

# THE BAPTIST HERALD

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Our Missionary  
to the Bulgarian  
Gypsies,  
Sister Lydia  
Doellefeld,  
Enfolding Two  
Aged Gypsy Boys  
With the Arms of  
Christ-like Love.





## What's Happening

✱ The Sunday School of the Baptist Church near Gatesville, Texas, held a Teachers' Training Course during the week of Oct. 17 to 21. The course on "New Testament Studies" was taught by the Rev. W. H. Buening, pastor of the church. Eighteen persons completed the course. Miss Margaret Koch, reporter, stated that "the class proved to be very instructive and helpful to us in our Sunday School work."

✱ Revival meetings were held in the Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio, from Oct. 16 to 30 with the Rev. Gerhard Neumann of Detroit, Mich., serving as the evangelist. Mr. James E. Colville of Cleveland was the song leader. The pastor of the church, the Rev. T. W. Bender, reported that a deep interest was shown in the meetings and a number of persons were converted.

✱ Mr. Robert Juan Dittrich, the former president of the B. Y. P. U. and organist of the Kings Highway Baptist Church in Bridgeport, Conn., left for Texas early in October to accept an appointment as flying cadet in the Army Air Corps of Randolph Field, Texas, which is known as "the West Point of the Air." From the Bridgeport Church came the hearty wish of "God speed!" in his new assignment.

✱ The Rev. Wm. Kuhn, general missionary secretary, spent Sunday, Oct. 30, in the Bethel Church of Buffalo, N. Y., speaking at the services of the church. From Wednesday, Nov. 9, to Sunday, Nov. 13, he visited the German Baptist churches of California, having been prevented from carrying out his original plans a few weeks ago. He spoke in the sessions of the California Association, held in Anaheim from Nov. 10 to 13.

✱ The Rev. John Wobig, pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., conducted evangelistic meetings in the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, from Monday, Oct. 3, to Sunday, Oct. 16. A fine spirit prevailed in the well attended services, and 15 persons were led to accept Christ as Savior or to return to the fellowship of the Church. The Rev. Paul F. Zoschke is the pastor of the church, whose aggressive program reaches out into the vicinity of the church and town.

✱ The Rev. H. Rumpel, the pastor of the German Baptist Church and mission field at Prince George, British Columbia, Canada, died after a brief illness caused by blood poisoning on Sunday, Oct. 2. He had been on the field for only 5 months, in which his efforts had been abundantly blessed of God. For several years he was the pastor of the German Baptist Churches in

Kelowna and Vernon, British Columbia. His widow and family of two children have moved to Regina, Saskatchewan, to make their home there.

✱ The Rev. C. F. Dallmus passed away early on Sunday morning, Oct. 9, following an unexpected heart attack in his home in Spokane, Wash. He was serving the German Baptist Church of Spokane as interim pastor for a number of months. During his long and fruitful ministry, Brother Dallmus served many of our churches in widely scattered areas of the denomination. His untimely passing will be mourned by his many friends everywhere. His widow, Mrs. Luise Dallmus, will reside in Hastings, Nebraska, with a daughter.

✱ Mr. Jacob Reimer, the new pastor of the German Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., was ordained into the Christian ministry on Monday, Oct. 24, after a regularly called council had examined him for his doctrinal views. Mr. Reimer is a graduate of the Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn. His father was a Mennonite minister. Mr. and Mrs. Reimer were engaged in mission work among the Mexicans in Minnesota before being called to the Gotebo field. They have served this church for the past several months.

✱ The Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Gossen of Crawford, Texas, entertained the members of the B. Y. P. U. of the Canaan Church on Friday evening, Oct. 14. After a program of games and contests, a delicious lunch was served in the dining room. At the tables pep songs were sung and "pop questions" were given by the host and pastor of the church, the Rev. C. C. Gossen. The reporter of the B. Y. P. U., Tillie Mae Spross, wrote that "we are thankful to our pastor and his wife for the love and good will which they have shown us as B. Y. P. U. members."

✱ The Rev. Frank Armbruster, a graduate of the 1938 class of the German Baptist Seminary, will serve the Baptist Church in Gladwin, Mich., for 3 months from Nov. 1 to Jan. 31. He was pastor of the Baptist Church in Gotebo, Okla., for a short time during the summer until ill health compelled him to resign. From Oct. 9 to 14 evangelistic services were held in the Gladwin Church by the Rev. L. F. Gassner of Benton Harbor, Mich., with 25 conversions reported. These meetings were continued from Oct. 17 to 21 by the Rev. Wm. Hoover of Detroit, Mich., pastor of the Connors Ave. Baptist Church.

✱ The German Baptist Church of Carington, No. Dak., with its mission

station at Pleasant Valley, is proud of the fact that six of its young people are in attendance at seminaries and Bible Schools preparing themselves for full time Christian service. Two young men, Leslie Albus and Gustav Lutz, are students at our seminary in Rochester, N. Y. Three of the young people, Harry Albus, Edith Stickelmeyer and Harry Leppke, are students in the Northwestern Bible School of Minneapolis, Minn. Another friend of the church, Floyd Johannsen, is also a student in the Minneapolis school. The Rev. N. E. McCoy serves the church regularly on Sunday evenings.

✱ Mr. M. L. Leuschner, young people's secretary, visited all the German Baptist Churches in Minnesota from Sunday, Oct. 23, to Monday, Oct. 31. He addressed large Sunday congregations in the First and Riverview Churches of St. Paul and the First German Baptist Church of Minneapolis. During the week he spoke in meetings held in our churches at St. Bonifacius, Hutchinson, Holloway, Randolph and Jeffers. Everywhere he found a keen interest in the denominational enterprise and the cause of Christ's Kingdom. From Friday, Oct. 28, to Sunday, Oct. 30, he participated in a large young people's retreat in the Riverview Church of St. Paul, arranged by the pastor, the Rev. John Wobig. More than 70 young people attended the class on "the Enrichment of My Christian Life," and the church was largely filled for the second period in which Mr. Leuschner related the story of our Danubian Mission Field in Southeastern Europe. On Friday morning, Oct. 28, Mr. Leuschner also addressed the chapel service of Bethel Institute in St. Paul, speaking on the topic, "From Hungary's Flag Pole to Bulgaria's Cross."

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## EDITORIAL

THE secret of all true thanksgiving is a happy heart and a contented spirit. Such gratitude is far removed from the pride of the

Pharisee whose only reason for gratitude seemed to be that he was not

like other people. This genuine spirit of thankfulness draws us safely away from the reefs of complacency, where one can no longer find any room for improvement. It does not allow us to accept "things as they are" with tragic resignation to fate.

True thanksgiving looks back upon every day as a gift from God, which has been clothed beautifully by the radiant and faithful service of a co-laborer of God. It interprets every experience of life as a pilgrimage with Christ, the friendly Guide and Master, who always leads to higher and better things. It always finds something beautiful and good in the changing events of life, until it has become accustomed to seeing the "silver lining in every cloud." It can sing a song in the darkest night and muster courage in the thick of the battle.

Such thanksgiving is uniquely a gift from God. It is the peculiar possession of those who have taken God into their reckoning and who live "by faith in Him who loved them and gave Himself for them." Whatever the troubles of life may be, there are still beneath such "the everlasting arms" of God's love. However dark the night may be, there are still the chart and compass that come from the Master Pilot by which we can safely, even joyously, steer.

How beautiful is the pageantry of such a thankful heart! It is admired everywhere. Men would drink of the fountain of its secret. They would buy it with much gold, if it were to be bought. Even our country glorifies that spirit by establishing a national holiday and calling it "Thanksgiving Day." But only those who can

say with the apostle Paul: "For to me to live is Christ," can also sing with him: "Wherever I go, thank God, he makes my life a constant pageant of triumph in Christ." That thanksgiving is always a bright pageant because God's touch of beauty and love is upon it.

In spite of dark clouds upon the horizon and sinister warning signals, our denomination has every reason to be thankful at this season of the year. Our growth under God's guidance deserves to be heralded in a pageantry of thankful hearts. For the first time in our history of almost a century, we have passed the mark of 36,000 in our membership, now numbering 36,357 people in our 270 churches. During the past conference year 1611 persons were baptized, which represents a gratifying increase of 458 baptisms over those of the previous year. The total number of Sunday School scholars has increased slightly by 737, of B. Y. P. U. members by 195 young people, and of women's missionary societies by 807 women. The total mission gifts during the past year amounted to the encouraging sum of \$120,901.33, and the expenditures for local purposes have witnessed an amazing increase of \$109,849.55 over those of the previous year. It is interesting, to be sure, to ask the significant question why the increase in expenditures for local purposes was almost 70% more than the increase in missionary gifts.

This denominational song of thanksgiving must not close our eyes to the great needs of the present hour. Plans are under way to make the year 1939 memorable in spiritual harvests with a denominational emphasis upon evangelism. We are going forward in our missionary program, in spite of human counsel to retreat. This season finds us with thankful hearts as a denomination, as we face the upward climb of the future with joy and faith.

"We have hard work to do and loads to lift.

Shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift."



# Adventures in Our Gypsy Mission Field

The Gypsy Baptist Church of Golinzi, Bulgaria, and the 15 surrounding Gypsy villages in a radius of 50 miles, where the gospel message is being proclaimed by our missionaries, form one of the most unique and interesting mission fields in the world. The visit of Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Fuellbrandt and the editor to that field during the past summer is colorfully depicted in the following article.

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

The world belongs to the Gypsies! That is the impression which the traveler of Europe receives. Everywhere he goes, he finds these colorful Gypsies singing and cavorting their way through life.

Nomadic bands of gypsies in the United States, who travel from place to place in their rickety, old, covered wagons, are usually greeted with the cry of terror: "The gypsies have come to town!" So many things seem to disappear with their departure. The Gypsy women as fortune-tellers have a frightening air of mystery about them. Sometimes they are forcibly escorted to the city limits by the police. The name of "Gypsy" seems to be a synonym for "thief" and "beggar."

## Gypsies Everywhere

In European countries the Gypsies are even more numerous and more despised. They are tolerated in the orchestras that play wierd, romantic music in Hungary's cafes. In Bulgaria they shine the shoes of travelers for a mere pittance. Upon the streets of Bucharest, the capital of Rumania, they are the flower venders. Their mud huts can be seen along the shores of Jugoslavia's rivers. Entire Gypsy families sit like human nests in the market-places of the Balkan States, selling wooden spoons and little trinkets. Their pitiful cry for a few pennies is followed by a carefree song of laughter and joy. No one really knows from where they have come, and no one truly understands their strange ways. They are the world's greatest enigma!

Gypsies are everywhere looked down upon as the scum of the earth. Sometimes they are regarded with curiosity by tourists, but ultimately they are despised and hated by the entire world. They are segregated in their own villages. The Germans consider them to be hopelessly beyond the elite circle of the Aryan race. Even the Mohammedan and Greek Catholic leaders have passed them by on the other side, because their souls were hardly worth saving. Only God has taken compassion upon them! Christ included the Gypsies in the outpouring of his love upon the peoples of the world! His glory has burst forth marvelously among the brown-skinned Gypsies of Bulgaria.

## A Stolen New Testament

Thirty-five years ago two swarthy Gypsy men looked over their loot of the day. Among the

things which they had stolen, they especially admired a New Testament for its attractive gilt edge. A strange, inner urge prompted them to open its pages and to read in it. "God moves in mysterious ways his wonders to perform." For the haphazard reading of that gospel message in a stolen New Testament led these Gypsy men to give their hearts to Christ and to witness for their Savior. One of these men, Bogdan by name, is still one of the very active members of the church, which he helped to organize, and Boyana Punsheva, the widow of the other Gypsy, is radiantly beautiful in her service for Christ.

Golinzi is the unique village where our Gypsy Baptist Church is located. The two thousand gypsies of the village live on a sloping hillside, almost completely surrounded by higher hills covered with green vineyards. From the Gypsy village one can view the panoramic scene of the thriving city of Lom, a mile and a half away. The picturesque, fruitful valley lies at one's feet and the broad, winding course of the Danube River is seen in the distance. Minarets, that punctuate the scene, remind one that this used to be a Mohammedan country, and the blinding sun and intense heat are perceptible evidences that these are Balkan lands.

## The Gypsy Baptist Church

That Gypsy Church is the only organized Gypsy Baptist Church in the world! What a wonderful open door God has given us in this mission field among the Gypsies! It stands with chaste beauty at the top of the hill, where it seems to watch over the little, primitive huts of the Gypsies and to beckon with friendly winsomeness to all Gypsies to enter its portals. Even the large letters, "God is Love," which are painted across the rear of the church under the roof can be seen from a distance of a mile away. This is the church which our mission gifts helped to build and which our Mission Society supports today. Its seventy-six members upon the present church roll are all "in good standing," each of them a fiery evangelist of the gospel. Its pastor, the Rev. Georgi Stefanoff, a full-blooded Gypsy from this village, has rendered a remarkable ministry during the past nine years of his service. He is one of God's spiritual giants in his Kingdom enterprise.

Our visit at the Gypsy church service on a Sunday afternoon in July was the unique climax

to our entire European trip. We rode from Lom to Golinzi in Bulgarian "taxicabs," consisting of open carriages drawn by spindle-legged, thin horses. Most of the way we were enveloped by clouds of dust until we gasped for a breath of fresh air. Our first sight of the Gypsy adobe huts with pigs and chickens and cows having a monopoly of most of the shade and with ragged, sometimes naked, Gypsy children running around in play was not an exhilarating experience. One wanted to turn one's eyes away from the picture in disgust.

## Attending a Gypsy Service

But as we approached the church entrance, the mood of our hearts changed to joyous inspiration. The service had started and the enthusiastic singing of the Gypsies streamed from the building to greet us. We found the church crowded to its utmost capacity with almost two hundred men and women in the seats ahead of us and more than sixty children in the gallery directly above us. The singing was spectacular with full-throated volume and whole-hearted sincerity. The dark eyes of the Gypsy women flashed joyously against the background of their bronze skin and highly colored shawls and bandana kerchiefs. In spite of noisy commotion and emotional outbursts of excitement, one felt that God was looking with pleasure upon such a congregation and honoring them with his loving presence.



Bogdan, One of the First Christian Gypsies in Golinzi, Bulgaria, and the Rev. Georgi Stefanoff, the Pastor of the Gypsy Baptist Church There.

Our mission work among these Gypsies is the evidence of our faith that we do not take sides with the world in despising the gypsies but with God in his love for them. We believe that John 3:16 includes the Bulgarian Gypsies as well as ourselves. Who knows when another Gypsy Smith will rise from this race as one of God's flaming evangelists? Yes, we can thank God for this memorable mission field among the Gypsies, to whom we are privileged to bring the glad tidings of God's love in Christ.

## Angels of Christian Love

Our missionaries, Sisters Lydia and Emma, are ministering angels of love. With self-effacing spirit they preach the gospel, heal the sick, clean the huts, help the fallen, clothe the naked and lead the Gypsies to Christ. They are even willing to renounce their German citizenship and to become Bulgarian subjects, if necessary,



Rev. Ivan Angeloff, Sister Lydia, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Sister Emma and M. L. Leuschner in the Courtyard of the Mission Center at Lom, Bulgaria.

that they might win these outcasts of society for the Savior.

It was a missionary journey for the editor, like unto one of the trips described in the book of Acts, to visit the Gypsy village with Sister Lydia, Brother Stefanoff and a young Christian, Shanko. A great stream of children came out to the dusty road to welcome us. We climbed the hill between the white-washed huts with grunting pigs clearing the way for us. We entered the pitiful houses where the only furniture seemed to be a box, used as a table and chair, and a small bed for the entire family of six to eight persons. We accepted the Gypsy tokens of hospitality in pieces of Turkish candy, some sweet Bulgarian Sladko and a glass of water with grateful hearts. We heard the testimony of love of these Gypsy people for the service of these missionaries of ours. It was a joy to hear a tired and poor Gypsy woman remark about the deaconess, "I cannot even breathe without you!"

This Gypsy mission field is a sparkling gem in the missionary crown of our denomination. Its inspiring success has been a manifestation of God's abundant blessings. Here we have truly seen the glory of God in the transformed lives of these Bulgarian Gypsies. For, in Christ's own words, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."



# A Streamlined Trip Across the Miles

In Preparation for the Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week, Nov. 20 to 27, 1938

The Streamlined Flyer stands poised upon the tracks in the Union station, ready for its next exhilarating flight. With amazing speed this modern "Iron Horse," a luxurious "Pegasus on Wheels," can cover the miles until it has reached its destination. "From the shining aluminum below the driver's cab to the gracefully rounded end, its smooth lines breathe speed and efficiency."

The sparkling and shining attractiveness of this Streamliner seems to invite us to go along. Who can refuse such an invitation? Sinking into the soft and comfortable cushions, we find ourselves in 'a glistening tube of silver flashing across the prairie—covering, in breath-taking minutes, distances once traversed in weary days by the lumbering wagon trains."

## The Missionary Flyer

"Why, this is a Missionary Flyer," someone says, "the Flagship of the German Baptists of North America!" We rub our eyes in astonishment, but eagerly we look out of the large windows to view the passing landscape. On such an exciting good will trip, we don't want to miss anything, not on your life!

The scenery of America unfolds its beauty and charm to us, as we sit behind the Streamliner's windows. A panoramic parade of America's greatest cities passes before us in review—staid and proud Boston, New York with its skyscrapers that pierce the clouds, friendly Philadelphia, energetic Detroit, aristocratic Cleveland, gun-toting Chicago, picturesque Winnipeg, enrapturing Vancouver, flower-bedecked Portland, angelic Los Angeles, and glorious Dallas of the Southland! Everywhere in these great cities, teeming with life, you will see German Baptist churches, from whose pulpits the simple gospel message is being preached in a vigilant warfare against sin and the forces of darkness.

Have you ever realized how extensive our home mission field is? Did you know that we are supporting seventy missionary pastors in small, struggling churches, which, without our assistance, would have to close their doors? A streamlined trip to these mission stations is very misleading, because one doesn't encounter any of the hardships of these fields and the sacrificial service of our ministers, their families and their churches.

## Visiting Our Churches

A missionary pastor in Ontario, Canada lives 30 miles from the nearest railroad and 10 miles from the closest telephone. He has to drive 9

miles from his home to a second mission station through thick forests. In the winter he and his family have to stock up with provisions for most of the cold months, because a single trip to "town" during the months, after the snows have set in, is expensive and difficult.

In striking contrast are the mission fields of the Southern Conference. Warm sunshine and refreshing rain vie with each other during the winter months. Rice fields, cotton plantations, orange groves, forests from which cough syrups are made, and thriving cities are the background against which you will see our mission churches etched in the Southland. One of these churches in Elberta is almost a thousand miles from its nearest sister German Baptist church.

You may not find the prairie states and Canadian provinces very attractive at this time of the year from your train window. The cumulative effect of six and seven years of exasperating crop failures can be seen in the unpainted houses, the dilapidated farm machinery, and the dusty roads with the sun-browned Russian thistles against the fences. In these Dakota states and Canadian provinces our missionary pastors have to contend with economic reverses in their churches besides the devastation wrought by the Evil One. During the past summer the farmers in some sections fought a losing battle with grasshoppers, which came like a wriggling, jumping tide over the land, and later lost many of their horses through a mysterious malady. It costs these ministers much in prayer and service to preach with cheer and courage in the face of such discouraging circumstances.

Annually the General Missionary Society spends about \$34,000 in the support of these home mission fields. If you could follow every one of those dollars to its destination and see the joy and comfort it brings to tear-filled eyes and realize the way it helps to plant the seed of God's Word upon these mission fields for fruitful harvests, you would speak a prayer of thanksgiving to God with every missionary dollar you give for the privilege of having a part in this glorious ministry.

## Snow-Crowned Elders

Our "Stainless Steel Zephyr" also takes us past the windows of homes, where we can catch a glimpse of our veteran ministers and aged ministers' widows. Some are cozily resting in comfortable arm-chairs, reading the

denomination's publications and caring for their memories of bygone days. They pioneered in the heat of the day and in the bitter cold of winter, laying the foundation for the work of ours today. They have handed down to us a heritage, which we must cherish and honor.

Some of them refuse to be shelved into stagnant inactivity. One of these veteran ministers recently preached a sermon in his 88th year in Buffalo, N. Y., which he calls his "swan song." But as long as he has a song in his heart, the octogenarian will proclaim that song to the world. Several of them are serving as interim pastors in smaller and larger churches of the denomination. These honored pastors and ministers' widows are a living example in our churches of the Christian love and sweetness, the message of which they proclaimed in their earlier days.

Our streamlined trip would have to take us to the homes of 20 of these aged ministers and ministers' widows who are receiving mission support from the fund for superannuated ministers to the extent of \$2,300 a year, and to the homes of 46 ministers, receiving pension fund aid amounting to \$13,449.84 annually, in order to cover the entire field.

Can you evaluate the ministry of one of your Sunday School teachers? Can you ever repay the counsel and friendship of a beloved minister who entered your life? Can anyone ever compute the value of such a human service in the name of Jesus Christ in terms of dollars and cents? These missionary dollars for the support of these aged servants of the denomination are only slight tokens of our appreciation for their service and of our indebtedness to them for their exemplary ministry.

## Little Bits of Heaven

This missionary streamliner carries us swiftly and smoothly to "the city of brotherly love," Philadelphia, where we go past the shrine of Independence Hall with its famous Liberty Bell and past the City Hall with benevolent William Penn still keeping his vigil on its high tower, out to the German Baptist Home for the Aged. There we can talk leisurely to the guests and learn how contented and happy they are. We board our streamliner and stop long enough at Chicago to repeat our inspiring visit with the guests in the Western German Baptist Home for the Aged. "It's like heaven, being here!", one of the old men says to us. We continue our trip to the "city of roses," Portland, and there

amidst fragrant flowers and lovely surroundings we enter the third of our Homes for the Aged. Only a small percentage of the missionary dollar is devoted to these homes, because they are largely self-supporting, but the annual amount of \$7,709.03 represents our cheerful share in this important work. "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." That is a promise of God which is still valid today.

But the most picturesque stretch on this streamlined trip is the road to St. Joseph, Michigan. Through bustling cities with their smoke-blackened factories and window-dressed shops, our "Streamliner Flagship" speeds us across the state of Michigan. Apple orchards to the right and left of us delight our hearts. The first sight of Lake Michigan near St. Joseph is an inspiration that takes our breath away. "We're there," we shout as we leave our comfortable train and are greeted at the station by a large happy family of boys and girls with their "foster parents," Mr. and Mrs. Hans Steiger.

## Our Children's Home

It isn't long before we reach the picturesque grounds of our Children's Home, situated on a tree-covered knoll on the outskirts of the city. We stand in glowing admiration of the beautiful, vine-covered, three story building. "Well, this is the place where we sent the colored Easter eggs and Christmas presents last year from our church!", someone is heard to say.

We are invited to come inside. We feel at home at once. We view the rooms and halls and find everything clean and in order. We join the 25 boys and girls at the tables for dinner, and our hearts are thrilled as Brother Steiger leads in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the food, in which he also speaks of the faithfulness of the denomination in supporting this Home. The sum of \$2,890.86 which is annually expended by the denomination for the St. Joseph Children's Home is miraculously changed into streams of blessings which flow from that institution back into our own churches.

## Our Seminary in Rochester

A trip to Rochester, N. Y., is not sufficient to make the acquaintance of our German Baptist Seminary there. To be sure, we can view the seminary building and visit the class rooms where eager students "sit at the feet of their able teachers." The open door leading into the worshipful chapel invites one to the many services and student prayer meetings held there. A trip through the dormitory and the dining hall soon convinces one of perfect order and cleanliness throughout the building. Our seminary gives ample evidence of intensive preparation in the lives of these promising young men for notable service upon church and mission fields in years to come.

However, to evaluate aright the work of our seminary in our denominational enterprise, you will have to board "the Streamliner" and go to almost every corner of our field. Everywhere the people are speaking with words of praise about the seminary quartet. Those four young men visited 97 of our churches during the summer months, traveling about 16,000 miles. An evangelistic team of two young men came back to the seminary halls, telling of God's wondrous blessings in connection with their ministry. Most of the students served in summer pastorates where they were used of God's Spirit in leading 98 persons to Christ. Here, indeed, is the memorable story of an institution whose outreach of spiritual influence goes to the farthest corners of the denomination.

paring the annual Bible Day program. From the windows of the Publication Society in Cleveland, one can let one's thoughts literally fly to the thousands of homes where this religious literature brings its blessings and joys. What would our denomination be without its ministry of the printed page?

## Young People's Institutes

It's especially thrilling to take "the Streamliner" to a young people's institute. Every car is crowded with happy, laughing, enthusiastic young people. Their singing of choruses and religious songs is contagious. How wonderful it sounds! An opened suitcase shows a Bible and swimming suit together. They are symbols of these institute programs with classes of religious instruction and opportunities for wholesome recreation. Approximately twenty young people's assem-



The Congregation of the Baptist Chapel at Gyorkony, Hungary After a Brief Morning Service

(The Rev's F. Fuellbrandt and Wm. Kuhn are at the Extreme Left and the Rev's Emil Lant and Paul Galambos at the Right.)

## Our Publication Society

"The Missionary Streamliner" also makes a stop in Cleveland, Ohio, permitting its passengers to visit the German Baptist Publication Society at 3734 Payne Avenue. A warm welcome always awaits every visitor at this place!

You'll have to be careful not to get into the way of the linotypists and printers as they prepare the publication material for the several presses. We can spend an interesting hour watching how "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" are prepared for publication. As the presses go to work, the noise is too much for us, and we go upstairs to seek refuge in Mr. Donner's office.

Mr. H. P. Donner, the business manager, tells us how both "The Herald" and "Der Sendbote" have almost 12,000 subscriptions, which is quite a record for the past decade or so! He explains the extensive service of the Publication Society in publishing German lesson papers and other literature, in selling books and Sunday School material, in carrying on Bible and tract colportage work, and in pre-

bles and institutes are held throughout the nine conferences during the summer months.

The work of the young people's societies and the ministry of Sunday School, nurtured by the National Union, is as broad in its scope as the denomination itself. The Bible Schools in Canada, he'd during the winter months, train the young people of those churches as able leaders of the tomorrow. The sixty Vacation Bible Schools held during the past summer have been "a highway of blessing" for the denomination at large. To become acquainted with these young people of our churches in all their work and plans is to gain new hope for the future of our beloved denomination.

## Our Cameroon Missionaries

We leave our Streamliner train and climb abroad "the magic carpet" to be transported in the twinkling of an eye to Africa. Already we are looking down upon the low rolling and grass covered hills of Kakaland in the Cameroons. The thatch-roofed huts in the Negro village look like a bunch of birds' nests from where we are. Soon

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# Children's Page

By MRS. ERICA LOEWEN of Chicago, Illinois

## THANKSGIVING

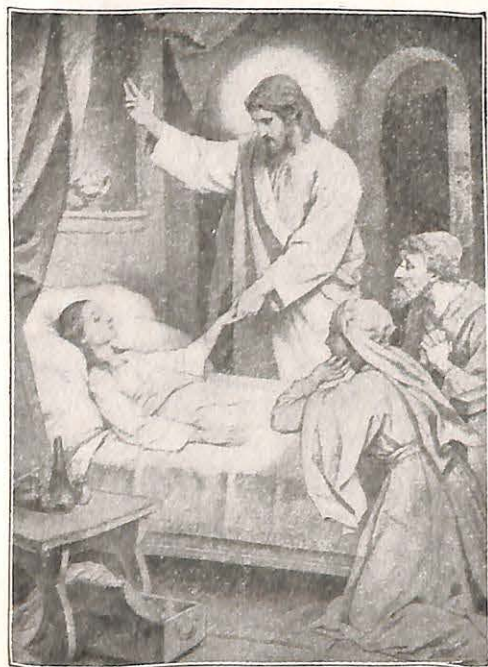
We thank Thee, God for Jesus Christ  
Whom we have learned to love;  
Help us believe as Jairus did  
Till we reach Home above.

'Tis wonderful, O God, to know  
That someday we shall see  
The maiden Jesus raised from death  
When we come Home to thee.

Let joyful thanks e'er fill our hearts  
For wonders of thy grace;  
But more than all beside, dear Lord,  
That we shall see Thy face.

## Only Believe!

The Lord Jesus rose as the boat touched bottom, and stepped out upon the shore. A great crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Suddenly, in the midst of the multitude there was a commotion, and a man ran to Jesus. Falling at his feet, he cried:



And Jesus said to Jairus' daughter:  
"Maiden, I say unto you, arise!"

"My little daughter is at the point of death! I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her that she may be made whole, and live!" And he went with him.

Jairus was one of the rulers of the Jewish synagogues: a great man and rich. But now as

he hurried along the way with this Man, of whom he had heard so much, this Stranger with the calm, quiet eyes, the strong, tender face, full of a great love, and a strange, deep weariness, Jairus forgot all about himself; forgot even the crowd following so thickly behind them. His only daughter, his twelve year old little one, lay dying! If he lost her, what would life be? But no, this Jesus was able to help. He who had healed so many, surely, he would be able to heal his child. . . . He hurried on, his eyes straining ahead, his face set.

Suddenly, a great fear gripped his heart. Who was this coming in the distance? What was the man saying?

"Thy daughter is dead! Why troublest thou the Master any further?"

Quickly, Jesus turned to Jairus and said, "Fear not; only believe!" And his eyes pleaded with Jairus not to keep him from using his great power by doubting that he was able to help. The love in his look brought a great peace to Jairus' faltering heart, and he cried,

"Lord, I believe!"

They walked on, and the Master allowed no man to follow them except Peter and James and John. When they approached the house, there was a great tumult, and the sound of many weeping and wailing. At last they made their way through the press of people and came into the ruler's house. The flute player stopped his song of mourning suddenly and looked up. Jesus said quietly:

"Why make ye a tumult and weep? The child is not dead, but sleepeth." The people looked at each other and laughed him to scorn. But he, putting them all out of the house, and taking the father and mother of the little maiden, with the three disciples who were with him went in where the child was.

Stepping simply to her side, as she lay there so pitifully still and white, he took her by the hand and said:

"Maiden, I say unto thee, arise!"

And she arose.

With a strange amazement in his eyes and the light of a great love in his face, the ruler murmured softly to himself as he clasped his child closely to his breast:

"Fear not . . . only believe . . . only believe!"

# In the Cross of Christ I Glory

The young pastor of the Dickinson County Baptist Church of Kansas has prepared this thoughtful and inspiring sermon for this Thanksgiving season as well as for every season of the year because of its gospel message and divine truth.

By the REV. STANLEY F. GEIS of Elmo, Kansas

## Why the Cross?

The Cross of Christ is the central teaching in Christianity. Christianity is the only religion that points to a cross. The cross is Christianity! Christianity is the cross!

Christ's death on the cross has wielded more influence over the lives of men than any other power. Sin-stained souls look to the cross and are washed whiter than snow. Just as the Israelites of old looked upon the uplifted serpent in the wilderness and were made whole, so all who look to the cross for forgiveness will find it. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whoever believeth on him should have eternal life" (John 3:14-15.)

What unseen force draws men and women away from the luxuries of American life to our mission fields? It is the power of the cross. Our missionaries have received glorious visions of Christ on the cross, and it is in obedience to that vision that they have forsaken all and have followed him. "In the cross of Christ I glory" should be the theme of every child of God. The cross is the unveiling of Jesus' character, the climax of his devotion to his cause. For that cross we should be ever thankful. For in that cross is our only glory.

## The Primacy of the Cross

The cross was central in God's plan for the ages. "And all that dwell on earth shall worship him, every one whose name hath not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that hath been slain" (Rev. 13:8). The day on which Christ died, has become the greatest day in the history of the world. The noblest interests of man are summed up and centered in Christ's death upon the cross.

In many of the pulpits of today the preaching of the cross is being neglected. The result is a powerless and fruitless Christianity. Unless we in our day preach with all fervency and passion the Christ and him crucified, our efforts at transforming the world will be futile. "That which has most moved other centuries to repentance unto life has been the preaching of Christ crucified." Would to God that all ministers might have the spirit of Paul when he states his convictions in 1 Cor. 2:2: "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified." Knowing that the cross was the central purpose of God before the foundation of the world, are we justified in making the cross of Christ of non effect?

Sin necessitated the cross. Sin is a transgression of a holy law. God told Adam not to eat of the forbidden fruit, but he ate anyway. This disobedience resulted in his estrangement from God. It was now impossible for man to set himself right with God. The effect of that first transgression and subsequent sin down the centuries has been overpowering. From the dawn of history sin has marred the handiwork of God. It has done violence to reason. It has distorted everything with which it has made contact.

The effect of sin in the hearts of Adam's family is a portrayal of sin in the heart of each individual and the hearts of his fellowmen. The story, as described in Genesis 4:8-10, is that of "human sin, conflict and suffering, against a background of offended love, righteous indignation and just retribution." It is the most graphic story of sin ever written.

## The Story of Sin

But the story of sin is still being written. Here in our own land, industrious strife is developing to monstrous proportions. Strikers and guards are being wounded and killed. Property is being destroyed and illegally possessed by strikers. The rift between capital and labor is ever widening. Greed, graft and bribery sent Jesus to the cross. And it seems that multitudes today are possessed of the same heartless and thoughtless motives that sent him to Golgotha.

At this moment two nations are being drenched in human blood. There was a time when wars were declared and non-combatants were given a chance to escape. But today men have become too CIVILIZED to bother about declaring war on one another and moving innocent civilians out of the danger zone. It is much easier and less expensive to send a squadron of bombers to blow them to bits. O, the horror of it all! It seems we can see the Christ out there between the firing lines writhing in agony, every time a bullet finds its mark.

Another evil with which our world is beset is racial prejudice. In Jesus' time "the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans," and today men have not outgrown that erroneous view of race relations. White folks still insist that Negroes are socially and intellectually inferior, a race which they must ostracize and keep permanently in subordinate positions. Is not this the atti-

tude of one with the shrieking mob that cried "Crucify him, crucify him!"?

Yes, it was sin and the overpowering effects of sin that necessitated the cross. It took the cross to bring man back, to bridge the chasm created by sin. In order to correct men's reasoning, God has taken the initial step.

## Christ's Teaching

Christ's own teaching concerning the cross is unmistakable. He came purposely to die a death, not as men die, but as a lamb led to the altar to give its life for someone's transgression. In the gospel writings Jesus often refers to his death on the cross. Matthew 20:17-19, John 3:14 and many other passages give to us his own words about his ensuing death.

Christ wants his followers constantly to remember the cross. We are to sing about it. He wants us to think about it and pray around it. He wants us to preach about it and be stirred about it. He wants us to be especially thankful for it.

We are to think of the birth of Christ, his Kingdom, his sinless life, and other facts pertaining to his deity. But the cross is never to be compared to those things. He made no provision by which to remember other events, but to have us remember his death he instituted the Lord's Supper.

## The Preaching of the Cross

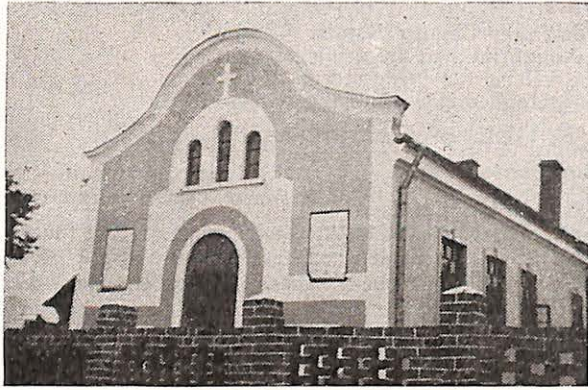
Humanity is bewildered. It has lost its way in our complex society. We must lead it to the cross. Men and nations are at one another's throats. We must preach to them the cross which is the incarnation of unselfishness and love. We must lead them to the cross and introduce them to the "Lamb of God." They recognize him at once as a fellow-sufferer with themselves.

Man has not been slow in recommending remedies for sin, but to no avail. We preach Christ and the cross because he bears our sins away. Millions testify that the moment they believed in the Christ of the cross their sins were taken away. "His death on Calvary is the most potent reinforcement of righteousness in human history, a reinforcement which continues with unabated power age after age."

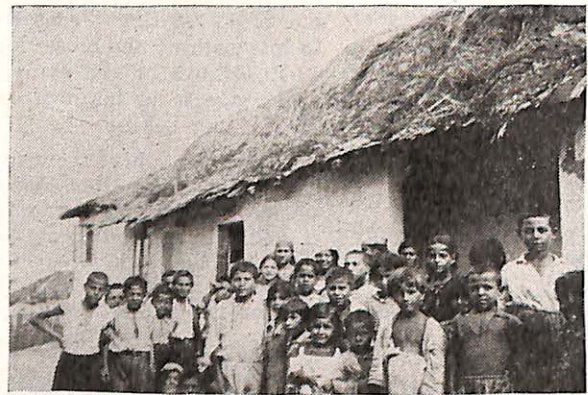
Let us preach the cross with all fervency, for it is the only answer and solution to our never ending problems. Let us give ourselves unreservedly to him who gave his all. Let us glory with the thanksgiving of our hearts only in the cross.



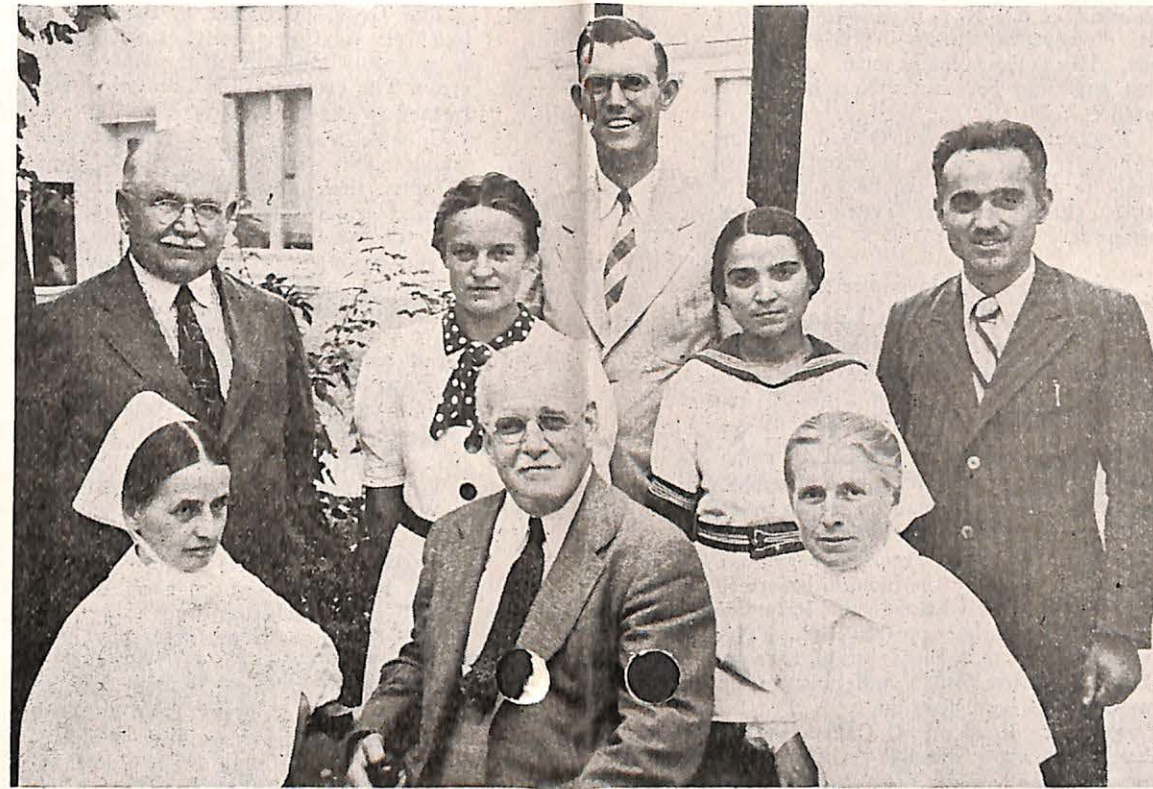
## An Album of Pictures With the Story of Our Gypsy Missionary Field in Bulgaria



The Gypsy Baptist Church of Golinzi, the Only Church of its Kind in the World, Stands on a Hill Letting its Light Shine for Christ



These Brown-skinned Gypsy Boys and Girls Are Included in that Great Host of Children, of Whom Jesus said: "Forbid Them Not to Come Unto Me!"



Missionary Workers and Friends at the Gypsy Missionary Center in Lom, Bulgaria  
Left to Right—Front Row: Sister Lydia Doellfeld, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Sister Emma Herrmann.  
Second Row: Rev. C. Fuellbrandt (Director of Our Danubian Field), Mrs. Ivan Angeloff, Eugenie (Bulgarian Girl in Training as a Deaconess), M. L. Leuschner, and Rev. Ivan Angeloff



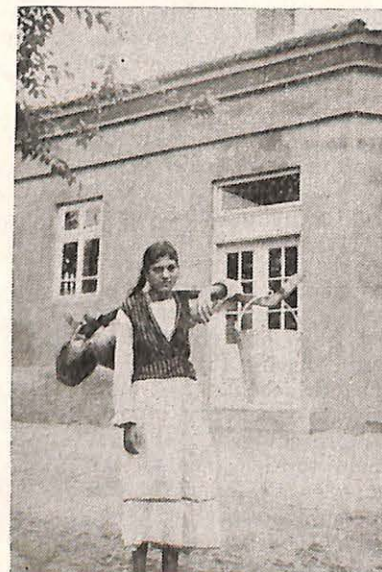
A Main Street in the Gypsy Village of Golinzi With Little, Rude Shacks Scattered Along the Street and With the Children Eager to be Photographed



A Typical Gypsy Home With Pigs, Chickens and Cats Resting in the Shade and Most of the Panes Missing in the Windows



A View of the Gypsy Missionary Center at Lom, Recently Dedicated for Service Upon This Gypsy Field, With Sister Lydia and Her Bicycle in Front



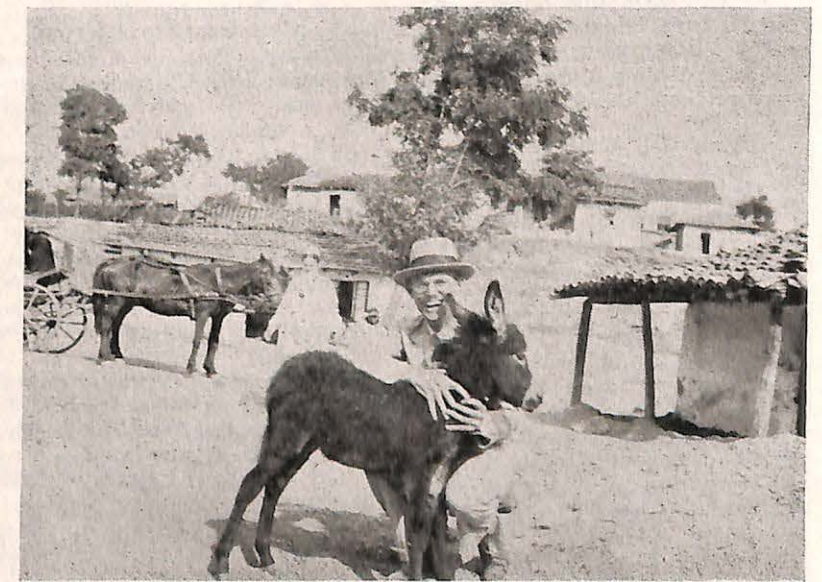
A Gypsy Girl With a Heavy Load of Water from the Nearby River



A Mohammedan Mosque Lifts its Minaret Spire Heavenward on the Bulgarian Landscape



Gypsy Women With Bundles of Straw and Grass to Burn in Their Out-of-door Ovens



The Editor of "The Baptist Herald" Trying to Make Friends With a Baby Donkey in the Gypsy Village With Sister Lydia Looking on the Scene



# Daily Meditations

By PROFESSOR LEWIS KAISER of Rochester, N. Y.

Thursday, November 17

## Personal Sin

"Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips." Isaiah 6:5.

Read Isaiah 6:1-8

When I get into the presence of God, I do not think of myself as a sinner in an indefinite sense. I realize the concentration of sin in some particular feature of my life. There is no vague sense of sin, but a deep consciousness of guilt in some personal particular. Face to face with the Holy One, we cry out: "Be merciful unto me, a sinner."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, may I not pass over my sins lightly. May I see myself in the revealing light of thy Spirit!

Friday, November 18

## The Woman Who Gave All

"And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on me." Mark 14:6.

Read John 12:3-6

This woman, presumably Mary, sister of Lazarus and Martha, met the first requirement of discipleship, namely, that she gave all and gave it in complete and self-effacing love. Nothing pleases Christ so deeply as the pouring out of all we have in devotion to him. To be ready and willing to do this is the indisputable mark of devoted discipleship.

Prayer: Beloved Lord, take my all and let it be truly, wholly consecrated to thee.

Saturday, November 19

## The End More Blessed than the Beginning

"So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning." Job 42:12.

Read Job 42:10-17

Job came to his heritage through his griefs. He was tried that his godliness might be confirmed. So, too, our troubles are intended to deepen our character. We come to our glory through eclipses, tears and death. Our ripest fruits grow against the roughest walls. Job's afflictions left him with higher conceptions of God and lowlier thoughts of himself. "Now," he cried, "mine eye seeth thee."

Prayer: O Lord, thou leadest us through the shadows into the brightness of thy glory, for "at eventide it shall be light."

Sunday, November 20

## Serving With What We Have

"Such as I have give I thee." Acts 3:6.

Read Acts 3:1-6

The poor, lame man lying at the

gate of the temple hoped for alms, as Peter and John fastened their sympathetic eyes upon him. But Peter said: "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee." And the poor man was blessed with that which no amount of money could have bought. What Jesus has given us, we are to give to others. It is only by giving it that we can keep it. And the more of it we give to others, the more of it we have ourselves.

Prayer: Dear Master, may we ever bear in mind, that what thou dost grant us out of the fullness of thy grace, is truly ours only as we bless other lives with it.

Monday, November 21

## Delayed Blessings

"For the vision is yet for the appointed time. Though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come; it will not delay." Habakkuk 2:3.

Read Habakkuk 2:1-4

It is often hard for some of us to learn that delays are not denials. Ah! there are secrets of love and wisdom in God's "Delayed Blessings Department," which are little dreamt of. Men would pluck their mercies green, when the Lord would have them ripe. Then learn to wait! God has his time. Do not doubt his love. Be patient!

Prayer:

"O thou of little faith: God hath not failed thee yet. Though all looks dark and gloomy; Dost thou so soon forget?"

Tuesday, November 22

## Bearing Your Cross

"Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Mark 8:34.

Read Mark 8:32-38

Jesus is not the only one who bears a cross. He has opened the path, and, if we would be like him, we must follow his steps. Self-denial is the very essence of crossbearing. Whatever is antagonistic to the Christian life and spirit, must be rooted out of our hearts. How shall the good grow, if the evil be not torn up?

Prayer: My Redeemer and my Lord, make me strong to lead a life of self-surrender and to bear in my body "the marks of the Lord Jesus."

Wednesday, November 23

## Calling on the Name of the Lord

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered." Joel 2:32.

Read Joel 2:28-32

We are encouraged to call on the name of the Lord—but not as a last

resort. Why should we turn hither and thither in our distraction, when God is so near and ready to hear our faintest cry? Nor need we hesitate. His "whosoever" takes in all—you and me. His deliverance is sure. He does not say "Maybe," but "shall be delivered."

Prayer: Forgive us, O God, that in our deep distress, we so often fail to turn to thee. May we be so close to thee, that thou art ever our first thought.

Thursday, November 24

## Gain Through Loss

"Through much tribulation we must enter into the kingdom of God." Acts 14:22.

Read Acts 14:19-26

The best things in life often come out of wounding. Wheat is crushed, before it becomes bread. Incense must be cast upon the fire, before the fragrant odors are set free. The ground must be broken by the plough, before it is ready to receive the seed. It is the broken heart that pleases God. The sweetest joys are the fruit of sorrow. Human nature needs suffering to be made fit, to be a blessing.

Prayer: Keep me, O Christ, in thy love, that even the losses in my life may become assets.

Friday, November 25

## God Hidden in the Cloud

"Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was." Exodus 20:21.

Read Exodus 20:18-21

Do not be afraid to enter the cloud that is settling down upon you; God is in it, though hidden. The other side is radiant with his glory. Mystery is only the veil of God's face. When you seem loneliest and most forsaken, God may be most nigh. Under the shrouding curtain of his pavilion you will find God awaiting you.

Prayer: Help me, O God, to see the silver lining of the cloud that envelops me, that I may know that thou art there.

Saturday, November 26

## Divine Possibilities

"Nothing shall be impossible unto you." Matthew 17:20.

Read Matthew 17:14-21

We may have as much of God as we will. Christ puts the key of his treasure-chamber into our hand and bids us take all that we want. If a man be given the liberty to take from the vault of a bank as much as he willed and then came out with only a pittance,

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

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Sunday, Dec. 18, 1938

## CHRISTMAS CHIMES ON EVERY CONTINENT

Scripture References: Isaiah 11:1-5; Luke 2:25-32.

"Glory to the new-born King" is the theme melody of Christmas chimes throughout the world, in spite of the fact that our commercialism of that day prompts more than one mother to wish that "it were all over with," even now. Some claim that Christ has been taken out of Christmas, but a casual glance at the various observances throughout the world prompts one to feel that the diversified celebrations do have a similar golden thread running through them. The question of whether or not there is a Santa Claus is not always the main emphasis for adults on that day; for, obviously, men are seeking to express the spirit of the Birthday Child at that time, if ever.

### Asia

Throughout this great continent much emphasis is placed on fasting by those who observe Christmas. The Armenians prepare themselves a week in advance and observe December 25th by reading the Book of Daniel in their temples and pouring out the holy oil of baptism with its supposedly miraculous powers. Syrian Magi build huge bonfires of the Biblical vine-stems in their temples as their contribution toward the observance of the birth of Christ.

At Bethlehem, where practically everyone is a professing Christian, the holy procession of the Patriarch of Jerusalem, the Cardinal of the Holy Land, is climaxed by the placing of an effigy of the Christ child in the manger-cave beneath the Church of the Nativity. A silver star is said to mark the exact spot where Christ was born.

Even in far eastern China and Japan, where the roar of cannon is now heard, the Christians will observe Christmas by stringing red, green, yellow and blue festoons from the ceilings of their rooms, and label the tree the "tree of light." They close their festivities with a service of praise by candlelight. Above the turmoil of Asiatic celebrations, the chimes do speak of that deeper message of the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

### Africa

Most of the inhabitants of the dark continent will hunt and fish and carry on tribal wars on December 25th as if it were just another day, for they haven't heard the "Good News" of the birth of Christ. But from the north-

ern Mediterranean shores to the southernmost tip of Good Hope, small bands of Christians will gather 'round the tree and sing those hymns that mean so much. Our own German Baptist workers in the Cameroons will observe Christmas much as we do, and the strains of "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht" will fall upon the ears of those who live in the jungles, because our denominational love goes into that continent on Christmas day.

### North America

Our own commercialized customs are only too well known to all of us and it must be candidly stated that there is a danger of Christ being taken out of Christmas. Yet, above the worry and hustle of these preparations, is it not true that the motivating spirit of giving and love is based upon the spirit of him who gave his life that we might live? Early Puritans frowned upon all expressions of festivity, but since their day we have learned to carry out the spirit of the birth of Christ on a noble basis. Our neighbors to the south have even spiritualized the occasion more than we, for throughout the Central American countries and in Mexico the presentation of "The Posada Journey," a dramatization of the inn-keeper's refusal to accept Joseph and Mary for the night, has become an annual institution.

### South America

Christmas dawns as a fine, hot summer day in these countries and the festival dinner is served out in the garden and consists chiefly of roasted peacock. Santa Claus has been accepted from their northern neighbors, but fireplaces are unknown there, and so an open window must suffice. The penitential march of the faithful of Chile to the national statue of the Virgin Mary is one of the greatest occasions observed in that country. In spite of the summer-like festivities, here again, one must say that Christ is the central theme and it is his birth that is being observed.

### Europe

It is from the second smallest continent of the world that we have received most of our Christmas lore, for deeply religious people from these European countries have contributed much to the symbolic observances of Christmas. Germany has contributed the song, "Tannenbaum," and the custom of using the tree. In the Fatherland of many of our own people packages wrapped in dozens of layers of paper are still distributed. Greece has its special loaves of bread with the sign of the cross. Finland, in

spite of the traditional Christmas Eve bathing and the merriment of blackened faces, turns out en masse for their 6 A. M. Christmas service. Belgian children begin their festivities, as do many others, on December 6th when St. Nicholas comes with his grey horse and white ass to leave candies for the good children and rods for the bad. Bulgarians still receive their gifts from Granpa Koleda, an ancient winter God, and on January 6th the priest of that country throws the cross into the icy waters of a nearby stream to have the young men from the village recover it. Holland and Bohemia are extremely rich in Christmas divinations, and Denmark and England are exceptionally rich in Christmas lore. But in all countries the main emphasis is upon the Church which is symbolic of him whose birthday is being observed.

### Australia

Here again Christmas day comes in the summer time. Their customs are quite similar to ours, but at the end of the Church program they burn the Christmas tree, trimmings and all! On neighboring Islands Christians have an early Christmas dinner and spend most of the evening in noise-making and visiting. Their trees are painted white to simulate snow, but, here again, above the frivolity of these seasons is sounded the note, "Glory to the new-born king."

Christmas customs vary throughout the world but it is Christ's birthday that gives it the great impetus which it has. Even the World War was hushed for a time by the soldiers in trenches who sang the carols of old about the lighted trees as they had done when they were boys at home on Christmas eve. May God grant that this impetus may grow stronger each year until the entire world will hear the chimes singing out, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Sunday, Dec. 25, 1938

## THE BIRTH OF CHRIST IN SONG

Scripture Reference: Luke 1:46-55, 67-79.

"Let me write the songs of a nation, and I will determine the way that group will go" was the justified challenge thrown out by a song-writer some years ago. That is why we honestly feel that no one can sing the Christmas hymns without being lifted to higher levels on which to walk. Each bit of that beautiful seasonal poetry put to song speaks expressively of the birth of Christ and its cosmic significance down through the ages.



Our brief meditation upon the circumstances that brought about the writing of the hymn and the name and date of the author will greatly enrich our understanding and appreciation of the musical masterpiece that we are using to recall the message of the birth of Christ in song.

"Calm on the Listening Ear of Night" was written by Edmund Hamilton Sears, a Massachusetts pastor, who preceded his Christmas eve sermon in 1834 with the words of this hymn and closed the sermon with the words of his second famous hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." His first hymn, that is so expressive, closes with these lines:

This day shall Christian tongues be mute,  
And Christian hearts be cold?  
Oh, catch the anthem that from heaven  
O'er Judah's mountains rolled  
When burst upon the listening night  
The high and solemn lay:  
"Glory to God, on earth be peace,"  
Salvation comes today.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by that well known preacher, Phillips Brooks, after he had visited the little town on Christmas eve and later sought to express his innermost joys to the children of his own church and Sunday School in Philadelphia. This hymn was sung for the first time in 1868 in connection with the Christmas Sunday School program in his own Church. Its everlasting message ends with these lines:

We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

"Bright was the Guiding Star that Led" is another of those inspirational Christmas hymns that was written by Harriett Auber, a quiet member of the Church of England, who published a number of her writing in 1829. Among the choicest of these contributions were the opening verses of this song:

Bright was the guiding star that led,  
With mild benignant ray,  
The Gentiles to the lowly shed,  
Where the Redeemer lay.

But lo! a brighter, clearer light  
Now points to His abode;  
It shines, through sin and sorrow's night,  
To guide us to our God.

"In the Field with Their Flocks" is one of the few hymns written by Dean Frederic William Farrar of England yet, about the year 1900 he expressed the Christmas message so well in his song that has lived down through the years. His opening verse was:

In the fields with their flocks abiding,  
They lay on the dewy ground;  
And glimmering under the star light  
The sheep lay white around,  
When the light of the Lord streamed o'er them,  
And lo! from the heaven above,  
An angel leaned from the glory  
And sang his song of love;  
He sang, that first sweet Christmas,  
The song that shall never cease,  
"Glory to God in the highest,  
On earth good will and peace."

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" was written by the  
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## Workshop for Church Leaders

### DON'TS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

By the REV. W. BARROW WILLIAMS of Liverpool, England

#### DON'T FORGET—

1. To keep young.
2. There are 10,080 minutes in one week, so don't plead that you have not had a minute to prepare your lesson.
3. A little child is God's masterpiece.
4. Some of the features in a child's character: imagination, curiosity, hero worship, love.
5. A badly managed school is always a failure.
6. The features essential in a good teacher: firmness in discipline, skill in exposition, tact in management, discretion in difficulties, love for the loveless, brightness at all times.
7. There are varieties in boys and girls as there are in flowers—good, slow, cunning, funny, quarrelsome, imitative, stunted, bad, hesitant, sensitive, crushed.
8. The best textbook is the Bible itself.
9. You must have a threefold affection: a love for the Lord, for the Bible, and for the child.
10. Whom you are working for.
11. Your task is not merely to teach scriptural history, but to tell His story.
12. To teach children reverence.
13. Worship is a part of training. So let everything be done decently and in order.
14. To keep in mind the Master is still in the midst.
15. To visit the homes of your children.
16. To make the Sunday School attractive.
17. The special perils of the spring.
18. Young people can instinctively tell if you are really good or not. So don't pretend.
19. Don't resign your class every full moon.
20. Don't fail to be loyal to the rest of the crew.
21. Don't fail to remember that in a few years your scholars may be in a pulpit or in a prison—which, may depend largely on you.
22. Don't fail to have vision. With vision you may discover a Moody, a Spurgeon, or a Livingstone.
23. If you are wise, and want to do the best work, don't forget to come to school on time.
24. Don't fail to remember that your toil has to do with this world and the world to come.
25. Don't hold the Sunday School in the church's cellar or in a dilapidated outside building. If you intend

to hold the children, have plenty of light and air.

26. Children are very susceptible to atmosphere, so don't fail to pray for the spiritual atmosphere of the school.

27. If you don't know how to smile, and if your Christianity does not make you happy, give up your class.

28. If you are a pastor, don't fail to remember that the Sunday School is the vital vein of the church. Be there at least two Sundays out of every month.

29. Don't have a ten thousand dollar organ in the church and a broken second-hand piano in the Sunday School.

30. Don't fail to study two things: your Bible and your scholars.

31. Don't fail to remember that nothing less than the very best will do for the men and women of tomorrow. It is important to have the best in the Sunday School.

32. Don't discuss football or politics in Sunday School, and don't turn your class into a debating society.

33. Don't, if you are a minister, go to "at homes," and all sorts of other things, and neglect your own young people.

34. Many a church full of young people goes to pieces, and the young people drift into the world, because the minister is like a traveling circus. So don't forget to drop your anchor and shepherd your own lambs.

35. The task of unfolding the Savior to the unfolding mind of the child is the greatest and most sacred task intrusted to men and women. If you have never done it, don't fail to begin at once.

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### A Teacher's Prayer

By FRANCES MCKINNON MORTON

Lord, I would ask for silence as a gift,  
That I may watch the thoughts of childhood grow,  
Nor hinder what thou wouldst reveal to them  
By too much talk of the small things I know.

In patience let me sow the seed of truth  
From thy good word; and wait the golden hour  
When God, who gives the earth its glad increase,  
Shall bring the Truth into its perfect flower.

—Selected.

## Reports from the Field

### ON MY WAY TO AFRICA

By MISS LAURA E. REDDIG

(Editor's Note: The following letter was written in Hamburg, Germany on Oct. 13, shortly after Miss Reddig's trip across the Atlantic Ocean on the steamship "Deutschland." She left Germany for Africa on Friday, Oct. 21, which was also the date of her birthday. On Nov. 3 Miss Reddig will arrive in Duala, Africa when she will be met by Paul Gebauer and escorted to our mission field in Kakaland.)

Dear Friends in the Home-land,

The first part of my journey is over, and now that I have my feet on solid ground again, my thoughts turn back to home and all the friends in America. It is a little strange to be a real "foreigner," but I'm enjoying it a lot, as I am under the gracious care of the deaconesses at the Tabernacle Home in Hamburg.

My trip across the Atlantic was an experience which I'll never forget. I enjoyed every inch of the way! The ocean was very calm, and the waves were positively beautiful in all their gray-greenish-blue under white, billowy clouds. The service on the "Deutschland" was wonderful, and the passengers were very interesting. The time passed almost too quickly for all of us, and after nine days and 17½ hours, we reached Cuxhaven, our port of entry into Germany. A special train took us to the big city of Hamburg. Some of you may be wondering if I was very seasick on the way. Not at all! I think I'd make a pretty good sailor.

Over and over in my mind there run the thoughts of the wonderful summer which is just past. I never realized how grand it is to belong to our "German Baptist family." I had such a perfectly wonderful time wherever I went, and enjoyed the fellowship of so many of our Christian brothers and sisters, that I can say with all my heart, that I am indeed grateful to our Heavenly Father for all his blessings. I want to say "Thank you" in a special way to all those who took me into their homes, and cared for me so graciously. I have enjoyed the privilege of getting to know you all, and I know that my life has become a great deal richer because of you.

I want to express my deepest thanks to all the churches which I had the privilege of visiting, for your interest in our Cameroon work, for your prayers and your support. May this coming year be a year full of advances for our Lord Jesus Christ; a year of growth, spiritually, and a year of close personal walking with the Lord. You will be working for Christ in America and with us out in Cameroon.

With him all things are possible; so let us go forward for our Lord!

Upon arriving in Duala, French West Africa, I shall have the privilege of meeting those who are laboring in the Cameroons for our Lord. I have never met any of our missionaries, and so I am looking forward to this event with great eagerness. May God grant us the wisdom, and health, and strength, and grace necessary to do his will among our "black brothers" in our Cameroon mission field. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

### Dakota Conference

**Echoes from Plevna, Montana**  
The German Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana is thankful to the Lord for the many blessings bestowed upon it. On Saturday, October 12, the Ladies' Mission Circle served a sumptuous chicken supper to about 250 people in the church basement, as a result of which a good sum was realized and from which \$25 were taken and given to missions. The Girls' Mission Circle also gave \$10 to missions.

On the 16th of October we had our regular Mission Sunday. We heard a mission sermon in the forenoon and the afternoon, and at each service everyone attending was given an opportunity to serve the Lord with his or her gifts. Thus \$161 were placed upon the altar of the Lord, some of which goes into our building fund as we are in desperate need of a larger building in which to worship. Nevertheless, from all the gifts combined we were able to send \$115 to our general mission fund.

REV. J. J. RENZ, Reporter.

### Inspirational Young People's Rally in Linton

The four young people's societies in Linton, Temvik, Freudenthal and Hazelton, No. Dak., came to a close in August. The occasion was celebrated at a great young people's rally held at Linton with the Evangelical Christian Endeavor of the town.

In the afternoon a program was given with each union participating. Three dialogues were presented by the Linton, Freudenthal and Evangelical groups and several musical selections by the Temvik and Freudenthal choirs were rendered. A girl's quartet from Linton and recitations from Hazelton were also enjoyed.

Following the program the young people gathered at the Seemen Park in Linton for a recreational hour in which songs were sung and a picnic supper was enjoyed. We hope that we will have more of these fellowship meetings in the future.

LAVERNE KREMER, Reporter.

### "Speak That They Go Forward!"

The theme, "Speak That They Go Forward!" will be the basis of the fifth annual rally of the Northern North Dakota B. Y. P. U. Association which will be held at Goodrich on Friday, Nov. 25.

Discussion groups led by the Rev. R. Hodges executive secretary of the North Dakota Baptist Convention, the Rev. F. W. Bartel, council member of the Dakota Conference, and the Rev. A. Bibelheimer, pastor of the Rosenfeld Church, will comprise the features of the day's program.

A concert by the Goodrich male chorus, a worship program, the annual banquet and a candle light service will also be featured throughout the day.

VIRGINIA SIEBOLD, Secretary.

### Annual Report of the B. Y. P. U. at Martin, North Dakota

With the arrival of the Autumn months we, as young people at Martin, No. Dak., are again privileged to count the many blessings God has bestowed upon us during the past year. As a B. Y. P. U. we can truly say that this was a memorable year in fellowship and service with God.

Our society now numbers 61 members with all members leading their share of enthusiasm and zeal towards our work here. On Mother's Day of this year we celebrated our 26th anniversary with a program in which our young people expressed in a small way the great debt we owe our mothers for their sacrifice and encouragement making it possible for us to commemorate our anniversary as an organization.

It was also during the month of May, that the Rev. Joseph T. Larson, an evangelist, author and gospel singer was with us for two weeks, who from evening to evening brought to a capacity house in a very convincing way a series of prepared messages. Songs were sung from a book, of which he is the author. A large number of young people from our midst as well as from our community found peace in God as a result.

Under the direction of the Rev. John Kepl, an orchestra was started last winter, which now includes about ten pieces. The orchestra has proved to be a real blessing to us and plays for all B. Y. P. U. meetings and for other special occasions.

During the summer months, our young people were especially privileged in that they were able to attend the assembly in larger numbers than ever before, which found us back home with much more enthusiasm for the coming year. We are already looking ahead to next summer's assembly with



eager anticipation. The addition of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Kepl and family to our B. Y. P. U. has proved a real blessing to us with their love for the young people and with their talents. We believe that God has truly led them to us in this way.

Last March our B. Y. P. U. elected its new officers with the result that Fred Knelson was chosen president to succeed Robert Rust, who for so many years faithfully served our society as president and to whom we owe a lot for making our B. Y. P. U. what it is today. Other officers elected were David Kepl as vice-president; Martha Kepl, secretary, Emma Schaffner, treasurer; and Verna Rust, pianist. Our society meets each second and fourth Sunday in the month at which time a full evening's program is given.

It is our prayer that our aim shall never be for personal gain, but to honor and glorify God, who has chosen us for his service!

MARTHA KEPL, Secretary.

### The West Dakota and East Montana Sunday School Convention

Showers of blessing fell upon all who met at the West Dakota and East Montana Sunday School Convention, which met with the New Leipzig church at the Ebenezer station. All churches belonging to the association were well represented by their delegates.

The opening sermon, "Our Love Toward Jesus," was delivered by the Rev. Wm. Jaster. The "Love to God" was again stressed by the Rev. G. W. Pust, who led the Saturday morning devotional. The Rev. O. Lohse spoke to us during the Quiet Moments, dwelling upon the vital subject, "Christ as our Center." The mission sermon on Sunday morning was delivered by the Rev. J. J. Renz. He chose as his topic, "Christian Missions." In all of the foregoing practical messages, we received much food for thought, inspiring us to become better Baptists and to renew all efforts to serve Christ better.

Everyone who was able to attend these meetings was very happy to have been there, for we felt we were greatly benefited by the presence of the editor of "The Baptist Herald," the Rev. M. L. Leuschner. We all relished with him his summer trip as we heard the very interesting reports about Germany and the Danubian lands. Of special interest was the illustrated lecture on Saturday evening, which was presented before a large appreciative audience.

The officers for the following year are as follows: president, Rev. G. Pust of McLaughlin; vice-president, G. Kalis of New Leipzig; and secretary-treasurer, Rev. J. J. Renz of Plevna.

On Sunday afternoon the young people held their program which consisted of various numbers from the different young people's groups. Fol-

lowing this program, Mr. Leuschner gave a talk on "Our Work Among the Gypsies." Many interesting things were revealed to us. The association sends \$100 yearly toward the Gypsy work.

From our observation the most outstanding features of the past year were: Income, \$934.97; Disbursements for local purposes, \$726.33; Conversions, 9; Baptisms, 6; Sunday School scholars on the roll, 652; Average attendance, 478; Officers and teachers, 67; with 41 classes in our association. These figures are a challenge toward greater work and better service for our Master. May we be more mission-minded in the coming year!

J. J. RENZ, Reporter.

### Northwestern Conference A Busy and Interesting Program for the Minnetrista Church

The Rev. August Lutz has been pastor of the Minnetrista Baptist Church at St. Bonifacius, Minnesota for a little more than three months. A number of new projects have already been started in the church. The mid-week prayer meeting, followed by a short study session for Sunday School teachers and workers, began the first of November and will continue throughout the winter months.

The Willing Workers Class held its annual Rally Day on Sunday, October 16, with a picnic dinner at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Thurk. The evening service was given over to Mr. Lawrence Mason, superintendent of the Spanish Mission in Minneapolis, who spoke on the work accomplished by the Mission.

The Rev. Martin Leuschner was with us on Monday evening, October 24, when he showed slides in connection with his trip to our Danubian Missions. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all present. A missionary offering was received. The B. Y. P. U. is planning a number of socials to forward good times and fellowship within the church. The first was a Hal-loween Party and Basket Social at the home of Edward Beise on October 31st.

A reception in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. August Lutz was held in the church in August. Mr. B. B. Wendt, deacon of the church, presided and was assisted by the Rev. F. H. Heinemann, the former pastor. Short addresses of welcome were given by Mr. W. E. Heinemann, Sunday School superintendent, Miss Dorothy Pearson, president of the B. Y. P. U., and Mrs. Evelyn Thurk, president of the Willing Workers Class. The Rev. C. F. Stoeckman, former state missionary for Minnesota, the Rev. E. Wolff, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul, and the Rev. H. Hirsch, pastor of the Minneapolis German Baptist Church, were present and assisted in the service. Mr. Wolff, a classmate of Mr. Lutz at Rochester, gave the main address.

DOROTHY A. PEARSON, Reporter.

### Atlantic Conference Goals of Service of the Atlantic Conference Young People

The Executive Board of the Atlantic Young People's and Sunday School Workers Union held its first meeting of the new term on October 15 at the Second German Baptist Church in Brooklyn. Our capable president, Miss Margaret Macoskey, was in charge of the meeting. Plans for the ensuing year were discussed and definite plans were made for some of the activities.

The first important event was a fine retreat which was held at the New Haven Church on November 11 and 12. The main theme was "Stewardship." The Rev. Theodore Koester of Meriden was the chairman of the program committee.

It was voted to have a definite Sunday set aside again on which our work would be stressed and brought before the throne of grace through prayer. This special day will be January 8.

Our budget for the coming year was set at \$1350.00. Of this sum \$1000.00 is our goal for missions, the general and assembly funds making up the balance. Our last year's mission program was the Danubian field, and so this year we have turned to our home mission field with a definite project for our Rochester Seminary. To be strong denominationally, we felt the need to support our school so that our future leaders can be trained ably to carry on the work in our churches.

ALICE KAAZ, Reporter.

### World Wide Guild Program in the Walnut St. Church of Newark

A missionary note was sounded on Thursday, Oct. 20, in the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey, when an enjoyable program was presented by the World Wide Guild. Following a musical program, a three act missionary play, "CHEE MOO'S CHOICE" was presented to a large audience of members and friends of the church.

"Chee Moo's Choice" is the story of typical American college girls, who were living careless, self-centered lives. Then into their midst came a Chinese Christian girl. At first she was bewildered by their indifference to what she had considered Christian essentials, but they succeeded in making her like one of them. Finally, she realized how she had failed her Master, and she vividly explained the great need for true Christianity and for missionary endeavor in lands darkened by sin and superstition. Through the awakening of the other characters in the play, the challenge was given for more sincere Christian living and for greater missionary effort.

The following took part in the play: Caroline Schmidt, Dorothy Beyer, Mary Mingoia, Alice Ader, Josephine Mingoia, and Margaret Dolan.

JOHN P. KUEHL, Reporter.

### Ordination Service for the Rev. Albert R. Hahn at Bridgeport, Conn.

At the request of the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., a group of delegates and visitors, representing 13 of the neighboring Baptist churches gathered at Bridgeport on the afternoon of Oct. 7th to serve as a Council for the examination of Mr. Albert R. Hahn, and his subsequent ordination to the gospel ministry. On hearing the sincere statements of the candidate's experience, call to the ministry and doctrinal views, the council with the Rev. Otto Churchill of Stepney as moderator, recommended to the church to proceed with ordination.

The ordination was consummated that same evening with Mr. Hahn's good friend, the Rev. Theo. Koester of Meriden, preaching the ordination sermon. Other ministers who took part in the service were as follows: Rev. Emil Berger, invocation; Rev. Otto Churchill, reading of the council's record; Rev. Julius Kaaz, charge to the candidate; Rev. M. G. Hatcher, charge to the church; Rev. G. Friedenberg, welcome to the ministry; and Rev. Melvin J. Prior, ordination prayer. Miss Clara Berger played the organ prelude and postlude, and a duet was sung by Mrs. P. R. Coombs and Miss Edna Lukas.

The Rev. Albert R. Hahn is a graduate of the 1938 class of our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y. He gives great promise of an effective ministry. May the Lord, who has called him into his service, make him a blessing and give him many souls for his hire!

M. K. DITTRICH, Reporter.

### Training Union for All Ages at the Second Church of Philadelphia

A place for everyone! That has been the need in the Second Church in Philadelphia, Pa., where, because of distance, the whole family often must come in time for young people's meetings. This problem has been most successfully solved by our newly elected president, Miss Anna Draeger. Under her efficient leadership, a plan has been introduced whereby our society is divided into four age groups; Juniors, led by Mrs. Herman Zachay; Intermediates, led by Miss Katherine Yung; Seniors, led by Mr. Hakes, a student at the Eastern Baptist Seminary; and adults, led by Dr. Narola Rivenburg, a teacher at the Baptist Institute for Christian Workers. After a short devotional meeting, the different groups retire to their respective classes for a short study period.

The adult class has proved to be a most interesting one. For the past few Sundays, in the absence of Miss Rivenburg, we have been led in a most interesting discussion on "Qualities of Christian Personality" by Miss Whittaker, field secretary of the Baptist Institute. Miss Whittaker has taught

us much, not only by her words, but also by her own radiant Christian personality. Miss Rivenburg resumed the leadership of this group in the study of "Comparative Religions."

Our Baptist Training Union has met with hearty enthusiasm and co-operation, and we hope it shall continue to contribute to our growth, both mentally and spiritually.

DAISY SCHUBERT, Reporter.

### Central Conference Re-Dedication Service and Pastor's Anniversary in Dayton Church

"Thank God from whom all blessings flow." The congregation of the Fourth Street Church in Dayton, Ohio had every reason to sing this familiar song with great emphasis on Sunday, October 2. Among the many blessings which we have experienced during the past year, there are two which are very close to our hearts.

October 2nd was the first anniversary of our pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Reuben P. Jeschke, with this church. We are very grateful for having Mr. Jeschke as our pastor. His deep spirituality and his sincerity in preaching the true Word of God has made a profound impression on all our members.

All our services are well attended. We have had a baptismal service with 13 candidates baptized. In appreciation of this fine cooperation that binds pastor and church together, the congregation presented Mr. and Mrs. Jeschke with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in the morning service on Sunday, Oct. 2.

The same Sunday was also designated as Re-dedication Sunday. During the summer months the Sunday School room and church auditorium had been thoroughly redecorated, new carpets had been laid and an indirect lighting system had been installed. Since we had no evening services during the summer months, the service on Sunday evening, Oct. 2, was our first in our renovated church. The sanctuary was practically filled with members, former members and friends. The many floral baskets helped to beautify the house of God. Our pastor preached enthusiastically on "We Shall Not Forsake the House of the Lord."

The total cost of renovation amounted to \$1322. We were fortunate that all the interior decorating was carried out by the three Hamer brothers of this church. Much voluntary labor was donated by a large group of men. The financing was also carried out in a most encouraging way. In addition to the liberal contributions by members, various Sunday School classes contributed in a special measure, as follows: Ladies Tabernacle Class \$300, Women's Missionary Society \$50, Friendly Bible Class, \$50, Men's Anchor Class \$25, and the World Wide Guild Girls provided the pulpit chairs.

HENRY KNORR, Reporter.

### Southern Conference Program Of The Fall Assembly Of The Y.P. And S.S.W. Union To Be Held At Mowata, La., From Nov. 23 To 27

Theme: "Growing in Grace"  
Motto: "Growth through Service"  
Aim: "Seeking to Save Souls"  
Song: "When the Saints go Marching In"

Wednesday Evening, Nov. 23

7:30 Song Service  
7:45 Welcome—Rev. P. Hintze  
Response—Benny Spross  
8:00 Keynote address, "Growing in Grace" ..... Dr. Wm. Kuhn

#### Morning Programs

9:00 A.M. Devotional Periods  
Thursday, Rev. W. H. Buening  
Friday, Rev. A. Becker  
Saturday, Rev. L. Hoeffner  
9:20 A.M. Opening Exercise  
9:30 A.M. Class Period  
10:15 A.M. Recess  
10:25 Classes  
11:10 to 12:00 A.M. General Discussion  
"The Challenge of our Denominational Enterprise"  
Thursday, Dr. Wm. Kuhn  
Friday, Rev. M. L. Leuschner  
Saturday, Dr. Wm. Kuhn

#### Afternoon Programs

2:30 P.M. Opening Exercise  
2:45 P.M. Classes  
3:30 P.M. Recess  
3:40 P.M. "Echoes of our European Trip" by Rev. Martin Leuschner  
Thursday: "Looking at the New Germany"  
Friday: "Sailing Down the Blue Danube"  
Saturday Afternoon — Recreation

#### Evening Programs

7:30 Song Service  
8:30 Address  
Thursday, "God's Glory Among the Gypsies of Bulgaria" ..  
... Rev. Martin L. Leuschner  
Friday, Picture—Lecture  
"Fellowshipping with God's People in Europe," and Moving Pictures of European Trip.  
Saturday Program to be arranged

Sunday Morning, Nov. 27

10:00 A.M. Sunday School — Local Sunday School in charge  
11:00 A.M. German Sermon by Dr. Wm. Kuhn  
Sunday Afternoon  
2:00 P.M. Mass Meeting. Inspirational Addresses by Dr. Wm. Kuhn and Rev. M. L. Leuschner

#### Sunday Evening

3:30 Song Service  
8:00 Closing Address .....  
... Rev. Martin L. Leuschner  
Courses of Study and Teachers  
German Class—"God's Secret for Experiencing a Revival" by Dr. Wm. Kuhn



"Music Course—Church Music" by Rev. H. G. Ekrut  
 "Training in Stewardship" by Mrs. J. J. Lippert  
 Junior Course, "Trailmakers in Other Lands" by Miss Tillie Mae Spröss

## Southwestern Conference

### Harvest and Mission Festival in the Strassburg Church of Kansas

On Sunday, Oct. 2, the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas held its annual Harvest and Mission Festival. It was a great day of many spiritual blessings. There was a large response to invitations which had been extended to the Marion and the Durham Baptist churches.

The services in the morning were opened by the Rev. J. A. Pankratz of Chicago, former pastor of the Strassburg Church, followed by a message on thanksgiving by the Rev. E. Kary of the Durham Church. The afternoon service was again opened by the Rev. J. A. Pankratz with the reading of a Scripture passage and a short message, followed by a very interesting message on both home and foreign missions by the Rev. Phil. Potzner of the Marion German Baptist Church. The women of our church had also done their share to make this occasion a great success by preparing and serving two bountiful meals.

The evening service was opened by a song service and prayer by our pastor, the Rev. Roy Seibel, and the remainder of the evening was given over to the Rev. A. W. Urquhart, who brought us a very stirring evangelistic message. Mission offerings received amounted to \$88.01.

On Monday evening, Oct. 3, the Ladies' Aid Society held its mission sale, which was very successful. The proceeds from the sale amounted to \$124.75.

We as church are seeking the Lord's will relative to evangelistic services. We desire the sincere prayers of all our Christian friends, that we may be in the center of God's will and that we may have a great revival in our community. We are thankful to God for our student pastor, the Rev. Roy Seibel, and his wife who are both working hard in serving the church besides taking a full time course at Taber College.

A. J. HEIDELBRECHT, Clerk.

### Sessions of the Kansas Association at Ellinwood

The Kansas Association of German Baptists met from Oct. 17 to 19 with the South Side Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kans. The theme of the association was "Christian Love." The opening sermon was delivered by the Rev. E. Kary. The Rev. W. Helwig gave the address of welcome, followed by the response by the moderator, the Rev. Pieter Smit, D. D.

The business sessions were preceded by periods of devotion led by Mr. Fred

Boehm and the Rev. Roy Seibel. At the close of the sessions we held "Silent Half Hours" conducted by the Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Forest Park, Ill., and the Rev. R. Vassel.

The following papers were read: "The Origin and Substance of Christian Love" by Rev. J. H. Kornelsen, "The Love of Christ, a Motive to Service" by Rev. R. Vassel, "How May I Know that I Love Jesus?" by Rev. S. F. Geis, "Love, the Foundation of A Christian Life" by Rev. P. Potzner, "How May We Show Our Love to Our Church?" by Rev. T. D. Lutz "Love Toward Our Brethren, a Test of Christianity" by Rev. A. Weissner, and "Christ, Our Example of Love" by Rev. J. Broeder.

On Tuesday afternoon and evening, Oct. 18, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, our general missionary secretary, gave us an inspiring account of his recent European visitation trip, of the conditions existing among our Baptist brethren in Germany and of our mission work in the Danubian countries. We were happy to have had Dr. Kuhn with us, who brought us a new view of conditions in Europe.

The association voted to sponsor a Ministerial Alliance of the German Baptist ministers of Kansas. The first meeting of the alliance will be held at the Lorraine Church on May 8, 1939.

Realizing the inestimable value of Scripture memory work and the need of more Scripture knowledge among our youth, a resolution was passed that a committee of five be appointed to draw up plans for such work and to present them to the various churches. We hope to encourage Scripture memorizing among our Juniors by offering awards of various kinds for the completion of every group of verses memorized. The goal of 200 Scripture verses a year has been set before us.

The officers for the coming year are Rev. Pieter Smit, D. D., moderator; Rev. J. Broeder, vice-moderator; Rev. J. H. Kornelsen, secretary; Rev. P. Potzner, treasurer. Mr. Potzner was elected as the new member on our mission committee and also as the mission secretary.

This interesting association was closed on Wednesday evening, Oct. 19, with Dr. Pieter Smit delivering the closing address.

MRS. WM. BRENNER, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### Session of the Seminary School Committee in Rochester, N. Y.

All those, for whom our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., was once a "Home," like to return to its familiar portals, even as members of the Seminary School Committee, although the annual sessions of the School Committee are far from being "pleasure excursions."

This year's session on Oct. 6 and 7 found all members present. They were the Reverends David Hamel, Alfred

Bernadt, Philip Daum, Peter Geissler, George Hensel, Herman P. Kayser, and Assaf Husmann. Under the able leadership of the Rev. D. Hamel we met in six long sessions in which very serious and prayerful consideration was given to a large number of important matters. Not all of these can be mentioned in this report.

Eight new students were individually examined concerning their conversion, call to the ministry, and scholastic and spiritual capabilities. They were Jothan Benke of Ledue, Alta.; Edmund Keller of Collins, Mont.; Joseph Kornalewski of Winnipeg, Man.; August Kuhn of Ledue, Alta.; Melvin Pekrul of Southey, Sask.; Cornelius Rempel of Fenwood, Sask.; Gideon A. Zimmermann of Wishek, N. D.; and George W. Zinz of Neustadt, Ont. All were found to qualify for acceptance on one year's probation.

The committee is very happy to be able to report that all of last year's entries, Leslie Albus, Elmer Buehning, John Giesbrecht, Fred Schmidt, Robert Schmidt, Fred Maschner, Robert Schreiber, John Weinbender, Carl Weissner, and Hans Wilke have fully justified the trust put in them by both the faculty and the committee and could be accepted on a permanent basis as students in the seminary.

Prof. Helmuth G. Dymmel's resignation, which was accepted by a sub-committee last May with deep regrets, was ratified. It will be of interest to know that the subjects which Prof. Dymmel taught were experimentally distributed among the four remaining faculty members and two students of the Senior Class.

Prof. Frank Woyke was granted leave of absence for the academic year of 1939-1940 to pursue studies at Yale University, finishing his residence work toward a doctor of philosophy degree. Our best wishes will accompany Prof. Woyke. The faculty will secure a qualified substitute for him during his year of absence.

The reports about the summer activity of the students in evangelistic efforts, quartet tour, summer pastorates, and other spiritual endeavors were a special cause for joy. The committee desires to express its deep appreciation, not only to the students who have thus glorified God and honored our seminary, but also to all churches, pastors, and leaders who have created or mediated opportunities for summer activity to our students. So much depends on such activities in the preparation of our future ministers! The committee hopes fervently that next summer will find all of our students busy on our many church and mission fields.

From one of our conferences a set of resolutions concerning the seminary was received. The School Committee will receive gratefully all recommendations concerning any improvements which could be made in our seminary.

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## DAILY MEDITATIONS

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would his poverty not be his own fault? Why have we so little of the promised riches of God?

Prayer: Forgive us, O Christ, that we so sadly fail to appropriate the riches of thy mercies and grace, when thou dost bid us come and freely take.

Sunday, November 27

### God's Presence in His House

"The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him." Habakkuk 2:20.

Read Habakkuk 2:18-20

God's Spirit is everywhere, but he reveals himself to us with special graciousness in the sanctuary. It is not strange that this is so. A congregation, singing his praise, reading his Word, thinking together upon some theme of the spiritual life and offering a common prayer, carries a blessing which no one can quite obtain in solitude.

Prayer: O Lord, we thank thee for this day of rest. May we enter the house of God with joy, bringing our offerings of thankfulness and praise.

Monday, November 28

### More Fruit!

"And every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." John 15:2.

Read John 15:1-8

The divine husbandman is not satisfied with ordinary fruitfulness. He would have every branch on the vine do its best. Hence, he applies a system of culture. He prunes and trims it.

Prayer: Thou divine Husbandman, may not leaves merely, but fruit in rich clusters be my yield.

Tuesday, November 29

### Taking God at His Word

"As soon as the soles of the feet of the priests . . . shall rest in the waters

. . . the waters shall be cut off." Joshua 3:13.

Read Joshua 3:10-17

The people were not to wait in the camps until the way was opened. They were to walk by faith. We must learn to take God at his word and to go straight on in duty, even though we see no way in which we can go forward.

Prayer: O Holy God, give us that faith that does not falter, but boldly goes forward, fully trusting in thy Word.

Wednesday, November 30

### Song in the Night

"I call to remembrance my song in the night." Psalm 77:6.

Read Psalm 77

A good many people never learn to sing until the darkling shadows fall. It was in the night that the song of the angels was heard. It was at midnight that the cry came, "Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Light comes out of darkness; morning out of the womb of night.

Prayer: Dear Master, thou art with me, even in the darkest night and dost attune my heart to the song of praise, even though I sing with quivering lips.

Thursday, December 1

### Certain of God

"It doth not yet appear what we shall be." 1 John 3:2.

Read 1 John 3:1-7

We do not know what a day may bring forth. This is generally said with a sigh of sadness. It should rather be an expression of breathless expectation. We are uncertain of the next step, but we are certain of God. Immediately, we abandon to God and do the duty that lies nearest. He packs our lives with surprises. If certain of God, we trust him.

Prayer: Dear Lord, we would leave all to thee. It may be uncertain how you will come in, but we are sure that you will come.



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It will likely prove practicable that the duly appointed representative of the Publication House, and the "HERALD" booster will handle the subscription details.

This announcement is made thus early that the churches will have time to act and to declare themselves. It is hoped that there will be an enthusiastic reaction to the proposal with the result that the number of readers of our periodicals will increase even beyond last year's growth which added nearly three thousand names to our lists. The great benefit derived therefrom fully justifies the undertaking.

H. P. DONNER, Business Manager



## THE MISSIONARY STREAM-LINER

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we meet again our five missionaries—Paul and Clara Gebauer, George and Louise Dunger and Edith Koppin—and hear the story of their adventures and service from their own lips. They eagerly await the arrival of the sixth missionary, Laura Reddig, from the coast. Showers of God's spiritual blessings are almost as abundant as the heavy tropical rainfall.

George Dunger speaks to us from the group in a message that we cannot forget so easily. "The days and weeks are going unbelievably fast out here. 'Timeless Africa' is a wrong expression when thought of in the light of missionary work and tasks. Life in Africa seems a phenomenon, the existence of which spans only a few short moments. There are age-old barriers that only love, kindness and patience can weaken and break. How much we need God-given endurance in these short and fleeting hours! How much we need the uplifted hands of unfaltering faith and the never-ceasing prayer for divine strength! We rejoice in our call and in the opportunities God gives to us. Surely, God's leading is wondrously gracious."

### The Danubian Mission Field

With the burden of the African black men in the darkness of sin and superstition upon our hearts, we turn our attention with equally grave concern upon the peoples of the Balkan lands of Southeastern Europe. We cannot easily visit the forty-four missionary-pastors whom we are supporting in the Danubian Gospel Mission field in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Rumania. But we can read the story of their heroic service and of victories won for Christ in the Danubian articles in the current issues of "The Baptist Herald." We can pray for the deaconesses serving as our missionary workers among the Gypsies of Bulgaria. We can remember our persecuted Baptist brethren in Rumania. We can lift up our eyes upon these distant fields, which "are ripe already to harvest." We can do our part in their support and the extension of this important work.

### Your Missionary Gifts

From Sunday, November 20, to Sunday, November 27, you will have an opportunity in your church to observe the Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week with friends elsewhere from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans and from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada's Northern wheat fields.

Your prayers and your gifts should accompany your deepening interest in our work as you become acquainted with all that is being done in the name and spirit of Christ. Bring your missionary offering to your church, and a song of gladness will be upon your lips for the privilege of sharing in this great divinely commissioned task of our denomination!

## Denominational News

### General Council

On Friday, Oct. 21, the annual session of the General Council was held in Cleveland, Ohio, at which important matters of promotion were considered and committees appointed to study the finances of the publication society and the status of the seminary in Rochester, N. Y. The council was fully aware of crucial issues facing the denomination at this time.

### Evangelism—1939

The General Missionary Committee has sent out a call to all the churches of the denomination to stress evangelism in 1939. Such a revival must be initiated by the Holy Spirit, and our ministers and church leaders are called upon to be used of God's Spirit in making such a spiritual awakening possible.

### Africa

From Kakaland Paul Gebauer, our missionary, writes: "It is Sunday afternoon. Clara is getting ready to take her Sunday School class of boys down the valley to visit the compound of one of the scholars. They will sing their way down to the huts; they will sing inside that compound; one of the boys will 'salute' the mother of that settlement; another boy will tell her again the story he and the rest heard in class this morning; another boy will present a small amount of salt as a sort of gift, and off home will go the wild gang with the wild rose from Oregon. That was Clara's job this morning, as every Sunday she spends in the station, to teach that lively group of boys. Bro. Dunger does equally important work by teaching a class of young men after the morning service. And whenever he is away from Mbem his wife or some one else will continue his good work. Nurse Koppin has her own share in the Sunday activities by grouping around herself Mbem's womanhood."

### Missionary Week

The observance of the Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week from Sunday, Nov. 20, to Sunday, Nov. 27, will be widely observed this year by our churches. The missionary offerings will be devoted to the denominational world-wide enterprise which God has entrusted to us. Your gift will be your token of gratitude to God!

**Sunday, Nov. 20, to Sunday, Nov. 27**

**Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week**

## B. Y. P. U. PROGRAMS

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son of an Irish clergyman, Nahum Tate. Before the publishing of this hymn in 1696, the English Church had been singing inferior versions of the Psalms. What a treat it must have been to sing those familiar words:

While shepherds watched their flocks by night  
All seated on the ground,  
The Angel of the Lord came down  
And glory shone around . . .  
"Fear not" said he— for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind—  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
To you and all mankind."

"When, Marshaled on the Nightly Plain" is perhaps the most beautiful of all Christmas poems set to music. It was in the year 1904 that Henry Kirke White wrote it and gave to the world a picture of his own experience with God in poetical form.

"Holy Night, Peaceful Night" is the English translation of that German hymn that means so much to us. It was written in 1818 by Joseph Mohr and the translator of the verse below is still unknown. It isn't quite as expressive as the lines, "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht" in the mother tongue but the third verse fittingly expresses our prayer at this season of the year:

Silent Night, holiest night!  
Guiding star, O lend thy light,  
See the Eastern wise men bring  
Gifts and homage to our King!  
Jesus Christ is here.

There are many others who have beautifully portrayed the birth of Christ in song, but space does not permit even a complete elaboration on the hymns that have been suggested here. However, any group of Christians will be greatly blessed by meditating again upon those hymns that have become so well known at this time of the year. Let the message of poetry and music determine the way your thoughts go, even as a contemporary song writer has challenged others to be led.

## THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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In spite of intensive work the committee was by no means able to solve all the problems which beset our "school of prophets." At least several solutions were left for future sessions, among these that of our chronic financial deficit which has been the perennial headache and heartache of faculty and boards. It is certainly not insoluble. Our seminary was, and, still is, God's work. God never lacks ways nor means to carry on his work. Let us attune ourselves to his will!

We recommend to all of our churches for faithful intercession an able and devoted faculty, an intellectually and spiritually promising student body, and a competent management. If our seminary fares well, then our entire denomination will also fare well.

ASSAF HUSMANN, Reporter.