

# THE BAPTIST HERALD

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The Memorial Tomb  
of Abraham Lincoln,  
the Great  
Emancipator,  
Located in  
Oak Ridge Cemetery,  
Springfield, Illinois.

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# What's Happening

● Professor G. H. Schneck of Brooklyn, N. Y., pastor of the German Baptist Church in Passaic, N. J., until August 31, 1938, passed away after a lingering illness on January 2nd. A full report of his ministry and a memorial article in his loving memory will appear in the February 15th issue of "The Baptist Herald."

● The Rev. C. H. Seecamp, pastor of the Stafford Baptist Church near Sherwood, Oregon, has resigned his charge and accepted the call extended to him by the German Baptist Church of La Salle, Colorado. He will begin his ministry on the new field beginning with Sunday, April 2, and will succeed the Rev. Theodore Frey, now of Creston, Nebraska.

● On Sunday, January 1, the Rev. John Leypoldt, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, welcomed 8 persons into the fellowship of the church. The annual Week of Prayer was observed from January 2 to 6 with meetings conducted by Dr. J. Kratt and the Rev. J. Leypoldt. These services of the church were well attended, and many spiritual blessings were received.

● The Rev. Karl Gieser, pastor of the German Baptist Church at Turtle Lake, No. Dak., has resigned his charge and accepted the call extended to him by the German Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak. He will begin his pastorate in the new church on March 1st. Mr. Gieser is the moderator of the Dakota Conference and a member of the conference mission committee. His ministry in the Turtle Lake Church and its mission stations was accompanied by many blessings and much success.

● On New Year's Sunday, January 1, the Rev. Alfred Weisser, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas, received 8 persons into the fellowship of the church. Five of these had been baptized at an earlier impressive baptismal service. At the evening service the B.Y.P.U. presented the play, "The Christmas Voice," with great effectiveness. Mr. Weisser wrote that "we praise God for such rich blessings on the first day of the new year, and pray that his showers of blessing will continue to fall!"

● The choir of the German Baptist Church at Fredonia, North Dakota, held a surprise program for its director and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Gieser, on Thursday evening, Dec. 22. It was the occasion of their tenth wed-

ding anniversary. After Scripture reading and prayer by the pastor, the Rev. Wm. G. Jaster, an appropriate program was rendered and a gift of poinsettia flowers presented to the honored couple. About 30 friends were gathered for the festive occasion, which closed with refreshments.

● The Ministers' Association of Chicago and vicinity held its first meeting of the new year on Monday afternoon, January 9, at the Western German Baptist Home for the Aged. The Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Kuhn were the hosts to a large group of 31 ministers and their wives, church missionaries, and friends. Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of the Northern Baptist Seminary, spoke on the theme, "When They Prayed, Something Happened." The Rev. John A. Mueller, president of the association, presided.

● The activities of the B.Y.P.U. in Elgin, Iowa, during the Christmas and New Year's season included the presentation of the pageant, "O, Worship the King," an evening of caroling for the benefit of the aged and shut-ins, and a social in honor of the young people who were home for the holidays. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, had the joy of baptizing 12 persons at the church services on the Sundays, December 11 and 18. At the New Year's Eve service two young people responded to the altar call.

● The girls of Intermediate age in the Bethel Baptist Sunday School of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, have been organized into a Junior Missionary Society. The name, "the Golden Rule Circle," has been adopted for the society. Miss Betty Guenther, the president, wrote that "we have already done some missionary work. We have remembered our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., at Christmas time with some gifts. We hope we can be of great service to our Master's cause." The Rev. L. B. Berndt is pastor of the church.

● The Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pennsylvania, held its annual business meeting and fellowship supper on Thursday evening, January 12. On Monday afternoon, December 26, the Sunday School had its Christmas celebration with more than 200 persons in attendance. The program was in charge of the superintendent, Mr. J. A. Zurn. An offering of \$20 was received for our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the church, preached on the theme,

"A Spiritual Renaissance," based on the text, Matt. 18:20, on Sunday morning, January 8.

● The B.Y.P.U. of the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Connecticut, held a social gathering during the Christmas holidays in honor of Mr. Robert I. Dittrich, a flying cadet now in training at Randolph Field, Texas. Mr. Dittrich brought an interesting talk on the highlights of life at the West Point of the Air. A few days previously, the Rev. Daniel Meyhoefer of Westminster College in Pennsylvania, the former pastor of the church, showed the moving pictures of his European tour last summer. On Christmas day the Sunday School rendered the pageant, "What Child, This?" before a large audience. The pageant was capably directed by Miss Clara Berger. On the following Saturday, December 31, the Christmas party, which was held for the children, was judged to be a glorious success. The Rev. Albert Hahn is pastor of the church.

● The 25th anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Kenosha, Wis., was held on Sunday afternoon, December 4. Mrs. Fritz Kaiser, president of the society, was in charge of the program. The Rev. H. W. Wedel of Milwaukee addressed the large congregation. The B.Y.P.U. recently held its annual election of officers with the following results: Herbert Frese, president; Violet Klein, vice-president; Augusta Eckert, secretary; Irma Henke, treasurer; and Gertrude Friedrich, pianist. On Sunday afternoon, January 8, the Sunday School elected its officers for 1939, some of which are (Continued on Page 57)

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## EDITORIAL

**H**ATRED is a vicious boomerang. With winged speed it strikes back at the one who hates. The animosities of the heart are like hand grenades which one throws into the camp of the enemy. But the fearful tragedy is that these weapons of hatred retrace their course and explode in the face of the one who has thrown them.

You cannot hate another without having a stifling and deadening power released in your own soul. A spirit of bitterness chokes up the springs of trust and faith. The fires of pride and haughtiness are fanned by the stormy winds of enmity and rancor. God's benediction of loving approval departs from the face of those with ill will in their hearts. "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer, and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." Hatred always injures the one, who hates, far more than the person, who is the object of one's dislike.

Racial hatred is the scourge of modern life, which may wreck the very bulwarks upon which civilization is founded. Now we can see the disastrous effects of that period of the World War when young men and women were trained to hate and to fight. The racial hatreds, which are brewing in the world of today, will leave their scars upon modern life, which only an awakening of true faith in God can remove.

As disciples of Christ we must renounce hatred in every personal and social form. We must refuse to divide the world into racial camps and to say that God's grace cannot establish a brotherhood across racial lines. As Baptists we must reassert our profound convictions which were voiced in the following resolution, passed by the Baptist World Alliance at its fifth Congress held in Berlin in 1934: "This Congress representing the world-wide, inter-racial fellowship of Baptists, rejoices to know that despite all differences

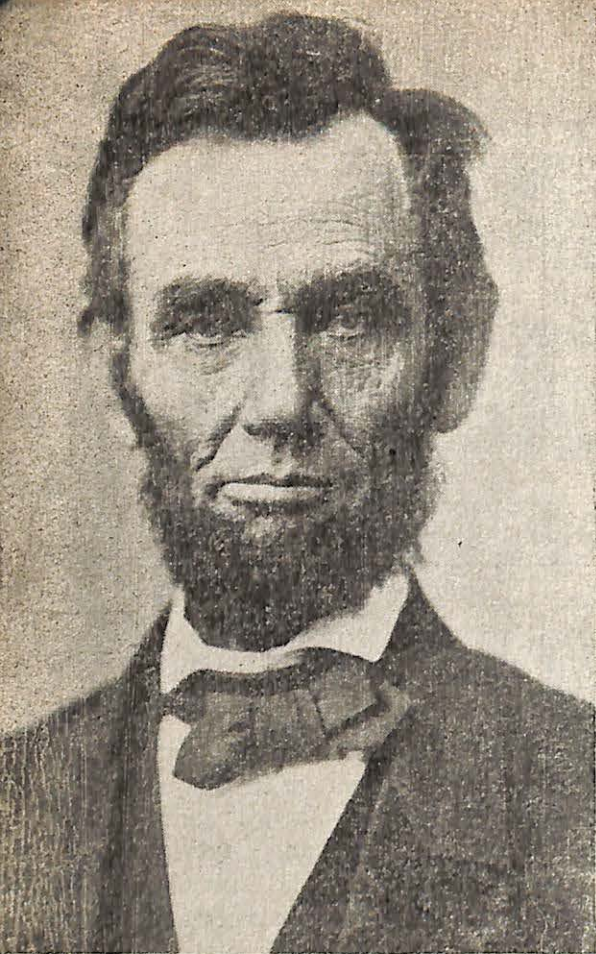
of race, there is in Christ an all-embracing unity, so that in him it can be claimed with deepest truth there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free, but Christ is all in all. This Congress deplores and condemns as a violation of the law of God, the heavenly Father, all racial animosity, and every form of oppression or unfair discrimination toward the Jews, toward colored people, or toward subject races in any part of the world."

It is true that there are difficult and entangling racial problems to be solved in our modern day. They baffle the greatest and keenest minds of today. But as Christians we believe that the road of racial hatred and persecution will lead the world back into the jungle, where beasts prey upon each other. Persecution in any form, whether it be that of the Baptists in Rumania for their faith, or that of the Jews in Germany for their blood, or that of the Negroes in America for their color, is not God's way of solving this problem of modern social life.

The observance of "Race Relations Sunday" on February 12 should clarify our convictions as Christians upon this crucial subject. This tyranny of racial hatred does affect us as Baptists when whites and Negroes of the United States, who are followers of the same Lord, cannot have fellowship together, or when Baptists of Germany have to renounce their fellowship with their own brethren, in whose veins Jewish blood flows but who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ!

"Get the better of evil by doing good." That is the Christian answer to a world, which appears to be drunk with fear and hate. Then, and then only, will the boomerang of hatred become the scepter of love, held out to all the world as God's gift of grace in Christ to change and redeem human life of all races.





# Abraham Lincoln, the Christlike Leader

On February 12th America celebrates the birthday of the great and noble president, Abraham Lincoln. His qualities of leadership and Christian character ought to characterize the lives of all the nation's leaders in the world's fearful crisis of the present day.

By the REV. GEORGE HENSEL of Kankakee, Illinois

A Striking  
Untouched  
Photograph of  
Abraham Lincoln

IT is a well known fact that Abraham Lincoln never made a public confession of his faith in Christ and that he never became an active member of any Christian Church. His neighbors in Springfield, Illinois, testified that he was regular in his weekly attendance at the First Presbyterian Church of that city, but he never became an avowed member.

He is reported to have said to a preacher friend, who chided him in this regard, "If any church will inscribe over its altar as its sole qualifications for membership the words of the Savior, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and thy neighbor as thyself,' that church will I join with all my heart and all my soul." But still, Lincoln had a deeply religious soul. He was a diligent reader of the Bible, and in his public career he manifested the spirit of Christ. His qualities of leadership were superb and Christlike.

## Lincoln's Humility

Not every great leader possesses the quality of humility. There have been outstanding leaders of the past, such as Alexander, Caesar, Napoleon, but there was something cold, haughty, and repellent in their careers. They were leaders of men, mainly for the purpose of establishing their own power and glory. The dictators of today have unique qualities of leadership, but one questions whether they can make a permanent place for themselves in the affections of their fellowmen or even of their countrymen. In the spirit of Christ, Abraham Lincoln made his way into the hearts of the common people on the basis of his humble attitudes of life. They were the com-

mon people who recognized his greatness and who raised him to the highest office in the land. They loved him for his humble honesty and sincerity.

## His Love of Humanity

Lincoln was a tender-hearted individual. The suffering of his fellowmen moved him with compassion, even as it did Jesus who saw the common people about him as sheep having no shepherd. As president he found it impossible to execute soldiers who had been court-martialled for neglect of duty. His heart melted at the sight of tears, and he would pardon the condemned, much to the chagrin of his generals.

He loved all classes of people, the rich and the poor, the cultured and the common laborer. He saw in each God's handiwork of creation and the possibility of growth and development. It was his faith in the better nature of men and their ability to work out their own salvation that led him to appeal to the common people to stand by him in the darkest hours of his administration. Without this love and faith even in the poor slaves, he could never have mustered courage to emancipate that race.

He never showed any hatred toward the southern states that had seceded and were causing the disruption of the Union. He refused to bear any malice or resentment against the people of the South, even when he knew their cause was lost. His second inaugural address breathes the spirit of love and compassion: "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."

February 1, 1939

## His Spirit of Forgiveness

The beauty of Lincoln's Christian character shines forth brightest in his relation to those who scorned and spitefully used him. It takes a generous and noble spirit to do good to them that hate you. Jesus was accused of being the friend of publicans and sinners, a gluttonous man and a wine-bibber. The religious leaders said of him that he cast out demons through Beelzebub, the prince of demons. But when Jesus hung upon the cross, he prayed for his enemies: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Lincoln, likewise, was made a target for shameful abuse by his political opponents. They called him "Old Ape," "ignorant baboon," and pictured him as a brutal and reckless "nigger lover," who was eager to rob the southern states of their legitimate property. Lincoln surely felt the sting of all this unjust abuse but he did not complain. He even went so far as to appoint his opponents to important offices in his cabinet or in the army, if he was convinced that they had the proper qualifications. Resentment and retaliation were entirely foreign to him. In spite of the fact that Edwin M. Stanton had treated him with contempt in a law case, on which they were engaged together, the president later was big-hearted enough to appoint Mr. Stanton as secretary of war in the place of Simon Cameron. Stanton tried to bully Lincoln and called him "the original gorilla," but Lincoln by his gentle patience kept this member of his cabinet in his proper place.

To Geo. B. McClellan he gave the command of the Union Army, despite the fact that McClellan, as vice-president of the Illinois Central Railway, had deeply wounded Lincoln by refusing to pay his lawyer's bill. When the North was clamoring for some action, Lincoln patiently endured McClellan's inactivity with that magnificent and well trained Army of the Potomac which numbered almost 175,000 men. It is said that Lincoln sat uncomplainingly in the waiting room of McClellan's residence while this arrogant general talked to others. "I will hold McClellan's stirrup if he will only bring success," he said. What a beautiful spirit of patience and forgiveness!

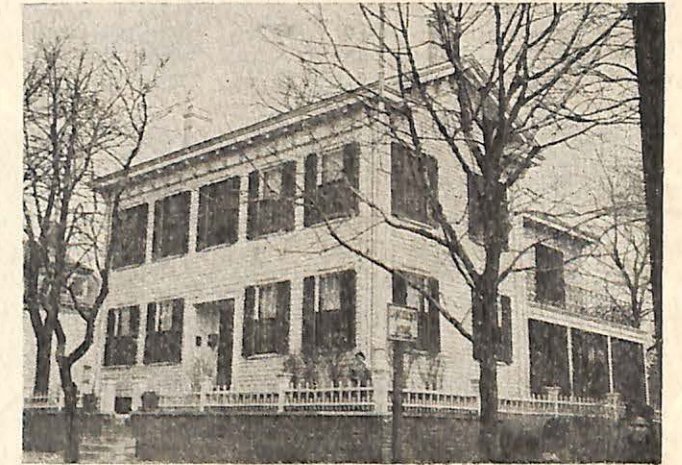
## His Devotion to a Great Cause

Great men always live for great causes. Jesus as the Son of God came that "we might have life, and have it more abundantly." He wanted the Kingdom of God to come on earth, and for that great cause he was willing to lay down his life. Abraham Lincoln was a lover of truth, righteousness and justice. He refused to compromise or to stoop to anything that would besmirch his character or bring him personal gain. In the state legislature of Illinois he said one day, "I would rather die than change my views and by that change obtain office." Addressing a company of legislators, he spoke as follows: "You

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may burn my body and scatter the ashes to the four winds of heaven; you may drag my soul down into the pit; but you will never get me to support what I believe to be wrong."

When Lincoln took the oath of office, he solemnly pledged that he would defend the Constitution and the Union. It meant that he would have to keep the Union intact in the face of open rebellion. That in itself was a Herculean task and gave little promise of success when Lincoln took office. The Emancipation Proclamation came as an after-thought and as a result of a solemn vow, that if God would grant his army victory he would free the slaves. When McClellan had defeated Lee's army at Antietam on Sep-



The Lincoln Home in Springfield, Illinois,  
the Only Home He Ever Owned.

tember 17, 1862, Lincoln called his cabinet together and made this statement: "When the rebel army was at Frederick, I determined, as soon as it should be driven out of Maryland, to issue a proclamation of emancipation, such as I thought most likely to be useful. I said nothing to any one, but I made the promise to myself, and to my Maker. The rebel army is now driven out, and I am going to fulfill the promise." On January 1, 1863, that proclamation was issued and slavery was forever abolished from our country.

## His Martyrdom

Much has been written about this beloved president's unfortunate and untimely death, but one can draw only this sane conclusion, namely, that God's hand seemed to direct that also. "Man proposes, but God disposes." His enemies believed that in doing away with him they were rendering the Union a real service. God decreed that by his martyrdom his name was to live, not only in the hearts of his countrymen, but in the hearts of all liberty-loving men and women. When he breathed his last, Secretary Stanton said: "Now he belongs to the Ages." It was his beautiful spirit rather than his presence that our country needed most. The world is in need of that type of leadership today. God give us more men like that!



# Sailing Down the Danube River

By the Rev. Georgi Vassof, One of Our Danubian Missionaries at Lom, Bulgaria

On a recent missionary tour, which required four weeks, I sailed for a distance of about a hundred miles down the Danube River. Any kind of a trip in the Balkan countries of southeastern Europe provides one with many adventures and much stuff for story-telling. Here the races and languages are so thickly and colorfully intermingled, that the comparison with the Old Testament city of Babel can easily be made.

It was a dark night, when I started my trip down the blue Danube. The water of the river was as smooth as

glass, two Germans, a Slovak woman with her child, a French monk, a Greek Catholic priest, and quite a group of women, Turks, farmers, Jews, Macedonians and Bulgarian policemen composed the boat of passengers besides myself as a Baptist missionary and preacher. One could hardly expect to find a more cosmopolitan crowd—even in Patagonia!

The big city of Constantinople or Istanbul, the capital of Turkey, is not far from the Danube, and it is often called "the Gateway of the Races." There the Orient and the Occident come

The fourth corner was empty because the only door into the room was there. A long table stood in the middle of the room, upon which a child was lying fast asleep. I was sitting at this table with a young couple, a business man and a Turk, drinking coffee and tea.

## Lively Conversation

The clock struck eleven o'clock. A young man at the table greeted me unexpectedly as "Herr Pastor!" I did not recognize him and stared at him in amazement. He told me that he was a student in Varna and knew me from Rasgrad Machlo. He had been in our Sunday School there and had recited a poem about Bethlehem for the Christmas festival. Our conversation continued with excited enthusiasm. He told me that he was now an abstainer from all alcoholic beverages, etc. So I gave him the address of our mission church in Varna.

Then the Turk began to talk to us. He chattered away about fish and his 6 children. So I began to interrupt him and told him about the great Fisher of men, Jesus Christ. But that was foreign to him. Mohammed speaks to him about a paradise which is filled with sensual delights and earthly pleasures. That suits him a great deal better.

The business man, sitting at the table, joined our conversation. He was interested, so he said, in knowing how much money one could make by preaching. Is it a profitable business? Others joined the group and listened and took part in the conversation. One of the students said flippantly that he thought it might be better for me if I knew more about moving-picture stars and the great actors and actresses of the day, for religion was something only for old people. I smiled sadly at him.

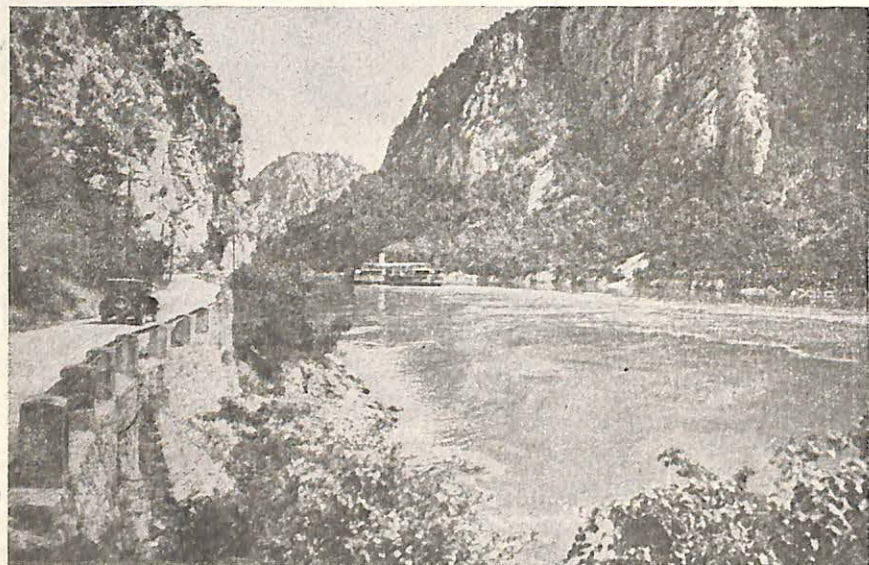
## Personal Reflections

The clock struck one, and many of the passengers were asleep. I thought to myself, as the conversation died down, how all of us were on this same ship sailing down the Danube River to Russe. But the ship of life for each one of us goes into so many different directions. Of all these passengers, how many of them will land in eternal darkness and how many will reach the haven of eternal bliss and happiness? As I continued my reflections I prayed this prayer before falling asleep: "O Lord, have mercy upon this boat load of people! Open their ears that they may hear the word of thy truth, and their eyes that they may see the Light that shines in Jesus Christ, the Savior!"

## A Strange Crowd

My attention on this Danubian steamer was directed to one corner. Around a small table were seated several students, the monk, two girls, a few officers and others. As they ate and drank, their conversation became louder and noisier. Near the table were two women stretched out at full length on a bench, trying to sleep. A short distance from them were two Turkish girls who were sipping Turkish coffee and singing quietly, but the raucous music from the phonograph of a soldier drowned out their singing.

In another corner of the room were soldiers playing cards. Typical fishermen monopolized another corner. They were drinking like Cossacks, and repeatedly they called for the waiter.



The Little Bulgarian Steamer, Sailing Down the Danube River, Provides Our Missionary, Georgi Vassof, With Many Adventures

glass. A tiny light began to move noiselessly toward us over the surface of the water, bringing a small boat to our Danubian steamer.

Now every place was occupied. Human beings, suit cases, freight boxes, grapes for export, and merchandise of all kinds were literally stacked and piled on top of one another. The ship stopped again and again with monotonous frequency.

## My Fellow-Passengers

So I left the upper deck and went down into the little reception salon, which was jammed full of a motley crowd of passengers. They were sitting on a few crudely built benches and old chairs, talking excitedly. The flickering light of four kerosene lamps was dimly reflected in the mirror hanging on the wall. I looked around at my fellow passengers. About two dozen Bulgarian soldiers, a dozen business men, ten or more teachers, a number of students, several small children, a few Gypsies without their mu-

# Baptist Persecution in Rumania

The Most Recent Developments as Gathered from Reports, Telegrams and Letters

## Latest News from Rumania

On December 15, 1938, the official "decizie" or decision by the Rumanian government was put into effect, inaugurating a tragic era of persecution of all evangelical Christians, especially Baptists, in that country by the Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, which is in full political power.

During the past few days events have taken a serious turn. The whole of the 1602 Baptist meeting-places are closed.

The Baptist Union of Rumania on December 21 appealed directly to King Carol. Their telegram asserts that liberties enjoyed for 75 years have been taken away. Baptists are loyal to their country and the Throne. There are neither Communists nor Iron Guards in their ranks. One hundred and twenty thousand strong, they beg his Majesty to relieve them from the burdensome decree which has closed their churches, and have them recognized as a lawful cult.

The Reuter message adds that in Kishinev thirty Baptists were on the same day before the Military Court. In the Banat all churches were sealed and all money taken.

It is alleged that the Minister of Cults, a Bishop of the Orthodox Church, has stated that he will resign his post before permitting a single Baptist church to be re-opened without fulfilling the decree of last June. The Baptists say that there are only fourteen that could fulfill the conditions of the decree.

On Thursday of last week Prince Ghyka, Charge d'Affaires, who was accompanied by M. Florescu, Counselor of the Legation, received at the Rumanian Legation in London Dr. Sidney M. Berry and Dr. Rushbrooke. Dr. Berry, who had led the deputation representing the Protestant Evangelical Churches, spoke very earnestly of the grave effects upon public feeling in this country which must inevitably follow the persecution of Baptists in Rumania, and Dr. Rushbrooke dealt with certain points raised by Prince Ghyka and M. Florescu. The Charge d'Affaires promised to cable immediately to Bucharest.

## Hard Times in Rumania!

A Pitiful Letter from one of our Missionaries in Rumania

Here in Rumania the recent edict of the government, affecting Baptist churches, has robbed us of every possibility of further existence. The result has been so tragic that since December 15 all our Baptist churches have been closed by the government.

## Baptists Appeal to King Carol!

"His Majesty King Carol,  
The Palace,  
Bucharest.

"On behalf of the Baptist World Alliance, the world-wide fraternal organization of Baptists, we most respectfully greet Your Majesty. We sorrow at the sufferings of fellow-Christians in Rumania, and earnestly pray that Your Majesty may give favorable answer to the memorial addressed to your royal person and presented through your Foreign Secretary on November 17 by deputation representing the Protestant Evangelical Churches in England.

George W. Truett,  
Dallas, Texas, President,  
J. H. Rushbrooke,  
London, General Secretary."

We are facing very difficult times. Many of our Rumanian and Russian Baptist brethren are already in prison. No one knows how many more will be put behind prison bars. We are in the midst of the greatest religious crisis of our time. Just what the outcome will be for our Baptist church here in our village, I cannot say. But I fear that it will be a great deal worse for us than for those churches which have their own properties. There is grave danger that we will lose our fine church hall through this persecution. We find ourselves in a labyrinth, out of which God alone can lead us. Otherwise there is no solution!

Before December 15 the work of our church was exceedingly promising. A few converts had announced their desire of being baptized. We had other earnest friends who received the Word of God with gladness. Then this heavy blow of persecution struck us!

At the present everything looks very dark. But we will work as best we can in the service of our Master. We shall have to limit ourselves for the present to prayer meetings in private homes and to pastoral visits to families, but we are convinced that God will bless this service also.

How happy would we be to be able to hold evangelistic meetings in our town! But our hands are tied! The evil spirit of darkness cannot be quiet when God's children of light are on the increase. But in spite of the opposition of his enemies, God will prosper his church and give the increase! Pray for us, your own Baptist brethren, here in Rumania!

## A Letter of Protest!

January 12, 1939.

His Excellency,  
The Rumanian Ambassador,  
Washington, D. C.

Your Excellency:—

Last summer it was my privilege in company with Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," to make an extended trip through the Danubian countries. In connection with this trip we also visited Rumania. The Rumanian government through the proper official had also kindly granted us permission to address congregations in Baptist chapels. We arrived in Rumania on the day after the death of her Majesty, Dowager Queen Marie. On that Sunday afternoon we attended a memorial service for the deceased Queen in one of our Baptist churches. On that occasion the love and reverence of our Baptist people for the departed Queen found a most sincere and beautiful expression. This is according to the testimony of a state official who attended that memorial service.

The Decizie No. 26208 of June 14, 1938, had already been proclaimed at that time and the hearts of all Baptists were filled with fear. Every Baptist was hoping and praying that the decree would not go into effect on December 15. According to our latest reports from trustworthy persons in Rumania, the decree has been enforced since that date. Most Baptist churches and chapels in Rumania have been closed and Baptist people can no longer assemble for religious worship.

With this brutal measure of oppression Rumania has robbed her loyal Baptist subjects of their religious liberty. These oppressed subjects are now crying to God, not for revenge, but for the restoration of their religious liberty.

Because of this unjust persecution, Rumania has suffered in her prestige with other nations of the world. The indignation of many religious bodies has been expressed in unmistakable terms in resolutions of protest.

This persecution of her Baptist subjects has brought upon Rumania the displeasure of God. The Orthodox Church of Rumania acknowledges herself as subject and responsible to God. Neither Rumania, nor the Orthodox Church, nor any group of Christian people like the Baptists, can ever secure temporal or eternal prosperity under the displeasure of God.

In the hope that this letter will receive due consideration, I am

Respectfully,

William Kuhn, General Secretary.



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

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Sunday, March 5, 1939

## URBAN AMERICA — A NEW FRONTIER

Scripture References: Numbers 13: 17-21; 25:30-35.

Where do you live? Is the place where you live like the place where others live? How do you live? Am I justified in judging others when I know but little about their environment and problems that they face? If so, why? And if not, why not? Let us try to acquaint ourselves with this topic.

### 1. What Is It?

"Urban" designates that which is of or belonging to a city. Frontier is a line or place which lies at or on the limit of anything or of a territory in particular. In speaking of urban America, we think of those who dwell in the cities, of the cities themselves, of the problems, advantages or disadvantages found there. A new frontier suggests a change of boundary lines, a change of contact in the cities but, more particularly, of the life lived there, to co-exist or to exist at the same time with others and they with us.

The population of the U. S. is now 122,775,046 (1930 census). 192 cities within the U. S. have a population of 50,000 or more and more than one half of all inhabitants of the U. S. live in villages or cities, of more than 2,500. In Israel the idea was rife that they alone were God's people, and denominations sometimes have thought that in the Christian era. Many changes have taken place in the ranks of labor, industry, business and capital and in church life, as well. Name changes! Did they bring advantages or disadvantages for the majority of the people?

### 2. Growth of Our Cities

When one makes just a casual note of the growth of our cities through the years, their growth is scarcely noticeable. But actually Chicago, New York City and many smaller cities have doubled their numerical size in the past 30 years. Oklahoma City has multiplied its population of 30 years ago by 20, and Tulsa of the same state and in these same years by more than 100. Such growth is phenomenal, and since the growth of the U. S. has been only 60% of the population of 30 years ago, we know that the growth of urban America has resulted from an influx from foreign lands and from rural districts.

### 3. Bars and Open Doors

We are told there are 38,000 families in one of our larger cities who wonder where their next meal is coming from. For much of this there is a reason. There are 437,000 legalized liquor stores in the U. S. and most of these are in the cities or on the highways adjacent thereto. One writer says: "Christianity's battle for the Sabbath has been lost in the great American urban centers. Vice forces are becoming more rampant and are undermining the work of character-building institutions and juvenile delinquency has increased 15%." In the U. S. (including rural districts) there are a quarter million churches and these have three million less men as members than women according to Clarence H. Benson. Why?

J. E. Conant speaks of a city in Ohio in which there were more than 50,000 unsaved people and in a six weeks' campaign 1,200 of these were saved, but the 49,000 who were still unsaved were dismissed from the minds of God's people for another year. Why? Of the nearly 123 million people in the United States 52,156,226 over 13 years of age are church members and approximately 71 million are unchurched and many more unsaved, and of these the cities have a large share. *Would the church profit if denominations concerned themselves more about the growth of the neighboring church than fight for its existence alone?*

### 4. The Melting Pot and the Church

Urban America is, as it were, a great melting pot. Christians and non-Christians live and work side by side and, apparently, no one has time to learn to know his neighbor except in places where families are huddled together and many times half-starved. Often this is where unrest breeds until it is impossible for such to rise from the depths of hunger, sin and shame. The better situated class has turned to hobbies, such as golf and many more serious evils, and, as you may know, in each of these classes there are those who are God's people. Rich and poor, saved and unsaved are realistic. Is the unrest in the melting pot divinely inspired? Has the burden of conditions brought them to long for a Savior? Is the church doing her duty? The church and every individual Christian faces a mammoth task. It is now or never! The seething masses are organized and unionized, but not all are christianized!

Sunday, March 12, 1939

## RURAL AMERICA — A NEW FRONTIER

Scripture Reference: Proverbs 24: 27-32.

The fresh air and the sunshine, the storms, the heat and the cold are as they were in former years in rural America. In some districts progress has been slower than in others, and in some parts rural America is very much like the city with houses not quite as close together. Skyscrapers are not needed in rural America since there is still room enough on the ground, but it's the people we are thinking of.

### 1. A New Frontier in Education

To one who has given little or no thought to the subject it is hard to appreciate the great changes in rural and village life which have taken place within the last half century. Almost nothing is now as it used to be; almost nothing is done as it was a half century ago. The development and reorganization of rural education has perhaps done more than anything else to bring this about. School houses were few many years ago, but more of these were built and brought nearer and later districts were consolidated. A school bus now gathers the children and carries them to the rural school and to high school as well, and the cost of it all is taken care of through school lands, school funds and taxation in general without extra cost for parents. Many of the young people have availed themselves of the opportunity to attend college and are now in educational work. It is not at all uncommon to find men with a B.A. or B.S. degree tilling the soil. Pastors, when in the pulpit, face high school and college graduates, and these are the leaders of the youth in the rural church of today.

### 2. A New Frontier in Mind Action

The mind is the faculty by which we think and in it is the cast of feeling, thought and conviction. There was a time, because of lack of opportunity, when this cast was but little more than a vacant space or it was filled with passion which would respond to anything emotional. A noisy, stirring testimony was then proof of sincerity. In this age people are more attentive, take thought and observe the state of living, and since everybody knows everyone it is often quite difficult for those of

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# On the Missionary Firing Line

A Page Devoted to Personal Experiences of the Christian Life

## Missionaries Under Fire!

By REV. BRUNO LUEBECK  
of Ungkung, China

(The following vivid account from the letter of the Rev. and Mrs. Bruno Luebeck, Baptist missionaries in China, shows how missionaries are repeatedly under fire. Their address is Ungkung, via Swatow, China.)

Last Fall Japanese bombing planes kept coming to Swatow off and on, dropping bombs in the region of the railroad station, scaring the population, but not hurting anyone. But on October 12 things looked differently. At four o'clock in the morning we were awakened by shell fire from a gun boat on the sea. We saw the flashes from our window and heard the shells burst. None of the shells came to Swatow. They kept it up for two hours. During the day planes came four or five times to drop bombs and literature.

A few days later the Japanese command announced that within one month major military operations would be started in a two hundred kilometer radius around Canton and a hundred kilometer radius around Swatow. The Canton campaign seems to be completed, for Canton was taken on October 22. In the Swatow area people are now in frightful expectation of the things to come. Swatow itself is once more deserted. People are fleeing inland or, if they can afford it, to Hongkong. Since the invader is expected to come, communication is disrupted everywhere. Roads are torn up so that one can hardly go even by bicycle from Ungkung to Swatow. Our schools in Swatow had to be closed. It seemed such a pity to do so after they had gotten such a nice start.

Our Mission urged us to stay in Swatow and help prepare for future emergency work, but though we are willing to pitch in when and where help is needed, we thought it our task to return to Ungkung. By a round about river we safely reached Ungkung once more on October 22 by boat. Our coming brought great comfort to the church people. They had just decided to leave in one body for the hills farther north to escape the coming danger. When they heard that we had come trusting in God and determined to stay through the crisis, they gained new confidence, and it is not yet decided what they will do when the sirens will blow.

The coming of the Japanese forces seems to be imminent. While writing this, workmen are painting the U. S. flag on the roofs of our Mission property to safeguard against air attacks. Still, our trust is in Him of Whom the



Devastation in a Chinese City Caused by a Japanese Bomb  
(About 20 Persons Were Killed at This Spot. Note How Part of the Wall of the Distant House Was Blown In and All of the Tiles Blown Off the Roof.)

psalmist says, "Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." He has brought us out here, and he will keep watch over us.

### Bombing Planes over Swatow

By REV. E. H. GIEDT  
of Kityang, China

(The life of a missionary in China is filled with danger and excitement as the following letter from the Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Giedt amply testifies. Their address is Kityang, via Swatow, China.)

This has been one hectic week. On Monday morning we all took the early (5 A.M.) boat for Swatow to attend our annual Ling Tong Convention. We had only gotten settled for about an hour at the Rest House (Ashmore-Waters house) when at about 11:15 A.M. one Japanese plane arrived at Swatow and dropped two bombs on the old Fort and departed. The siren wailed woefully during the attack, and later gave one long blow for the clear signal. We were told that the plane had come once early in the morning without bombing.

About 5:30 A.M. on Tuesday morning we were aroused from sleep by the wailing of the siren, but the planes evidently went elsewhere for none appeared at Swatow. However, about 10:30 the lone raider returned and, power-diving low, twice dropped two bombs at the railway station. That afternoon, the same raider reconnoitered back and forth over the Kak-chieh hills. Apparently, some policeman or soldier couldn't resist the temptation to fire on the plane. Then

the latter circled around several times more trying to locate the source of the shooting. When he failed to draw fire a second time he flew over to Swatow and "strafed" the railway station once more with two bombs.

Wednesday our lone raider arrived about 7 A.M., circling over Swatow several times, and coming down pretty low he drew machine gun fire from the city. He seemed to be utterly contemptuous of the peppering from below. Several times he returned the fire, finally power-dived twice and dropped two bombs at the railway station and then flew away quite low.

But the worst raid came that afternoon about 3 o'clock when four bombers arrived and roared fearfully all over the place, including Kak-chieh, but they always power-dived at Swatow and dropped eight bombs, thoroughly demolishing the electric light plant and blowing up a water main. At the same time they dropped thousands of handbills, some with cartoon pictures, attacking Chiang Kai-Shek and picturing how happy the Chinese in the north are to be under the new (puppet) government. We were in the midst of a meeting in the church and were about to elect the new executive committee, but during the worst of the raid no one could keep his mind on the business on hand. Hence, business was delayed ten or fifteen minutes. It was easy to maintain order because the delegates were afraid even to stick their heads out of the windows and doors to look around!



# Marigold

By Grace Livingston Hill

## SYNOPSIS

So that Marigold might attend a party at the wealthy Trescott home, she felt compelled to buy an elaborate and expensive dress of which her mother did not approve. In spite of the fact that handsome Laurie Trescott was devoted to her, Marigold felt the reproof of her mother's words and exchanged the expensive garment for a more reasonably priced dress of green silk. Then she insisted that her mother go to Washington, D.C., to visit her sister on her birthday. Aunt Marian received the letter with that announcement and arranged for her nephew to meet Mrs. Brooke at the station. In the meantime, Marigold was more undecided than ever. Would her green dress be all right for that grand party? Ought she as a Christian to go? Or should she stay away entirely? Stay away and go with her mother down to Washington?

## CHAPTER FIVE

She faced the disastrous thought for the first time openly, lying there in the dark defenseless, alone. It was quite possible that she might not be going to the party at all. If Mother wouldn't go without her, then she was determined to sacrifice everything for her mother. It was silly, perhaps, when there were other days coming, and birthdays, not the actual date, didn't count anyway. Mother and Aunt Marian could have just as good a time together if they came together next week, as this particular Saturday. But she had completely finished with that argument. She had settled it in her mind that Mother had to be there on the birthday, silly or sensible.

And now she had to face another issue.

Was it true as Mother said that she did not belong in a worldly place like that? She was a Christian, a member of the church, and all that. She had taught a Sunday School class for several years, she believed the Bible of course, in spite of mocking denials she had met in college. But she hadn't really been living her faith very clearly. It might even be true as Mother said that she had lowered some of her lifelong standards since she had been going with Laurie. After this party she must check up on her life and straighten out a few points with Laurie, make him understand that they didn't fit in with what she believed. But now of course it was too late till after this affair was over. It stood in

the nature of an introduction to his people and it was not her place to question manners and customs of the family where she was to be a guest. Afterward she would explain a lot of things to Laurie, and turn over a new leaf as to some of his worldly amusements and ways. But now—well now, what was this new uneasiness that was prodding her very soul as she lay there trying to be complacent about her green dress, and plan how to make Mother want to go without her?

Was it, it couldn't be that she was unhappy about Laurie himself. Of course he had said he would call her up again this evening and he hadn't done it. Doubtless something had hindered. But—ah—now she was getting down to the real sharp sting that hurt her. It was not that he hadn't called as he had said he would. It was not that he had passed her in his car as she walked along on her way home late that afternoon and he had not noticed her. That might be easily explained, and she could have a lot of fun twitting him about not recognizing his friends in the street. But it was that he had been in the company of another girl, a dashing dark girl with vivid lips, and shadowed furtive eyes full of arrogant assurance, eyes that offered and dared and were never shy nor true. And the thing that cut had been that Laurie, her Laurie, as she had come to feel he was, had been looking down into those other luring eyes with exactly that same tender, melting expression that he had often worn when he looked into her eyes.

Marigold as she lay there in the dark, bared her soul for the first time to the truth. She let the vision of Laurie's look that she had seen and photographed clearly on her memory, come out in the open while she examined it, and her honest soul had to admit that Laurie had never given herself any more melting glances than he had lavished on that smart sophisticated girl he had with him. Like a knife she let it go through her soul, as if she would see the worst, press the wound, and cut out the thing that hurt.

And then a new thought came to her. Was this the girl whom his mother had invited to be the guest of honor at the party? Was it this girl who would be her rival? She stared at the wall in the dark and saw as it were her own soul, with all its unworthy motives crying out within her for vengeance and victory. Had she really been going to that party to show them all what a winner she was? To conquer his moth-

er and sister, and his whole social set? And her only armor that fateful dress that she no longer had? What presumption! What colossal conceit! But—could she have done it even with that dress? Would it not as her mother had suggested, have become unwonted armor to her that would merely have embarrassed her with its unaccustomed elegance?

All her self-assurance, her self-sufficiency, her cock-sureness had vanished now and left her in the dark alone there to face her situation. And suddenly she saw herself out again in that vast expanse of her dream, in that same impossible situation, with nothing before and no way behind, and a dizzy drop waiting to swallow her! And Laurie! Where was Laurie? Gone, waving his hand, and smiling into another girl's eyes!

In due time she got hold of herself, brushed away angry, frightened tears and tried to think what to do.

Should she go and get another dress even more regal than the first, perhaps black velvet with startling lines and a single flashing pin of rare workmanship? No matter how much it cost, she could borrow money and pay for it in time! Should she? And try to compete with that unprincipled other girl? That she was unprincipled seemed obvious, even in the brief glimpse she had had of her. But Marigold would have to be prepared for even more than lack of principle, if she really started out to compete, to have them all at her feet, and Laurie with them. Or should she just drop out of it entirely? Did she want Laurie if he had to be won by such methods? If he did not really care for her it would be better to learn it now than when it was forever too late.

Then she tried to calm herself. She told herself that she was getting all wrought up over nothing. That Laurie was only being polite to a guest, and that it was her excited state of mind that had imagined him flirting with that other girl. Probably the mother was being very friendly, and really wanted to get to know her. Probably Laurie had asked her to invite her, and would be terribly disappointed if she didn't come. Besides, she had finally accepted the invitation two days ago. She couldn't write another note and decline it, could she?

Over and over again she thrashed out the question. Then suddenly old Maggie's warning that morning came

to her. What had old Maggie meant? Was it just a crazy notion she had got into her head? Or had she heard something, seen something that made her come in love to warn her? Why hadn't she questioned her? Stay, didn't Maggie say she was sometimes called in to work at Trescott's when they needed an extra hand?

Wearily she went on nearly all night tormenting her young soul with this and that, until the thought of the party was almost repulsive to her, and the pretty little green silk she had been so pleased about that morning, became a symbol of great mortification. A simple dress like that to appear at a party where everything was most formal! She couldn't wear it!

She slept a few moments at intervals, but awoke quite early when the first dawn was beginning to streak the sky, and somehow a great decision had been reached. She was no longer tossed about by every thought that entered her head. She knew what she was going to do, and she would lose no time in doing it. If Laurie felt hurt about it afterwards she could not help it. This surely would be a way to tell whether he really cared for her or not, or whether he was just having a good time while it lasted.

But her face had a wan white look as she hurried down in the morning and found her mother already getting breakfast.

"Now, Mother," she said firmly, as if she were the mother speaking to her child, "we've got a lot to do today. We're starting for Washington tomorrow afternoon as soon as I get out of school!"

Mrs. Brooke looked up at her daughter in bewilderment.

"What do you mean, 'we'?" she asked. "Do you think that if I went I couldn't take care of myself, and you would have to take the double trip in order to take me there."

Marigold laughed.

"No, Mother dear, I know you're perfectly capable of taking care of yourself, but I was thinking of going along. I was invited, wasn't I? And I'd like to be there for Aunt Marian's birthday, too."

"My dear! That would be foolish for you to take that long ride and back again just for a couple of hours there. You would be all tired out for the party, and you would look like an old rag when you got back here. You would have to rush dressing, and there would be nobody here to help you. I certainly won't hear of it."

"Party!" said Marigold calmly. "I've given up the party. I'm not going. That is, not unless Laurie makes a terrible fuss—and I don't think he will find out in time."

"What do you mean? Have you sent your regrets?" asked Mrs. Brooke with deep anxiety in her tone. What was this that Marigold was doing any-

way? Giving up the party upon which she had so set her heart, giving it up just for her? Or perhaps she was disappointed about not having the dress she wanted, and would blame her mother in her heart for having disapproved the other dress.

"I'm mailing it this morning on my way to school," she said quietly. "I'm saying that Miss Brooke regrets that unforeseen circumstances will prevent her accepting the kind invitation of Mrs. Daniel Trescott on Saturday evening, February the fifth."

"But child! I can't let you do that just for me!"

"I'm not sure that I am doing it just for you, Mother dear. I've decided it is best. Now, don't you say another word. We haven't time. Perhaps sometime I'll tell you all about it, but now we've got too much to do to quibble over this and that. Have you got to go down to the library at all today? Couldn't you just call up and tell them you're not coming?"

"I certainly could not. If I am to be away I shall have to give instructions to whoever is to take my place. They would not understand all my records. I had to leave a number of unfinished items last night, and it is important."

"All right, then, you go to the library and finish there as soon as you can, and then go to Grayson's and get yourself a new pair of shoes and some pretty slippers. Yes! Don't look that way. If you don't get them for yourself I'll go and get them for you. And mind you get good ones. It doesn't pay to buy cheap ones that aren't right. If you don't get good ones I'll make you take them back and change them, you know." She laughed and twinkled at her mother, being almost gay in spite of the hurt look deep in her eyes.

"But my dear, I cannot let things go so easily. I must understand why you are doing this. If it is for me I must positively refuse to accept so great a sacrifice."

"But Mother, I thought that was what you wanted, wasn't it? You didn't think I belonged there, and perhaps you're right."

"Yes, I thought it must be something I had said—"

"Now look here, little Mother, why can't you let well enough alone? Perhaps my conscience or something has got working. Anyway, I've fully made up my mind."

"I'm afraid it is because I didn't quite like the white dress, and you feel unhappy about the green one."

"No, it's not that. I love the green one, and I guess it is the most sensible thing. But perhaps the dress or the lack of it did help me to come to my senses and see that you were right. Anyway, something did, and we haven't time to argue about it. The question is, can you meet me at Madame's shop this afternoon at half past three and try on a darling little gray wool that

I know you would look perfectly spiffy in?"

"Indeed, no!" said the mother firmly. "And I'm not going to keep but one of those dresses you brought up, either. I can afford to pay for that myself. I'm not going to have you spending Aunt Carolyn's money on me. She gave that to you to spend for something you wanted most and—"

"Look here, Mother," interrupted Marigold eagerly, "that's exactly it. She said I was to spend it on what I wanted most, and this is it. I want most in life to have you dressed right. It was a revelation to me when I saw you in those dresses yesterday, and I don't know why I haven't seen it before. My lovely mother wearing old made-overs! I'm not going to stand it any longer. I have a good-looking mother, and I intend to keep her so. It's time you had a few stylish things instead of putting them all on your renegade daughter's back. No, there's no use in the world in your talking any more about it. I'm determined. See my lips! Aren't they nice and firm? If you think you can get out of having pretty clothes by refusing to try them on, you're mistaken. I'll buy them without trying on, and let them hang in the closet and go to waste if they don't fit well enough for you to wear! There! What do you think of having a bad wild daughter like that! I'll turn modern, so I will, and boss you around a lot!" and she caught her mother in her young arms, whirled her around, and then kissed her soundly on each cheek.

The mother laughed, and brushed a quick tear away.

"Dear child!" she said. "It's lovely of you to want to fix me up."

"Why?" demanded Marigold. "Haven't you done the same for me all my life? I think it's my turn now."

"But darling, I'm afraid you'll regret this—"

"Well, I like that!" laughed the daughter. "The first unselfish impulse I ever had in my life you think I'll regret."

"Oh, my dear! I didn't mean that! You've always been unselfish. But I meant you'll regret giving up your party!"

Marigold grew sober at once.

"I wonder, will I?" she said thoughtfully. "Perhaps I'll be glad some day, who knows? But anyway, I've given it up!"

Her mother looked at her anxiously. "Has Laurie done something?" she asked.

"Oh, no. I think perhaps it's what he has not done."

Her mother was still a minute.

"Perhaps he's been very busy helping his mother. You know there must be a lot to do to get ready for a great affair like this, and she would need his help."



Marigold laughed a sharp little gurgle of amusement with a tang of bitterness mingled with the mirth.

"Oh, Mother mine! Do I hear you making up for Laurie? Making excuses for him? That is too good. The idea that he would be helping his mother is also good. I don't believe it ever entered his handsome head to do that."

"Why, my dear! How could you seem to be so anxious to go around with him if you think so poorly of him as that?"

"I don't think poorly of him, Mother. I just know it wouldn't be like Laurie to help his mother. It isn't his way. They don't do that! They have a lot of servants."

"But—there would be things that her own son could help in, I should think, that nobody else could do. Oh, my dear! I feel so troubled! I cannot have you give up this party that I know you counted so much on, and I know you have done it just for me."

"Now, look here, Mother! If I want to do it for you, haven't I a right? You who did so much for me? And if it gives me more pleasure to get you some new dresses than to buy—well, anything that amount of money could have bought, aren't you willing I should be pleased? And it does please me, truly! Besides, Mother, I thought it was best not to go. I really did. Now please don't ask any more questions. Not now anyhow. Sometime I'll tell you all about it. I'm testing something out and I don't want to talk about it."

The mother gave her a quick uneasy look, her eyes lingering, troubled, half relieved, yet not wholly satisfied.

"Can't you trust me—a few days, at least?" said Marigold wistfully.

"Yes, I can trust you—but—?"

"No buts, please. We haven't time. I'm sending a telegram to Aunt Marian this morning on my way to school telling her that we will be there tomorrow night on the train that reaches Washington about ten o'clock, and we'll take a taxi right up to the house. Now, will you be good and do what I want? Will you meet me at the shop? Bring the dress along that needed the hem taken up. She'll pin it for us. She offered to. Will it bother you to carry it? Perhaps I'd better take it myself. I haven't many books this morning."

"No, you run along. It's getting late. I'll bring it."

"And you will put away all your little worries and get ready to have a good time? Have a good time getting ready, I mean?"

"Yes, I will," said the mother smiling, "you dear child! I do hope this is not going to bring sorrow and disappointment to you."

"No!" said Marigold, her firm little lips shutting tight in resolve, "it won't. I'm going to have a grand time going

on a bat with you. It's a long long time since we've had a holiday together. I don't seem to remember any since you took me last to the zoo, and how long ago was that?"

"Child!"

"It's a fact, I don't. So much has happened since, school, and college, and then work! Now, Mother, you won't be late coming, will you? They positively told me at the library you could go exactly when you pleased. And I've put some money in your purse. You're to use it all, and not to touch your own! Positively! I won't go on any other condition! And why don't you pay the rent now and have it out of the way? Then you won't have that to look forward to when you get home, and we can have a real relaxed time with no worries."

"All right!" The mother smiled. She was beginning to catch the spirit of holiday too.

Well, it looked as if Mother was going to be all right. If she only didn't get balky about the dresses down at the shop. It really was going to be fun after all, going off this way with mother, giving her a real holiday. If she just could keep herself busy enough, and interested enough, perhaps she wouldn't feel that sick thud at the bottom of her stomach whenever she remembered the party that she wasn't going to attend. Maybe she could forget it entirely, count it a bad dream, and let it go at that.

But then, she thought, with a quick wistful catch in her breath that brought the color softly up in her cheeks, perhaps after all, Laurie would come over that evening and somehow straighten out the painful part of things, and fix it so that she could go to the party and yet take her mother to Washington too. She wouldn't let herself reason out the possibilities. She just liked to think that there was a little alleviating possibility in the vague uncertain way of the next few days.

It might even be that Laurie would call her up at the school during the morning, after he found out that she had sent her regrets.

So she cheered herself on her way into the day.

And her mother, watching her from the window, as she did every morning, said softly to herself:

"Dear child! Such an unselfish girl! But I wonder what has changed her mind? There is surely something back of all this. God must be answering my prayers for her in some way I do not understand."

But the day went by and there came no word from Laurie.

Mrs. Trescott had taken good care of that.

Her sister-in-law dropped in in the course of the morning.

"Well, Adele, are you all ready for the grand parade?" she asked sarcastically as she threw aside her wraps

and helped herself to some specimens of confectionery that had been sent up for selection.

"Mercy no!" said the harassed hostess, reaching out and choosing a luscious bit of sweet. "You can't imagine what a lot of things can come up to make trouble. Here's my new butler mad as a hatter because he's got to wait on the caterer's men tomorrow night, and threatening to leave, and Daniel Trescott saying he can't have any peace in his own house with parties, and you know yourself, Irene, we haven't had but one party beside my regular bridge afternoon in three weeks. I can't see why your mother didn't bring her son up better! Men are so selfish!"

"Yes?" said Irene dryly. "I suppose you're looking out that you don't repeat the trouble with Laurie."

"Indeed I am!" said Laurie's mother. "I told him only this morning that since I was taking all this trouble for him he ought at least to help me out a little with the guest of honor. Sometimes I wonder why I do things for other people. Sometimes I wish hadn't been brought up to be so unselfish." She gave a heavy sigh and took another piece of candy.

"Oh yes?" said Irene lifting her brows in a way that made her look exasperatingly like Laurie. Mrs. Trescott hated to think either of her children looked like the Trescotts. She wanted them to be like her family.

"Well, I'm sure I don't know why I do so much for people when they are so ungrateful. I don't know why I took all this trouble to have this party tomorrow night. I don't believe Robena is a bit grateful either."

"Yes, you do, Adele!" said Irene. "You know perfectly well that you did it to shake Laurie free from that rowdy little Marigold. By the way, has she replied to her invitation?"

"Oh, yes, replied all right, jumped at the chance. 'Miss Brooke accepts with pleasure.' And then, what do you think came in just now from her? Regrets! Can you imagine it? After she had accepted! Now what do you make of that? Do you suppose she hadn't money to get the right kind of frock? I understand they're very poor."

"That's odd!" said Irene, struggling with a particularly sticky caramel. "No, I don't believe it's that. I tell you she's clever! She could make a dress you couldn't tell from Paris, if she wanted to. Doesn't she give any reason?"

"A sudden change of circumstances," quoted the mother, lifting Marigold's note with a disdainful thumb and finger as if it might contaminate. "I declare it's discouraging, after all the trouble I've taken, and now to have her drop right out of the picture—all my work for nothing."

"I'm not so sure it isn't better for your plans," said the sister-in-law

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# Reports from the Field

## Pacific Conference

### Annual Report of the Ladies' Aid in American Falls, Idaho

During the past year the Ladies' Aid of the German Baptist Church in American Falls, Idaho, held 12 meetings, which met in homes and the church building.

We remodeled the parsonage during the last year, which required lots of work and considerable money. We try to help in places of need wherever we can.

On November 22 we held our annual bazaar with the selling of hand-work and merchandise. The proceeds amounted to \$101.60, which gave us more courage to work harder for our Lord during the coming year.

The average attendance at our meetings was 12 members besides several visitors. The average collections amounted to \$2.93. Our meetings consisted of prayer meetings, discussion groups, study of Bible chapters, sewing and visiting. Our visitation and flower committees have been actively at work.

MRS. MARTHA ISAAK, Secretary.

### Gratifying Progress in the Immanuel Church of Portland

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, has much for which to be thankful. The Lord is in our midst and blesses us. In October two of our Bible School classes joined talents and gave a program at our Old People's Home which brought pleasure to old and young.

On November 11, as is our custom, members and friends of the church gathered for our church night. At this meeting we take inventory as to what has been done in each branch of the church with results.

The revival campaign under the leadership of the Kraft Twins from Wasco, Calif., held in our church from November 6 to 18, brought us a spiritual revival. Lost souls found Christ and others returned to their Savior and we were inspired and united to do greater things for the Master. Each evening the church was filled to capacity with eager, reverent people and the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ was made manifest.

The last prayer service in November brought out a capacity audience when we celebrated the birthday of our pastor, the Rev. Otto Roth. Mr. and Mrs. Roth have been with us for a year, and their untiring service for the Lord and his Kingdom is bearing fruit.

JENNIE C. HOELZER, Reporter.

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### Inspirational Events in the First German Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia

The love of Christ and God's saving power were preached by the Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, during evangelistic meetings held last November, that brought 18 souls to confession and strengthened the faith of many others. Fourteen of these converts recently followed Jesus in baptism, confessing to the world their stand for Christ. During the nine months of our pastor's ministry, it has been his joy to baptize 19 persons, 2 of whom were baptized at the Watchnight service on December 31, 1938. In all, 38 members have been received into the fellowship of the church in the past 9 months.

A very inspirational program was recently given by the B.Y.P.U. assisted by our band. The following Sunday evening, a Christmas cantata, was rendered by the mixed choir under the direction of August Taerner.

It was a great privilege for us to have had Professor F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., in our midst recently. Professor Meyer brought three messages as guest speaker at the Watchnight service on "Were We Wise," and on Sunday, January 1, on the themes, "Lord, Strengthen Our Faith," and "Serving the Lord." May the Lord bless Professor Meyer in his work at the Bible School in Leduc, Alberta!

On November 23, after the prayer meeting, the church surprised Mr. Fenske and his family with a gift on the occasion of his birthday. Refreshments and a social hour were enjoyed by all.

The B.Y.P.U. held a social gathering on Monday, December 26, in the beautifully decorated church basement. About 75 young people gathered to share in this Christmas spirit while out-of-doors everything was covered with a soft, white blanket of snow. The following evening, 30 members of Mr. Fenske's Sunday School class met at the minister's home for a time of Christian fellowship.

WIL MILLER, Reporter.

### A Bright Christmas Season in the Portland Home for the Aged

Tuesday, December 20, turned out to be a joyful day for our dear old people in the Old People's Home in Portland, Oregon. The delightful array of flowers around the Home over the summer months had given way to winter, but our Home family had beautifully decorated the spacious basement of the Home. Mr. Schnell, the superintendent, and others had worked for weeks for this purpose. Not only were we greeted with a glittering Christmas tree and with "The Star of the East," but also with artistic paintings on the wall and even a replica of the new State capitol of Oregon.

The room was filled to overflowing and radiant faces showed the spirit of the season. The large number of friends of the Home from all of our Oregon churches were not disappointed, since the very presence of so many made a full program possible. Our house committee, acting as program committee, had carefully prepared the program, which opened with a Christmas song. The Rev. Max O. Nallinger from Salt Creek, read the Christmas story, and the Rev. C. H. Seecamp from the Stafford Church led us in prayer.

Then followed delightful contributions from the guests of the Home. Songs and recitations changed off in splendid harmony, and even the girls of the Home favored us with a song and entertaining recitations. The Immanuel Church Choir rendered a number, while the First Church members presented numbers by an octet, double octet, and a harmonica band which required an encore. Bethany was present with musical instruments and gave two numbers. The Laurelhurst Church favored us with a beautiful solo, Stafford with an instrumental number, and Salt Creek with a solo. Since the directors were requested to sing a number, they complied to the delight of all. The Rev. J. Leyboldt brought a short Christmas message in both languages, and the Rev. J. Kratt closed the program with a word of prayer. Baskets, filled with a variety of good things, were presented to the guests of the Home and all visitors with the guests enjoyed refreshments.

Our Home is just about filled to capacity and a good spirit prevails. Health conditions have been excellent so far. The Board of Directors and the president send best wishes to all our churches and ask for your continued support and prayers.

REV. OTTO ROTH, Reporter.



## Dakota Conference

### Attendance Contest in the Grand Forks Sunday School

The Grace Baptist Sunday School of Grand Forks, No. Dak., recently held an attendance contest for 8 weeks. The final honors went to the Primary Girls' group, which have as their teacher, Miss Hannah Wolff. Other classes in the order of final tabulations with their teachers were as follows: Kindergarten Class, Mrs. Pallasch; Junior Boys' group, John Stroh; Junior Girls' group, Hertha Spiess; Intermediate group, Tabia Wolff; and the Open Door Class, Rev. Osborne.

Our Sunday School enrollment at the present time is 102, with an average attendance of 84 persons. The total income from January 1, 1938, to December 1, 1938, was \$225, for which \$108 was expended to aid the church and the rest devoted to other causes.

Our superintendent, Mr. Walt Spiess, has been doing a wonderful job in leading the Sunday School. Other officers are Marie Kranzler, vice-superintendent; Bill Balogh, treasurer, and Eva Heine, secretary.

EVA HEINE, Reporter.

### The Chancellor B.Y.P.U. Reviews the Past Year of Activity

We praise the Lord for the blessings which we in the B.Y.P.U. of the Baptist Church in Chancellor, So. Dak., have received during the past year. Our B.Y.P.U. has grown in membership, and we heard of the acceptance of the Lord from several of our young people.

We held many fine devotional, prayer and testimony meetings in our regular Sunday evening services throughout the year. We presented several evening programs before our church. At our last program on Sunday, December 11, we presented the dialogue, "The Two Poor Seamstresses" and "The Test," along with other varied numbers. An offering for general missions was received.

We had our annual business meeting on Friday evening, December 27. The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Sophia Wagner; vice-president, Velma Plucker; secretary, Raymond Burfiend; treasurer, Harm Bartels; pianist, Doris Klock; assistant pianist, Mrs. Josephine Borchers.

At the close of the old year we thank the Lord for gracious blessings, and we are encouraged to enter the new year with a greater desire to live closer to Christ and to serve him more faithfully. MINNIE PETERS, Reporter.

### News Items From the Girls' Mission Circle at Plevna, Montana

On Monday, December 5, the "All Working Together" Girls' Mission Cir-

cle of the German Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., held its annual election. The following officers were elected: Martha Hepperle, president; Alvina Lang, vice-president; Bertha Karch, secretary and treasurer; Christine Fuchs and Ida Karch, visitation and flower committees; and Mrs. Ella Renz, supervisor.

We meet on the first Sunday of every month at one of the member's homes. We have a short devotional service at the beginning of each meeting, followed by song, Scripture and prayer. We also have roll call, and each member answers with a Bible verse. We also read the missionary letters that are sent to us to keep us informed about the work of our foreign missionaries.

During the past year we had one food sale, two programs for Mother's Day and Thanksgiving Day, both of which were well attended. Our Thanksgiving program was also our fourth anniversary.

During the past year we contributed \$10 for Miss Laura Reddig's equipment and \$10 for general mission work. We also contributed to the flood stricken areas in the East. For Christmas we sent candy and cookies to our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., where we have three children from our church who are being cared for.

We can truthfully say that the Lord has blessed us in the past year. Our prayers for the coming year are that we may grow spiritually, and do more work for our mission fields to further God's work.

ALVINA LANG, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### Christmas Program and Mission Projects in the Cicero Mission of Chicago, Illinois

The Cicero Mission, conducted by the Oak Park German Baptist Church in Forest Park, Ill., is progressing nicely, and is looking forward to growth in numbers and spirituality during this year. A fine Christmas program was presented by the boys and girls to an appreciative audience on December 23. Mrs. Pomey was in charge of this service and assisting her were Mrs. Miles Pelikan and Miss Sarah Radcliffe.

For the past month four students from the Moody Bible Institute have been teaching classes in the mission, and it is expected that they will be with us in the year 1939 to help us in a fine manner. One of the features of the Cicero program is the handwork period in which articles of value are made by the young people which emphasize spiritual truth. The project just completed was the making of plaques out of plaster of Paris on which were verses of Scripture. Mr. Stanley Geo. L. Johnson of the Bellwood Church is in charge of this work.

Reporter.

### Activities of the Young People's Department of Bethel Church, Detroit, Michigan

On Christmas Day at the vesper hour, members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich., gathered in the candle-lit sanctuary to "worship Christ, the new-born King." The simple but very beautiful service was prepared by Mrs. Marion Green, with Mrs. Ben Zannoth at the organ, and with the choirs and young people participating. Following the service, 45 young people went carolling to the homes of sick and shut-in members. The singers were directed by Mr. Elmer Wengel and accompanied by two trumpets played by Audrey Zannoth and Donald Williams. Ten visits were made, after which the group piled into the parsonage for refreshments and a merry time as guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wengel.

Two delightful Christmas parties were held, one for the Tuxis Group, those of Junior high age, and one for the older division. They were directed respectively by Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hood, adult leaders in the department.

On Sunday evening, January 8, a group of 55 young people visited the People's Baptist Church, the Negro church which occupies the former building of Bethel Church, where as guests of the Young People's Forum they presented the dramatic service of worship, "Who Is My Neighbor?" in the evening church service. This was given in our own church a year ago, and included guest participants from the Polish Christian Center, the Italian Baptist Church, the Negro Christian Center, the Salvation Army, the Czechoslovak Church, as well as a large group of Bethel young people. All of these groups assisted in this second presentation, and it was truly an experience in Christian fellowship.

The Tuxis Division, comprising the early teen age, is rapidly becoming an enthusiastic and active group. At Christmas time they presented, first for the older division and then in the Sunday school Christmas program, a playlet entitled, "Whose Birthday Is It?"

The newly established recreation night is a popular meeting place. Each Thursday evening the fellowship hall is equipped with ping pong table, shuffleboard, badminton, dart board, and a variety of table games for an informal evening of fun and fellowship.

Members of the department publish a news sheet once a month, put out the church bulletins and conduct a circulating church library. The girls' choir sings frequently in the evening church service. Meetings are held each Sunday evening at 6:30, preceded by a prayer circle at 6:15. Through work, worship and recreation, the young people of Bethel Church are striving toward four-fold growth in Christian life. F. LENORE KRUSE, Reporter.

### Dedication of the Illuminated Lighthouse by the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Michigan

We are enjoying such happy Christian fellowship in the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., that we would like our friends to learn about it through "The Baptist Herald." Our meetings are always well attended which is evidence of the fact that the people are still interested in listening to the true gospel message. Our untiring pastor, the Rev. L. H. Broeker, preaches such messages.

The Senior Service Guild, a fine group of young women of the church, each year sponsors at least two special projects; one for missions and the other for our local church. Our pastor meets with us once a month to help us in the study of the Bible. Miss Morey, the pastor's assistant, is a member of this organization. We all love her for her sweet disposition, which is always an inspiration to us.

For several years our mission project has been the work of the Gebauers in Africa which we will help again this year. Our president, Mrs. Carrie Freitag, suggested that since we speak of our church as a "Great Lighthouse" on the shores of Lake Michigan, it might be well for us to place a bright light on our church. This we voted to do.

Mr. Edward Abraham, who is one of our fine men of the church, did a fine piece of work in building and installing an illuminated lighthouse for the church. This light was dedicated after our Watch Night service on December 31. On that evening we met for a three hour meeting with a song service from 9 to 10 o'clock when our choir under the leadership of Mr. Eric Lounart rendered some fine numbers. From 11 to 12 o'clock we observed the Lord's Supper, at which our pastor extended the hand of fellowship to 17 new members.

At the Sunday evening service on January 1 our pastor gave the invitation after another of his good messages. A middle aged man came forward and, upon questioning him, the pastor learned that he had never been in our church before. He said he had been greatly burdened and decided to go to some church. He went to one church and found it dark with doors locked. Then he saw the light on our church, which accounted for his presence in our midst.

So our light has begun to fulfill the mission for which it was placed on the church. We hope and pray that many more people will find their way into our church because of this light where they will come under the influence of God's sacred Word. For Christ's words are: "Let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

MRS. PAUL SCHMANSKI, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### The Uplifting Christmas Season in Munson, Pennsylvania

The results of the Rev. W. S. Argow's ministry for three months in the German Baptist Church of Munson, Pa., were shown forth in a delightful and uplifting Christmas season. God has richly blessed the work here at Munson in a most wonderful way, and we want to share this blessing with "Baptist Herald" readers.

May it never be said that the work at Munson is on a downward trend! We may be pastor-less but not spiritless! The smoldering coals of hope have been fanned to flaming fire through the Christlike ministry of Mr. Argow. Joy and faith have again entered our hearts, and we are determined to go forth as loyal servants of the Lord. The field is great, and our hearts have been made strong to carry on the work which is ours. May our prayers soon be answered for a shepherd to minister to us.

On his last Sunday with us, Mr. Argow had the joy of extending the hand of fellowship to 5 new converts. We regretted to see him leave us but the farewell, since it had to come, was made beautiful when the young people held a soul-stirring candle-light service before a well filled church.

Our joy was not to be dimmed for the Christmas season, since Mr. George W. Zinz, a student at Rochester, N. Y., represented the Seminary in serving us during these two weeks. Mr. Robert Schmidt, also a student of the seminary and a member of our church, visiting with his parents, assisted Mr. Zinz in several of the services.

On Saturday evening, December 24, the Sunday School under Mr. Henry Hirsch's splendid leadership, presented the Christmas program to a packed church. The program did not keep the people from attending the German service on Christmas morning at which Mr. Zinz brought the Christmas message. The evening service was a joint service with the Lanse Baptist church, at which both students took part.

Many turned out for the Watchnight service which was of an informal nature. Both students brought inspiring messages, and the latter part of the service was spent in praying the old year out and the new year in. God blessed us richly at the services on Sunday, January 1, conducted by the students.

Thus, ended a delightful Christmas feast. The result of Mr. Argow's ministry and the brief stay of these students has given us new hope and faith to carry on. May we not falter in our commission but press on to greater glory! MARTHA LITKE, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### Fiftieth Anniversary of the King's Highway Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut

The King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18, 1938. A most happy time was enjoyed by former members, friends and members.

On Saturday night a fellowship banquet was served. Mrs. Caroline Will, aged 90 years, the only surviving charter member of the church, was the guest of honor. She was presented with a bouquet of chrysanthemums, as a token of respect and thanks for faithful service. Among the congratulatory addresses, we were glad to hear from the Rev. Daniel Meyhoefer, former pastor, and the Rev. Emil Berger, our pastor emeritus. The toastmaster was our present pastor, the Rev. Albert R. Hahn. An interesting letter of congratulations and felicitations from a former pastor, the Rev. Carl Scherck of Elizabeth, N. J., brought back pleasant memories of the past.

Sunday was given over to regular services, but at the evening worship the Rev. Henry Hallam Tweedy, noted professor in Yale Divinity School, spoke on the "Church in the Changing Social Order," with solos by Miss Patricia Young. Also assisting during the services were the Rev. Julius Kaaz of New Haven and the Rev. Theo. Koester of Meriden, with solos by Mrs. Rose Lukas and Mrs. Ruth Coombs and with Clara Berger at the organ.

The church was organized on December 18, 1888, with the Rev. Wm. Ritzman as the first pastor. Present officers are: pastor, Rev. Albert R. Hahn; clerk, Mrs. Minnie K. Dittrich; treasurer, Mr. Robert J. Dittrich; deacons, Mr. Emil Wehger and Mr. Alex. Komment; financial secretary, Mrs. L. Foster; trustees, Mr. J. Lukas, Mr. Edw. Ratzlaff, Miss Clara Berger, Miss E. Naber. After the Sunday evening services, all retired to the church basement where a social hour with "Kaffee and Kuchen" was enjoyed by all.

M. K. DITTRICH, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### A Review of Last Year's Blessings in the Jeffers Church

The Rev. William Schobert has been the pastor of our Jeffers Baptist Church near Delft, Minn., since November 7, 1937. During the past year the average attendance at the Sunday morning services was 74 persons, at the evening services 71, at Sunday School 58, and at the prayer meetings 16.

For two weeks in June Mr. Schobert, assisted by the Misses Grace Van Gerpen and Anna Courts held a Daily Vacation School with an average attendance of 25 boys and girls. Six baptisms were reported for the year. The



Ladies' Aid of our church held 12 meetings during the past year with an average attendance of 19 women.

On Sunday, November 6, after the morning services we gathered in the basement of the Delton Township Community Hall, where a bountiful fellowship dinner was enjoyed by members and friends in commemoration of our pastor's first anniversary of service with us. At least a hundred persons were present.

Last Spring Mr. Schobert held a week of evangelistic meetings in Hutchinson, Minn., and in October he conducted a week of similar meetings in our church. From November 27 to December 10 he served as evangelist in the Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill. During his absence the Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann of St. Paul had charge of all our services.

Sometimes when we pass a rural church, we see the windows and doors barred and the church closed. We would like to send out a word of encouragement to others and say: "Never give up, even though only a few may attend the services!" At one time some thought that we would have to close our doors, but by God's grace and the steadfast faith of the faithful few, we have kept our doors open and have had some wonderful times together with our pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Schobert.

Our B.Y.P.U. has experienced a most successful year under the able leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Schobert. The 1938 officers were: president, Dean Hagerman; vice-president, Grace Van Gerpen; secretary, Margaret Courts; and treasurer, Gertrude Smith. We have 30 members, and our average attendance at weekly meetings has been 21. Our meetings are held every Friday evening, at which time special topics are taken by 2 members. Mr. Schobert also conducts a Bible study each time. For variety, sometimes we have debates, open forums and discussions on a popular book. One social occurs each month.

During 1938 we contributed \$25 to our church building fund in view of a basement. We have also voted to contribute to the support of some missionary.

We have been privileged to visit several other young people's societies in our community and to witness for the Lord. Our group took the attendance prize at the Mid-Winter Institute held in Hutchinson, Minnesota, last February. We hold the honor of having the largest German B.Y.P.U. in the state of Minnesota, for which we are duly proud. We feel that God has "blessed us abundantly above all we could ask or think" and we pray that the New Year might bring forth even greater blessings, not only in our group, but in every B.Y.P.U. in our country.

MRS. A. W. COURTS and  
MARGARET COURTS, Reporters.

REV. A. ENGEL, Reporter.

## Recent Festivities in the Grace Church of Racine, Wisconsin

The Sunday School of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., entered upon the new year in a flourishing condition and with prospects for an even larger growth and usefulness. On the first Sunday of the year the retiring superintendent, Mr. Paul Boss, and the pastor, the Rev. A. Engel, led the school in an installation service. Mr. Ephraim Roman, a former superintendent, was returned to this office to guide the school through 1939. His assistants are Fred Singer, vice-superintendent; Wm. Genich, treasurer; Winfred Hilker, secretary; Henry Binder; chorister; Adeline and Eleanor Jander, pianists. Miss Viola Goedeke, superintendent of the primary department has a staff of able assistants.

The Sunday School Christmas program held on Saturday, December 24, was the best attended for many years. The climax of the program was a beautiful pageant, "The Shining Light" presented by the young people's classes under the direction of Grace Jones.

For many years this church has found delight in its annual Candle Light Vesper Service of Christmas music. At these services the choir, directed by Alfred Hilker, is usually at its best and this year was no exception. The attendance was even larger than in recent years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schacht of our church recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage. Friends were invited to the open house on Saturday, December 17, the anniversary day, and a large family gathering was held on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. James Fenton, president of the Women's Missionary Society, presided over a brief program on Saturday evening consisting of the singing of Christmas carols, devotions, reminiscences and tributes, and the opening of the many beautiful gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Schacht are among the most active and faithful members of their church and are held in high esteem for their devoted and tireless efforts for Christ and the cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jander of Racine observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Monday, December 26. This being the legal day for the observance of Christmas, the festive-minded friends were not deterred by a raging blizzard and frigid temperature, but filling the house almost to overflowing, entered joyfully and reverently into prayer and praise and the singing of carols in honor of the event. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jander are active in all departments of the church's work. Mr. Jander recently served as superintendent of the Sunday School for a three year period. Mrs. Jander is a former president of the Women's Missionary Society. A daughter, Adeline, is the church pianist.

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active minds to reconcile themselves with a good message, whether that be in politics, in social matters or in the spiritual realm, when the life of the message-bearer is besmirched with underhanded tactics to defraud. Saul of the Old Testament tried that but Samuel understood him. Judas tried it, but Jesus saw the man behind the kiss. And when Agrippa said: "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian," Paul had already figured him out and knew that a life of shame had engulfed this man's soul. Even today a life that is pure and a record of uprightness count for much when weighed in the balance of the mind.

### 3. A New Frontier in Efficiency

Being able to produce the desired result is efficiency. A pastor, when planning for an absence of several Sundays, arranged for the evening services and the B.Y.P.U. was put in charge. Upon his return he was told: "We surely did have good meetings while you were away; we almost began to think, that we didn't need a pastor." But the young people said: "We surely were glad when you got back for we were getting tired of it." They had produced the pastor's desired result, but since this was not their line they longed for the pastor's return. Efficiency is noticeable in almost every line. Rural people are learning the art of co-existing. They are bound together by telephone, electricity, etc.

### 4. A New Frontier in Church Life

Many think the rural church has failed. In driving through the country, one is almost inclined to agree because many church buildings are so poorly kept. The following information is from the magazine, "Successful Farming." "Do you think the rural church has failed? On this question a poll was taken and 80% of the farmers answered: 'No, we have failed the church!' Now since 80% of rural church people are willing to admit this, we have reason to believe that a new day has dawned. Of the 24,844 Baptist churches in the south nearly 20,000 are rural. Texas has 440,000 rural Baptists and 220,000 are members of city churches. 75% of all the leaders including pastors of city churches in the south came from rural churches. (The leader will try to get figures on this in northern churches.) Never have rural church workers stressed training more than today, and it is being done principally for the express purpose of saving the rural church. The country needs the rural church and God needs the rural church to save the country, since the sins, as urban America knows them, are laid at the door of every home in the country and in this there is but little difference in all of America.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Mr. Bruno Frese, superintendent; Mrs. John Obermiller, vice-superintendent; Miss Gertrude Klein, secretary; Mr. Helmut Kaiser, treasurer; and Miss Lillian Weiss, pianist. Recently the church installed comfortable pews and a new heating plant. The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger is pastor of the church.

● An inspirational baptismal service marked New Year Sunday, January 1, for the German Baptist Church at Avon, So. Dak., when the pastor, the Rev. F. W. Bartel, after a special baptismal message before a crowded church, had the joy of baptizing 15 persons upon their profession of faith in Christ as their personal Savior. Some of these were won for Christ in the Vacation Bible School, others in the decision services in the Sunday School, and still others in the special evangelistic services held last November when the Rev. A. J. Fischer, Wessington, So. Dak., served as evangelist. On Sunday, January 8, the pastor received 19 persons into the church's fellowship.

● On Sunday evening, January 1, the congregation and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., celebrated the silver wedding anniversary of their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. A. Bredy. Mr. Bredy, about to preach the evening sermon, was pleasantly surprised when asked to sit in the pew with his wife. The Rev. Clive McGuire, secretary of the ministerial union, officiated at the service. After the regular service, a short musical program was rendered, consisting of negro spirituals by the young men's class, and a duet with accordion accompaniment by two guests, Mrs. Beaver and Mrs. Golf of Hill Baptist Church, Clinton County, after which the Rev. and Mrs. A. Bredy were presented with 25 silver dollars in a silver slipper and a large wedding cake baked by one of the members, Mrs. A. B. Thompson.

● On December 18 the B.Y.P.U. of the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., presented the Christmas pageant, "The King." The B.Y.P.U. president is Miss Edna Voeck. The Sunday School Christmas program was held on Christmas Eve, December 24, with Mr. Ben Paulisch, superintendent, in charge. The Rev. Thomas Stoerl, pastor, recently received 7 new members into the church, including the Rev. and Mrs. C. Dippel and their son, Dr. Albert Dippel, of Baraboo, Wis. Miss Hannah Seils, who is 83 years of age, a former missionary of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., for more than 30 years, has been confined to her bed for about two years. Her sister, Miss Augusta Seils, also a former missionary for many years in the First Church of Brooklyn,

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● The Christmas play, "A Stranger in Bethlehem," was presented before a large and appreciative audience at the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., on Sunday evening, December 25. The play was given by 6 members of the Sunday School under the direction of Mrs. Hy Gieseke. The play was preceded by a short program of Christmas music, songs and recitations. A Watchnight Service was held on Saturday evening, December 31. An inspiring candle-light service was held during the last hour, after which the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was observed. The annual business meeting of the church was held on Monday

afternoon, January 2. The following officers were elected for the coming year: church clerk, Mr. Amel Ranz; treasurer, Mr. Hy Gieseke; financial secretary, Mrs. Hy Gieseke; assistant, Miss Martha Ahrens; trustee (term expiring 1942), Mr. Wm. Ranz, Jr.; ushers, Herbert Luginbuhl and Howard Ranz; Sunday School superintendent, Milton Heinecke; assistant-superintendent, Mrs. Otto Luginbuhl; church organist, Harold Gieseke; and assistant-organist, Bernice Ranz. The Baptist Church united with the other Protestant churches of Trenton in observing the Week of Prayer during the first week of January. The Rev. Charles F. Zummach is pastor.

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thoughtfully. "She's a clever piece and very fetching. She could put it all over that selfish beast of a Robena if she tried, although I'm not so sure but she's too well bred to try."

"What do you mean, Irene?"

"Oh, nothing at all, Adele. Wait till you see her sometime and you'll understand."

"Irene! A poor minister's daughter!"

"There are worse!" said Irene, lighting a cigarette.

"Well, of course, but you know my son wouldn't look at a girl like that!"

"Wouldn't he? How do you know?"

"Irene! And you can talk that way about your own nephew?"

"Why, Adele, I wasn't talking about him, I was talking about human nature. I haven't much faith in human nature, not in these days anyway."

"But don't you think it makes any difference how a child is born and brought up, my dear?"

"Not much!" said the sister-in-law. "I used to believe that bunk, but when I saw the way some of my friends got bravely over their training I decided there wasn't so much to it as I had been taught."

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### ONE HUNDRED NEW BRAESE LOAN LIBRARY BOOKS

The last announcement of new books added to the Braese Loan Library of the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union appeared in the January 15, 1937 issue of the BAPTIST HERALD. This installment of the "Workshop" department on this special page will give you the titles of 100 new books which have been placed into the library. All of the new books as well as the thousand and copies of old books in the library are available to readers of the BAPTIST HERALD. Any book will be sent upon request with the payment of 10 cents in stamps as postage. It may be kept by the borrower for a period of a month when it must be returned to the office. Address all your requests to the Braese Loan Library, or the editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Any suggestion as to new books to be added to the library will receive the careful attention of the executive committee of the National Union. A few of the older lists of available books are still on hand for those requesting them. You are urged to keep the list of these books on file for future reference purposes.

#### BIOGRAPHY

1. *Up to Now* (A Story of Crowded Years) by Charles Forbes Taylor
2. *Adventures of Service* (Stories of Modern Pioneers) by D. M. Gill and A. M. Pullen
3. *Legacy of a Christian Mind* (Life of Campbell) by Eugene Garrett Bewkes
4. *Their Names Remain* (Seventeen Women of Old Testament Days) by Mary Hallet
5. *Little Known Women of the Bible* by Evelyn Harrison
6. *Roger Williams* by Oscar S. Strauss
7. *Sadhu Sundar Singh* by C. F. Andrews
8. *My Father—Life of D. L. Moody* by Paul D. Moody
9. *General Chiang Kai-Shek* by General and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek
10. *Watching the World Go By* by I. E. Gates

#### MISSIONS

11. *Tales of a Waste-Basket Surgeon* by Gordon S. Seagrave
12. *City Shadows* by Robert W. Searle
13. *Forward Through the Ages* by Jesse R. Wilson
14. *Women and the Way* (A Symposium) by John Leslie Lobingier
15. *Each With His Own Brush* by Daniel J. Fleming
16. *China Through a College Window* by William G. Sewell
17. *Eastward, the Story of Adoniram Judson* by Stacy R. Warburton
18. *The Challenge of Burma* by Alice Towne Eveleth
19. *The Church Takes Root in China* by Basil Mathews
20. *Missionary Education of Adults* by John Leslie Lobingier
21. *"Heaven Knows"* (About China) by Margaret H. Brown
22. *Dinabandhu—a Background Book on India* by Ruth Isabel Seabury
23. *The American City and Its Church* by Samuel C. Kincheloe
24. *The World at My Door* by Mary Martin Kinney
25. *Church Women and Work* by Frederick H. Agar
26. *Highland Heritage* by Edwin E. White

27. *Rebuilding Rural America* by M. A. Dawber
28. *Heritage of Beauty* by Daniel J. Fleming
29. *Tales from Moslem Lands* by William W. Reid
30. *What is This Moslem World* by Charles R. Watson
31. *The Young Moslem Looks at Life* by Murray T. Titus
32. *Missionary Stories to Tell* (A Compilation)
33. *Better Baptist Churches* by Francis Carr Stiffler
34. *China Marches Toward the Cross* (Booklet) by Earl Cressy
35. *America's Share in Japan's War Guilt* (Pamphlet)
36. *Urban Scene* (Booklet) by Marguerite Harmon Bro
37. *Tales from India* (Booklet) by Basil Mathews
38. *They Starve That We May Eat* (Booklet) by Edith E. Lowry
39. *Fun and Festival in India* (Pamphlet) by Rose Wright

#### GENERAL BOOKS

40. *The Singing Church* by Edmund S. Lorenz
41. *Nineteen Centuries of Christian Song* by Edward S. Ninde
42. *Through Lands of the Bible* by H. V. Morton
43. *If the Minister is to Succeed* by U. S. Brown
44. *There's Something Better On the Way* by Katherine R. Logan
45. *Handy Book for Church Special Days* (Plays) by Louise Novotny
46. *The Baptist Faith* by Mullins and Tribble
47. *Banquets* by Alene Harris

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

48. *Growing Into Life* by Basil Miller
49. *Youth Makes the Choice* by H. E. Watters
50. *Understanding Youth, His Search for a Way of Life* by Roy A. Burkhardt
51. *Making Marriage Christian* by Strother A. Campbell
52. *The Ministry of Friendly Guidance* by Richard Holland
53. *Youth's Return to Faith* by Norman W. Cox
54. *"Whither, Christian Youth?" and "Let's Go!"* (Pamphlets)
55. *The Future Belongs to You* by Roy A. Burkhardt
56. *Planning a Life* by Henry E. Watters
57. *Living Religion* by Hornell Hart

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

58. *Your Child Needs—!* by Mary M. Chalmers
59. *The Superintendent Wants to Know* by Oscar P. Campbell
60. *Teaching Primary Children* by Mary Grace Martin
61. *Psychology for Christian Teachers* by Alfred L. Murray
62. *Teaching Beginners* by Elizabeth E. McShields
63. *The Vacation Bible School Guide* by Homer L. Grice

#### BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

64. *The Story Shop* by Mary C. Odell
65. *George of the Parsonage* by Susie Miller
66. *Hermits Hollow* by Gloria Young
67. *All Around the City* by Esther Freilvogel
68. *Street Corner* by Harold and Eunice Hunting
69. *More Stories Retold* by William James Sly
70. *Broken Guns* by Eleanor H. Brainard
71. *Ship East—Ship West* by Elizabeth M. Lobingier

#### ARCHEOLOGY AND SCIENCE

72. *His Truth Endureth* by James C. Muir

74. *Modern Science and the Genesis Record* by Harry Rimmer
75. *The Bible Comes Alive* by Sir Charles Marston

#### THEOLOGY

76. *The Christ* by A. Wendell Ross
77. *Jehovah, Friend of Men* by David A. Murray
78. *Romans—Verse by Verse* by William R. Newell
79. *Our Lord* by Wm. Childs Robinson
80. *The Resurrection of the Human Body* by Norman H. Camp
81. *The Inspiration of the Scriptures* by Lorraine Boettner
82. *Idolatry in America* by James W. Johnson
83. *The Great Awakening* by James W. Johnson

#### SERMONS

84. *You Can Win* by Norman Vincent Peale
85. *Making Life Worth Living* by Joseph Richard Sizoo
86. *The Romance of the Future* by C. Gordon Brownville
87. *Here Stand I!* by Martin Niemöller
88. *A Sure Remedy* by Walter Lewis Wilson, M.D.
89. *Evangelize or Fossilize!* by Herbert Lockyer
90. *The Deeper Life* by Max I. Reich

#### NOVELS

91. *Mastering Marcus* by Paul Hutchens
92. *This is Life* by Paul Hutchens
93. *The Voice* by Paul Hutchens
94. *Daphne Deane* by Grace Livingston Hill
95. *The Beloved Stranger* by Grace Livingston Hill
96. *Storm in Her Heart* by Gloria Young
97. *Free Land* by Rose Wilder Lane
98. *Armageddon* by Eleanor De Forest
99. *Harvest of the Years* by Hope Darling
100. *The Eternal Quest* by David F. Nygren

### NEW MISSIONARY PICTURES!

Several new missionary picture-lectures are available for distribution among our churches by the office of the general missionary secretary at Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Requests will be met as soon as possible by Dr. William Kuhn.

"FELLOWSHIPING WITH GOD'S PEOPLE IN EUROPE" is the title of a new still film lecture with 220 beautiful scenes of Germany and the Danubian countries reporting last summer's trip of Dr. Kuhn and Mr. Leuschner to Europe and describing the Danubian mission fields. The projector and written lecture will be sent with the pictures. Length of picture-lecture, one hour.

"TRAVELING THROUGH PICTURESQUE EUROPE" and "EUROPEAN SCENES ARRAYED IN GORGEOUS COLORS" are the titles of two moving picture films in black and white and kodachrome color of the European trip, especially describing the Danubian countries and the Gypsy mission field. Each film requires about 15 minutes for presentation.

"FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF AFRICA BY OUR NEW CAMEROON MISSIONARIES" is the most recent moving picture film of Africa, depicting the arrival of the Rev. and Mrs. George A. Dunger and of Miss Laura E. Reddig in the Cameroons. Length of presentation, 20 minutes.

## A Chat About Books

More than a month has gone by since the first of the year with its New Year's resolutions. We trust that you resolved with noble endeavor to read several good books during 1939, even as the editor of this page has resolved to publish the "Chat About Books" with greater frequency during the year.

### The Singing Church

Superlatives of praise must be heaped upon a recent book, entitled "The Singing Church" by Dr. Edmund S. Lorenz, the musical publisher of the Lorenz Publishing Company of Dayton, Ohio (Cokesbury Press—1938—227 pages—\$1.50). We regard this as a "Must" book that ought to be in the library of every minister and church leader throughout our denomination. Our price-less heritage of song will be more deeply appreciated and more intelligently understood by every reader of this scholarly and practical volume on church music.

Following an introduction on "the Place and Importance of the Hymn," in which the author thinks of congregational singing as "one of the most impressive and thrilling means of securing genuinely religious results among the people," Dr. Lorenz devotes six thoughtful and illuminating chapters on "the Character of the Hymn." What makes a hymn literature? What should be the contents of a good hymn? What value do our gospel songs have? These provocative questions receive a thorough treatment in the earlier section of the book.

But it is especially the second part of the book on the "History and Development of the Christian Hymn," comprising more than a hundred pages, which is intensely interesting and uniquely informative. The author pictures "the stream of devout songs flowing steadily on from the hymns and spiritual songs of the apostolic times down through the centuries" through the Greek, the Latin, the German, and the American epochs until the present time.

Two chapters on "Luther and the German Hymn" and "the Later German Hymnody" form the finest brief studies on the golden age of German hymns available in the English language. One reads with joy that "the German people are a singing people, and the instinct to sing their thoughts and feelings is stronger than in any other race." The author's indebtedness to Professor Herman von Berge of our denomination is seen in these pages and recognized in the preface: "Professor von Berge's scholarship and wide practical experience, both as pastor and theological professor, have helped me solve some problems that rather daunted me."

Chapters on the life and musical influence of Isaac Watts and of the Wesleys are compact with much invaluable

information about that singing era in England. Several pages devoted to Baptist hymn writers and a chapter on American hymnody were of special interest to the editor.

A third section in the book deals in a practical and helpful way with the various means of using the Christian hymns in achieving a new awareness of the presence of God. Many practical suggestions are given to the minister and leader of music in the selection, the announcement and treatment of hymns.

Dr. Lorenz firmly believes in the hymn as "the peer of the sermon in influence and power, assuring the minister eager of spiritual results of a large harvest of souls, saved and spiritualized." Every reader of this highly recommended book will find his Christian usefulness enhanced and his personal faith deepened if he catches that same vision of "the Singing Church."

### Up to Now!

An autobiography of unusual merit is the story of the crowded years of the well known evangelist, Charles Forbes Taylor, which was recently published with the title, "Up to Now" (Revell Co.—1938—140 pages—\$1.50). This is the exciting story of a "Boy Evangelist" who sang his first solo, "Jesus Loves Me," as a boy three and a half years old in a great men's mass meeting in England and who at nine years of age was famous throughout England as the soloist and "boy preacher," traveling with his father in his "Gospel Wagon."

Those who heard "Charlie" Taylor as the heralded "Boy Evangelist" from 1912 to 1914 in the East Baptist Church of Philadelphia, or the Washington Avenue Baptist Church of Brooklyn or the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland will find this story of fascinating interest. Since those spectacular days with typically American high-pressure promotion, "Charlie" Taylor has become an adult evangelist of great spiritual power, an ordained Baptist minister and an American citizen, who conducts "religious crusades" from one end of the country to the other and whose life is crowded with many adventures. The story of his aeroplane flight with Charles A. Lindbergh, the description of himself as "the whistling preacher," the account of his experience singing for the wealthy John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and his clear and strong testimony to the saving power of the gospel make this a book which old and new friends of "Charlie" Taylor will want to read with great eagerness.

### Evangelize or Fossilize!

A stirring call to evangelism is sounded by Dr. Herbert Lockyer in the paper-bound book of sermons, entitled "Evangelize or Fossilize!" (Bible Institute Colportage Assoc.—1938—92 pages—35 cents.) With our denomina-

tional emphasis on evangelism in 1939, it would prove to be an untold blessing if this book could find its way into every minister's library, church, B. Y. P. U. and home of the denomination.

These are more than sermons by Dr. Lockyer, a great man of God for whom "nothing can keep the Christian warm, fresh and alive like evangelism." A message on "How to Do Soul Winning" is richly helpful with illuminating truths and practical guides. "Christ has not left the greatest work to be done in any slipshod, haphazard way. Divine laws must be observed and obeyed."

Another chapter on "the Ideal Evangelist" deserves to be read daily by every devout Christian, who would "make a full proof of his ministry." The closing message on "the Challenge of our Age" will stir the depths of your heart. "Not only must we live near to the heroic Christ and be baptized with his passion and compassion for the lost, but we must abandon ourselves to the sway of the Holy Spirit....The world still waits for such Spirit-possessed souls!" By all means, order this book for yourself! Secure a dozen copies for your church! The spiritual returns of such a small expenditure will be hundredfold!

### Booklets

If you want to know what is happening to Chinese Christians, to missionaries and to Christian institutions in the midst of the present Oriental conflict and if you want to be informed as to the meaning of these events for the Christian movement in China, you must read the brochure of 79 pages on "China Marches Toward the Cross" by Earl Cressy, a missionary in China for the past 28 years and secretary of "the China Christian Educational Association." This "pamphlet of the hour" costs only 25 cents. It is indispensable for anyone who wants to be up-to-date in information about the Christian cause in China.

"The Handy Book for Church Special Days" by Louise Novotny (Eldridge House—1938—136 pages—\$1.00) contains a selected group of 22 brief plays and pageants for use by church groups. Most of the plays can be given in about 30 minutes. The costuming is simple. No royalty is demanded. A religious message pervades all of them. There are plays for most of the important occasions such as New Year's day, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Rally and Promotional Services, Thanksgiving Day, Temperance Program, Christmas, etc. Every B. Y. P. U. and church group interested in religious dramas ought to have a copy of this "Handy Book" on hand for use during the year.

(All of the books reviewed in this "Book Chat" can be ordered through the German Baptist Publication Society, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.)



## LETTER-BOX

Open to all readers of "The Baptist Herald." Letters limited to 200 words.

### Interesting Pictures!

Editor, "The Baptist Herald":

I am a member of the Evangel Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey, and one of the Christian friends there has given me "The Baptist Herald." Our entire family reads it, and it certainly is a blessing to us. I was especially interested in the pictures of Germany, Hungary and the other European countries. I'm Russian and cannot read very fast, but this magazine is truly a blessing to us.

PETER FEDYNICH, Newark, N. J.

### Christian Leaders Needed!

Editor, "The Baptist Herald":

I was happy to notice in the December 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald" that one of the members of our denomination has been elected governor of Minnesota. I only wish that more of our church people would hold offices all over the country. We are heading for

communism so fast that it makes me dizzy when I think of it. It seems that the devil is taking his toll while the Church seems to have its hands tied. Perhaps we need some tribulations to get our people to wake up.

Christ is the only hope of this world. What a tremendous job the Church has to lay down the principles of Christ before the world! I'm trying to do my little bit.

E. F. HEMMYE, Burlington, Iowa.

### Christians in Public Offices

Editor "The Baptist Herald":

In the December 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald," you gave a full page to an article about Minnesota's German Baptist Governor by the Rev. John Wobig.

We, as Baptists, (Note, I left out the "German" because about 90 per cent of our children can't speak German, and 80 per cent of the older ones just don't,) sure have reason to be proud of the high honor the state of Minnesota has bestowed upon our brother. But let us not put too much faith in the mere fact that he is a Baptist. I believe in elect-

ing a man for what he is, and what he stands for.

I have been a member of a Baptist church since I was a little boy, and would not be satisfied with anything else. But my faith does not permit me to look down on my fellow-man, just because he worships differently than I do. Christ never gave us a direct form of worship and the Apostle Paul highly criticized some, who thought that a certain form of worship had to be followed.

I believe that any man who believes in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, be he a Baptist or of some other faith, if his faith helps to make a better man out of him, then his religion works for him and he can be trusted with any office.

WALTER H. SEIDEL,  
Cathay, No. Dak.

### "The Baptist Herald" in Hawaii

Editor, "The Baptist Herald":

I have been reading with much interest your articles in "The Baptist Herald" regarding your impressions on your recent trip to Europe. I was surprised to read that people threw rotten eggs and over-ripe tomatoes at evangelists in Hungary. I thought those things were thrown only at ham actors. Of course, that happened fifteen years ago! But even that is pretty recent. They must have been a hard crowd to please; or they were simply one-minded, ignorant people; or, perhaps, they were led to do that like the mob that cried "Crucify Him!" "They knew not what they were doing!!!" More power to your missionaries, who are bravely carrying on the good work of the Lord.

Your editorial regarding "Propaganda at its Worst" is very good. I wish that article could be developed to enable young people's societies to carry on an intelligent discussion regarding propaganda. You and I know what easy marks the majority of the populace is for propagandists of one sort or another. In a certain crisis, like that last (?) World War, we must learn to keep our heads cool and be rational instead of "swallowing" headline news used for propaganda purposes.

Here in Hawaii we have a very peculiar situation. It is a trying one, too. In the Orient, Japan and China are at each other's throats. The Japanese newspapers print articles making our Japanese people, both young and old, but especially the old, believe that Japan is justified in invading China. The Chinese papers appeal to the Chinese and the American public for justice and help.

If these "Who Have" and those "Have not" nations could get together frankly and unselfishly and discuss their problems and ways of meeting them, perhaps a lot of this war talk scare and preparations can be avoided.

TAICHI MATSUNO,  
Central Y.M.C.A. Secretary,  
Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii

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