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What's Happening

● The Rev. Alfred A. Foll, pastor of the German Baptist Church in Hutchinson, Minn., had the joy of baptizing 12 persons on confession of their faith in Christ on Easter Sunday, April 9. An interesting Bible Day program was held by the Sunday School on Sunday, March 26.

● During the Lenten season the Rev. Albert R. Hahn, pastor of the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., preached a series of sermons on provocative topics such as: "Two Miles Plus," "When to Get Mad," "Darkness to Noonday," "And Fit It For the Sky," and "It Won't Let Go."

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 9, the Rev. Emil Becker, pastor of the German Baptist Church and its stations in Herreid, So. Dak., baptized 5 converts on confession of their faith in Christ as Savior. These and 2 other persons were received by the pastor into the fellowship of the church at the communion service.

● The Cottonwood Church near Lorena, Texas, recently organized a Junior Choir and Junior Prayer meeting. This Junior work is carried on at the same hour as the regular church prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings. The Junior choir also rehearses after the prayer services. The plan has met with wonderful success, according to the pastor, the Rev. H. Ekrut.

● The Rev. Hebert L. Koch, pastor of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., baptized 6 converts on Easter Sunday evening, April 9. Among those in the large audience witnessing the baptismal service was the pastor's father, the Rev. Henry Koch. Evangelistic meetings were held in the church from March 26 to 31 with the messages brought by the Rev. John A. Mueller, pastor of the Immanuel Church of Chicago.

● Special meetings were held in Trenton, Ill., during the Passion Week leading up to Good Friday, April 7, with the Baptist Church and its minister, the Rev. Charles F. Zummach, giving their full support. The addresses were brought by the Rev. F. Young of Centralia, Ill., to good sized audiences. The Baptist church has recently organized a Junior B. Y. P. U. for boys and girls 12 years of age and under. Mrs. Otto Lugenbuhl is the leader with Mrs. Klosing assisting.

● On Sunday, March 26, the B. Y. P. U. of Harvey, No. Dak., presented a mission program to increase the mission offering for the year. The program consisted of a mission play, en-

titled "Slave Girl and School Girl," several selections by the choir, a number of readings and a vocal number by a boys' trio. The Rev. Daniel Klein, pastor of the Harvey and Germantown churches, delivered an address, using missions as his theme. A mission offering was received after the program.

● The Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y., recently extended a call to Mr. Daniel Fuchs, a senior student in the German Baptist Seminary, to become its pastor. He has accepted the call and will begin his pastorate there on August 1st. He hopes to return to his home in Plevna, Montana, immediately after the close of school before taking up his duties as pastor of the church. He will succeed the Rev. Harvey Koester, who served the church for an extended period until his arduous studies at the university compelled his resignation.

● The young people of the North Avenue Church in Milwaukee, Wis., held an Easter sunrise service at 5 A. M. on the shores of Lake Michigan. The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, pastor of the church, baptized 4 persons at the morning service on Easter, April 9. In the evening service the choir, under the direction of Mr. George H. Ahlswede rendered the cantata, "Hail, Redeemer" by Henry B. Willtrie. Miss Gertrude Jeske, pianist, accompanied the choir. Sunday, April 23, was designated as "Every Member Canvass Sunday" by the church.

● The Rev. G. Edward Friedenbergh, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn., baptized several converts on Easter Sunday morning, April 9, in the baptistry of the First Baptist Church of the city. On Sunday morning, April 16, the Rev. Reuben Jeschke of Dayton, Ohio, a former pastor of the church, was the guest speaker. On Thursday evening, April 6, the members of the New Britain church united with the Liberty Street Church in Meriden, Conn., to hear the Glee Club of the Rochester Seminary in a musical program.

● The Rev. Louis Holzer, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., baptized 13 persons on confession of their faith on Palm Sunday, April 2. Special meetings were held during the Passion Week with the pastor speaking on the topic, "If We Only Knew," on Wednesday evening; with the women of the church presenting the play, "The Challenge of the Cross," on Thursday evening; and with a candle-light communion service in charge of the Senior World Wide Guild

on Good Friday evening. The hand of fellowship into the church was extended to 15 new members by Mr. Holzer at the communion service.

● On Palm Sunday evening, April 2, the Rev. Paul Wengel, pastor of the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich., had the joy of baptizing 13 persons. The young people of the church held a "Stuffing Party" on Thursday evening, April 13, to which a unique entrance fee was charged, consisting of a bag of soft rags, cotton batting or other materials suitable for stuffing rag dolls and animals for a White Cross box for China. The 25th anniversary of the Detroit Women's Missionary Union of German Baptist Churches was held at the Bethel Church on Thursday, April 27.

● The Rev. John Grygo, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York City, served as evangelist in the German Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., from March 13 to 26. As a result of these fine meetings 11 persons confessed their faith in Christ as Savior. On Easter Sunday evening, April 9, the Bethlehem church choir rendered the cantata, "Life Eternal," under the able leadership of the pastor and director, the Rev. R. E. Reschke. Soloists were Miss Ethel Tyhun, Mrs. R. Suessemilch, and Messrs. David Stangl and Peter Schuster. This was the first cantata given in the church for 16 years and was deeply appreciated by a large audience.

● The Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., who has been serving as the denominations' evangelist since January, spent the Holy Week from April 2 to 7 with the Oak Park Baptist Church, Forest
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EDITORIAL

THE MOST heroic figure in the picture of pioneer days is that of a patient and sturdy mother. Willingly she left the comforts of an established home to join **The Pioneer Mother.** hands with her husband in penetrating the trackless prairies of the West. She shouldered the gun and took her perilous post, whenever occasion demanded it, in that Indian infested country. She reared her children in the knowledge of God's Word and in the fear of the Lord. She built the foundations of a new America, in which the principles of justice and good will should prevail. With travail of spirit she mothered this beloved country of ours, so that under God and other pioneer mothers it might have a new birth of freedom and might never perish from the earth.

The renowned bronze memorial in Kansas City, Missouri, dedicated to "The Pioneer Mother," of which a picture is reproduced in this issue of "The Baptist Herald," tells an epic story of heroism and devotion. It bears the inscription commemorating "the Pioneer Mother who, with unfaltering faith in God, suffered the hardships of the unknown West to prepare for us a homeland of peace and plenty." With clear-eyed vision and dauntless courage the young mother, astride the tired horse, looks eagerly into the sunset in the West. How we need to recapture that radiance of fervor and faith as we face the frontier tasks of our day! For Mother's Day will have significance for us only if, from this hallowed observance, "we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion."

These words of Abraham Lincoln, spoken at Gettysburg, remind one of the sacrifices of his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln. As a gifted young woman with rare refinement, a keen intellect and amiable spirit she was married in her twenty-

third year to Thomas Lincoln and transported to a rough, unproductive farm in Kentucky. In the midst of poverty the Lincolns were the poorest of all. The demands of the strenuous labors and domestic duties soon wore out her frail body. But she left a legacy of spirit to her children, which was more precious than the costliest diamonds of the world. Her son, Abraham, was so indebted to the sacrifices made by his mother in his behalf that he could bear her this priceless homage: "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother!"

The noble traits of the pioneer mother are almost legion. She sweetened and brightened the darkest day. Her song of hope rang out clear above the din of disappointment and despair. She slaved and stinted in order that the members of her household might have more. Her faith in God grew with every new experience. God was intending to perform mighty wonders through her children. With that sense of divine mission in her heart, the pioneer mother became the Madonna of the prairies. Frances Willard, the great temperance leader, loved to call her mother, "My Saint Courageous." That apt title can be placed like a fragrant wreath of tribute at the grave of every pioneer mother.

Our denomination, as it nears its centenary milestone, wants to bestow its unrestrained praise upon those whom we honor as "our pioneer mothers." The biography of Konrad Anton Fleischmann, one of the founders of the denomination, is incomplete without the story of Maria Margareta, his wife, who "had a strong, stalwart soul" and "who was a power in the life of her husband and in her church." Such mothers moulded the spiritual life of our churches in the earliest years of our history and set the pattern through their children for the years to come. To that heritage of faith we must ever be true!

Mother's Day in a Hospital Room

A Stirring Mother's Day Story by MRS. FRANCES REX
of Aberdeen, Washington

"He has been paralyzed for ten years," the nurse told the Christian worker who stood beside the bed in the big hospital ward.

"Ten years!" said the Christian worker, "has he been here all that time?"

"Almost. And such a patient person! You see he can't move. He can't even talk."

A great pity welled up in the heart of the Christian worker as she looked down at the thin face of the young man.

"Can he hear?"

The great dark eyes of the man opened and closed swiftly.

The little nurse left them there together, the Christian worker reading in her soft, gentle voice and the face of the paralytic flooded with an ineffable peace.

Tom Blakely, telegraph operator, removed his ear phones and swung off his stool. He was through for the day and Tom was glad. It had been an "off" day for Tom, starting when he had taken that first mother's message to her son.

Tom himself was trying to forget his mother. Trying to forget those last words of hers as she looked up at him from her pillow, the glory light

less orders for flowers—it all got on Tom's nerves. He'd have to snap out of it—hurry and eat and get shaved and dressed. The fellows would be waiting.

He quickened his steps, walking swiftly with bent head that he might not see the store windows with their colorful Mother's Day offerings.

And that was how it happened. He crossed a street when he shouldn't have crossed, and found himself in the path of a huge truck that was swiftly bearing down upon him. He tried to run, to dodge, but—!

They took him to a hospital and put him in a ward. Tom opened his eyes to find himself alone in that end of the big room save for a thin, dark-eyed young fellow who lay in the bed next to him.

At first Tom thought he wasn't badly hurt. He didn't feel a great deal of pain. In a few days he'd be out and around again. He turned his head on the pillow. "What's the matter with you, pard?"

The man on the adjoining cot did not answer.

"Oh well, you don't have to talk if you don't want to!" said Tom crossly.

The nurse brought his medicine and he asked her, "What's the matter with Blackeyes there, can't he talk?"

"Mr. Thorne is paralyzed," said the nurse gently, "he can't talk."

Tom's mother had been paralyzed, too.

"Oh, I'm sorry Thorne," said Tom and shut his eyes as a twinge of pain shot through his body.

Several hours later Tom wasn't so sure that he'd be out again in a few days. The sedative was wearing off and a dreadful nausea was seizing him. He rang for the nurse.

"I'm feeling mighty bad," he told her, "what does the Doc say about me?"

"You are badly hurt, Mr. Blakely. Just how badly we can't tell yet." She did not look at him as she spoke.

"Thanks," said Tom thickly.

She went away and he lay very still for several minutes. When he opened his eyes again, Thorne was looking at him with intense eagerness.

"I wonder how it feels—to die?" said Tom.

Thorne's eyes looked upwards and seemed to smile.

"Yes, but I don't feel that way about it," objected Tom. "I've lived—well, pretty wild, the past year." He stifled a groan and moved restlessly on his pillows only to turn again to Thorne. (Continued on Page 167)



The Bronze Memorial Dedicated to "The Pioneer Mother" in Kansas City, Missouri

(See the Editorial in the Current Issue of "The Baptist Herald")

"He is telling you that he can," said the nurse smiling. "He can hear as well as anyone and he talks with his eyes."

"Tell me more about him. How did it happen?" The lady seated herself beside the bed.

"I don't know much except that he was a telegraph operator. There was an accident and he tried to save the train. That's right; isn't it, Mr. Thorne?"

The eyes said, "Yes."

"Are you a Christian?"

The dark eyes glowed as they indicated an eager "yes."

"Ah, that accounts for your patience and cheerfulness. His grace is sufficient for you, isn't it?" She took a Bible from her pocket. "Would you like me to read to you?"

The brown eyes danced with a joyful light.

shining through the death mask already settling over her face.

"Meet me—over there—Tom! Be a good boy!"

And Tom had been, as long as he remained in the old home town. But his job in the city brought him new associates—temptations he had never dreamed of—and now Tom was far from his mother's God.

Queer that one could go so far and sink so low in just a year's time! Tom remembered that, a brief twelve months ago, he had walked to church on Mother's Day with Mary Dawson, wearing a white carnation in his buttonhole. Mary would be shocked if she knew about him now. As for wearing a white carnation this year—well, it hadn't even occurred to him to do so.

But taking Mother's Day messages all day long, from sons to mothers, from daughters to mothers, the count-

With God We Will Not Fail

A Notable Message Adopted by the General Mission Committee at its Recent Session in Forest Park, Ill., and Released for the Earnest Consideration of the Denomination

The last ten years of the depression, which is still with us, have most seriously affected our entire denominational life. During this period our people have suffered from repeated destructive crop failures and the abnormally low prices for all farm products. To our sorrow, these destructive forces of depression are still at work. Like the "kine" in Joseph's dream, the bounties, accumulated during the prosperous years from 1918-1928, have now been devoured by those ten "ill-favored and lean fleshed kine," namely the ten years since 1928. During this period many of our church members have lost their homes and their farms. Not a few churches have been weakened through the removal of those seeking a livelihood elsewhere. In such trying circumstances the bright outlook into the future has been dimmed in many churches and the aggressive spirit has been weakened. It is only natural that, during the depression years, the financial income of the denomination must have suffered greatly. Every department of our denominational enterprise has been compelled to draw upon the reserves accumulated during previous years. As both the Seminary and the Publication Society have exhausted their liquid reserves, they find themselves today in a most critical situation.

We Will Not Flinch

Standing amidst the havoc wrought during the depression years, we do not consider it as an act of little faith to try and appraise the damage done. Our attitude toward the present and future in such catastrophic times—only that is of vital importance. In the year 1943 we as German Baptists will reach the milestone of 100 years of glorious history. We shall then be able to recall those many undeniable evidences of God's favor and his gracious help bestowed upon us as a denomination during that century of our history.

We would not be worthy of our glorious past, if now in the face of these difficulties, we would give way to despair. We, like Caleb of old, having already passed the 95th milestone of our denominational life, are ready to contend with the resoluteness of faith against those giant forces opposing us. With implicit confidence in our Leader, the Living Christ, and consecrating all that we are and have to his service, we enthusiastically resolve: "WE WILL NOT FLINCH."

Renewing Our Strength

Having arrived at this firm resolu-

tion: "WE WILL NOT RETREAT," we immediately find ourselves facing the necessity of making plans to go forward. Would we "renew our strength in God," then we can find no better advice than that spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

"Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God? Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

This word, coming from the long-ago, is for us and for our time. Our trust is in the Lord, who made heaven and earth, and who upholds and controls this vast universe. He alone has sufficient strength and wisdom for such a task. Under no circumstances dare we put our confidence in idols of our own creation. For it is written: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

Guarding Our Unity

We are glad to be able to say that even after such a long history, we can conduct our denominational affairs in the unity of the Spirit. In this unity we find one of the secrets of our success. With resolution we must be ready to ward off every attempt to even weaken this vital unity of ours. With us it is also true: "United we stand, divided we fall." Whatever may happen, we must always seek to maintain "the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." We dare to hope that there cannot be one member, found among us, who would be willing to knowingly besmirch his record with such a traitorous action that would in any degree harm our unity.

Helping One Another

Our denominational enterprise is conducted by the following societies: the General Missionary Society with its six departments, the Seminary at Rochester, the Publication Society, Widows' and Orphans' Society, and Young People's and Sunday School Workers Union. Our three Homes for the Aged

are on an entirely different basis. Each affiliated society is entrusted with a ministry essential to the welfare of the whole. These societies constitute the members of our denominational body. The Scripture is true as applied to this denominational body in the following words: "Whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it."

It seems that the time may have come for us to reproduce, even if only temporarily, that "apostolic communion" found in the Christian church in Jerusalem. When that is realized, then it can be written of us: "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: Neither said any (society) that aught of the things which it possessed was its own; but they had all things common." To be sure that would mean a radical change in our financial policy, but then "necessity is the mother of invention" and also brings about changes in age-old and approved methods of administration.

Should God reveal it to us as his purpose that we follow a new financial policy, then we are willing to follow his leading according to the light he gives us. The working out of the details of any change in our financial policy would naturally be committed to the General Missionary Committee and to the General Council.

Practical Suggestions

1. The surest and quickest way to increase our denominational income would be if our budget receipts were to reach a flood-level. We sincerely admire the efforts of many of our impoverished members and churches who contribute toward our denominational enterprise. Much to our sorrow, we must admit that many of our members and local churches have not acquired "the grace of giving." Their growth in this grace would help decidedly. Most of our churches consider the support of our own denominational household as their first obligation. Some others might walk in the footsteps of such churches with much profit.

2. In times of distress, every rational person practices a sane economy. This principle also applies to every one of our denominational societies. Each department receiving financial assistance would naturally have to submit its operating budget for approval.

It is our real conviction that the Club Plan for our denominational papers, now in force during the past two years, should be revised, and for the

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What's Happening News

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Park, Ill., and the two weeks from April 16 to 28 in the German Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn. From April 30 to May 12, he will serve the Church in Beaver, Mich., with the Rev. H. P. Kayser; from May 14 to 26 the churches in Pound and Gillett, Wisconsin, where the Rev. H. P. Bothner is pastor; and from May 28 to June 9 the church at Holloway, Minn., with the Rev. H. C. Wedel. These engagements will bring this appreciated service of Brother Argow to a conclusion.

● On Palm Sunday, April 2, the Bethany Church near Vesper, Kansas, held its annual "Say So" meeting. The entire evening service was devoted to testimonies by the church members. "The Denominational Day of Prayer" on Good Friday was also observed. On Easter Sunday, the Rev. J. H. Kornelsen, baptized 6 Sunday School scholars on confession of their faith. At the annual business meeting of the church held on Friday evening, March 31, several new offices were created and directors appointed for the same, as follows: Mrs. Harold Jaeger as director of missions, Miss Bernitta Will as director of evangelism, and Mrs. Wm. Wirth as director of education.

● Mrs. Hulda Wilke, a member of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, and the president of the city-wide Women's Christian Temperance Union, was the guest speaker on Wednesday, April 5, at the Grace Methodist Church of Burlington. She spoke on "Empty Hands or Trophies at His Feet." On Saturday afternoon, March 11, at a silver tea served by the W. C. T. U. of Mediapolis, Iowa, in the local library the dramatic monologue, "The Uncrowned Queen," was presented by Mrs. Wilke. In February the impressive Frances Willard Centenary program for Burlington was held in the Oak Street Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, participating in the program.

● On Sunday, March 26, the members of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., held a rededication service in the beautiful auditorium of the church. The general missionary secretary, Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Chicago, Ill., was the guest speaker for the occasion. Besides an anthem by the choir, Miss Dorothy Abele sang appropriately, "God Bless This House." An offering to help defray the expenses of redecorating amounted to \$932. Besides repainting the interior of the church and covering the ceiling with "Nu-Wood," some remodeling was also done. At the same morning service Mr. H. G. Kuck, one of the deacons, presented the church with new pulpit and communion furniture in memory of his parents.

● The Rev. Verner I. Olson, pastor of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., baptized 16 converts on Easter Sunday, April 9. Mr. Olson was also the special speaker at the Easter Sunrise Service held at Branch Brook Park. Holy Week services were held in the church from April 3 to 7 with Mr. William Schmidt, Jr., in charge of a "Youth Service"; Miss Mabel Reeves presiding over a women's program; and Mr. H. Theodore Sorg speaking on "Laymen Present the Gospel." Stainer's "Crucifixion" was rendered by the church choir on Good Friday evening with Marion Windmuller serving as organist and director.

● On Sunday evening, April 2, the German Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., held a reception in honor of its new minister, the Rev. C. H. Seecamp, and his family. Mr. Ladner, a deacon, was in charge of the program and spoke words of welcome in behalf of the church. Representatives of the various church organizations also welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Seecamp. The music was furnished by the church choir, a duet composed of the Misses Dorothy and Myra Meyer, and another duet by the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp. The program dedicating the new church building, which has recently been completed, will be held on Sunday, May 7, with the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D.D., general mission secretary, as the guest speaker.

● The German Baptist Church of Elberta, Alabama, has enjoyed the presence of a number of distinguished guests during recent months, according to the Rev. G. C. Schwandt, pastor. The Rev. D. Koester of Canton, Ohio, was in Elberta for 10 weeks and frequently spoke at the German services. The Rev. and Mrs. H. Sellhorn of Lansing, Mich., spent the winter and spring months until May in that section of Alabama. Mr. Schwandt wrote that the Sellhorns with their trailer are like the Lord Jesus as they "go about doing good." For 3 weeks in March and April special meetings were held by the Rev. P. E. Penner, a Mennonite, who interpreted Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Three young people were converted during the services.

● The Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., was filled to capacity with 175 persons on Easter Sunday morning, April 9. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, spoke on "The Risen Christ, Our Hope of Victory." On Tuesday evening, April 11, Professor A. B. Mehnert presented an "All Bach" organ recital, to which a large audience listened with rapt attention. The first of a series of German services was held on Sunday afternoon, April 16. The Central Church is en-

gaged in a "Better Baptist Sunday Crusade" over a period of several months, in which it has consistently been in the lead. The pastor reported that about 95 per cent of the teachers and officers of the Sunday School attend the midweek services of the church.

● On Good Friday evening, April 7, the choir of the Grace Church of Chicago, Ill., presented the oratorio, "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Dubois. The soloists for the inspiring program were the Misses Esther Hardie, Helen Gloeckle, and Messrs. Raymond Anderson and Otto Schoening. On Easter Sunday evening, April 9, the choir rendered a dramatization of the cantata, "On the Third Day," with libretto by Marion Wakeman. Fifteen young people took part as characters in the dramatization. Mr. Louis M. Greggsamer serves as the able choir director. The dramatization was directed by Mrs. Irene A. Lange, and Messrs. Ernest Steinke and Herbert Siemund arranged the scenery and lighting. Dr. John E. Knechtel is the pastor of the church.

● The B. Y. P. U. of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., conducted an inspiring sunrise service at the church on Easter Sunday, April 9. Instrumental numbers were rendered by Messrs. R. Zarske and C. Ratz in a trumpet duet, by Mr. Dan Majeske, violinist, and by Miss Dorothy Bandemer and Carl Witt, Jr., in a piano duet. The Easter message in song was brought by the quartet composed of Lillian Strauss, Margaret Platz, Hilda Koppin and Ellen Nitsch, by a duet of Dorothy Bandemer and Olive Witt, and a men's duet of Dan and Gus Majeske. Miss June Hein gave an Easter reading, and Scripture reading and prayer were brought by Wesley Driver and Ralph Ragsdale. The pastor of the church, the Rev. George A. Lang, pronounced the benediction.

● Recent news items from Cleveland, Ohio, reported an inspirational Good Friday service on April 7 for the three German Baptist churches of the city held at the Erin Avenue Church. The Rev. William L. Schoeffel, pastor of the White Avenue Church, brought the message. On Wednesday evening, March 29, the Erin Avenue Church held a special recognition service of its church missionary, Miss Minnie Gebhardt, for her many years of a sacrificial ministry. The Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D., of Chicago was the guest speaker. The Rev. E. Umbach of Cleveland served as the evangelist in the Gibbs Avenue Church of Canton, Ohio, for an extended period, assisting the pastor, the Rev. Benjamin Schlipf. On Thursday, April 13, Mr. H. P. Donner, business manager of the Publication Society, celebrated his birthday with the best wishes of a large host of friends. May God grant him health and joy for many years to come!

Contributor's Page

Where Will You Be?

By Lawrence F. Wegner
of Gladwin, Michigan

Are you satisfied with your life here,
On this old earth today?
Do you know the peace and comfort
When you daily watch and pray?

Or is your goal in something earthly,
Do you live in sin you've sown?
Where will you be on that Great Day
When he comes to claim his own?

Therefore, let us live for Jesus;
Let us help increase his fold;
Let us read our Bible daily,
Oh! that precious Book of old!

Be Prepared!

By Miss Elsie Bissel
of Pound, Wisconsin

Open your heart and let Christ in;
The knob is inside and sins are within;
Open it wide, let your sins out,
Place Jesus inside, change life about!

Remember that Jesus once died on the
Cross,
So that the world might be saved from
all loss;
Christ our Redeemer, the One who
saves all,
Beckons us onward. Oh, do hear his
call!

Remember he said, "All who come unto
me,
I can heal and make blind people see;
Come all ye weary, come and find
rest."
Remember he saves and does what is
best.

A Goal Set High

By Mrs. William Schindler
of Detroit, Michigan

Let me set a high goal, Lord
Anchored to thy will!
Let me ever hear thy voice,
And be but faithful still;
Even though I stumble and trip
Along life's lonely way,
I know thou wilt hold me fast,
And keep me till that day!
Even though I cannot see
The way that thou hast planned for
me—

Just let me hear thy voice,
And be obedient, calm and still!
O, let me set a high goal, Lord,
Anchored to thy will!
I know, O Lord, a goal set high,
An aim that reaches to the sky,
A goal reached for and missed at times,
And a prayer, "Don't let me fall!"
Is better far, to have aimed and missed,
Than to have had no goal at all.

Going to Church

By Mrs. Adel Stabbert
of Anaheim, California

Going to church on Sunday,
Wearing my very best,
Is the finest way to spend the day
Which God has given for rest.

I hear the name of Jesus,
In every song and prayer;
And 'though I cannot see him,
I know that he is there.

The windows are like picture books,
Each picture I adore;
There's "Jesus, the good Shepherd"
And "Christ, knocking at the door."

The music is so beautiful,
The sweetest ever heard;
And I try to be real quiet
When they pray and read God's word.

When the services are over
And the preacher says "Amen,"
I look forward to the time when I
May go to church again.

God By My Side

By Miss Ruth Schmidt
of Rochester, New York

I was alone with God today. •
We went into the quiet woods,
And rested 'neath a mighty tree.
We talked of many things while there;
He counseled, chided, comforted,
While I just babbled on and on
In my so human way.
We walked along the shaded paths,
He pushed the brambles all aside,
And when my flesh with thorns was
cut
He soothed and healed with look and
touch.
I went astray—he called me back;
Was lost—he guided to my goal.

When night came on I feared the dark,
Then felt his presence at my side
And knew that while I stayed close by
No harm my soul could overpower.

Day was ended—death came on!
I feared it not, for well I knew
In all the long day of my life
I'd walked while God was by my side.

Thy Will, Lord, Be Done!

By Rev. H. W. Habel
of Buffalo, New York

We have not fought
As we should fight,
Dear Lord, the war with sin,
And so we find

That pride yet rules,
And holds its fort within.

How can we say
That we are thine,
That vict'ry must be ours,
When in the throne room
Of the life
Are seated foreign powers?

When we dare judge
Of anything,
The tempter still is there,
And will work evil
Out of good,
Though our deeds seem so fair.

There's but one road
That can make free,
On which God's child must run—
"Not my will, Lord,
Must ere hold sway!
But thy will, Lord, be done!"

From a Hospital Bed

By Mrs. Henry Gieseke
of Trenton, Illinois

(This poem was written in St. Mary's Hospital, Breese, Illinois, while Mrs. Gieseke was a patient there recently.)

A hospital's a place that is faced by
four walls,
(In size and in form they may vary;
The rooms may be large,—and again
they are small.)
A place in which patients may tarry.

A hospital's a place where nurses hold
sway
With a love for relieving one's pain,
With gentleness—firmness—according
to you,—
They give with no thought of gain.

A hospital's a place where babies are
born,
Bringing joy and true blessing the
while;
If you doubt this, I ask you to follow
this cue,
"Just watch the new daddy," and
smile.

A hospital's a place where death lies in
wait,
Where ties must often be broken;
Where the weary find rest; where the
heartache is keen,
When last words to loved ones are
spoken.

A hospital's a place where God walks
with man,
And gives to him strength as his day,
Helps him to meet life or death with
a smile,
Praise him for his presence always.

Program Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Gatesville B. Y. P. U.

On Saturday evening, March 18, the B.Y.P.U. of the Bethel Baptist Church near Gatesville, Texas, celebrated its 30th anniversary. The program was opened with a worship service, followed by a short history of the B. Y. P. U., which was presented by the president, Irvin Koch.

The B. Y. P. U. of the church was organized on September 13, 1908, with 22 members enrolled of which we have only two charter members left who are still active in the present organization. In its early history the B. Y. P. U. held prayer services or song services led by some members, until in 1919 it was divided into two separate groups and in 1926 into three separate groups. The present B. Y. P. U. consists of four separate groups, namely, Adult, Senior, Intermediate and Junior groups. We also have a Primary Department. The B. Y. P. U. now has a total membership of 101 members.

Following this report, a play entitled, "One of the Nine," taken from the Scripture passage, Luke 17:11-19, was presented by the young people before a large and attentive audience, which included many visitors from our different churches of the Southern Conference. The play brought an inspiring message to each one present. Several duets and solos were rendered between the acts of the play.

May we, as a B. Y. P. U., grow stronger that we may serve our Master more faithfully during the coming years!

EVA LENA SCHANGE, Secretary.

North Texas Associational Meetings in the Gatesville Church

The North Texas Association met with the Gatesville Church from March 16 to 19. The opening sermon was delivered on Thursday evening by the Rev. A. Becker of Waco.

The general theme of our association was "The Revival of Evangelism." On this theme we were privileged to hear the following inspirational lectures: "Evangelistic Opportunities in Our Churches" by Rev. W. E. Schweitzer of Dallas; "Evangelistic Methods—Past and Present" by Rev. C. H. Edinger of Henrietta; "Paul's Sense of Duty Toward Evangelism" by Rev. H. G. Ekrut of Lorena; "What Does A Revival of Evangelism Include?" by Rev. A. Becker; and "Paul's Plan of Evangelism and the Plan of God" by Rev. H. G. Ekrut. The general theme and all of these lectures were particularly fitting at this time as many of our churches are now planning evangelistic campaigns. May the Lord give us a bountiful harvest!

On Friday morning we were privileged to hear reports from all of the churches in our association and we

are, indeed, thankful that all of them reported that progress had been made in their respective fields. The sermon on Friday evening was delivered by Rev. C. C. Gossen of Crawford, who brought a very fitting message on "What Must I Do to be Saved?"

The Gatesville B. Y. P. U. presented the play, "One of the Ten," on Saturday evening as part of their anniversary program. The ability and sincerity with which the young people presented this play will long remain in the memory of all the hearers. May the B. Y. P. U. of Gatesville keep up its good work!

On Sunday afternoon we again enjoyed a young people's meeting. After a program of various musical numbers, readings, and a playlet we were privileged to hear an address by the Rev. L. V. Hanna, pastor of the Baptist Church in Nazareth, Palestine, who at the present time is attending Baylor University.

The associational meeting was brought to a close on Sunday evening when the Rev. C. H. Edinger brought the message, encouraging us to live a life that will show to all that we are, in truth and reality, followers of Christ.

We are thankful to the Gatesville church for their bountiful hospitality, to their pastor, the Rev. W. H. Buening, for the fine manner in which he greeted us and in which he conducted the devotional period each morning. It was, indeed, good to have been in Gatesville and to have enjoyed the many blessings that God so generously bestowed upon all of us.

VERNON EKRUT, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference Interesting Programs of the Randolph Mission Circle

We of the Mission Circle in the Baptist Church at Randolph, Minn., are enjoying our meetings very much. Last fall we decided to meet on the third Thursday afternoon of every month in our homes instead of Sunday afternoons in church. In this way we can reach more people.

Under the leadership of Mrs. J. R. Matz, our president, we try to let our lights shine for Jesus by having inspiring programs, by inviting those who can bring us illuminating messages, and financially by helping the missionary cause.

At our last meeting in March the program committee had the members submit original poems with the books of the Bible to be given in rotation. The judges made the following awards: first, Mrs. Benjamin Engler; second, Mrs. Elmer Miller; third, Mrs. J. R. Matz and Mrs. M. C. Kline, (a tie). The poem, which won first place, will be published in "The Baptist Herald" in a later issue.

MRS. O. C. LUFU, Secretary.

Minnesota Young People Enjoy Their Many Fine Gatherings

Minnesota young people enjoyed fine fellowship and great blessings at their mid-winter institute held at Randolph the early part of February. With the theme, "Consider Him," our enthusiasm was renewed as we heard the messages, such as, "Does He Challenge You?" "Our Pattern of a Perfect Life," and "Christ in Everything."

Gatherings such as these convince us that for true fellowship and high ideals and wholesome living, there's no way so fine as the Christian way.

Hutchinson will entertain the Minnesota Association in May of this year, and our State young people, as in other years, have a part in it. Arrangements for the Sunday afternoon meeting on May 21 are under way and our president, Miss Gertrude Helms, will preside.

At Camp Tipi-Wakan on beautiful Lake Minnetonka, where we held our summer assembly last year, we are planning to hold our coming conference from July 6 to 9, inclusive. "Lives That Count" is the foundation for our program, and we'll carry it through, building for eternity.

MARIA SCHREIBER, Reporter.

Recent Baptismal Service at the Immanuel Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin

Easter Sunday, April 9, was a great day for rejoicing and thanksgiving at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis. The day began with an unusually well attended Bible School and morning worship service. In the evening a large audience witnessed the baptismal service. The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger baptized eight candidates upon their confession of faith. We are especially grateful for the youngest candidate of the group, the daughter of the pastor.

Most of these converts were won during a series of revival meetings which brought many blessings to our members and friends. Some of them who took the stand for Christ were not ready for baptism at this time. In the evangelistic services from March 12 to 24 the Rev. T. W. Dons, pastor of the Oak Park German Baptist Church in Forest Park, Ill., served as evangelist. We are grateful to him and also his church for these services.

All of our services are very well attended. During the three years of our ministry with the Kenosha church, we have seen notable advancement and progress. We have had the joy of extending the hand of fellowship to 45 persons during that time, and most of them came to the church through baptism. The pastor, the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, has greatly enjoyed the whole hearted cooperation and support of the church, which is responsible for the fine growth and progress of the church. The Lord is with his people!

Program of the Minnesota Association

To Be Held May 18 to 21, 1939

Place: Hutchinson, Minnesota

Time: May 18 to 21

Theme: "Revive us Again!"

THURSDAY, MAY 18

8 P. M. Song Service, welcome and response. Sermon: Rev. A. Lutz, "The Urgent Need for a Lasting Revival."

FRIDAY, MAY 19

9:00-9:30 A. M. Devotions by Rev. A. Foll: "Prayer and a Lasting Revival."

9:30-11:15 A. M. Business, Organization, Church Reports.

11:15-12:00 Noon Address by Rev. J. R. Matz: "The Primitive Church in Relation to a Continual Revival."

2:00-2:30 P. M. Devotions by Rev. E. Wolff: Bible Study and a Lasting Revival."

2:30-3:15 P. M. Address by Rev. H. Wedel: "Revival Hindrances."

3:15-4:00 P. M. Address by Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann: "After Conversion Dangers and How to Counteract Them."

4:00-4:45 P. M. Discussion and business.

8:00 P. M. Sermon by Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann: "A Lasting Revival." Missionary Offering.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

9:00-9:30 A. M. Devotions by Rev. A. Lutz: "The Sunday School and a Lasting Revival."

9:30-10:30 A. M. Unfinished Business and Elections.

10:30-11:15 A. M. Address by Rev. Wm. Schobert: "Training Church Members in Soul Winning."

11:15-12:00 A. M. Address by Rev. H. Hirsch: "What Can We Do With Our Inactive Church Members?"

SUNDAY, MAY 21

10:00-11:00 A. M. Bible School.

11:00-12:00 A. M. Mission Sermon by Rev. J. Wobig: "The Need of Greater Sacrifices."

Missionary Offering.

3:00 P. M. Program by the Minnesota Y. P. and S. S. W. Union.

7:45 P. M. Sermon by Rev. J. R. Matz: "The Bride of Christ."

HUTCHINSON'S INVITATION

Our church in Hutchinson, Minn., extends a hearty welcome to all concerned, on the occasion of "the Minnesota Vereinigung," to be held here May 18 to 21.

Come and share with us the associational blessings.

We are making plans to entertain delegates and visitors. It will be much appreciated if you will let us know as soon as possible how many will expect entertainment. Notify our pastor, Rev. A. Foll, 13 Fourth Ave. N. E., Hutchinson, Minnesota.

MYRON ZIEMER, Church Clerk.

Central Conference

"Little Sister" Campaign of the Omicron Class in the Oak Park Sunday School

The Omicron Class of the Oak Park German Baptist Church in Forest Park, Ill., is a class with a membership of approximately 20 girls between the ages of twenty and twenty-five.

During the Fall and Winter months, of the year 1938, the members chose the names of girls who were still in High School and corresponded with them on a "Mystery Pal" basis. Our "Little Sister" campaign, as we might call it, was culminated in a program held at the church to which our "Little Sisters" were invited. The airplane motif was carried out through the entire evening with such phrases as "On Wings of Song," "Soaring High," "Whir of the Wings" and "Air Pockets," describing the various numbers on the program.



Members of the O. R. E. Sunday School Class in the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

Although this little venture was used primarily to make the older and younger group better acquainted, the class has been active in other activities, such as supplying milk in collaboration with a young men's class for the needy of our church.

Our class also boasts a trio which has become very popular in our circles and also in outside circles, and has sung the gospel message into the hearts of many sinsick souls.

Our motto, the well known, "Jesus first; Others second; Yourself last," is always before us, and it is only as we serve Jesus first, others second and ourselves last that we find true Christian fellowship.

IRMA L. GRIEGER, President.

O. R. E. Class of the Burns Ave. Church in Detroit Has a Unique Motto

Among the wonders of the ages is the Acropolis of Athens with its beautiful temples of Grecian architecture. Of course, much of the former splendor has been reduced to ruins, but even the

fallen pillars of the Parthenon bespeak the magnificence of these structures erected by the great and lofty minds of Greece. One temple, the Erechtheum, hardly shows any signs of decay, and none of the pillars supporting the great temple are down. Upon closer inspection, we find that these pillars are draped women figures and, at once, we learn that herewith the Greeks have expressed one of the profoundest thoughts, that women are the ones who bear and support the great structure of national and civic life of the state.

This great expression of the past is the symbol of a group of women whom you see in the accompanying picture portraying a part of the O. R. E. Class of the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Mich. In this great Kingdom of Christ we are satisfied and very happy to carry on as those, who do not care so much for the limelight, but who endeavor to do the tasks, which our Master has given us.

"O" stands for obedience to the Lord, for we know that "obedience is better than sacrifice." "R" portrays "radiance." We strive to be those who "radiate the beauty of Jesus in all that we do." And "E" tells and admonishes us to be efficacious in prayer, for "prayer changes things." Furthermore, the above letters are also the initials of our much beloved and highly esteemed teacher, Mrs. O. R. Ernst, who so devotedly, and prayerfully has led us to the green pastures and to the living spring of water in his Word.

Our "Red Letter Day" was Sunday, February 19, when Miss Augusta Will of our class dedicated her life completely to her Lord by going into missionary training for later missionary service. Those who were present will not soon forget the spirit of consecration that hovered over that Sunday night meeting. After the sermon of consecration by our pastor, the Rev. E. Neumann, Miss Willis briefly told her experience and then was presented with a gift Bible from the class by our teacher, Mrs. Ernst. Reporter.

Miss Alethea Kose Serves as Hostess to the Chicago Ministers' Association

The German Baptist Ministers' Association of Chicago and vicinity held its regular meeting on Monday, April 3, at the Baptist Missionary Training School with Miss Alethea Kose, a member of the school's faculty, as the hostess. The large group of 30 persons in attendance included several church missionaries, a number of pastors' wives and the Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa.

The program, arranged by Miss Kose, introduced the audience to a number of the talented and consecrated young women, who are students in the school. With words of warm appreciation they spoke of the large place of the school in their lives. The young women from distant parts of the world were dressed colorfully in the garb of their native lands.



Students of the Baptist Missionary Training School and Miss Alethea Kose Who Presented a Program Recently to the Chicago Ministers' Association (Miss Kose is the Third from the Right on the Rear Row)

The young women who took part were as follows: Miss Helen Burgers of Canton, Ohio, and Mrs. Edith F. Tiller, a member of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, representing the German Baptist students; Miss Edith Jones of Cuba; Miss Edith Robinson of Haiti; Miss Prelediana d'Oliviera of Portugal; and Miss Helen Lee of China. A trio composed of the Misses Lila Brown, Frances Deardorf and Barbara Battershell sang a selection. A picture of these students with Miss Kose accompanies this report.

Refreshments were served following the meeting with Mrs. J. Knechtel and Miss Marie Hensel assisting Miss Kose, the hostess. The president, the Rev. John Mueller, voiced the appreciation of the group and stated that the worldwide influence and invaluable Christian training of the Chicago Missionary Training School had been glimpsed by all those present through the medium of this unique program.

M. L. LEUSCHNER, Reporter.

Easter Victory at the White Avenue Church of Cleveland

A very effective evangelistic campaign was conducted for a period of two weeks during the month of March in the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. Prayer meetings and extensive publicity had prepared the way. The Rev. L. Gittings, pastor of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., served very ably and most satisfactorily as evangelist. God has endowed him with special gifts for this kind of ministry. Again and again he deeply stirred our hearts and souls with his profound but heart searching Bible messages.

We cannot always tell how many hearts are touched during such days, but we are glad to report that 8 persons confessed the Lord as their personal Savior. Three of the women came from the Catholic Church, to whom the Bible was a closed book, but

to whom it now has become a spring of living water. The singing under the inspiring leadership of a local consecrated business man, Mr. J. E. Colville, contributed greatly to the spiritual atmosphere of our meetings.

Naturally, Easter Sunday was a jubilant day of victory. The young people started the day with a sunrise meeting and breakfast held at the church. Sixty young people attended this early morning service. Our church, which was beautifully decorated with Easter flowers, was filled by capacity audiences at the morning and evening services. With the eight converts mentioned above, we entered the watery grave for the baptismal service, testifying to the saving and transforming power of the living Lord in our hearts and souls today. After a long and hard winter, during which we had many cases of sickness and deaths, this day was, indeed, for our church a day of victory and joy!

WILLIAM L. SCHOEFFEL, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Many Inspirational Activities in the First Church of Portland

Activities in the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., have been varied, and have kept many of us very busy in many ways.

Early in February, a banquet was given in honor of William Pfaff, who served faithfully for 35 years as treasurer of the Sunday School. Approximately 75 Sunday School teachers and officers with their wives and husbands attended this festive occasion.

On Wednesday evening, March 8, the membership of the church surprised the Rev. John Leyboldt on his fifty-fourth birthday. Our pastor was the recipient of a beautiful floor lamp, and many kind wishes from the various departments in the church were extended to him.

On the following evening, Thursday, March 9, this church held its first "Father and Son banquet" in the church parlors. The event was well attended by guests and church members alike, there being 265 men, young men, and boys seated around the large tables.

Immediately following the banquet a program arranged by Mr. Kurt Neumann, the chairman, and Mr. George Peters, the toastmaster, provided the entertainment of the evening. The program began with an exhibit of sleight-of-hand performances by Mr. Victor Flach, entertaining young and old alike. The male chorus of the church, under the direction of Mr. John Neumann, provided three musical numbers. A male quartet composed of Messrs. Ernest Passarge, John Leyboldt, Jr., John Neumann, and James D. Billeter offered several songs. Mr. Reinhold S'ichau then played a selection on the violin, Mr. James D. Billeter gave a reading, and Mr. Walter Helser sang two baritone solos.

The climax of the evening was an address by our pastor, the Rev. John Leyboldt, on the subject, "Builders for Eternity," in which he pointed out the fallacy of building our house upon the sand where wind and wave can come and destroy as compared to being founded upon the rock where neither wind nor wave can harm.

A "Fireside Hour" was held in our church on Sunday, March 12, following the evening service. About 100 young people from several downtown churches gathered for an hour of informal singing and fellowship. At the close of the sing "Kaffee and Kuchen" were served, which were greatly enjoyed by all present.

We also had a joyous Eastertide, that began with a sunrise service, an organ concert at the Morninglight Chapel of Finley and Son, and concluded with a cantata rendered by a large choir in the evening service of our church.

GERTRUDE M. BELTZ, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Recent Evangelistic Services in the Winnipeg Church

The McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, held an evangelistic campaign from March 5 to March 22. The Rev. William Hoover of Detroit, Mich., was our evangelist. The basement of the church was filled to its utmost capacity every evening.

On Wednesday evening, March 22, the meeting was held in the large church auditorium. Mr. Hoover invited all those to come forward who had accepted Christ, and also those who had rededicated their lives anew to the Lord during the campaign. Those who came forward formed two large circles around the altar. In all, there were 69 persons who testified before a large audience.

All the meetings were opened by a rousing song service led by our pastor, the Rev. Otto Patzia, and accompanied by the Sunday School orchestra. Soloists, quartets and the choir helped to beautify the services. Two inspiring messages were given to the B. Y. P. U. by Mr. Hoover which were well appreciated by the young people.

We praise the Lord for the many blessings we have received these past weeks. We are looking toward the future with a new zeal to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

EDITH SCHWARTZ, Reporter.

Young People's Anniversary and Large Bible School in the Rosenfeld Church

Sunday evening, March 26, proved to be a very profitable one for the young people of the Rosenfeld Church near Golden Prairie, Sask., at which they brought another year of activities to a close with an interesting program. The program was opened with a song by a group of four girls, after which there followed instrumental numbers and songs, which included numbers by the choir, ladies' quartets, mixed quartets, duets, and male quartets. In between we were favored with recitations, readings, and dialogues. The dialogue, "The Church Walking With the World," revealed many truths to us. During the program we had the privilege of hearing briefly from "The Baptist Herald" editor, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, and our general Bible School director, the Rev. E. P. Wahl. Their messages fired us with a greater zeal to serve our Master more faithfully. This interesting evening was brought to a close by the partaking of a well prepared lunch.

The following days held even greater times of blessings for us. The brethren Wahl and Leuschner remained here to conduct a Bible School, which came at a very opportune time, since more than 60 of our young people recently became believers on the Lord Jesus Christ. Our school day began at 9:30

each morning and continued to 3 P. M. with a noon recess of one hour. The time was divided into five 45 minute periods. The average attendance was about 55 young people each day. Mr. Wahl lectured on the "Holy Spirit in the Christian Life," and "Christian Stewardship." Mr. Leuschner dealt with the subjects, "The Christian Conscience," and "The Sunday School." Devotional periods were conducted by our pastor, the Rev. G. Ittermann; the evangelist, Mr. John Reimer; Robert Markus, and Esther Ittermann.



Some of the Many Young People Attending the Recent Bible School of the Rosenfeld Church Near Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan

Our church proved too small for our evening gatherings. Although we have planned and prayed much about enlarging our church, the Lord has as yet not seen fit to provide us with the needed finances. So on these evenings we were reminded of the proverb that patient sheep get along with very little space. All was, however, forgotten as we eagerly listened to Mr. Leuschner reviewing his experiences of his last year's journeys through Germany, Bulgaria, Rumania, and the other Danubian countries. On his last evening with us we enjoyed an interesting lantern lecture. At our midweek prayer meeting we were greatly blessed by a devotional message delivered by Mr. Wahl.

These few short days came all too rapidly to a close. Nevertheless, we will not so soon forget what we have learned and the Christian fellowship we enjoyed. We seek the prayers of those, who love the Lord, for the furtherance of his work among us.

ESTHER ITTERMANN, Reporter.

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Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Templin of Winnipeg

On Saturday evening, March 25, a surprise was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. Templin of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Canada, on their 25th wedding anniversary by their eldest daughter, Mrs. Margaret Sorge. As the honored couple entered their home the guests sang a song of greetings. Mrs. Sorge presented "the bride" with a silver

wreath and a corsage of red roses and the groom with a pink rose.

The program was opened by the pastor, the Rev. Otto Patzia, with a brief inspiring message. One of the deacons, Mr. Bertine, led in prayer. A German recitation was given by the youngest daughter, Beatrice. The musical numbers consisted of a vocal duet by the Sorge sisters, Lillian and Elsie. A Hawaiian guitar solo by Mr. Arthur Sorge and a baritone solo by Gustave Schwartz, Jr., were also given.

EDITH SCHWARTZ, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference Pre-Easter Evangelistic Services in the Boston Church

From March 14 to 19 special pre-Easter evangelistic services were held in the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass. Cooperating with us were two neighboring English Baptist Churches.

Meetings were held every evening, including Saturday, with three meetings on Sunday. The service on Saturday evening proved to be our best one during the week in point of attendance, especially when one considers that it was the first time that we attempted such a Saturday service in this vicinity.

Mr. Walter R. MacDonald of Detroit, Mich., was the evangelist, who brought us stirring messages from God's Word. His many illustrations, used with each message, brought a challenge for a deeper, more consecrated life in the service of the Lord.

The attendance at all services was not as large as we had anticipated, but

we are, indeed, thankful for the 30 persons, who throughout the meetings came forward to consecrate their lives in the service of the Master. Eleven of these accepted Jesus Christ for the first time as Savior and expressed their desire to follow him in baptism. From this latter number we expect from 4 to 6 persons to unite with this church by baptism in the very near future. A volunteer choir of 30 voices, under the direction of Mr. Carl Block of Brockton, Mass., brought special music at each service.

Our prayers are that we may all live closer to Christ, who died and rose again that we might have eternal life.

FRED SCHLICHTING, Clerk.

The Palm Sunday Service in Honor of the Late Professor Otto Koenig Held at New Haven, Connecticut

On Palm Sunday afternoon, April 2, a service in memory of the late Professor Otto Koenig was held in the German Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn. The Rev. Julius Kaaz, pastor of the church, presided over the service and gave the invocation.

Dr. Frank M. Swaffield, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of New Haven, read selections of Scripture pertaining to the Christian ministry. Miss H. M. Spalte, accompanied by Miss Mabel Locke, sang "A Dream of Paradise."

Dr. Elbert E. Gates, general secretary of the Baptist state convention, gave Professor Koenig's life story as sketched by Professor Koenig in the article published in "The Baptist Herald" in the June 5, 1938, issue, and spoke fittingly in his honor as a co-pastor in Connecticut for more than 25 years ago.

Professor Albert Bretschneider of our Rochester Seminary, brought the academic tribute, dedicating his address to Professor Koenig as "a Christian teacher who delighted to train men for Christian service." Professor Bretschneider also read letters of affectionate praise from the Professors



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Albert J. Ramaker, Lewis Kaiser, Otto Krueger and Frank Woyke.

Dr. Frederick Lent, president of the International Seminary in East Orange, N. J., and a faithful friend of Prof. Koenig, gave the pastoral tribute. Dr. Lent and Prof. Koenig formed their deep friendship when the former was pastor of the First Baptist Church in New Haven and Prof. Koenig was pastor of the German Church. The survivor paid the departed this tribute: "Of all my friends in the Christian ministry, I count Otto Koenig the most loyal."

After the choir had rendered, "Heaven is My Home," the Rev. G. E. Friedenbergh of New Britain gave a students' tribute, reading in addition to his own tribute, a number of letters from Prof. Koenig's former students. That so many of the younger pastors, whose privilege it had been to have had Professor Koenig as their teacher, expressed themselves that they would always remember him for having enriched their lives, seems evidence enough that our teacher lives on in the men whom he inspired to study and serve.

Dr. John McLean, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Haven, paid Prof. Koenig a fellowship tribute, and fittingly summed up all that had been said, by saying: "This memorial service has furnished the evidence that Prof. Koenig will be remembered, not alone for what he was to all who knew him as a fellow traveler, but for what he will continue to be because of what he has been."

Many reminiscences cannot be permitted here. The details of his career are written in many records. It is my privilege as a former student of his to write a few words of remembrance and affection. Prof. Otto Koenig was a great teacher. He knew how to make his subject interesting. He never began a class, engaged in the study of German grammar, by rehearsing words as declined according to rules. Rather he began with an illustration which made one want to be able to use words as effectively as he could.

But greater than his teaching was the teacher himself. Students found in him an understanding friend and a wise counsellor. He was always what he seemed to be. He was frank, yet fair, incapable of posing or making pretence. One could always take him at his word.

His faith in God was a genuine source of joy, and his simple manner an inspiration to Christian living. How the beauty of his Christian faith was even more fully revealed in the closing years of his earthly life, when his physical powers faded and curtailed his activity. The few times I called on him to cheer him, when I thought he was disheartened, he proved to me that Christian faith can rise above the physical handicaps and find joy in life.

To be sure, he has gone beyond, where we cannot see him with our eyes, but as the Rev. Reuben Jeschke of Dayton, Ohio, stated: "The faith he shared with us and we with him permits us no blind sorrow." He will linger in our memory as one of whom we can say:

"Let us thank God that he has lived
And on our lives such radiance poured,
That with the sunshine of the past
Our later, lonelier years are stored."

REV. G. E. FRIEDENBERG, Reporter.

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A Chat About Books

A number of religious books have made their publication debut recently, which merit special attention because of their unique interest and timely value. These are books which the reviewer can recommend with unqualified enthusiasm. Any library will be amply enriched by the addition of these volumes to its shelves.

Truett's Biography

The name of George W. Truett of Dallas, Texas, is a golden household word in almost every Baptist family. As president of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Truett will preside over the sessions of the Congress to be held from July 22 to 28 in Atlanta, Georgia. In timely commemoration of those eventful days and in a fitting commendation of one of God's most outstanding ambassadors in our day, a biography of "George W. Truett" by his son-in-law, the Rev. Powhatan W. James, (Macmillan Co. — 1939 — 280 pages — \$2.50), has made its recent appearance.

Not since the days of the peerless Spurgeon has anyone appeared in the pulpit of whom it could be said as of George W. Truett that "the pulpit was his throne and he occupied it like a king." Every sermon of this man of God leaves such an imprint upon a listener's heart until he can recall the freighted words of the speaker and the melodious intonations of his voice. All his life, as this biography ably discloses, there has been one unmistakable trait about Truett—"whenever he speaks, the people do what he asks them to do." Hundreds of thousands of people have marked the hour of their conversion and the day of their consecration to some experience, when they have come into the radiant spiritual circle of Truett's ministry.

Truett's greatness as "a man of God whose tongue is touched with heaven's fire" and Truett's humility which seeks no human glory are fused in this book, no human glory are fused in this book, until the reader has a greater appreciation of his globe-encircling influence for Christ. The story of his conversion, told in Truett's own words, will move the heart of every reader. The account of the crisis in his life, which was followed by a three-fold vision, appears in print for the first time in this volume. "The shepherd's heart" of the pastor is beautifully depicted in the secret of his ministry, "creating light so that people can see Jesus only."

The human Truett who laughs and who loves his occasional pranks, the unique Truett who "saved Baylor University from financial disaster before he entered it as a student," the towering Truett who is a master of crowds and conferences, the friendly Truett

who enjoys his annual religious round-up of the cowboys of Western Texas, and the Christlike Truett who preaches and lives the gospel of God walks with one through the pages of his book to endear him more than ever to one's heart.

George W. Truett is not only "enthroned in a solitary splendor of trust and admiration," as Dr. Rushbrooke stated. He is also enthroned in the hearts of hosts of Baptists as one of life's most inspiring and Christian friends. This book is a pearl of great price! Don't rest until you've bought it!

Romans Verse by Verse

One of the most rewarding studies of the Bible is that of Paul's letter to the Romans. How many prayer meetings have been enriched by this book! How many Christians have scaled peaks of inspiration in reading its pages! And yet no book of the New Testament, with the possible exception of Revelation, is as difficult to understand and to interpret as the book of Romans.

An unexcelled commentary on this Pauline epistle is a volume, entitled "Romans Verse by Verse" by William R. Newell (Grace Publication — 1939 — 577 pages — \$1.50). It is actually much more than a commentary, for the expositions of the author are the spiritual outpouring of one who is aflame for the truths of God. As typical of the fascinating style of the book, one can quote the following striking sentence: "Truly, Paul could say to his Jewish fellow-believers, God has here, concerning the Law, conferred on us a heavenly degree of D. D.: 'Dead Discharged!'"

The presentation of the entire epistle to the Romans is brought verse by verse with a conservative interpretation which is highly praised by Dr. Will H. Houghton of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and others. It ought to accomplish what the foreword says is "the only hope of Christianity as the rehabilitating of the Pauline theology." Paul's message of the incarnate Christ and of the atoning blood in this letter are given the prominence that they rightly deserve. The author's haste in bracketing together the anti-religious movement in Russia and in Germany in the same sentence is to be lamented, to be sure, for it shows a lack of careful discrimination which should have been made.

The reasonable price of this large book at \$1.50 and the provocative and interpretive contents of the volume mark this as an indispensable book for any Bible student and especially for those who have an eager yearning to fathom more deeply the truths of Paul's letter to the Romans.

Right Here at Home

The heroic story of home missions has never been told more graphically and colorfully than by the youthful pastor, Frank S. Mead, in a thrilling book, "Right Here at Home." (Friendship Press — 1939 — Cloth, \$1.00; Paper, 60 cents — 183 pages). The book starts out with "the banks of the river swarming with Indians and with shouting, yelling Indians who were everywhere with axes and tomahawks in their hand," until you have to hold on to your chair for excitement! But everywhere through the pages of the book the author follows the home missionary across the continent who, as "the flying shuttle of God, right here at home and therefore all too often unnoticed and unhonored, is weaving into the somber pattern of the hour the brighter colors of that Christian love and brotherhood upon which the peace and destiny of the nation and the world depend."

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Through the Bible

Alongside Hurlbut's "Story of the Bible" for children, which has become quite a religious classic, you can easily put the beautifully bound and masterfully edited children's book, "Through the Bible" by Theodora Wilson—Wilson (Wm. Collins Sons and Co. — 1939 — \$2.00 — 602 pages). This book with the Bible stories told in the language of the little ones makes "a wonderful journey for the children to travel down the centuries in the company of the men, women and children of the Bible." It will tell them the story of God as the real "Hero" of the Bible. It will help to make the Book of books the priceless and captivating account for children that it always ought to be.

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Critical Times Ahead

In this statement the General Missionary Committee desires to express its conviction concerning the critical times in which we find ourselves. We do not believe that we are looking through the dark glasses of doubt and discouragement.

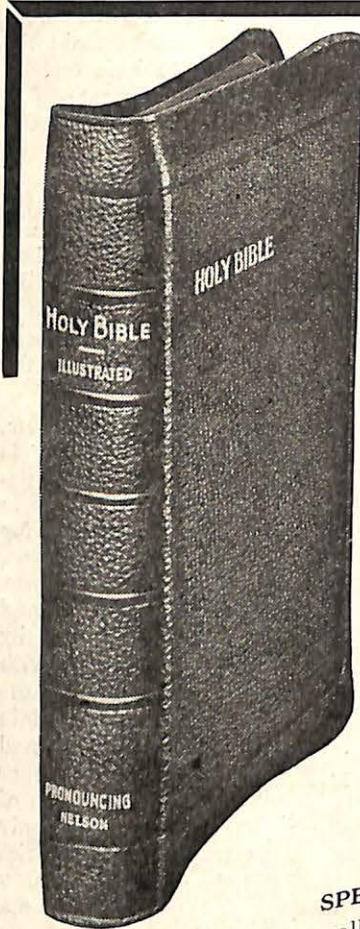
However, not for one minute are we willing to surrender and enter that black starless night of hopelessness. Our cause is not lost. God is still for us. We are still living in the day of our miracle-working Christ. All our leaders love our denomination with all sincerity and they are willing to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Deep in the hearts of our entire membership live an undying love and loyalty. Our hearts are thrilled and our courage rises, whenever we think of that host of our young people who in their youthful enthusiasm have devoted themselves to God and to their own denomination.

Standing at the open portal, we can already see the one-hundredth milestone of "Our Century of Progress." In that dim future, we cannot fail to see obstacles and forces, gigantic in outline, confronting us. When God sent the children of Israel in the early days of their desert pilgrimage up to the gates of "the Land of Promise," there were voices of fearful and unbelieving souls advising against attack. There may be such among us who would discourage our hearts and caution us not to proceed. We will not give heed to them but rather will we listen to such advisors like Joshua and Caleb of old.

If we follow the advice of "Little Faith" and "Fear," the pages of our future history will only be inscribed with the sorrowful story of a dying people, who failed just before reaching the century goal. If, however, we go forward by faith, trusting in him who, while walking among the golden candle-sticks, said: "I am the first and the last; I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" we shall experience, even far beyond that 100th milestone, revelations of God's glory, granted unto us, as we faithfully continue to carry on our God-entrusted ministry.

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19 And ^a Râ-chêl died, and was buried in the way to ^b Eph-râth, which is Bêth-lê-hêm.
20 And Jâ-eob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of

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¹ i.e. The son of my sorrow.

² i.e. The son of the right hand.

^a ch. 48. 7.

^b Ruth 1. 2.

Mic. 5. 2.

his substance, which he had got in the land of Êâ-naan; and went into the country from the face of his brother Jâ-eob.

⁷ For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and ⁴ the land wherein they were stran-

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