to work. He would never amount to anything anyway and he was done trying to do for him.

So he had played at Rowley's and sometimes won a little money, enough to play around with the girls who came his way at Rowley's, enough to go on joy rides off to little towns away from home in other fellow's machines.

And day by day the venom of hate had worked in his soul until he was almost ready to do something really dreadful, like committing suicide, only there wasn't really any effectual way of doing it around his home. He hadn't any gun. His father wouldn't allow one. He hadn't any car so he couldn't turn it on and go to sleep! Aunt Libby was always in the kitchen so he couldn't use the gas stove, and anyway suicide had never appealed to him very strongly. It didn't seem quite respectable, and would be so hard for Joyce to bear. He had dismissed it with a mere thought and let his mind travel on to wider schemes that included far lands. He would go away so far they could not find him, and then some day he would come back rich and successful and they would see that they had been mistaken about him.

Then Rowan had come home from college, and he had always admired Rowan tremendously. Rowan was just enough older to be a hero in his eyes. And Rowan had been friendly.

They had gone around together a lot in Rowan's car, and he had helped Rowan plow a field, and plant corn,

and pull weeds and do a lot of farm work that his father couldn't have got him to do for love nor money. But Rowan hadn't asked him. Rowan just worked, and so he worked along.

It rather amused him when he heard somebody say that it was a pity that nice Rowan Parsons was beginning to run to that road house a lot just the way Jason Whitney did. That was just the way people jumped to conclusions about him, branded him as a drunkard and a gambler when he wasn't either really. It sort of put Rowan in his class according to his crude young ideas, and made them buddies more than ever.

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always, for all things! For the innumerable every-day blessings to which we give so little thought! For the things, too, that we do not count as blessings—the blessings in disguise! Even our afflictions and adversities may prove benedictions. Count your blessings! If you can!

Prayer: Grant, O God, that we may appreciate properly the unnumbered blessings that daily fall to our common lot. May our attitude be that of gratitude!

Tuesday, June 28

### Getting Into Step With God

"Enoch walked with God."—Genesis 5:24.

Read Hebrews 11:5-6.

The test of man's spiritual status is, not what he does in the exceptional moments of his life, but what he does in his daily walk and routine. In learning to walk with God there is always the difficulty of getting into his stride. But when we have gotten into it, it is the life of God alone that manifests itself. The individual is lost sight of in his personal union with God.

Prayer: Like Enoch we would like to walk with thee, O God, but we have learned that we cannot keep pace with thee, unless thou dost take us by the hand.

Wednesday, June 29

### Going Back to His Father

"And he arose, and came to his father."—Luke 15:20.

Read Luke 15:11-24.

The prodigal son had gone away from his father's house into a far land. And after wasting his substance there in riotous living, he came to his senses. He arose and went back home, humiliated, homesick and penitent, directly into the loving embrace of a forgiving father. That is conversion.

Prayer: Loving Father, thy arms are outstretched, waiting to receive the erring one and to press him to thy compassionate heart.

Thursday, June 30

### Guarding the Tongue

"I said, I will take heed to my ways,

that I sin not with my tongue."—Psalm 39:1.

Read Psalm 39:1-8.

O, the power of the tongue, both for good and for evil! "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing." We may abuse the ways of Providence; we may slander and defame our fellow-men. We are often overpowered in a fit of temper to say an ungracious, unkind thing about another. What a dangerous weapon for all manner of unrighteousness the tongue may become! Let us guard the door of our lips that we sin not.

Prayer: Assist us this day, dear Father, to guard our tongues, so that the world may be a happier place in which to dwell.

Friday, July 1

### The Forward Look

"No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God."—Luke 9:62.

Read Luke 9:57-62.

The backward look arrests us and impedes our progress. We cannot live in retrospect. The forward look is prospective. It challenges and impels. Jesus was forward-looking. Even in the presence of danger and death, his face was steadfastly set to go to Jerusalem. Judas Iscariot failed to look ahead and he betrayed the Lord. Peter, too, faltered and he denied him.

Prayer: Dear Master, give us the courage to face life with all of its testings, even to suffering for thy cause, if it need be.

Saturday, July 2

### Either—Or!

"How long halt ye between two opinions?"—1. Kings 18:21.

Read 1. Kings 18:17-24.

The Israelites were limping from side to side—from God to Baal. How much of the religion of today is of the limping kind! When religion is popular, or when a great calamity sobers the world, the people limp over to the side of God for a while. When worldliness and practical atheism are popular, they limp over to the side of the world. But the prophet calls for "either—or."

Prayer: Holy Lord, make us consistent and immovable in our loyalty to thee.

Sunday, July 3

### In God We Trust

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."—Psalm 33:12.

"God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battle line,  
Beneath whose mighty hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine,  
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget! Lest we forget!"  
(R. Kipling.)

Prayer: God of the nations, give us eyes to see our personal and national responsibility in helping to bring in the reign of righteousness upon the earth.

# 75 Years as a Church Member

By the REV. HERMAN G. KUHL, Pastor of the East Side Church of Wilmington, Delaware

One of the brightest and most cheerful saints, with whom we have come in contact, is our own Miss Mary Sasse. "Miss Mary," as she is called, is known far and wide as one of the faithful members of the East Side Church of Wilmington, Delaware. For years she has kept in touch with everything that is going on in the work of the local church and the denomination. If you came to Wilmington, you would be sure to be greeted by her "million dollar" smile, and a handshake that is right from the heart. To know her is to love her. You cannot help but feel that here is one who loves God's work with all her heart and soul. She has lived to see it prosper. She has seen to it that things have been done and done right. With it all there has gone a winsomeness that is charming. To know her is to be captivated by her friendliness.

Naturally, when we as a church heard that she has been a member of our church for 75 years, we determined to celebrate the occasion. Miss Mary tells us that she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior when she was 13 years of age. She was one of six who told the church of the great things that the Lord had done for her. She was baptized in May, 1863, and received into the church's membership on the first Sunday in June by Pastor H. Trumpp.

At eleven years of age she lost her mother by death, and immediately took a mother's burden upon her young shoulders. Her brothers and sisters idolized her. Her father found her indispensable. Sometime later she became a seamstress, and she still prides herself on the fine work she was able to do in the past. She was a Sunday School teacher for 45 years, and its treasurer for 32 years. She received a gold pin in recognition of her services. She was treasurer of the Ladies' Aid for 40 years, and is serving in that capacity in the pastor's Bible Class. She has served on innumerable committees. The Home for the Aged in Philadelphia can testify to her interest in the past. We all know that the Orphans' Home in St. Joseph, Mich., is one of her favorite projects. Although our sister is deaf and cannot hear a sound, she is punctually in her church pew on Sunday mornings. She aims to keep in good spiritual condition.

The Wilmington Church celebrated the 75th anniversary of her reception into church membership on June 6th. May the Lord bless her and continue to use her richly in the service of his Kingdom!



Miss Mary Sasse of Wilmington, Del., Who Has Been a Member of the East Side Church of Wilmington for 75 Years

## THE EDITOR'S TRIBUTE

The Diamond Jubilee of a person's membership in a single German Baptist church is a memorable anniversary that sparkles with dazzling brightness and unique glory like a perfect diamond. When such an anniversary is celebrated by a person such as Miss Mary Sasse of Wilmington, Delaware, who is one of the loveliest Christians, whom it has been my privilege to know, and who has been richly endowed with God's rarest gifts of sweetness, humility and kindness, the occasion deserves to be celebrated in the wider circle of the denomination.

Miss Sasse is a cousin of the late Dr. Cornelius H. Woelfkin, for many years pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church of New York City, one of the largest and most influential churches in the metropolitan area. In her Christian character Miss Sasse towers above the mediocre average church life in the world of today with her willingness to sacrifice for Christ and her loyalty to God's cause, even as her illustrious cousin did in his influential ministry.

Miss Sasse was an occasional visitor in the services of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., when it was my privilege to be its pastor. Her presence in the congregation

was an inspiration to the young minister to enable God to speak through him. She always adds a Christian lustre to every group in which she is present and to everything which she touches.

Recently it was the editor's privilege to be in the East Side Church of Wilmington for an evening's engagement. In spite of her age and the inclement weather on that evening, Miss Sasse was present and tried to catch a few words of the message. She regrets the fact that her deafness makes it impossible for her to hear much that is said. She delighted, however, to see the pictures about our denominational work and by her testimony afterwards she manifested her keen interest in the work of our denomination at home and abroad. Her Christian vision has always extended to the far corners of the earth, even though her devotion to the small struggling church in Wilmington has never wavered during these years.

Her 75th anniversary as a member of the East Side Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware, formerly called the German Baptist Church, is the occasion for her many friends and for those who do not know her to rise up and sing her praises and best wishes to her.



# Seminary Students in Christian Service

By PROFESSOR ALBERT BRETSCHEIDER, Dean of the Seminary



Faculty and Student Body of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y.

Activity is the soul of growth. It is essential to the physical development of the child, and it is also necessary for the spiritual growth of men. Believing this, we have been eager to find some kind of Christian service for every student in our seminary. We have been fairly successful in this effort. Of 36 students, 30 have been engaged in some kind of Christian activity during the past eight months, either in our own Andrews Street Baptist Church or in some other church in Rochester or in its vicinity.

Nearly all of our students sing. We have a student chorus of 30 members who delight, not only the Andrews Street Church with their singing, but many other groups as well with their spiritual songs. They have sung in some of the largest churches of Rochester before audiences of 1500 and more. They have been invited to sing before gatherings of the Federation of Churches, before special meetings of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and from time to time also over the radio. Mr. Walter Marchand of the Erin Avenue Church in Cleveland is the very capable leader of this chorus.

The direction of the choir in the Andrews Street Church is also under his leadership. This choir consists of over thirty members, about half of whom are students. The service which they render through the ministry of song is of inestimable value to the development of our church life. But it is of even greater value to the men themselves, who, under the leadership of Mr. Marchand and the instruction of Professor H. Dymmel, learn not only

how to sing but also how to lead a choir.

Fourteen students teach regularly in the Sunday School of the Andrews Street Church. Three teach Junior classes, five teach Intermediates, two teach Seniors, three Adult classes, and one a Young Men's class. These activities are confined to six churches in Rochester, three of which are Baptist, one a Methodist, and two Evangelical churches. Mr. Arthur Weisser, a Midler, has been the leader of the Junior Department of the South Avenue Baptist Church during the past year, and Mr. Otto Nallinger, the leader of a large Adult Class in the Baptist Temple.

Several churches have secured student pastors for their Junior Churches from our seminary. Mr. Elmer Buening has served the High Street Church of Buffalo for the past eight months as pastor of the Junior Church. Mr. Paul Hunsicker and Mr. Robert Schmidt have been serving the Andrews Street Junior Church. Two others serve as leaders of Junior groups in other church schools.

Mr. Frank Veninga has made a very capable president of the Pathfinder's Class, a group of 30 young men and women, organized by Professor Bretschneider some years ago and now under the enthusiastic leadership of Professor Frank Woyke as teacher.

Our Young People's Society makes a strong appeal for the help of our students. But it also fills a very definite need in their religious and social life. In many respects it is an ideal society. It would be difficult to find a finer

group of Christian young people than we have. We are proud of them. In this society many of our young men find opportunity to exercise their leadership abilities. During this past year Mr. Rubin Kern has been the president.

Mr. H. Waltereit has rendered a splendid service as leader and counselor of youth in one of our flourishing churches on the east side of the city. The pastor and members of the church think so highly of him that they have frequently honored him by asking him to lead cottage prayer meetings and to fill the pulpit on Sunday. For these services he receives a nominal remuneration.

During the past school year our students have preached in 6 different states in 24 different churches. These students have preached in Brighton, Folsomdale, Buffalo, Williamson, Sodus, Hartleyville, Brooklyn and New York. Some preached in Munson, Bethlehem, and in Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania. Others preached in Michigan, Ohio, and Ontario, Canada. They have also had complete charge of one service in the Andrews Street Church each month.

An evangelistic team, consisting of Mr. R. Milbrandt and Mr. R. Schilke, rendered an outstanding service to the High Street Church of Buffalo, where the Rev. Arthur Kannwischer is pastor. For two weeks they preached each evening, winning a considerable number to Christ. During the Easter week, a team composed of Mr. Walter Stein and Mr. Milbrandt visited the German Baptist Church at Neustadt, Ontario. Tangible results in converts were not manifest, but the church was greatly blessed under their ministry. This team expects to do evangelistic work during June in Killalce, Ontario, Benton Harbor and Alpena, Michigan; during July in the Gatesville, Crawford and Cottonwood churches of Texas; and during August in Iowa and South Dakota.

Our brethren have not been unmindful of the spiritually needy and perishing in our own city. Frequently they have ministered to the old people in St. Johns' Home for the Aged. By song and sermon they have also ministered in the Rescue Mission. In this task students and faculty members delight to cooperate. They also gave loyal support to our pastor, the Rev. Harvey Koester. It seems hardly necessary to say that the faculty members have been strong contributors to the life of the church, not only to Andrews Street Church but to a number of other churches, also.

As usual, a number of our students have found churches for the summer months, even though not nearly as many as last year. Mr. Paul Hunsicker has been assigned to Lashburn, Saskatchewan; Mr. Richard Schilke to Forestburg, Alberta; Mr. Rudolph Woyke to Glidden, Saskatchewan; Mr. Dan Fuchs to Burstall, Saskatchewan; Mr. Helmut Waltereit to Camrose, Alberta; Mr. Arthur Weisser to Calgary, Craigmyle, and Bethel in Alberta. It seems probable that Mr. Peter Pfeiffer may go to Bethlehem, and Mr. Richard Grenz to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Two brethren, Mr. Rudolph Milbrandt and Mr. Walter Stein, will do evangelistic work in a number of our churches in various states. A male quartet, consisting of Ewald Wegner, Arthur Schulz, Rubin Kern, and Wal-

ter Marchand, will visit many of our churches, presenting a program of spiritual songs and music. They will also witness for Christ wherever they go and will be ready to preach where pastors may desire them to do so in the regular Sunday services. They are being sent out by the seminary with the blessings of faculty and students and in the hope that they will waken in the hearts of some of our fine young men the desire to enter the Christian ministry.

The members of the senior class will go to the extremes of the United States: Mr. Frank Armbruster to Gotebo, Okla.; Mr. Karl Korella to Edenwald, Sask.; Mr. Albert Hahn to Bridgeport, Conn.; and Mr. Otto Nallinger to Salt Creek, Oregon. Mr. Os-

car Bonikowsky will continue his studies in Sioux Falls College in South Dakota.

The faculty will, likewise, go to distant parts of our country, Professor Krueger spending most of his time on the Pacific coast; Professor Bretschneider visiting assemblies, associational meetings, and the conference in the Dakotas; Professor Woyke will confine himself to the Geneva Assembly and the Central Conference in our central states, and Professor Schade will attend the Ontario Association and some churches in the East. In this summer promotional work, we hope to extend the denominational and missionary horizon of our constituency and to increase new interest in the varied phases of our denominational life.

## Graduation and Anniversary Festivities

By PROFESSOR ARTHUR A. SCHADE of Rochester, New York

Eighty years ago the distinguished August Rauschenbusch became the first full-time teacher of the enterprise, which in the course of time became the "German Department of the Rochester Theological Seminary," and in latter days, "The German Baptist Seminary." Fifty years ago his retirement from active service followed, just a year previous to his death.

Fifty years ago a class of twelve was graduated, of whom six are still on the scene and of whom three were in Rochester at commencement to celebrate the golden anniversary of their graduation. These were the Rev. C. A. Daniel, who gave the principal commencement address, the Rev. F. H. Heinemann, who preached the annual sermon to the seminary family in the Andrews Street Church, and Professor F. W. C. Meyer, who was elected president of the Alumni Association, and who served as toastmaster at the annual banquet, held in honor of the graduating class. To our regrets the brethren F. Niebuhr, J. H. Pastoret, and D. Koester were unable to be in Rochester for the festive occasion.

So we have looked back to the early beginnings. The first graduating class of 1853 consisted of the lonely Anton Heussler. There were no graduates in 1854 or 1857. But for these two occasions the class of 1938 would have been the eighty-fifth class. As it is, they represent the eighty-third class to go forth from this institution into the Lord's work. How many more classes will go forth? Shall the seminary celebrate its centennial in 1951? Religious movements have tenacious life. But we face a changing world and unless we are able to adapt ourselves to the changes, we shall find it difficult to perpetuate the stream of life which has come down for nearly nine decades.

The class of "eighty-eight" spoke to the class of "thirty-eight" in the principal features of the commencement. Many refreshing incidents from the more primitive school life and from a half century's experience in the Christian ministry were brought forth for the entertainment and edification of their successors. The Rev. F. H. Heinemann admonished them to "keep that which has been entrusted unto them," not as the unfaithful servant who wrapped his talent in a kerchief and sought to return it unimpaired.

The Rev. C. A. Daniel would have the class get at the truth by investigation, to appreciate the truth through meditation, to assimilate the truth and to make it a part of their lives and to concentrate upon the special work to which they have been called and trained.

The class of 1938, at which this friendly counsel was more particularly directed, consists of five promising young men who will be scattered widely over our denominational field. Fred. L. Hahn will be on the Atlantic coast as the new pastor of the Bridgeport Church, Otto M. Nallinger will be on the opposite side of the country ministering to the Salt Creek Church in Oregon, Frank Armbruster will begin his ministry in sunny Oklahoma and there serve the church at Gotebo, while Karl Korella will serve the church in northern climate ministering to the flock at Edenwald, Saskatchewan. Oscar Bonikowsky will take up studies at Sioux Falls and hopes to be joined there for the winter by his friend and class-mate, Karl Korella.

A sub-committee of the School Committee consisting of the brethren D. Hamel, A. Husmann, and P. Geissler were in Rochester and interviewed the members of the graduating class as

well as a number of the other students who seemed not to be altogether sure of their call. The committee expressed itself as well pleased in the outlook, spirit, and fundamental convictions of these brethren and joins the faculty in commending them to the churches as promising ministers of "the Good News" of Christ.

A note of sadness and concern came into the picture as a result of the resignation of our beloved colleague, Professor Helmut G. Dymmel, to take up the church in lovely Anaheim, California. The one was Professor Dymmel's inner urge to be in the ministry. The other was the financial situation of the seminary which makes it impossible to appoint a successor at the present time.

The financial situation is becoming the more acute in recent weeks since The Colgate-Rochester Divinity School is faced with a drastic curtailment of income, making it difficult to carry the load for the German Baptist Seminary as heretofore. Fortunately, we have two students in the class of 1939, Helmut Waltereit and Richard Schilke, who are competent to carry courses in the German language and literature. Other courses will have to be carried by the remaining members of the faculty. This provisional arrangement will have to carry us over the next year. What is to follow that, will have to be determined in the light of later developments.

At this writing most of the students are on their way to their summer destinations, and things are quiet about the building. May He who watches over his children grant us a new life in the year that shall begin next September!



# Reports from the Field



Young People of the Minitonas B. Y. P. U. The Rev. John Luebeck in Front Row

## Northern Conference Bible School and B. Y. P. U. Program in Minitonas

A Bible School was held at Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada, from March 21 to April 1. The Rev. E. P. Wahl, the director of the Bible School in the Northern Conference, taught two classes, "Work of the Young People" and "Soul Winning." The Rev. A. Rosner, pastor of the Ebenezer East Church, taught "Foundations of the Christian's Life" and "Christian Stewardship."

The devotional periods were led by the students who received a blessing from them. Every afternoon at four o'clock Mr. Wahl conducted a church service. God's blessings were with us and 16 persons were converted.

On March 25 we held a brief program, during which pictures of our Cameroon Mission field were shown. On Friday, April 1, the closing exercises of our school were held. Thirty young people took part in the studies. The offering at this service went to our Cameroon work.

Our young people's society has 60 members in it, who take an active part in this work. We meet regularly once a month for our meetings, and we feel that God's blessings are with us. A picture of our society and of our pastor, the Rev. John Luebeck, accompanies this report.

ANNIE GOLZ, Reporter.

## An Enthusiastic Report from the McDermot Avenue Church

If the theory is correct that the health and vigor of the life-pulse of

the Sunday School is a reflection of that of the church as a whole, then through the graces and blessings of God we are enjoying a very encouraging present and a very optimistic outlook for the immediate future. During the past portion of 1938 we have reached a record all-time high in attendance. We have surpassed our former standard and found it necessary to set a higher level.

This can in part be credited to an inter-class Sunday School contest which we have been using for quite some time. It is based on S. S. Attendance, Punctuality, Collection, Memorization of Golden Text, Visitors, New Members, Church Attendance, Attendance at Church Communion. The results of each class are written on a large chart which shows the standing of each class to date. The class with the highest aggregate at the end of the year is the winner. Prizes are given for the three highest classes.



First Prize Class of Boys and Their Teacher in Winnipeg Sunday School Contest

Our contest system has given us better attendance, greater punctuality, improved collection receipts, more attention paid to the Golden Text, more visitors to widen our influence, mounting enrollment due to new members being continually recruited, and more of our S. S. scholars attending the church services and communion. At the conclusion of our last term there were only two points between the winning class and the second class. Accompanying this article is a photograph of the winning class, whose teacher, Mr. John L. Otto, can be seen first from the right in the second row from the front. The young ladies class was the "runner-up" second prize class whose teacher is Miss Olga Mantey.

Although the contest does its part, our present superintendent, Mr. H. Schirmacher, must be given credit for a considerable portion of our recent progress. He has been instrumental in introducing various improvements. Being quite an artist he gives us interesting picture and object-lesson lectures on the current lesson almost every Sunday.

The Rev. Otto Patzia, successor to our former Rev. A. Felberg, and his wife are doing very excellent work among us. Despite the fact that he was a recent "fledgling" from our Rochester seminary, he has very ably and competently taken up the work here and has commendably shown himself as a tactful diplomat and an earnest, enthusiastic, courageous hard worker for his Master. He and his amiable wife have won the hearts of many. Under such fit leadership we expect to receive many heavenly blessings for which we can thank God with grateful hearts.

After a protracted departure from the group system our Young People's Society has this year again reverted to that plan under a modified form. We thus expect easier and more efficient operation, and are looking forward to interesting, absorbing, and worth while activities for the coming season. The Music and Art group, Violet Schultz officiating, made a very excellent beginning of activities by rendering an inspirational program of varied musical numbers, short talks and questionnaires.

TED. E. COLLEY,  
Reporter.

## Mother's Day Program Winnipeg, Manitoba

We, the teen aged girls of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Win-

nipeg, Canada, gave a program on Sunday evening, May 8, in honor of our mothers. Miss Tillie Miller, our leader, was in charge of the service.

Our program opened with the younger group of girls singing, while each mother was presented with a rose at the door and escorted by girl ushers to the reserved pews. The program continued with songs by the girls, vocal and violin solos, and recitations, each number expressing our love for our mothers. In memory of the mothers, Mrs. R. Miller, Mrs. Borm, Mrs. Kuhn and Mrs. Kuhnle, who have passed on, a sextet sang, "The Lights of Home." The main part of our program consisted of two dialogues, one of which was entitled, "Showing Our Love for Our Mother."

Mrs. L. Ristau spoke to the congregation on behalf of the mothers and Miss Miller on behalf of the daughters. Our pastor, the Rev. O. Patzia, also favored us with an inspirational talk.

LINDA SORGE, Reporter.

## Mother's Day Program Wetaskiwin, Alberta,

The program fell on May 8 and was in charge of the Young People's Society, with Harvey Strohschein presiding in the absence of the president, Arthur Sommers.

At this service the pastor, the Rev. F. Benke, presented to the three oldest mothers, Mrs. Carl Dickau, Mrs. Gus Risto and Mrs. Sam Krause, a beautiful flower plant on behalf of the young people.

Immediately following a choir selection, the prayer was offered by children and near relatives of the mothers thus honored. A recitation entitled, "My Madonna," and three German readings were given. A duet, "Think of What Mother Said," was sung by Martha and Walter Krause. Harry Strohschein brought the message on "Mothers of the Bible." A solo, unique in its meaning, "Wear Today the Sweet Carnation," was sung by Raymond Dickau.

MARTHA KRAUSE, Reporter.

## Southwestern Conference Creston, Nebr., B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church of Creston, Nebr., has just completed another year of service. We gather twice a month on Sunday evenings. One meeting is devoted to Bible studies under the Rev. J. J. Renz's leadership. During the past year we have been studying various parables in the New Testament. The other meetings are varied programs and prayer meetings. We have gained two new members during the past year.

On Sunday evening, May 8, we met for our annual anniversary program, consisting of special musical numbers and a dialogue, "The Triumph of Christianity." The Rev. Martin De Boer,

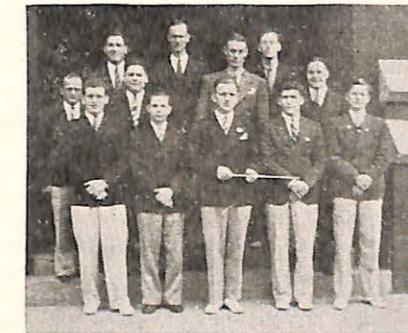
pastor of the Shell Creek Church, was our guest speaker, who gave a very interesting and helpful talk based on 1 Cor. 15:33. The offering was designated for general missions. Members of the Shell Creek Church were our guests, and at the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

ELSIE BRUNKEN, Secretary.

## Pacific Conference Widespread Ministry of the Los Angeles, California Male Chorus

The male chorus of the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., was organized six months ago by our minister, the Rev. B. W. Krentz, who is also the director. The group consists of fourteen men, all of whom are active members of the church.

Several times we have visited the San Pedro Sailors Rest Mission, bringing the message of the gospel in song. The men have welcomed us each time by their hearty response after the message.



Men's Class of the Los Angeles Church With the Rev. B. W. Krentz in the Center

During the dedication service of a new Baptist Sunday School in Cudahy, a suburb of Los Angeles, we were privileged to bring special numbers in song. We also sang during revival services held there.

During the week preceding Easter, our church conducted evangelistic services. The group sang at all the services, except one evening, when the church choir rendered the music. On Easter Sunday evening, during a baptismal service, the male chorus rendered several selections. A picture of the group also appears on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

PAUL LEUSCHNER, Reporter.

## Mothers'-Daughters' Banquet in the Laurelhurst Church of Portland, Oregon

On Friday, May 6, a Mothers'-Daughters' banquet was held in the Laurelhurst Church of Portland, Oregon. After assembling around the beautifully decorated tables, Mrs. F. W. Mueller greeted all the mothers and daughters present.

The banquet had been prepared by "the mothers" and was served by "the daughters." Following a piano duet by the Schmidtke sisters, a number of young women brought "a toast" to the mothers. The three Dyke sisters, all of them young mothers, sang the selection, "Your Mother's Prayers Will Follow You." Mrs. Alice Pohl spoke on "What Mothers Expect of Their Daughters." Several appropriate songs were sung by the Misses Frieda and Clara Henke.

Mrs. John Schweitzer, the pastor's wife in the Bethany Church of Oregon, was our guest speaker, and her inspiring message will long remain in our memories.

MRS. R. H. KROMBEIN, Reporter.

## Southern Conference Summer Assembly Program June 22-26

Greenville Church, near Burton, Texas

Theme: "Building on the Solid Foundation—Christ."

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## Dakota Conference

Young People's Convention at  
Avon, South Dakota  
From June 21 to 24

The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of South Dakota will hold its 17th annual summer assembly at Avon from June 21 to 24. The Rev. L. H. Broecker of St. Joseph, Mich., will be the guest speaker. He will bring us daily inspirational addresses.

We will have two interesting study courses, "The Character of Jesus" by the Rev. H. R. Schroeder of Madison, and "When Do Teachers Teach?" by the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Unityville.

The Efficiency Banner and the Attendance Banner will again be awarded at the final session.

We will again have a Mass Choir under the able direction of the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn. This was our special feature at our 1937 convention, and we are again looking forward to it with great pleasure.

MARTHA R. WIESE, Secretary.



### Central Conference Burns Avenue, Detroit, Mich. B. Y. P. U. Activities

The B. Y. P. U. of the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Mich., has again taken an active part in the life of the church.

On Easter Sunday we had a sunrise service under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U. This meeting turned out to be a success far beyond our expectations. At 6:30 A. M. the main auditorium was filled with a great throng of people and the Sunday School room was crowded even up to the balcony.

We were very fortunate in having Dr. H. H. Savage of the First Baptist Church of Pontiac, Mich., as our guest speaker. Dr. Savage has become one of the favorite pastors throughout the state of Michigan through his radio ministry. Everyone received a great blessing as he spoke to us on the subject of the resurrection of Christ. Vocal selections were given by the Young Ladies' Glee Club and a duet by the Misses Eleanor and Mildred Russell, while instrumental solos were played by Elmer Dymmel and Wilmer Orthner.

An offering was received at this meeting to help defray some of the radio expenses of Dr. Savage's broadcast. After the meeting approximately 150 of our church people remained for a breakfast which the young people had prepared.

On Tuesday, April 19, the B. Y. P. U. acted as host to the Men's Glee Club of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute, which rendered a splendid program for us that evening.

The first Sunday of every month is mission Sunday in our Union. At this meeting a mission offering is received. Although our city has been hit hard by the recession, our young people have been quite generous with their gifts.

We have our regular young people's meeting every Sunday evening at 6:30 P. M. with an average attendance of about fifty to sixty. We also have our regular monthly meetings at which we transact all business items. Then we have a variety program which is followed by a social in the church basement.

We pray that through our efforts some souls might be brought to the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior, and that Christian young people may be strengthened and trained for leadership. LYDIA BEKOWIES, Reporter.

### Chicago Sunday School Union

On Thursday evening, April 28, the Sunday School Workers' Union of Chicago and vicinity held its annual meeting at the Oak Park Church of Forest Park, Ill.

The delegates met at 6:30 P. M. for dinner, after which the business for the ensuing year was conducted. Re-

ports were given and \$40 was given to various mission causes. The officers elected were Mr. Herman Siemund, president; Mr. Fred Grosser, vice-president; Mrs. Olga Engbrecht, treasurer; Miss Martha Kinney, corresponding secretary; and Miss Olga Justin, recording secretary.

Mr. Walter Grosser, superintendent of the local Sunday School, opened the session with a devotional service. Our president, Mr. Siemund, called the roll and eight Sunday Schools responded.

Miss Lydia Mihm of Oak Park rendered a vocal solo and Mrs. Walter Pankratz and Miss Esther Sobesky of the First Church a vocal duet. The speaker of the evening, Dr. John Knechtel, brought a stirring address on "The Unpossessed Possession of a Sunday School Teacher."

On Sunday afternoon, May 15, the annual Sunday School Rally Day was observed at the First Church of Chicago. Although the weather was not very favorable, the children came in goodly numbers and a splendid spirit prevailed. Each of the nine Sunday Schools responded heartily to the roll call with an original song. The Sunday School of the Second Church won the beautiful picture of Christ for the best original song, and the Oak Park Sunday School the Christian flag for the highest percentage in attendance.

The musical numbers for the program were furnished by the Oak Park Children's Chorus, the Girls' Chorus from the Second Church, and an accordion solo by Leon Sarch, a blind boy. Mr. Arthur Pankratz played a medley of songs on the organ based on the theme of God's love.

The Rev. C. B. Nordland, business manager of the Moody Bible Institute, brought the message on "Change of Heart."

OLGA M. JUSTIN, Reporter.

### The Midwestern Young People's Conference at Pekin

The sixth annual Midwestern B. Y. P. U. Conference was held at Pekin, Ill., on April 30 and May 1. There were representatives from the Trenton and the Peoria State Park Churches of Illinois.

The conference began with a banquet held in the basement of the Pekin Church. The room was transformed into a ship's room with life savers, lighthouses, ships, and anchors as favors and decorations.

The theme of the conference was "Saved to Serve" and the theme song had the same thought. After the dinner, welcome addresses, responses, and musical numbers were in order. The Rev. William H. Lee Spratt of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago was the conference speaker, and his message on "Life's Pilot" was very inspiring. To conclude the evening's entertainment the members of the Peoria B. Y. P. U. presented a missionary

play, "The Soldier of the Cross," based on Matthew 10:39.

During the Sunday School hour, Dr. Charles F. Weigle, of Sebring, Florida, visiting evangelist at the Pekin Church, was the conference leader, speaking on the subject, "How to Know the Will of God."

On Sunday morning Mr. Spratt was again the speaker, speaking on the subject, "Living for Jesus."

The business meeting took place on Sunday afternoon, after which songs were sung and a devotional service was conducted by the Peoria B. Y. P. U. The last message given by Mr. Spratt, "Following Jesus," led many young people to consecrate their lives to the service of Jesus Christ. The Rev. P. Haynes, pastor of the Pekin Church, led the young people's meeting, speaking on "Study." The last meeting of the conference was the evening service, when Dr. Weigle spoke on "Three Kinds of Hell."

HELEN RUTH BROWN, Secretary.

### Oak Park Women's Missionary Society

Thursday, May 12, was the date of an auspicious event at the Oak Park German Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., for it was the occasion for celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society. Approximately 100 women were seated at the tables which were beautifully decorated with yellow snapdragons, golden candles and holders.

Following the Scripture reading by Mrs. A. P. Mihm, vice-president, and prayer by the pastor, the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, Mrs. A. F. Johns, president, in a few appropriate words bade the assembled guests a most hearty welcome. Mrs. Chas. Remus, our secretary, gave a brief but very interesting history of the society since its organization 50 years ago. This was followed by another interesting report by our treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Remus, which indicated conclusively that our society has been most active in a material and practical way. The report disclosed the fact that something over \$20,000 had been raised during the 50 years, of which about \$18,000 were devoted to mission purposes. Surely, this is another evidence of the visitation of "God's richest blessings" upon our society.

We have the privilege of still having actively engaged in our society two charter members, Mrs. Jacobine Fliege and Mrs. M. Krause, both of whom were present on this occasion. Mrs. Krause, who was the first president, gave us a brief talk on the blessings and trials during the first ten years from 1888 to 1898.

Mrs. M. Krogman, one of the oldest members, then spoke of the many members, 30 in number, who have since passed on to their heavenly home. Following this, Mrs. Jacobine Fliege related her recollections of the work and

experiences from 1908 to 1918. Mrs. F. Arndt, who has been a most capable member for many years, spoke briefly on the 10 year period from 1918 to 1928.

After these interesting talks the meeting was addressed by Mrs. A. F. Johns, who has been our president for the past 19 years. Mrs. Johns stressed her joy at the enthusiastic and loyal support and cooperation on the part of members which made her term of office so pleasant and contributed so much to the success of the organization. Mrs. Johns then presented the two charter members with golden colored corsages in recognition of their many years of loyal service.

The Rev. O. R. Schroeder, until recently pastor of the Anaheim Church, brought us greetings and best wishes from his dear wife, as well as from the Ladies' Aid Society of the Anaheim Church. He also spoke on the future of our organization and expressed the hope that many present would be able to participate in celebrating the 75th anniversary. The Rev. Theo. W. Dons, our pastor, then addressed the meeting briefly and brought words of cheer and encouragement for the future. During the proceedings we were favored with several beautifully rendered vocal selections by Mrs. S. Bird, daughter of Mrs. Krause.

Special recognition is due Mrs. Theo. W. Dons, beloved wife of our pastor, for her capable and untiring efforts in arranging for the wonderful program and, without doubt, this golden anniversary celebration will long remain a most pleasant memory to all who attended.

May our Ladies' Aid Society, which God has so abundantly blessed in the past, continue to merit his richest blessings in the future!

EDNA R. KROGMAN, Reporter.

### Northwestern Conference Racine, Wis.

The past year has shown marked progress in all departments of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis. Among the most hopeful signs is the increasing number of new faces at the services. The church has long had the tremendous problem of a changing neighborhood and the want of better transportation facilities. There has been some talk of beginning with a mission chapel in a new location and making a gradual transition. However, every known means has been aggressively launched forth to reach new people and to put the church and its message before the community. Extensive advertising has been done; special meetings have been held in the fall and spring; the choir has presented special choral services in a very forceful way; the evangelistic and prayer services have been emphasized; church

and pastor have promoted union services of a community nature as young people's rallies, men's rallies, etc. The Men's Bible Class, Charles Meier, president, together with other church brotherhoods made a complete religious census of the city of 70,000 persons, which was 89 per cent accurate, and furnished the pastor with a long list of prospects.

The young people's society, which a few years ago was temporary dormant, was organized into a young people's Bible Class with the pastor as teacher and sponsor. Two week night meetings are held each month. Interest is growing and the future is quite promising. Adeline Jander is the president, and Grace Jones, secretary-treasurer. This group will soon be receiving a large number of well trained young people from the Junior Society, known locally as "the Sunshine Circle," which meets twice weekly on Sunday and Friday evenings under the capable leadership of Mrs. Hugo Schacht.

Dr. Wm. Kuhn spoke to us recently on "Opening the Windows of Heaven." It moved the church to determine that this year's missionary gifts shall at least equal that of last year.

The King's Daughters, the missionary society of the younger women, with Mrs. Otto Jander as president, spon-

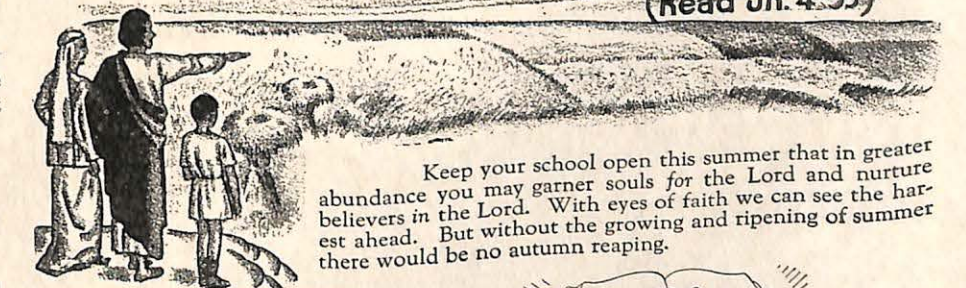
sored the Mother-Daughter Banquet which had the largest attendance of recent years. Miss Alma Wiechers was the toastmistress. The Women's Missionary Society launched a drive to raise \$500 to decorate the church interior for the 85th anniversary next year.

Dr. Meyer of the Philippines has been in and out of town throughout the year. He has been the most companionable Christian worker ever in our midst. While in town he has been busy speaking before churches and civic groups as has also Mrs. Meyer. The church has received new impetus in missionary interest because these missionaries have spent so much of their furlough with us. Mrs. Meyer has also been a member of the choir. To show the esteem, in which she is held, the choir gave a special Vesper Service in her honor on Sunday, May 22. She was the soprano soloist in the Choral Vesper Service on Palm Sunday when the choir rendered Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary." The effect of this cantata, so efficiently rendered, made this one of the most stirring spiritual experiences of the church in recent times. The church is justly proud of its efficient choir. Alfred Hilker is the organist and director.

REV. A. ENGEL, Pastor.

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After being examined by the Ordination Council of the city of Rochester, N. Y., and Monroe County, Mr. Paul G. Schade, son of Professor and Mrs. A. A. Schade, was ordained in the presence of a large audience at the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., on Sunday, May 15. Dr. C. H. Moehlman of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School delivered the ordination address; Professor A. A. Schade offered the ordination prayer; Dr. E. B. Cross gave the charge to the candidate; and Professor O. E. Krueger welcomed Mr. Schade into the ministry.

Mr. Paul Schade was graduated from the University of Rochester with distinction. On May 23, 1938, he was graduated from the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. His scholastic achievements have earned him a scholarship at the Yale Graduate School at New Haven, Conn.

HARVEY R. KOESTER, Reporter.

## Pittsburgh, Pa.

### B. Y. P. U. Activities

During the past year, the B. Y. P. U. of the Temple Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., has enjoyed success in most of its undertakings. Ray Seibert has served as president of our society and Walter Evans as vice-president.

A very inspiring Vesper Service, led by Martha Skyrms, was held at the Boy Scout camp fire in South Park on Sunday evening, October 3.

During the 75th anniversary celebration of our church last October, the young people sponsored a Fellowship Supper attended by approximately 200 persons. The young people had charge of the evening program, and the Rev. Theodore Koester delivered the message on "Temple Youth and the Year 2012." The Young People's Chorus sang.

Our third large project was the Home-Coming Meeting on Sunday evening, November 21, with our president, Ray Seibert in charge. The Rev. John Fife delivered the message, our Young People's Chorus and Ladies' Quartet

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In order to build up the membership roll and to encourage young people around the age of 16 to become interested in B. Y. P. U. work, a contest was planned for three months from January to March, 1938. Edward Collins and Lois Reichenbach were elected captains of the two teams, "the Skyscraper Reds" and "the Skyscraper Blues." Points were awarded for new members visitors, and members present at each Sunday evening meeting. Competition was keen and "the Skyscraper

Reds" managed to win by a very small margin. To further stimulate interest, the captain of each team had charge of three meetings.

On February 17 the young people had a very enjoyable time at a Valentine Party held by the Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Holzer at their home. March was a busy month, with Open House at the Y. M. C. A. on March 11; presentation of the play, "The Great Choice" on Sunday evening, March 20, and meetings conducted in the interest of Camp Corbly. Good Friday, April 15, was observed by the young people with a very impressive Candlelight Service.

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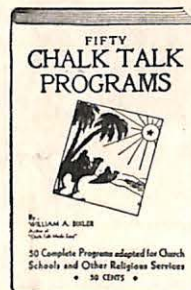
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