

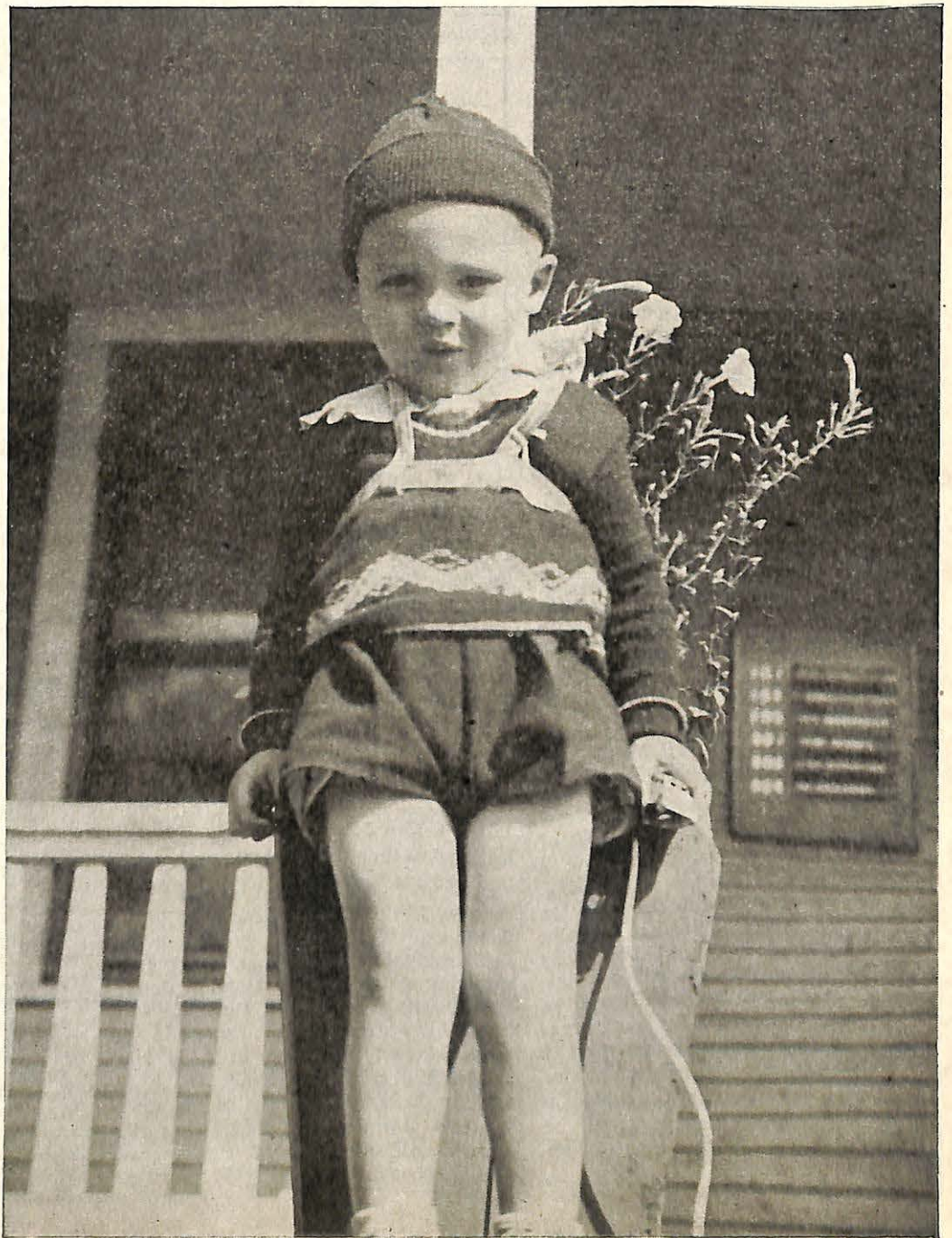
# THE BAPTIST HERALD

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### God's Love

God loves the little children,  
He watches them each day,  
And guards them with his tender love  
In at their work or play.  
—Ada Clark.



## What's Happening

● Two weeks of pre-Easter services were conducted at the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., by its pastor, the Rev. A. Bredy, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Belcher of the city. In response to the invitations extended, there were 6 additions to the church, 5 of whom were baptized on Easter Sunday, April 9, and one of whom was received into the church's fellowship by letter.

● From April 16 to 28 revival meetings were held in the German Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., with the Rev. W. S. Argow preaching every evening. Five Sunday School scholars confessed the Lord Jesus as their Savior. The pastor of the church, the Rev. H. Hirsch, will baptize the converts in the near future. On Sunday, May 7, the church celebrated the silver wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Hirsch with appropriate festivities.

● Miss Frieda L. Weisser of Camrose, Alberta, Canada, is assisting the Rev. J. G. Rott of Odessa, Wash., in mission stations at Lind and Walla Walla, Wash. She will render this missionary service without any stated salary, but will receive the free-will offerings of these stations for her work. For several years Miss Weisser was the missionary for the Fleischmann Memorial Church in Philadelphia, Pa., later taking charge of Sunday School missions in western Canada.

● On Thursday afternoon, May 25, the Women's Missionary Union of the German Baptist Churches of Chicago, Ill., held its annual session at the East Side Baptist Church. Mrs. A. P. Mihm, president, was in charge of the program. The guest speaker was Mrs. Anna Speicher of Albion, Mich., who for more than 40 years was a Baptist missionary in Swatow, China. Other officers of the Union are Mrs. Albert Johns, vice-president; Mrs. Julia Deutschman, secretary; and Mrs. F. C. Baumann, treasurer.

● The Rev. Gustave A. Gabelman of Vesper, Kansas, who for the past 3 years has been a student in the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa., received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the seminary on Tuesday, May 16. He will continue his service in the Baptist Church of Glen Mills, Pa., where he has served as student-pastor during the past 2 years. At the same commencement exercises the Rev. Gordon Schroeder of Lorraine, Kansas, also received his Bachelor of Divinity degree upon completion of his studies.

● On Easter Sunday, April 9, Mr. Jerry Thiele, the pastor of the German Baptist Church of Passaic, N. J., baptized 9 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. As reported in the March 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald" Mr. Thiele is a young licensed minister, who is preparing himself for greater service in the Kingdom of God. His enthusiasm and consecration for the work have won the hearts of the members and friends of the Passaic Church.

● The second meeting of the Adult Bible Class of the Evangel Baptist Sunday School in Newark, N. J., was held on Friday evening, April 28, at the Evangel Baptist Church. In spite of inclement weather a fine group of

### Front Cover Picture

The boy in the front cover picture is John Jacob Sudermann, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sudermann of Ann Arbor, Mich. He is a grandson of the Rev. G. W. Enss, Th. D., formerly pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich. The poem, "God's Love," is used by permission of the Lorenz Publishing Company, Dayton, Ohio.

53 persons was in attendance. Mr. Arthur Kettenberg, president, was in charge. The class has grown from 66 on February 10 to 103 persons by the close of April. The meeting consisted of business matters, social games and refreshments. The Rev. Vincent C. Brushwiler is the pastor of the church.

● The Dakota Conference will meet from June 13 to 18 at the German Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak. The following invitation has been received from the church for publication. "We, as a church, extend a most hearty invitation to all the churches belonging to the Dakota Conference. Since we expect a large delegation, it will be necessary that all who expect to come send their names to our pastor, Rev. Aug. G. Lang, before June 8th, so that we will be able to take care of the delegates and visitors."

● The Rev. Emil D. Gruen of Philadelphia, Pa., has been appointed as field evangelist for Iowa and the surrounding states by the American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc. He will begin his services in the new field on June 1st, and will reside with his wife in Des Moines, Iowa. From March 19 to May 2, Mr. Gruen visited churches in this Iowa area, addressing 28 church gatherings and 3 conferences. He has been with the mission board as

a general worker for a year. Mr. and Mrs. Gruen will continue their membership in the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

● The Rev. F. L. Hahn of Chicago, Ill., will bring his ministry of nearly 14 years with the Humboldt Park Church in Chicago to a close on July 31. His resignation was accepted regretfully by the church, with the following tribute to Brother Hahn's ministry sent for publication by the church's reporter. "His leaving will be a distinct loss to the members of the church and to the community, where he has labored so untiringly, sharing wholeheartedly their sorrows and their joys. He has at all times, proven himself a true friend and a wise counsellor. The bonds of Christian friendship, which have been formed through the years, with young and old, will not be easily broken."

● On Sunday evening, April 30, the Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., baptized 8 persons on confession of their faith. A Decision Day program was held in the Bible School on the same Sunday with 12 Intermediates and young people and 3 Juniors accepting Christ as their Savior. On Wednesday evenings, simultaneous Bible studies and prayer groups are being held in the German and English languages with much success. After a four month trial period, instead of having an average attendance of 25 to 30 people, the average has been 60 and above, with a peak attendance of 90 persons. The attendance is largely composed of English speaking young people. The plan will be continued by the church.

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## EDITORIAL

THE ARABS have a word for the sly and unsuspecting ways of temptation with us. With characteristic Oriental imagery they say, "Beware of the Camel's Nose!"

"Beware of the Camel's Nose!" They love to tell the story of a certain man who was in his tent one morning, busily at work. He heard a rustling noise outside and, turning around, he saw the nose of a camel thrust through the open flap of his tent.

The Arab was about to drive the camel out of the tent, when the creature pleaded with him not to turn him out. "It is so cold outside. Please let me keep my nose in your tent!" In desperation the Arab consented and went about his work. It wasn't long before he chanced to look around, and to his dismay he found that the entire camel's head had now been pushed inside the tent. Again the camel pleaded with the man at least to leave his head in the warm tent. "All right," replied the Arab, "but mind,—only your head, or out you go!"

Everything was quiet and peaceful in the tent, until the camel got a foot inside the tent, and later his broad shoulders were squeezed into the small space of the tent. By this time the Arab was angry. He picked up a stick and made for the camel in the entrance. But in the frightful scuffle that ensued, the tent was upset, and both man and camel were now out in the cold. So the Arabs solemnly conclude: "Beware of the camel's nose!"

Temptation always begins in the allurements of some little thing, which, on the surface, appears to be quite harmless. "Why not permit it in your life? It could hardly be injurious to anyone," the sinister voice whispers. But bit by bit the little shadowy thing drives its wedge deeply into that life and forges the chains of an evil habit that

are later hard to break. The only way to conquer temptation is to drive it away at its first innocent appearance. For, as the Arabs say, "beware of the camel's nose!"

Temptations lurk everywhere in the pathway of the Christian. It is so easy to let down the bars on what one considers to be the highest Christian principles. The little words, "No!" and "Yes!" spoken with Christlike discernment, come with such difficulty to one's lips. The temptations of amusements, social life, and business are legion in number. Everywhere we see others who have no scruples regarding these things. Why should we be so different? Why should we be so concerned? Gradually we grow indifferent to the things pertaining to God's Kingdom, and the neglect of the little question marks of conscience, at the outset, has brought gigantic and catastrophic consequences. Yes, the proverb still holds true. Beware of the camel's nose!

All spiritual neglect and every evil habit have their beginning in some earlier insignificant step, taken by itself, which went in the wrong direction. A single glass of wine often leads to a drunkard's grave. A questionable acquaintance can conclude in moral disaster. A little lie can grow into a dishonest life. The wrong kind of amusements can be exciting for a while, but their end is spiritual death and destruction. Physical excesses of any kind can easily become evil habits or horrible vices which can mar the rest of one's life.

Give attention to the little things of life, which are indications of the direction of the wind. "Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good." Be on the alert for every temptation in innocent guise. Drive it out as soon as it appears. "Beware of the camel's nose!"

## Yaws, Jiggers and Leprosy in Africa

In this deeply moving account of God's healing ministry among the natives of the Cameroons, Africa, our missionary-nurse describes her tasks and relates her adventures. She was formerly stationed at Mbem, Kakaland, but is now engaged in a similar service with the Dungers in the new mission field at Warwar, Mambila.

By MISS EDITH KOPPIN of Warwar, Mambila, Africa

Africa's sick form an unending stream of human misery. We as missionary-nurses in the Cameroons have our hands full, trying to minister to the many native patients who come to us for treatment with their many woes and ailments. All this ministry is gladly rendered in the name of One, whose invitation to all the weary and sick of the world was: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest!"

### 675 Patients in 1938!

During the past year, 1938, we treated 675 patients in our station dispensary, giving them 2123 treatments. The cases included yaws, skin diseases, wounds, burns, jiggers, ulcers, stomach complications, respiratory tract disturbances, infections, malaria, infected eyes, sprains, epilepsy, dog bites, goiter, leprosy and other things. The majority of these patients paid a small fee for medicines and treatments, either in money, time or labor. It is the policy of our mission not to pauperize the natives but to encourage independence and self-responsibility.

These patients came from 55 different villages; from Kaka area, Bamenda, and even from the French Cameroons. It isn't that we are better "doctors" than elsewhere nor that we are famous. One just cannot account for those who come from great distances, passing government hospitals and other missions to receive treatment from our hands. Of course, some are travelling through the country and in this way are led to us. Some have friends, who have been helped, and are persuaded by them to come to Mbem. Recently, the private messenger of the well known Bekom Chief was sent to us for medical help because he, the king, was a friend of Paul Gebauer. So the reasons are many and varied.

### Powers of Medicine Men

But the people in whom we are most interested, are these right here in Kakaland, for here we are trying to break down the powers of darkness, to break the power of the medicine men which they exercise over the people, exorting money with false promises of help, using trickery, sorcery, necromancy and deception to gain their end and pay. In fairness, we should say that there are some who themselves have faith in their powers and medicines that help, since here, too, are

herbs, minerals, roots, etc. Some by testing and experience have found substances that are helpful and efficacious. But it is against the falseness and deception of some of these medicine men that our interest is directed, and we hope that, when people see through this, their minds and hearts will be open to the truths of the gospel. Medical work does play a part in that. Without this motive, there is no excuse for our carrying on medical work.

We are glad that there is an increase in the maternity work, for the native customs are often harmful to little babies. We have gone visiting from compound to compound, teaching and giving advice wherever we could, inviting them to the dispensary and also to the church. Sometimes, when the opportunity presented itself, we have sat down and talked "church" right there.

### Training Native Nurses

Our greatest achievement in progress is the training of young women who live among these people and, by teaching and example, will help their own to live better, cleaner, healthier lives. One of these women has now been with us for one and a half years, and she does learn and does try to carry out in practice of living what she has learned. She is one of the first Christian girls, now married to one of our Christian men. We hope that the establishment of that home will mean much to the changing of homes and lives around them.

These young women all come from the church, and they could tell you much of their struggles to remain "true to the faith." Ridicule and opposition are often their lot to endure, but we notice that they are also respected among their own. We are glad for this phase of the medical work. It has been hard at first, for they could not come regularly, and sometimes I wondered if anything good could come from it. But I never lost sight of the fact and vision that, if we cannot change lives and homes, we have accomplished nothing. In the last few months I am beginning to see "the beginning" of results. And I am glad!

Not only have they been taught hygiene and medical care and routine but we have tried to teach them things of God. Sometimes this teaching was by some incident that occurred or by something said. Then very often from

the Scripture calendar, that hangs on the wall of the dispensary, an appropriate verse was used for the day's lesson and teaching. It is by "precept upon precept, line upon line; here a little and there a little" that we learn. If these girls are in advance of the others who are in our charge, it is only because they have been in constant contact with teaching and help.

We have also taught the women, who come to the Sunday services as begun last year. We have started the same for the women in a little church in a neighboring village. This is not regular as yet, but perhaps it will become so. We have visited throughout the year, making sick calls and calls to teach them things they ought to know and invite them to the church and to hear about God.

### A Call For Help

The following story will describe one of our many experiences here in the Cameroons. A piercing cry came over the air. My hand was arrested in the act of laying down an article on the table. The boy dusting the boxes, which serve as a bookcase, held up his dustcloth in mid-air. We both listened and again it came. "What is it?" I asked. He did not know but thought that it was a call for help to chase away a hawk which was swooping down to catch a small chicken in the nearest native compound.

Native-like the boy asked if he could run off to help, and he dashed off to the rescue. I awaited his return. He did not come, and the crying did not cease. Rather, the noise of excitement increased. Having an errand to the bush palace of the Dunger's, I thought I would stop on the way to see what it was all about. Why was one particular woman calling? Why was there all this noise? Why did my boy not return to his work? As I was approaching the place, I realized that this cry came from a woman in distress—a cry that the natives give, when some one near and dear is dying.

I arrived on the scene, and I did not get any farther. There was Peter, the deacon, sitting in front of his house with his youngest child on his lap, dousing him with cold water and rubbing his body. The child seemed to be in a state of collapse following convulsions. Soon another interested bystander—there was quite a crowd col-

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## Lighting God's Torches in Mambila

In a few graphic words our missionary describes the recent trip with his wife from Kakaland to Warwar in the Adamawa Province of Mambila and the building of their new home in the interior of Africa, where they are blazing the trail for God's Kingdom and lighting his torches of spiritual fire.

By Missionary GEORGE A. DUNGER of Warwar, Mambila, Africa

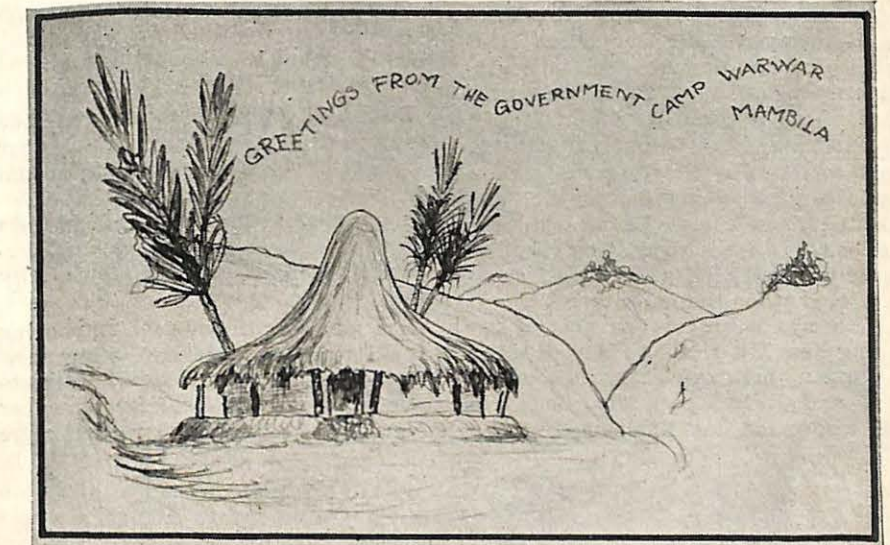
We are leaving Kaka! Behind and below us lie its hills and valleys, jumbled together. Before us lies the large expanse of a high plateau—Mambila!

The shadows lengthen. Over the mountain dome, far to the northwest, settles a long, dark cloud. It clings to gentle slopes and seems to dissipate in yonder green valley. What strange phenomenon of nature may that be? We know. Its name spells horror. It is a swarm of migrating locusts. And in its wake lie fear and hunger. . . . They come in dense masses, bouncing against us. The sky is filled with them. There is a deep hum in the air—the sound of uncountable beating wings. These insects sit everywhere. They eat everything that is green. Soon corn fields and banana groves stand bare, ghostly.

Another day. The sun parches the country. A hot, dry wind springs up, blowing dust and ashes into our faces. From behind the mountain shoulder—the one our trail rounds—rises smoke. Now we can hear the crackling sound of a grass fire. After a few moments we behold a fearful spectacle. Flames race towards us like a solid, single-lined advance marching against an enemy. The crackling increases to a deafening roar. No time can be lost! The carriers have spied a spot where the grass is low. They grasp their loads more securely—and dash through the flames. A moment later, the wind dies down and the flames seem to give way! Through!

Hardly touched by the fire and safe, we look back. That up-hill blast has set in again, and roaring the flames leap forward. No harm befell us! Our throats are dry. The horse stands quivering, frightened. We are safe! The smell of smoke and singed hair will leave us soon.

It is late in the evening that same day. The Mambilas, who had listened to the gospel story, disappear, their bodies tired from the work in harvest fields and cold from the night. Small voices seem to emphasize the stillness of the hour and the familiar crackling noise of a far-away fire. Stepping out of the grove into an opening, we see flames wander up a hill. They seem to grow! They become gigantic! Leaping tongues of fire—twenty, thirty, forty feet high! Mighty torches that brighten the sky! It looks as if dawn had come. In our hearts rings Christ's utterance, "I have come to throw fire on earth. Would it were kindled al-



Missionary Dunger's Pen and Ink Sketch of the Warwar Government Camp in Mambila in which He and His Wife Lived Until Their Hut Was Built

ready." That night we prayed for the fire of the Holy Spirit to come upon Mambila's people for repentance and salvation.

Days of preparation have passed. Weeks have gone, and the plot on which the Warwar Station is being built is cleaned of underbrush. . . .

Hoah-hooh-hoah-hooh-hooh . . . ! Looking out of the low door of Warwar's government resthouse, we see on yonder mountainside a number of tiny figures—natives—descending toward the Mission Hill. They bring bundles of bamboo—each six to ten yards long—to the plot. They come from a distant quarter to share in the building of the station. They have walked three hours. . . . Hoah-hoo-hoah-hooh-hooh . . . ! Their echo? Turning in the direction of the sound, we see a large number of Mambilas slowly moving downward toward the river. They, too, carry bamboo. They, too, are headed for the same place. Hoah-hoo-hoah-hooh-hooh . . . ! Quick, saddle the horse! Down the hill, up the other side, down again and along paths flanked by dense, tall elephant grass, ford the river, through fields, on to the Mission Hill!

The plot presents a sight never to be forgotten. The people have organized themselves into groups. Here some men dig furiously into the sun-baked soil. Women come with their capacious, long-necked, earthen vessels, pouring water on the broken ground. Others cut and mix grass into the softening mass. There, ten lusty young men kick

and stamp into that clay as if they had to kill a thousand vipers. They shout and sing, unmindful of profusely flowing perspiration. A chain of human links is quickly formed, and through swift hands the clay passes to the wall-makers. Above the drone of many voices sound the commands of the chief and the headman. Slowly the four sides of the house begin to rise.

Beside the busy throng stands an old, old man. He stands erect. His stature bespeaks strength and power. In former days he must have been a giant. In his sinewy arms, he holds a small child, caressingly. Old and young Mambila . . . !

Oh, that the old, old man might enter eternity as a new-born creature and that the young one might become a witness to the power of God in Jesus Christ! That is why we as your servants and God's ambassadors have come to this new Cameroon mission field in Mambila!

### THE GREAT LEVELER

Three people came forward one Lord's day to be received into the membership of a Baptist church in Washington, D. C. One was Charles Evans Hughes, who had come to Washington to be Secretary of State of the United States, and one was a poor working woman, and one was a colored man. The pastor of the church said to the congregation, "You will note that the ground is level at the Cross!"—Reprinted from "Earnest Worker."

# Mission Glimpses into the Danubian Field

As Seen in Hungary, Jugoslavia, Bulgaria and Rumania of Southeastern Europe

## Mr. Fuellbrandt's Recent Visit to Our Danubian Mission Stations

The Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt of Vienna, Germany, the director of our Danubian Gospel Mission Field in southeastern Europe, spent the three months of January, February and March on an extensive mission tour through the Balkans. In Jugoslavia, where we are supporting 8 young, energetic and talented missionaries, he attended the sessions of the Jugoslavian Baptist Conference and led a Bible and seminary course for the ministers.

With a number of our pastors assisting him, Mr. Fuellbrandt visited the Bulgarian mission fields in Sophia, Lom and Russe. An important trip was also made into Rumania, in order

the German Baptist churches of Hungary. Bible courses were conducted in the town of Egyhazaskozar by Brother Fuellbrandt, followed by similar retreats held at Bonyhad and Somogiszil, where I could learn a great deal and where I received many blessings.

Evangelistic meetings were held everywhere during our visitation tour to the churches. It was my special joy to participate with solos, testimonies and messages. A week of meetings was also held in my church at Gyorkony. Our chapel was filled to capacity every evening.

God gave us an unusual outpouring of his blessings recently in my new mission station at Szarazd. Evangelistic meetings were held for a number of evenings, to which more and more

Especially was this true of our adventures in the village of Muzla.

Sometime ago we received an urgent invitation from this village, for we were told that there were people in that town who wanted to live in accordance with Bible truths but who did not know the way. Since we were not aware of the location of the village, we had to look it up on the map. Then Brother Pintar and I went there and found a small group of sincere seekers after the true faith.

At the close of a number of services, several women made their confession of faith in Christ and, of these, two were baptized in our chapel in Kikinda. That was an impressive baptismal service. As I descended into the water with the first of these converts, she folded her hands and prayed reverently: "O God, I surrender my whole life to thee. I am the first person out of our village to follow thee in baptism. Help me now to lead such a holy life, that soon others will be willing to follow my example."

That prayer of the first convert has been answered. Others have given their hearts to Christ. At the inspiring baptismal service in Kikinda a consecrated young man decided that he would return to the village of Muzla with the baptized converts and would help them in the mission work. By profession this young man, Nanasi by name, is a cobbler. So he took his footstool and shoe-hammer along with him. One of the women offered him a room as his shoe repair shop, and the other offered him bread to eat. Nanasi began his services by repairing shoes during the day, and, in the evening, taking off his apron he preached the gospel message to a crowded room. He won the confidence of the people of the village, and they brought more shoes to be repaired by him and came more frequently in the evening to hear the message of Jesus Christ.

Only a few days ago the brethren Pintar and Weggesser held evangelistic meetings in Muzla, and 25 persons responded to the invitation.

## A Continuous Revival in Our Sophia Church

By Rev. T. Dimitroff of Sophia, Bulgaria

In our Baptist chapel in Sophia, Bulgaria, we have had frequent baptismal services. A continuous evangelistic revival has been in progress, and God's Spirit is moving mightily in our midst. In less than a year we have received 38 persons into the fellowship of the church, and on Easter Sunday we bap-

strangers came. At the last service the chapel, seating 120 persons, was packed full. The special singing by the male and mixed choirs attracted the crowd. We are glad to report that 30 persons remained for the after-meeting, prayerfully seeking their salvation. Now there are strangers regularly in our services. Brother Fuellbrandt was also there for two evening services and the Spirit of God was in our midst as he spoke. The entire village has been awakened spiritually by these meetings and by the work of our Baptist mission station there.

## New Open Doors of the Gospel in Jugoslavia

By Rev. Johann Sepper of Kikinda, Jugoslavia

During the past few months God has opened new doors of the gospel into several villages in Jugoslavia. These have been remarkable experiences, which have strengthened our faith and encouraged us in our mission work.

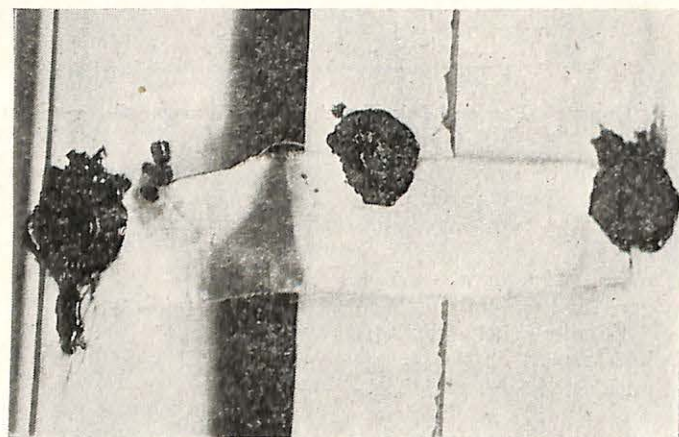
to encourage our Baptist brethren there in the face of continued difficulties and persecution. On his return trip he held a Bible study course in Hungary, which was well attended by our missionaries from many sections of the Danubian field.

In this way Brother Fuellbrandt binds the ties of Christian fellowship in these countries and establishes the work of God upon this extended and important field of our denomination. A few glimpses into this work of God's Holy Spirit in the service of our missionaries in Hungary, Jugoslavia, Bulgaria and Rumania can be made by those who read the following interesting episodes.

## Outpouring of God's Blessings in Our Hungarian Churches

By Rev. Paul Galambos of Gyorkony, Hungary

It was a thrilling joy for me to spend four weeks recently with Brother Fuellbrandt on a missionary tour to



Official Seal of the Rumanian Government Closing a Baptist Church to All Services

tized 15 other converts. We are expecting great things from God and hope that in answer to our prayers, 50 to 100 persons will give their hearts to Christ in this church before the year is ended.

On Sunday, March 5, we had an impressive baptismal service in our chapel with 12 new converts following the Lord in baptism. It was a symbol of the triumph of God's grace, and a scene of the most impressive beauty. More than 250 persons were witnesses of the holy ordinance, and the available room was much too small for those who wanted to be present.

One of the baptized converts, who is a printer by trade, lived in Serbia for many years. Now he and his daughter were baptized on confession of their faith, and the daughter praised her Redeemer in the Serbian language. Among the converts were also two Gypsies, who are the first fruits of our mission work among the despised Gypsies in Sophia. On Easter Sunday we baptized 6 other Gypsies. There was also a Russian among the baptismal candidates who brought an astonishing testimony: "The devil has a great deal of impudence. He was so impudent that he tried to pull me his way, but this pastor was so energetic that he pulled me out of his clutches with the help of God. The Lord be praised!" Among the other baptismal candidates was a man, who only recently had been released from prison after a long term, because of a murder, and also a former Mohammedan and Turk.

With the opening of doors into the Gypsy quarters of Sophia and the baptism of several of these Gypsies in our church, we hope to carry on a more aggressive mission work among them. The deaconess, Sister Lydia Doellefeld, who is serving our church for the time being, desires to live among the Gypsies in their quarters, so that she can win their full confidence and thereby win some for Christ. That will be a sacrifice for her, but such a sacrifice will be gladly made.

It begins to appear as if we will be compelled to enlarge our church because of the well attended services and the power of God that makes itself manifest in our meetings!

## Mission Work Among the Gypsies of Varna

By Shanko, One of Our Gypsy Missionaries in Bulgaria

Alexander Georgieff, who is more widely known in Bulgaria as "Shanko," is a young, full-blooded Gypsy. He is our missionary worker in Varna, Bulgaria, a beautiful city with a population of 70,000, located on the Black Sea. Several thousand Gypsies live on the outskirts of the town, among whom Shanko is working and about whom he is reporting in the following account:

"Since January of this year I have been in Varna, where I am working



A Ragged and Forlorn Gypsy Family in a Bulgarian Gypsy Village

exclusively among the Gypsies. This is an entirely new field, and the results so far have been nothing to boast about. One of our difficulties is the fact that we have to do almost all our work secretly. It is forbidden by law to hold meetings except those in the Greek Catholic Church. But I go from house to house to hold services quietly in the homes of Gypsies. God blesses this humble service and we are grateful wherever the Gypsies confess their faith in Christ.

Recently I made a short trip to several nearby villages. Many Gypsies are scattered throughout this section of Bulgaria. They have never heard of Jesus and his love. When I tell them about Jesus Christ and his sacrifice in their behalf on the cross, then they look at me in blank amazement and can hardly understand my words. "Why should he have suffered so much?" they ask. And I answer, "So that you can be saved from all your sins." There is a heavy darkness and terrible blindness that are to be found among them. But I am happy to report that God is opening doors of service everywhere, and that I have been received with open arms of love by the Gypsies. They listen eagerly to the messages and I am aware of a deep hunger and thirst for the Word of God."

## Glorious Easter Season in Our Gypsy Chapel in Golinzi

By Rev. Georgi Stefanoff, Our Gypsy Missionary in Golinzi, Bulgaria

In February and March I was in Hungary with Brother Fuellbrandt, attending a Bible course for ministers and preaching in many of our German Baptist mission stations there. All of the meetings were well attended with as many as 300 and 400 persons sometimes present. It was a great joy for me to give my testimony as a Gypsy Christian minister in these services.

On the return trip I addressed several German and Gypsy meetings in Jugoslavia.

During the month of April we had blessed times in our Gypsy church in Golinzi, Bulgaria, of which I am the pastor. In spite of persecution by the priests of the Greek Catholic Church, who have caused the removal of the deaconess, Sister Lydia, to Sophia, and the exile of the other deaconess, Sister Emma, to Vienna, Germany, for the time being, God is blessing our work most gloriously.

In April we held 13 evangelistic services, 6 prayer meetings, 4 meetings for men and three communion services. For all of these 26 gatherings the chapel was filled as at no other time in its history. More than twenty Gypsies were converted, for which we are especially thankful to God. After the service on April 2 there were 11 Gypsies who asked for our prayers, and all of those prayed themselves for God's salvation and forgiveness of sin.

On Good Friday, April 7, the Gypsy Church called a special "Prayer and Fast Day" service, in which the evangelistic work in our village and throughout our denomination was remembered. On Easter Sunday morning five Gypsies gave their hearts to Christ. They stood up and brought their joyous testimony that they wanted to follow the risen Christ, their Lord.

One of our young Gypsy Christians affords us a great deal of joy. Several years ago as a Sunday School scholar he could recite very well. Last New Year's Sunday he recited a poem, which I had written, about the malefactor crucified to the right of Christ. That made a profound impression on him, even though he remained unconverted. But one day, because of some foolish pranks, he was arrested and sent to prison. The police beat him unmercifully.

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# Children's Page

Edited by MISS TINA HOFFMAN of Morris, Manitoba, Canada

## Spring Thoughts

By Myrtle E. Janzen  
of De Wet, Manitoba, Canada

I look outside with joy to see  
The wonders spring has brought again;  
The grass sparkles with spring's fresh  
rain;

Hurrah! Spring has come back to me!  
The violet now pops out her head;  
The crocus smiles as though to greet  
All that pass her dainty feet;  
The dandelion is still in bed,  
But soon will rise and fill with joy  
The heart of many a little child;  
The buds have opened; they trim the  
trees;

The stream can float a little buoy;  
Now comes a breeze; it whispers mild:  
"Who but God could make all these?"



In Great Excitement Clara Asked the Other Girls Not to Come Too Close to Her Flower Garden

## The Great Awakening

Spring, Spring,  
Great, wonderful thing!  
You mysterious sweet awakening!  
From the smallest blade to the tallest  
fir

Your message grips and holds nature  
Spellbound. Then as if by a magic lure  
The wide, wide world begins to stir.

Spring, spring  
What constant music in thy wing!  
Why it's God's own voice, Love whis-  
pering.

So the seedlets burst with fresh new  
life,  
And the blades shoot up in a world of  
strife,  
The trees turn green, a song o'erhead,  
For all have heard what their Maker  
said.

Clara gave one screech as she  
jumped from a kneeling posture in her  
garden plot and was soon whirling  
to peep out, are the thick green leaves

round and round, clapping her hands  
in sheer ecstasy.

"Why Clara, what's the matter?"  
asked Irma and Myrtle, as they came  
racing up followed by Beatrice, Ruthy,  
Dina, Vera, Frieda, in fact, the whole  
Sunday School class.

"O girls," gasped Clara. "Don't come  
so near. Please, stay farther back!  
Don't step on it! Don't hurt it! O!  
Oh! I'm so excited."

"Well, what is the matter?" said  
Leah. "You act as if that plot were  
alive, and we all were very anxious to  
step on it and kill it. Why, there isn't  
even a weed up in it."

"Not weeds, no! I do hope to keep  
my plot clean. But there is something  
wonderful there," laughed Clara joy-  
ously. "Just below the surface, ready

of one of my most beautiful plants.  
I'm so glad its growing. But then it  
ought to, seeing I gave up so much for  
it. Why, many times I was digging,  
weeding and watering here instead of  
playing."

"And how sorry you'd be if anyone  
should hurt it in any way or kill it,"  
put in Mary thoughtfully. "Clara's  
love for her plant reminds me of our  
great Gardener and his love for his  
'plants.'"

"Your Gardener! I'm sure he's not  
a bit like Clara," laughed Dina. "But  
tell us about him."

"I'm afraid you misunderstood me,"  
said Mary. "I believe most of you know  
my Gardener. But for the sake of  
those who don't I'll tell the story."

"Thousands upon thousands of years  
ago there lived a wonderful Gardener  
and his Son. They had made a beau-  
tiful garden and called it 'Paradise.'  
The most wonderful 'plants' that they  
had made for this garden looked like  
the Gardener and his Son. These they

called 'people.' To them the Gardener  
gave the beautiful garden with every-  
thing in it, and told them that they  
would be very happy and live forever  
and ever if they used their eyes, ears,  
tongues, hands and feet, to see, hear,  
speak and do beautiful things only.

"For a while the people were very  
happy in this garden. But one day  
they saw bad things. Then they heard  
and said bad things, and very soon  
after this they did bad things.

"This made the Gardener very sad  
for now he had to send them out of the  
beautiful garden. Again and again he  
called to them to cease being cross,  
proud and wicked. But they turned  
their backs on him and began hating  
their Maker. Soon they began think-  
ing nasty things about each other and  
began hating one another and were  
very, very unhappy. By now they had  
become so ugly that you could hardly  
tell that they had ever been made to  
look like the great Gardener, and he  
could not look upon their ugliness so  
he hid his face from them.

"Death for each and everyone of  
them was the thing that followed such  
wickedness, unless someone else died in  
their stead. And just think of it! The  
Son of the great Gardener was willing  
to go down to live among all those  
wicked people and to let them kill him  
so that they might go back to the beau-  
tiful garden and live happily ever  
afterwards with him.

"At last, the Father consented be-  
cause even now he loved the people  
very, very much. So one day the Son  
went down to earth as the wee 'Babe  
of Bethlehem.' As he grew up he  
showed the people how they might live  
together happily by being kind to one  
another. He helped and healed and  
blessed them wherever he went. But  
many did not believe that he was the  
Son. Many others hated him because  
he was good and kind and that made  
them look as mean as they really were.  
But most of them just did not care,  
and so the meanest ones got the chance  
to kill the Son in the most cruel way—  
by nailing him to the cross."

With tears in her eyes and a sob  
in her throat Florence,—the youngest  
of the class, asked softly, "It was Je-  
sus—the Son, Marie, and we are the  
ones who hate him or those who do not  
care?"

Mary nodded. "Or," she added, "we  
are even those who nail him to the  
cross, if we keep on doing bad things."

In the brief silence that followed  
each sent a heartfelt little prayer to  
the great Father above. And each went  
home a wiser and a better girl for the  
promise which she made to Him!

# Favorite Verses of Scripture

A Page Devoted to Personal Experiences of the Christian Life

## A Single Inspired Word

By Miss Harriet Grieger  
of Forest Park, Illinois

"And they said, Believe on the Lord  
Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved  
and thy house." Acts 16:31.

Many of us have read this verse time  
and time again. It is a verse quoted  
frequently by many as a means of  
bringing others to our Lord Jesus  
Christ. Perhaps you accepted Jesus  
as Lord of your life because someone  
quoted or read this verse.

This verse has meant more to me  
than ever before, when I realized the  
meaning of one little word. That word  
is "Shalt." This word clearly points  
out the security of the believer in  
Christ. How does one little word make  
such a difference?

In English grammar in the conjuga-  
tion of the verb "to be," future tense,  
singular we find: "I shall be, you will  
be, he will be." When this form is  
used, we are only exercising our  
thoughts in a general way. If we are  
determined to do something or have  
promised to do a thing, the auxiliaries  
are changed. We would then say, "I  
shall, you shall, he shall."

When holy men of God were inspired  
by the Holy Ghost to write the Scrip-  
tures they wrote, "thou (you) shalt";  
not, "thou wilt be saved," for God is  
determined to "save to the uttermost"  
those who believe on Christ. What God  
has promised he shall do. His prom-  
ises are secure. What he has determ-  
ined to do shall be accomplished.

Have you taken Christ as your Sav-  
ior? Take God at his Word. "Be-  
lieve on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou  
shalt be saved."

## An Unfailing Guide For Life

By Mr. Harold W. Gleseke  
of Trenton, Illinois

In a revealing little book, "What  
Christ Means to Me," Sir Wilfred  
Grenfell tells how he came to make one  
of life's most important decisions. A  
friend suggested to the young doctor  
that he visit the fisheries of the New-  
foundland and Labrador coasts and  
consider earnestly if he were not the  
man to bring help and healing to the  
needy fisherfolk there. It was an  
amazing challenge to Grenfell's skill  
and courage and yet a choice that in-  
volved his life. He went to his be-  
loved mother for advice. Wisely, she  
pointed out an unfailing Guide. "I  
would use daily," she said, "the words  
of the 143rd Psalm, 'Teach me to do  
thy will.'" In the spring of 1893,  
Grenfell went to Labrador.

"Teach me to do thy will." To a  
young person, anxious to find himself



"The Soul's Awakening" by Sant

in life, who read these words, they  
came with deep and vivid meaning.  
The Psalmist's prayer seemed written  
just for him. It asked for a humble  
spirit, willing to be taught; a power  
"to build above the deep intent" actu-  
al deeds of Christ-like service; a reve-  
lation of God's purpose for his life.  
It was a Bible text to live by!

This verse expresses perfectly the  
spirit of Jesus, who prayed for his Fa-  
ther's will to be done on earth; who,  
facing death, could say, "Not my will,  
but thine, be done." Thinking of him  
and of today's troubled world, so peril-  
ous for youth, it has made me search  
my own heart. Are seeds of distrust,  
prejudice and fear growing there? Will  
I join the growing list of "haters," or  
am I ready to risk all on the Jesus-way  
of sacrificial love? Am I doing his  
will? No question is so important as  
this.

"Teach me to do thy will." What if  
Christians everywhere prayed it faith-  
fully, longingly? In a world desperate  
for light and salvation, God would use  
us as glowing witnesses of his power!

## "Have Faith in God!"

By Miss Frieda L. Weisser  
of Camrose, Alberta, Canada

A favorite Bible verse is always a  
blessing as well as an incentive. It  
becomes, as it were, a sign post to  
guide one through life in times when  
decisions must be made, when disap-

pointments are keen, and when happi-  
ness is elusive.

Surely, nothing could be more  
strengthening, satisfying and encour-  
aging than a favorite verse that in-  
cludes both a challenge and a promise.  
Such a verse, beyond a shadow of a  
doubt, is found in Mark 11:22. "Have  
faith in God!"

In the word, "faith," I see this  
truth: "A redemption accomplished for  
us by our Lord Jesus Christ on the  
cross of Calvary, a redemption from  
the power of sin as well as from its  
guilt, and that he is able to save and  
to keep us through a faith which is  
grounded firm and lasting in God."

This same verse calls forth a trust  
in us, which we cannot deny. God's  
leadings are so different from ours,  
and to call this verse to mind at such  
times somehow creates and strengthens  
in us deeper trust and draws out of us  
a trust that helps us to put ourselves  
wholly into his hands and abide there  
without reserve.

I know of no other way to be trium-  
phant in a Christian life than to have  
complete faith in God. During these  
days of idleness and indifference only  
a faith can urge one on to a greater  
desire for a perfect trust in God.

And, so, if I would do my part in  
life, I must continue to call to mind my  
favorite verse, "Have faith in God"—  
not in things, in ideas, in wishes, but  
in God, the supreme Being.

# Marigold

By Grace Livingston Hill

## SYNOPSIS

Two young men had entered the life of Marigold to capture her attention. One of them was Laurie Trescott, a handsome well-to-do young man, whose ways were worldly and impulsive. The other was Ethan Bevan, an attractive young engineer, whom she had met in Washington, D. C., while visiting an aunt. He brought her home in his car after the Washington visit, and by his Christian testimony aroused an eagerness in her to know more about the secret of his radiant and victorious life. While she was alone in her apartment, reviewing all the happy experiences in Washington, Laurie phoned and asked her to go out with him to a night club. Insistently she refused, and finally she compromised by promising to go with him on the following evening to the ice palace to skate.

## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

After she had hung up the receiver she turned troubled eyes across the room, wondering if she had done right to promise even for tomorrow night. Somehow she felt disturbed about the whole matter. Laurie had been so different from his usual gay self. Was he just sore that she had not come to the party, and yet wouldn't say anything about it?

The party. Why, she had been home almost the whole evening and hadn't even thought to look at the papers that Johnny Masters had dutifully brought, and Mrs. Waterman had left on the table by the door! Somehow the interest had gone out of them for her.

But she went over and took them up, settling down in a chair and turning on the lamp beside her. She turned over the pages till she reached the society columns, and there right at the head of the page was the face of that girl she had seen with Laurie before she went to Washington! She couldn't be mistaken. There was something about the haughty self-centered face, handsome though it was, that was stamped indelibly upon her memory.

"Miss Robena DeWitte of Sandringham-Heights-on-the-Hudson," the legend beneath said. And "Guest of honor at the exclusive entertainment given Saturday night in the Trescott mansion, Walnut Terrace and Gardingham Road, this city."

The article describing the affair occupied three columns with minute descriptions of the outstanding costumes

of what was exuberantly described as "this city's best dressed crowd of the season." And as she read it Marigold's face flamed scarlet to think she had been about to compete with that company of peacocks, each aiming to have the prize for the best feathers. She glanced down the column and caught the name of Robena De Witte once more, and read:

"Miss DeWitte, the guest of honor, was wearing a stunning white costume of taffeta, the kind our grandmothers used to buy when silk was silk. It was closely molded to her plump form, with perfection of line such as only the great artists of the mode can attain, and girdled with a crimson sash, deep fringed, that hung to the floor. It was adorned at the shoulder with a single velvet rose of the same new crimson that is now considered so smart. One could not but see that Miss DeWitte was the center of attraction, and that her gown was greatly admired. With her dark hair that was sleek like a satin cap, and her long lashed dark eyes, she had a regal bearing that took attention from all others present whenever she moved or spoke. It was noticeable that the son of the house, young Lawrence Trescott was her constant attendant, to the obvious annoyance of most of the other men present."

Suddenly Marigold stood up and cast the paper from her, a look of utter disgust on her face.

Was that what she had made herself miserable about only a few days ago? Had she really wanted to compete for that sort of notoriety? For Laurie's sake, she had made herself believe, but had it not been for her own pride's sake, if she told the truth? Yes, she had wanted to prove to Laurie's mother and friends that she could be just as smartly gowned and just as beautiful, as any of that crowd who had millions of money! What a little fool she had been! Actually spending a hundred and fifty dollars for a dress! But—White with a crimson girdle!

She caught up the paper from the floor and looked carefully at the girl's picture again. Yes, that was the same dress! She could not mistake those unusual lines, the hang of the sash, the very placing of the rose! The girl had had it taken before the party just for the papers! Oh, it must be her dress the other girl was wearing.

She had taken her lover, and then she had gone and bought her dress and worn it to the party!

Marigold flung the paper down again, threw her head back and laughed aloud. How funny! How very very funny!

She laughed so loud that Mrs. Waterman came across the hall and tapped at the door.

"Did you call?" she asked in a curious voice. "I thought I heard you call."

"Oh, no," said Marigold, giggling again, "I was just laughing at something—a joke—I found in the paper! I'm sorry I disturbed you."

Mrs. Waterman went back baffled. She had hoped that Marigold would tell her something about her trip, or at least something about the two young men, the one at home, and the one who had come home with her and then gone so soon again. Well, she was glad she had got that cut in, anyway, about her young man at home, to warn the poor fellow who came up with her from Washington. But why didn't he have sense enough to stay the evening when he had the chance, if he was interested in her?

Mrs. Waterman was keen for any romance, having had little of her own. She was always scenting out love stories in any young things she met.

But Marigold stopped laughing and picked up the paper again, looking long and steadily into the eyes of the girl in the picture, trying to realize that this was the girl to whom she had seen Laurie making love. Her rival! Could it be possible that Laurie really was interested in that vapid self-looking girl? There wasn't a hint of moral character in her face.

Of course it was only a picture, and newspaper pictures were noted for being very poor likenesses, but she had seen the girl herself. She knew!

After a long time Marigold gathered up the newspaper, went over to the fireplace and burned it. Then she went in and knelt by her bed and prayed:

"Oh, Lord Jesus, won't you teach me what to do about Laurie? I thought I loved him, but perhaps I shouldn't. I want to be crucified with you and have your resurrection life. I want to count myself dead to the things of this world, and alive only to you. Won't you please show me the way, and not let self come alive in me and make me go astray. I'm trusting you to live for

me, step by step. Help me, Lord Jesus, please! I'm yours, now. Not my own any more."

Marigold slept late the next morning and had to hurry to school, with no breakfast except half a glass of milk swallowed in haste. It was raining, a fine thin drizzle, and somehow the gloom of the day had entered her soul. The peace of last night seemed to have been rudely broken in upon, and she had awakened with a burden upon her. There had been no time for prayer, and her heart felt strangely depressed.

As she hurried along to school in a taxi she tried to search into her depression and find out its cause, and finally traced it back to Laurie. She had an unsatisfied feeling about having promised to go with him tonight. And yet as she thought it over, she couldn't understand why. She had been plain enough about not going to night clubs. She had taken her stand about that. And if he was willing to go to the ice palace and skate for a while instead, she couldn't really in decency decline, could she? There was nothing wrong in skating. Mother hadn't ever objected to her going.

Yet again and again that vague shadow of uneasiness kept returning. All during the morning classes it came back, filling her thoughts and making her distraught and inattentive to her class. And the children realized it of course and took advantage of it. Her class was a riot once or twice, and she found her temper slipping, and a dazed, sick feeling coming over her. The children were restless, too, on their own account, for the long, unexpected vacation had put an unusual spirit of mischief into them.

So it was with a sigh of relief that Marigold closed her desk at three o'clock and hurried home, puzzling over and over in her troubled mind the exact reason of her worry.

It was Laurie, of course, but what could she do about it now? She had promised to go skating with him. She couldn't call it off at this last minute. She would not know where to find him. He had never given her his telephone number. Of course she could easily find the number of his home, but she sensed that he did not want her to call there, and she was too proud to call him anyway.

After all, she had to see Laurie at least once more, even if it turned out that she was to break with him. And perhaps this engagement to skate was about as simple a way to see him as any.

So with determined lips she hurried on, and went swiftly to work when she reached the apartment, setting things to rights, even doing several things that were not necessary, because she could not bear to stop and think.

It was when she was dusting the living room that she suddenly spied a

little leather book lying unobtrusively on the floor between two chairs. Wondering she stooped and picked it up, and a thrill of comfort went through her as she saw it was Ethan's pocket Testament that he carried with him everywhere. It must have fallen from his overcoat pocket. That was where he had put his hat and coat while they had been getting dinner last night. And it had fallen out when he put on his overcoat in such a hurry!

She held it between her two hands for a moment as if it were a talisman, as if its very contact could give her strength. How she wished he were here and she could talk all this troubled situation over with him.

But of course it was her own situation. In a way no one but God could help her.

She bent her head for an instant and closed her eyes, touching her forehead softly to the Testament as she sent up an inarticulate prayer. Then she went and sat down by the window, and opening the book read:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

She paused and stared at the words amazed. It was as if the great God had stooped to answer her questions in person, as if He had sent down through the long ages words to that little book for her to read, that afternoon, words that would fit her very situation.

She read on through the passage. ". . . what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? . . . what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?"

She paused to think. An infidel was one who did not believe in God. But perhaps this went deeper than that. It meant an unbeliever in Jesus Christ as Savior. She knew that Laurie was not a believer. He had often laughingly said he had no religion. He was not bothered with a conscience. He thought you had only one life and you ought to enjoy it as best you could for you were "a long time dead." Strange that hadn't bothered her before. She had never counted herself an unbeliever, although she could see now that she had never before accepted Christ in His fulness, nor really understood what salvation meant until her talk with Ethan. But she had been enough of a believer to be a little shocked at Laurie's open declaration that he had no religion, that is, the first time he had said it. She remembered she had reproved him laughingly, though, and never taken it very seriously. Laurie's fine eyes laughing into hers, Laurie's highhanded way of carrying all before him, of flattering her into thinking he was making her a kind of queen, had erased any feeling of uneasiness she had had. But now suddenly it was

very clear to her. Laurie was an unbeliever, quite openly, and she now was one of the Lord's own. She had surrendered her life to Christ, had asked that she might be counted as crucified with Him. She belonged to Him in a peculiar way.

"For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them."

And now she had asked what she was to do in the matter of this friendship with Laurie, and this was her answer.

She was not superstitious. She had never been one who would have lightly settled questions by picking up a book and taking her guidance from the first words her eyes met. It was not like that. No, the Lord had caused this little book to be left here and had brought it to her notice just when her heart was crying for light. And here was the light in these words. The verses were marked heavily with penciled lines, and of course had called her attention to this side of the page instead of the other. She could not but think that the Lord had intended that too. Things so startling as this did not just happen!

And now she noticed that there were penciled words written above the passage, and down along the margin, very fine, but clear. This must have been written by Ethan. She wondered at the comfort that thought brought. It was as if Ethan had come into the room and were helping her to solve her problems.

"To Christians!" the passage was headed. She paused to think that out. Then she glanced at the writing along the margin.

"You never know full privilege until you are a grown son," and a tiny line led to the last two verses of the chapter. Marigold read them eagerly:

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Could anything be plainer than that? Such separation was made a condition to experiencing sonship, to close walking in fellowship with God!

There was no longer any question in her mind. She had her answer, and she must break with Laurie. But strangely the thought brought no terrible sorrow as she had expected, no great wrench, only sadness for the friendship that had been so pleasant while it lasted. Could it be that she did not care for Laurie as she had shyly dreamed she did? Or was God making it easier for her by thrilling her soul with Himself, and the thought of walking with the great God?

She had turned on the light to read the little book, for the dusk had been coming down, and now as she looked



uncertain terms. (For material along this line see the book "Our Movie-Made Children" by Henry James Forman, or pamphlet, "Infanticide in Samaria and America" by the Rev. A. E. Wagner of Forest Park, Illinois. This pamphlet may be secured from the Bible Institute Colportage Association, Chicago, Ill.)

Among other things, the dance halls, the beer gardens and pool halls are considered by many people as recreation centers. The results of these modes of recreation can best be gauged by their products, blighted and ruined lives, an increase of the divorce rate because of drink, and, last but not least, the largest of all criminal populations of any country in the world.

### 3. Recreation and Sports

Many Americans, both young and old, find their diversion in the realm of sports of one type or another, some actively participating, while others vicariously enjoy the contests of others. Sports and athletics, if not indulged in excessively, strengthen not only the physical nature of the participant but also develop his character.

However, to not a few people sports and athletics become a passion in which they indulge to the exclusion of all other, and, often more worthwhile, activities. They fail to see that the development of the physical nature should be accompanied by a similar development of one's moral and spiritual nature. The apostle Paul must have had those people in mind when he wrote to Timothy: "Train yourself for godliness. Exercise for the body is not useless, but godliness is useful in every respect, possessing the promise of the present and the future life." (1. Tim. 4:8, Weymouth.) When sports usurp the place of spiritual training as well, then they can no longer be called recreation.

### 4. Recreation For Enrichment

Recreation that enriches, that not only revives and refreshes a person, but leaves him a better person, is governed by only one thought, so well expressed in our Scripture reference, "that in all things he might have the preeminence." To engage actively in the Lord's work, as for instance in soul-winning, or the distribution of tracts, or visitation of the sick and unbelieving, may give one not only the needed diversion but revive and refresh one beyond expectation.

For those who wish to enjoy a profitable vacation or a weekend in good Christian fellowship and really find recreation that enriches, I would commend the various summer assemblies and Bible conferences. (See the announcement of these gatherings in the May 15 issue of "The Baptist Herald.") Here you will find the rest and relaxation for which you wish, combined with rich spiritual fare in a congenial Christian atmosphere.

## Workshop for Church Leaders

### Standard Sunday Schools for the Southwestern Conference

By the REV. J. H. KORNELSEN of Vesper, Kansas

Competition among Sunday Schools is not always fair. How shall a small school compete with a large one? One school may be much older than the other. Some schools have many willing workers, while another is much handicapped in this matter. How shall we measure one school by another? It is often much like measuring the strength of boys with the strength of men.

In our public school system fifth-grade Frank mastering fractions is entitled to as much recognition as Junior George mastering Geometry! There seems to be nothing that Frank and George have in common and for which they might compete. But a second look will reveal that it is just as possible for Frank to be regular in attendance and on time as it is for George. George has a good text in geometry and so has Frank in arithmetic. Both Frank and George may be devoted to their teacher. They may both prepare their lessons. So, after all, there may be fair competition between the two as long as it is as POSSIBLE for one to attain the mark as it is for the other.

Herein lies the problem of Sunday School standards. If we can set a goal that is common to both large and small, old and young, country and city schools, we shall have no trouble getting schools to enter the race for the banners.

To solve this problem, the chairman of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Southwestern Conference appointed a committee, with the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf as chairman, which was delegated to set before the conference Sunday Schools a "reachable" goal for this year. The committee has endeavored to set before the conference in brief outline some of the most important things every Sunday School can and should do.

Every Sunday School should reach its constituency. That means it should work its field one hundred per cent. Each church has so many city blocks or square miles which is its special field. It is true that these fields overlap. Yet the average church has a fairly well defined field. All pupils within that area, who should attend our Sunday School together with those who do attend, constitute our constituency.

In computing the yearly average attendance, it should be remembered that there are Sundays on which it is impossible for many pupils to be present.

There will be those snow-bound Sundays or extremely muddy roads which make it impossible for the rural churches to have an average attendance. It might be well not to count such Sundays unless at least half the regular pupils are present. This consideration is given in some Sunday Schools also in recognizing accomplishments.

Any rural Sunday School may now have trained teachers. It should be very easy for small town churches to secure teacher training, where two or three unite in this effort. But it is altogether possible for every individual church and even pastor-less Sunday Schools to secure brief courses that are not too difficult for grade school graduates, and still interesting enough for college graduates. For details write Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Graded Bible study material is now just as easily obtainable as the uniform lessons. Sunday Schools that give young children adult lessons are not doing justice to the children! Who would consider giving a fourth-grader the same text books and lessons that are given to high school Seniors? Our children would not make much progress in school that way.

There is no book so well adapted to graded instruction as the Bible. There are portions especially for children, which they must master before they can understand the more difficult portions. When we give a young child an adult lesson, we do him harm in two ways: firstly, he does not comprehend the present lesson and, secondly, he fails to get the one to which he is entitled.

Every school can recognize accomplishments, when a child is regular in attendance and on time. When he has studied his lesson and brings his Bible and offering and then attends the worship service, he is entitled to recognition. A child is used to recognition in the form of grades from public school. When he comes to Sunday School and does not receive grades, he does not consider it a real school. Grades mean much more to pupils than prizes and awards. He has learned the meaning of grades in day school. Many Sunday Schools are adopting the splendid plan of the day school. It secures regular and punctual attendance and goes far toward holding a pupil once he starts coming. That together with graded lessons and trained teachers, who know how to win pupils and to hold their interest in class, prove to be

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# Reports from the Field

## Pacific Conference

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Freitag at Portland, Oregon

On Sunday afternoon, April 30, the children of Mr. and Mrs. David Freitag of Portland, Ore., held a reception for their parents in honor of their golden wedding anniversary. Six of their eight children and five of their fourteen grandchildren were present for the occasion, namely: Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Freitag from Chicago; Mrs. Floyd S. Jones from San Leandro, Calif.; Mrs. D. W. Stow and daughter, Marilyn, from Boise, Idaho; Mrs. and Mrs. R. C. Freitag and children, Margaret, Evelyn, Ruth and James; Emma and William Freitag, Portland, Ore. Mrs. William Stracke, Santa Rosa, and Mrs. P. E. Billeter, Pasadena, Calif., were unable to be present. Many old friends and neighbors attended the reception, including friends from the Immanuel Baptist church of the city. The guest book registered 70 names after all had signed.

Mr. and Mrs. Freitag were married on May 3, 1889, in Harburg, Germany, by the Rev. A. Kemnitz. They came to America in 1901 and made their home in Kankakee, Ill., for many years. They belonged to the Immanuel Baptist church in Kankakee, where they were both active, Mr. Freitag being superintendent of the Sunday School for eleven years. Many friends from Kankakee remembered the couple on this occasion with cards and letters. On November 11, 1918, the family moved to Portland, Ore., and have lived there since. They were members of the Immanuel Church for many years, and now make their church home with the Laurelhurst Baptist church. Mr. Freitag is the teacher of the adult Bible Class in this church, and Mrs. Freitag, although an invalid for many years, sends many encouraging notes and letters to the pastor and the Ladies' Missionary Society, which prove to be a blessing to all who hear them and who visit her.

On Tuesday evening, May 2, the Laurelhurst Church Bible class and some of the choir members honored the couple with a large gathering at their home, numbering about fifty. The pastor, the Rev. Fred W. Mueller had charge of the very appropriate program of recitations, music and speeches, after which Mr. and Mrs. Freitag made responses. The children then served refreshments and a happy social hour followed.

EMMA FREITAG, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### Thirty-two Converts Baptized in the Burlington Church at Inspiring Easter Services

Inspiring Easter services were held on Sunday, April 9, at Oak Street Baptist Church in Burlington, Iowa.

The vested choir opened the Passion Week observance with its second annual presentation of Dubois' sacred cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," directed by Mrs. H. O. Kohrs. The service began with a silent processional while the pastor, the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, read appropriate Scripture passages with softly played musical accompaniment.

Evening services were held during the subsequent week, the Rev. Phil Lauer speaking on the first two nights and the pastor at the remaining meetings. The services were climaxed by a candlelight communion service on Thursday evening, April 6, with the church well filled for this impressive worship service.

Our pastor, Rev. A. R. Bernadt, spoke at the city-wide Good Friday service at the local Methodist church and the vested choir of the Oak Street Church turned out in full strength to sing an appropriate anthem.

One of the largest crowds in the history of the church, estimated at nearly 800, attended the Easter morning service, the church being filled to capacity, many worshippers being seated in entrance halls. Forty persons joined the church on Easter Sunday, with 32 baptized at rites administered at both morning and evening services. The women and girls were baptized in the morning, and the men and boys in the evening.

A crowd of men and boys, which filled the social hall to capacity, attended the Father's and Son's banquet held at the latter part of March. Mr. Bernadt gave the main address, "A Chip Off the Old Block," and John Kuechmann, as toastmaster, presided over a program of toasts and musical numbers.

Members of the B. Y. P. U. of Walnut Street Baptist church at Muscatine, Iowa, presented a two-act play, "A Man and His Money," at Oak Street Baptist church Sunday evening, April 23, following a supper meeting of the society and friends. The play stressed the theme of saving to contribute to church support, and was well given.

Early in the year, members of the Oak Street B. Y. P. U. presented a play at the Muscatine church.

WALTER E. KOHRS, Reporter.

## Mr. Harvey Heckman of St. Paul Will Attend the World Youth Conference in Amsterdam, Holland

Mr. Harvey Heckmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heckmann of the First Church in St. Paul, Minn., has been selected by the Ramsey County Sunday School Association as its representative to the World Christian Youth Conference to be held in Amsterdam, Holland, from July 24 to August 2, 1939. Minnesota is allowed two delegates.

Both Harvey and his brother, Vernon Heckmann, have been active in the Ramsey County Sunday School Association for the past several years. Harvey is attending the University of Minnesota in the school of architecture, from which he intends to graduate next year. He has been active in his home church and also holds the position of treasurer of the Minnesota Y. P. and S. S. W. Union.

He is planning on sailing from New York City on July 13 on the S. S. Hansa and returning on September 21 on the Empress Britannia. According to his itinerary thus far outlined, he will stop in France, Germany, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and England. While in Germany he will visit several aunts and uncles.

We, of the First Church, as well as the Minnesota Union, are very proud to have one of our members selected for this fine trip and would extend to him a sincere wish for God's blessings on his way. We hope that he will return with a wealth of experiences to relate as well as with a greater zeal and inspiration for the work of the Kingdom of God.

ORVILLE REED, Reporter.

## The Bethel Church of Detroit, Michigan, Will Celebrate Its Diamond Jubilee From June 18 to 25

The Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee from June 18 to 25. We herewith sincerely and urgently invite all former members of Bethel Church to attend this feast of celebrations, especially the one on Thursday, June 22, which we are calling, "Homecoming Night." We cherish the hope of greeting all these former friends on that evening in order to renew old bonds of friendship. Should it be impossible for anyone to attend personally, we would appreciate a greeting or congratulatory note by mail or telegram.

An attractive souvenir program will



be printed in connection with the Jubilee, and all former members desiring a copy of this program may procure one with remittance of cost of printing and postage. This program will be extensively illustrated and extremely interesting to all present and former members of the church. Come and rejoice with us at this Jubilee. Entertainment will be provided for visitors.

The Jubilee Committee,  
PAUL WENGEL, Pastor.

### Sunday School Award System at the White Avenue Church of Cleveland

Two years ago the Sunday School teachers and officers of the White Ave. Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, felt that a systematic award system for faithful attendance at our Sunday School would be a helpful encouragement to many scholars. A modified system of the "Cross and Crown" system was introduced. This system which is operative now for two years has been very helpful and has brought many interesting factors in Sunday School work to the surface.

Every class is given an honor roll at the beginning of each quarter. All the names of the class members are written on this roll, and for every Sunday present, every respective member receives a seal. At the end of each quarter or thirteen Sundays, the names of all those who have perfect attendance for the respective quarter are transferred to the school's Honor Roll. This procedure is carried out each quarter.

When a pupil has received four seals upon the school's Honor Roll, or the equivalent of one year, that pupil receives the wreath, etc.

Since the introduction of this merit system our Sunday School with an enrollment of 200 pupils shows the following record. We have 80 names on the school's Honor Roll. Of these 3 have eight seals or the equivalent of two years; 7 have six seals, 9 have five, 12 have four, and all the rest have at least one seal or quarter to their credit.

For the last quarter, January to March, we have had 49 scholars with perfect attendance for the quarter. Our banner class of 10 Junior girls has six Sundays on which they had perfect attendance.

Each class having its own honor roll makes it possible for the pupils to see or to receive their seal every Sunday. It gives at a glance the names of those who are absent and, hence, easily to follow up. All the teacher or secretary or Sunday School superintendent has to do is to glance at each class's honor roll to see what is what.

One is surprised at the interest which is shown at the end of each quarter as to whose names appear on the school's Honor Roll and the pride of those whose names do appear.

WILLIAM L. SCHOEFFEL, Pastor.

### Farewell For the Rev. and Mrs. L. Gittings at the Ogden Park Church of Chicago

On Friday evening, May 5, the members of the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Ill., and friends from sister churches gathered to wish their pastor, the Rev. L. Gittings and his family "God Speed!" It was with deep regret on the part of both the pastor and the church that a successful ministry of over two years had to end. But God's will must be done, even though it means sacrifice and breaking of the bonds of fellowship established during these years.

Following the singing of several hymns, Scripture reading, and prayer, Mr. A. Tieleman played "Aloha Oe," (Farewell), on his musical saw. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner brought the message of the evening in which he emphasized the fact that each individual, and particularly the church, has a sacred trust to keep and an obligation to God despite any change that may come. Messages of farewell and short addresses by representatives of sister churches followed a selection by the choir.

The girls' chorus sang, and then representatives of the various organizations of the church brought messages of appreciation and farewell to their beloved pastor and his wife. Mrs. Lengefeld, in behalf of the Women's Missionary Society, presented Mrs. Gittings with a beautiful bouquet. Mr. Frisch, on behalf of the church, presented Mr. Gittings with a set of Matthew Henry's Commentary. Then Mr. Gittings in a touching manner expressed his deep appreciation to the church for its hearty cooperation, and his thankfulness to God for blessing his ministry.

Mr. Gittings has accepted a call to the Norwood Park Baptist Church in Chicago, and began his new ministry there on May 7. Mr. A. Tieleman has been called by the Ogden Park Church to serve them as pastor ad interim. Mr. Tieleman is a graduate of both the Moody Bible Institute and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, and at present is working toward a Ph. D. degree at Northwestern University in the field of Guidance and Personnel direction.

One of the members of the church, Miss Dorothy Boothman, expressed the sentiments of the church, as follows:

"While Mr. Gittings was with us for only a little over two years, still he endeared himself to every officer and member of the church and Sunday School, and it is with a deep sense of loss that we must watch him go. At Ogden Park we are going to miss him very much, but we know that as the Rev. L. Gittings has been called to another corner of the vineyard to labor, our prayers will surely be heard by him who has promised to 'supply all our needs.'"

MRS. A. TIELEMAN, Reporter.

### The Ebenezer Church of Detroit Celebrates the Greatest Easter Day in Its History

The Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., this year enjoyed what was probably the greatest Easter Day in its history in many respects.

Our pastor, the Rev. George A. Lang, who has been with us since October, 1938, has won the hearts of his congregation of 500 members. His work among the members and community has been effective and appreciated. The Sunday services are usually very well attended. The mid-week prayer meeting has increased its influence, but especially on Easter, April 9, the services were well attended.

The day began with a young people's Sunrise Service of praise in music, at which approximately 200 were present. This was followed by a breakfast. There were over 80 in attendance at the German worship service, and a full auditorium for the morning English worship. This was followed by communion, and the hand of fellowship was extended to 17 persons who were recently baptized. The Sunday School broke somewhat of a record with 560 persons present. In the evening at the Sunday School Easter program, there was also a large number present. The offering on this occasion amounted to \$172 for our denominational general missionary work.

Recently Dr. F. D. Whitesell of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago conducted special services, which were especially clear and helpful in this day of confused thinking and world turmoil.

Many individuals are being reached through personal invitation, visitation by the pastor and a corps of Sunday School workers. This personal work results in many visitors attending the services. A full program of activity, emphasizing basic Christian essentials is being carried on and the Lord is blessing the work.

NORMAN J. BOEHM, Reporter.

### Series of Special Programs in the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Michigan

The Burns Avenue Church in Detroit has been having such great days of blessing in the past few months, that we want others to share these joys with us.

On Monday, March 13, our people gathered in the church for a surprise on our pastor, the Rev. G. Neumann, who was celebrating his birthday on this day. A program of musical numbers and various addresses was rendered, after which Mr. Neumann was presented with a General Electric radio and refreshments were served.

A great blessing was received by all who attended our Bible Day program, which our Sunday School presented at the Sunday evening service on March 19. It was very much like our church's radio program. The older members of

our Sunday School were the ones who largely participated in this program.

A very unusual treat was in store for us at our Sunday evening meeting on March 26. This was known as a "Men's Meeting," and the entire service was conducted by the men's class of our Sunday School. The center section of the church was reserved for the men and they filled it to capacity. Special music was rendered by a male chorus of 54 men's voices. Our pastor, who teaches one of the men's classes, brought the message of the evening. Our Sunday School took a special mission offering of \$210.15 on this Sunday for the missionaries in the Kentucky hills, the Rev. and Mrs. H. Hoppe.

Palm Sunday, April 2, was a day of blessing and rejoicing in our midst. Our pastor was in Lansing on this day, and the Rev. Paul Wengel of the Bethel Church served us in the morning. The evening service was one which we shall long remember. We had the Girl's Glee Club of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute with us. We must say that this evening's program was a foretaste of heaven.

Easter, the resurrection day of our Lord, always is a day of rejoicing for the redeemed. This day was started by us with a sunrise service under the auspices of our B. Y. P. U. The evangelist, Phil Ward, was our guest speaker. At the evening service our pastor had the privilege of baptizing 19 persons, 8 of whom were from our church, and the others from the Van Dyke Gospel Mission. An Easter offering was taken and all receipts of this day were considered as our offering, which amounted to \$525.85.

The following Sunday, April 16, was one that will always live in the heart of the reporter as well as of many others who attended. The Rev. Fred Kendall of the Hebrew Christian Mission of our city was our guest speaker on this evening. He had with him two candidates for baptism, one being a Jewish refugee from Germany. While the congregation sang the song, "Saved," tears of joy flowed down the cheeks of the Christian Jews as they were baptized upon confession of faith in Christ as their Messiah.

The choirs of our church rendered a sacred concert on Sunday evening, April 30, similar to the one given on the fifth Sunday in January. These fifth Sunday concerts are an old custom of the church, revived to the joy of many music lovers.

On special occasions of this kind the church is always filled to capacity. Since those persons sitting in the Sunday School room have missed a great deal of the special programs, a public address system has been installed, so that everyone can now hear every part of the services.

LYDIA E. BEKOWIES, Reporter.

### Dakota Conference

#### President's Birthday and Easter Programs by the Avon B.Y.P.U.

The B. Y. P. U. of Avon, So. Dak., held a program in commemoration of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays on Sunday, February 12. The program was opened with a song service, conducted by our chorister, Mayme Van Gerpen. Other numbers on the program were a talk on Abraham Lincoln by Harold Schroeder, and on George Washington by Arthur Voigt. There were also two recitations and a song by the Junior B. Y. P. U.

Another program was given on Easter Sunday, April 9, which was held in remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord. The Scripture passage was read by Leona Jurrens. Melba Jucht played a prelude, entitled "Spring Song." The story of the resurrection was told by Charles Voigt, after which the choir, in charge of Laura Betz, sang several Easter songs. Following this was an Easter pageant, "The Glorified Cross." An offering for missions was received at the doors.

HARLAN VAN GERPEN, Secretary.

#### A Review of the Past Year's Activities of the Chancellor Mission Circle

The Mission Circle of the German Baptist Church of Chancellor, So. Dak., has been busy in its service for Jesus Christ.

Our meetings consist of a short devotional program, a missionary offering, roll call, response of Bible verses and a study of various mission fields. We now number 23 women, whereas two years ago we organized with twelve members.

Thus far, we have sent \$225 to missions and devoted \$66 for home purposes, such as decorating portions of the church, flowers for the sick, supplies for the church kitchen, etc. At various times we have sent other gifts to the Children's Home and Old People's Home of our denomination.

Our last bazaar held on March 10 was opened by a short musical program. The auction sale of the donated articles netted us \$81.15 and in a box, designated for the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., there were \$4.20. Previously, we have presented two missionary programs, a bazaar, apron and grab bag sales for women at our Sunday School picnics. At our June meeting each member brings her birthday money. At Christmas we made curtains for the kitchen in the Children's Home, and each member donated a dish towel for the Home.

Our officers at present are president, Miss Rea Poppinga; vice-president, Mrs. John H. Johnson; secretary, Mrs. B. Harms; treasurer, Miss Martha Harms; and pianist, Mrs. J. Borchers. Under God's guidance we hope to do more to further his Kingdom in the future. HAZEL HARMS, Reporter.

### Atlantic Conference

#### The Inspiring Annual Session of the Delaware Association

The annual meetings of the Delaware Association in the Atlantic Conference area are always times of genuine blessing. Although usually never exceedingly large in numbers, the meetings are rich in spiritual inspiration. So uplifting are they that many look forward to them with eager interest from one year to another. The meetings this year were held in the chapel of the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., from April 24 to 26, and proved to be no exception to former years.

The Rev. R. E. Reschke of Bethlehem, Pa., was the Biblical "forerunner," preaching in the services of the Philadelphia churches on the preceding Sunday. On Monday afternoon the first meeting of the association was opened with a brief devotional service led by the Rev. J. G. Draewell, chaplain of the Home. Then followed reports from the member churches concerning the work of the past year. In the evening a stirring message on "Evangelism in View of the Day of the Lord" was brought by the Rev. H. G. Kuhl of Wilmington, Delaware.

During the day sessions of Tuesday and Wednesday the various ministers of the association presented stimulating papers and addresses. The Rev. R. E. Reschke discussed the question, "Is the Church at Laodicea a Picture of the Present-Day Church?" The Rev. Assaf Husmann spoke on, "The Sin of Being Ordinary." "Which Way Evangelism?" was the topic presented by the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder. A biographical study, "Dr. Ida, India," was brought by the Rev. J. G. Draewell. The Rev. G. Schmidt spoke on, "Evangelism," and the Rev. C. Peters on, "The Place of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church."

The address at the Tuesday evening meeting was brought by the Rev. C. Peters on the subject, "Wrestling and Winning." Wednesday afternoon the women enjoyed their own program, listening particularly to an address by a native Chinese girl, Marion Bih, a student at the Eastern Baptist Seminary. The closing meeting on Wednesday evening was held in the Second Church, at which time Dr. William A. Mueller spoke and the combined choirs of the Second Church repeated effectively, to the great inspiration of all present, their Easter cantata, "Victory Divine."

For the various services special musical numbers were rendered by members of the Philadelphia churches. Mr. Reuben Windish, superintendent of the Home, also assisted with several vocal selections and served as song leader. Next year's association meetings will be held in Bethlehem, Pa.

MILTON R. SCHROEDER, Reporter.

## Southern Conference

### The Waco Church Celebrates the 75th Birthday of its Pastor, Rev. A. Becker

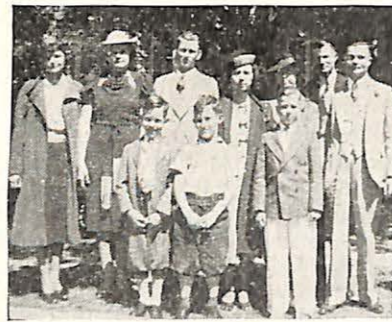
On Friday evening, April 21, the members of the Central Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, surprised their pastor, the Rev. A. Becker, on his 75th birthday. The celebration was in the form of a banquet, with approximately 75 members and friends attending. We were especially happy that Mrs. Becker, who has been ill for several months, and all five of their children could be present.

A color scheme of pink and white was carried out. The tables were beautifully decorated with spring flowers, and the plate favors were tiny pink candles in white holders. A birthday cake surrounded by 75 candles centered the honoree's table. As this celebration was sponsored by the Sunday School officers, our superintendent, Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, served as toastmaster and introduced each speaker and special numbers in a most fitting and unique manner. A program consisting of a girls' trio, trumpet solo, choir song and a "toast in song" by the entire congregation was enjoyed by everyone.

The various organizations of the church were represented by speakers. Mrs. Fred Stoermer in speaking for the Women's Missionary Union praised Mr. Becker for his great interest in their work and also paid tribute to Mrs. Becker for the wonderful work she has been doing as president of the society. Mr. B. Stobbe, president of the choir, spoke words of praise and congratulations in behalf of the choir. Mr. R. J. Steindam, representing the Baptist Training Union, made everyone see that Mr. Becker is much esteemed by the young people and that they can always count on him. The Sunday School was represented by Miss Marie Heusi and she paid tribute to Mr. Becker in speaking of him as a father. She referred to the Becker family as an "ideal family" and to Mrs. Becker as the "Queen" of her home.

The esteem in which Brother Becker is held by every member of our church may be found in the words of our church clerk, Mr. J. N. Kittlitz, who represented the church and spoke in part as follows: "It was in the early nineties that Brother Becker undertook to lead a flock of German Baptists in Brenham, Tex., which pastorate proved most successful. Later, he served churches in Greenvine, Elm Creek, Burton, Denton, and one church in the state of Oregon, at which places he led many souls to the Master. Later, we see him as State Missionary among his beloved German Baptists.

"In the year of 1925 our church gave the call to Mr. Becker, and it is a fact that the past 14 years of his being



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among us have been some of the most fruitful and beneficial to our church. In all these years we have been actively engaged in all those services which are necessary and imperative in ministering and working as a missionary church, and it was through his efforts that we became self-supporting. Brother Becker is active in every branch of our church. He is also active in the city wide pastors' conference, and leads a devotional period over radio station WACO, whenever he is called upon. We will recall one of our latest achievements, the annex to our church. We can surely say without hesitation, if it had not been for the financial support of Brother Becker and his family, his vision, knowledge of conditions and connections, we would not have the privilege of celebrating this occasion in this church annex.

"Surely, everyone of us has made a personal contact with our beloved pastor, and I do not think it to be out of place, next to God's grace, to rejoice on an occasion like this and to give thanks to our dear pastor who has served us so faithfully."

At the conclusion of the program Mr. Becker was presented with a huge birthday card and an envelope containing a sum of money. He responded most graciously and praised God for his wonderful guidance.

Dr. John A. Held, in referring to Mr. Becker in his book, "European Missions in Texas," expresses our sentiments in his words: "He is gentle as a woman, kind as a father, sympathetic under all circumstances, and he serves the cause with unstinted heroism."

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## Southern Conference

### Successful Evangelistic Services and Joyous Easter Sunday in the Dallas Church

In line with our denominational aim of evangelization, the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, embarked on its first effort of this year and the accompanying picture gives evidence of its success. The meetings were held from March 6 to 26, and three ministers preached God's Word to the congregations. Dr. Anderson, our neighboring pastor, was kind enough to act as evangelist. His messages were clear, Biblically sound, and therefore convincing and powerful. The local pastor, the Rev. W. E. Schweitzer, and especially the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn also had the privilege of preaching and witnessing to Christ, the Savior. We thank God for these fruits of labor in his behalf and pray that all of us may be found worthy as his children.

In respect to our church workers and retired pastors, who are members of our Carroll Avenue Church, we have only words of gratitude. Two of these brethren covet your prayers for health and strength in the trying days of older age and sickness. The third is younger in years and is of great help to the church in Sunday School, young people's work, and preaching on request and during the pastor's absence. He also covets your prayers, in particular for his wife. We heartily appreciate all services which these faithful servants have rendered and will render in the church. The brethren are the Reverends J. E. Ehrhorn, D. Kuchenbecker, and C. C. Laborn. God bless them!

The group shown in the accompanying picture, was received into church membership on Easter Sunday, April 9, a fitting day to symbolize the death, burial and resurrection into newness of life. May God lead those who were baptized and received by letter to lead useful lives in fellowship with his sufferings and of the brethren!

Easter is also a day of sacrifice and offering, and we are happy that our people in the Dallas Church possess the grace of giving. A few of our people are exceptional givers, and it may be in place here to make one name public. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Boettcher have given freely for our new addition and for its equipment. They contribute freely to our church in money and talent. By loyal service and true friendship to his employers, he won their affection, particularly the affection of Dr. Samuel. At his death Dr. Samuel willed Mr. Emil Boettcher \$5000 in recognition of his loyalty and friendship. Mr. and Mrs. Boettcher made a liberal Easter offering for missions and a large offering to the church from this inheritance.

W. E. SCHWEITZER, Pastor.

## Eastern Conference

### Program of the Ontario Convention of German Baptists to be Held at Neustadt from June 28 to July 2

#### Wednesday, June 28

7:45 P. M. Opening Sermon: "Working Together in God's Field." Rev. Edgar Klatt.

#### Thursday, June 29

9:30—10:00 A. M. Devotional: "Planting in God's Field." Rev. A. E. Jaster.

10:00—11:00 A. M. Business and Elections.

11:00—11:45 A. M. Address: "What Place Has Christ Been Given in Our Church Today?" Prof. Albert Bretschneider.

2:00—2:30 P. M. Devotional: "Growing in God's Fields." Rev. George Zinz.

2:30—3:30 P. M. Address: "What Place Should Christ Have in Our Church Today?" Prof. Albert Bretschneider.

3:30—4:00 P. M. Question Box. Prof. Albert Bretschneider.

8 P. M. Evening Sermon: "Building in the Virtue of Our Commission." Rev. John Heer.

#### Friday, June 30

9:30—10:00 A. M. Devotional: "Reaping in God's Field." Rev. Edgar Klatt.

10:00—10:45 A. M. Address: "What Stand Should a Christian Take Towards World's Affairs?" Prof. Albert Bretschneider.

10:45—11:45 A. M. Address: "What Contribution Has Christianity Made Towards World's Peace?" Rev. A. E. Jaster.

#### Friday Afternoon Young People's Program

2:00—2:15 P. M. Devotional by Lyndock Church representative.

2:15—2:30 P. M. Address of Welcome and response.

2:30—3:30 P. M. Organization, election of officers, and business.

3:30—4:30 P. M. Address: "Special Problems of Youth in Establishing Modern Homes." Prof. Albert Bretschneider.

8 P. M. A 30 Minute Play by Neustadt Young People's Society.

#### Saturday, July 1

9:30—10:00 A. M. Devotional: "Wages for Special Work." Rev. John Heer.

10:00—11:45 A. M. Address: "What Are the Essentials in Building Together With Christ?" Prof. Albert Bretschneider.

Saturday Afternoon—Informal Entertainment by Young People of Ontario.

Saturday Evening—Banquet.

#### Sunday, July 2

9:30—10:30 A. M. Sunday School.

10:30 A. M. Morning Service with German message by Rev. A. E. Jaster. Sunday Afternoon Program in charge of the Women's Missionary Society of Ontario.

7:45 P. M. Closing Sermon. Prof. Albert Bretschneider.

## Northern Conference

### Program of the Manitoba Association and Tri Union to be Held at Whitemouth

The Manitoba Association and Tri Union will hold its annual session at the Whitemouth Church, Manitoba, Canada, from June 8 to 11. The opening sermon will be brought on Thursday evening by the Rev. Phil. Daum of Winnipeg.

On Friday, June 9, devotional periods will be led by the Messrs. R. J. Stover of Overstone and S. Gretzinger of Beausejour. Papers and addresses will be brought by the Rev. O. Patzia, G. Palfenier and Phil. Daum. Business matters will be given the attention of the association throughout the day. In the evening the mission message will be brought by the Rev. J. Luebeck of Minnetonka. The offering for the association will be received at that time.

The Tri Union will hold its session on Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and (Continued on Page 220)

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## TRI UNION PROGRAM

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11. The Rev. J. Luebeck as Sunday School director will report about the schools of the province. A report concerning the young people's societies will be given by the Rev. O. Patzia, director. A similar report will be made by the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, musical director and the Tri Union president. A young people's meeting is scheduled for Saturday evening, June 10, with an address by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois.

The Sunday School will be addressed by representatives from Minitonas, Morris and Winnipeg on such provocative subjects as the ministry of the apostle Peter, the life and letters of St. Paul, and the Kingdom of God. The Sunday morning message will be brought by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner. In the afternoon's program every local branch of the Tri Union will bring a number, and a brief talk is to be delivered by Mr. Leuschner.

ALICE HERB, Secretary.

## Conference Program of the Alberta Tri Union at Camrose

The Alberta Tri Union Conference will meet with the Camrose Church in Alberta, Canada, from June 29 to July 2.

The opening message will be brought by the Rev. F. Alf with a festive program of greetings and responses thereafter. The evangelistic sermon on Friday evening is to be delivered by the Rev. Fred W. Benke. The ordination service of Mr. Helmut Waltereit will be held on Saturday evening, July 1.

On Friday and Saturday there will be reports by the respective directors of the Sunday School work, young people's societies and musical activities. The devotional periods are to be led by Mr. R. Millbrandt, Mr. Adam Huber, and the young people's society of the Leduc First Church. Biblical subjects are to be considered by the Rev. J. Beutler on Friday morning and the Reverends A. Kraemer and C. B. Thole on Saturday morning.

The Sunday School session on Sunday morning, July 2, will be in charge of Mr. Ben Link. The teachers for the various classes will be as follows: Mr. E. Riemer for the Adult Bible Class, Mr. Arthur Smith for the young people's class, and Miss Esther Reschke for the children's class. The mission sermon will be delivered by the Rev. G. Beutler of Olds.

The closing mass meeting on Sunday afternoon will be conducted in the English language with the installation of the new officers and the message by the Rev. Otto Fiesel of Trochu.

The sessions from Thursday, June 29, to Saturday, July 1, inclusive, will be held in the Camrose church in the country, and the Sunday services in the Town Hall in the town of Camrose.

FRED W. BENKE, President.

## YAWS AND JIGGERS

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lected by this time—took the child in his arms and spat chewed pepper into his ears and mouth, meanwhile violently shaking him, rubbing his body, moving his arms and legs up and down, and at times blowing into his mouth and ears. You may laugh at his methods, but they were trying to bring about stimulation, and they were right in their purpose.

### God's Healing Touch

But little Ndoko did not respond. His body remained cold, his pulse was feeble and his breathings were mere weak gasps. Finally, I went to Peter and asked him, if he wanted me to try. He said, "Yes." So they followed me back to the dispensary, carrying the little limp body, and there we tried white man's ways and medicine. Little Ndoko responded! Soon his body warmed up, his respirations were easier and the pulse stronger. The crisis was passed!

That was just before noon. It is now evening; I have just returned from the hut, one of several, which we have for our inpatients, and I left Ndoko sleeping restfully. The twitchings have ceased; the temperature was lower. Peter and his wife were sitting near, with anxiety relieved, and, I think, with grateful hearts. They are glad that the mission has come to Mbem!

## STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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a major factor in securing larger attendance.

Winning pupils to Christ is the chief aim and purpose of every Sunday School. Numbers here are not the main thing. However, where no effort is made to lead the pupil to Christ and no conversions can be recorded through the year there is something wrong. A Standard Sunday school seeks to win its unsaved scholars to Christ.

The monthly meeting of teachers and officers for prayer and council assures the success of all the above efforts. Without it any Sunday School is bound to fail. Flourishing schools contribute their success largely to this prayer meeting.

In the Southwestern Conference the Sunday Schools will be rated as follows:

Reaching the Constituency ..	15 points
Teacher Training .....	20 points
Graded Lessons (up through the Junior Dept.) .....	15 points
Recognition of Accomplishments .....	20 points
For Evangelistic Efforts ...	15 points
Worker's Council .....	15 points

Schools rating 75 points or above will be designated STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOLS and will be in line for awards and banners.

## THE DANUBIAN FIELD

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fully and painfully. After serving his sentence in prison, he came to our chapel and before the entire audience he gave his testimony that he, too, had been a criminal who had found forgiveness with Christ. Then he broke down and cried like a baby. He showed repentance of spirit, and that service, as he found salvation in Christ, was one long to be remembered by all of us.

### Latest News About Our Baptist Brethren in Rumania

The religious situation in Rumania, especially as it affects our Baptist brethren, is still shrouded in confusion. Early in April the Associated Press reported that the Rumanian Minister of Cults had authorized the opening of all Baptist churches, which heretofore had been closed. From letters and reports, which have to be kept anonymous, we have learned that some of the Baptist churches are being opened only for communion services, weddings and funerals. In several places, especially in the nation's capital, Bucharest, services have been held in the Baptist chapel since March 12. Our Baptist brethren in Rumania are still facing critical times in which they will have to contend for their faith, even though a limited amount of religious freedom has again been granted them by the government.

During recent months the story of Baptist persecution by the government and the Greek Catholic church was deplorably tragic. The accompanying picture shows one of the government seals which closed the Baptist church to all members. At times even the windows of chapels were sealed. One of the Baptist chapels was seized and immediately thereafter dedicated as a Greek Catholic Church by 7 priests. The holy shrines of the church were substituted for the furniture of the Baptist Church. In one village a Baptist member died, and his body lay for several days without any attention. The Baptists could not bury him and the orthodox priests refused to bury him. Finally, the police called on four men to dig a grave for him and to bury him with no rites whatsoever. Some of our ministers have been in prison and have had to undergo all kinds of suffering.

Baptists in Rumania have proven their loyalty to Jesus Christ, even in the midst of relentless persecution. They deserve our continued prayers and support, so that increasingly the gospel of the saving power of Christ can be proclaimed in all these Danubian countries of southeastern Europe. For here in these Balkan lands, swept by storms of hatred and dissension, the gospel of Christ can be the power of God to reconcile men and women with the loving heavenly Father.