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The Garden Gate

"Enter ye in at the
strait gate, because strait
is the gate, and narrow is
the way, which leadeth
unto life, and few there be
that find it"

Matt. 7:13-14.

What's Happening

● The Rev. John F. Meyer, for the past two years pastor of the German Baptist Church in Baileyville, Ill., has resigned his charge and will bring his work to a close on July 1st. He and his family hope to reside in Chicago for the present, where he can regain his health in an extended period of rest.

● The Rev. L. N. Schoen, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of West New York, N. J., had the joy of leading 6 young people through the baptismal waters on Sunday afternoon, April 30. He spoke on the subject, "What the Scripture Says About Baptism." The service was well attended and a real blessing to all.

● Mr. George Zinz, a student of our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., will serve the German Baptist Church at Munson, Pa., during the summer months beginning with Sunday, June 18, and closing with Sunday, September 10. Mr. Zinz is the oldest son of the Rev. and Mrs. George Zinz of Neustadt, Ontario, Canada. He will be a second year seminary student beginning with the fall term.

● On Sunday, May 14, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, So. Dak., had the joy of welcoming 12 persons into the fellowship of the church. Eleven of these had been baptized on Easter Sunday evening at an impressive service. Recently the women of the local Ladies' Missionary Society appropriated \$40 toward the expense of having the church building painted.

● The Teen-aged World Wide Guild of the Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio, gave a tea for the mothers of the guild members on Mother's Day, May 14. A fine program was presented to the great enjoyment of the mothers who were present. The guild was organized a few months ago with Miss Alberta Bergen as president and Mrs. Thorwald W. Bender as the leader. The group is also active in the church and city-wide work in a number of ways.

● Mr. William Grafmeyer, the head of the mail-order department in the service of our publication society in Cleveland, Ohio, brought this work to a close on May 1st. Because of physical infirmities he was compelled to retire from all active service and is now living with a son in New Jersey. Mr. Alfred Dressel of Detroit, Mich., has succeeded him in this responsible position. We wish for him much joy and success in his work and the good will of the entire denomination.

● The Ladies' Missionary Society of the German Baptist Church at Herreid, So. Dak., held its annual program on Sunday evening, April 30. Due to illness of the president of the society, Mrs. E. Becker, the vice-president, Mrs. John Beck, was in charge. The program consisted of two dialogues, numbers by a quartet, double duet, and group singing by members of the society. Reports were given by all officers. The Rev. E. Becker, the pastor, was the speaker. At the present time the society has 44 members.

● The Rev. August Heringer of McMinnville, Oregon, and more recently of Napoleon, No. Dak., a retired minister of our denomination, sailed for Europe on June 10 aboard the steamship, "Columbus." He and his daughter, Elizabeth, will visit Germany, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, France and Switzerland on this extended trip. He also hopes to be able to go as far as Varna on the Black Sea and Istanbul, Turkey. He will visit his father's grave at Russe, Bulgaria, and will renew his acquaintanceship with many Baptist brethren and friends in that country.

● The Rev. Emanuel Wolff, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., had the joy recently of baptizing 6 persons and receiving them into the church's fellowship. Plans are being made to have the church auditorium and the Sunday School rooms redecorated and to have a new furnace installed. The church is very proud of the fact that one of its members, Mr. Harvey Heckman, has been chosen by the Ramsey County Young People's Council as its representative at the World Christian Youth Conference to be held at Amsterdam, Netherlands, from July 24 to August 2.

● On May 21 Prof. and Mrs. F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., quietly observed their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Meyer was in a hospital bed on the anniversary day, facing a critical operation. It was also her 72nd birthday. She rallied, however, and with Prof. Meyer and members of her family at her bedside celebrated the significant day in good spirit. Prof. and Mrs. Meyer were married on May 21, 1889 in Cincinnati, Ohio. "Baptist Herald" readers will want to extend their congratulations to these beloved friends and wish for them God's richest blessings for the days and years to come!

● The Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D., general mission secretary, addressed a large Mother's Day service in the Oak Park

German Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., on Sunday evening, May 14, speaking on the theme, "Honoring Our Mothers," as based on the text, Isa. 66: 13. A flowering begonia plant was given to each mother in the audience. On Sunday, May 28, Dr. Kuhn served as the guest speaker at the special Pentecost services held by the Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas, of which the Rev. Phil. Potzner is the minister. He spoke at three services to large audiences, that taxed the seating capacity of the church.

● The Clinton Hill Church of Newark, N. J., has had quite an array of special speakers at its services during recent weeks. On Sunday afternoon, May 14, at a special rally held in the church, Dr. Buswell, president of Wheaton College in Illinois, was the speaker. On Thursday evening, May 18, Dr. William H. Rogers, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., addressed "the Happy Hour" service on the subject, "The Essentials of Evangelistic Victory." Dr. Russell Brougher, formerly pastor of the Baptist Temple of Brooklyn, N. Y., conducted evangelistic meetings in the church from May 21 to June 5, which were very well attended.

● The Rev. Rudolph Klein, pastor of the Emanuel Church of Oklahoma, delivered the baccalaureate address on "The Highway of Life" on Sunday evening, May 14, at the Loyal High School. Four young people of the Emanuel Church were members of the graduating class. On Friday evening, May 19, Mr. Klein participated in the program of the Southern Baptist Con-

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EDITORIAL

A PICTURE, that plays upon the heart strings of memory, flashes into the minds of most of our ministers and many of our people at the mere mention of the word, "Two-Four-Six" "246 Alexander Street." That address can only mean our seminary in Rochester, New York. It has become symbolic of much that is precious and worth while in our denomination. Through the decades of its memorable history it has endeared itself to the hearts of many, until it has become known as a "Home" rather than a building or an institution.

How easily our seminary can recall a long train of memories in the hearts of our church members! The names of the earliest professors and teachers are sacred shrines, upon which we fondly place our flowers of homage. Their influence upon the spiritual growth of our denomination cannot be belittled or denied. How impossible it is to envisage all the prayers at family altars and from church pulpits and in devotional chambers which have gone heavenward for the seminary's welfare! It has, truly, been nurtured in prayer and carried on the wings of petition to God's throne of grace.

Most of our ministers are indebted to this seminary for their training and preparation for the pastorate. As some of these look back upon their student days, with all their new delights and foolish pranks, they can hardly recognize themselves. The material of life, upon which the seminary had to work, at the outset, has been transmuted into ambassadors and servants of God whose usefulness in his Kingdom cannot be evaluated in human terms.

The seminary has, therefore, been an essential and important phase of our denominational enterprise. It has rightfully assumed the proportions of a home missionary task, training young men bilingually in German and English for the

pulpits of our churches. It has also striven to elevate the spiritual level of the denomination through the summer services of the teachers and conferences and institutes. At the same time it has, likewise, provided for an outlet of missionary interest by the varied gifts in money and merchandise offered by our churches for the seminary's welfare.

Recent years have made drastic changes in the seminary's role in the total picture of the denomination. The Rochester seminary does not provide all our churches with ministers as formerly. Bible Schools and other seminaries train their students for some of the English-speaking churches of our own. During the past few years the denominational income for the seminary has been curtailed and previous endowment funds have been exhausted, so that the institution has had to operate on a limited and meager budget.

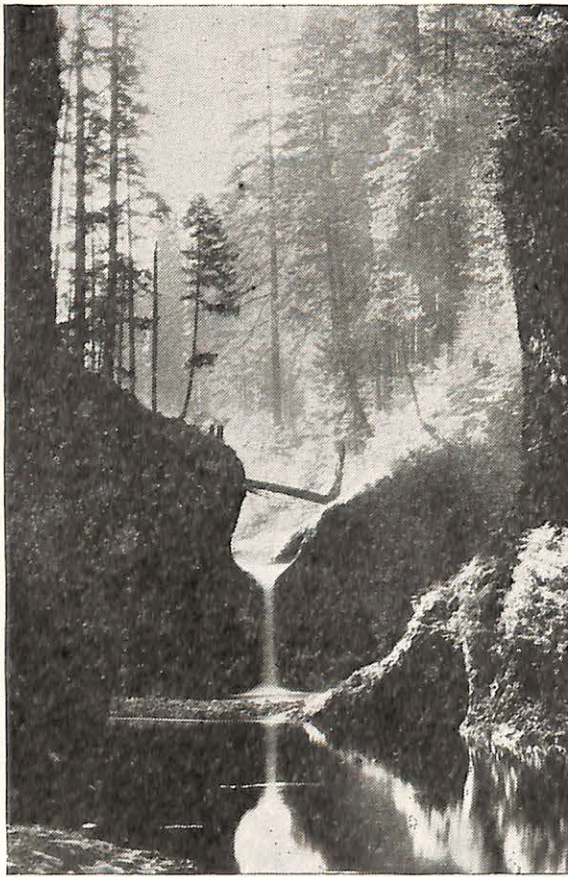
In spite of these modifications in its usefulness and changes in its organization, the seminary still stands as a bulwark in our denominational history. It is still the symbol of a glorious Baptist fellowship that unites us in a large Christian family with denominational loyalties and affections. It still represents the priceless heritage of our forefathers, who insisted on genuine spirituality and emphasized thorough training for the Christian ministry. There is profound truth in the utterance that "as the seminary goes, so goes the denomination." The future progress of the denomination depends undeniably upon the continued vigorous ministry of our seminary in many channels of service.

This must be the concern of every heart to pray for our seminary, to work for its greater usefulness, to encourage its finer spiritual atmosphere, and to strengthen its financial support. For this seminary is God's trust to us to be used for the greatest possible spiritual ministry in the denomination!

Making Life A Song

By PROFESSOR F. W. C. MEYER of Rochester, New York

THERE IS, surely, no lack of sound in this universe of ours. Some sort of tone-color applies to almost everything, with which we come in contact. Pick up a sheet of paper, and it rustles. Knock against a piece of wood, and it has a different reverberation than when you clang a silver coin upon the counter. The sand, upon which you tread, grits. Breezes sigh and sigh. Winds whine or whizz, according to the whim of their meteorological intensity. Lightning clashes. Thunder rolls. Rain patters on the roof. Waters gush and gurgle, dash and splash, bubble and burst in their flow to "the wide sea, which one continuous murmur breeds along the pebbled shore."



With Rapturous Song the Little Stream Splashes and Gurgles on its Way to the Wide Sea

Things about us pop and bang, snap and jar, scroop and squeak, creak and grate, clatter and crackle, jingle and tingle, and ring and chime and vibrate! Somehow or other, everything gives expression to its native tonality. Each in its own tongue! None exactly like the other! And who can enumerate the sounds that we fail to hear? Some one has figured out that the enter-

prising little bees fly approximately 40,000 miles to make a single pound of honey. Their buzzing, undoubtedly, contributes as much to their mellifluous product as their unwearied motion. In fact, motion and sound are the basic elements of music.

Sounds Transmuted into Song

But motion and sound, which are so plentiful and varied in nature, do not in themselves constitute music. They may as easily produce wild noises. They must be civilized into song. In a world that is intrinsically musical, there is the possibility and opportunity of transforming mere motion and sound into "the least disagreeable of noises," as gruff old Dr. Samuel Johnson once defined music. We take our mute metals and voiceless pieces of wood and slumbering reeds and silent skins and calmed intestines and turn them into musical instruments of rich tonal quality.

I had a cousin who, in the eighties of the past century, when he first came over from Germany, contrived to get music out of almost everything in our Cincinnati home. My little fiddle was broken and father's wooden flute was often mislaid, but in the absence of musical instruments Emil would pick up a comb, cover it with thin paper, hum his tune thereon, and with a dandy rod he would rhythmically tap on a glass tumbler, porcelain pitcher, china plate, earthen crock, tin pan, wooden pail, and other utensils. In this way he would set his improvised orchestra to playing in accompaniment to the melody of his tuneful soul. He no longer exercises his musical talents here. But those who may have had the privilege of knowing the former Cameroon missionary, Brother Suvern, will agree that his life was a song, yes, one continuous rendition of melodious service. Was it not Franz Liszt, who mentioned something about life as a series of preludes to that great song, the first note of which is struck in death?

Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony"

How our famous composers manage to get music out of almost nothing! To their "capable ears, silence is music from the holy spheres." Take the deaf master Beethoven. He used only a simple minor phrase, "sol-sol-sol ri, fa-fa-fa re," and developed it into the melodic marvel of his "Fifth Symphony," descriptive of "death knocking at the door." Now with one instrument, now with another, the hand of death is heard knocking, persistently knocking. Sometimes in

plaintive tones, sometimes with the roar of the ocean sounding through the measures, sometimes with the blare of the brasses and the crash of cymbals, as though siege guns were trained upon the fortress of the heart! Generations seem to be born and to pass away under the hand of the relentless destroyer. The lone death in the desert is depicted, the quiet cot surrounded by sorrowing friends, the gory pomp of battle where thousands perish. And when you expect the hammer of the world's clock to strike the last hour, the "Adagio" begins to intonate the psalm of life, tenderly and melodiously, rising to the very climax of musical impressiveness, as immortality finally celebrates its triumph over death. So a musical authority assures us.

Richard Strauss built his captivating musical style upon the exploitation of discords. Our times, you say, are full of discordant noises. Even so, but turn them into songs of cheer! Fritz Kreisler gets melody galore out of four cut-gut strings.

Making Melody to the Lord

As music is based on the sequence of rhythmic motion and melodic pitch, so life is made a song by its harmonious pace and tone. Christianity sang itself into this world of ours. It still needs to do so. For the carol of Bethlehem has not fully been heeded with its note of peace on earth and heavenly joy. We still can look forward to a great festival, when the triumphant servants of God will join in the song of Moses and the Lamb.

Moreover, in the fifth chapter of Paul's letter to the Ephesians you can note how this musical end is to be attained. The sacred writer calls upon the Christian to "awake, to arise and shine, and by a circumspect walk and wise action to redeem the time, because the days are evil. Filled with the spirit of grateful praise, we are to speak to ourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in our heart to the Lord." You cannot fool with the laws of eternal harmony. But you can in Schiller's word—"take God into your will and find that he will step down from the throne of the universe to your assistance." He will help you make your life a musical one instead of a merely noisy one. That's what "singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" means. For of music the poet has well said:

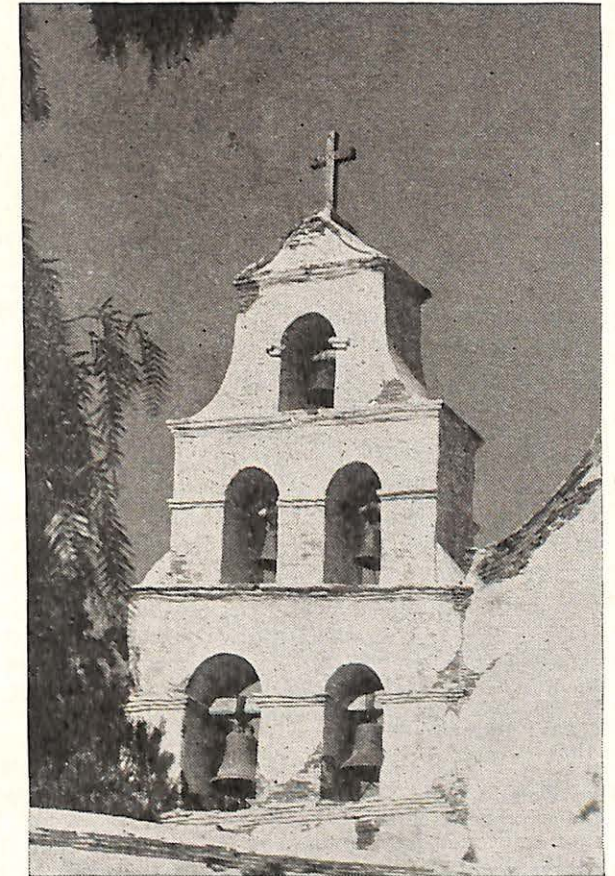
"God is its author, and not men; He laid
The key-note of all harmonies; He planned
All perfect combinations, and He made
Us so that we could hear and understand."

The Laws of God in Sound and Song

Sound vibrations, compared with those of heat and light, are really the slowest, numbering from 16 to 36½ thousand per second. Our ear is a wonderful lute of three thousand cortical fibres to grasp as many tremors of sound as possible. At the same time all the varied modulations of our voice are produced by the tightening and

slackening of our two vocal chords. How simple! How complex! How like the workmanship of infinite Wisdom and infinite Skill!

The singer is not only mindful of the laws of God. He is mindful, likewise, of the presence of others. He makes his life a song by singing with and for others. Wm. Alexander Percy, in his "Overtones," heard a bird at break of day sing



The Bells Sing Out Their Message of Praise to God from the Belfry of a California Mission

from the autumn trees, a song so mystical and calm, so full of certainties. No man, I think, could listen long except upon his knees. Yet this was but a little bird, alone, among dead trees." Alone? No, never alone, when singing to raise the spiritual and social atmosphere.

The Master Musician

You may rely upon the Master Musician to overrule your musical shortcomings. A little girl was incessantly annoying the boarders at a certain summer resort by her thrumming at the piano. They fled when they saw her approach the parlor. But, one day, they were attracted to the cottage by a medley of intriguing melody. There was the little one, surely enough, still at the instrument, playing her imperfect part as before. But beside sat a new visitor, a famous musician, who accompanied her childish efforts with masterful improvisations of marvelous harmony. Perhaps we, too, with God's aid, can radiate more effective good will in this world by letting him make our life a song!

What the Seminary Has Meant to Us!

By the Students of the 1939 Graduating Class of the German Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York

Training for Life's Most Important Task

By Mr. Daniel Fuchs

"But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak." This was the first lesson Jeremiah had to learn, and that is the chief lesson our seminary has taught me. Through the influence of our seminary I have been led to see the greatness and the depth of God's truth, and it has made me humble. With Paul I would say: Our knowledge is only in part. We are as children. But the secret of spiritual manhood is a genuine commitment to Christ.

That is what changed the humble Galilean fishermen into pillars of the Church, and that is the only key to our success. The training at our seminary has taught me sympathetically to understand any soul seeking after God and salvation, and to help such a soul to experience salvation in Jesus Christ. That is my task. I cannot do it alone. But he has said: "Whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak." And I would say: "Speak Lord; thy servant heareth."

The Seminary's Awakening Influence

By Mr. Rudolph Woyke

My three years at the seminary have meant much more to me than I expected them to mean when I first came to Rochester. They have given me an insight into our German Baptist heritage, thereby adding new respect for and glory to the task that is ours. We are eager to carry on the work that has been so nobly done by the devoted men of the past. The view of the past and present of our denomination seen at our seminary every year has an awakening effect upon all students, especially those who might have felt that the German Baptists would soon pass into oblivion.

Another thing of even greater significance, that the seminary has meant to me, comes more directly from the class-room instruction. Here I have learned more about God's message for men. The unprejudiced approach and frank discussions have equipped me with a positive message to preach to an uncertain world. The assurance of the all-sufficiency of Christ in meeting every need and satisfying every longing has come to me while at the seminary as never before. In the future I shall find my joy in knowing that I am true to the good that I have learned.

Church Pastorates of the Seminary Graduates

Mr. Daniel Fuchs is the pastor-elect of the Andrew Street Church of Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Rudolph Woyke is minister of the German Baptist churches in Washburn and Underwood, No. Dak.

Mr. Arthur R. Weisser is pastor of the German Baptist Church in Edenwald, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Mr. Richard Schilke is the new pastor at Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada.

Mr. Rudolph Milbrandt is serving the Calgary, Bethel and Craigmyle Churches of Alberta, Canada.

Mr. Helmut Waltereit is the new minister at Camrose, Alberta, Canada.

The Richest Years of My Life

By Mr. Arthur R. Weisser

The seemingly impossible has been conquered! Five of the most crucial and richest years of my life were spent at our seminary at Rochester.

Our professors have proven themselves very capable in making immature minds expand and free themselves of bigoted ideas and venture out into new vistas and higher heights. These eruptions and tremors of mind and soul cannot be brought about without keen anguish and pain that lead us often into the sanctuary of prayer, there to seek God's guidance and the courage to face new truths and a better understanding of our Creator and Savior.

Not only has the seminary filled my soul with the longing to scan the heights, but it has also shown the way through the sand and dust of hurrying feet, down to bedrock for a better foundation for our faith.

I see in the soul of man the crowning glory of God's creation. It was to this end that Jesus came to "seek and to save that which is lost," and gave command to his disciples to "go and teach all nations . . ."

The complexities of life and the imperfections of man have shown how incompetent we are on our own strength to "teach all nations." We must return daily to gather manna from heaven to nourish our spiritual lives in order to spread the "good news unto salvation." It is with great anticipation that I look forward to my field of service, and I join heartily with the apostle Paul: "I am not ashamed of the gospel to Christ: for it

is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

The Seminary's Golden Opportunities

By Mr. Richard Schilke

To my life the seminary has contributed more than I can possibly express in a few words. I heard the Savior calling me to the special service of his Word, and I realized that for that kind of work I needed a thorough education. My financial situation, however, was such that I could not have thought of entering an institution where I had to pay all or the major portion of the expense. In my education, too, at that time I was not far enough advanced to be admitted to many of the institutions of our country.

Our seminary at Rochester gave me the opportunity of making good what I lacked in education and helped me along financially by requiring very little tuition. For this opportunity I am greatly indebted to our denomination. I regret that at the present time the tuition is raised considerably, for I do believe that many, who are as I was, will be barred from entering. Here I have received an education which has equipped me with the most necessary things for the ministry of the gospel, although I realize that this equipment is still very meager.

Our Seminary has linked me closer to our denomination. The life at the seminary has helped me to cultivate the spirit of cooperation which is so vital in the denominational work. Here in all our studies my attention has been drawn to the things which are most needed in our work as German Baptists. And with this in mind, I have studied to prepare myself for the work into which I am now entering, knowing that the holy Spirit has led me. To God, I give thanks for all!

Equipped With the Gospel of Christ

By Mr. Rudolph Milbrandt

"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

These words of the Lord to his disciples meant a great deal to me at the time of my decision for the ministry and going to the seminary. Today, as I look over the five years of my seminary work, three things seem to stand very vividly before me in what the seminary has done for me.

Firstly, it has equipped my life with

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Commencement Days at Our Seminary

Reported by PROFESSOR ARTHUR A. SCHADE of Rochester, N. Y.

"Commencement" was the subject of Dean Bretschneider's last charge to the class of 1939 in the German Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y. Before him in cap and gown stood six graduates, men of quality and promise. The service of each one has been requisitioned by one of our German Baptist churches. Daniel Fuchs is pastor-elect of the Rochester Church; Rudolph Milbrandt goes to Calgary, Alberta; and Helmut Waltereit to Camrose, Alberta; Richard Schilke goes to Minitonas, Manitoba; and Arthur Weisser to Edenwald, Saskatchewan. Rudolph Woyke becomes the minister of the church at Washburn, North Dakota.

"Commencement" means the beginning," according to the Dean. The graduates must not think that their education is finished, but rather that their ministry is beginning, and, henceforth, their growth in knowledge and experience shall occur in close conjunction with their ministry. The seminary course sought to give them a foundation of knowledge, upon which they may continue to build. It has given direction to their quest and provided them with skill and technique for further growth. It has sought to give them a firm grasp of the glorious gospel of individual and world salvation in Christ. They have been called of God. They have new assurance of this in their call to churches.

This final charge by the Dean and the presentation of the diplomas came as the climax of several days of festivities in honor of the men, who so creditably completed their five year course in the seminary. They were all interviewed by the school committee and offered an opportunity of reflecting the spirit and the faith with which they leave the school halls and enter the ripe harvest fields. They were honored at the alumni banquet, which took place in the beautiful Gothic dining-room of the Divinity School, attended by 94 members and friends of the seminary.

They were inspired by the annual sermon delivered on Sunday morning by the Rev. E. G. Kliese of Detroit, Mich., on the subject, "The Fruit of Sound Thinking." He pointed out that our acts and achievements must first be wrought in our inmost being before they can be translated into outward realities. And if we are to work the works of God, we must be filled with the fullness of God.

This class of graduates received further attention in the commencement address which was presented by the Reverend Alfred Bernadt of Burling-

ton, Iowa, who chose for his subject, "Congratulations." Mr. Bernadt congratulated the boys on being graduates of a unique institution, the like of which is nowhere else to be found, on coming into an alumni fellowship which represents genuine Christian brotherhood, on being privileged to minister to a growing denomination which offers a fruitful field for the very best that any man may have to offer, and, finally, on having a gospel of Christ to preach, which is truly "the power of God unto salvation unto all who believe."

Many friends gathered to do honor to these brethren. The members of the school committee were present, except the beloved chairman, the Rev. David Hamel, who has just undergone a serious operation. Quite a number of the trustees were present, thus manifesting their interest in the achievement of the institution entrusted in a measure to their management by the denomination. Dr. William Kuhn, the secretary of the General Missionary Society, honored the occasion with his presence. Dr. F. A. Licht, oldest living graduate in America, dating back to the class of 1877 and approaching ninety years of age, but still in full possession of his customary vigor of spirit, insight, and utterance, was on the scene.

But the powers of these brethren to make friends also came to light. The Andrew Street Church of Rochester was too small to accommodate the throng which desired to do them honor. One of the churches, at which some of these boys had served their Master as students, was represented fifty strong, another forty strong, and numerous others were represented by goodly numbers.

After the formal service was dismissed, faculty and seniors formed a line to offer opportunity to friends to bring felicitations and bid farewell to the brethren. For a half hour or more an unbroken line of friends followed one another in these parting scenes. Many tributes were spoken to the boys that sounded good, not only in their ears, but also in the ears of their teachers who stood at their sides.

At this writing they are for the most part on their journey to their distant fields of labor. We commit them to the loving watchcare of the Heavenly Father and to the kind consideration of the people whom they shall serve. May they realize the high hopes of their teachers and friends as they enter into their respective fields of labor!

WHAT THE SEMINARY HAS MEANT TO US!

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a greater zeal than ever to do the work that the Master asked his disciples to do in the days of old. The past as well as the present still has need of the gospel of Christ and the principles he laid down.

Secondly, the seminary has equipped me with a unified bird's-eye view of the responsibilities that we, as a German Baptist denomination, have in the spreading of the good news in the United States and Canada and the whole world. Such a conviction can only be engendered by a seminary as ours that knows and is conscious of the needs of the denomination that it represents.

Thirdly, the seminary has equipped me with the conviction of the gospel that is basic and sound. Christ was and is the center of my message, for in him and his principles we find the solution for all our needs.

A Faith That Cannot Be Shaken

By Mr. Helmut Waltereit

Entering our seminary presupposes at least two things: a call to the ministry from our Lord, and a very keenly felt need of increasing one's knowledge of both secular and spiritual wisdom. For me, the seminary has meant much more than just filling that need. It has done that, to be sure. But along with increasing my knowledge, by being situated in a city like Rochester, it has provided me with a broad cultural outlook and an increased appreciation of the higher values of life.

But aside from the purely educational point of view, the five years I was privileged to spend at our seminary will be unforgettable as far as my spiritual life is concerned. One may come here with a strong faith, but it is even stronger, when one leaves. It is a faith that can not easily be shaken or undermined. In the crucified and risen Savior alone lies the salvation of the world.

Through its practical courses, the seminary has given us a better understanding of the kingdom work and has provided us with equipment to perform our future task more efficiently.

Finally, because it is the school of our denomination and, therefore is in intimate contact with our German Baptist work and has denominational interests at heart, the seminary has kindled in my heart a strong love for our denomination. May it long continue to provide our work with the kind of faithful leaders that our Lord expects!

Children's Page

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Learning Scripture!

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." (Ecclesiastes 12:1) These words were spoken by wise Solomon. No doubt his godly father, David, taught him the truth of these words. In Psalm 119:11 and 105 we read these words: "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee," and "thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Long before the time of David or Solomon, parents were exhorted to teach the words of the law, the only scriptures then known to their children. In Deuteronomy 11:18 and 19 Moses said: "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your hearts and in your souls; and ye shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when



The Polar Bear Surveys His New Home in One of Our Zoos

thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down and when thou risest up." We have every reason to believe that Daniel, too, knew the scriptures at an early age.

Christ, at the age of twelve, knew the scriptures so well that he was able to discuss it with the doctors in the temple. (Luke 2:46.) Paul commended Timothy for his early knowledge of the scriptures and, because of this fact, Paul knew that Timothy was well equipped to become a useful worker in the first Christian church. In 2 Timothy 3:15 Paul encourages him "to continue in the things which thou hast learned, knowing of whom thou hast learned them," referring to Timothy's mother and grandmother. And in 2 Timothy 2:15 Paul says "that from a

child on thou hast known the holy scriptures which are able to work you wise unto salvation which is in Christ Jesus."

It is necessary to start school at an early age to receive an education in order to become useful men and women and to take our places in life. It is likewise necessary to become familiar with the Word of God in early youth, so that we may live a Godly life while here on earth and prepare our souls for the life to come.



Mei, Mei, the Giant Panda, Looks Like a Big Teddy Bear

Only knowing the Word of God, important as that is, is not the all important thing, but, as for Timothy, the most important thing is to know the scriptures in such a way that they may make us wise unto salvation through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who alone is "the way, the truth and the life."

BIBLE GAMES FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

By Emma Florence Bush

For families who wish to play Sunday games together and who wish at the same time to increase their knowledge of the Bible, there are several very good games in which the entire family may readily join, none of them being too hard for any child who is in the Junior Department of the Sunday School. Several of them are given here.

Yes or No

One of the players thinks of a Bible character. The others then ask questions which must be answered by "yes" or "no." If, after the number of questions decided upon beforehand have been asked, the character is still unguessed, the leader names him or her,

and thinks of another. If, however, one of the players guesses it, he becomes the leader.

The same game may be played with Bible places or events used in place of characters.

A Bible Alphabet

The first player names a Bible character whose name begins with A, and all down the line do the same. When the last player has finished, the first player begins with B, and so on down the alphabet, until only one player is left, the rule being that anyone who fails to name in turn falls out.

The same game applied to Bible places is even harder, but it is lots of fun and very interesting.

Special Events

This may be played in the same way as "Yes or No," but in this case the leader thinks of some special event that took place, and the players, by questions, have to guess the event itself, where it took place, and who were concerned in it.

Bible Verses

The leader repeats a Bible Verse, the next in line repeats a verse beginning with the letter that ended the other verse, and so on down the line, back to the leader, who continues as if he were simply another player. When a player cannot think of a verse before some one selected for the purpose counts five, he drops out. The game may be continued either for a definite time or until there is only one player left.

A Spelling Match

A spelling match of Bible names—places or people—is not only good fun, but educational. Let the players form in two lines as in any spelling match, and one person is chosen to give out the words. In this case, however, the words should be chosen to suit the age of the contestants. It is also well in playing this game to invite some guests to come and participate,—"the more the merrier."

Indeed, you will find that the neighboring children, and often through them some of the parents, will be interested in coming on an occasional Sunday afternoon to take part in one or more of these games.

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Children's Contributions!

Poems or other contributions by children, who are readers of "The Baptist Herald," will be welcomed by the editor. Send them along!

Making Churches of America's Street Cars

The Remarkable Story of Bible Text Posters in Chicago's Street Cars
by Mr. CARL F. H. HENRY of Chicago, Illinois

A Bible text in every public vehicle in the nation is the objective of the Best Seller Publicity committee, which has pioneered successfully in Chicago during the past year.

One out of every 14 street cars in the hub-city of the great Midwest has proclaimed the gospel message for the past twelve months. Interest in the work is spreading from metropolis to metropolis, and, if similar committees are organized throughout the nation, the cost of display will be brought down to a minimum and its benefits distributed to urban population as a whole.

Initiated by a small group of active Christians, the work has received support of some of Chicago's most prominent artists, and as a result the gospel message has been exhibited with striking attractiveness. The December car card, shown in the accompanying picture, is the work of Vaughn C. Shoemaker, Pulitzer prize winner last year and staff cartoonist for the Chicago "Daily News."

Although the work has been in the pioneer stage, Christians in many cities have grasped its possibilities and are hoping to avail themselves of the art work and engraving produced for the Chicago committee. The gospel posters invite response to headquarters of Best Seller Publicity, Box 409, Chicago, Illinois.

Written response to the car cards has afforded much stimulus to the work. No sooner had the displays appeared, than a letter from a Chicago man revealed that he had "prayed for fourteen months that someone would start a work of this kind." The sentiment of evangelical believers was set forth in another of the communications: "It has rejoiced the hearts of many Christians to find such verses while riding the cars."

Best Seller Publicity had its beginning in December, 1937, in a manner similar to the founding of The Tramcar and Omnibus Scripture Text Mission in England 55 years ago. A consecrated young woman in Chicago, a graduate of Wheaton College, sensed the need for displaying the Word of God among the street-car masses. The responsibility weighed upon her the more, when she learned that a million people ride the elevated and street cars daily in the United States. After much prayer, a committee was organized, and a letter of appeal mailed to Christians in January, 1938. The first car card went up a month later. Since then at least 5 per cent of Chicago's

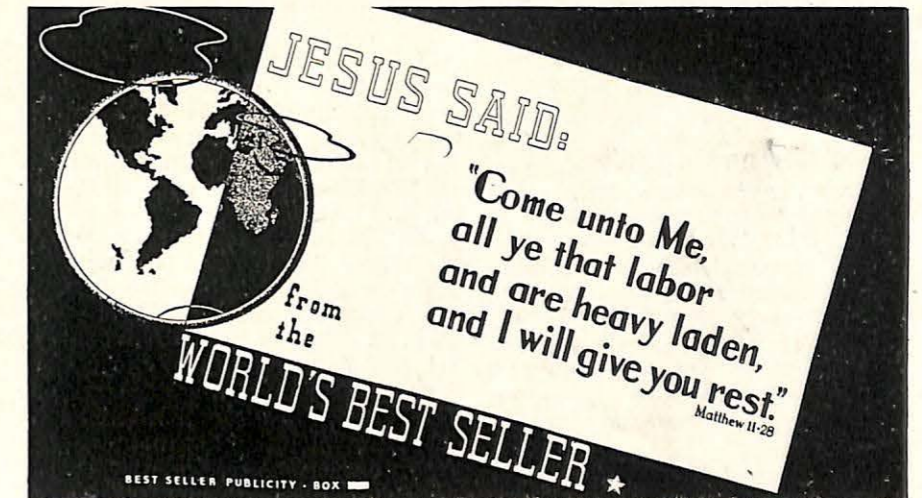
street cars have displayed each month the message of Christ.

The sum of \$50,000 is needed to reach for a whole year all of Chicago's 3600 street cars and 2000 elevated cars. A contribution of \$10 places one card in a car for the entire year, with a change of card each month. Rockford, Ill., now has the gospel cards in seventy busses. Inquiries are coming from interested groups in Milwaukee, Racine, Peoria, and Gary. The same cards produced by Chicago's best artists, and arranged for by the Best Seller Publicity committee, are to be made available, with the advantage of lower basic cost, to interested groups throughout the land.

prejudice against political and religious advertising. England welcomes the work. Hitherto, American Christians have been indifferent to the opportunity.

Of the work in England, the Rev. G. Campbell Morgan declared: "So sure am I that the Word of God does return to him void, that I cannot but believe that the very fact of its appearing before the eyes of the passing crowds is one of the methods by which its message may reach many a passing traveler."

It is hoped that Christians everywhere will support this means of reaching the multitudes in any of the larger cities at a cost of about three cents a



A Typical Bible Text Poster Appearing in Chicago's Street Cars and Busses

That Scripture texts in public vehicles provide fulfillment to Christ's missionary command is indicated by a cross-section of Chicago life, which is in some measure typical of urban areas. Chicago is the largest Polish city in the world and the third largest Jewish city. There are 4000 Chinese and one of the largest groups of Negroes in any northern city. Here then is opportunity to reach people of all races and all nations.

The Chicago committee is especially anxious to interest Christians from many parts of the nation in this work, so that the entire Windy City may be given the advantage of the gospel displays. Chicagoans average 15 minutes a day riding the street cars, and the posters preach a sermon 24 hours long.

An eminent psychologist has said, "There is indeed no other form of advertising which is presented to so large a number of people for so long a period of time and so frequently."

America is open for such gospel effort. France prohibits it because of a

day for each poster. A prayer interest is asked of Sunday School classes, young people's societies, and intercessory groups. That the whole movement has been born in prayer is evidenced by the fact that doors were opened and people ready to respond as the need has progressed.

God has wrought his thoughts into texts so that the words of Scripture count as no other words to convey divine inspiration and power. Behind every text there lies unrecorded experiences which eternity alone will reveal. Hence, the Best Seller Publicity movement can claim a vital role in the task of calling America back to the Bible!

It is true as Dr. Harry A. Ironside, pastor of the Moody Memorial church, has recently said: "The prophet was told to write the vision, to make it plain upon tables, or tablets. Surely street car advertising is a thoroughly up-to-date way of carrying out the command when it is the Word of God that is thus put before the people."

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. As soon as she had returned home, Laurie called and exacted a promise from her to go with him on the following evening to the ice palace to skate. There in a drunken stupor he skated with her in a way that she did not like. Frightened and frantic Marigold suddenly slumped and went down in a pitiful heap on the ice.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

The spill partly sobered Laurie, and looking half ashamed he picked her up and helped her over to the bench.

"Now," he said half savagely, "what did you do that for? You know you did it on purpose. Why did you do it?"

"Because I did not like the way you were holding me, the way you were skating. I—didn't know you ever acted that way, Laurie! You never did before!"

"No?" he said, lowering his heavy unhappy eyes, "perhaps not! I was trying to teach you a few things. Trying to open your eyes to Life!"

She stared at him in unspeakable horror.

"Laurie!" she said. "You did it on purpose? You knew how it would look to those about us, and yet you did it? I thought you were my friend!" The look in her eyes scorched him deeply, but he suddenly tottered to his feet.

"Oh, Heck!" he said. "Here we got to be tied down by little antiquated ideas of propriety? You've just spoiled this whole evening for me! I'll get a real skater who knows how to take things! Just sit here and watch us and see what you think the world cares!"

He flung away from her in a long sweeping curve, grace and skill in every movement, and darting in among the skaters he came to a little flashily-dressed girl who was executing some startling tricks, and bore her off in his arms, holding her close, and looking down into her impudent little face surrounded by bleached hair. A face with a tiptilted nose, and a painted mouth. He caught her about the waist with a

daring leap, and swung her off with him, drawing her closer and closer until she lay with her face almost against his as they glided crazily on. Everbody was watching them, and they knew it. Marigold's cheeks burned as she turned her eyes away and began hastily to unlace her boots. This sort of thing was not supposed to go here. As she lifted her eyes after putting on her street clothes she saw that an attendant on skates was approaching the two! Laurie could see him coming, too, but he went right on. Laurie doing a thing like this! Oh, it was unspeakably awful. Laurie who had always been the pink of propriety. Laurie was drunk.

She fastened the buckles of her shoes with fingers that were numb with sorrow and shame, and then with her heart beating wildly she slipped behind the crowd of watchers and got away out of the building while Laurie and the girl he had picked up were skating off with their backs to her.

She did not realize until she was in the trolley that she had left her shoes with the skates on them lying on the bench with the bag she always carried them in. They were a gift from Laurie and heretofore greatly cherished. But now they did not matter. Nothing mattered but to get away, not to have to talk to him again with that awful frown upon his face, that thickness of speech so foreign to him, that roughness upon him. Actually swearing at her once! Laurie had never sworn in her presence before.

She felt cold as if she had a chill, as she rode along, watching the streets anxiously, only in haste to get home. She wanted to hide her face in the pillow and ask God to forgive her for having let Laurie lead her so far into the world that this thing could have been possible tonight. She felt as if she could never get over the shame and the humiliation of it. Laurie, gay bright Laurie, so devoted heretofore! And he had scarcely spoken a friendly word to her tonight. Oh, how long had he been drinking? Was it a habit with him? How was it that she had never seen him under the influence of drink before? Could it be that because he was angry with her about the party he had deliberately taken a drink or two to show her she could not frustrate his plans? Did liquor change men and make them into fiends like that? She had supposed that one had to be a seasoned drinker to have it make such a difference. The men she had always known would never think of drinking. Never

until Laurie had taken her for the first time to a night club had she been among people who were drinking, and never before had she been offered liquor. Of course hers had been a guarded life. She had always known there was a world in which habitual drinking, social drinking, hard drinking went on, but it was not her world. And she had been shocked when she saw Laurie once toss off a glass of what he told her was "only a light wine." But she never knew he drank enough to get under its influence, and she felt almost stunned with the idea.

When she reached her corner and got out of the trolley she looked about her fearfully. Laurie would likely follow her as soon as he found she was gone. She couldn't conceive of Laurie letting her go, not the Laurie she knew, and doing nothing about it. Even a little drunk he would surely follow her to be sure she had got safely home.

But there was no Laurie in sight, and with relief she went up to her apartment, and locked herself in. She did not turn on her light at first, but flinging off her wraps threw herself on her bed and wept. The old time happy companionship with Laurie that had been so beautiful a thing in her life was spoiled, ruined. She could never think of Laurie again, no matter what happened, without a heartache. The things he had said that night, even though he was not himself, had seared their way into her heart, and disillusioned her.

The tears came at first, a deluge of them, until she was worn out. And gradually her thoughts grew steadier, and she could look things in the face.

She had gone forth to face her problems, and the problems had become more than just the simple matter of firmly refusing to go to night clubs. They had come swiftly to be the giving up of a lot of things that she had thought were dearest of all in life to her. And as she lay there facing facts, one by one many pleasant things of the past were torn away!

Then, suddenly as if someone had spoken the words she heard Ethan's voice reading that psalm:

"Because He hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him . . . I will be with him in trouble."

Was that a promise for her? Could she rest quietly upon it? She had handed over herself to her Lord, as crucified and risen with Him, could she not trust herself utterly to Him?

And so she fell asleep.

An hour later her mother called up

again to know if she was all right, and she wakened, surprised to find herself on the outside of the bed. After she had hung up the receiver she undressed quickly and slipped back into bed, too sleepy to think about anything.

In the morning when she woke she was startled to find it was very late. She had forgotten to wind her alarm clock and had overslept. And there was the whole thing spread out before her, all that had happened the night before!

However, she had no time to think. She would be late to school unless she hurried.

She sprang out of bed, dressed as rapidly as possible, and was about to get herself a brief breakfast when there came a tap at the door.

She opened the door quickly thinking it was the milkman for his money. Here would be another hindrance.

But when she opened the door there stood Laurie Trescott, looking at her with stormy miserable eyes of reproach!

Laurie! And she hadn't a possible minute in which to talk to him!

Laurie's eyes were giving quick hunted glances about the room to see if she was alone. Then they fastened on her face with heartbreaking reproach.

"So! You were here all the time!" he said hoarsely, "and I've spent the night hunting for you. Nice way to do when I take you out, run away and leave me! And I didn't know what had become of you. Had to go out and hunt for you all night!"

"You knew where to find me," said Marigold coldly. "You knew I would come straight home. I have been here all night and you didn't attempt to see if I was here. You didn't telephone."

He dropped his haggard eyes and didn't answer for a minute and then he said:

"Why did you go off and leave me like that, Mara?" There was the old imperious tone again, finding fault with her instead of asking her pardon. Her indignation rose.

"Don't you remember what you did to me, Laurie, made me ashamed of you before everybody? Held me as no gentleman holds a lady in skating!"

"I had no trouble in getting other girls to skate that way with me," he argued. "You're getting prudish!"

"No!" said Marigold sharply, "I'm not getting prudish. You didn't used to think such ways were nice yourself. I can't talk about it, Laurie. I've got to go to school at once. I'm going to be late as it is."

"But we've got to talk about it, Mara!" His voice was thin and high and full of anguish. Laurie was always dramatic, whatever he did. He ways dramatic, whatever he did. He stepped inside and shut the door sharply after him, leaning against it. As he stood there with the morning sunlight streaming across his face he

looked like the wreck of something beautiful, and it was as if a rude hand suddenly jarred across the girl's heart-strings. Then his voice changed and grew pitiful, reproachful again. "Mara, I came here to make everything right with you. I came here to tell you I'm going to marry you!"

Marigold gave a startled look at him, a look which took in his worn haggard face, his bloodshot eyes, his disordered hair, his soiled expensive linen, and rumpled garments, and suddenly saw him in contrast to the Laurie she used to know. Only a few short days before, so immaculate, so gay and handsome, so assured and splendidly overbearing! A pang shot through her heart. All the torture and revulsion of her disillusionment were in her voice, as she covered her face with her hands and shuddered.

"Oh, Laurie!" she cried out with almost a sob in the end of her words.

He came toward her quickly, recognizing the compassion in her voice, and tried to put his arms about her, but she stepped back out of his grasp.

"No! No!" she cried. "I could never marry you, now, Laurie!"

"Why not?" He glared at her, and she could see he was not himself yet. "I'll apologize!" he went on imperiously. "But I did it for your good, you know. I wanted to teach you what life was like, but I'll apologize again if that's what you want." He lifted his bloodshot eyes and gave her one of those pleading looks, the kind that always used to reach her heart. But Marigold steeled herself against it.

"You had been drinking, Laurie!" she said furiously. "Why don't you tell the truth?"

"Yes, I'll admit I had a glass or two too much. It was your fault, though, you know. You went away and I didn't have anything else. You kept me waiting the night you got home, and all into the next night. I had to do something. But I'm sober now. I've come over to ask you to marry me."

"This is no time to ask me to marry you. Besides, I would never marry a man who drinks! I wouldn't go through last night again for anything in the world." There was scorn in her glance.

"Now, Mara, you're exaggerating. You mustn't make too much of a small thing. I'll admit I must have been half stewed last night. I'd had a heck of a week, and was all in. I took a little more than usual to carry me through. But I'm not often like that. Oh, I get lit up now and then of course, but nothing like last night! If you'll marry me I'll quit drinking. I swear I will!"

Marigold looked at him aghast.

"No!" she said gravely. "People do not reform after they are married. I would never marry a man to reform him!"

"Now, Mara, that's not like you!

You were never hard like that. You always did what I asked."

"Yes?" said Marigold with almost a sob, "I was that kind of a fool. I thought you were fine and grand and wonderful. And I thought I could respect you, and that you honored me!"

"Now, Mara, all that fuss just because I got lit up a few hours—"

"Don't!" said Marigold putting her hands over her face and shuddering again.

Again Laurie came near to her and tried to take her hands down from her face.

"There, now, Mara, don't you feel bad. You love me, don't you, Baby? We'll get married and then I'll quit, and everything will be all right."

Marigold jerked her hands away from him.

"Don't you dare to touch me!" she cried. "And don't you ever call me Baby again! I hate it! No, I don't love you."

"Oh, but you do love me, Mara! I've seen it in your eyes!"

"No!" said Marigold in a hard young voice. "You are not what I thought you were. I hadn't got around to think about marrying yet, but if I ever do get married it will have to be to someone I can trust and respect. I couldn't marry anybody who might go off and get drunk. Never! It wouldn't be right!"

Laurie's face darkened. "There you go, talking fanatical stuff. What's right? Who's got any right to say one thing is wrong, another right?"

"God has!" said the girl, lifting a firm young chin and looking him straight in the eyes. "And if I'd known you didn't believe in right and wrong, and hadn't any use for God and mothers, I never would have gone anywhere with you. I'm sorry I ever did!" Her vehement voice rang out in utter despair.

"Now, Mara," the boy pleaded, coming toward her again, "Mara, you don't realize what you are saying. Don't you remember what good times we've had? Can't you forget this and go on from here? Come, Mara, let's go and get married and then everything will be all right!"

"No! Never!"

"Now, Mara darling, don't get that way! Don't you know you'll drive me to desperation? Wouldn't you marry me to save me? I swear I'll stop drinking when we are married. Can't you believe me? I'm sober now, and I tell you it's the only way I can quit drinking."

Marigold's face hardened.

"Laurie, if you can't get sober without me, it wouldn't be long before you'd be at it again. No!"

"But I swear I'll drink myself to death if you don't marry me!"

"Look here, Laurie," said Marigold

suddenly turning upon him, "that's ridiculous! Anybody who could say a thing like that isn't fit to get married! And I can't talk any more about this. I've got to get to school. I'm late already."

Laurie muttered a curse at the school, but Marigold darted about the room frantically, putting on her hat, gathering up her purse and coat and gloves, while he stood with angry eyes watching her. Then as she came toward the door with the evident intention of leaving he stood before her and tried to prevent her.

"Mara, my Mara, darling! Say you'll marry me, and I'll be all different. Everything will be as it used to be!"

"Will you please go out, Laurie? I've got to lock this door!" She said in a voice that was trembling from excitement, "Please don't talk any more either. It's useless!"

She stepped into the hall and he perforce followed. Then she locked the door and darted away.

"But wait!" he shouted after her. "I'll take you to school!"

But Marigold had gained the street and signaled a taxi that happened to be passing, and when he reached the street she was getting into it. She did not look up nor wave to him, just drove away, and he stood there gazing angrily after her, his brow drawn in a heavy scowl.

And back behind her curtain Mrs. Waterman was watching, feasting her eyes and her imagination on what had happened, getting ready a story to spread out for the delectation of her friends who lived in the neighborhood.

But Laurie climbed slowly into his car, a look of defeat on his weakly handsome face. He drove off like a madman, whirling around the next corner so that Mrs. Waterman held her breath expecting to see the car overturn, or smash into the oncoming bus. But Laurie was off to a place where he knew he could get another drink to carry him past this unpleasant memory. Marigold, the only girl he had ever really loved almost as much as himself had scorned him, and he could not understand it. Scorned him though he had gone so far as to offer to marry her! That was really farther than he had intended to go when he went after her. He had only meant to hunt her up and smooth down her temper a little, he told himself. His mother would make a terrible fuss if he should marry Marigold, a girl without a cent of money. She might even go so far as to stop his allowance for a while, as she had several times threatened to do. She had been terribly tiresome ever since he brought that little girl in out of the street and danced with her at her old party. Why did old people have to be so terribly stuffy? Well, he would be twenty-one in seven months now, and then he would come into some

money of his own, a mere matter of two hundred and fifty thousand of course, but it would tide him over until his father's money should come to him. And in case he married Marigold he wouldn't have to tell anybody until he was of age. That would be just as well for Marigold too. Her mother couldn't kick then either. And when they got their money they could clear out and let the old folks whistle.

By the time Laurie had had a couple of good stiff drinks he felt better, and started out to try and find his impromptu friend of the night before, the little girl he had brought into his mother's party. He was quite well pleased with himself and his plans. He would take Lily Trevor out to lunch and maybe a spin in the park, then when Marigold's school was out he would go and get her and thrash this thing out once for all. Marigold had to be made to understand just how far she could go. He wasn't going to have things all haywire. She'd got to cut out this fanatical stuff, and learn to do as other girls did, and if one lesson didn't teach her he'd give her plenty.

But Lily Trevor was working in a factory, running a silk machine, and the rules of the factory were stiff. He couldn't even get speech of her. So he went back to one of his haunts and got several more drinks to prepare him for the afternoon. He still had a haunting memory of the look in Marigold's eyes when she had scorned him, and he needed to be reinforced.

Marigold had a hard day. The children were still unusually restless because of their long holiday the first of the week, and seemed unable to settle down to serious work. The tired, troubled little teacher longed to get home and think her problems through, but there seemed no chance for that. When three o'clock came the principal approached her apologetically with a request.

"Miss Brooke, would you mind looking after some recalcitrant ones in my room? They are not through the work which I told them positively must be handed in tonight or they will not be eligible for basketball next term. I've just got word that the parents of a boarding pupil who is quite ill have arrived. I must meet them and take them to the child's bedside. I really don't see what I can do but ask you kindly to stay for a little while. Would you mind coming into my office in my place? I hope they'll be through soon, but I can't give you a definite time. I'll be glad to return the favor sometime when there's something you want."

The principal smiled. She had a winning way with her. And of course there was nothing for Marigold to do but assent as pleasantly as she could.

So Marigold took a great bundle of

papers she had to correct and went to the principal's room.

But it was after five o'clock when the last dallier had finished his work and she could dismiss him and feel free to go herself.

Wearily she closed her desk, put on her wraps and hurried out to the street, deciding that she would walk home. She needed the exercise.

But what was her annoyance when she reached the pavement to find Laurie's car parked in front of the building, and Laurie himself tall and formidable standing on the sidewalk waiting, as if he were a stern parent come to punish her.

"Oh, Laurie!" she said with a troubled note in her voice, "why did you come here now? I told you I had nothing more to say. Please go away. I cannot go anywhere today. I have things to do at home."

"So that's the way you greet me, is it, when I've taken the trouble to come after you? You think you can turn me down just like that! Well, you can't! I'm not one to take a slap like that and do nothing about it! I'm having it out. You've got to go home, have you? Well, I'm taking you home, see? Get in! I'm taking you home when I get good and ready."

Never had she seen Laurie in this mood before. She looked at him in astonishment, and started to back away from him, but suddenly he seized her wrist and with an iron grip pushed her toward the car. She could not free herself from him without making an outcry and drawing the attention of others to herself. And to make the matter worse three of the teachers and several scholars who had been holding a school club meeting were just coming down the steps behind her, and she was painfully conscious of their nearness.

"Laurie, please!" she said in a low tone. "This isn't a joke. I really don't want to ride now. I have an errand. I want to speak to one of those teachers."

She tried to stand her ground and resist him, but he held her arm like a vise, and forced her about.

"I'm not joking!" he said grimly, "I came here to get you, and I'm taking you with me. Get in!" and he pushed her to the car so that she must needs get in or stumble headlong. Moreover it was the driver's seat into which she was shoved roughly, and she had to struggle under the wheel to the other side, as he forced her over, springing in after her, and starting his car almost before the door was closed.

Her face flamed scarlet with anger, and then turned white and she began to tremble. What did he mean, treating her that way? Then as the car shot out into the road, and he turned sternly to face her, she got his breath, and it was heavy with liquor. Laurie had been drinking again!

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BUILDING a CHURCH PROGRAM OF RECREATION

Scripture Reference: 1. Corinthians 12:1-14.

1. The Church's Divine Origin

The Christian Church is, first of all, an organism. Christ is the head of the Church. His rulership is exercised through the Holy Spirit. The Church is Christ's body. That body is vitally connected with the head and draws its life from that source. Cut off the head and the body is dead. Christ also exercises all power in the universe in behalf of the Church. The Church expresses Christ's fullness. As Christ conveys the conception of God's nature, so the church conveys the conception of Christ's love, authority, power and glory. According to our Scripture reference, God has given his people a diversity of gifts, but all these gifts should be dominated by the same spirit of God. That is, Christians should all recognize Christ as the head of the Church, and serve him with their ability and God-given talents. All Christians are to make a vital contribution to the Church of Jesus Christ.

The church is of divine origin. Because Christ established the church, it should be first in the life of every Christian.

2. The Church as an Institution

In Matt. 16:18 Christ says, "Upon this rock I will build my church." Jesus never built but one structure after he quit the carpenter's shop in Nazareth. That was his Church. The Church as an institution is composed of human material. Jesus established his Church as an institution. The fundamentals of the Church as an institution are: Christ is the designer. He is the architect. He is the builder. He is the foundation. He is also the owner and occupant of the Church. It means the regenerate persons who unite themselves together, in conformity with Christ's laws, for establishing his kingdom on earth. The Church is fundamental to the propagation of the gospel. The Christian Church is an organized body of baptized believers, of body equal in rank and privileges of individuals. It is a body administering its own affairs under the headship of Christ, a body united in the faith of Christ and also "the faith once for all delivered unto the saints." The Church is the visible organization, the mission of which is to enlarge the kingdom.

3. The Functions of the Church

The main worth and work of the church is the worship of God. Paul says: "Speak to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord." That means to witness for Christ and to preach the gospel. Pliny wrote of the worship of the early Christians, that they used to meet before dawn and sing to Christ as to a God!

"Lord, how delightful 'tis to see
A whole assembly worship thee.
At once they sing, at once they pray,
They hear of heaven and learn the way."

Another very vital function of the Church is recreation. Recreation is greatly needed in our overworked times. Physical labor requires mental recreation, and mental labor demands physical recreation. Recreation obviously signifies a fresh creation. Everything, however, depends upon the quality of our recreations. We must have "play." You have heard the story of the young hunter at Ephesus, returning from the chase. With his unstrung bow in his hand, he entered the house of St. John. John asked him why he carried his bow unstrung. "In order that my bow may retain its elasticity." Just so will mind and body not retain their usefulness, unless they are at times unstrung. For good recreation we would recommend clean literature and good music, at home and in public, for they are of the most exalted and delightful of recreations. In winter the young people should have their indoor games and in summer their outdoor recreations.

Sunday, July 23, 1939

GOOD TIMES IN THE HOME

Scripture References: Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 4:9-10; Psalm 101:2.

1. Home According to the Bible

The domestic pictures of the Bible are full of interest. What interesting homes it reveals! Abraham's home. Jacob's home. The home life of Boaz and Ruth. The home life of Job. The home of Daniel. The lovely home of Bethany. Of home and its duties God's Word says much. Home life is of immense importance. In the home we are taught respect for parents. The family is God's greatest institution on earth. The tenderest word is "Love." The sweetest word is "Home." But the dearest word is "Mother." The Talmud tells us: "God could not be in every place at once, and so he made mothers."

2. The Christian Home

A great churchman of our day made the statement: "The future of our church and of our country depends, under God, upon stalwart, Christian homes, consecrated Christian families, the exaltation of the Christian doctrines concerning marriage, parenthood and home." Let every pastor proclaim from his pulpit and fearlessly defend in his practice, the truths and sacredness of the marriage vow and of the sanctity of the home. Let every member in the pew practice the Christian principle of faith and of a sanctified life in his own home, to the end that Christian homes may be re-established. What untold happiness and blessing will then return to our nation! Christian homes are the bulwark of the nation. The home is easily the most important institution in our land. If our homes lose their distinctive Christian quality, nothing can stop the moral and material disintegration of church and nation. If our home is truly Christian, it will be a place of love, joy, peace, contentment and happiness, and also a source of divine blessing. Blessed are the boys and girls who are privileged to grow up in a real Christian home!

3. The Christian at Home

The great words of home and family dedication, words that can never be surpassed, are recorded in the Bible, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." The searchlight of publicity should be turned more upon the world's home life. Paul gives us a picture of the Christian home, when he brings Jesus Christ into the heart of the home, and bids members of a family love one another, even as Christ loved them all. It is a great thing for a man and a woman to live for each other and to travel life's road hand in hand together. Let us be good fathers and mothers, good sons and daughters, and good brothers and sisters, in the Christian home. Why are some so casual at home, and so different elsewhere and in company? "East—West, Home's best."

Sunday, July 30, 1939

THE BEAUTY OF THE COMMONPLACE

Scripture References: Matt. 6:26 to 30; Psalm 147:7-9.

1. The Commonplace Things

Our Scripture reference and, also 1. Cor. 1:27-29, hang a halo of glory (Continued on Page 238)

Reports from the Field

MISSIONARY PICTURES AVAILABLE

A new illustrated lecture entitled, "Consider Africa!" about our Cameroon Mission Field is ready for distribution. The 85 new and interesting pictures are arranged on a continuous still film. The projector is sent with the written lecture and film. Time of presentation—40 minutes.

Other still film lectures available are "Seeing God's Glory" about our denominational enterprise, (30 minutes); "Fellowshipping with God's People in Europe," (one hour); and several shorter lectures about the Cameroon mission field. All of these are older picture programs, which have been previously announced in our papers.

The following moving picture films with English captions are now available to all our churches:

1. Missionary Bender in Africa.
2. Cameroon Trek into the Interior.
3. A Missionary's Busy Day With His Varied Experiences.
4. Our Missionaries on a Visitation Tour to Neighboring Fields.
5. Native Scenes from the Mission Field.
6. Typical Scenes from Life in Kakaland.
7. Building the Grassland Palace for the Gebauers.
8. Miss Koppin Following in the Footsteps of the Master.
9. Arrival of the Dungers at the Cameroon Coast.
10. Miss Reddig Arriving at Cameroon and Meeting Fellow-Missionaries.
11. Our Gypsy Work in Bulgaria.
12. Travelling Through Picturesque Europe.
13. European Scenes Arrayed in Gorgeous Colors (Kodachrome).
14. Immigration and Colonization in Canada.

All requests for any of the still film programs or moving picture films are to be addressed to the Rev. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. They should be made at least several weeks in advance and with two or three choices in dates indicated, because of the heavy demand for these pictures by the churches.

In naming the selections, mention both the number and title of the film. This will prevent any mistakes being made. All moving picture films are of the 16 mm size. They present admirable material for unique missionary programs. Make arrangements now to show the still pictures or moving pictures about our mission fields in your church.



The Choir of the Greenvine Baptist Church near Burton, Texas

Southern Conference The Greenvine Church Choir in its Ministry of Song

The choir of the Greenvine Baptist Church in Texas, which organized in March, 1936, recently held its annual business meeting, at which the following officers were elected: president, Arnold Deiss; vice-president, Albert Luedemann; director, Rev. J. J. Lippert; secretary, Milton Lippert; treasurer, Granville Rost; pianist, Alethea Lippert.

The choir during the past year has not only served in rendering songs for almost all of our Sunday services but has made a tour to two of our nearby churches. Greenvine is so far distant from other churches of the state that this is not an easy undertaking. But we do have willing young people, who are ready to do what they can for their Master.

Through programs, given in our own church, we have been able to help the church financially and spiritually. In the spiritual things, we are first of all partakers. Financially, we have been able to buy a set of English books for the church. In missions we also try to do our part. We feel it to be a great privilege to be able to serve the Lord in this way.

The Donna Church Celebrates the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. Terveen

On Tuesday evening, April 18, a surprise was given by the German Baptist Church in Donna, Texas, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Terveen on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. They had guarded their secret well, but through the kind intervention of a telegram, bearing congratulations to them, we became wise. Since a social had been planned in their home for this very evening, all things worked together for our good.

The evening program began with the presentation of a beautiful bridal bouquet to the "bride" by Mrs. Lawrence Terveen in the name of our Young People's Society. Our pastor, the Rev. L. Hoeffner, then spoke on Matt. 28:20, showing us how wonderfully God guides our lives with his presence in days of sunshine and shadow. This has also been true during the past 25 years in the life of the Terveens. Mr. and Mrs. Terveen take active part in the work of our church, not only by giving time and talent to the work, but also of their substance. Mrs. Terveen serves at present as the secretary of our Ladies' Society and Mr. Terveen as the superintendent of our Sunday School.

The usual wedding cake, presents and congratulations were not amiss. MRS. L. HOEFFNER, Reporter.

Study Course and Mother's-Daughter's Banquet Held in the Kyle Church

The Baptist Training Union of the German Baptist Church of Kyle, Tex., has recently completed a study course under the direction of our pastor, the Rev. Max Mittelstedt, and his wife. The books that were taught were, "How to Win to Christ" and "Trail Makers." We have discovered that our pastor and his wife are very efficient and noble instructors. Those who were engaged in the study courses have received much benefit and help to do greater work for our Master.

A fine source of inspiration and strength for our young people is that of taking charge of one Sunday evening service every month.

The young girls of our Sunday School held a Mothers' and Daughters' banquet recently. About 45 mothers and daughters gathered around the banquet table to enjoy the delicious meal prepared by the daughters. The president of the Ophelia Class in a few well chosen words welcomed the mothers. The program which was rendered consisted of several readings, stories, a duet and special music. We had a very interesting guest speaker, Mrs. Gordon L. Rice, from San Marcos, Texas, who gave a wonderful talk on "Mothers." We also had a "Pledge Service" under the leadership of Mrs. Mittelstedt.

With the help of God, we are looking forward with great hope and expectation to be better and finer disciples of our Lord, sharing thereby in a greater way in God's Kingdom.

MARGARET LENGEFELD, Secretary.

The South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association Meetings at Donna

The South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association met with the church at Donna, Texas, from March 23 to 26. The opening sermon on Thursday evening was brought by the Rev. Max Mittelstedt of Kyle, Texas.

The session on Friday morning was opened with a devotional service, led by Mr. David Wiegand of Kyle, Texas. Reports from the seven churches belonging to this association were then read. We could see from these reports that all our churches are making a serious effort to live up to the motto adopted for this year, "Winning Many For Christ." In the afternoon the Rev. Paul Hintze of Mowata, La., discussed the question, "Which Fundamental Truths of the Bible Should be Emphasized in Our Day?" The Rev. L. Hoeffner read a paper on, "The Personality of Jesus and its Meaning for Today." A well attended evangelistic meeting was held in the evening, at which time the Rev. William Schweitzer of Dallas, Texas, brought a fitting message on "Faith, and Why It will Save Us."

The Rev. Paul Hintze led the devotional service on Saturday morning. After a short business session, the following papers were read: "The Christian Life" by the Rev. Max Mittelstedt; and "Characteristics of an Evangelistic Church" by the Rev. William Schweitzer.

The sightseeing tour on Saturday afternoon included a visit to Engelman's Gardens, one of the largest grapefruit and orange groves. A visit to the "Magic Valley of Texas," (this is not a paid advertisement of the wonderful fruit belt of southern Texas), is not complete without a visit to one of the Mexican border towns. Under the leadership of the Rev. L. Hoeffner, we went across the Mexican border. This visit was interesting and enlightening. The people of these little Mexican towns apparently have not changed their way of living for several generations.

The Rev. William Schweitzer spoke at the Sunday morning service on the topic, "Life's Greatest Problem," using as his text the words of Pilate, "What shall I do with Jesus?" We were then looking forward with great anticipation to the young people's meeting in the afternoon, and were not disappointed in our expectations. Our small church at Donna may well be proud of their young people. The program, which was sponsored by the B. Y. P. U. of the entertaining church, gave evidence of the presence of a consecrated, hard working and talented group of young people. The closing sermon was brought by the Rev. Max Mittelstedt who spoke on the topic, "Is Ignorance Bliss?"

MAX G. MITTELSTEDT, Reporter.

Central Conference Anniversary Program of the Alpena Women's Missionary Society

More than a hundred persons attended the anniversary program of the Women's Missionary Society of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church in Alpena, Mich., on Tuesday evening, May 9. Mrs. Andrew Huggler, president of the society, presided.

An inspiring religious drama, entitled "The Challenge of the Cross," featured the program. The cast included Mrs. Weinkauff, Mrs. John Timm, Mrs. W. W. Knauf and the Misses Millie Paad, Gertrude Winters, Laura and Charlotte Behnke. A quartet composed of the Misses Gladys Paad and Lillian Heussner, Rev. W. W. Knauf, and Mr. Reinhold Behnke, sang several selections during the program. Mrs. Ewald Godt, a returned missionary from Argentine, South America, sang a solo. A reading by Mrs. David Timm and a brief address by the pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf, were also appreciated by the large audience. LAURA BEHNKE, Reporter.

Mother's Day at the Old People's Home in Chicago

The impulse of love for mothers, experienced the world over, was also keenly felt in the Western German Baptist Old People's Home of Chicago, Ill., on Mother's Day, May 14. From early in the morning until late in the evening, the arrival of flowers, telegrams, special delivery letters, and visitors, kept our door-bell ringing. At the close of the day, our records showed that we had had 132 guests, that 23 plants and bouquets of flowers had been received, and that 18 special delivery letters and telegrams had brought their messages of love to the residents of our Home.

My pen fails to describe the joy which these tokens of love brought to the hearts of our aged mothers. May such demonstrations of affection continue and inspire us with the wish to honor and care for our mothers, while they are still here to appreciate and enjoy our love.

REV. E. R. LENGEFELD, Superintendent.

Sunday School Honors and Attendance Contest in the Grace Church of Chicago

At the close of the year 1938, the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., had the pleasure of awarding honor pins to 19 Sunday School scholars, who were fortunate enough to be present every Sunday during the year.

These pins were given out on Easter Sunday morning, April 9. Those ranking highest in the number of years, during which they have had perfect attendance, are as follows: Mary Ungar, 5 years; Fritz Ungar, 5 years; Edward Ungar, 4 years; Herman Ungar, 4 years; and Patricia Normann, 3 years.

All the others had perfect attendance for the first time.

We are now conducting an attendance contest between the boys and girls of the Sunday School to see who arrives at the picnic grounds, namely, Paletine, first. As our usual mode of transportation is by bus, this vehicle is used to carry out the idea on the map, representing a scale of miles, and ending up at Paletine.

Our aim, of course is to increase the attendance of the Sunday School, which is not so very large at the present time, having an enrollment of 116, including the teachers, but not the Primary department. We can truthfully say, however, that our average attendance of 83 is quite high.

We are hoping to have the contest completed in time for the picnic which will be held in Paletine on June 24th.

BETTY STEINKE, Secretary.

Pacific Conference Recent Programs and Activities of the Colfax B. Y. P. U.

During the past year the B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church of Colfax, Wash., has continued the group system as in the past. The members have been divided into four groups, each with a leader who is made responsible for a program on the first Sunday of each month and devotional services for the remaining Sundays.

Many interesting programs have been presented such as question boxes, question and answer contests, Bible verse contests, an Easter play, and the showing of mission motion pictures. The Easter play, "Pilgrim of the Way," was presented by our young people to a large and interested audience. Several associations from neighboring churches were invited to enjoy the evening with us. The play depicted the conversion of Saul of Tarsus and was deeply felt by those attending. Of special interest was the program of motion pictures, showing the work of our missionaries in foreign fields.

The B. Y. P. U. participated in the mission celebration given by the Spokane Church recently and also attended the welcoming services for the Rev. N. H. Christensen at the Spokane Church. Financially our B. Y. P. U. has assisted our missionary, Miss Laura Reddig, in the Cameroons. Recently we had electricity installed in our church and the B. Y. P. U. contributed in the way of fixtures, etc., which have aided much in our work. Many new books have also been added to our library, which have been very popular among the members.

We had evangelistic services for a period of ten days with the Rev. E. Bibelheimer of Missoula, Montana, as our guest speaker. The meetings were very inspirational and helpful. Three persons expressed their desire to follow the Master.

RUTH KRUEGER, Secretary.

Atlantic Conference The Second Church of Brooklyn Welcomes its New Pastor

With genuine enthusiasm coupled with pledges of hearty cooperation, the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., welcomed its new pastor, the Rev. William J. Appel, and his talented family on Friday evening, May 5, at a reception given in the church parlors.

Mr. Walter R. Marklein, a church deacon and the presiding officer, was present with a surprise gift by the members of the Church Council as a token of appreciation of his capable leadership during the past 13 months. Music was rendered by the Sunday School orchestra and church choir.

Greetings from the Ridgewood Church, our neighbors, formerly the First German Baptist Church, were brought by the Rev. A. Kannwischer. The Rev. Frank Orthner, who supplied the pulpit many times during these many months, and the Rev. William J. Zirbes, who served this church over a period of 17 years and who has been our guest speaker on numerous occasions in the past, also addressed the gathering.

Representatives of our local societies then concluded the program with short speeches of welcome to our new pastor, who responded with well chosen words in assuring his cooperation in serving our Lord and Master, as He would have it done in this community.

ARTHUR R. MACOSKEY, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference Recent Anniversary Program of the Buffalo Center B. Y. P. U.

On Tuesday evening, April 25, the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church in Buffalo Center, Ia., celebrated its 18th anniversary. The program was opened with a welcome by the vice-president, followed by the secretary's and treasurer's reports.

The entire society then rendered the cantata entitled "The Pink Rose." The missionary offering amounted to \$64.15.

Our B. Y. P. U. is steadily growing, and with God's grace we hope to be of more service to him. Our present membership is 42, with 3 of our members attending Northwestern Bible School. In our regular weekly meetings, we have had Bible studies, devotional periods, business matters and social gatherings. We are grateful and glad to have the Rev. and Mrs. P. Peters as our leaders and instructors.

Our officers are: president, Mrs. Peters; vice-president, Harold Winter; secretary, Sarah Van Hoorn; treasurer, Loretta Bronleewe; pianist, Ruth Feldick. May we as a B. Y. P. U., grow stronger that we may serve our Master more faithfully during the coming year!

SARAH VAN HOORN, Secretary.

A Review of the Past Year's Activities of the Wausau World Wide Guild

The Eunice Monroe Guild of the Baptist Church in Wausau, Wis., has now completed its missionary and white cross work for the past guild year. We trust that the readers of this publication will be interested in learning about some of the projects which we have successfully carried out during this period.

Through the efforts of every member in our small group, we were able to send a white cross quota, consisting of twelve flannel bay jackets, as well as hospital wipes and bandages, to the foreign mission field.

Our financial contribution to missions was \$20, of which \$15 was our regular missionary quota, and \$5 sent at Christmas as a special gift for the cause of missions in China.

On Sunday, December 4, the Guild held its annual vesper service in the church, at which time the pageant, "The Stained Glass Window," was presented. "The Girl from India," an impressive missionary play written by our pastor, Rev. Fred Schilling, was enacted as a part of the church service, of which the Guild took charge on the last Sunday in March. The offerings taken at both of these services were used for the work of the Guild.

Lastly, we are, indeed, anxious to report that we have successfully filled our reading contest requirements for the past year, each girl having completed the reading of five Guild books. We are hoping to add another picture to the ones we have already received for our efforts in the past three years.

The officers elected for the coming year are: president, Faythe Habeck; vice-president, Margaret Miller; secretary, Janet Beneditz; treasurer, Ruth Adams; and White Cross chairman, Betty Jayne Luedke.

We of the Guild have the sincere desire that the coming year's work may bring even richer blessings and a stronger missionary zeal.

JANET BENEDITZ, Secretary.

The Grace Church of Racine, Wis., and its Organizations Engage in Many Activities

The Grace Church of Racine, Wis., has been busy recently in the activities of its various organizations. The Easter programs of the two women's societies was of such inspirational worth that each of them was repeated on successive Sunday evenings by urgent request.

On another Sunday evening the Sunshine Circle, our Junior young people's society, combined a Mother's Day program with its fifth anniversary celebration. Since the beginning of its present organization, this group has met regularly on Friday and Sunday evenings during eleven months of the year. Friday evening is devoted to

handwork and Sunday evening to programs. The children conduct their own devotions. The anniversary program began with a demonstration of a sample Sunday evening meeting with worship, responses, choruses, etc., followed by a play with a cast of nine, a history of the organization and an appropriate message. Mrs. Hugo Schacht is the leader of the Circle. Singing is given a large place. The chorister, Mrs. O. Jander, reported that 56 choruses had been committed to memory during the five years.

On a recent Sunday morning six infant children were presented to the Lord by their parents with laying on of hands by the pastor, the Rev. A. Engel.

The Sunday School is enjoying a marked growth at present. Teachers' meetings are held regularly in the homes in a social atmosphere. This has done much to engender enthusiasm. Mr. Ephraim Roman is the energetic superintendent. Programs are presented before the school on special church days. Each mother in attendance on Mother's Day received a token.

On a Saturday afternoon in May the choir motored 250 miles to Elgin, Iowa, to present a Sunday afternoon choral service in the church where the Rev. P. F. Zoschke, formerly of Racine, is now the pastor.

A group of women from the North Avenue Church of Milwaukee came to Racine to present a missionary program at a Sunday evening service in May. It was the sixteenth time the group had given this play in various churches of this area. The play, entitled "A Call From Afar," was preceded by a twenty minute missionary message by Mrs. J. Mavis, the director. It was an effective missionary plea.

MRS. HUGO SCHACHT, Reporter.

Sessions of the Wisconsin Association at the North Ave. Church in Milwaukee

The Wisconsin German Baptist Association met with the North Avenue Church of Milwaukee, of which the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner is pastor, from April 23 to 26. The pleasant weather, an interesting program, a spiritual atmosphere and the splendid hospitality of the hosts made it an enjoyable gathering in spite of a small attendance.

The Rev. Thomas Stoeri of North Freedom was the advance preacher for the opening day on Sunday. The association is small enough to permit each pastor to be on the program every year. Monday evening, designated as a worship service, was addressed by the Rev. A. Engel of Racine on the subject, "The Church's Future Up To Us." Church reports, presented the next morning, indicated that several of our churches are definitely on the upward trend in additions, attendance and receipts.

Two symposiums were conducted at the day sessions which proved to be of timely interest, thanks to the brethren who prepared them. The first on "Christianity and Our World" was divided as follows: "The Church and the Community" by Rev. F. Schilling of Wausau; "The Church and the State" by Rev. L. B. Berndt of Sheboygan; "The Church and Education" by Rev. H. Hiller of Milwaukee; "The Church and Social Security" by Rev. H. Bothner of Pound.

The other symposium was on the interpretation of the prophets, Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Micah by Rev. H. W. Wedel of Milwaukee, Rev. G. Wetter of Watertown, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of Milwaukee and Rev. E. Wolff of Lebanon, in that order. These were of a deeply devotional nature and brought out for discussion such questions as, Is truth always welcome? Can there be social reform without spiritual regeneration? What about the Jew?, etc.

Dr. Wm. Kuhn was present for one day and brought a stirring inspirational message at the close of a morning session and gave the address in the evening on the denominational missionary work. We had a demonstration that Christ's challenge to forsake all and follow him is still appealing when held up in the light of God's promises in spite of a gloomy world outlook.

The closing meeting on Wednesday evening witnessed a touching missionary play by the women of the entertaining church on the world need. This church is getting a reputation throughout this area for its effective presentation of religious plays. The Rev. Thomas Stoeri brought the program to a close with a gripping message calling upon the delegates to turn the inspiration of these conference days into service.

The delegates visited the newly constructed Bethany Church, where the Rev. Herbert Hiller is the pastor and were delighted with the beauty and versatility of this new house of worship. They were also surprised that the consecrated labor of the members had produced so much at so little cost.

A. ENGEL, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference Kansas German Baptist Ministerial Retreat at Lorraine

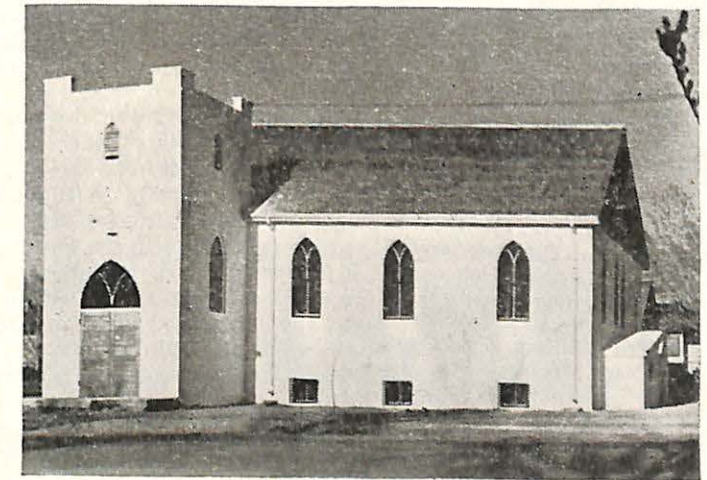
On Tuesday, May 2, the ministers and their wives of the German Baptist churches of Kansas, met at Lorraine for an all day retreat. The day's sessions began with a devotional period which were presented and discussed: "Standards of Ordination" by P. Potzner; "Wie bereite ich meine Predigt" by Rev. R. Vassel; "How to Conquer" by Rev. R. Vassel; "Prayer Meeting" by Rev. P. Smit. The topics, "Ministerial Standards of Conduct" and "The Art

of Pastoral Visitation" were discussed, the brethren to whom they had been assigned not being present. The retreat came to a close with an evening service, in which the people of Lorraine participated. The Rev. S. F. Geis brought the message, using as his subject, "How Jesus Prepares His Disciples."

Rev. R. Klein, Rev. Chas. Wagner and Mr. H. G. Geis from Oklahoma were welcome visitors. Their presence added much to the retreat.

It was unanimously voted to make this retreat an annual affair. Rev. P. Potzner was elected moderator and Rev. J. Kornelsen secretary. The next retreat will be held at Ellinwood in the spring of next year. All who were present expressed their deepest gratitude to the women of the Lorraine Church who so bountifully served our physical needs for the day.

S. F. GEIS, Reporter.



The New German Baptist Church at La Salle, Colo.,
Dedicated on Sunday, May 7

Dedication of the New Church Edifice in La Salle, Colorado

We of the German Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., praise our Lord for his blessings that were with us in the building and dedication of our new church. We were able to dedicate the new church on Sunday, May 7.

The church was built with great sacrifices on the part of the members, but now it is the joy of the members. The cost is between \$7,000 and \$8,000, which is paid up to \$1,500. On the day of its dedication the offerings amounted to \$122.83. Pledges to cover the debt, given on this day, were \$197.17 in cash and \$900 in pledges to be paid in the Fall, a total of \$1220. That leaves a debt of \$300, which will soon be covered also. We praise our Lord for all this because it is from him!

A great crowd gathered on this day of dedication, May 7. Brethren from Scottsbluff and others had come. Our program was full with 6 sermons, and music by the mixed choir of 40 voices, the male chorus of 20 voices, soloists, quartets, sextet, and octet. A harp and saw duet also beautified the services.

The attendance was 250 in each meeting held in the morning and afternoon, and 225 in the evening.

The bells of the church called the people together at 10 A. M. outside the church. We opened with the song: "Grosser Gott, wir loben dich." Gustav Warner, chairman of the building committee, gave a short speech, opened the church and handed the key to the pastor, the Rev. C. H. Seecamp. Then we entered singing: "Come we that love the Lord and make your joys be known." — Dr. Wm. Kuhn, of Forest Park, Ill., spoke in German on 1. Kings 8:10, 11, "Die Herrlichkeit des Herrn erfüllte das Haus." Our pastor, Rev. C. H. Seecamp, followed in English on 1. Kings 9:3, "The House of the Lord."

In the afternoon service Dr. Kuhn spoke in English on Acts 2:47, "The Growth of the Church." The Rev. Woody Hodson, minister of the First Baptist Church at Greeley, followed on

Nehemiah 4:6, "And We Built the Wall—and the People Had a Mind to Work."

In the evening Mr. Geis from Okeene, Okla., spoke in German and the Rev. R. Vassel from Bison, Kansas, spoke in German on Ps. 93:5, "Heiligkeit ist die Zierde deines Hauses ewiglich." The Rev. Walter L. Jaeger, state secretary of the Baptists of Colorado, spoke on John 14:9, "He That Hath Seen Me Hath Seen the Father." The Mayor of the town and the principal of the Public School were present to show their respect and appreciation to the church. — The ladies of the church served a free dinner and supper in the basement of the building. More than 300 persons were served. We thank our ladies for their cooperation in serving the fine meals. May the Lord's blessing rest upon the work of the church in the future!

On Sunday, April 30, our Sunday School broke its record attendance in that 144 attended. Our membership is 81, and the attendance is usually about double that number.

ELMA STAUDINGER, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Fredonia B. Y. P. U. Presents Program in the Streeter Church

The Streeter B. Y. P. U. invited the young people of the German Baptist Church in Fredonia, No. Dak., to come to them and give a program in order to get better acquainted. About three years ago the Streeter young people gave a program in our church, and so we felt it was our duty to pay back an old debt.

Our young people went to Streeter early in April. It was a lovely day and a pleasure for us to ride the 35 miles to Streeter, where we were invited into the homes for supper. Under the leadership of our president, Mr. Max Buechler, we rendered a musical program consisting of a piano solo, violin solo, vocal solo, piano duet, choir numbers and numbers by ladies' quartet, male quartet, mixed quartet and a string band. This was followed by talks by the Rev. D. Littke and the Rev. Wm. Jaster.

Mrs. W. JASTER, Reporter.

Double Golden Wedding Jubilee at Unityville, South Dakota

Sunday, April 30, was a day of great rejoicing for the German Baptist Church at Unityville, So. Dak. We commemorated the double Golden Wedding anniversary of two physical brothers. Mr. and Mrs. William Wobig and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Wobig were the "Golden Jubilee" couples. Although the proper dates were earlier and later, respectively, we had prepared secretly for this double celebration for some time.

The Rev. John Olthoff of Salem, Ore., one of the first pastors of the couples and a former protege of Mrs. Karl Wobig, had made it possible to come personally and to bring the jubilee message in the forenoon, on the basis of a word in Deut. 2:7: "Forty years the Lord thy God hath been with thee."

In the afternoon friends from far and near gathered in the church for the festival program. Accompanied by the strains of suitable music the two couples were ushered through a beautifully decorated church to their seats of honor on the platform. All living former pastors, the brethren E. Bibelheimer, H. Lohr, J. G. Rott, and also the son of the church, the Rev. John Wobig, had responded to the invitation by written messages of congratulation. Mr. Ernest Wobig spoke in behalf of the Sunday School. Mrs. Wm. Sturhahn presented hearty words of congratulation and a golden gift from the Women's Missionary Society. Miss Lucille Karlson gave appreciative words of best wishes in behalf of the young people. Mrs. Reuben Rabenhorst, Ardis and Mildred Rabenhorst brought fitting recitations.

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The choir rendered melodious anthems of praise to honor the God whose mighty hands we have seen in the lives of our jubilee couples. Once more the Rev. John Olthoff spoke and gave some of the outstanding historical facts and incidents, which contained the faithful activities of the honored couples. The pastor presented the congratulations of the church and his personal words of honor and appreciation to these two saintly couples.

We were happy that we could pause to pay our human honor and tribute to these friends of ours in Christ. Their first interests in life have been and are the spiritual welfare of those whom they love and the building of the Kingdom of God. Gladly they sacrificed the use of their beloved mother tongue in the services, in order that the young people might receive the benefits of the worship. To their children, grandchildren and younger friends they are glowing examples and ideals of Christian manhood and womanhood.

WM. STURHAHN, Reporter.

I Was in Prison

The suppressed letters of German Pastors written while in prison or in concentration camps. They were originally published in Germany but the books were confiscated.

The book brings an interpretation by Dr. Charles S. Macfarland who is well and favorably known in Germany and who also has a personal acquaintance with Adolf Hitler. Reference is made to an interview with Hitler and Dr. Macfarland's open letter to the "Fuehrer" is quoted at length.

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B. Y. P. U. TOPICS

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around all commonplace things. They give a death blow to pride and human ideas of greatness. The common, ever present things of life are constantly losing the real love for life. What is the commonplace? It is the valley where the multitudes travel, and what they do. It has nothing to differentiate it, or bring it to the limelight. It is the real work of the world. The very fact that most things are commonplace shows their continued necessity. It shows that they are connected with the every day needs of life. We should urge our young people to be true workers in the commonplace things of life. The commonplace is divine. God has ever honored the commonplace.

2. The Christ of the Common Road

Christ chose to follow not a royal highway, but a very commonplace road. He had to do with people, not things; and with very ordinary people at that. The poor were all about him, as they are all about us. With his ability, Jesus might have chosen to make his appeal to the wealthy and powerful. But the fact remains that he did not. He went wherever life's need took him. And this led him generally into humble and lowly spheres; not very often into the company of the rich and powerful. This trail was his by choice, not by accident. The test of the reality of our Christianity takes place in the midst of life, commonplace and drab as it is. The question for us is, Does our religion work in our ordinary relations with people? A Christianity that cannot prove its reality in the commonplace of life is far from the norm set by the Master. The truth is, that though Christ came to these people in their drab and sordid situations, he did not leave them that way. His very coming made a difference. The outlook and spirit of a person changes when the Christ comes in.

3. The Beauty of the Common Things

Our Lord, speaking of the beauty of the lilies, spoke of flowers that everybody in Palestine knew, the common sights of the fields, nothing rich or rare, but just ordinary wild flowers, and he said, "Look at them; even Solomon in all his glory was not so perfect." The sights which our Lord chose to bring home to them the dealings of God with them were to those who heard them just common sights. Even a great machine has beauty to those who understand it—the power and the silent working of it! Even more so is there beauty where there is life as well. Jesus always took the common things to make us understand that they were beautiful enough for the love of God to interpret itself through them.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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vention held in Oklahoma City, Okla. Before an audience of 7000 people Mr. Klein was one of 9 home missionaries who sang the song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," in their respective languages.

● On Sunday afternoon, May 14, the B. Y. P. U. of the Shell Creek Church in Nebraska held its anniversary program. Last year's president, Mrs. Otto Albers, was in charge. The dialogue, "Driftwood," written by Mrs. M. De Boer, and "Where the Trails Cross," were presented. Mr. Elmer Behlen brought a musical reading entitled, "Mother's Bible." Musical numbers were rendered by a mixed quartet, male quartet and men's chorus. The offering of \$36 was designated for the Cameroon mission field. The new officers of the B. Y. P. U. are Bert Lange, president; Ben Steen, vice-president; Arville Mohrmann, secretary; and Leonard Mohrmann, treasurer.

● On Easter Sunday, April 9, the choir of the German Baptist Church at Wasco, Calif., rendered the cantata, "Rise, Glorious Conqueror!" under the able direction of Mr. W. H. Kroesch. On Sunday evening, April 30, the Rev. F. E. Klein, pastor of the church, baptized 5 boys and girls of the Sunday School, among whom were the children, Florence and Dwight, of the Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Klein. Six persons were received into the fellowship of the church on Sunday, May 7, making a total of 30 persons received by letter and baptism since January, 1939. A fine series of Union evangelistic meetings were held in the city from March 12 to 26 with Dr. Harry O. Anderson of Chicago, Ill., serving as evangelist and the Kraft Twins of Wasco in charge of music and personal work.

● On Sunday, May 7, the Rev. John Schmidt of Union City, N. J., baptized 3 young people upon confession of their faith and received these into the fellowship of the First German Baptist Church of Union City. On Thursday evening, May 24, the farewell service was held by the church for the Rev. and Mrs. J. Schmidt with the members and pastors of neighboring churches also in attendance. Mr. Schmidt addressed the Women's Missionary Union of New York and vicinity at its festive anniversary program on Thursday evening, May 18, in the Evangel Church of Newark, N. J. On Sunday, June 4, he brought his first sermon as the newly installed pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. A reception for Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt, arranged by the church for its members and the other Chicago churches, was held on Wednesday evening, June 7.

● It was estimated that upwards of 800 people attended the Song Fest,

which was held in the German Baptist Church of Goodrich, No. Dak., on Sunday evening, April 30. Representatives of 6 Baptist churches in McClusky, Anamoose, Germantown, Carrington, Cathay, and Goodrich participated in the program, which consisted of numbers by octets, quartets and choirs, composed wholly of male voices. Special selections included two baritone solos by the Rev. A. Ittermann of Cathay and a trombone duet by R. E. Martin, and son, Norman, of Goodrich. The Song Fest was under the direction of the Rev. A. E. Reeh of Goodrich, who conducted the mass choir of 60 male voices in the final selection. Because of the interest and response shown at this Song Fest, plans have already been formulated for similar programs in the future.

● On Sunday evening, May 14, the Sunshine Girls of the Immanuel Church of Chicago, Ill., entertained the mothers of the church at a fine supper and inspiring program, of which Mrs. Ella Kornetzke was in charge. The toast to the mothers was brought by Miss Marian Kleindienst and the toast to the daughters by Mrs. Clara Baurle. A candlelight pageant entitled, "Mothers of Long Ago," was also presented. About 60 mothers and daughters attended the supper. Miss Mary Ann Gillison is president of the Sunshine Girls. The church choir rendered a musical

program on Easter Sunday evening, April 9, with Mr. Jesse Swango directing. On Mother's Day morning, May 14, the Rev. John F. Mueller, pastor, spoke on "An Old Fashioned Mother." Mr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," was the guest speaker at the Mother's Day evening service.

● Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ross of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, made an extensive auto tour of the Southland from February 11 to May 20. Mr. Ross is a candidate for the foreign mission field, and so preached in a number of German Baptist churches en route. At Dallas, Texas, he spoke at a Wednesday evening service early in March. He preached several times in the German Baptist Church at Donna, Texas. He was in the pulpit of the church at Elberta, Alabama, on several occasions. He and his wife also motored to Punta Gorda, Florida, where he spoke in a Southern Baptist church, and to other Florida resorts. On Easter Sunday Mr. Ross spoke in the West Baltimore Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. After spending several days in Rochester, N. Y., visiting our seminary, Mr. and Mrs. Ross went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he spoke in the White Avenue Church on Sunday evening, April 16. In Detroit, Mich., he addressed a Wednesday evening service in the Connors Avenue Church.

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I've been away from the States for over six months. I find Africa far more interesting and beautiful than I could ever have imagined it. The sun is giving me quite a little color, and I just couldn't feel better anywhere else, than I'm feeling out here. I wish I could send you some of our clear, cool air!

This was Easter Sunday, and really, it was so good to be away from all the new hats and spring clothes which bring so many people to our churches on that day. In our women's class, which I now have, we had our own little Easter service, and what a blessed time we had! The cross on the pulpit,

and the beauty of the sunshine on the out-of-doors was all the setting we needed. All were more than eager to express their thanks to God for his great love, and for the hope we have in Jesus. After church they all went to sing for one of our new mothers who has just had a baby.

The big box of bandages which I brought along out here, is over half gone, and Edith Koppin is to take half of the rest with her to Mambila. I hope that we will be able to receive more bandages very soon. We wash out many of them, but if you could see what bandages look like after the natives wear them one night, you would know what that means. If the women's societies, that make and send bandages, would make them in more useable sizes, it would help us a great deal. I'm sure they would not mind having some instructions, for as long as they are making the bandages, they should be willing to make them so they can be of greatest service.

I would like to give the following instructions for future bandages:

- 1.—Two inch or three inch bandages, well sewed by hand or better still by machine. Tied with string or a piece of bandage. (Some have come fastened with pins, and these are all rusted.) Be sure to fasten them, or most of them open in the packing and handling before they can be used.
- 2.—Gauze bandages, filled with cotton, make better dressings than plain gauze does. A small layer of cotton between the gauze, and cut in strips 4 inches wide. (For the foot ulcers, I have been using dressings I have been making this way, for only gauze, is too stiff and not absorbent enough.)
- 3.—Little squares of soft cotton materials are very useful also.

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