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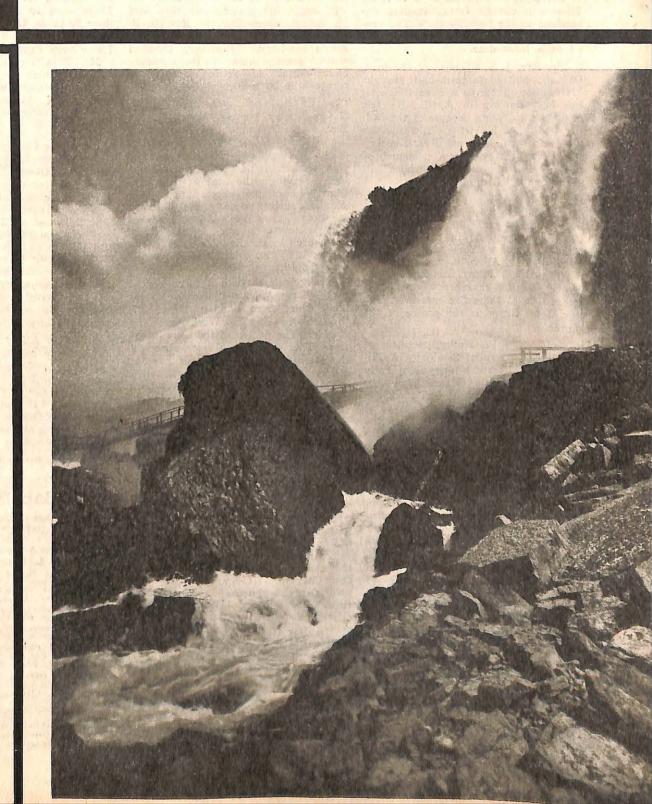


Denominational
Day of
Prayer
and
Fasting

May 26, 1938



A thrilling view of Niagara's mighty, thunderous cataract with the renowned "Rock of Ages" in the foreground



What's Happening

- The Rev. Hilko Swyter of Canton, Bruno Lueback, missionary in China, Elberta Church is in a very promising Ohio recently resigned as pastor of the German Baptist Church of that city. His resignation was effective immediately on Sunday evening, April 3. His plans for the future are as yet indefi-
- The Atlantic Conference will meet in the First German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., from Sept. 14 to 18. This is a change from the date announced in the "Notizbuch." The program of the conference will be published at a later date.
- The Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn of Shattuck, Okla., recently resigned and brought his ministry there to a close following the first Sunday in April. He felt compelled to resign because of the failing health of his wife. Towards the close of April, Mr. and Mrs. Ehrhern moved to Vickery, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. For a while Mr. Ehrhorn will not attempt to supply a pulpit.
- * The Rev. Samuel Blum, editor of "Der Sendbote," was the guest speaker in a series of evangelistic and inspirational services held in the Immanuel Church of New York, N. Y., from Palm Sunday, April 10, to Easter Sunday, April 17. Many friends from the nearby Baptist churches were also in attendance at these fine meetings. The Rev. John Grygo is the pastor of the church.
- 3 Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill., addressed a large men's rally on Tuesday evening, March 29, in the First Baptist Church of Oak Park, Ill. Almost 700 men were in attendance at the banquet and rally, representing the Baptist churches of Chicago and vicinity. Dr. Koller stirred the enthusiastic audience with his address on "You Are Living-But What For?"
- 3 The State Park Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., honored Mr. W. L. Hagen on the 40th anniversary of his service as deacon of the church on Easter Sunday, April 17. Mr. Hagen has served under 8 pastors of the church. On March 28 on the occasion of his 70th birthday he was the recipient of a shower of birthday cards. He has been elected "deacon emeritus" by the church. The Rev. L. L. Leininger is the pastor of the church.
- two of the Lenten services before audi-On March 31 and April 1 the Rev. tist Church in Marion, Kansas. The

brought four interesting lectures to the B. Y. P. U. and evening service in the Andrews Street Church of Roches-

- * The Rev. H. G. Dymmel of Roches- * Evangelistic meetings were recently ter, N. Y., professor in the German Baptist Seminary of this city, has accepted the call extended to him by the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif. He will begin his services on this field on July 1, succeeding the Rev. O. R. Schroeder, who is retiring from the active ministry. Professor Dymmel will be greatly missed in the seminary clasroom, but his return to the pastorate will be welcomed by many of his friends.
- On Sunday evening, March 27, the Rev. J. G. Draewell, the interim pastor of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., baptized 9 persons on confession of their faith. Mr. Draewell has been serving the large Ebenezer Church in both languages with a great deal of success during the past 10 months. From April 3 to 17 evangelistic meetings were conducted in the church by the Rev. Ralph E. Stewart of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill.
- Evangelistic services were conducted in the Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio, from Sunday, March 27, ance at some of the services was exthrough the Passion Week preceding Easter. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, brought the messages. A number of persons confessed their faith in Christ, and 7 converts were baptized on Easter Sunday morning. At a Union service on Good Friday evening, April 15, held in the White Avenue Church the Rev. T. W. Bender was the speaker.
- : On Sunday evening, March 13, the B. Y. P. U. of Alfred, No. Dak., held a special program on "Service" which was well attended in spite of inclement weather. About 25 young people took part in the musical numbers of the program. A Bible study on the book of James was led by Mr. Otto Nitschke. Messages on the service of youth for the church were brought by Messrs. John Metz and Harry De Witt. The pastor of the church, the Rev. G. W. Rutsch, brought a brief address in closing.
- The Rev. G. C. Schwandt, formerly The chorus of the German Baptist pastor of the German Baptist Church Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. sang at of Mowata, Louisiana, in the Southern Conference, began his service as the ences of 1500 people held in the Asbury new minister of the church in Elberta, Methodist Church on East Avenue on Alabama, on Palm Sunday, April 10. Feb. 24 and March 10. The director He succeeded the Rev. Phil. Potzner of the chorus is Mr. Walter Marchand. who has become the pastor of the Bap-

mission field on the eastern boundary of the Southern Conference. Mr. Schwandt was pastor of the Mowata Church for more than 4 years.

- held at the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, with the Rev. John C. Schweitzer of the Bethany Church conducting the meetings. There were 20 persons who confessed their faith in Christ as Savior as a result of these well attended services. The church expressed its appreciation to Mr. Schweitzer "for his inspirational messages which deepened the spiritual lives of the many visiting friends and members of the church." The Rev. Fred W. Mueller is the pastor of the church.
- : On Easter Sunday morning, the Rev. Charles Wagner, pastor of the Baptist Church in Okeene, Okla., baptized 12 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. Evangelistic meetings were held for 3 weeks in March with the Rev. R. Vasel of Bison, Kansas, conducting them in German from March 6 to 13, and with the Rev. Pieter Smit, D. D., leading them in English from March 14 to 27. Cottage prayer meetings were held every morning throughout the revival period. The attendceptionally large.
- The Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt began his ministry in the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, on Sunday, April 3, preaching in the morning service on "Exceeding All Expectations." It was hoped that Mrs. Bernadt and their son would also be in Burlington at that time, but on the way from Brooklyn to Burlington Al-

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GUEST EDITORIAL

By the REV. WILLIAM KUHN, D. D., General Missionary Secretary

66 WILL a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Bring ye all

Heaven

the tithes into the storehouse, Opening the that there may be meat in mine Windows of house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of

heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The prophet, Malachi, first delivered this message to God's people who had returned to Jerusalem from their captivity in Babylon. Since then about twenty-five hundred years have elapsed. At that time God's people were living under God's displeasure. God's prophet charged this people with serious offense. To climax it all this whole nation was robbing God.

We are living twenty-five hundred years later and no longer under the old covenant but in the noonday brightness of the new covenant. Who among us would be so bold as to rise up and for us individually and our churches collectively plead "NOT GUILTY," against this indictment of God? Who would dare to say that the sins condemned by Malachi do not appear in our own churches in this present day? How delighted we would be to be able to declare in all honesty that our churches and our entire membership were living under the OPENED WINDOWS OF HEAVEN, enjoying the outpoured blessings of God. Our conscience forbids us to make such a declaration.

Through his prophet God promises to pour out a rich blessing through the opened windows of heaven. It must be conceded that only God can open the windows of heaven, but we must do our part. He says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." That means pay to God all that is due him. We must faithfully fulfill our every last obligation toward God. Nothing less will

We must, of course, be faithful in the stewardship of our money and not deceive God as Ananias and Sapphira did. However, doing our part includes much more. We must plead guilty and correct those wrongs which are written in God's indictment against us. We must present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.

Are we willing to accept God's challenge and "prove him herewith"? Are we willing to give unto God all that is God's? God's law concerning the opening of the windows of heaven is inexorable. We must do our part. We must pay God's price. DARE WE?

What a difference, whether one lives under the displeasure of God or under the blessings poured out from the opened windows of heaven. What eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor ever entered into the mind of man, all that is included in the blessings from the opened windows of heaven. God's blessing is never meager but given in rich profusion and overflowing measure, according to the riches of his grace. At times we have seen individuals or local churches or even an entire denomination living under God's blessing. May our own beloved denomination experience this privilege!

Every individual, church or denomination, living under the blessings from the opened windows of heaven, immediately becomes conspicuous because of its genuine prosperity. "And all nations shall call you blessed: For ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts."

We pray that God might pour out upon us his rich blessings through the OPENED WINDOWS OF HEAVEN. We pledge that we are ready to pay God's price and give unto God all that is due him from us.

another Missionary Appointed for Africa

The Story of MISS LAURA REDDIG of Chicago, Ill., Related to the General Mission Committee

EDITOR'S FOREWORD

The inspiring climax of this year's session of the General Missionary Committee was reached on Wednesday afternoon, April 6, with an unusual incident. For the second time in the history of the committee a young woman made her personal appearance before it to present her credentials as a missionary and nurse for our foreign mission field in the Cameroons of Africa. Miss Laura Reddig, formerly of Cathay, North Dakota, and at present a student in the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Illinois, was that applicant. Her personal statement was so beautifully and convincingly presented that it appears herewith in full. The committee voted, as Brother Kuhn expressed it. "with unanimity, with much joy and assurance, and with deep conviction," to send her as our new missionary-nurse to Africa to serve on the Mambila field with the Dungers, who have preceded her. Miss Reddig is a gifted young woman who has yielded herself unreservedly to God's call for service. She will leave for Africa early this fall, after making an extended trip through the United States and Canada during the summer months visiting young people's conferences and churches.

MISS REDDIG'S TESTIMONY

At 11 years of age I made my confession of faith in Christ as my Savior and was baptized by the Rev. Herman Kayser in the German Baptist Church of Cathay, North Dakota. That decision of mine brought me a great deal of joy as well as my parents who were leading members of that church.

Upon graduation from high school I had a strong desire to become a nurse. Certain words of Jesus prompted me in my decision. They marked my favorite verse in the Bible: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." I knew in my heart that by helping my Master. others in the name of Christ, I was helping Jesus, my Savior.

So I went to the Mounds Midway School of Nursing in St. Paul, Minn., and graduated from its course of study after three years. But when I had finished my training there, I must piest two years of my life. confess that I had lost my zest for definite Christian service. It was my hearing spoke about the new Mambila I said to him as I have repeated my first experience away from home and mission field in Africa, which was soon testimony elsewhere that I want to many strange influences had been to be opened to us as a denomination, give all my life and devote all my



Miss Laura Reddig, Newly-appointed Missionary for the Cameroons, Africa

tude at that time in my Christian life. I was only thinking of making money for myself, attaining a good position and achieving greatness. The first love for my Savior and his work had dimmed

In 1935 I attended the Northwestern Bible Conference at Medicine Lake. Minn., a conference sponsored by the Northwestern Bible School of which Dr. W. B. Riley is the president. I knew that something vitally important was lacking in my Christian life. I wanted to make my life more worth while. While at this conference I met three young women from Minneapolis, templated these developments and with whom I made my burden a special object of prayer. Each afternoon we would meet in the nearby woods field was he calling me? In which for a small prayer meeting. One day while sitting on the grass one of the girls quoted Paul's words in 2 Timothy 2:15: "Study to show thyself ap- with me, he told me about the dangers proved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." That verse spoke especially to my heart and to my need and rekindled the spiritual zest and original desire of my life to serve

My pastor, the Rev. E. Bibelheimer of Cathay, North Dakota, recommended the Baptist Missionary Train- message still ringing in my heart I ing School of Chicago to me, where I went back to my room and prayed began my studies in 1936. The two years that followed have been the hap-

A year ago Brother Kuhn in my brought to bear upon my life. Possibly Conscious of God's call to Africa in my strength in this work of ours in the

missionary headquarters. There was no favorable response and I waited patiently and quietly for developments.

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In the meantime, my interest in Africa and its needs was intensified. Our school is situated in a section of Chicago that we call "Chicago's Africa" because of the large number of Negroes in that vicinity. The field work of the students is a spiritual and social ministry to the Negroes of this neighborhood. Our field work is always an expression of our class work. in which I have come to understand these Negroes better and to love them as God's children, just as we are, who need his grace and salvation.

As a result of my intense interest in Africa, I wrote my thesis for graduation on the subject, "Experiences of a Pioneer Nurse in Central Africa." In that thesis I emphasized the medical side of a missionary's service, as he or she has to treat the diseases and sicknesses prevalent in that area.

Then I heard about the departure of the Rev. and Mrs. George A. Dunger for Africa, possibly to enter the new pioneer field in Mambila. I knew by this news that developments in our African work were transpiring. About the same time I received a letter from the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Scciety, which had heard about me through the Students' Volunteer organization, telling me about three openings in missionary service in Baptist hospitals located in China and the Belgium Congo. As I concalls, I wondered whether God was challenging me thereby. To which work was I most deeply interested?

Then Brother Kuhn invited me to his office and in a memorable session and risks which awaited me in the Cameroons, if I went there. Frankly and candidly he pictured to me a missionary's life on this pioneer field. As he told me, I would be five days' journey away from the nearest doctor. On most occasions I would have to depend on God and my resourcefulness in facing difficult tests out there. With his earnestly for light and guidance.

God has given me much joy to make my decision for our work in Africa. I phoned my decision to Brother Kuhn. that accounts for my lukewarm atti- heart, I sent my application to our Cameroons as a missionary-nurse.

Only by Prayer and Fasting

An Urgent Call for the Observance of the Denominational Day of Prayer and Fasting on Thursday, May 26, 1938

Missionary Committee is always a meeting of great importance. Farreaching decisions are made and large sums of money, running into tens of thousands of dollars, are appropriated. The assembled committee was clearly conscious of the magnitude of the task. The Spirit of the Lord was consciously present during those two days of session early in April.

RECOGNIZING OUR CRISIS

At the very beginning of the session, our financial crisis was brought to the attention of the committee. The members responded to this presentation of our crisis intelligently and sympathetically. When we compare our entire budget income amounting to \$3,372.99 for the month of March with the necessary expenditures for the Missionary Society alone amounting to \$8,077.56. we will understand perfectly that we find ourselves at this time in the midst of an alarming crisis. Every other society sharing in our budget finds itself in the same predicament.

Many of our best contributing ished during the past years, so that they find themselves in the unhappy situation of not being able to contribwe still have many members among us who do not contribute to the largest facing a crisis, although from another ence. angle.

CALLING ON GOD FOR HELP

The General Missionary Committee was unanimous in the conviction that in this hour of our extremity we are unable of ourselves to overcome this crisis. We would not shirk our part nor spare ourselves. We would folhis disciples were confronted by inoccasion, the Lord said: "Have faith in God."

We recognize with deep gratitude that is was only God who brought us through the long years of the depression. We profess to believe in prayer. We hold in our memories as a sacred treasure the many experiences of havprayers. God invites us to come to his Our desperate need, our own insufficiency, our own prayer experiences to us by our Lord, all these circum- stances and personal beliefs.

The annual session of the General stances constrain us to call on God

A SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER

Our churches everywhere should observe this special Day of Prayer and Fasting to be held on Thursday, May 26, because not one of our churches will be exempt from the effects of this crisis. Altogether we form one large family; we are all members of Christ's body. In this denomination-wide crisis, the entire denomination unitedly should call upon God for help. Such a call, coming from the thousands of our people, all praying with passion and faith, will surely be recognized by God and will meet his divine favor. When King Herod had killed James and was about to kill Peter, the Apostolic Church prayed unitedly as it is written: "Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for

But how can we enlist our entire membership to participate? They as we must realize the seriousness of the hour. They as well as we should bechurch members have been impover- come convinced of our impotence. Only as our members actually hear and heed the Spirit's invitation to come to the Throne of Grace will they ute according to the urging of their respond and then meet at that Throne own hearts. Sometimes it is said that of Grace on that Thursday of Christ's ascension, May 26. We pray that the Holy Spirit himself may deliver this work of the denomination. If that be call and then influence every church so, then we can clearly see that we are member to render a spontaneous obedi-

WHY FASTING?

Many may say: "Fasting is outmoded and belongs to the forgotten past." We do not stress fasting because there is any intrinsic virtue in such abstinence from food. Nevertheless, fasting is scriptural and often referred to even in the New Testament. low the advice given by our Lord when Jesus doubtlessly practiced fasting. God's people, all through the centuries, surmountable difficulties. On that even to the present, when facing a catastrophe, have often resorted to fasting.

When the soul is engaged in passionate prayer the usual routine of life is very easily broken. In the face of an all-consuming passionate desire, many otherwise important matters fall into very subordinate placs. Fasting will ing received marvelous answers to our surely strengthen concentration on the one thing desired. We have no set of mercy seat in this our midnight hour. rules to offer to regulate this fasting. It is our conviction that every individual must decide for himself accordand likewise the invitation extended ing to temperament, life's circum-

THE OBSERVANCE OF THURSDAY, MAY 26

We have no uniform program for the observance of this special day. The particular situation on the local field will largely determine.

- 1. It is of utmost importance that each church take some definite action regarding its own observance of this day of prayer and fasting.
- 2. Many Christian families can arrange for a profitable observance in their own homes.
- 3. For such who are separated from church attendance there is still the possibility of meeting together with their Lord alone. He will never disappoint.
- 4. In most churches there should be at least one public meeting under the intelligent and sympathetic leadership of the paster. In this meeting there should be much prayer and confession.
- 5. Reading this number of THE RAPTIST HERALD and also suitable portions of Scripture will awaken the soul and direct the thinking and pray-
- 6. In large churches the day can be divided into 15 minute periods and these periods then can be allotted to such who will voluntarily use them as their particular prayer time.
- 7. Some pastors may arrange for informal round-table discussions of our denominational affairs. These discussions should always culminate in
- 8. Very likely the young people or the women will arrange for a meeting by themselves in the interest of our Day of Prayer and Fasting.
- 9. It would bring the Day of Prayer and Fasting to a happy climax if each member, both the young and the old, will make a money contribution to our beloved denomination: 25 cents, 50 cents, one dollar, or even much more for those who are financially able. It will be appreciated if each church will send the sum total of this Special Offering to Forest Park at once.

"AND HE BLESSED HIM THERE"

Thus it is written of the patriarch. Jacob, after spending that memorab'e night at Jabbok, wrestling with the angel of God. How great was that blessing? Jacob learned to know God better than ever before; his perverse nature as a "supplanter" was conquered and as a prince he received power with God and man. In that

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All Aboard! Africa Bound!

By the REV. GEORGE A. DUNGER, Our Newly Appointed Missionary for the Cameroons

in a Letter Written on the Ship, "Wahehe". En Route to Africa

A wide river! Low lands, dykes! windmill turns lazily in the breeze of a dying day, and the sun sets in golof Antwerp.

Hours have passed. The night has come. Suddenly, search-lights pierce the darkness. The engines stop. A boat approaches. The pilot leaves the steamship, "Wahehe."

Thus, the days have come and gone. Some weeks ago-at midnight-we saw the lights of New York City disappear. Only a few days ago those of Hamburg were left behind. Busy hours of preparation lie in the past, and busy hours of toil lie ahead. God has given grace to all!

Time is fleeing. Occasions arise. Opportunities come and go. Forever! Have we left the imprint of a Christian life upon them? Or are they unused, misused, lost-forever?

God, speaking to us through his written Word and the incarnate Word, speaks also to us through natural things, but mostly, I believe, through people. If we only, always knew it! The past years and days give evidence to that. People, next to prayer and Bible study, have become the greatest blessings for us. God uses people, especially his children, to aid, assist, guide, direct, guard, warn, and rescue There was a colporter who showed me others. It is an unparalleled privi- by his example the beauty and force-

Far extending, fertile pastures! A that we, with many others, are chosen tian life. Through him I knew that a to carry out his will.

> speaking, I would have remained a lost sinner, a lazy Christian and a useless being. People have come into every life like the pilot boards a ship. They have come, and departed. The imprint of their lives and the impact of their Christian action remain with me, will ever remain with me, and through me will activate others for a closer fellowship with Christ.

> There is my uncle, a diamond in the raw. He spent his life in the tropics, building railroads. Where? In the Cameroons. He captivated a boy's longing for teaching and well-doing for the land and people which he had come to love. There is one of my teachers, a simple and refined man. He taught me the beauty of a landscape, of a sunset, of a flower. He instilled in me the unquestionable desire for the ideal which I later found in Christ-and helped me in acquiring the art of living simply and surrendered. What riches I received out of those two

> And how many more I found in the treasure house of the personalities and characters of friends and loved ones!

lege to be used of God and to know fulness of a quiet, modest and Christrue follower of Jesus never can be God's guiding hand placed people loud and noisy. And then there is the den splendor beyond the lofty spires into my life without whom, humanly missionary-now gone to his restwho was called to serve the heathen Cameroons and, believing, dared to do.

Faith then became the active working principle of my life. Faith became the God-given certainty of things unseen, yet real. Redemption and the continuous growth in Christ took on a deeper meaning. I knew I was responsible for others. Perhaps, I might be a pilot to guide the precious ship of a soul into the eternal harbor. Perhaps, God might use me to spread the gospel, to found churches and to establish my brethren in the faith.

The steamship, "Wahehe," moves slowly, for fog is drifting in thick shrouds over the English Channel. Above, the stars shine in majestic splendor. The man at the helm knows the dangers of fog. He also knows the

We are going to the Cameroons, where we shall arrive on April 14. Countless souls are in danger. They never saw the light and glory of Jesus, the Christ. To live and tell the message of the Cross and the resurrection of Christ is our task.

God help us all to guide these souls

"A White Stranger" in African Villages

By MISS CARRIE M. SWYTER, Missionary in Nigeria, West Africa

the white man is not situated, reveals the attitude of the black people toward the white messenger of the gospel and the message which he or she brings.

Recently I visited a little village, where since January, 1937, a definite work has been carried on by one of our a "stranger" and was greeted with natives. Upon my arrival I was informed that the chief planned to come to salute me as soon as it would be convenient for me. He came with six of his followers. After exchanging the usual salutations, he appeared somewhat embarrassed. I suddenly became very conscious of the fact that I was a woman. Whether or not he considered his visit a condescension on his part, I could not tell. However, he who had come to tell the news of Jesus.

A visit to an African village, where morning I returned the visit and was then ready to pursue my purpose.

As I went from one compound to another during the following days, I was received by the people according to the stamp which they themselves put upon me. In some of the compounds I was cold indifference. In others I was a "white person" and received forced respect. Again, in other places I was an "intruder" and was considered more obliging when I left the compound than when I entered. As the people learned of my "single state," I was looked upon as a curiosity, indeed! How comforting it was to find some who joyfully received me as one

You can imagine the confusion and

tions. My chief concern was whether the message, which I had come to give them, would be thus hindered by the messenger. How I clung to those words, "My word shall not return unto me void," and I resolved to take every opportunity to teach the Word itself.

It was quite impossible to carry on a school during the day, for during the rainy season the work keeps all hands busy from morning until night. We, therefore, gathered together each evening. Besides the regular school-boys, we had a large number of women and girls. It was then that I sought to drill into their minds such passages of Scripture as would lead them to see their own need and the full supply of gave his hearty approval when I announced my desire to visit the women nounced my desire to visit the women as I thought of these varied receptions and the contract of the second and the seco grace in Christ The young men were (Continued on Page 180)

B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

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WHAT'S IN THE BIBLE

Scripture Reference: Exodus 34:27-28; Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-5.

1. The Book of Books

"The Bible walks the ways of all the world with familiar feet and enters land after land to find its own everywhere. It has learned to speak in hundreds of languages to the hearts of man. It comes into the palace to tell the monarch that he is a servant of the Most High, and into the cottage to assure the peasant that he is a son of God. Children listen to its stories with wonder and delight and wise men ponder them as parables of life. It has a word of peace for the time of peril, a word of comfort for the day of calamity, a word of light for the hour of darkness. The wilderness and the solitary place have been made glad by it, and the fire on the hearth has lit the reading of its well-worn pages.

"No man is poor or desolate who has this treasure for his own. When the landscape darkens and the trembling pilgrim comes to the Valley named of the Shadow, he is not afraid to enter: he takes the rod and staff of Scripture in his hand; he says to friend and comrade, 'Good bye; we shall meet again'; and comforted by that support. he goes through the lonely pass as one who walks through darkness into HENRY VAN DYKE. light."

2. What Is the Bible?

"The Bible is God's Word about himself. It tells us who and what he is. It describes his purpose and explains his plan. No man can ever find the fulness of knowledge of God who does not search the Scriptures. The Bible is God's Word about his supreme creation. If man would know himself, he must know the book that Tyndale died to open. You may dispute with the biologists of many schools, but with quoting the textbook that declares, 'In the beginning, God . . .'

"The Bible, alone of all the books opened to human thought, dares chart us just how we may seek first God's the course for both the body and the soul from the beginning to the end and into the beyond. It alone tells us whence and how and why we came, and whither we go. And because the Bible does reveal God; because it does explain man, his creation, his rise, his fall, his struggles, and his destiny; because it does introduce and interpret salvation; the only way of life; the Jesus Christ, man's only sufficient only way of safe guidance; the only Sayior-the Bible is and ever shall be way of real strength; the only way of the Book for the Ages."

DANIEL A. POLING

3. "Billy" Sunday and the

"Many years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my guide, I entered at the 176. portico of Genesis, walked down the corridor of the Old Testament art-galleries, where pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, and Jacob and Daniel hang on the wall. I passed into the music-room of the Psalms where the spirit sweeps the keyboard of nature until it seems that every reed and pipe in God's great organ responds to the harp of David, the sweetsinger of Israel.

"I entered the chamber of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher is heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon and the lily of the valley where sweet spices filled and perfumed my life. I entered the business office of Proverbs and on into the observatory of the prophets where I saw telescopes of various sizes pointing to far off events, concentrating on the bright and the morning star which was to rise above the moonlit hills of Judea for our salvation and redemption.

"I entered the audience-room of the King of Kings, catching a vision written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Thence into the correspondence-room with Paul, Peter, James and John writing their epistles. I stepped into the throne-room of Revelation where tower the glittering peaks, where sits the King of Kings upon his throne of glory with the healing of the nations in his hand, and I cried out:

'All hail the power of Jesus' Name. Let angels prostrate fall Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all."

4. We Need the Bible

"Men need life! Therefore, men need the Bible. It is the only book this world has ever had that brings spiritual and eternal life to men; and it is them all you will find yourself at last the only book that is itself livingalive. 'For the word of God is living, and active.'

"The Bible is the only book that tells kingdom and his righteousness. It is the all-sufficient way-the sure and infallible way. Everyone who reads the Bible with open heart and mind can say, as did a man who lived some three thousand years ago, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.' It shows the only way of true comfort."

CHARLES G. TRUMBULL.

Sunday, June 12, 1938

ENJOYING THE BIBLE

Scripture Reference: Psalm 119:162-

(The following is an abridgement of a marvelous pamphlet on "Worthwhile Ways of Reading the Bible," published by the American Bible Society. Copies of this pamphlet in lots of 50 or less can be secured free from the editor.)

1. The Bible Is Everyone's Book

The Bible is all in all mankind's greatest treasure. A few men may have crowns, and a few may have fortunes; fewer still can enjoy either. But, everyone may have the Bible, and everyone who will may enjoy it with a great happiness.

But, of course, no one can enjoy it if it stands dusty on the shelf or dusted on the living room table! It must be read. That is not only the first thing to do; it is almost the only essential thing to do. Read it.

To be sure, men have read it idly, and suddenly their spirits have been "stabbed broad awake," as they have found it speaking right straight to them. But that is no reason for reading it idly. Read it with attention.

2. Reading the Bible For the First Time

If the Bible is new to you, or if you have read it only casually, there are many places at which to start. Probably the best is the gospel according to Luke and the book of Acts. Here are the events and the Person that mark the turning point of human history. To the light from these chapters the rest of the Bible contributes. and in their light it and all life are illumined. Whatever ground you traverse, this will be the peak from which you will get your bearings.

Follow with the other gospels and some of the shorter letters of Paul. Then extend your acquaintancesearch out the riches of the Psalms, read the early chapters of Genesis, the story of David, the pithy wisdom of Proverbs, some of the ringing messages of the Prophets, and more of the New Testament. By this time you can find your way about in this library of sixty-six books. But do not try too soon to master the whole of it; in reading the Bible, you are not cramming for an examination, but living with a friend.

3. Ways of Reading the Bible

When you have thus gotten the lay of the land and some insight into what the Bible is about, you will find different ways of reading rewarding. Here are some among many:

(1) Take one book or one group of chapters and read and re-read it scores of times. "By repeated re-reading in the face of our practical problems, a book begins to live in the mind like a magnetic current. To get the benefit of the Bible, one needs not a snapshot, but a time exposure."

(2) Read it, especially the gospels. and from the Psalms and epistles, for light on personal problems-purpose in life, friendships, anxiety over loved ones, financial perplexities, the guilt of sin, when tempted to do wrong.

(3) Read it to find the person most like yourself, and study his experience with God and life. A brilliant woman, who became acquainted with Christ only in her mature years, compared her experience with the like experiences of men and women in the New Testament.

(4) Read to understand thoroughly a single character-what his motive and his hope, what his ambitions, what battles he lost and won. The Bible holds life before us so that you can see into it.

(5) Take a great word or phrase-"aith," "patience" "grace," "the g'ory of God,"-and trace its meaning through the Bible. Or take some great theme the creative power of God, what God expects of us, what help God gives us, the meaning of courage, prayer. Perchance prayer, that may seem "unreal" to you now, will become

(6) Read the Bible for light on some one of the problems of the world's life-individual rights, freedom and law, the duties of nations, the qualities of public leaders, the foundations of peace.

(7) Sometime you will want to read the Bible all the way through for what it will do for you, not for the sake of having done it.

4. Memorizing Bible Passages

Store up the fruits of your reading. A record of it by date and passages, perhaps with comment, will prove worth making. Summarize what you discover. Memorize great passages that help you. Why keep in the storehouse of your mind only the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the Twen- our foreign mission fields. ty-third Psalm, learned perhaps when you were only six or eight? Add Job 38, Psalms 19, 24, 46, 91, 103, and 104, 1 Corinthians 13, the Parables of the Lost Sheep, the Last Judgment, the Good Samaritan, and the Prodigal Son. and St. John's Gospel, chapters 14, 18, 19, 20. There are no finer riches for the mind.

Read the Bible surely by yourself; but also seek companionship in reading. In the family, with a friend or a group of friends, in a class, new discoveries will be made that only such reading can bring. The richest experiences of life must be shared.

Workshop for Church Leaders

Young People Observing the Denominational Day of Prayer

By MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Young People's Secretary

Almost this entire issue of THE individuals are making special mem-BAPTIST HERALD is devoted to the observance of the Day of Prayer and Fasting by our entire denomination on Thursday, May 26. Such a crisis. as we are facing, demands earnest prayer and urgent action. Through prayer we would like to see the windows of heaven opened upon Sunday Schools and young people's sccieties as of the denomination.

We hope that the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School of every church will co-operate with the pastor and leaders of the church in the observance of this day. Announce the plans of your church with enthusiasm and clarity on the Sunday preceding. Remember our missionaries by name in your prayers on that Sunday, May 22, especially such as the Sisters Lydia Doellefeld and Emma Herrmann, George Ste?fanof, Carl Fuellbrandt, T. Dimitrof, the Gebauers, Edith Koppin and the Dungers. Bring the needs of our mission fields to the throne of God's grace through definite requests. Only as the teachers and officers of the Sunday School and the B. Y. P. U. leaders themselves have this vision of God's opened windows of blessing in a time of crisis will this special day and observance have any marked results and received from the Gebauers in A rica

At the young people's meeting on the Sunday preceding the Day of Prayer and Fasting a special denominational program might be held. The missionary office will be glad to co-operate in arranging for such a program. The still film lecture on "Seeing God's Glory" with the three projectors for use in our churches is available to any group requesting it of the Rev. William Kuhn at Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. If a motion picture projector can be secured in your community, you might ask for several reels of moving pictures with a marvelous depiction of

Possibly, some of our young people or Sunday School groups would like to undertake some project in giving as a preparation for this special day. Attractive little savings banks are available from our missionary headquarters in any number for such who send in their requests. For the week of May the young people could deny themselves of certain luxuries or make a special attempt at giving for the mission work through the organization and church. Such gifts even though small, will help to swell the total amount which is needed in this crisis.

orial gifts in loving memory of some member of the family or friend who has passed on to his or her reward. Recently two sisters sent a check for \$100 in memory of a departed sister. Another person sent \$200 as a memorial for a member of the family. A third check of \$60 was also recently received in memory of someone's well as upon the church constituencies mother. These gifts are a part of God's blessings, of which we need -many more in this alarming crisis. Possibly your society or organization can make a memorial gift for the noble cause of our mission work.

In your B. Y. P. U. meeting the leader could write on the blackboard the many needs of our denomination and the persons with denominational responsibilities, for which and for whom definite prayers can be made by the members of your society. Testimonies might be given by the young people about their experiences in making some self-denial for the sake of a special missionary gift.

Quite a number of copies of the "Special Denominational Number" of the BAPTIST HERALD of June, 1936 are still available from the editor. Much of that material is still up-todate. Mimiographed letters recently and from the missionaries to the Gypsies in Bulgaria can also be secured from headquarters. The missionary articles appearing from time to time in the BAPTIST HERALD could be filed for reference purposes on future occasions. Large illustrated maps both of the Danubian and Cameroons mission fields are available from the missionary headquarters at 25 cents for both. An 8 by 10 inch picture of our missionaries can be secured from Brother Kuhn by sending 50 cents for printing and mailing expense. These can be posted profitably in some classroom or in the B. Y. P. U. room of a church.

The division of the missionary dollar is always of peculiar interest to many young people. Every dollar received is divided accordingly: 26.5% for foreign missions, 16.5% for home missions, 12% for our seminary, 8% for cur Children's Home, 7% for Ministers' Pension, 5% for superannuated ministers, 4% for the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, 7% for relief, 4% for administration, 3% for the Homes for the Aged, and 5% for reserve.

Abovo everything else, make this Day of Prayer and Fasting a personal observance in your own life as you It is gratifying to know that several needs in your prayers to God! remember the denomination and its

Daily Meditations

By PROFESSOR LEWIS KAISER of Rochester, N. Y.

Tuesday, May 3

Jesus the Children's Friend

"But Jesus said, Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (King James Version.)-Matthew 19:14.

Read Mark 10:13-16.

The children were attracted to Jesus. They came to him without fear or awe, feeling, as only a child does, the simplicity and reality of his love. Jesus' estimate of childhood is hardly more significant than childhood's estimate of

Prayer: We thank thee, dear Father. for the children in our homes Give us wisdom to rear them, that we may bring them early to thee.

Wednesday, May 4

The Soul's Adventure

"And he (Abraham) went out, not knowing whither he went."-Hebrews 11:8.

(Read Hebrews 11:8-12)

Experience derives much of its inspiration from the principle of adventure. We are all explorers seeking new worlds, new knowledge, new treasures. To keep the spirit of progress and discovery alive in our heart is the secret of abiding usefulness and continual attainment.

Prayer: We do not always know whither the way of our life leads, but we may trust to thy guidance, good Lord.

> Thursday, May 5 **Building Right**

"But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereupon."-I Cor. 3:10. (Read I Corinthians 3:9-15)

How serious a task-this building of the soul, of character, of life! To go wrong here is tragic, indeed. If the spiritual structure of our inner life is to rise up into proportions of symmetry and beauty, it must be founded on the rock, Christ, and his ideals must daily be put into practice.

Prayer: We would make no mistake in the building we are fashioning; therefore, O Master, we ask for thy direction and blessing.

Friday, May 6

The Gift and the Giver "But the righteous showeth mercy,

and giveth." Psalm 37:21.

(Read Psalm 37:18-24)

In our gifts we reveal ourselves, the quality of our souls. This holds good, whether the gift be grand or simple -a token or a contribution. In the complete. Not the thought of endless

money only, but our intelligence and spiritual cooperation.

Prayer: Father of our souls, create in us the true spirit of giving, that our gifts may be the joyous expression of our sincere interest and good will.

Saturday, May 7

The Grace of Christ

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness."-2 Corinthians 12:9.

(Read 2 Corinthians 12:5-11)

If we take Christ at his word and yield our wills to him, we will find that he more than suffices for all our needs. In our weakness his strength is our victory, in our restlessness he leads us to peace, and in our sinfulness he opens up within us the fountains that cleanse. He is all-sufficient.

Prayer: Our Father, we thank thee humbly that in the fulness of thy grace we find every want supplied. Trusting in thee, we have no fear.

Sunday, May 8

The Best Things Are Free

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness."-Isaiah

(Read Isaiah 55)

After all, many of the important and vital things in life are free and accessible to all: the air and water, the flowers, the stars, health, work and many other things. The freest of all are the eternal treasures of the Spirit: forgiveness of sin, eternal life. God gives them freely to all who ask him.

Prayer: Gracious Lord, may we find our greatest satisfaction in thy free gifts of spiritual joy, of the service of love and of fellowship with thee.

Monday, May 9 **Eternal Life**

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."-John

(Read John 11:20-28)

Christ has brought life and immortality to light. Through him we have eternal life—a life whose possibilities no attainment can ever exhaust or

gift lies something of ourselves-much continuance is uppermost but rather or little. After all, what our friends that it is a life forever opening out need most are not things, but our- and pushing forward in the godward selves. What the Church needs is not direction. The redeemed spirit shares the exhaustless life of God.

Prayer: We thank thee, our Saviour and Lord, for thy gift of eternal life. It is the source of our joy now and the ground of our glorious hope for the hereafter.

Tuesday, May 10

The Men We Need

"They and their sons and their brethren, able men for strength for the service."-1 Chronicles 26:8.

(Read I Chronicles 26:5-9)

The need of incorruptible and courageous manhood is felt today more profoundly than ever before. The problems of our times cannot be solved by laws and measures of state alone. The crying need is for men of moral highmindedness and unselfish devotion to the public good-men who live above the fog.

Prayer: Holy God, give us men! A time like this demands strong minds, stout hearts, true faith and ready hands.

> Wednesday, May 11 The Invisible Master

"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."-1 Peter 1:8.

(Read I Peter 1:3-9)

We sometimes wish that we might know the Lord as the first disciples knew him, in the flesh. It would be joy ineffable, we think, to see his face and to hear his voice. But is it not a deep blessing to know the Lord by faith, to walk by his side in simple trust and to wake at last in his likeness to see him as he is?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help us to abide in faith and to set our affection upon things that are eternal.

Thursday, May 12

The Ministry of Healing

"For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord."-Jeremiah 30:17. (Read Jeremiah 30:12-17)

The ministry of healing—whether of the body or of the soul—is a noble one. To the physician and to the nurse has rightly been accorded a high place among the benefactors of mankind. Our Lord himself made healing the bodily ills a part of his divine mission.

Prayer: Wilt thou bless, kind Father, all those who alleviate human pain.

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The Lord of Hosts Promises to Open the Windows of Heaven Over Us as Soon as We Meet All Our Obligations Toward Him, Fully and

God's Promised Blessings Are Conditioned Upon Our Complete Obedience. This is God's Message for Us in This Time of Crisis.

are We Ready to Prove God Herewith?



LIBERTY!

The Mohammedan mosque with its minaret, as seen on the left, is a symbol of the absolute sway which Mohammedanism has over large areas of the Danubian countries in southeastern Europe.

People living in our Danubian mission fields are held in bondage by Mohammedanism and other false religions. We proclaim to them true liberty through the preaching of the gospel of the Crucified Christ.

At present we are supporting 62 missionary workers in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Jugoslavia and Hungary with an annual appropriation of approximately \$14,000. Our work among the Gypsies of Bulgaria in the only organized Gypsy church in the world is prospering under the special blessings of God.

In these benighted lands we are finding those "other sheep" for "the Good Shep-

Opening the Windows of Heaven!

A Denominational Day of Prayer and Fasting on Thursday, May 26

DEFICITS

Our entire budget income for February, 1938 was \$5,236 and for March, 1938 it was \$3,374. This monthly budget income is shared by five departments of our General Missionary Society, the Seminary at Rochester, the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, the Children's Home at St. Joseph, Administration, Reserve Fund and three Homes for the Aged. Not one society is receiving sufficient for its own needs.

THINK OF THIS!

The actual expenditure of the Missionary Society alone during the month of March amounted to \$8,-It requires but very little imagination to visualize this alarming financial discrepancy.

Our Seminary has been struggling with deficits for a long time. The same is true of every other denominational department.

Unless our Easter offering has brought us a material increase in contributions, our denomination will be facing a most serious crisis

ABUNDANCE

When the Lord of hosts opens the windows of heaven over us, then all troublesome deficits will be wiped out and we will be enjoying his abundance. We are praying that, because of our "DAY OF PRAY-ER AND FASTING," which is to be observed in all our churches on Thursday, May 26, it may be written in golden letters across the pages of our history: "And God Blessed Us There."

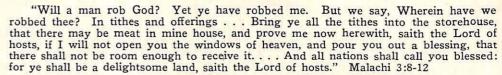
WE WOULD SUGGEST!

Let every member accept as a first obligation the support of our denominational household.

Let every member secure the Lord's approval of his or her missionary contribution.

Let all churches and societies send their missionary contributions to headquarters in Forest Park regularly at the end of each month.

If these suggestions are conscientiously followed, we will enjoy a superabundance.





Spiritual Prosperity is Poured Out Upon Our Churches Through the Opened Windows of Heaven As We Do Our Part Toward God.

Our Obligations to Our Home Mission Field

On our home field we are supporting 80 missionary workers with approximately \$32,000 a year; 44 aged ministers and ministers' widows with \$5,600 a year. Sixty-five ministers and ministers widows are receiving \$15,500 a

year from our Ministers' Pension. The mission work on our home field is an indispensable foundation for a prosperous denominational enterprise. We cannot neglect our obligation toward the needs of this home field.

God's Blessings Can Fill Otherwise Unfruitful Fields With Superabundant Harvests, Even Like Those Shown Below in the Striking



OUR MISSION FIELD IN DARKEST AFRICA

Out there on the west coast of Africa, almost at the equator, under the scorching sun, constantly attacked by the death-dealing fever miasma, in Kakaland and Mambila, with their indescribable degradation, superstitions and barbarous tribal customs, our missionaries, Paul and Clara Gebauer, Miss Edith Koppin, George and Louise Dunger, are laboring sacrificially and successfully, gathering the jewels for the crown of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, which he shall wear at his glorious triumphal entry, leading the innumerable host of his redeemed

We rejoice in the prospect that HOW MUCH WILL YOU INVEST?

probably next fall Miss Laura Reddig will join our five missionaries in the Cameroons. This mission work in the Cam-

eroons costs a great deal of money. There is the passage to the distant field and the outfitting of the missionaries, and more than all else, the building of a new station from the ground up. All this requires thousands of dollars, especially during

the first year.

Here is a golden opportunity to
Prayer share in a paying investment. Prayer helpers and money contributors are invited. Our six missionaries are investing all they have and all they





By Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill

SYNOPSIS

Jason Whitney, a bank clerk, was implicated in a bank robbery because of circumstantial evidence. On the day before the robbery he had been "fired" by the bank. He left town hurriedly without telling anyone, not even his sister, Joyce, who was his closest friend, about his whereabouts. His notebook was found on the floor in front of the safe. Everyone in town seemed to think that Jason was guilty of the crime, all except Rose Allison, the minister's daughter, who had talked to Jason over the telephone shortly before his sudden departure. Rose, knowing full well the sinister gossip about Jason that was spreading through town, decided to call on Joyce to comfort her and to assure her of her brother's innocence.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

She wore the little pink dimity she had had on the day she met Jason and asked him to meeting, and she went and picked both hands full of pansies before she walked down the street and out the highway toward the Whitney place.

Rose was four years younger than Joyce. She had never been very intimate with her. For a few Sundays Joyce had taught the Sunday School class she was in. She had always shyly smiled whenever they met. It was going to be a little awkward to explain her coming. As she walked out the edge of the highway she tried to plan what she would say. Suppose ncbody was home but Mrs. Whitney? She never had liked Mrs. Whitney. So her shy steps faltered by the way. Yet somehow she was driven on.

It was Aunt Libby who opened the door, however. Mrs. Whitney had betaken herself out of the gossip of home .o v .it her s.ster seventy miles away.

"Is Joyce Whitney here?" asked Rose, almost hoping by now that she wasn't.

"We'l, she is an' she isn't!" said Aunt Libby with a quick look around,

and her habitual furtiveness, as if there were always a watcher dogging her steps. "I heard she was sick," said Rose

taking courage.

"Well, she ain't so good," said Aunt Libby under her breath. "I had the doctor in this morning myself, seeing Mrs. Whitney was away and couldn't mind. I ben havin' a misery in my ows and purple lights prevailed. side fer several weeks an' I ain't hed

time justa stop an' see what was ailin' light bench painted white and there me. So I phoned him up an' he come. Joyce sat slumped sadly with her face An' I wanted Joyce to let him look her over, too, but she wouldn't. She said doctors couldn't do her no good! Just like that! Poor thing, she's that worried? She ain't hed a word from Jason yet, you know, an' it's just awful with folks comin' here day in an' day out astin' questions which you ain't allowed to answer. The master he won't have no word said. It hurts a body to be that unfriendly-"

"Yes?" said Rose hopefully. "Well, I wonder if I could see Joyce just a minute or two. She wouldn't mind me, would she? I've brought her some flowers. I heard she was sick and I brought her some pansies!"

"Ain't they purty!" said Aunt Libby wistfully. "We don't have no flowers around here much. Mrs. Whitney, she don't care for 'em. But Joyce, she goes up in woods and picks wild ones and takes 'em up to her room. She'd put 'em on the table, only Mrs. Whitney, she calls 'em weeds. Joyce is out there now in the grape arbor settin'. She stays out there a good deal so she won't have to see all the folks that come, an' hear 'em talk. It's just awful the things they say about Jason. It breaks my heart-

"I know," said Rose sympathetically, "I think so too. It makes me angry. Do you suppose it would bother Joyce if I went out there and took her these pansies?"

Aunt Libby gave another of her frightened looks back of her and hesitated.

"I don't guess it would," she said doubtfully. She liked dramatic entrances. She loved bringing things to a climax. These two pretty young things sort of belonged together. Of course she had been set to keep watch and keep out visitors, but this young thing in pink dimity was different.

"Suppose you just walk around the house that side till you come on the path that leads to the arbor. You'll find the way. And then she won't think I sent you.

Rose gave Aunt Libby an understanding smile and went as she was bidden, presently arriving at the entrance to the grape arbor, a long deep trellis covered thickly with great graps leaves, and drooping bunches of purple fruit with the soft blue bloom on them. It was cool and dark there, a sweet quiet gloom where green shad-

Down at the far end there was a

in her hands.

Rose paused in dismay. Joyce was crying and she would be intruding! It was not right. She must go away. She would leave the flowers with Aunt Libby and go away.

She turned, but her light step crunched on the gravel of the path. and Joyce lifted her head startled.

"Oh, please excuse me!" said Rose looking frightened. "I didn't mean to intrude. I heard you were sick and I brought you some flowers! But I'll leave them in the house and go away. I know you don't want to be bothered with me now."

"No, don't go away!" said Joyce yearningly. "I am glad you came. It was dear of you! I'm not sick, but I'm very sad, and-I'm so alone!"

Suddenly Rose put the flowers down on the bench and sat down beside Joyce, putting her arms softly around the older girl's neck.

"I'm so sorry!" breathed Rose. "I love vou!"

And suddenly Joyce was crying with her face in Rose's neck. Rose held her close and began to cry with her. There was a big wet spot on Rose's nice pink dimity shoulder, wet with hot tears.

"You know," said Joyce at last, lifting her tear-wet face in apology, "I haven't—heard—from my brother yet, and - people are saying such dreadful things about him!"

"I know," said Rose holding her tight, "they are awful! And it's all silly, what they are saying. Jason wouldn't do any of those things! Of course he wouldn't. I know Jason," and she held her pretty tearwet face up bravely. "We went to school together, you know. He sat right across the aisle from me the whole last year. We were seniors together. Jason wasn't like that! He was splendid! He didn't do mean things. He only did funny things!"

"Oh, thank you for saying that, dear!" said Joyce with a trembling smile on her lips. "I know he wasn't like that, but I didn't know anybody else knew it. Even Father couldn't always understand him. You see everything is against him-a lot of evidence. And he hasn't been heard from. If I could only hear just a word from him. If I could only know he is safe."

"Of course he's safe!" said Rose with the confidence of an older per-

son. "He's gone away to find a better job and get a square deal. He felt he couldn't start fresh in this old town and he's gone away to begin over again. I know, for he told me so!"

"He told you so!" Joyce echoed the words in sudden startled wonder and delight. "You mean you saw him? You talked with him?"

"No, I didn't see him, but I talked with him. He called me up on the telsphone. That's why I came over. I thought you ought to know."

"He called you up on the telephone? Oh, when did he call you?"

"Wednesday noon! Father didn't want me to say anything to anybody. He didn't think it had any bearing on the case, and he thought people would misunderstand."

"They would, of course," said Joyce quickly. "Oh, people are terrible! But of course they need not know. But please go on. How did he come to call you up? I did not even know you were friends."

"We weren't," said Rose quickly. "Only schoolmates. We never talked much to each other, only to say good morning, and once he brought a bunch of wild roses to school, just three or four of them and laid them on my desk. Just grinned and laid them on my desk! I thanked him and smiled. and that was all. We never talked even after that, only when we had to as where a lesson was or something. But last week Friday I was walking along the street and he came from the other direction, and when we met he stopped and said good morning. He acted as if he was going to say something else, and when he didn't I spoke. I asked him if he wouldn't be the tenth one on my list to come to the big rally in the church Wednesday night. I had only nine people and I'd promised to ask ten. We all did. But I somehow couldn't think of a tenth that nobody else had asked. I don't know why I suddenly asked him. I didn't expect him to come. I knew he never came to our church. But I was embarrassed and wanted to say something, so I asked him.'

"And what did he say?" the sister asked eagerly.

"Why, he said, 'Me, Go to church? I never go to church!' and then I guess I looked disappointed so he asked what it was, just prayer-meeting? And I told him about the rally with the wonderful speaker from New York, and all of a sudden he said, 'All right, Kid, I'll come if it will please you'."

"And then he went away!" said the sister sadly. "Oh if he had only stayed and gone to that meeting! How wonderful that would have been! That was Wednesday night, wasn't it? Oh, that might have saved all this awfulness! But then, even if he had been here, he might not have come. He might have had some excuse. Boys are that way sometimes. Maybe he didn't even intend to come when he promised."

her voice, but Rose spoke quickly.

"Yes, I think he really meant to you." come. He said he did when he called me up.'

"You mean he called you up after

"Yes, he called me up to tell me he couldn't come, and he said he had really meant to come and was sorry he couldn't, but that scmething had happened down at the bank and he was leaving. And then before I thought what I was doing I said, 'O, Jason, you haven't done anything to make them-' and then I stopped. I was frightened that I had suggested such a thing. But he took me right up and said, no, he hadn't done anything wrong, but the poor fishes thought he had, and that was just as bad. And he said the worst of it was he couldn't tell all he knew, and so they had pinned it all on him, and there was no use his staying here, he couldn't get a square deal anywhere!"

"That is true!" said Joyce with a little moan. "Nobody stood up for him anywhere!"

"I know," said Rose. "I'm sorry! But I thought it might make a little difference to you to know he said he hadn't done anything wrong. Of course I knew you believed in him. But I thought it might help a little to know what he said."

"It does!" said Joyce. "It helps a great deal, and it was sweet of you to come. It was precious!" And then suddenly her heart thrilled with the thought of the last time that word had been used in her hearing, and about herself.

"But you are precious yourself," said Rose gravely. "Thats why I wanted to come. Father thought I might be intruding, but I felt I should come.'

"Your father knows?"

"Yes. I didn't know what to do and I asked him. He is a very understanding father. He won't tell anybody else."

"Oh I'm glad he knows!" said Joyce suddenly. "Of course he would keep it to himself for your sake if for no other reason. But I'm glad one good man knows."

"He believes in him, too," said Rose thoughtfully. "I'm sure he does."

"Well, that is a comfort," said Joyce. "Even if he didn't quite believe in him, it would be good just to know he was willing to think any good at all of him, to even consider it. It seems as if very few others are. Just the Parsons. I don't know any others."

"Oh, I'm glad the Parsons believe in him," said Rose happily. "I always liked them. And Rowan, too, though I never knew him so well. He's away at college. But-I don't believe Rowan had anything to do with all this burglary business either."

"No, he didn't! said Joyce emphatically. "I happen to know that he didn't!

There was a quiver of tears about I can't tell you all about it now, but I know, and sometime I hope I can tell

"Well. I'm glad about that too. Rowan was Jason's friend. I know he used to like him when he was in high school. I've heard Jason talking to the boys at recess and telling them what Rowan could do in athletics and things."

"Yes," said Jovce, a soft color stealing into her pale face. "He always made a hero out of Rowan. And that's what makes it so outrageous what they are saying about them both!"

"I know," said Rose. "I was down at the store this morning getting some things for mother and I heard some of those women talking. I wanted to turn around and shake them till they couldn't get their breath. I felt very wicked. It seemed as if I could do something awful to them, and they were just laughing and babbling on. Some of them had been up to your mother's tea or something."

"I know," said Joyce, "that ghastly bridge party. But I suppose it doesn't matter, since we know what they are saying is not true."

"Yes, but it's awful that they can go on saying those things when we-when you are just suffering about it all."

"Well, I'm not going to suffer!" said Joyce trying to speak brightly. "I'm going to try and look up and rejoice. certainly ought to be thankful to God, and thankful to you for bringing me this word. I never doubted Jason. I knew he hadn't broken into the bank nor shot Mr. Paisley, but it is good to know his own word concerning his dismissal from the bank. It takes away a great horror that was beginning to fill my mind. I know now there must be some explanation of his absence and his silence, and probably he doesn't know all that has happened here, and wouldn't realize how I would agonize over him."

"Yes," said Rose, "he spoke of you. I almost forgot that part.'

"He spoke of me?" said Joyce her eyes lighting with hope.

"Yes, he said that nobody cared anything about him or believed in him except his sister."

"Oh! How sweet it is to know that! He's always been shy of affection. I didn't know whether he cared or not "

"He does!" said Rose with deep conviction. "I could tell by his voice. He was feeling pretty badly. He said he was beating it and he didn't know as he would ever come back, but then after a minute he said if the time ever came when he felt he was fit to come back he'd let me know."

Rose's voice was very low as she told this. It seemed too much her own to let another hear it, and yet she knew the sister would treasure it. It surely showed that Jason had no idea at that time of committing any crime.

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Reports from the Field

Atlantic Conference Dedication Service of the Redecorated Walnut St. Church in Newark, N. J.

Sunday, April 3, marked an eventful day in the history of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, N. J. The Rev. John P. Kuehl, pastor, conducted an inspiring rededication service in the newly decorated church auditorium. This service climaxed months of preparation, planning and prayer by the entire church membership, which gave most generously to a subscribed renovation fund financing this project. Modern lighting fixtures now harmonize against the completely redecorated interior.

The church was the recipient of a beautiful illuminated cross presented in memory of our late beloved members, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Gerber, which was dedicated to the service of God on Palm Sunday, April 10. Miss Miriam Brandt, daughter of the late former pastor of our church, the Rev. Albert Brandt, has presented the church with a fine pupit set in memory of Mr. Brandt's meritorious ministry among us from 1886 to 1893. This will shortly be installed and will further enhance the beauty of our church auditorium.

The entire congregation of our church feels the bountiful outpouring of God's blessings in leading us in the completion of this renovation program. We pray that together with this new interior, our church may be blessed with a new spiritual interior, renewing every individual member and firing our congregation with greater zeal to do God's work in our community.

JOHN SCHMIDT, Church Clerk

The Fifth Anniversary of the Ebenezer B. Y. P. U. in West New York, N. J.

As we come to the close of our fifth year as a young people's society in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of West New York, N. J., and look back over the course we have followed, we can truly say with thankful hearts that "all things work together for the good to them that love the Lord."

Through the past year we have been blessed with the addition of 7 new members to our group, making a total of 35 members for our society. However, we believe that God has given us the increase in spiritual blessings. Our Christian lives have been deepened through the study of his Word.

Our chief aim is to win "The Unconverted to Christ" and help them by precept and example to walk in his

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE YOUTH!

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEO-PLE OF THE ATLANTIC CON-FERENCE attending the Conference in the Second Church, Philadelphia, May 13-15! This is a final reminder that all registration blanks must be sent in to Eva Yung, 947 E. Russell Street, Philadelphia, before May 9. Please see your local leaders for the blanks.

steps. Our prayer and desire are that the Holy Spirit will make us living examples of Christ, our great example. Through the year we have been active at general church work and inter-visitation. Several outings have been enjoyed during the summer months. We have had several good speakers and groups visiting us.

Our project sponsored by the young people was a missionary pledge. We have a share of \$1.00 a month in Mr. Unusual Bible Day Program in and Mrs. Lehman's work in South Africa. There are 17 members supporting this pledge. The dues are from one to three cents a week.

Our young people's service is held once a week on Friday evening. During the last year these meetings have been well attended, having an average of 29 present. Our income for the year was the fine total of \$144.92.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Elwin Schoen; vice-president, Helen Schwejda; secretary. Emma Klein; treasurer, Lloyd Schoen; pianist, Anna Hans, and the Rev. Lester N. Schoen is the pastor of our church.

We are looking forward to the coming year with courage, anticipating a blessed time in Christ's name.

HELEN SCHWEJDA, Secretary.

The Annual Banquet of the Evangel Church Orchestra in Newark, N. J.

On Saturday evening, March 5, the orchestra of the Evangel Church of Newark, N. J., held its second annual banquet with 121 persons attending. After a delicious turkey dinner, Mr. William Roberts, toastmaster, soon had everyone in a happy mood. A violin duet by Mr. Lee Olson, director of the orchestra, and Miss Eleanor Ohlsen, ten-month-old violinist, was enjoyed by all. Mrs. William Geiger of New York rendered a vocal solo, "The Holy City" and Mr. Robert Thomson, one of our trumpeters, played a solo, "His Eye is on the

Sparrow." All of these musical numbers were greatly enjoyed.

During the year the orchestra gave three concerts, namely, the first annual spring concert on March 27, the first annual summer concert on June 16, and the first annual fall concert on Dec. 9. The first concert for the new year was given on April 6.

The present membership of the orchestra is forty, with an average weekly attendance of thirty. During the course of the year, 14 new members joined, 9 of whom are still with

The Lord has marvelously blessed us since we started out by playing "kazoos" one night in the parsonage a few years ago. It's been wonderful to watch the orchestra grow and we covet the prayers of God's people that he will continue to bless us and use us for his glory.

HAZEL BOWERS, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference the Bethany Church of Kansas

The Bible Day program on Sunday, March 27, meant more to us than ever at the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas, because of the interesting Bible exhibits and the lantern slide lecture.

In the morning the children of the Sunday School gave a fine program of recitations and songs. Bibles, large and small, old and new, and in different languages, were displayed. Several old Bibles, which were more interesting to us because of the history connected with them, were exhibited.

How inspiring it is to leaf carefully through the fragile pages and imagine things about the ones who owned these highly prized Bibles! The oldest one was 265 years old and had been through a fire, while another, nearly 200 years of age, once belonged to a former pastor, the Rev. George Heide. Two Bibles, which were evidently quite old, were interesting because of their large size. The smallest Bible exhibited was only several inches in width.

The lantern slide lecture, "The Old Book Making New Friends," that was presented by the Rev. J. H. Kornelson, our pastor, during our usual B. Y. P. U. and evening service hours, was interesting and inspirational, too.

These fine things will be remembered by most of us for a long time, and some of them will never be forgotten. There is every reason on our part for thanking God because he gives us the privilege to receive.

BERNITTA HILL, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference Eleventh Anniversary of the Kenosha B. Y. P. U.

On Sunday evening, March 20, the Senior Young People's Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin, celebrated its eleventh anniversary. Different societies of the state were invited and a very good crowd attended the rally in our church.

As guest speakers we had the Rev. H. W. Wedel from Milwaukee and Mr. Albert Rohrbach of Manitowoc, president of the state Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. The president of our society, Robert Konitz, had charge of the meeting. The Scripture passage was read by the presideent, and other numbers followed, such as piano prelude, mixed quartet songs, saw solo and choir selection.

Refreshments were served later. Songs and choruses were sung and a joyful time was had by all. The celebration was brought to a close by a prayer by our pastor, the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger.

We surely are happy to have celebrated the anniversary of eleven years of Christian service for the Lord and hope and pray that we will continue in the Lord's work for a long time to GERTRUDE KLEIN, Rpeorter. come.

A Service of Appreciation for the Interim Pastorate of Mr. C. Dickau in the First Church of St. Paul Minn.

Members of the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., praise God for the many blessings bestowed upon them during the ministry of their supply pastor, Mr. Clifford Dickau. The approximate year and a half of Mr. Dickau's services seemed far too short when he closed his ministry at our church on March 31. His clear Scriptural messages from week to week have indeed challenged, comforted, encouraged and sometimes even reprimanded our members into a closer bond of fellowship with the Master.

At a surprise farewell on Wednesday evening, March 23, after prayer meeting, representatives of every branch of the church expressed their regrets in having to bid farewell.

The Sunday School was represented by a group of Primary children who sang a farewell "wish" song. The children learned to love him through the many fine choruses he taught as well as through a very successful vacation Bible School which he conducted. Alfred Stahnke, the Sunday School superintendent, commented on his enlightening and helpful prayer services as well as upon his last seven Sunday night sermons on John's letters to the churches of Asia Minor.

Harvey Heckmann, speaking in behalf of the young people, expressed the

loss they felt in his leaving. He showed how Mr. Dickau had not only preached but lived with us the four-fold life. Miss Lillian Patet expressed the joy that the choir members felt in rehearsing and singing under his able leadership. The choir then rendered his favorite choir song, "Fairest Lord Jesus." Mrs. Arthur Irestone, in speaking for the young ladies' class which he taught, commented on the splendid expression of feeling he had drawn out of the choir in the rendering of their numbers. Miss Neve, president of the Ladies' Aid, gave him a bit of advice. "When you get a helpmate, don't forget to attend the Ladies' Aid."

Mr. Paul Stahnke, representing the church, commented on his able leadership and his fine thought-provoking sermons from week to week. He also presented him with a portable typewriter as a material gift of appreciation from the church.

Mr. Dickau modestly responded, stating that if he had in any way been a blessing to the church, God alone should have the honor and glory as he felt he was but clay, moulded and to moulded by the Master Potter. God has truly blessed Mr. Dickau's work and the church. We are happy that he is not leaving our city but will continue his studies in the seminary at Bethel Institute. We, as a church, wish him God's continued blessings in his undertakings and our prayers shall be with him.

MRS. HARVEY STAHNKE, Reporter.

Southern Conference The South Texas Association in Elgin

The South Texas Association, including the churches in Mowata, Louisiana and Elberta, Alabama, met with our little church in Elgin, Texas, from March 17 to 20. Fine spring weather helped to make those three days very enjoyable. The warm reception given to us by the members and their pastor, the Rev. August Becker, created a home-like atmosphere. Above all, the assurance that the Lord had come to the feast helped to create a true spiritual union of likeminded people. The Rev. W. H. Buenning of Gatesville brought us a fine opening message based on John 1:40-42. On Friday evening the Rev. L. Hoeffner brought us a deeply spiritual message taken from Luke 9:51-56.

The sessions during the day were held in the spirit of true brotherhood and love. Our daily devotions were led by Mr. Gummelt from Greenvine and Mr. Schroeder from Donna. The reports of our churches gave us a unique picture of difficulties and loyal work by pastors and members. Our mission was the subject discussed from a three old angle, "Its Task, Outlook and Armor."

Sunday was a blessed day for us. A large group of people came from the Kyle and Greenvine churches to take part in the blessings. Several of the visitors spoke to the large Sunday School and the Rev. J. J. Lippert brought us a timely message based on 2 Cor. 4:10. The offering amounting to \$32.63, will be devoted to our general work.

In the afternoon the young people from those two churches rendered a fine program, consisting of musical numbers, songs, a reading, recitations. a dialogue and a talk on the subject. "Goals For Which We Are Striving." The Rev. C. H. Edinger brought us the closing message on Sunday night based on 1 Cor. 1:9.

Our gratification was expressed to God, from whom all blessings come, to the church and to all who helped to make our association a success.

REV. L. HOEFFNER, Reporter.

Central Conference Recent Inspiring Activities of the State Park B. Y. P. U. in Peoria

It has been some time since a report has appeared in "The Baptist Herald" telling of the many activities in the B. Y. P. U. of the State Park Church of Peoria, Illinois, of which the Rev. A. F. Runtz is pastor.

On Tuesday, March 22, we presented in the church basement a very stirring missionary play entitled, "The Soldier of the Cross." Those taking the leading parts were Miss Helen Laubach and Mr. Virgil Grant. The play was, truly, a dramatized sermon, using as its text Matt. 11:36. "He who loses his life shall find it." This is the second short play given during this year, and all the money received in the offerings is devoted for home and foreign missions. The members have worked especially hard since adopting a little boy from the St. Joseph Orphanage.

During the same week on Friday, March 25, 55 young people attended the B. Y. P. U. banquet which was served by the women of the church. The speaker for the evening was Miss Althea Kose, instructor at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago. She gave a very inspiring message. It was a pleasure to have her in our midst. The decoration committee worked especially hard along with the program committee to help make this banquet a success.

In February the B. Y. P. U. sponsored a "Parents' Night," which proved to be very interesting. Lantern slides of the many beauty spots of the west were shown. Two of our young people who had just returned from the land of Sweden told of their trip.

Our aim is to gain a stronger spiritual understanding of God's truths.

LOUISE ABELE, Reporter.

Fathers' and Sons' Banquet at Burns Ave. Church in Detroit

That fathers and sons, when united in recreation, worship and prayer, can have a good time was evidenced by a banquet held on Friday evening. March 4, in the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Mich., and attended by approximately 300 fathers and sons.

pared by the mothers and served by the young women of the church, we master, the Rev. G. Neumann, pastor of our church, introduced the musical treats by the male choir and "the Harmony Four," a quartet of B. Y. P. U. members. A brief address was given to the sons by the Rev. B. Graf, former pastor, and considered by us as "the father" of the church, and another to the fathers by Fred Holzim-

The inspirational treat of the evening was presented by Dr. Zoller of ject, "The Existing Conditions of Our charming and efficient manner. Country Today and Their Cause and Cure," he inspired many of us to offer a prayer of thanks that we were not victims of present conditions, as many other poor unfortunates are. Souls were reconsecrated and won anew for Christ in this service. Another program and get-together for the fathers and sons of the church is already being contemplated.

Prizes were offered to the oldest and youngest grandfathers present, to the youngest father, son and grandson, as well as to the oldest father and oldest son. The father with the most sons present was also given a prize.

FRED HOLZIMMER, Reporter.

An Appreciation Meeting in the Oak Park Church Honoring the Work of the Women's Home Mission Society

In the little town of North Freedom, Wisconsin, live two valiant souls, the Misses Hannah and Augusta Seils, usually known as "the Seils sisters." Many of us may remember the days when Miss Hannah served as missionary for over 30 long years in what is now known as the "Fleischmann Memorial Church" in Philadelphia, Pa. Some of us may be able, also, to remember when Miss Augusta served the First Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., for a similar number of years. However, few of us have realized that these two, as well as a host of other women missionaries, serving in our German Baptist churches between 1882 and 1915, were almost entirely supported by the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society of the Northern Baptist Convention. Recently, the Seils sisters expressed a longing that somehow we, as German Baptists, ex-

REMEMBER

The Day of Prayer and Fasting on Thursday, May 26, to be Observed Throughout the Denomination!

After a real German dinner, pre- press our appreciation for the work of this society among German-speaking Baptists for a period of 30 years were ready for an evening of enter- and more until we were financially tainment and inspiration. The toast- strong enough to support our own missionaries.

No sooner had the wish for an appreciation meeting been expressed when, lo!, the wish came true. On Thursday, March 31, over 80 women of the Oak Park German Baptist Church in Forest Park, I'l., met to celebrate the 60th birthday of the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society. A huge birthday cake with 60 candles lent a festive air to the tables about which we gathered. radio fame. Well versed on his sub- Mrs. A. Johns presided in her usual

> The main feature of the meeting was an appreciation of what this society has done for our churches. Mrs. T. Dons, the much-loved pastor's wi'e and chairman of the program committee, gave a brief resume of the history of this society, and of its school, the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago. Three alumna of the school, Miss Anna Brinkmann, Mrs. George R. Kampfer, and Miss Alethea S. Kose, teld of the many German Baptist young women who had graduated from this school and of the number who worked in our churches. The splendid centribution which these consecrated young women made working in fields almost entirely by this society was also described.

A further thought which was emphasized was that this society and its school are now doing a great deal for our German Baptist denomination. We have our Rochester Seminary for cur young men. We aid them financially to prepare for the ministry. However, Rochester makes no provision for the training of our young women. Where should they prepare for missionary work in our denomination? For 57 years the Baptist Missionary Training School has been training many young women for our denomination. Laura Reddig of Cathay, North Dakota, who is now a member of the First Church of St. Paul, Minnesota; graduates from this school in June of this year. She has just been appointed to work under our beard in our Cameroon field.

Miss Jessie Lell Craw'ord, president of the training school, lit the candles on the birthday cake and challenged the Oak Park women to be more than ever consecrated to the service of their Master.

It was suggested at this meeting

that one way of expressing appreciation for past help and present opportunities would be by contributing to the German Baptist scholarship fund of our Women's Missionary Union, which is to assist our German Baptist girls to receive this training. Perhaps other churches, especially those which have been blessed by the ministry of these missionaries, will be led to sponsor an appreciation meeting and at that time to make a contribution to the scholarship fund in honor of the services rendered to our churches.

May God bless the Seils sisters and the many others who have been and are laboring so faithfully in the work of our denomination!

Eastern Conference Special Series of Services in the Andrews St. Church of Rochester

Responding to an invitation extended by the Andrews St. Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. Assaf Husmann of Philadelphia conducted a fortnight's series of inspirational and evangelistic meetings during the month of March. We are great'y indebted to the Second Church of Philadelphia for its generosity in lending us their pastor.

Our church has experienced a spiritual awakening which has strengthened many believers in their faith in Christ. On Sunday morning, March 20. the final day of special meetings, our pastor, the Rev. Harvey Koester, had the privilege of baptizing 6 adults and 2 young people who had accepted Christ as their personal Savior. The candidates were urged to "maintain a good conscience toward God and their Savior in all that they do." . In the evening Mr. Koester extended the hand of fellowship to 10 persons, including 2 women who were received into the church on confession of their

In preparation for these meetings, a special Sunday evening series of inspirational services was sponsored by the church and conducted by our pastor during February in order to stimulate Christian endeavor and to enrich Christian fellowship. Representatives of various church organizations gave brief testimonies, and Mr. Koester chose as his topics: "A Powerless Christ," "A Challenging Christ," "A Universal Christ" and "A Powerful

The song services which were conducted by our choir director, Walter Marchand, together with the help of our choir and the Seminary Student Chorus, were an inspiration to all. All of our meetings were heartily supported by the students and faculty of our seminary. Large attendances indicated the great appreciation for all who participated in the meetings.

IDA THEIS, Reporter.

Mothers' and Daughters' Ban. quet in the Arnprior Church

On Tuesday evening, March 22, following a series of "Fireside Addresses" given by our pastor, the Rev. A. E. Jaster, the Willing Workers and the Baptist Church in Arnprior, Ontario, Canada, held their annual Mothers' and Daughters' banquet. Miss Hazel Kauffeldt, president of "the Willing Workers" opened the banquet program by having the guests, who numbered about 50, assemble around the table and sing the table blessing.

After all had enjoyed the delicious meal which had been prepared by the daughters, Miss Rachel Burke gave the toast to the mothers and Mrs. Wm. Abraham replied. Mrs. E. F. Woermke then gave the toast to the daughters, to which Miss Eileen Swant replied. The guest speaker, Mrs. A. A McLean, was then introduced by Miss Florence Nieman. Mrs. McLean gave a very interesting and inspiring address.

During the banquet community singing was heartily enjoyed by everyone. The banquet program was brought to a close as all joined hands and sang the first verse of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and "God Save the King." Thus, another big event passed into the history of our church. and we feel sure that all who attend the series of meetings and this banquet received many blessings. MISS MAYBELLE ABRAHAM, Secretary

Anniversary Program and Fathers'-Sons' Banquet in the High St. Church of Buffalo

On Wednesday, March 23, the High Street Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., celebrated its sixty-third anniversary. The large audience filled the lower auditorium to the last seat. The entire program was carried out very admirably by members of the church. Our guest speaker, whose inspiring message will long remain in our memories, was the Rev. D. Hamel of Rochester, N. Y. After the program a period of social fellowship was held.

On Wednesday evening, March 30, the "Brotherhood" celebrated its annual Fathers' and Sons' banquet with a program that found a very enthusiastic reception. The main address was given in the interest of Scouting. The speaker, a scout leader in our city, delivered an address on the topic: "Building a Stronger Generation," and ably pointed out the relationship of the Boy's Scout Troop to the home and to the church and likewise showed the hidden possibilities of this characterbuilding organization. For more than a year the High Street Church has had a very active and growing Boy Scout Troop. A young man of the church, Mr. Charles Weber, is the exemplary Scout Master and Mr. John Fraser, a young attorney of Buffalo, the assistant.

ARTHUR KANNWISCHER, Reporter.



Several Members of the Cast of the Oregon Young People's Conference Play

Pacific Conference The OregonYoung People's Conference in the First Church of Portland

We as the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the German Baptist Churches of Oregon are thankful to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, at the close of the 11th year of this organization. We have experienced many blessings during the The Oregon Young People's Confer-

ence was held at the First Church in Portland from March 11 to 13. After a song service led by Dr. Norman Classen, Edward May, president of the young people's society of the First Church, welcomed the 6 churches of Oregon to be their guests during this conference. Harold Petke, president of the state Union, took charge of the meeting. A ladies' trio composed of Mary and Martha Leypoldt and Victeria Alplanalp sang "Hark My Soul."

The main event of the evening was a play, "The House on the Sand." Those who took part in the play were Mrs. Adam Hoelzer, Mr. Theo. Rich, Esther Rosen, Delbert Delzer, James Billeter, John Leypoldt, Mildred Domreis, Anna Ruth Kimmel and Gladys May. A picture of some of the cast appears on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

The business meeting was held on Saturday afternoon, after which those interested in young people's work and those interested in Sunday School work divided into separate groups for discussion.

A delicious banquet was served on Saturday evening by the host church. The officers for the coming year were elected at this time. Edward May was elected president; Harold Petke, viceurer. After a variety program of songs and speeches, the Rev. John for the Conference.

The Sunday meetings were the climax of the conference. In Sunday School, Ed Rocks of the First Church. Mrs. A. Haas of Salem, Elwood Lehman of Stafford, and Mrs. Adam Hoelzer of the Immanuel Church gave interesting talks on the conference motto, "Let Us Build."

On Sunday afternoon the installation of officers took place with Mr. Leypoldt as the installing officer. A male quartet from Salt Creek composed of Norman Classen, Irvin Voth, Elmo Voth, and Gilbert Schneider sang a number in the afternoon service.

Dr. Kuhn, the main speaker of the afternoon, delivered an inspiring message on "Fellow-Helpers of the Truth of God." The large mixed choir of the First Church, directed by Mrs. Emma B. Meyer, rendered beautiful numbers at these conference meetings.

The Lord richly blessed those who attended these meetings. Our conference motto was "Let Us Build," and this is our prayer for the future.

MILDRED VOTH, Secretary.

Triple Wedding Anniversary at Odessa, Wash.

The 60th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Koth, the 33rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schiewe, and the 25th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Schorzmann were celebrated at a reception following the evening service on Sunday, March 20, at the German Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Koth were married in South Russia, coming to America in 1878, and living for 26 years in South Dakota, where they engaged in farming. They came to Odessa in 1903 to enter the mercantile business, from which they have retired. Mr. Koth is now 82 years of age and Mrs. Koth is 81.

After the regular evening service, with a visiting pastor, the Rev. G. Eichler of Missoula in attendance. The pastor, the Rev. J. G. Rott, announced the surprise for the honored couples. With Mrs. J. G. Rott playing the wedding march at the piano, the three honored couples marched up the church aisle to the front pew, after which the Rev. J. G. Rott sang "Abide With Me." The Rev. G. Eichler spoke words of congratulation, and the Rev. J. G. Rott added his words of joy and presented gifts to each couple.

Even though Mr. and Mrs. Koth are far advanced in age, still both of them fill their places in the church. Mr. Koth is our honored deacon, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Schorzmann are taking acpresident, and James Billeter, treas- tive part in all church activities and are members of the choir. Mr. Schiewe is our honorable Sunday School super-Leypoldt spoke on the subject, "Living intendent and Mrs. Schiewe is the secfor Jesus." The song, "Living for Je-retary of the Ladies' Missionary Sosus," was chosen as the theme song ciety. Both of them are also members of the choir. J. G. Rott, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

Farewell Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Stelter at Plevna, Mont.

The entire congregation of the German Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana gathered at the church on Sunday, March 27, for the purpose of bidding their beloved pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Albert Stelter, fare- : The Rev. Henry Rumpel of Portland, well, before they left for their new home in American Falls, Idaho.

The four years and five months that Mr. and Mrs. Stelter had been with us seemed too short, but they were certainly not in vain, as we had many blessings.

After a number of persons in the congregation responded to Mr. Stelter's surprise at the large attendance in the service, Mr. Benj. Huber took charge. Mr. Huber speaking in behalf of the church, Mr. George Herether for the Sunday School, Mrs. Benj. Huber representing the Ladies' Aid, Mr. Theodore Kusler for the B. Y. P. U., and Miss Martha Hepperle in behalf of the Young Girls' Mission Circle presented the minister and his wife with gifts of remembrance. Mention was also made of the enjoyable fellowship with them during their stay in our midst.

The men's quartet rendered two songs, assisted by Mr. Stelter. The B. Y. P. U., the Girls' Mission Circle, and a quartet of the Ladies' Aid sang several numbers. A farewell recitation was given by Mrs. Karl Hepperle.

At the close of the parting Mr. and Mrs. Stelter spoke a few words of farewell, encouraging the church and every branch to carry on under the leadership of Christ, our Savior.

MRS. ARTHUR HEPPERLE, Reporter.

OBITUARY

WILLARD C. PARKER

A distinct loss has come to the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, through the unexpected death of our young brother, Willard Carrie Parker, who passed away on Wednesday. March 23.

day. March 23.

Our brother was born on September 12, 1903 in Athena, Oregon. He was married to Miss Jessie Kurtz on September 5, 1931 in Portland. His spiritual birthday was April 2, 1933. He followed his Lord in baptism on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1933, being baptized by Dr. J. Kratt. He is survived by his wife, aged mother, two sisters, one brother and a host of friends

The memorial service was held on Friday, March 25. The Rev. Fred Mueller and his pastor participated. His re-

Friday, March 25. The Rev. Fred Muel-ler and his pastor participated. His re-mains were buried in the beautiful Riverview Cemetery. Brother Parker was ill only a short time. He was one of our faithful ushers, one of the vice-superintendents of our Sunday School, a member of the finance committee and a member of our church board. The high exteem in which he was

The high esteem, in which he was held, was not only seen at the large memorial service in the funeral home but also at the memorial services held in our church under the auspices of our Sunday School and Young People's Society. May the God of all comfort richly sustain his devoted wife, and all the bereaved ones in their sorrows!

John Leypoldt. Portland, Oregon.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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fred, Jr., contracted measles. As a result the mother and son were confined for several weeks to a relative's home in Buffalo, N. Y. The Second Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., held a farewell reception for Mr. and Mrs. Bernadt on Friday evning, March 18.

Oregon, will begin a ministry in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada about May 1st. This is a pioneer field in the most northernly outpost of farm land where a number of German Baptist families are residing. Mr. Rumpel has been spending the past year in studies at the Western Baptist Theological Seminary in Portland. He was formerly pastor of our church and mission stations at Kelowna, Can-

On Sunday evening, March 13, the still film pictures, "Seeing God's Glory," were shown to an enthusiastic group of young people and others in the German Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta, Canada. Seven young people also brought interesting sketches of our denominational enterprise. The choir of the church rendered an appropriate number. A missionary offering was received. The B. Y. P. U. officers for 1938 are as follows: Emil Schimke, president; Walter Riske, vice-president; Mrs. Alex Haller, secretary; Albert Schimke, treasurer; and Adeline Koehler, pianist. The Rev. Otto Fiesel is the pastor of the church.

The Rev. L. F. Gassner, pastor of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., baptized 19 persons on confession of their faith on Palm Sunday, April 10. Evangelistic services had been conducted by the pastor on the Sunday evenings of Lent with considerable success. Early in the winter the Rev. W. C. Damrau of Alpena, Mich., had held meetings in the church for a while. These 19 persons and 2 others were received into the church's fellowship on Easter Sunday morning. The church choir, directed by Mr. Chauncey Hirsch, sang the cantata, "A Sunrise Song," on Easter Sunday.

The Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., has received a favorable reply to its call extended to the Rev. Vernon Olsen, pastor of the large Fourth Baptist Church of Minneapolis. Minn. Mr. Olsen, who is a graduate of the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, will begin his ministry in Newark on June 1. Mrs. Olsen's mother, the former Miss Kurtz, was a member of the former German Baptist Church in Williamsport, Pa., and later became a missionary in India. Mr. Olsen will succeed the Rev. Charles W. Koller, Th.D., who has become the president of the Northern Seminary in Chicago.

The one-act play, "The Things That Are Caesars," was presented by the young people of the Baptist Church in Trenton, Ill., on Good Friday evening, April 15. A missionary offering was received to enable the B. Y. P. U. to reach its goal of \$50 for missions. Mrs. Harry Gieseke directed the play. Miss Martha Ahrens is the president of the B. Y. P. U. The church joined the other evangelical churches of the community for an Easter sunrise service. On Sunday, March 27, Mr. M. L. Leuschner was the guest at the church's services. The Rev. Charles F. Zummach is leading the church in a forward-looking and aggressive min-

On the occasion of the 81st anniversary of the German Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., on Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10, two former pastors, Prof. F. W. C. Meyer and Otto Koenig, were also feted and honored in view of their forthcoming 50th anniversary of ordination into the Christian ministry. Testimonials of recognition were presented to each by the church following congratulatory addresses by visiting ministers and the pastor of the church, the Rev. Julius Kaaz. Prof. Meyer preached in the morning service of the church. Special articles by both of the professors will be featured in the June 15 issue of the BAPTIST HERALD.

The German Baptist Church of Herreid, So. Dak., held farewell services and a reception for the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske on Sunday, March 27, prior to their going to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Similar services had been held in the several mission stations during the previous week. In the morning service opportunity was given the representatives of the church organizations to express their words of appreciation to the departing minister and his family. In the afternoon another service was held which was addressed by the Rev. F. Alf of Linton, No. Dak. More than 4 years of a very fruitful and happy ministry were spent by Mr. and Mrs. Fenske in the Herreid Church.

Con Friday evening, March 25, the B. Y. P. U. of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., held its annual banquet with about 75 persons in attendance. Miss Dorothy Abele, president of the B. Y. P. U., brought an interesting resume of the year's work. Miss Melba Runtz served as toastmistress introducing the musical numbers, brief sketch, and the main speaker on the program, Miss Alethea Kose, a member of the faculty of the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago. On Sunday evening, March 6, the Rev. A. F. Runtz had the joy of baptizing 9 persons and of receiving them and another person into the fellowship of the church. The Rev. L. Gittings, pastor of the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, conducted evangelistic meetings in Peoria for 2 weeks, closing on Good Friday evening, April 15. The church building has recently undergone extensive repairs and alterations improving the basement of the

The General Council of the denomination held its annual session on Monday, April 4, at the missionary headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., with most of the representatives in attendance. A new constitution for the Pension Fund was recommended to the Pension Fund Committee for adoption, and the serious financial crisis facing the denomination was considered by the brethren. From Tuesday morning, April 5, to Wednesday evening, April 6, the General Missionary Committee met for its annual session to consider missionary appropriations and appointments. Some of the many items of business transacted by the committee are presented in the articles of this issue of THE BAPTIST HERALD. At the public service on Wednesday evening held in the Oak Park German Baptist Church the Reverends J. Wobig, L. F. Gassner and V. Brushwyler spoke. Miss Laura Reddig, the newly appointed missionarynurse for the Cameroons, was presented to the audience by the Rev. William Kuhn, Missionary Secretary, who was also in charge of the service. A denominational Day of Prayer and Fasting was designated for Thursday, May 26, and the observance of the day considered by the committee.

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DAILY MEDITATIONS

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Friday, May 13

A Religion of Joy

"Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice." - Philippians

(Read Philippians 4:1-7)

There are those who think that the impulses and joys of the natural life must be repressed in the interest of religion. But it rather needs to be affirmed, that the religion of Jesus Christ is a religion of joy, gladness and good cheer. Our Lord himself was radiant with the cheer that even his profound compassion for human wee could not destroy. He was no as-

Prayer: Our kind Father, grant us the disposition and habit of enjoying the blessings thou dost send us daily.

Saturday, May 14

How Long, O Lord, How Long!

"Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn to war any more."-Isaiah 2:4.

(Read Isaiah 2:1-5)

Nearly 2000 years after Christ we are still under the tyranny and terror of war. Must man be brute forever and hate the lord of life? "Can war end war?" Nay, as true as God is Ged, so surely will the day of the prophet's promise come. "The swords shall yet be beaten into plowshares."

Prayer: O Prince of peace, come with thy healing power to this troubled world.

Sunday, May 15

The Inner Struggle

"The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh."-Gal.

(Read Galatians 5:16-25)

We are often pulled hither and thither by the conflicting powers that seek to gain the mastery over our inner self. There is, on the one hand. the prompting of the Holy Spirit, calling us to a life of love, goodness and faith, and, on the other hand, the pull of the flesh down to the lower levels of life. Only as we yield to the Spirit shall the works of the flesh be over-

Prayer: In all of our inner struggles, we are more than conquerors youd his power to comprehend. through thee, O Christ, who loveth us.

Monday, May 16

Work-A Joy Or A Burden?

"And thou shalt teach them . . . the work that they must do."-Exodus

(Read Exodus 18:17-24)

We are made for work. The Lord took Adam and put him into the gar-

den "to dress it and to keep it." It is nothing short of a calamity that in our land of plenty there should be millions who are unemployed. What is our attitude to our daily work?-Is it a burden borne with a sigh, or a blessing bringing joy?

Prayer: Yes, we thank thee, dear Father, for our daily work. Help us to do it with a sense of thy companion-

Tuesday, May 17

Be On Your Guard

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation."—Matthew 26:41.

(Read Matthew 26:36-46)

We need to be on our guard, for temptations are constantly assailing us. Although the Lord walks beside us, yet he leaves place for our own intelligence and volition. He enjoins us to be alert of soul, keenly sensitive to right and wrong, and to have a quick eye for truth and reality. We must not give the tempter a chance.

Prayer: Mighty God, we are conscious of the perils that beset our souls. Make us strong in the strength of thy might.

Wednesday, May 18

He Knows and Leads the Way "We are journeying unto the place

of which the Lord said, I will give it you."-Numbers 10:29.

(Read Numbers 10:29-36)

Only a little of our life is known to us. We cannot see much of the path ahead of us. If we could know all and see the road rising ever in wearisome hills before us, we might grow fainthearted and turn back. But God leads us a step at a time and gives us strength for each day's journey. That is our encouragement.

Prayer: Merciful Father, keep our hearts happy and brave at our present task, knowing that our lives are ordered by thy loving wisdom.

By Prayer and Fasting

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night alone at Jabbok his estranged brother Esau was reconciled to him.

On the page of life's story of such who observe the Day of Prayer and Fasting in spirit and in truth will be written these significant words: "And God blessed him there." Like Jacob each participant will be blest even be-

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A White Stranger in Africa

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did when young. May God burn the words into their memory and cause them to bring forth eternal fruit!

But, alas!, although the women listened and even memorized Scripture, they appeared to be absolutely incapable of feeling any responsibility for their own souls. So long have they been taught to believe that their salvation is ultimately obtained only through the husband, that all application of the Word seemed to find as little lodging in their hearts as an arrow would in steel. However, I was delighted to find that each morning there were those among the women who could repeat that which had been taught them the night before. Again I found refuge in the fact that "the word is quick and powerful."

Each day I tried to find such who were in need of medicine, but it was not until the last day that the sick made known their needs. Gladly I brought forth such help as I could give. Immediately, I became aware of a changed attitude among the women. The reticent became friendly. enemies showed toleration, and friends looked triumphant. Would this bring forth a new attitude toward the message, also?

As I left that village I felt the vital relationship between the message and the messenger. The Word backed by loving deeds shall bring forth glory to God, even as Christ said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.'

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Read the Articles on pages 164 and 165 of this issue of "The Baptist Herald" carefully in order to acquaint yourself with the needs and opportunities of this hour.

Study the two center pages of pictures and facts, overarched by the promise of God concerning "the opened windows of heaven" and his shower of blessings.

Make Your Observance of This Day of Prayer and Fasting On May 26

a Matter of Personal Concern and Prayer Fellowship with Others in Your Church

"Forget Not the Assembling of Yourselves Together"



SUNRISE

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They both sat very still for a moment thinking this over. Then Joyce suddenly threw her arms about Rose and drew her close to her.

"You dear little girl!' she said. "You have comforted me a lot! You have brought me a word that shows the very best side of my dear brother, and it seems to lift me above the things that people are saying and help me to bear it all. I guess God is going to work it all out somehow, and I'm going to trust Him."

"Yes," said Rose softly, "I guess God knows how to straighten this all out."

The two girls sat together very silently for a few minutes with their arms about one another, and then Joyce gathered up the cool velvet pansies and buried her hot face in them, breathing in their delicate spicy fragrance.

"I shall never forget what you have done for me!" said Joyce at last as Rose got up to go. "You have given me more assurance to hold up my head among the terrible kindness of my neighbors."

Then suddenly from the house came the clarion voice of Mrs. Whitney: "Joyce, Joyce! Where on earth are you! For pity's sake come into the

house. I want you at once!"

Mrs. Whitney had thought of something, and had come home to prevent it. It had occurred to her that during her absence Joyce might somehow get into touch with her brother and bring the renegade home to harbor him, to hide him perhaps, and that must not be! So she had taken the first train home to prevent it.

"Joyce, Joyce! Where are you?" the voice clanged on impatiently.

The two girls huddled together in the dim recesses of the arbor, looked into each other's eyes for an instant, reading each other's thoughts, and then suddenly they smiled, a soft quiet smile that passed like a flash of understanding from the eyes of one to the other.

"It's all right," whispered Rose, "I was just going anyway. You just let me slip around the other side of the house, the way I came, and she'll never know I was here. Good-bye. I've loved being with you."

Joyce stooped suddenly and kissed her. Then Rose stole out from the back of the arbor and around behind the trees, skirting the house behind the shrubbery; she climbed nimbly over a fence and was on the highway.

Joyce laid her pansies down in the grass in a hidden spot in the arbor till she could retrieve them after dark and carry them to her own room. Then she turned and went swiftly in to answer the summons.

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