

# THE BAPTIST HERALD

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The Gebauer  
Shoe Store and  
Home in Bolkenhain,  
Germany  
With Mr. and Mrs.  
Paul Gebauer, Sr.,  
Lenchen, Gerhard  
and Konrad Gebauer,  
Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt  
and Rev. Wm. Kuhn  
at the Front Steps.





# What's Happening

✧ The Rev. E. Gutsche, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, Canada, had the joy of baptizing 10 persons on Sunday, July 31, and of extending the hand of fellowship to them. Mr. Gutsche wrote that "the Lord has blessed us and our work since our arrival here a year ago."

✧ The Rev. W. W. Knauf of Anamoose, No. Dak., had the joy of baptizing 2 women on Sunday, Aug. 21, in the Lincoln Valley Church, which he serves as pastor besides the church in Anamoose. This was the first baptismal service in the church since it has become an organized church a year ago. The pastor wrote that "we look for greater things to happen."

✧ The German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., opened its doors on Thursday, Sept. 15, with about 43 students enrolled in the classes. Of the 10 new students 8 are high school graduates and one is a college graduate, according to the dean, Prof. Albert Bretschneider. The convocation exercises were held on Friday evening, Sept. 16, with Prof. Arthur A. Schade bringing the address for the occasion.

✧ On Sunday, Aug. 14, the Rev. E. Broeckel, pastor of the Ebenezer Church of Lehr, No. Dak., baptized 2 persons on confession of their faith. The service was held in the German Baptist Church of Wishek, No. Dak., since there is no baptism in the Lehr Church. At the communion service, held that same Sunday evening, the pastor extended the hand of fellowship to the 2 baptized converts and to 4 others who joined the church by letter.

✧ Mr. John Giesbrecht, a member of the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Oregon, has returned to Rochester, N. Y., to begin his second year at our seminary. He conducted several services during the summer at Guthrie and Gooseneck, mission stations of the church. He also visited some of the neighboring churches to bring his personal testimony for Christ. The reporter wrote that "as a church we wish him God's richest blessings and shall continue to pray for his success in the future."

✧ On Sunday, Aug. 28, the Rev. G. W. Rutsch of Gackle, No. Dak., baptized 2 persons in the nearby Salt Lake, northwest of Streeter. The service was held as a union meeting with the German Baptist Church of Streeter, No. Dak., and the Rev. D. Littke of the Streeter Church baptized 4 persons. The illustrated denominational lecture on "Seeing God's Glory" was recently given to enthusiastic B. Y. P. U. meetings in the Alfred and Gackle churches served by Mr. Rutsch.

✧ On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor of the

Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, So. Dak., baptized 6 persons on confession of their faith in Christ in an out-of-door service held under the trees near the James River. The Rev. A. G. Lang of Emery was the guest speaker. The Rev. E. Gutsche of Leduc, Canada, a former pastor of the church, also spoke briefly. Some time ago the parsonage was completely redecorated. A hundred copies of the "Service Hymnal" were recently purchased for use in the church services.

✧ The Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, is happily proud of its new church organ. This two manual Moeller Pipe Organ, with 348 pipes and costing approximately \$2300, was dedicated on Sunday, July 17, with Mr.

## Africa Bound!

Miss Laura E. Reddig, our most recent missionary-appointee for the Cameroons, left New York City on the S. S. "St. Louis" of the Hamburg American Line on Oct. 1, after attending the Atlantic Conference in Brooklyn and visiting several nearby churches. She will arrive in Hamburg, Germany on Oct. 11, where she will be the guest of the Tabea Deaconess Home. On Oct. 15 she will sail on the S. S. "Python" of the Laeisz Line for Duala, the Cameroons. Arriving there early in November she will be met by our missionary, Paul Gebauer, who will escort her into the interior to Kakaland.

William J. Krogman, organist of the Oak Park German Baptist Church of Illinois, serving as guest artist. The church has been able to install the organ without any debt or unpaid bills, and in spite of the recession has increased its annual missionary giving by \$300 over and above its gifts of last year. The Rev. C. F. Lehr is the minister of the church.

✧ On Sunday, Sept. 25, the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, general missionary secretary, served as guest preacher in the service of the German Baptist Church of Avon and at a young people's rally in Unityville, So. Dak. From Monday, Sept. 26, to Wednesday, Sept. 28, he participated in the program of the South Dakota Association held in the German Baptist Church at Unityville, So. Dak., of which the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn is the pastor. Dr. Kuhn left for the Pacific Coast after the South Dakota sessions to attend to business items pertaining to the General Missionary Society and to visit the California churches from Oct. 2 to 9.

✧ The Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., is looking forward to the observance of its 95th anniversary with some special services from October 23 to 25. All former members and friends of the church are cordially invited to be present for the occasion. Those finding it impossible to attend are urgently requested to send letters of greeting and congratulations. Anyone wishing to have a share in the Anniversary Offering is likewise welcome to send a gift of remembrance. All communications are to be addressed to the pastor, the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder, 4017 N. 9th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

✧ The Rev. G. Schroeder, the Russian Baptist Missionary for North Dakota and the pastor of the German Baptist Church near Max, has recently undertaken an extensive trip to the East with his family. From Sept. 2 to 5 he was a speaker at the Russian Baptist Conference in Detroit. He attended the National Conference of Baptist Language Groups in Cleveland, Ohio, from Sept. 8 to 11. He will be a speaker in the services of the large Tremont Baptist Temple of Boston, Mass., on Wednesday evening, Sept. 14, and on Sunday, Sept. 18. Their daughters, Margaret and Katherine, will attend Gordon College in Boston during the coming year. Twenty-one persons were baptized on the North Dakota Russian field during the past summer months.

✧ Three German Baptists were at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Ill., during the last school year: Miss Alethea Kose, instructor in religious education, a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan;

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## EDITORIAL

THE world of today is engulfed by tidal waves of organized propaganda. Newspaper headlines spit their venom like poisonous snakes into the faces of their readers. Every method of communication is used by each organized group in the world to fan the fires of hatred and prejudice by the lurid coloring of its pernicious propaganda. It's a crazy confusion that cries to heaven like the babel of voices at the building of the ancient tower. An intelligent point of view, not to say anything about a Christian attitude, is exceedingly hard to reach.

Our newspapers are crammed full of screaming headlines and scary articles about Czechoslovakia's crisis. With organized prejudice the forces of propaganda in this country seem to be picturing the leaders and people of Germany as the villains of the unfolding story. There is hardly any attempt to understand the plight of millions of German people, who have been pawns in the hands of unscrupulous treaty-makers, and who find themselves today without any satisfactory political representation in their countries and self-respect in their own communities. Any unbiased observer will be compelled to say that such a state of affairs, as definitely exists in the Sudeten area of Czechoslovakia, cannot go on forever. Some solution to that vexatious problem must be found.

The other side of the fence does not look any better. Propaganda in Germany is the most efficiently organized force in all the world. Attention is given to the smallest detail. It is in control of every method of communication, except that of mouth to mouth, and even that is carefully watched by the government. The crisis in Czechoslovakia is presented from the German point of view as the salvation of fellow-Germans from political enslavement and social degradation. Every German sincerely believes that the cause involves honorable issues, because he has been saturated with that side of the case.

A recent conversation with Dr. Albert W. Beaven of Rochester, N. Y., revealed the same situation in Japan. The propaganda of that government has been so effective and thorough that even Japanese Christians really believe that Japan is waging a righteous war with China which will have untold blessings for the Chinese people themselves, ridding them of the domination of their war lords. Dr. Beaven's illuminating comments are based on his actual conversation with many Japanese Christians during his recent tour of the Orient.

We are living in an age when propaganda is at its worst. One can positively not believe everything that is in the newspapers or that is broadcast over the radio. One has to reserve judgment, until the other side of the cause or the other person's viewpoint is presented with equal effectiveness. One has to be open-minded to receive new light from every available source. The Christian, who lives in the freedom of God's truth and who draws on the resources of divine wisdom, must beware that he or she is not duped by organized propaganda, whenever it is selfish or prejudiced.

What a contrast we find in the good news of the gospel. How unlike the propaganda of our day is the proclamation of the gospel tidings! Here is Truth, that cannot be refuted. Here is Reality, which cannot be shaken. Here is the message of Christ, who "came not to be ministered unto but to minister unto others." Here is the gift of God's salvation, freely bestowed upon all who believe. Here is good news for all the world, regardless of race or national boundaries.

Whenever Christians echo the "shibboleths" of organized propaganda, they become like unto the political lecturers of "sounding brass and tinkling cymbals." Whenever they witness to the saving power of God in the proclamation of this gospel of Jesus Christ, they are true to the divine commission of their Lord. Such Christians, as the latter, will be "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world."



# A Pilgrimage to a German Shoe Store

The following narrative account, which represents the third of a series of articles about the editor's recent European trip with Dr. Kuhn, will introduce a marvelous family in Germany to "The Baptist Herald" readers and endear to such, more than ever, the name of Gebauer.

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

WITH very little imagination a trip through Germany for the average adventurer soon becomes a glorious pilgrimage. The Baptist traveler with hushed tread crosses the threshold of the Boehmkenstrasse Church in Hamburg, because here in this spacious and worshipful sanctuary Charles Haddon Spurgeon delivered the dedicatory sermon and J. G. Oncken, the founder of the Baptist work in continental Europe, preached for many years. The young American turns his step to some placid, old-fashioned village along a river where he visits the birthplace of his father or mother and where the early history of his family unravels before his eyes like a skein. The church historian travels to Wittenberg and stands with bared head at the entrance

small party of three—Dr. William Kuhn, Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt and myself—looked upon our trip to Bolkenhain as the thrilling pilgrimage to a German shoe store and the home of Paul Gebauer, our missionary to the Cameroons. No wonder that our hearts beat faster as we approached the outskirts of the town and realized that our destination was at hand!

The auto, in which we were riding, seemed to be catapulted through narrow, winding streets into the large, open square in the center of the town. This rectangular square, or "Ring" as it is called, is completely surrounded by stores, shops and a few hotels. The quaint clock tower of the town hall stands as a sentinel at one end of the square, casting its shadow upon the romantic



An Entrancing View of the City of Bolkenhain With the Old "Bolkoburg" Castle Rising Above It With Imposing Grandeur

into the "Schlosskirche" where in 1517 Martin Luther nailed his epoch-making theses to the door and thereby heralded the coming of the Reformation. Such pilgrimages to memorable and sacred spots in Germany, of which there are many, transform the usual European trip with a resplendent glory.

## Beautiful Bolkenhain in Germany

For the average traveler Bolkenhain is a picturesque town in the foothills of the Giant Mountains in Silesia. Its quaint architecture and natural setting of beauty fascinate the young Germans, who spend their vacations there. But our

and refreshing "Angel's Fountain" nearby. The square has an inviting atmosphere with its shade trees and tables for "Kaffee und Kuchen" tempting the weary traveler. In this place tranquility seems to reign as a queen with regal splendor.

## "Schuhhaus Gebauer"

One house stands out above all others in this interesting square. Its five stories give it an imposing appearance. Its light blue color attracts the eye. The flower boxes, filled to overflowing with flaming red geraniums, decorate many of its front windows. Large gilt-covered letters spell out the words "Schuhhaus Gebauer," (Gebauer

Shoe Store), which span the attractive arches leading into the store. That house, a picture of which appears on the front cover of this issue of THE BAPTIST HERALD, personifies the beauty and friendliness of the German soul.

By this time our arrival was announced. From open windows and through the dark archways we were greeted with excited welcome. One after another of the Gebauer family entered into the circle of our acquaintanceship. Immediately we took the mother into our hearts of love. Her snow-white hair and beautiful smile combined with a quiet disposition and industrious spirit give her a queenly dignity in that unique household. Gerhard, the oldest son, is a physical and spiritual giant. He radiates enthusiasm and joy with effervescent abundance. Martin, the second oldest son, owns a shoe store in the nearby town of Landeshut, where a pet monkey attracts many customers and delights the hearts of children.

Konrad, the youngest son, is the exact image of his missionary brother, Paul, except that he is still fortunate to possess a good shock of hair.



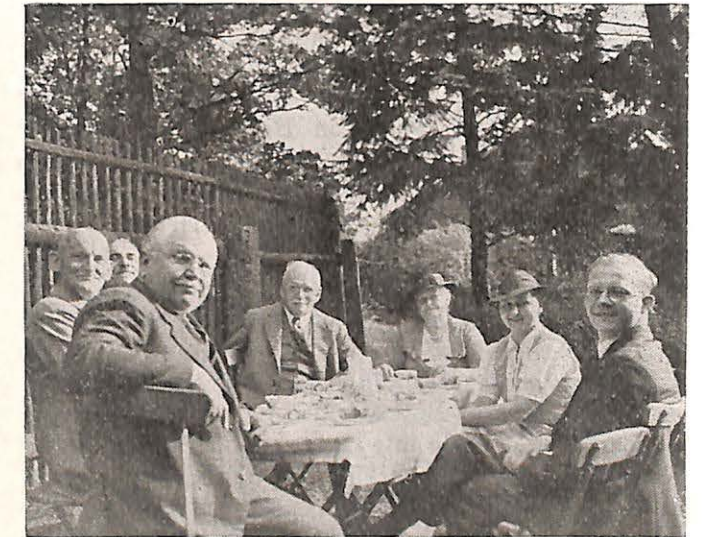
Konrad and Lenchen Gebauer, Youngest Brother and Sister of Our Cameroon Missionary, and the Editor of "The Baptist Herald"

Unlike the rest of the Gebauers, he is quiet and retiring of spirit, but beneath the unruffled water of his disposition there is a strong will to serve his Master. Lenchen, the youngest and only daughter at home, stands out in every group, in which she happens to be, with commanding attention. Her happy laughter and charming smiles win for her a great host of friends. Her sparkling eyes are an outward expression of her vivacious spirit that bubbles over with a zest for life and a joy to serve others.

## Herr Gebauer, a Rare Personality

The father of the Gebauer family was not at

home when we arrived in Bolkenhain. He had been delayed for several hours on a short business trip. We had made ourselves at home and were comfortably settled in cozy chairs, when we were startled by the noisy arrival of what seemed to be a troop of soldiers. The door suddenly flew open and, like the rush of a mighty wind, father Gebauer entered the room. With shouts of welcome he greeted us and embraced



"Kaffee und Kuchen" Under the Pine Trees in Bolkenhain  
Left to Right: Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, Mr. Paul Gebauer, Sr., A Friend, Rev. Wm. Kuhn, Mrs. Gebauer, Lenchen Gebauer, Rev. H. Schuettel

us with the strength of a wrestler. In his great excitement he could not sit down, but feasted his eyes on his visitors and then embraced them again with joyous welcome.

Father Gebauer is one of the most striking and unique Christian personalities in all the world. In spite of his age, he has the strength and agility of a young athlete. We saw him run like a swift gazelle over the fields. With intense excitement, that could no longer be contained within himself, he literally jumped over chairs and a small table in his own house before our eyes. He quoted reams of poetry to us with dramatic presentation, as he acted out every line of the poems with thrilling and realistic power. In the twinkling of an eye he would sit down again and call on one of his sons to lead us in prayer, and a benediction of quiet peace would settle down upon the group. It's a rare privilege to know this marvelous family, from which our beloved Cameroon missionary, Paul Gebauer, has come.

## The Missionary Passion of the Gebauers

Most marvelous of all is the insight into the missionary spirit of this household! The very name, Gebauer, symbolizes missionary service. In 1914 the Gebauers moved to Bolkenhain as the first Baptist family in that town. They were joined a few years later by the Schuettel family from Africa. In his eager desire to witness for Christ, Brother Gebauer dedicated an entire floor of his shoe repair shop building as a Baptist chapel in Bolkenhain. While we were there, a service was held in the chapel, and we were



thrilled by the enthusiastic spirit of a large audience that crowded the sanctuary for the occasion.

In the shoe store and home of Martin Gebauer in Landeshut, a similar chapel has been built where services of worship are regularly held. Gerhard Gebauer serves as the deacon of the Metzdorf Baptist Church and is constantly engaged in helping the pastor to preach to crowds of people at the fifteen mission stations of the church. Three sisters of Paul Gebauer are married to ministers of the gospel. They are Mrs. Elfrieda Schuettel, Mrs. Annie Berger, and Mrs. Martha Voekel. To catch the missionary spirit of the Gebauer family in Bolkenhain in their eager zeal to let their light shine for Christ means to know more of Paul Gebauer's consecrated ministry as a missionary of Jesus Christ to the natives of Africa!

#### Rose-covered Castles and Houses

An old castle, called the "Balkoburg," whose imposing turrets still rise with grandeur above its crumbling ruins, stands like a sentinel on duty over the town of Bolkenhain. From the lookout tower of the castle one can gaze for many miles over the lovely, carpeted landscape. Two other castles, called "Schweinhaus" and "Nimmersath," are within the range of vision. Even the snow-crowned mountain peak, the "Schneekoppe," the half of which belongs to Czechoslovakia and the other half to Germany, can be seen on clear days from the high point of vantage.



A Party of German Baptists in Braunau, Czechoslovakia  
Left to Right: Rev. A. Ringel, Mr. C. W. Kullb, Mr. Gerhard Gebauer, a Seminary Student, Rev. Wm. Kuhn, Rev. Rudolf Eger, Mr. Franz Marks, Rev. C. Fuellbrandt

Both Konrad Gebauer and his father served as my guides to the "Balkoburg." Stories of the early life of Paul, as they are associated with this historical fortress, were retold with much delight. On the way to the castle we passed a beautiful, cozy house, completely surrounded by gorgeous flowers. But the artist's inscription on the side of the house especially fascinated me. Translated roughly the poem reads:

"This house is mine but it belongs not to me,  
And the same is true of the second owner, you see;  
The third they'll carry out with cold, dead face;  
So traveler speak—Whose is this place?"

#### Czechoslovakia's Crisis

We were profoundly conscious of the uncertainty of human life and man-made treaties and of the timelessness of God's gospel, as we drove by auto into Czechoslovakia, only a few miles away, to visit our mission stations at Braunau and Schoenau. That Sudeten territory is bristling with tension and strife, most of which has not as yet come to the surface. No one can predict the events of tomorrow. The atmosphere of uncertainty hovers heavily over that area.



The German Baptist Chapel in Schoenau in the Sudeten Territory of Czechoslovakia

How different is the spiritual atmosphere in the German Baptist chapels there, served so ably and sacrificially by the Rev. Rudolf Eder and his splendid wife! In the small, rural chapel of Schoenau we met a consecrated group of farmers and their families, who had left their hay fields for the afternoon, to gather with us for a brief study of God's Word. That same evening the church at Braunau was filled with glorious music by an orchestra, church choir and children's chorus, as they greeted us and proclaimed the message of "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever." In the midst of that joyous service the glory of heaven seemed to be revealed and the presence of Jesus Christ became very real.

#### Lighthouses of the Gospel

These Baptist chapels of Czechoslovakia, three of which we are supporting as our mission stations, are lighthouses of the gospel, the light of which does not flicker nor grow dim because they shine with the heavenly light of Christ. They proclaim the timeless gospel of the saving power of God in Christ, which will stand unshaken through all the vicissitudes of current events in that country. They represent the fruit of a missionary passion, such as that exemplified so wonderfully by the Gebauer family in Bolkenhain, and manifested in our day by the German Baptists of North America!

# Beware of Hocus—Pocus!

This striking and unusual sermon topic is considered by the energetic pastor of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, with significant seriousness and a timely challenge.

By the REV. THORWALD W. BENDER of Cleveland, Ohio

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Isaiah 5:20.

"A fool's tongue is always long enough to cut his throat." If this assertion were applicable to only one or two people in each community, such self-eradication would not be so appalling. But in our parrot-civilization the chatter of fools is becoming rather general. Even the church of Jesus Christ is infested with fools' chatter and propaganda.

Everywhere is the sound of tongues of such "that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight." (Isa. 5:21) "Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?" was Paul's question to the Corinthians. (1 Cor. 1:20.) In characterizing his own preaching, this apostle wrote: "And my speech and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" (2 Cor. 2:4-5).

Here is the danger. We are tempted to rely on man's wisdom in looking for solutions to our problems rather than accepting the power of God as the basis of our faith and his own economy of grace as our working program. The offspring of man's wisdom is an imposing array of "hocus-pocus" formulae. In the enunciation and application of these, we are victimized to believe evil to be good, and to put darkness for light, and bitter for sweet. Current culture, political trends, popular amusements, and church movements all share alike in this "hocus-pocus" presentation of seeming to be what they are not. And the specific threat in this situation obtains from our parrot complex. We will repeat the formulae, if they are only repeated to us again and again! Let us consider a few of these hocus-pocus salvos.

#### WAR AND PEACE

Make war to end war; war plus war equals peace. Sow armaments upon armaments for preparedness, and you will harvest war prevention and good will among men.

#### EDUCATION AND PROGRESS

We must educate, inform, enlighten our people, "hocus-pocus," they will be sure to act in accordance with their knowledge of facts. How simple a process! Will we realize, before it is too late, that the understanding, even the acceptance of truth, does not insure its pursuit and practice? Only the Spirit and power of God are able to produce a love for truth and to energize the in-

dividual for its incarnation in his life, his church, and his society. Dr. Pierce stated recently: "I once thought that information was sure to beget missionary zeal, but I now know that it takes the love of God to make life!" If mere information will produce the progress of the church and society, let us substitute statistical tables on crime, auto-fatalities, venereal diseases and church enterprises for the multiplication tables of the elementary schools.

Expecting the presentation of facts to insure the forward march of church and state is about as fruitful as expecting to draw a quart of water from a pint container. We are giving man a little too much credit and overestimate his capacities somewhat. How easy, yes, and, often, how superfluous, would the preaching of the oft-repeated gospel become, if knowledge would issue in life in accordance therewith. Unless the Spirit of God energize and evaluate the knowledge imparted by our many educational agencies, we are more likely to reap a harvest of clever devils unto the undoing of mankind, than to strengthen the ranks of the disciples of Jesus unto the salvation of the world.

#### FILTH AND REALISM

During a banquet Gene Stratton Porter was chided by another novelist for being a sentimentalist and a stupid moralist. The speaker advised her: "Look at life. See it as it is. If it's ugly, don't be squeamish; say so." When her turn came to speak, Mrs. Porter countered: "I always love banquets like this; the beautiful flowers, the exquisite china, the delightful dresses. But I know, too, that for every banquet there must be a garbage pail, and I know, too, that it is nasty and smelly; but is that any good reason for insisting that it should be brought in and made the center of the table?"

We object to the coarse vocabulary and the detailed intimacies of some recent best sellers; "hocus-pocus," it is realism. Let a man emphasize the smell of the garbage can and make it the center of the table, "hocus-pocus," he is a genius. Let the book be published by a "respectable" publisher, "hocus-pocus," it is good literature. There is something discouraging in the general acceptance of the thesis that realism must specialize in filth.

#### SERIOUSNESS AND SPIRITUALITY

The writer has always been in sympathy with Matthew Arnold's plea for "higher seriousness" in literature. In our church life and activities, too, we have encouraged a serious approach.

But we refuse to endorse the current fallacy that would fit the formulae: "He is a very serious individual; he is a very spiritual man." An adulterer has good reason to be serious, especially, if he be a recognized church member. Dr. Robert Hutchins in a recent article made this fitting remark on the question of seriousness: "The monkey wears an expression of seriousness which would do credit to any college student, but the monkey is serious because he itches."

#### CHURCH BAZAARS

Let's put on a program of church suppers, bazaars, raffles, "hocus-pocus," our people will become liberal supporters of the Kingdom enterprise! We all enjoy church fellowships, suppers, church or family nights, father and son banquets, etc.; but we say, beware of the hocus-pocus that would depend upon the commercialization of these sacred and precious fellowships to consummate the command of the Head of the Church to preach the gospel to every nation. Has any church, by prostituting the aims and sacredness of its fellowship, ever developed a faithful stewardship in its members?

#### CONVERSION AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Protestantism is called upon to become united. Denominationalism is soon to be regarded as a remnant of the dark ages. Such a new set-up is being urged upon us as the magic which will make an impotent church potent. We must constrain ourselves not to write a book on this "hocus-pocus" extravaganza.

However, the real error lies therein that we assent to the proposition that church membership and conversion are identical. No one can claim to be a child of God on the basis of church membership, no matter by what mode or at what time in his life he became a member. As Baptists we have always worked for a regenerate church membership, which has for a prerequisite a saving faith in Christ as Savior and Lord on the part of each member. Such a personal relationship cannot be brought about by proxy, nor by sacramental means.

There is a large element of Protestantism which does not share this view, perhaps even a part of the Baptist constituency. We would not quarrel with these. They are entitled to their views as we are to ours. But beware of the man who would create a strong force for God by yoking the dead to the living. Let the dead bury their own dead. As one who tries to follow the example

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# Contributor's Page

## His Call—My Answer

BY MISS LAURA E. REDDIG

Our Cameroon Missionary Bound for Africa

I don't know why Christ has chosen me,  
But I've heard his call so clear:  
"Go, now, and serve in all the world;  
And lo—I am always near."

It seems there's so little that I can do,  
Yet so much that should be done;  
But I'll do my best, that with Christ's help  
Some African soul may be won.

There is so much that should be given,  
Yet so little that I can give;  
But I'll give my all, my time, my strength,  
My life for Christ I'll live!

To do his will, as I heed his call,  
That is my prayer sincere.  
"Go, now and serve in all the world;  
And lo—I am always near."

## Lost

BY MRS. ELLA K. LIPPETT  
of Burton, Texas

Lost in the rush and toil and strife;  
Lost in the hubbub and milling of life;  
Our soul so often struggles lest  
It be restrained and ever oppressed.  
Lost so often is the goodness in self,  
Lost as often is the impulse to help;  
The hand would reach forth to do a kindly deed,  
Only to be crushed in motion—an unwanted weed.

Let us pause then a moment 'ere  
Our lips once more utter "I don't care!"  
Pause to thank God for a host of things  
Thank him that the "Lost" was given wings.

## Camouflage

BY MRS. KATHERINE ZINZ SCHINDLER  
of Detroit, Michigan

Dear God:  
This garbled maze called life  
Is so confusing;  
The gifts of life which come  
From out the boundless deep  
Oft come in wrapping most misleading;  
The things which seem worth while  
Are often only cheap.  
The glorious thing called love  
Oft comes in unenticing dress,  
While passion trails a shining net  
To trip unwary feet.  
The Rock of Faith to many seems  
A weak dependence,  
And truth lies deeper far  
Than most can delve.  
Give us that second sight  
Of thine own understanding;  
Help us to search and weigh  
And strip aside the tinsel,  
Lest we may wake one day,  
At end of life's short way,  
And find that we've been cheated  
Of much that truly satisfies  
The Soul.

## Housecleaning

BY MRS. EDNA W. GIESEKE  
of Trenton, Illinois

The good wife looked at her house one day,  
And awoke from her mood serene,  
To a feeling that all was not well therein,  
And at once she began to clean.

She scrubbed the floors, and she rubbed the chairs,  
She brushed off many a screen,  
And thro' it all ran this strain of hope,  
"Tomorrow we shall be clean."  
There were trials sore in those busy days,  
Some there that she hadn't foreseen,  
But when her labor was ended,  
Behold!—her house was clean.

The good Lord looked at his world one day,  
And saw thro' glittering sheen  
To the soul-starved emptiness underneath,  
And at once he began to clean.

He blotted out heartaches, he dried away tears,  
He fought back the sins so mean,  
He told of a home in a happier world,  
For those who desired to be clean.  
And so—on that great judgment morning,  
When earth will no longer be seen,  
We'll meet him—the Master Eternal—  
If we, too but choose to be clean.

## To My Darling Mother

BY EMMA KLETKE

of Philadelphia, Pa.

When in the morning I awake  
And the daily task about to take,  
I listen for that voice, so sweet and dear,  
Calling my name, which no more I'll hear.

In early childhood you taught me to pray;  
You led me by your hand along life's way;  
You guarded me from harm and pain,  
And friends you have shown me how to gain.

With love divine you have surrounded me  
And taught me, how that life should be;  
You led me to the Savior mine,  
I found forgiveness in his grace sublime.

My heart keeps on longing, and I wait  
When we will meet at the heavenly gate;  
For that will be a grand and glorious day;  
Such joy, dear Lord, grant me, I pray!

## "I Am With You Always"

BY REV. AUGUST HERINGER  
of Dallas, Oregon

I am with you, said the Master,  
With you always, with you now  
In your trials and disasters;  
I will help you, if you allow.  
I can conquer all your troubles  
Which afflict you, make you sad,  
And can turn the tide that bubbles,  
In a moment make you glad.  
If we had just sunshine always  
And no clouds or rainy days,  
We would never know the beauty  
Caused by showers and sun rays.  
So in life the ills and troubles  
Help us to grow firm and strong,  
Teach us to look up and follow  
God, by leaning on his arm.  
He will guide us, lead us gently,  
Every day toward that bright goal  
Which he set for those that follow  
For their rest, him to adore.

## The Minister's Wife

Dedicated to Mrs. Otto Koenig for the 50th wedding anniversary of Prof. and Mrs. Otto Koenig.

BY MRS. LYDIA PITT  
of Hamden, Conn.

Have you not felt that your life was well spent,  
In the duties and tasks which the Lord to you sent?  
It is true, is it not, that the talents he gave  
Have been used for his glory, that some soul you might save.

You remember, of course, when the children were small,  
And you wondered however you'd get through, at all,  
A voice seemed to say "I am with you always,  
Cast on me your burden, let me be your stay."

'Twas the voice of the Master which spoke to your heart  
That you might, in his strength, to others impart  
The love and the grace he was willing to share,  
That they might be able their own lot to bear.

You know well that, often, with heart filled with fear  
You worked side by side with the one you hold dear,  
Encouraged him; helped him to give of his best,  
Secure in the knowledge he'd stand every test.

Sometime in the future, when life's work is done,  
When the fight you have fought, and the course you have run—  
God will welcome you into his Kingdom above,  
Securely to rest in his wonderful love.

# Daily Meditations

By PROFESSOR LEWIS KAISER of Rochester, N. Y.

Tuesday, October 4

## The Good Old Times

"Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these; for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this." Ecclesiastes 7:10.

Read Ecclesiastes 7:8-12

It is a frequent habit to laud the past at the cost of the present. Back to the "good old times!" "We live in evil days." It is then for us to make them good, "reading the time," that is, buying up the opportunity. Evil days are days of peculiar opportunity. What we do with the opportunity determines whether the days shall remain evil or become good.

Prayer: Lord of our life, make us wise in the use of our time, conscientiously employing the opportunities that come to us.

Wednesday, October 5

## Not Ceremony but Character

"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." Romans 14:17.

Read Romans 14:13-19

The essence of life in the Kingdom of God does not consist of outward rites (meat and drink), but of spiritual graces—righteousness in right dealing with others; peace with one another; the joy of the Christian brotherhood through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It is the practice of such graces, that makes the service of Christ approved of man and God.

Prayer: Dear Christ, may thy life flow through ours and reflect thy passion and purity.

Thursday, October 6

## The Petulant Prophet

"Then said the Lord to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry?" Jonah 4:4.

Read Jonah 4

Jehovah, Israel's God is seen here as the God of the heathen as well, calling a great pagan city to repentance and accepting the signs of contrition. Jonah, his prophet, however, shrinks from the mission to which he had been called. And when later he delivers his message of doom, he is angry because Jehovah spares the heathen. Jonah does not know God as the God of all flesh, who deals mercifully with all.

Prayer: Lord of mankind, may our passion to save go out to all men.

Friday, October 9

## The Body a Temple of the Holy Spirit

"Know ye not that your body is the

temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" I Cor. 6:19.

Read I Corinthians 6:12-20

If our body is the shrine of the Holy Spirit, how dare we then desecrate and defile it through neglect or sinful abuse? Can a clean soul live in an unclean body? Can we lead pure lives, while indulging in impure practices? Only as the marks of Jesus are branded in our bodies, will the world recognize us as belonging to Christ.

Prayer: Grant, O Lord, that we may present our bodies a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to thee.

Saturday, October 8

## Like People Like Priest

"Like people, like priest." Hosea 4:9.

Read Hosea 4:4-11

This is a part of the sad plaint of Hosea over the corruption of the priests. Their function was to be the guide and example of the flock in goodness. But they had become the leaders in iniquity. They rejoiced in the sins of the people, for the atonement in offerings and gifts was so profitable. A corrupt spiritual leadership results in a backsliding people.

Prayer: God, keep watch over the ministry of our churches that it may reflect thee in thought and deed.

Sunday, October 9

## The Church's Firm Foundation

"Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18.

Read Matthew 16:13-19

Whether we interpret the "rock" to be Peter himself as a disciple of Christ or as a figure of Peter's confession of faith in Christ, Christ is the church's foundation in either case. As far as the church is built upon Christ, it is impregnable.

Prayer: O thou, the living Head of the church, grant that whatever we do, as members of thy body, we may build upon thee.

Monday, October 10

## A Willing People

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Psalm 110:3.

Read Psalm 110

The day of God's power is the day of our opportunity, but he needs a willing people, if his purposes are to be accomplished. He wants to work with us and through us, but then we must be truly and wholly his. The day of our surrender will be the day of his power.

Linked with God in faith we cannot fail.

Prayer: Almighty God, make us willing to be used of thee.

Tuesday, October 11

## Seasoned with Salt

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Colossians 4:6.

Read Colossians 4:1-6

Salt represents the uncompromising element in God's Word. He who will pluck out an eye, or cut off a hand, figuratively speaking, rather than sin, has salt in himself. He, however, who speaks nothing but kind words and lacks the salt of reproof or warning or fidelity to conviction is an insipid, ineffective personality.

Prayer: Lord, make us men and women of force and character. Give us grace to speak the truth in love, but also with conviction.

Wednesday, October 12

## Strength in Joy

"Neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10.

Read Nehemiah 8:8-12

The law had been read at the Feast of the Trumpets, and the people were depressed because of their guilt. But they were not to weep in sorrow, but to rejoice in God's gifts of grace and to share these with others. Not sorrow, but holy joy is the source of their strength (their bulwark). "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice."

Prayer: Give us, O Christ, an overflowing measure of thy joy to sustain us in all conditions of life.

Thursday, October 13

## God—All in All

"That God may be all in all." I Corinthians 15:28.

Read I Corinthians 15:22-28

Moffat translates: "So that God may be everything to everyone." John Bradford, the English martyr, wrote to his friends, suffering for the gospel's sake: "Be of good cheer, whatever you lose for God, you will find in God." Thou, O Christ art all I want; More than all in thee I find. (Wesley)

Prayer: May we learn, dear Lord, that thou art to us the great reality. When earthly props fall, may we find all our strength in thee.

Friday, October 14

## The Word of God

"How sweet are thy words unto my  
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# Sunrise

By Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill

## SYNOPSIS

Jason Whitney, a bank clerk, was implicated in a bank robbery because of circumstantial evidence. He left town hurriedly and went to New York, determined to make good. Rowan, his friend, inspired by his love for Joyce, Jason's sister, decided to find the prodigal and traced him to a ship which was about to leave for South Africa. On board the freighter both of the young men were led to accept Christ as their personal Savior. In the meantime, Rowan's father had died and his mother went to live with her daughter and son-in-law. However, that situation was intolerable and Mrs. Parsons returned to her own home, in spite of the stern objections of Mark, her son-in-law. In her loneliness and sadness she wondered what had happened to Rowan.

## CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

Joyce came over that afternoon and Hannah held her in her arms and wept over her. It was so good to see her. It seemed to bring real living back again. It brought both Charles and Rowan nearer, and for the first time since the death of her husband, she had a good cry in Joyce's arms.

It only lasted a minute or two and then she was herself again.

"But oh, my dear, I am ashamed!" she said wiping her eyes and putting her glasses back on again. "I entirely broke down when I saw you. So many things have happened, and I've had to be going on so hard and keeping up so calmly there hasn't been a chance for a tear. But I'm that glad to see you, child. And how are you, and how is your father?"

"Just about the same," said Joyce, "that is, he holds his own, the nurse says. I don't think his face is quite as much twisted. The nurse thinks it is gradually relaxing, and he seems to take more interest in what I say. I truly do believe he understands. The other day I tried him. I asked him if he knew what I was saying to close his eyes, and he looked at me a minute and then he closed them and opened them again, slowly, so I knew he was doing it of himself."

"Oh, my dear, how wonderful!"

"Yes, it is a great comfort," said Joyce. "I didn't have a chance to tell you before you went away, but for the first few days after your husband died he kept watching the door, about the time for him to come over and call. And finally I told him. I said, 'He is gone Home to Heaven,' and I pointed up and he looked at me a minute and his eyes

got full of tears. I wiped them off for him and there seemed to be a new look in his eyes, as if it comforted him for me to touch him. It was the next morning that we noticed again that his face wasn't twisted so much. The nurse said sometimes a shock or emotion did that for one who was paralyzed. But he is a little better, I really think he is. Oh, it would be such a comfort if he could get so he could speak, and I could be sure he understands."

"Yes, dear child, I know. Perhaps it will come yet. Has your—has Mrs. Whitney come back yet?"

"Not to stay. She comes and she goes. She says her nervous temperament won't stand it to be around Father, and I think it's just as well. Although of course people are talking. But somehow—well it seems as if God had put me above talk, and it doesn't matter. And I think it's easier for Father when she isn't here. She always fusses so when she goes in there, and sits around and weeps and bewails. She won't believe it that he can hear her, and see her, and understand it all. And all the time she is here his eyes look so distressed."

"Too bad!" said Hannah wondering why God's dear children, frail little ones like Joyce, had to have so many severe trials.

"Well, have you heard anything more about the bank? Have they heard anything through the Rowley man that was arrested? Did they have a trial? No one has written me about it."

"Yes, they had a trial, but it didn't amount to much. They condemned him to a long term in the penitentiary. They had plenty of evidence against him, fingerprints and so on, and they found out definitely that his brother, the one who was shot by the policeman, was the one who fired the shot. They found the gun, and seemed very sure he was the one who shot poor old Sam. Sam didn't die, you know. But he doesn't seem to get well. He has been so weak that they haven't dared to question him much about the robbery. But do you know that every time they have spoken of it to him he has declared that neither Jason nor Rowan were on the street that night. Isn't that grand?"

"Yes, it's just like our Father to let him be able to tell that. But you look so tired, dear. Don't you get out at all? You ought to get away a while each day and get a little rest from bearing burdens."

"Well, I don't want to get away," said Joyce sadly. "Father's all I've got left, now Jason is gone and—" she hesitated—"Rowan," she added with a shy

little apologetic laugh. "I haven't even a friend left. No, I shouldn't say that. I have Rose. Rose Allison. She comes over quite often and brings me a flower or a little cake her mother has baked or something. She is a sweet child. Did you know she knew Jason? She did, just a little. They went to school together but they never had much to do with one another. But it seems that the last week Jason was home she stopped him on the street and asked him to come to some young people's rally or something, and he promised he would, and then, the day he left the bank he called her up and told her it was going to be impossible, that he had had trouble in the bank and was leaving town. She got worried because they were talking so about Jason and she came to tell me about it. There were several things he said to her that made it almost sure he couldn't have done the things they said he was doing."

"She is a dear girl. I have often watched her in church," said Hannah. "She is the kind of girl who will grow into a wonderful woman. I'm so glad she gave you comfort."

"Yes, she is," said Joyce thoughtfully, "and she's praying for Jason too. Oh, how wonderful it would have been if Jason could only have stayed at home and gone to that meeting. Then people would have known he wasn't that kind of a fellow."

"Don't worry about that, dear. Just one meeting wouldn't have changed Jason's reputation, and when a town begins to talk you can't stop it so easily. But dear, I feel sure that God is doing something more wonderful for our two boys than even bringing them to one meeting. Father felt so. He felt sure that God was in this matter of their going."

"Yes?" said Joyce. "I'm glad you told me that. If he thought so, too, it must be so. I've held onto that, and I've been praying it might be so."

"You dear child! You are a precious child!" and Hannah looked at her lovingly. The girl that Rowan had seemed to like best of all girls! How her heart yearned over her!

And Joyce remembered with a thrill that that was the word that Rowan had used toward her, "Precious," and now his mother had called her that! She came over and kissed Hannah tenderly.

"You are such a dear mother! Very much like my own mother as I remember her. I was so lonesome while you were away. I missed you so. I don't seem to have anybody! And I've been so annoyed with that Corey Watkins. I think Mother is inviting him. He comes whenever she is here, almost

every night, to ask how we are, if nothing more, and he is always trying to coax me to take a ride with him. I don't want to ride with him. Do you think I need to? Mother says I am rude and disagreeable to him. I don't really mean to be, but that is the only way I can get rid of him, just to walk out of the room. I simply can't stand him. Do you think a girl ought to have to go with young men she doesn't like, just to be polite?"

"Of course not, dear! You have a right to choose your friends. In fact it is misleading if a girl accepts invitations from a man she doesn't want to make her friend."

"Well, that's the way I feel. But Mother has made my life miserable every time she comes home. She invites him to dinner, and she insists on my hanging around and showing him this and that, and she puts me into situations where I simply have to sit down and talk or seem just awfully rude. She keeps telling me that I can't afford to turn down a young man like that, so well off and so successful and charming, that I may never get another chance, and all that! Oh, I oughtn't to tell you this and burden you with my annoyances, I know. You have enough troubles of your own."

"You are not burdening me, dear. I'm glad to be an escape-valve for you. And I'm so sorry you have to listen to such talk. But what does she think your father would do if you were married?"

"Well, she says the doctor says he won't live long anyway. Yes, she says just that! Isn't it dreadful! My dear father who is just beginning to love me the way he used to do when my own Mother was alive! I'm sure he does. His eyes have grown to be loving eyes. Ever since that day when—when Mr. Parsons prayed with him!"

"Call him, 'Father Charles,' Joyce. He would have liked that. He loved you, child! He wouldn't have wanted you to put him so far away as 'Mr. Parsons.'"

"'Father Charles'! What a dear name! I will!" and her heart gave a faint little thrill of delight. The name seemed to bring Rowan nearer to her.

"Father used to think the Lord would come very soon," mused Hannah. "He spoke of how he would be with Him if he came while I was living. It's been very beautiful to think about!"

"Oh, wouldn't that be wonderful!" said Joyce. "If the Lord would come my father would get well, wouldn't he? He'd be changed in a moment. How I wish I knew! But I'm going to read to him about the Lord's coming tonight. Do you know, I always read in the Bible to him every night, and he lies and watches me with his eyes wide open, and an almost eager look in them. And then I kneel down and pray a few words. I'm going to tell him how Father Charles was saying the Lord might come and bring him back with him to get us. And oh, Mother Hannah—may I call you that?—My own

mother would be with Him, too, wouldn't she? How wonderful!"

When Joyce was gone Hannah stood watching her away across the meadow, and thinking how dear she was. Then the stinging thought came that she was more loving than her own Myra. Poor Myra. But she used to be loving! She was just harried now beyond endurance. And Mark wasn't a Christian man. That made all the difference in the world. Oh, he went to church usually, once on Sunday, but that was all the interest he took in religious matters. How careful parents ought to be to teach their children not to have fellowship with unbelievers, not to choose their intimate friends from among them, not to marry them! Oh, how could Myra ever have happiness in this world? And she wasn't paying much attention to the next world either, that was sure. Poor Myra, weeping over disappointments and not looking up for God's way and God's appointments! Well, even that, too, might be brought in His good time to a solution. She must just leave it to God!

Then Hannah set to work to make her home look like itself and make pretence that she was getting ready for Rowan. It was only a game to keep her cheerful. She had been through so many hard things! And she had promised Father she would keep happy for Rowan! But it was so hard to keep the tears back! At every turn there was something to remind of the loved ones who were gone! Myra and Rowan and Father! How blessed it was that one didn't have to stay in this land of sorrow and pain forever, and that over there, there would be no more parting!

Myra, poor darling Myra! She had to trust her with God too. Why was it so much harder to trust Myra with God than even the other two who were gone from her? Father who was at Home with God, Rowan who was off in some unknown, unthinkable place, Myra who was in a home with her husband and child? Well, God was as much with one as the other, and she must trust and not be afraid.

So that night she lay down in her lonely house, in her lonely bed, alone for the first time since she had come a bride into that house. But she looked up and said:

"It's all right, Father, Thy will be done!"

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The storm raged for three long days and nights, and when at last the wind and drenching rain ceased to slant across the stricken ship, and they looked about them there was nothing but tempestuous water on every hand; their frail bark was tossed like a bit of flotsam in its mighty power.

The men were strangely grim and silent. They watched and waited, and kept apart from the two who were of a different world. Not even now was the vigilance relaxed that kept them away from the hatch that marked the line of separation. Rowan wondered idly why they cared any more, since all

would likely perish in a little while. They could not navigate with broken masts, and rent sails. They had no motor, and surely the boat must have sprung a leak, for it seemed to his landsman's mind that no boat could stand the shocks that this one had and live through. They were at the mercy of the sea.

Silently the crew stood about, helpless. Only Rowan and Jason went calmly on trying to do the useless duties that had been assigned to them when they first came on board, just to keep them sane and trusting. The other men watched them curiously, but said little to them. For a time fear showed in their eyes, but as night drew on the two noticed that the look of stark fear was gone, they had lost their apathy, and in its place was a tenseness of strain that was almost expectancy.

Rowan and Jason went to their bunks early, as soon as their evening rations had been served. They had noticed that the portions were greater now than they had been for the last two days. What was the idea? Was the captain getting reckless? Did he think they were going down in the night, perhaps, and that they might as well enjoy one last meal. But they had got beyond trying to fathom the thoughts of their captain.

They were worn out with the long nursing of their friend, and exhausted by the days and nights of the storm. It had been impossible to sleep much when the masts were snapping and each moment seemed that it might be the last. But now they slept heavily, almost as soon as they lay down, and did not hear strange noises, nor voices that did not belong to their crew.

Vaguely Rowan roused once, and was aware of something unusual, hurrying feet, falling of metal objects, weird lights that flashed back and forth like a code. But as much as he thought at all he felt it must be a dream, and turned over with a sigh, thinking he heard Joyce singing.

Later someone roused him, waked Jason too, and a voice commanded. Was that the captain? Yes, the captain was shaking him awake.

"Can you row a boat?"

"Oh, yes," said Rowan, instantly himself. "Sure I can. Is the ship going to sink?"

"Yes, the ship is sinking. It won't be long. Put on all the clothes you have, and take your blankets. Go out and get into that boat alongside!"

Rowan roused Jason and they hurried their few things together, taking their blankets as they were bidden. They took also what warm things of Kinder's they could reach with a single motion and then they were out following the captain. Two of the crew who could not speak English were standing by the rail holding ropes. A small lifeboat was bobbing down there in the mighty sea, like a cork on a billow. It was barely discernible in the thick darkness. There were oars at rest on its gunwales.



"But I thought we had no boats," protested Jason looking down in wonder. "I thought they were all torn away in the storm."

"There's the boat," said the captain roughly, "get in, and be quick about it if you want a chance for your life."

"But is there room for everybody?" Rowan hesitated. "I can die as well as anybody else. I forced myself upon you. I don't want you to give up your chance of life to me."

"Get in!" was the grim command. "Everybody's got a place."

Rowan and Jason were lowered into the boat, and then instead of following after them the captain disappeared.

"Pull away!" someone commanded. They couldn't identify the voice, and Rowan thought a weird shape like the ghost of a ship loomed on the other side of the old wreck. But just as he sighted it the lights everywhere went out, and they were alone, they two in that little boat out on a wide sea in the dark! In a frail little boat that looked like an eggshell. But of course it must be a dream.

Just to prove it was, Rowan sat down and tried an oar, but he might as well have dipped a feather in Niagara. He shipped it quickly and made sure it was fast. There was no use rowing in a sea like that. They must just drift.

Morning revealed the fact that there was food in the bottom of the boat, enough for several days. Then the captain had set them adrift on purpose alone! He had meant to get rid of them! They looked at one another in the ghastly morning light, with those green towering walls of water about them. They looked at the oars that seemed so fragile, and then they looked up.

The sky was clearing. Calmer weather might come, but were they ever going to be able to row that boat on the sea? It was heavy and neither of them had ever had experience on the water.

Gradually they thought back into their dreams and began to piece out the story of the night. Those must have been guns, signal guns that were shot off, and they had dreamed they were thunder! And that had certainly been another ship standing by! A sister ship, perhaps, out to search for the lost after the storm. Their own boat must have been carrying something precious indeed to be searched for so carefully in such a storm! And what were those strange noises in the night? Precious metal being moved, or arms? They could not tell. They probably never would know. And now they began to be aware that they had been sent away so that they could not tell what they did know.

A curious thing, they had been on that ship for weeks, and yet they had never found out just what it was about it that made it fantastic; they had never been able to figure out what wickedness it was carrying out, that perhaps should have been revealed to the powers that be, whoever they were.

"We were dumb, I suppose," said Jason. "We certainly were dumb. Get as near as that to mystery, and crime perhaps, and then be set adrift without finding out."

"We weren't meant to clean up the universe," said Rowan.

They talked about it a few minutes, theorizing, and then because their own fate was even more interesting than the ship with its unknown cargo, they discussed the possibilities of life and death.

"Well, if we can't navigate," said Jason at least, "I move we lie down and finish our sleep."

So they lay down, but somehow they could not sleep.

"Rowan," said Jason suddenly, "I want to talk to you. I've got a girl back at home and I begin to think I love her. Do you think that's wrong?"

"Wrong?" said Rowan. "How would it be wrong? What kind of a girl is she?"

"Oh, she's a wonderful girl! She's far too good for me. She has eyes like the sky, and hair with the sunshine tangled in it, and she wears a little pink dress. She has a lovely smile, and dimples in her cheeks. Her name is Rose. Do you think it's wrong for me to be thinking of her all the time? She doesn't even know I love her. But I got to thinking that here we are probably about to die, and I'd like to think she was here and I was talking to her. I'd like to think she kissed me if I was dying. I guess I'm getting a fever, don't you think, or I wouldn't talk this way, would I? I guess I'm wandering or I wouldn't be thinking of such weird things."

Rowan looked at his friend tenderly. "No, Kid, you're just lonesome, you're not out of your head. Who is she? Does she care, too?"

"Yes, she said she cared, but I guess she just meant she cared for me to stay at home and make good or something like that. It's Rose Allison, the minister's daughter! Now, do you think I'm crazy? Loving a girl like that? I never had anything to do with her, either, only just saw her in school, till a few days before I came away."

And then Jason told him the story of how he had talked with her on the telephone.

When he had finished Rowan looked at him lovingly.

"Well, brother, I guess I'd better confess, too, since you've told me this. I love your sister Joyce, and before I came away I took her in my arms and kissed her! I wouldn't ever have told that to you till I'd seen her, and found out if she really cares for me. But now it looks as if we were on our way to Heaven and it can't hurt for us to have the comfort of knowing each other's hearts. I've been thinking if it should so be that you are saved somehow and should ever get home, I'd like to have you tell her that I love her, and that I've been thinking of her and loving her ever since I left her. Of course, I don't know whether she cares for me, but she

won't mind hearing it if I'm gone, away."

"Sure, she loves you," said Jason confidently.

"How do you know that?"

"Caught her looking out her window watching you drive away to college, and weeping all over the place. Sure she's loved you, since ever I can remember. Brothers can tell."

Rowan considered this gravely, then he said, "Thanks awfully for telling me that, brother! I can call you brother now, you know."

"It's been about the biggest thing in my life for a long time to think that some day maybe you would be that!" The boy's voice was very gentle as he said it, and then, even in the midst of their intimate confessions he felt embarrassed and hurried on.

"But say, brother—" he stopped and grinned lovingly, "if it should be the other way around and I'm called and you get home, would you sometime tell Rose Allison for me that I loved her, and that her saying she cared and would believe in me about saved me from suicide when I first started out. I kept on thinking I'd make good and come back and show her, and right then I began to know I loved her, and I've thought about her and dreamed about her ever since. You tell her, too, how I've been saved, and maybe it was her asking me to meeting that helped in that, too. Will you do it, Rowan?"

"I surely will!" promised Rowan solemnly.

"Well, then you pray for us both, and then let's go to sleep. I can't look at those green walls any longer."

So they lay down side by side, expecting most confidently that they would wake up in Heaven.

And the little boat went drifting, drifting, guided by an unseen Hand!

(To Be Continued)

### Catching Up With the Body

James Truslow Adams tells of a tribe of savages in the Amazon Valley who make it a practice when on a long trek to stop now and then in order to let their souls catch up with their bodies. That custom, says the noted historian, illustrates the plight in which a large part of the world is today. Mankind has so speeded up the process of living in this machine age that we have neglected our souls. We are better off in material things, but not spiritually better. Years ago Steinmetz, the scientist, and Woodrow Wilson, the statesman, warned the world of this danger. And nineteen centuries ago One who is greater than either urged humanity to consider what profit it would be to man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul. There is no need that we cease our efforts to make progress in the material world, but our greatest need is to have more concern for the development of the soul.

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

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## FORCES THAT MAKE FOR WAR

Scripture reference: James 4:1-11.

### 1. Introduction

To name the forces in detail that make for war is impossible in the space of our time. It is a subject for a lifetime study by an expert in the field of international politics. It also would not meet our purpose for this study, inasmuch as we address ourselves to the problem as Christians. Our purpose is not so much to know the details as to know the more general characteristics of the causes of war and how to meet them as followers of Christ.

First of all, it is perfectly clear in the mind of James, and I think, in the mind of every Christian, that war is the result of people being unreconciled with God. They are enemies of God and therefore cannot be in sympathy with anything that God desires. They live only for their own desires, which, of course, are those produced by the natural instincts of man. These instincts belong to the physical side of our being. The Apostle Paul speaks of them as carnal. He further declares that the carnal is at war with the spiritual. When men come to know the truth that the carnal instincts lead to strife, and that the spiritual ideals of universal good lead to peace, they come to know God and recognize the Revealer of God as their Savior.

But while we cannot engage here in a detailed study of the forces that make for war, we can consider some outstanding causes. May we consider today three very great causes of war: greed, pride, and vengeance.

### 2. Greed

Greed is one of those sins that are hard to recognize in one's self. It seems justified by so many other things. Greed is a keen appetite or very great hunger. A lion is greedy of its prey. Of course, the satisfaction of hunger is justified, but when we want more than is our just share at the expense of the other, then it is greed, and so a sin. What is Japan doing now in China? The Japanese war lords affirm that they are there only to see that the Japanese people in China get just treatment. China must cease committing outrages against the Japanese people and government. It seems justified, doesn't it? But public opinion is that Japan wants more territory than she legitimately has; there is territory on the continent possessed by poorly armed people; they are well armed, and so they seize it.

Many nations have conquered what

they now call colonies because they were greedy and wanted greater possessions. Each such conquest is based upon sacrifice of spiritual values.

### 3. Pride

It has been exceedingly interesting to watch the play of international politics in Europe and Asia during the last three or four years. We can see through these plays better in these years than other years because public opinion has been so strongly against war and the economic situation has so handicapped them that the most of the governments haven't dared to declare war. When Italy attacked Ethiopia many nations denounced her, and even when they suffered loss of property at Italy's hand, or their colonial possessions were threatened, they only protested. Italy knew very well there was no threat to be afraid of. How many diplomatic notes of protest were sent to the insurgents in Spain because of attacks on other nations' ships? General Franco apparently paid little attention to them. How many notes has Japan received since she is in China? If it hadn't been for public opinion and economic chaos, a number of these nations would have answered with damaging powder instead of diplomatic protests. They have had to swallow their pride because they were too weak to fight for it. Many people of authoritative opinion believe if it hadn't been for their handicaps, we would have had another general war by this time. Why not swallow an insult, and save spiritual integrity? General von Moltke says: "Every war even for the nation that conquers, is nothing less than a disaster."

### 4. Vengeance

Another strong force that makes for war is vengeance. The boy who was "licked" in the alley fight shouts back: "You wait, I'll get even with you." That boy is the father of the ruler of some nation. After all, such an attitude isn't peculiar to that boy but rather a trait of the human race. When he grows up to be a ruler, unless he has cultivated a spiritual outlook, he will have the same tendency. What human is altogether free from it? Some forty years ago Ethiopia handed Italy a defeat; about three years ago Italy, having grown big and strong, got even with her. France and Germany have always been trying to even up scores between themselves. Vengeance only keeps war from dying out because it is one seed that dies hard.

Vengeance definitely is hostile to the Spirit of God. Let us destroy this seed in our hearts. In fact, all three of these forces should not live in a Christian. They cause warfare in his own heart.

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## HOW CAN YOUTH HELP BUILD A WARLESS WORLD?

Scripture Reference: Micah 4:2, Romans 12:17-21.

### 1. Follow Christ

The first answer to this question in time as well as importance is to have the Prince of Peace dominate the heart of every person. He who said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace give I unto you," must be our motive power. "If it be possible, as much as in you lieth, be at peace with all men." Cultivate the attitude of peace toward every one. First, think about how excellent it would be if you could always be peaceful in your heart, no matter what any one might say to you. Second, try to practice peace when your friends say something that irritates you. Third, go from the circle of your friends to all members of your church. What is the use of talking about world peace, if a small group of Christians can't even live in peace with each other. Fourth, practice this attitude of peace toward non-Christians who may be definitely opposed to your ideals; shall we say your enemies? Jesus said: "Love your enemies." If we, who claim to have Christ in our hearts, fail here, let us at least have the common sense of not preaching it to others.

### 2. Win Others

If we are making progress and meeting with a measure of success in our attempts to live peaceably as Christians, our next duty is, by word and deed to teach others. Naturally, we would begin with their personal lives. They must first take a stand on the ground of peace as we ourselves have done. From there we would branch out into wider spheres. Making plain to them the destructiveness of war and the desirability of peace would be the first step. People usually do something about that which they are convinced is essentially evil, especially when it threatens to touch them. War destroys man, his soul, mind, and body. Of course, some soldiers return from the battlefield apparently normal, but these as a rule have not borne the brunt of the battle. The most of them are crippled in some way. War destroys morale, stability, prosperity, earning power, happiness, and everything that is worth while. War only destroys; it never builds up. Napoleon said: "The more I study the world, the more I am convinced of the inability of brute force to create anything durable." Then, teach the constructiveness of righteousness. Righteousness, of course, cannot be separated from the gospel of Christ.



### 3. Seek Action

Merely to have the desire for peace or to talk to some one else about it isn't sufficient. We need to seek action. Good impulses without action still do not bring results. The young people's society should express itself in a pronouncement concerning war. Neither is one enough. Such pronouncements should come whenever a new angle presents itself. These pronouncements, of course, must not only be spoken but heard as well. They must be sent to the federal officials who determine the policies of the nation, the senators and representatives. No citizen can expect true representation, if he does not give evidence when and where and how he wishes to be represented. The Young People's Society should not be content with having its members speak. It should enlist the members of the church and the community. They, too, should speak their minds. In multitudes there is strength. Get as many names and addresses attached to the statement as possible. The whole community should tell its representatives how it feels about war.

### 4. Projects

The enthusiasm of a group must be kept at a high point properly to express itself. There is a world of suggestions as to what a group can do to keep a community aroused against war. "Peace Sunday" may be observed with appropriate programs. Getting a crowd together in any interest has a certain contagion about that brings others in. Suggestions for "Peace Sunday" are contained in Educational Service Bulletin, Peace Education Number, July, 1938, published by the World's Sunday School Association, 51 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. Another booklet of suggestions is "Youth Action in Building a Warless World" (15 cents) which can be secured from the editor of "The Baptist Herald." This booklet also offers a list of books, pamphlets, and peace dramas. Above all else let us heed the admonition given to God's people of old: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." If the peace of our city, community, or nation is really our prayer, it will give spirit and power to all activity in the interest of peace.

### God, Give Us Peace!

By Herbert Wendell Austin

God, give us love instead of hate  
And minds to understand  
The truth that binds us soul to soul,  
All nations hand to hand!

God, give us hearts all purged of greed,  
Our wills unselfish bend  
Till all the world unites in song  
And enemy turns friend!

God, give us courage to be true  
When faced by threatened strife,  
And teach us how to meet the test  
Without the cost of life.

God, give us grace to do thy will  
Till controversies cease  
And all the world has crowned as king  
The blessed Prince of Peace!

## Workshop for Church Leaders

### The Place of Youth in the Church's Program

By MR. FRED KNELSON of Martin, North Dakota

In order adequately to train young people to become staunch and fearless church leaders for our future generation, they must be given some definite responsibility or phase of work to perform in the church which will enable them to build for the future through the experience and practical training received while young. To deprive youth of this opportunity will eventually prove disastrous to Christianity and the church. Young people are eager for action and they have objectives for which they work, but they must have avenues of expression which their Christian education and culture may impress upon them.

Youth should be given a place in the church because, with the young people in the church, we can look ahead with a vision for the future. Wouldn't the future of our Christianity look gloomy without the young people taking an active interest in the affairs of our churches and thus lay the foundation for the future?

It is untrue when we are told that youth lacks vision. Our young people still have visions, but a vision will virtually tend to discourage rather than to inspire if there is no possibility of its fulfillment. In Proverbs 29:18 we read: "Where there is no vision the people perish." We can safely say that where there are no young people in the church, Christianity will perish. Youth in itself provides a vision for the future. We look ahead; we build and we grow with the young people. Give the young people the opportunity of using their time and talents for the Kingdom of God.

Young people should have a place in the church, because they want one, and they expect to have one. There must be a purpose for young people in the church. Youth should not only be impressed by Christianity but should have avenues of expression.

In John 6:9 we read the following words as spoken by Andrew, a disciple of Jesus: "There is a lad here which hath five barley loaves and two fishes, but what are they among so many?" The offering of this lad seemed to be very insignificant in the eyes of Andrew, and yet, with the blessing of Jesus, it fed a multitude. Youth to a certain extent can be compared to the meager offering of this lad. Youth is willing to give to the church as well to a hungry multitude their time, talent, and service.

But we may say, "What are we among so many." It seems we are only a handful of young people who call ourselves Christians among a large multitude. As young people, if we expect to

find a place in the church and seek to feed the multitude with the Word of God, we must, first of all, seek the blessing of God, for our giving will be to no avail without God's blessing. Let us adapt the spirit of this lad, and give what we have without any strings attached, and the Lord will bless it. Many young people have the wrong idea of a surrendered life to God. God does not want to rob us of our lives, but he wants to have our lives to fill, enrich, purify, and bless and give back to us as a sacred trust to be lived for him.

Youth should have a place in the church because God is calling our young people into his service, and there should be no obstacle in the way in order that they may become that for which God is calling them. God's call to a young person may be compared to the forester who must plant new seedlings to replenish his forest. He does not plant a full grown tree when he sees the need for new ones, but he takes a seedling and plants it deeply and firmly into the ground. Then he cultivates, waters, and nurtures it in such a way that it will be strong and straight and thus be the best to use, when it is full grown.

We can make a comparison here with the young people. First, they must be brought into the church as young "seedlings," when their young lives can best be molded and cultivated in such a way that they will count most in God's Kingdom. God can always use those who are best prepared.

Young people can also obtain from the church something which they never would receive out in the world. Here young people have practically the only place where they may receive spiritual training, which is being neglected so much in our modern day and age. Here they receive the inspiration which they need in order to go in the name of Jesus.

The church teaches the young people the necessity of service, of sacrifice, of love for one another, of our responsibility toward our fellowmen. Every good and noble characteristic, as taught by the greatest of teachers, may be found expressed and in our Christian churches.

Youth should be given an opportunity in the church, because in this way these Christian traits in a practical way are molded into their young lives. Give young people an opportunity! "The Lord hath need of them."

(The editor will be glad to receive further contributions from young people suggesting practical ways in which they can assume a share of the Church's tasks.)

# Reports from the Field

## Northern Conference

### Wiesenthal Young People's Activities

The young people in the German Baptist Church of Wiesenthal, Alberta, Canada are very active in their society and church. We have rendered various programs beyond our own community. We have also given concerts with an orchestra and band combined.

One of our recent young people's meetings was unusually different, with everyone contributing his or her own type of selection. The male quartet sang the song, "My Anchor Holds." Several readings in German and English were brought. Three members of the society brought talks on the book of Mark. Two orchestras played several selections. A dialogue was presented, and along with this there were solos, duets and recitations.

It proved to be a very interesting evening with blessing and cheer for all. In closing the Rev. F. W. Benke, our pastor, led us in prayer, and we sang the chorus, "Look to the Lamb of God."

M. RUDOLPH, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Summer Activities of the Ebenezer Church in South Dakota

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, So. Dak., was richly blessed during the summer of 1938. From June 6 to 11 we held a Vacation Bible School with 15 children in attendance. The Rev. A. J. Fischer, pastor of the church, was director of the school and the teacher of the Intermediate Class. Miss Lydia Kludt, assisted, teaching the Junior Class. On Children's Sunday the children presented a program, for which they had practiced in the Bible School. An offering of five dollars was received for the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich.

On Sunday, Aug. 7, the Rev. A. J. Fischer baptized 2 persons in confession of their faith in Christ. On Sunday, Sept. 18, a mission festival was held. As guest speaker we had the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler of the Plum Creek Church near Emery, So. Dak.

We are thankful for God's blessings and pray that we will deserve his blessings in the future.

LYDIA KLUDT, Reporter.

### New Officers of the Tabor B. Y. P. U. Begin Their Service

The Young People's Society of the Tabor Baptist Church in North Dakota recently held a business meeting and elected its officers for the coming year. These new officers are Henry Rauser, president; Jake Rust, vice-president;

Elvina Rust, secretary; Bennie Littke, treasurer, and Alvira Jandrick, pianist.

We are organized as a B. Y. P. U. since July 11, 1937, and we are proud to say that there are 32 members. We can be thankful to God that all our members are willing to do their share of work.

On Sunday, Aug. 21, we held a young people's meeting, in which Mrs. Henry Rauser led the song service. Mr. Sam Rust, Sr., one of the oldest members of the church, gave us the history of the Tabor Church from 1906 to 1938. The closing part of the service was devoted to sentence prayers, in which many took part.

ELVINA RUST, Secretary.

## Atlantic Conference

### Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Reschke and Family in Bethlehem

Under the leadership of our deacon, Mr. F. Stangl, the First Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., extended a hearty welcome on Thursday evening, August 18, to the new pastor, the Rev. R. E. Reschke and family. The edifice at 444 Adams Street, was filled to overflowing with members and friends of the congregation. Our deacons, Mr. Wamser, read the scripture lesson and Mr. Arthofer led us in prayer. A welcome recitation was recited by Henry Laube.

Greetings were brought by the leaders of the various church organizations and allied bodies, interspersed with musical numbers by the Aeolian Quartet of this city, a women's quartet from Allentown, and the German Baptist Quartet of Philadelphia.

Following brief talks by the Rev. Titus Hottle of the Twelfth Street Baptist Church, Allentown; the Rev. F. Herzog of the Saucon Mennonite Church, Coopersburg; the Rev. P. T. Stengl of the Ebenezer Mennonite Church, and the Rev. J. Schmidt of Union City, N. J.; the principal address was delivered by the Rev. A. Husmann, pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia. He spoke forcefully on the task of "Building On" using the life of Nehemiah as an example.

The Rev. R. E. Reschke responded to the talks, expressing his appreciation, and that of his family, for the cordial greetings and expressions of good will from the local as well as the visiting groups, and briefly outlined what he expects of the church and what the church may expect of him. At the conclusion of the program there was a social hour during which the pastor and his family greeted the members and guests present.

J. LAUBE, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### Ordination Service at Sheffield, Iowa

At the request of the German Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa, a group of delegates and visitors, representing 10 of the neighboring Baptist churches, gathered at Sheffield on the afternoon of Sept. 2 to serve as a council for the ordination of Chester A. Doden to the gospel ministry. The pastor, the Rev. C. Sentman, opened the service and presented the candidate to the council. It was refreshing to listen to the clear and definite testimony of the candidate regarding his conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal convictions.

Mr. Doden has completed a pastor's course at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., and is at present serving as student pastor in a rural community in Indiana. May the Lord who has called him into his service make him a blessing, and give him many souls for his hire!

H. LOHR, Clerk.

## Southern Conference

### Surprise Farewell for the Rev. C. H. Edinger and Family at Kyle, Texas

On Tuesday evening, August 30, the members of the Baptist Church in Kyle, Texas, gave the Rev. C. H. Edinger and his family a surprise farewell. On Sunday, August 28, the last prayer meeting was announced in which Mr. Edinger would be with us. However, when the neighboring American friends came and other unusual things began to happen, Mr. Edinger was aware of the special service.

The prayer service opened with a song and scripture reading. A motto taken from Isaiah 54:10 was given to each individual. Then the service was turned over to Mr. Dave Wiegand. The farewell program consisted of several readings, a solo and a song by the "Brotherhood." Talks were given by Mr. Sullivan of the Kyle Baptist Church, the Rev. Wm. Barsch of the Lockhart Baptist Church, the Rev. John Kemnitz of Mount Sterling, Mo., and Walter Lengefeld of the Seguin Baptist Church.

Members of the church also presented their appreciation of Mr. Edinger's faithful service. Two lovely blankets were presented to the Edingers to show our warm friendship toward them.

Mr. Edinger was with us for more than 7 years, and we regret very much losing him and his family. He was admired in the whole community, as well as in the San Marcos Baptist Association where he took an active part.

ESTHER SCHMELTEKOPF, Reporter.



## Central Conference Two Vacation Bible Schools Held by the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit

Another Daily Vacation Bible School of the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Mich., has come to a close. This year's school, surpassing all previous schools in attendance and results, was conducted simultaneously at the Burns Avenue Church and at the Liberal Mission.

The Burns Avenue school was under the leadership of the missionary workers. They were assisted by 21 willing and capable workers. Ten cars went back and forth daily, bringing the children to the school from far and near. Friends of the school treated the children several times during the school session.

The enrollment of 243 was the highest the school has ever attained, and the average attendance was 169. Among these 243 children, 25 churches and 12 different denominations were represented.

Besides an interesting study on the life of Missionary Studd and a lively Bible study, poster work, notebook and memory work and rousing singing were a part of the daily program. The boys and girls over 13 years of age were instructed by Mr. Neumann on the subject, "The Church and Its Ordinances." Many homes were reached and 12 children definitely accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

At the mission, Miss Smith of the missionary workers undertook the leadership of the school. She was assisted by 10 workers of the same quality as those at the Burns Avenue Church. Here, too, the enrollment of 145 was the highest ever attained, with an average attendance of 115.

At the end of the second week both schools held a program of closing exercises. The children were very successful in getting their parents to come out to their program, as both crowded houses well showed. May the Lord grant a rich harvest from the seeds sown in the hearts of those children!

LYDIA BEKOWIES, Reporter.

## The Central Conference in the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit

The 58th annual session of the Central Conference met with the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., from August 23 to 28. This conference represents 40 churches in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois with 6000 members. The Burns Avenue Church has a membership of over 400, sustains two mission stations in the city, has two of its own members as missionary pastors in the Kentucky mountains and has recently taken over the "Heaven and Home Radio Program" every Sunday night, which Dr. Savage of Pontiac had carried on for a long time.

The opening meeting was held on Tuesday evening with a welcome ad-

## Bazaar in the Chicago Home for the Aged

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Aid Societies of the German Baptist Churches of Chicago and vicinity for the benefit of the Western German Old People's Home will be held on Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Home, 1851 No. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The hearty cooperation of all interested friends in the form of financial or material gifts is solicited. They may be delivered personally or sent by mail. Many worth while articles will be on sale at the bazaar.

Meals will be served at 12 o'clock noon and at 6 o'clock in the evening.

The annual meeting of the Old People's Home Society will be held at 8 p. m. on that same evening in the Humboldt Park Church, to which all are most cordially invited.

MRS. JULIA W. DEUTSCHMAN,  
Secretary.

dress by the pastor, the Rev. G. Neumann. Police Commissioner Heinrich Pickert of Detroit represented the mayor with a fitting word of welcome. The moderator, the Rev. Wm. Schoeffel, responded facetiously. The message of the evening was given by the Rev. H. P. Kayser of Beaver, Mich., on the subject, "Jesus the Counselor," based on Isaiah 9:6.

The Rev. John Knechtel of Chicago, Ill., preached the missionary sermon on John 15:14. The Rev. L. Gittings of Chicago spoke on the preaching of Christ in the present crisis. The doctrinal sermon on the death of Christ was delivered by Prof. F. H. Woyke of Rochester, N. Y., and the Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Oak Park, Ill., spoke on "Christ, the Hope of Glory." At the Women's Missionary Union meeting on Thursday afternoon Prof. O. E. Krueger spoke of his recent trip to the Pacific Coast and of our work in general, which needs our prayerful cooperation all along the line.

Over 300 persons were present at the banquet on Friday evening in the basement of the church under the leadership of the president of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, Mr. Arthur Thoms of Alpena, Mich., who was on his honeymoon and received the good wishes of all. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Wm. Kuhn, the general missionary secretary, who had just returned from a visit to many churches in Europe. He gave us his own impressions and observations of the missionary work in Germany and the Danubian countries.

Anticipating a very large meeting, the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union held its Sunday afternoon meeting at the Woodward Ave. Baptist Church with Mr. Arthur Thoms presiding. Under the leadership of the

Rev. Paul Wengel we sang a number of fine German songs, which he had translated into English. Mr. A. J. Hudson, the newly elected president of the Northern Baptist Convention was introduced very humorously by the Rev. Wm. Schoeffel, the moderator of the conference. Mr. Hudson spoke earnestly about our spiritual goal and stressed Christian personality and evangelism for a day like this, when Christianity is challenged by so many "Isms."

At the closing service on Sunday evening the church was filled to overflowing. The German preacher was the Rev. Wm. Hoover of Detroit, who spoke on "Christ and His Fullness," and he was followed by an English address on "Christ, the Lord," by the Rev. T. W. Bender of Cleveland, Ohio.

A symposium was held on "What Does It Mean to Be a Christian in Business, in the Office and in the Factory, in the Home, and in Church." John Green of Detroit spoke on the first of these questions, Mr. E. E. Staub of Detroit on the second, Mr. Fred Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., on the third, and Mr. Walter Pischke of Detroit on the fourth. These laymen spoke from their heart and experience and elicited a lively discussion by the conference.

Missions, ministerial education, the Publication Society and benevolences came in for a large share of time in the business sessions. The conference reported 230 baptisms during the past year, and a net gain of 181. The 40 churches raised over \$40,000 for local purposes and over \$30,000 for missions. Many of the churches reduced their building debts very materially. The missionary offerings exceeded the previous year by over \$10,000. The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union has set out to raise \$3500 for missions during the next year.

Prof. O. E. Krueger of the German Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., reported on the spiritual and financial conditions of our school. He also conducted the "Quiet Half Hours," which were held each morning at 11:30. The general theme was "With Jesus."

"Our Relation to the Northern Baptist Convention" was discussed by the Rev. Paul Wengel of Detroit, who put three questions before us, namely: "Where did we come from?" "Where do we stand?" and "Whither are we going?"

Mr. Henry P. Donner, the business manager of our Publication Society, gave his report telling us about some of the struggles, advantages and handicaps of the business. The club plan was warmly recommended to all and has already had fine results for our denominational papers. "Der Sendbote" has 5233 subscribers and "The Baptist Herald" has over 6000 subscribers. A bilingual songbook is under consideration, which will have many new translations from German in it. Mr. Donner also gave two very effective addresses on the general missionary work and the spiritual life of our churches.

For the first time in the history of the Central Conference a layman was elected as moderator, Mr. C. J. Netting of the Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. The clerks are the Rev. E. G. Kliese of Detroit, and the Rev. J. J. Abel of Lansing, Mich.

The Women's Missionary Union elected the following officers: president, Mrs. E. Elmer Staub of Detroit; 1st vice-president, Mrs. A. Johns of Oak Park, Ill.; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. A. Orthner of Detroit; treasurer, Mrs. Leo Gassner of Benton Harbor, Mich. The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mr. Johnson, president; vice-president, Walter Pankratz of Chicago, Ill.; Harry Kuegler, treasurer, and Miss Alice Bourziel of Detroit, recording secretary.

Miss Laura Reddig of Cathay, N. Dakota, who is under appointment as our missionary to the Cameroons, addressed the conference and visited several of the churches on Sunday. Our next conference in 1939 will convene in St. Joseph, Mich.

C. A. DANIEL, Reporter.

## The Lake States Baptist Assembly at Linwood Park

The Lake States Baptist Assembly, sponsored by the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Central Conference, was held at Linwood Park, Vermilion, Ohio, from Aug. 1 to 7. This year's assembly motto was "Let Us Build," and this theme was carried out in various ways throughout the week's activities.

One of the definite aims of the assembly is to have a program which is inspirational and educational, as well as recreational. The day was divided into three parts. The forenoon was devoted to study courses; from noon to about 3 o'clock a free resting period was allotted, and the balance of the day, with the exception of the Sunset Service, was devoted to planned and individual recreational activities.

The morning devotions from 9 to 9:20 were led by our dean, the Rev. Paul Wengel of the Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. By running two classes simultaneously this year, it was possible to present four study classes instead of just two, which made for a greater choice of subjects.

In the first period, Prof. A. Bretschneider, dean of our Seminary in Rochester, presented a series of studies on "The Letters of Paul." At the same time in another classroom, Prof. H. von Berge, the literary editor of the Lorenz Publishing Co. of Dayton, Ohio, gave a very worth while study on the important subject of "Music in the Church." During the second class period, the Rev. G. Neumann of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan spoke on "The Parables of Jesus." Miss Althea S. Kose, a member of the faculty of the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Ill., discussed the very vital subject, "The Development of Christian Personality." The Rev. L. Broeker of St. Joseph, Michigan, chose



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as the general title for his inspirational periods, "Building—What?"

At the Sunset Meeting each evening at 7:30 p. m. a different speaker led the worship service after being introduced by one of the workers in our congregation. This afforded a very good opportunity for becoming better acquainted with the leaders in our young people's groups.

A number of social activities were planned for the period after the Sunset Service. This year on Thursday evening the faculty again treated the entire assembly to a delicious corn roast on the beach and, while the fires were still blazing high before the corn was roasted, we all had a very enjoyable time playing games on the beach and singing around the fire.

On Friday evening the traditional lantern parade was held, which proved to be the largest ever to be formed. All agreed to the fact that the many colors of the glowing lanterns in formation coupled with the unison singing of choruses made a very happy combination. On Saturday evening yacht trips on Lake Erie were enjoyed. The week came to a happy close with the Sunday morning sermon by Rev. W. L. Schoeffel of the White Ave. Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, who spoke on "God's Peculiar People." The whole assembly program gave tangible evidence to the careful planning of the president, Alice Reinicke; the dean, Rev. Paul Wengel; the 1st and 2nd vice-presidents, Bertha Koester and Ellen Hamel; the secretary, Evelyn Peters; the treasurer, Dick Reinicke, as well as the work done by Mr. Schoeffel who served as registrar and housing manager; Dorothy, Alice and Dick Reinicke as recreational directors, and Rev. E. G. Kliese, commissary.

EVELYN H. PETERS, Reporter.

## Pacific Conference

### The Inspiring Oregon Twin Rocks Assembly

"I am your assembly, come with me and I will do thee good"—was the call made to all of the Oregon young people and Sunday School workers not long ago. On Sunday, August 14, German Baptists from Portland, Bethany, Salem, Salt Creek, Stafford and our Washington neighbors in Tacoma and Colfax gathered as one big happy family to enjoy the ninth annual Twin Rocks Assembly.

A splendid dinner was served on Sunday evening and, after supplying our physical needs, we gathered in the chapel for spiritual refreshment. The Rev. John Leyboldt, the dean of our assembly, sounded the keynote in his message, "In What Story Do You live of every growing Christian. These Live?"

Morning worship is essential to the devotional meetings were held each morning in front of a large outdoor fireplace and always proved to be inspirational and uplifting. They were conducted by the following: Samuel Rich, Bethany; Mildred Voth, Salt Creek; Rev. C. Seecamp, Stafford; Margaret Peters, Salem; Lauretta Beltz, Laurelhurst Church, Portland, and Edward May, First Church, Portland.

After breakfast classwork began in earnest. During the first hour the Rev. Otto Roth conducted the class in "The Tests of Character," and the Rev. John Leyboldt taught "The Baptist Faith." The second hour courses included "Studies on the Holy Spirit" by Mr. Roth and "The Christian Message" by Mr. Leyboldt.

The afternoon recreation included surf bathing and beach games, swimming in the fine Natatorium at Rockaway, bicycling, horseback riding, deep



sea fishing, volley ball and boating on the Twin Rocks Lake.

Every evening at sundown we gathered for the vesper service. Our visiting pastors inspired us with their helpful messages. We were happy to have with us the Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, pastor of the Bethany Church; the Rev. J. F. Olthoff of Salem, and the Rev. O. Nallinger, minister of the Salt Creek Church. At the concluding vesper service Mr. Leyboldt was in charge of a consecration service. At the close many answered the call to rededicate their lives to Christ and walk closer to him in their daily life.

The later evenings were equally filled with activity even as the afternoons had been. There was a "Get-Acquainted Party" led by Mildred Schneider and Mildred Voth of Salt Creek. What would an assembly be without bonfires? Tuesday evening the Bethany young people were in charge of the bonfire and marshmallow roast. Stunt night on Wednesday was truly an evening of fun. Leaders of the various stunts were Lauretta Belz, Portland; Evelyn Krueger, Colfax; Ray Steinfeldt, Portland, and Laura Meier, Portland.

Musical night is always anticipated, and it holds a prominent place in the assembly program. This year it was under the direction of Miss Esther Rattey of Portland. Miss Rattey has a special talent for musical directing and, as our song leader for the week, she promoted a fine spirit of fellowship through singing during services and around the dinner tables. Friday night the musical concert was very inspiring. Everyone participated in the program which consisted of a choir song, duets, solos, double quartets and instrumental selections.

The last Sunday came all too soon and with it many visitors arrived. The president of our Union, Mr. Edward May, who should receive much of the credit for the success of this assembly, led the Sunday School service. Mrs. O. Roth of Portland reviewed the lesson of the preceding Sunday and Miss Esther Blandau of Tacoma talked about the lesson for the present Sunday.

The morning service was led by Mr. Leyboldt with Mr. Roth bringing the morning message. A choir, directed by Miss Rattey, sang the "Awakening Chorus" and "Master, the Tempest Is Raging." Rev. Roth spoke on the theme, "Four Types of People." This was a benediction on a week of activity.

The executive committee extends our appreciation to the dean, the Rev. John Leyboldt, and to the Rev. Otto Roth for their time, prayers and teaching. The registration for the week of class work was 73. The total attendance record, however, was larger.

During this assembly we, as young people and Sunday School workers, have been drawn closer to the Savior and our aim for the future is to do our best in his service.

MILDRED VOTH, Secretary.

**Laurelhurst Church in Portland Hears Addresses by a Russian Refugee**

On Sunday, August 28, the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon had the fortunate privilege of hearing Mr. Paul Voronaeff from Russia. His parents, who have been Russian missionaries for years, were exiled to Siberia because of their Christian faith. Three years ago, when his parents were exiled to Siberia, Paul, with his younger brother and sister, came to America. For 13 years he had lived under the Communist regime, of which he related many heart-breaking experiences. He gave us a clear picture of what it means to live in Russia today.

On the following Tuesday, Mr. Paul Voronaeff showed pictures and lectured to a crowd of people that filled the church auditorium. The pictures were taken by himself and smuggled across to this country. After seeing those pitiful pictures and hearing of present conditions in Russia, it makes us appreciate, indeed, our religious freedom in this country.

ANNA WARDIN, Reporter.

**Southwestern Conference Sessions of the Southwestern Conference at Lorraine**

The annual sessions of the Southwestern Conference were held this year with our church in Lorraine, Kas., from August 10 to 14. The attendance was very good, in fact, larger than in recent years.

A wonderful spirit prevailed in the upper room, where prayer groups met three times daily, before each session of the conference, to unite in prayer for a revival of holy living and for our denominational work. The wish was repeatedly expressed to have such prayer sessions at our conference every year.

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. Geo. Ehrhorn, who is a son of the church entertaining the conference. The Rev. Geo. Frey delivered the doctrinal sermon, and the Rev. W. Helwig gave the Sunday morning message.

Papers were written and read by the Rev. A. Weisser on "Christianity and Isms"; the Rev. S. Geis on "Christianity and Narcotics"; the Rev. P. Potzner on "Christianity and Morals"; the Rev. E. Kary on "Christianity and Crime." The half hour morning devotionals were led by the following: the Reverends Chas. Wagner; J. Kemnitz, and A. G. Rietdorf.

We were privileged to have as guest speaker Mr. H. P. Donner, the business manager of our Publication Society in Cleveland, who conducted the daily "Quiet Half Hour" services. He also delivered the missionary sermon, besides addressing the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' meeting on Sunday afternoon and bringing the closing sermon.

We were also happy to have with us Miss Laura Reddig, our foreign missionary-appointee to Africa, who gave

some interesting addresses, and also told about her call to serve the Lord in Africa. We were glad to greet Mrs. Friedeman, who has served with her husband as missionary in Czechoslovakia. She addressed the meeting of the Womens Missionary Union.

The officers of the conference for the next year are as follows: moderator, Rev. Theo. Frey, secretary; Rev. W. Helwig; statistician, Rev. P. Potzner; mission secretary, Rev. P. Smit.

MARTIN DE BOER, Reporter.

**Eastern Conference**

**Labor Day Outing by Ontario Young People at Round Lake**

Round Lake is a beautiful lake about 8 miles north of the village of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada, surrounded by trees which wear shades of green and gold by day, and black lace with star jewels by night, where birds and bees delight to live, and where man's best friends may be fed. There, on Labor Day, Sept. 5, an outing was held by the Young People's and Sunday School Worker's Union of the Ontario Association.

About 75 young people from different churches of the Union, namely, from Arnprior, Hagarty and Calvary Baptist of Killaloe, attended. Under the capable leadership of the Rev. Edgar Klatt, the young people's counselor, a very interesting program was given. The afternoon was spent in playing games.

Before supper a devotional period was led by the Rev. A. E. Jaster of Arnprior. His message gave out a challenge to the youth of today, and brought out this one point clearly, that God wants us as young people to enjoy life to the fullest.

DORIAN BURKE, Secretary.

**OBITUARY**

**DONALD EDWIN TERVEEN**

Donald Edwin Terveen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dedrich Terveen, was born on May 13, 1921 at Donna, Texas, and passed away on July 26, 1938, at the age of 17 years, 2 months and 13 days. In June he went for a visit to Emery, South Dakota. Soon after his arrival he took sick. He received the very best care possible, and was finally taken to the hospital at Mitchell where he died.

Donald was 12 years old when he was baptized by the Rev. Schwarz on his confession of faith in Christ and became a member of the German Baptist Church at Donna, Texas. Here he was active, serving faithfully as president of the Young People's Society at the time of his death. Our church has suffered a great loss in his going.

He was preceded in death by one sister, who died in infancy. Our brother leaves to mourn his so early departure: his father and mother, two brothers, Melvin and Dedrich, Junior; one sister, Eunice; and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon in the Baptist Church at Emery, South Dakota, with the pastor, Rev. G. A. Lang in charge. The church was filled to capacity with sorrowing relatives and friends, and the casket was banked high with beautiful floral offerings. Mr. Lang spoke words of comfort from 2 Cor. 5:1. The Rev. T. W. Bender, a former pastor, spoke on Ps. 73:25. To the bereaved parents and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy. Rev. L. Hoeffner, pastor, Donna, Texas.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Southern Conference, and to the many friends who sent us messages of condolence in our sorrow. We wish to say your kindness will always linger in our memory. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Terveen, and family.

**DAILY MEDITATIONS**

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taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Psalm 119:103.

Read Psalm 119:97-104

God speaks to the listening heart of the world in many voices. Never has there been silence between the Infinite and the soul of man. In the Bible as the clearest revelation of his mind and purposes, we have a collection of messages from men who have proved themselves the truest interpreters of God, filled with his spirit. God be praised for this legacy of his will!

Prayer: "Uphold me, O Lord, according unto thy word that I may live; and let me not be ashamed of my hope."

Saturday, October 15

**Gather Up the Fragments**

"Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." John 6:12.

Read John 6:10-14

This was the method of Jesus. Nothing should be lost—not a fragment of bread, not a fragment of time, not a fragment of strength. Jesus was forever gathering up the broken pieces. This should be our principle in life. The possibilities of fragments are infinite. A glad surprise awaits him who has the wisdom to gather them up.

Prayer: Almighty God, help me to see the value in the little things of life, and not to waste the broken bits because they seem small and useless.

Sunday, October 16

**Man's Real Value**

"What is man, that thou art mindful of him? Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels." Psalm 8:4-5.

Read Psalm 8

Next to a right knowledge of God, we need a right estimate of man. How cheap is that estimate in our day! "The genius of Christianity," someone has said, "is the reverence for personality."

Prayer: O thou, who hast created man in thine own image, may we never lose sight of that divine stamp upon the humblest and weakest of mankind.

Monday, October 17

**The Master's Life Motto**

"How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Luke 2:49.

Read Luke 2:44-50

It is not difficult to ascertain from the gospels, what the Master conceived to be his Father's business. The redemption of men and women, bodily and spiritually, was the absorbing task of his public ministry. "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save the lost." For this he lived; for this he died. Must we not make his business ours?

Prayer: We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the exalted purpose that animated our Savior. May we, too, be about our Father's business.

**THE HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL**

Will Be Observed in Our Churches on Sunday, Oct. 16, or Sunday, Oct. 23, 1938.

Programs with a new assortment of songs by Prof. Herman von Berge and others and English and German recitations have been mailed to all Sunday Schools.

A new play, "The Royal Road to the Races," interpreting our missionary work in the Danubian countries of Europe and in Africa is included in the program. It is something entirely new with unusual possibilities for effective presentation.

All offerings at this festival program to be given by our churches and Sunday Schools are to be devoted to our foreign missionary enterprise.

**BEWARE OF HOCUS-POCUS**

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of New Testament Christianity, save me from becoming coupled with such men, who are given to condescend in profound appreciation to anyone who is willing to join their church!

God save us from an amalgamation with such, Baptist or otherwise, who have never felt the agony and condemnation of sin, brought forth fruit worthy of repentance, and learned to sing the song of the redeemed, praising the marvelous grace of God. How far is that man or that church removed from the truth, that, in the words of Andrew Fuller, looks upon grace as "a just exemption from undeserved punishment!" And no hocus-pocus can make truth out of error!

May God help us that our "faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" (1 Cor. 2:5). For "woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter."



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Mrs. Edith Tiller, who will be graduated in June, 1939, a member of Fleischmann Memorial Church in Philadelphia, Pa., and Miss Laura E. Reddig. This year there are also three German Baptists, Miss Helen Burgers of the German Baptist Church of Canton, Ohio, entering as a freshman. Miss Burgers is our first German Baptist scholarship girl. Classes began on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

❖ The forthcoming issues of "The Baptist Herald" will bring announcements of the observance of the annual DENOMINATIONAL THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK to be held this year in most of our churches from Sunday, Nov. 20, to Sunday, Nov. 27. Special articles and illustrated accounts will depict the entire missionary enterprise in which the denomination is engaged. Mrs. Edith Tiller of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago will interpret the spirit of Miss Laura E. Reddig's consecration in going to Africa as our 6th missionary on that field. This fine article will give our readers a deeper glimpse into the life of this new missionary of ours. Several captivating reports have just arrived at headquarters from Mrs. Clara Gebauer about their work and life in Africa, which will appear in a forthcoming issue. The editor's experiences in the Gypsy village of Golinzi in Bulgaria with a description of the work of the Gypsy Baptist Church then will also appear in an early issue. Watch for all these important features!

❖ On Sept. 3, Dr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Hasselblad embarked from Vancouver, British Columbia on the steamship, "the Empress of Asia," for Jorhad Assam, where they will serve as missionaries under the auspices of the Northern Baptist Convention. Mrs. Norma Hasselblad is a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. George Borschlegel of Omaha, Neb., who served several of our German Baptist churches until their retirement a few years ago. Dr. Hasselblad is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where he received his M. D. degree. An impressive commissioning service was held on May 15 in the First Baptist Church of Omaha with a message by Dr. J. C. Robbins, the foreign missionary secretary of the Northern Baptists. Both Dr. and Mrs. Hasselblad were presented to the Northern Baptist Convention at Milwaukee in May. Their daughter, Marva Elaine, will be two years old by the time they arrive at their destination. The Rev. George Borschlegel wrote that "my wife, our 6 children and I are very thankful to the Lord that he has called them to this task. We covet the intercession of God's children for them in their work for the Master and the people in Assam."

## GOLD DUST

We must not hope to be mowers,  
And gather the ripe gold ears,  
Until we have first been sowers,  
And watered the furrows with tears.

It is not just as we take it,  
This mystical world of ours;  
Life's field will yield, as we make it,  
A harvest of thorns or flowers.

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### A GREAT TREAT!

Editor, "The Baptist Herald":

I have just been reading "The Baptist Herald" of Sept. 1, and I want to express to you my appreciation, and our girls join me in this, for this excellent number of "The Herald." Your editorial and article on Germany with the pictures are very interesting and helpful. We anticipate a great treat through the coming numbers of "The Herald." I shall make special comment from the pulpit regarding "The Baptist Herald."

God bless you and more power to you!  
REV. JOHN SCHMIDT,  
Union City, N. J.

### CAPTIVATING ACCOUNT!

Editor, "The Baptist Herald":

Your spirited account of the visit to Germany captivates the interest of all of us here at Bethany. It is good to have your account of the German-religious situation in addition to the Heinz Variety which were being served from various sources. It seems natural that the "wise as serpents...harmless as doves" Christians should be tolerated at the present time. Also, that these hierarchical religions and communistic Jews should be persecuted by an ambitious government. It seems also natural that those who preach the Gospel of Christ as the power of God should be presented by the "Scribes and Pharisees." Then, too, the Cross is hated and despised by the world. Perhaps, the freedom of the German Baptists will last only as long as the crisis in which the government finds itself just now. But we glory in the opportunity of today. I am glad that the Baptist Church is being used of God to gather in the sheaves even in this tense hour. May the doors remain open until their work is done!

REV. J. H. KORNELSEN,  
Vesper, Kansas.



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