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What's Happening

● A Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks from June 17 to 28 by the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. The fine enrollment for the school was about 60. It was the first Vacation Bible School in the history of the church, according to the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, pastor of the church and a member of the school's teaching staff.

● At the close of June, Miss Elsie Rose Dons, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Theo. W. Dons of Forest Park, Ill., began her service as Director of Women's Work at the Y. M. C. A. in Monmouth, Ill. She has been a student at Wheaton College, where she has won many honors. We wish her God's blessing in this responsible position of hers!

● The Rev. Ernst Klein, a son of the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Klein of the Germantown Church of North Dakota, has begun his work as the assistant pastor in the Minot-Sawyer-Lone Tree Larger Parish at Minot, No. Dak. Mr. Klein is a graduate of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School of Rochester, N. Y. His wife is the former Clara Schade of Rochester.

● On Sunday morning, June 23, 12 children were presented by their parents for dedication in the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa. The Rev. L. B. Holzer, pastor of the church, officiated at this service and later preached on the topic: "Be Not Children in Understanding." A Church Vacation School was held at the Hill Top Y. M. C. A. from July 1 to 19, which was very successful.

● The Rev. Frank Orthner of Long Island City, N. Y., has been serving the Ebenezer Baptist Church of West New York, N. J., every Sunday morning, since November, 1939. He also engages in visitation work during the week. The interim pastor of the church is Mr. Hubert Freeman, a student at the National Bible Institute of New York, who preaches every Sunday evening. The former pastor of the church was the Rev. Lester Schoen.

● On Sunday, May 26, the Rev. P. F. Schilling, pastor of the Baptist Church in Beulah, No. Dak., baptized 5 converts in the German Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak. These converts were received into the fellowship of the church on Sunday, June 16. A report of the 30th Jubilee of the founding of the Beulah Baptist Church and of the 30th anniversary of its pastor's ordination appears in this issue of "The Baptist Herald" among the "Reports from the Field."

● On Sunday, June 14, a special Father's Day program was held in the

Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas. The program was in charge of the Loyal Daughters' Society, and the Rev. R. Vassel, pastor, brought the address on the meaning of the name, "Father." At the close of the program a birthday surprise was given Mr. Vassel with the presentation of a lighted birthday cake and a gift to him by the president of the society. The refreshments and a period of social fellowship brought the occasion to a happy close.

● The Rev. George Zinz, Sr., of Neustadt, Ontario, Canada, has announced his resignation as pastor of the Baptist Church in that city and his acceptance of a call extended to him to become the pastor of the German Bap-

Young People's Banquet at the Central Conference

A young people's banquet will be held at 6:30 P. M. on Saturday evening, August 17, during the Central Conference in the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois. The supper will be served at a reasonable price by the church. The program, which will consist informally of musical numbers, readings, brief talks, and election of officers, will be held under the auspices of the Central Conference Y. P. and S. S. W. Union and the Chicago Jugendbund. It is hoped to show kodachrome moving pictures of the latest young people's assemblies at this time. The supper-banquet will be open to all conference delegates and visitors and any other friends who may be in the city at that time. It will be a happy time of fellowship and inspiration!

tist Church of Munson, Pa. This will be his second pastorate in Munson, as he served the church from 1917 to 1920. Mr. Zinz will begin his ministry in Munson about September 15. His son, the Rev. George Zinz, Jr., is pastor of the neighboring Central Baptist Church at Erie, Pa.

● On Sunday afternoon, June 23, the Rev. John Heer, pastor of the Lyndock and Sebastopol Church of Ontario, baptized 4 persons in Camerons Lake near the Lyndock Church. More than 200 people witnessed the baptismal service from the shores of the lake. The baptized converts were received into the church's fellowship and the communion service that was held in the church. On Monday, Aug. 5, the Lyndock young people will serve as hosts to the young people of the Ontario Churches on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. William Remus near Camerons Lake.

● Several other students of our Rochester Baptist Seminary have assumed summer pastorates and are busily engaged on their fields of labor. Mr. Fred Schmidt, a second year seminary student, is serving the Baptist Church of Innisfree, Alberta, Canada, where he is giving special attention to children and young people. Mr. Adam Huber, a senior student, is engaged in the lonely and pioneer field of Prince George, British Columbia, which has been without a regular pastor for some time. A news paragraph about Mr. Paul Hunsicker appears elsewhere among the "What's Happening" items.

● On Friday evening, June 21, the choir of the German Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., Canada, surprised the pastor of the church, the Rev. Arthur Weisser, on the occasion of his birthday. Following the rehearsal, the choir members and friends gathered quietly in the parsonage. Upon being called from his study upstairs by his wife, Mr. Weisser came down and lighted a gas lamp in the living room as the choir surprised him by singing, "Happy Birthday to You." Games were enjoyed and a gift was presented to Mr. Weisser by the group before refreshments were served.

● Recently the Crusaders Bible Class of the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., held its annual election of officers with the following results: Wm. Appeldorn, president; Wm. Ehrhardt, vice-president; Lawrence Orthner, treasurer; John Appel, secretary. The new monthly publication, "Crusader Courier," has been successfully introduced with the cooperation of Paul Appel, Eleanor Seltzer and Arthur Macoskey. A campaign of visitation to the homes of some of the scholars, whose parents were not attending the church services, has added several new members to the class and stimulated greater interest in the services of worship. Mr. Walter Marklein is teacher of the class.

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THE printed page gives wings to the spoken word, so that it can encircle the globe. It chisels the spoken message into rock, so that even the tides of time cannot erase it. It is one of God's greatest gifts to

The Power of the Printed Page.

mankind, which has brought indescribable enrichment to man's pilgrimage through the centuries. That romantic story of the printed page adds new lustre to the seventy-fifth anniversary of our Publication Society, which this issue of "The Baptist Herald" commemorates.

The Bible is God's revelation to man. It is God's Word spoken to the heart of man. It is the priceless record of God's visible revelation in Jesus Christ. The fires of its truth have been kept burning in the hearts of those, who lived by it in those times when manuscripts and printed copies were not available. But what a fountain of blessing the Bible in its printed form has been to the peoples of the world! Name almost any language or dialect of the world, and the American Bible Society can show you Bibles or portions of it printed in that language at reasonable cost.

To be sure, the printed page carries with it untold consequences for weal or woe. Its tremendous power can be used like steel and iron in the building of our cities and railroads and ships, or it can be misused for destructive purposes in armored cars and guns and bombs. How concerned Christian forces must be that Christian literature in great abundance and presented in an attractive style be made available to all people in order to close the door of the mind to all "the printed stuff" which is shoddy and cheap and even pernicious in its influence!

The printed page has the power to arrest attention and to change the course of an individual's or a nation's destiny. It is often the van-

guard of great revolutionary movements, as was the case with Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which helped to initiate the agitation against slavery. Behind every forward step taken by civilization there has been an idea or ideal in the mind of some great leader, and that idea through the medium of the printed page has ushered in the new day. Often a tract with an arresting title has been the means of a man's conversion. What dynamic power there is in the printed page to awaken dormant minds to the great tasks at hand and the irresistible call of God for service!

It is also true that the printed page moulds the thoughts and attitudes of those who follow the leader. Our newspaper and magazine age is especially a good example of this fact. Whether we live in France, Japan, Germany, Russia or America, we are being regimented by the powers that control the printed pages of our newspaper publicity. The unprecedented success in the use of propaganda through the printed page in certain parts of the world is startling to behold. Here in an unassuming printed page is power enough to shape the future through the moulding of public opinion.

Even greater is the power of the printed page that enables us to relive the past and to interpret bygone occurrences in the light of current events. In a short time, the century of our denominational history will parade in panoramic splendor before our eyes through the pages of a book to be published. Time seems to disappear as the pages of the past become a throbbing part of our present experiences.

Joyously we thank God for the memorable service rendered by our Publication Society through the seventy-five years of its history. Solemnly we pledge ourselves to the tremendous tasks of the future with a full recognition of the incomparable power of every printed page!

75 Years of Denominational Service

The epochal account of the Publication Society through its 75 years of memorable history can best be given by the general business manager, who has guided the business and spiritual course of the society for more than 28 years. We thank God for his gift to our denomination in Brother H. P. Donner, beloved wherever he is known!

By MR. H. P. DONNER of Cleveland, Ohio, Business Manager of the Publication Society

On September 15, 1865, the General Conference of German Baptist Churches came into existence. On the following day, in logical sequence, the Publication Society was organized. Thus was launched the first of our major societies which, at this time, is commemorating its seventy-five years of denominational service.

people as a missionary endeavor. To this course the Society has strictly held throughout the years.

Growth and Expansion

The headquarters were originally planted in Cincinnati, Ohio, with Philip W. Bickel as sole administrator of all operations. The capital of the business

the first brick unit at the corner of Payne Avenue and E. 38th Street on a piece of ground donated by the Cleveland Baptist Union and which is still held by the Publication Society in fee simple. John D. Rockefeller was a benefactor of this expanding project and a close friend of the Bickels.

Occupancy was had in 1877. Building expansion continued through the years until the Society now holds title to approximately 95 feet frontage, having a depth of 125 feet, on which site stand the older three story building, and the newer two story stone front erected in 1926, being modern in its appointments, and beautifully adapted to existing needs. The capital structure of the institution reached its height in 1931 before the economic depression became effective. It stood at that time at \$132,000.00.

Commercial Printing

For a number of years it was held to be necessary to reach out into the commercial field for business to prevent the printing machinery from lying idle. This policy was pursued with much diligence and led to the reorganization of the commercial department under the trade name of the Roger Williams Press. The renewed venture met with a degree of success until the Society began to realize that there were certain disadvantages growing out of an emphasis placed on that branch of service to the detriment of the chief aims of the institution. An unsought opportunity to dispose of this department presented itself, which after very careful deliberation was accepted. This was in 1922 and since that time every effort has been turned to the prosecution of the denominational mission as originally conceived. The years of depression amply proved the wisdom of this step, which at the time was subjected to considerable criticism.

While during the profitable years our capital structure was materially strengthened, it also was possible to make appropriations to our general work out of the net income. Quite a few thousand dollars were contributed in this manner.

Denominational Service

The Publication Society has naturally occupied a position of influence in our denominational life. The "Send-bote" for eighty-seven years has been

a denominational organ, in a very definite sense of the term, and the same function has applied to the "Baptist Herald" in its seventeen years of service. These papers have voiced the desires and the aspirations of our corporate body. They have in many ways created public opinion and crystallized a denominational consciousness. It follows that the Society is the promoter of the larger denominational undertakings.

Among other things it has been the patron of our young people's interests. Prior to the time our young people's work took on permanent form in 1922, the Society had a large part in its formative stages and for a while shared in paying the salaries of the young people's secretaries. There has always been close cooperation between the two bodies. Even as far back as 1914, when it became obvious that some use of English would become a necessity in the expanding work for young people, the monthly magazine known as "Vereins Herold" introduced bilingual treatment of its pages and William Kuhn, then field secretary of the denomination for young people, was given the responsibility of editing the English department. This was one of the earliest attempts at bilingual recognition.

This close relationship persists at this time as is witnessed by the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union having its executive secretary assume the editorial direction of "The Baptist Herald." The Publication Society publishes the journal, with the younger constituents in view, while the young people's national organization makes itself responsible for its editing. This is illustrative of the Publication Society's promotive functions.

Transition to English

The last twenty-five years of our denominational existence have been the transition period in which the introduction of English had to be reckoned with. More and more has this been realized, so that in many parts of the country the English language is rapidly replacing the language of the fathers in our church and worship life. This condition promptly found recognition in the service of the Publication Society. In fact, it became the pioneer in introducing wider use of English in the publications, for which the denomination held the society responsible.

The first step actually taken was to make the CHEERFUL SOWER, possibly better known as DER MUNTERE SAEMANN, a bilingual publication. Since this is the youth's paper, the advantages are obvious. It had for its purpose the molding of the character of our boys and girls, and in the accomplishment of this end a language that would be intelligible would be a necessity. With the first issue of 1913 the two language innovation became effective. It is our conviction that this procedure prolonged the life of the paper.



Hermann Schulte, Business Manager of the Publication Society from 1874 to 1892

The only lesson quarterly ever published by the Society is known as "Lektions-Blaetter." Originally a two page leaflet, for weekly distribution, it took

the earlier efforts of the Publication Society in realizing the needs of our young people's organizations consisted in publishing the first English periodical bearing the name, YOKEFELLOW. This experiment resulted in the discontinuation of the monthly VEREINS HEROLD, and the YOKEFELLOW became the first solely English publication issued by our Society at Cleveland. Frank Kaiser was its efficient editor. It had a German companion, likewise appearing monthly, under the name of JUGENDFREUND. Their years of service were 1920 to 1922. "The Yokefellow" was the immediate forerunner of the BAPTIST HERALD launched by action of the General Conference in that memorable session in St. Paul, Minn., in 1922. "The Baptist Herald" started its career at the beginning of 1923 under the editorial direction of the late Rev. A. P. Mihm.

THE CHEERFUL SOWER is in its eighty-second year of continuous service; LEKTIONS-BLAETTTER in its sixty-sixth, and DER WEGWEISER, another publication circulating out of the Publication House, is in its sixty-fourth year.

The first magazine issued in the interest of our young people was the



With Spiritual Warmth and Personal Winsomeness Mr. H. P. Donner Has Served the Publication Society as its Business Manager for More Than 28 Years and the Denomination for an Even Longer Period as One of its "Saints of God"

This was a consolidation of previous efforts on the part of the two annual conferences in publishing literature pertaining to the development of the new work entrusted to the hands of German Baptists for their German countrymen.

The function of the Publication Society during the three quarters of a century reviewed herein has been primarily the dissemination of Christian literature. This has been expressed in the publication of periodicals, ranging from weekly to quarterly issues, the marketing of books and booklets, and the placing of free Bibles and evangelical literature in the hands of the

was fixed at \$1000 which was to be collected from our churches. The early years were laden with financial problems. In 1870 the Society was legally incorporated, and in the following year its seat of operation was transferred to Cleveland, Ohio. Articles of incorporation are of record in the counties in which the two cities are located.

The removal was encouraged by the First German Baptist Church of Cleveland through the proffer of the purchase price of a site. A modest frame building housed the printing equipment and its directive staff. The destruction of this building by fire led to an advance step in the erection of



Personnel and Staff of the Publication Society About 1903 Seated in Front of the Publication Building, Cleveland, Ohio, With Rev. Gottlob Fetzer as Editor and Mr. Peter Ritter as Business Manager. (Fourth and Fifth from Right on Front Row, Respectively.)

on a more pretentious role by appearing as a thirty-two page quarterly. In the expansion of our work the bilingual principle was applied to this publication also, but to make room for the English interpretation another enlargement had to be planned and the quarterly was increased to forty-eight pages. This was in 1915 at which time the graded plan was introduced, which was another sign of progress.

Young People's Papers

In that time of readjustment one of

JUGEND HEROLD. This appeared in 1889 and was published in German. It ran a course of twenty years. In 1909 it was succeeded by the VEREINS HEROLD which was intended to cover a broader scope.

The impelling interest of the Publication Society is shown by the fact that the sponsoring of the several publications fostering the young people's cause over a long number of years, as just enumerated, has entailed an outlay of many thousand dollars



The Colporter in the Good Old Horse and Buggy Days!
(Rev. Max Leuschner of Los Angeles, Calif., Standing Alongside the Publication Society's Wagon With Colporter Daniel Lampert Seated With a Friend)

above the income derived therefrom. This is illustrated in the financial loss of approximately \$8500 in the publishing of the BAPTIST HERALD alone during the seventeen years of its mission. In general terms, it might be said that the young people's periodicals have been a financial liability. Nevertheless, the great moral reasons back of the movement largely outweigh the material burdens which have been borne.

"Der Sendbote's" 88 Years

The outstanding service rendered by the Publication Society in the past, and from the day of its inception, has been the publication of DER SENDBOTE. In fact, it was the desire to have a medium of communication that might unite in closer fellowship the few weak churches, that persuaded the pastor of our only church in Philadelphia, Konrad Anton Fleischmann, who is historically regarded as the pioneer of our work, to issue a monthly sheet which bore the name, "Der Sendbote des Evangeliums." This project was authorized by the Conference, which was the first of our group, and which was taken at its session in 1852.

In 1858 the second conference was formed of the more westerly churches and was known as "the Western Conference." This new body recognized the value of a publication that would emphasize the great unfolding West and so it was in that first session that the decision was arrived at of publish-

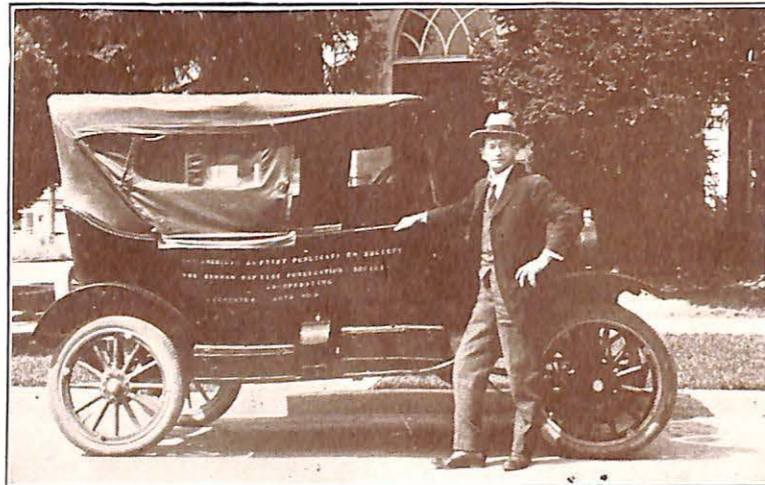
ing its own periodical. This became effective in 1859. Its name was "Die Biene auf dem Missionsfeld." Its editor was Philip W. Bickel and the place of publication, Cincinnati, Ohio. At the formation of the General Conference in 1865 a merger of the two pa-

large measure to its strong evangelical influence. It has been, and still is, a medium of information emanating from the numerous organizations representative of our many activities.

Widespread Missionary Service

One of the earliest functions of the Publication Society was to publish tracts and to encourage their distribution. It was one of the early methods of witnessing for the truth and of winning the lost. The monthly WEGWEISER, previously mentioned, grew out of this conception of evangelical propaganda. This deeply seated sense of responsibility ever sought new ways of expression. This gave birth to the inauguration of a systematized colportage service. Through this channel tons of Bibles and tons of Christian literature have passed into the hands of the people.

In the past the Society has had as many as three men on the field. At one time Colporter Lampert was in charge of a covered wagon and a team



Colporter E. J. Kuemmet Proudly Exhibiting His "Tin Lizzie" Ford Which He Converted Into a "Modern" Colportage Wagon About 1920

pers occurred. The "Biene" lost its identity in the "Sendbote," by which name the periodical was continued and its frequency changed to weekly issues. It is now in its eighty-eighth year. It has rendered yeoman service. The conservative development of our denominational group can be traced in a very

of horses with which he traveled up and down the Pacific coast over mountains and through valleys visiting churches and the numerous German colonies scattered over that wide area. He was followed by Brother E. J. Kuemmet whose appointment was made in cooperation with the larger American Baptist Publication Society, which latter organization was a pioneer in the colportage field. He also had at his disposal horse and wagon, and later a "Ford." Space is not sufficient to mention all the names of those who traveled across the countries, but the work is now being continued with one man and his auto, who is rendering incalculable good in this unique service. The present incumbent is Brother A. D. Schantz, who is "a son" of our Gotebo, Okla., church. The source of support for this work is the Bible Day offerings of our Sunday Schools.

The Publication Society this year looks back over a long term of years and over a strenuous service humbly laid at the feet of him who "came to seek and to save that which was lost."



Today Colporter A. D. Schantz Covers the Denominational Territory in His High-powered Car, Distributing Bibles and Christian Literature

A Beloved Messenger of the Gospel

The Story of "Der Sendbote" Reported by MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER

Devoted Editors

"Der Sendbote" has enjoyed an unrivaled ministry with illustrious blessings in our denominational history. No other organized branch of our work can look back upon 87 years of uninterrupted service. The name of "Der Sendbote" has become a household word for thousands of people, and its fame has gone into every continent of the world. It has been, as its title appropriately discloses, a true "Messenger of the Gospel."

Early Difficulties

What an adventure of faith was bound up with the earliest beginnings of this publication! The busy pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., Konrad Anton Fleischmann, was urged in 1852 by the small Eastern Conference to begin the editing of a German paper for the 17 churches with a meager membership of 785. All the help which could be given to him was the vague promise of securing some subscribers.

In August, 1853, the first number of "Der Sendbote des Evangeliums" appeared. The unimpressive capital of \$200 was put at his disposal by English friends. But the venture was undertaken in prayer as an enthusiastic response to a definite need. Its monthly appearance at the annual subscription rate of fifty cents was hailed by the German Baptists. Churches and conferences received generous offerings in order to pay for the deficits incurred. Mr. Fleischmann as editor was also business manager, bookkeeper, corresponding secretary and treasurer for the publication. The most amazing fact about its instantaneous success was that at the end of the first year of its ministry, when the total membership of German Baptists in North America was 1021, the subscribers to "Der Sendbote" numbered 1200!

A Rival Paper

In 1859 the German Baptist churches of the Middle West organized a "Western Conference" at Springfield, Illinois. At that gathering a missionary publication was launched to be called, "Die Biene des Evangeliums" and to be edited by the Rev. Philipp W. Bickel. It was not to be regarded as a rival to "Der Sendbote," but its appearance caused misapprehensions in Eastern churches and started some tongues to wag in acrimonious dispute.

Fortunately in 1865 the Eastern and Western Conferences united in the first General Conference at Wilmot, Ontario. There it was decided to amalgamate the two papers into one publication under the name, "Der Sendbote," and under the supervision of both editors, Philipp Bickel and Konrad Fleischmann.

Its editors have always been devoted Christian ministers, who have been tireless and self-denying in their efforts to promote the spiritual and business interest of the paper. From 1862 to 1865 the Rev. A. Henrich, pastor of our church in Williamsport, Pa., served as the editor of the publication for the Eastern Conference. "Der Sendbote" now appeared semi-monthly at the annual subscription price of \$1.00. Funds were also collected, sometimes at a large sacrifice for the donors, for a printing press to be installed in Williamsport, but the venture was not crowned with success.

Fleischmann's sudden death in 1867 removed a strong pillar from the denominational edifice which was being built with united joy by German Baptists everywhere. The imprint of his rugged missionary zeal and magnetic spiritual power has never been erased from the pages of this publication, which he helped to found and to make so deeply beloved in our churches.

Bickel's Successors

Philipp W. Bickel's tasks were multiplied as he became the sole editor of "Der Sendbote" and the business manager of the Publication Society. He brought rare gifts of administration, creative literary writing, and spiritual productivity to his herculean work. His unusual success carried his fame across the seas so that he was called by the Baptists of Germany in 1878 to become the new business manager of the large Baptist Publication Society in Kassel, Germany.

Mr. Bickel was followed in 1878 by the Rev. Julius C. Haselhuhn as editor of "Der Sendbote." It is reported of him that he burned himself out at his editorial task until sickness necessitated his retirement. On January 1, 1893, the Rev. Julius C. Grimmell, one of the pioneer preachers of the Atlantic seaboard, began his editorial ministry which continued through the year 1901. During this time the paper was enlarged to 16 pages and continued to win new subscribers for itself.

Gottlob Fetzer

In some respects, the most memorable service as editor was enjoyed by the Rev. Gottlob Fetzer. He can claim the distinction of having served the greatest number of years from 1902 until his untimely death in 1934. His facile pen and golden words helped to mould the spiritual development of the denomination through the startling early decades of this century.

He was the unruffled captain, who steered his ship safely through the stormy sea of the days of the World

War when hatred of the German language rose to shameful heights in this country. The finest tribute that could have been penned for this man of God is to be found on a memorial tablet in the editorial office, where he spent so many years of his life—"A man approved of God, beloved by his fellowmen, a consecrated Christian and gifted writer; as such he lives in our memory."

The Present Editor

The present editor of "Der Sendbote," the Rev. Samuel Blum, continues the unbroken succession of talented writers and keen spiritual interpreters for our denomination. His missionary service for several years in Australia among the German colonists and for many years as a member of our Missionary Committee has given him wisdom based on experience and zeal growing out of love to the denomination for his influential editorial tasks. He has served as pastor of our churches in Boston and Pittsburgh, in Cleveland and Forest Park, in Emery, So. Dak., and Lorraine, Kan., and as far as Wasco, Calif., so that his perspective and sympathies enfold the entire denominational enterprise. His interest in the gifts of our younger ministers has brought freshness and virility to the pages of "Der Sendbote."

A recital of the achievements of this publication cannot leave out of account the name of Mr. Conrad Voth. For 51 years he has been identified with the Publication Society and especially with "Der Sendbote." He helped to set up the type for its articles in earlier years, to read its proof, to prepare "the dummy," and to assist the editors, the Rev. G. Fetzer and S. Blum, in their many editorial duties. Still serving as the society's proof reader, he is one of those conscientious and consecrated workers, who are entitled to hear God's words of praise, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

Approved and Beloved!

What an interesting family "Der Sendbote" has enfolded into its arms through nearly nine decades of a marvelous ministry! Its arrival is breathlessly awaited by aged mothers and fathers in their arm chairs and by invalids and patients on their beds of illness. Its reports are followed with eager interest by all of its readers, and its obituaries are read with sad hearts and tear-filled eyes. Its sermons speak with direct forcefulness to all who open its pages.

It is far more than the publication of our denomination, disseminating news and announcements. It is God's messenger of the gospel, whose glory still shines with undying splendor.

Forerunners of "The Baptist Herald"

Professor Meyer, who is as busy as ever in his retirement in Rochester, N. Y., following his years of service as a member of the faculty of our seminary, was associated from 1897 to 1910 with the editing of the denomination's young people's papers and is therefore superbly qualified to write this illuminating article.

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

Our present semi-monthly paper, "The Baptist Herald," is more advanced in years than you think, if you'll make allowance for its direct antecedents. A year ago we might have celebrated the golden jubilee of the existence of our denominational young people's paper. For in January, 1889, the initial forerunner of "The Baptist Herald," then named "Der Jugend-Herold," made its introductory bow to a small circle of German readers as a humble sixteen page monthly.

The First Youth Paper

It looked meager, had little bulk, and no appeal of cover. But it was promised an increase of pages and a coat of many colors, so to say, with an advance in the number of subscribers. So it exceeded the stipulated 1000 mark within a month or two and, accordingly, was appareled in a cover of changing tints and varying artistic design, and gradually grew in circumference from sixteen to twenty-four and, finally, thirty-two pages. Developing under its original name in the first nineteen years, it had the fostering care of three different editors and an attentive group of co-editors and interested contributors.

For the next decade it appeared under the title of "Vereins-Herold." And thereupon—well, that's material for a final chapter to be recorded in due procedure of events. For, in the words of the sacred historian, now the rest of these acts of our young people's periodical, the first and the last, are they not written in the chronicles of the "Bundeskonferenzverhandlungen" and the files of our denominational magazines, to which your author has ready access in the Rochester Seminary Library? Aye, and your aged reporter for quite a number of years was personally responsible for the editing of the paper and, thus, may be expected to add somewhat out of the fund of his own experience.

Early Beginnings

Our denomination has ever been mindful of its obligation to the young. From the beginning our pioneers of fluent pen were concerned about the spiritual nurture of the lambs of the great Shepherd's flock. Back as far as 1866, when our family from the Weser in Westphalia first landed on the shores of the Ohio River at Cincinnati, at that time "the Queen City of the West," I remember there the pastorate of the Rev. Philip W. Bickel and the begin-



Professor Walter Rauschenbusch, the Able Editor of the JUGEND-HEROLD from 1892 to 1897

nings of the Publication Society. He was the newly elected editor of the combined "Sendbote" and "Biene" and before that had been publishing successfully, pretty much at his own risk, not only "Die Biene" but also "Der Muntere Saemann," a sprightly sheet for young people.

I recall how in his Sunday School we were hymnically brought up on those incomparable translations of children's songs in his early editions of the undying "Singvögelein." Thus our Publication Society, now celebrating the 75th anniversary of its ministry to our churches, may be said to have started out with due consideration for the plentiful youth of that early day when Sunday Schools were large and "birth control" was not the fashion.

But it was not until a score of years later, in 1883, at the 8th "Bundeskonferenz" in Detroit, that the matter of a young people's paper for the advanced youth was broached. The record reads: "Auf Anregung des Br. Wm. Schuff wurde ueber die Herausgabe eines Blattes im Interesse der Mission und Jugendvereine gesprochen. Es herrschte die Meinung, dass unsere Verhaeltnisse die Herausgabe eines solchen nicht erlauben; doch wurde die Sache dem Publikationskomitee zur

Erwaegung anheimgestellt." And that responsible committee finally acted, prompted undoubtedly by its aggressive editor, Brother Haselhuhn, the successor of Bickel, and by the rising tide of interest in young people's work throughout the land.

German Baptist Singing

Christian Endeavor Societies, started by Francis E. Clark, spread from New England to everywhere with phenomenal rapidity. City, state and national unions and assemblies were in vogue. The Methodists founded their Epworth League, the Baptists their B. Y. P. U. of America, and other communions their distinctive organizations. In 1895 there were 10,000 Baptist young people who gathered at Baltimore, 15,000 Methodists at Chattanooga, and 50,000 Christian Endeavors at Boston. We as German Baptists rallied into the van of that enthusiastic movement. Unions and assemblies multiplied in local and conference areas.

I remember attending the meeting at Dayton, Ohio, in 1895, for the formation of our own separate national "Jugendbund" and, following that spirited gathering, our arrival at the regular American B. Y. P. U. convention in the great Cincinnati Music Hall. My, how we stampeded that opening meeting! Songs at the roll call had not yet been introduced. So I suggested that we all gather around our official representative, and when the Rev. Wm. Pfeiffer ended his brief response we arose and sang, "Was kann es Schoen'res geben," with a gleeful vigor that took the convention by surprise. They requested us to furnish the same song for the evening meeting and as many others as we knew by heart and chose to sing. How we did sing, just one familiar German hymn and choir anthem after the other, under rapturous applause!

Mr. H. W. Doane, the noted composer, who sat on the platform with us and listened spellbound, told me that he had never heard the like in spontaneous rendition of songs sung without musical books and by so many really good voices! Leaving the crowded hall at the close of the meeting people remarked: "But was not that German choir wonderful!" "Yes, and what a strong alto!" etc. etc. Still the musical participation, lasting for over twenty minutes, was entirely unprepared, for it was the melodious improvisation of tuneful German hearts.

August 1, 1940

Walter Rauschenbusch, the Editor

The young people's organ of that epoch implemented such youthful enthusiasm. Its father, the busy editor of "Der Sendbote," bent his energies to the extra duty of editing it for the first three years. Then the burden was transferred to the shoulders of a special editor. Among our youthful pastors on the Publication Board Walter Rauschenbusch was chosen. In connection with his church work in New York City, he addressed himself to the editorial task with vigor and ingenuity and that genius, which Carlyle has defined as "a capacity for hard work."

During the five years of his editorship, from November, 1892, to March, 1897, the wave of the new movement of the youth reached its crest. Rauschenbusch strove to make the "Jugendherold" the indispensable organ of our Young People's Societies and their social, cultural and missionary activities. He wrote the first Christian Culture Course, followed for two decades by an unbroken line of annual "Studiengaenge." His course on the life of Christ under the title of "Das Leben Jesu" was very popular, exhausting its reprint in book-form of two thousand copies and requiring a new edition.

Let me here enumerate the other study courses with their original titles: "Das apostolische Zeitalter" by L. Kaiser; "Die christliche Heidenmission" A. J. Ramaker; "Grundlehren des Christentums" F. A. Licht; "Alttestamentliche Charakterbilder" and "Neutestamentliche Charakterbilder" both by A. Vogel; "Grundsätze der Baptisten" F. Fr. edrich; "Die politische Verfassung unseres Landes" W. Rauschenbusch; "Die Geschichte unserer Bibel" H. von Berge; "Die christliche Sittlichkeit" S. A. Kose; "Lebensbilder hervorragender Missionare" F. Kaiser; "Eine kurze Geschichte der Baptisten" A. J. Ramaker; "Beweis des Christentums" G. C. T. Schaible; "Die Geschichte Israels" L. Kaiser; "Das Leben des Apostels Paulus" R. Stracke; "Bilder aus dem korinthischen Gemeindeleben" E. Umbach; "Die Gleichnisse Jesu" F. W. C. Meyer; "Missionstudiengang" translated from the English of H. B. Grose; "Offene Tueren in Asien" J. Heinrichs; "Das Reich Gottes" F. Kaiser; with a repetition of the courses on Baptist principles, Christian ethics, and the life of Christ. It surely indicates a wide scope of interest obtaining during that formative period and a laudable enterprise by the Publication Board to supply food for thought and stimulus for concerted action. And what a fine array of co-editors and contributors!

"We Study to Serve"

"We study to serve" was the slogan of the B. Y. P. U., truthfully realized in our German circles. Not only were the Christian Culture Courses, with final written examinations, continued

for over two decades, but scores of our young people volunteered for missionary service. Their letters from India and Burma and Assam and China and Cameroon and Australia and South America heightened the evangelistic ardor of readers of the "Jugendherold" and "Vereinsherold." Their names are almost too many to mention, and too dear to be merely mentioned. A number of them paid the supreme sacrifice of their life in Africa and Asia. It was before the day of



Rev. Frank Kaiser, Editor of the YOKEFELLOW from 1920 to 1922

"Re-thinking Missions." It was in the period of "living" for missions, carried somewhat by the slogan: "Winning the World for Christ in Our Generation."

Walter Rauschenbusch himself had volunteered for foreign service. But the missionary board did not accept him. Instead of going to an American church, which offered him a handsome salary, he served the Second German Baptist Church in our great metropolis of New York with a meager income. He also devoted his literary talents wholeheartedly to the furtherance of our general German work. The clarity, winsomeness and vigor of his English style, characterizing those later epoch-making works of his, seems to have suffered naught for the fact that the first half dozen or more of his publications were in German.

F. W. C. Meyer as Editor

When, after eleven years of pastoral and literary labor in New York, he was called to the professorship of our German Seminary in Rochester, the editorship of the "Jugend-Herold" was turned over to me. I followed Rauschenbusch, but, of course, I could not fill his place. Yet from April, 1897, on until the end of 1910 I did my best to wield the editorial pen in addition to my pastoral work at New Haven, Conn., and at Milwaukee, Wis. My predecessor had striven mainly to make the paper an organ of the Young People's societies.

I continued that effort, very naturally, but also attempted to make it

profitable and pleasurable to our families as a sort of German monthly. The serial stories I wrote of a quasi-biographical character, like "Der kleine Einwanderer," "Die beiden Freunde," "Die Tuerklingel der Predigerwohnung," etc., were read with eager interest, while various anonymous articles and attempts at verse found their way into other papers, even those published in Germany. The regular monthly feature, captioned "Der Beobachter," ran for decades, and was later continued in the "Sendbote" as "Der Mann mit der Brille."

Serving Women's Interest

In 1908 our Publication Board, in order to increase the subscription list, decided to have the paper also serve the interests of our Women's societies. They appointed Mrs. E. M. Licht, as co-editor of "Unsere Frauen-Abteilung," and changed the name of the periodical to "Vereinsherold." Very harmoniously I co-laborated with her, but in 1910 felt the demands of my rapidly growing Milwaukee church so urgent, that I begged the General Conference of that year to release me from further editorial obligations.

The editing and compilation of the paper was assumed by our Cleveland staff, Brother Gottlob Fetzer and his assistant, Brother Conrad Voth. I had to promise my dear schoolmate that I would keep on furnishing "Der Beobachter," which I did monthly for two more years. Nor could I, in 1912, refuse the request of the Publication Board for a Christian Culture course on "The Parables of Jesus."

World War Influences

At the next General Conference of 1913, convening in Madison, So. Dak., the Rev. William Kuhn was chosen as aging G. A. Schulte's assistant and the new field secretary of our Young People's and Sunday School work. He entered the inviting task with his well-known enthusiasm and keen generalship, and in the "Vereinsherold" soon opened his "Zynzygus" or "Yokefellow" columns of unforgettable memory. It was becoming increasingly more difficult, especially during the World War, to use our treasured mother-tongue as freely and effectively as heretofore.

The final two volumes of the "Vereinsherold," for 1918 and 1919, show the rapid encroachment of articles written in the language of the land. And then—well, from the dearest of earth's treasures one must part, even if the pain of parting defers its inevitableness. The years 1920 to 1923 witnessed the unsuccessful attempt to make an eight page German "Jugendfreund" and an equally meager English monthly, "The Yokefellow," though edited by the Reverends Gottlob Fetzer and Frank Kaiser, meet the demand of an onward urge. But out of the trial and travail of those years "The Baptist Herald" was born, whose happy biography has been briefly described by Mr. Donner in another article.

75th Anniversary of the Publication Society

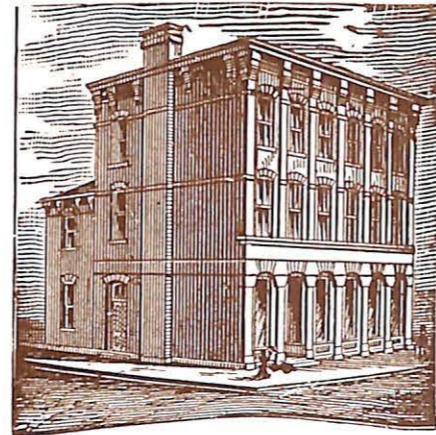
The Written Word

But words are things,
and a small drop of ink
Falling, like dew, upon
a thought produces
That which makes thou-
sands, perhaps mil-
lions, think.

—Byron



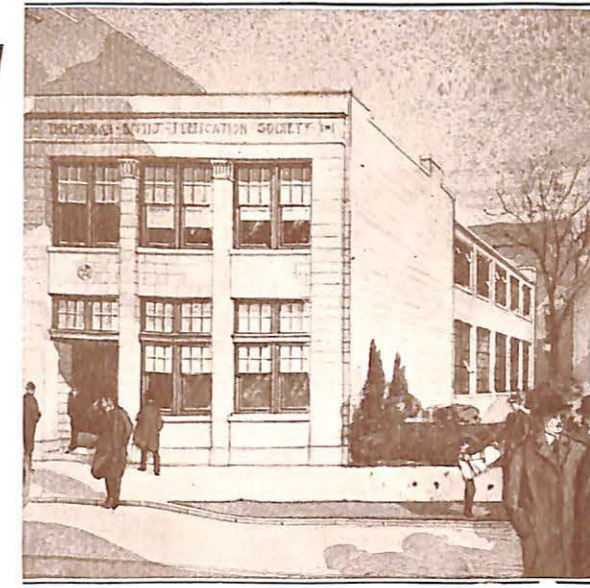
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That Which Abides

Whatever hath been
written shall remain,
Nor be erased nor writ-
ten o'er again;
The unwritten only still
belong to thee:
Take heed and ponder
well what that shall be.

—Longfellow

The Editorial Office of the
Publication Society Years
Ago With the Former Editor
of "Der Sendbote," the Late
Rev. G. Fetzer, Seated at His
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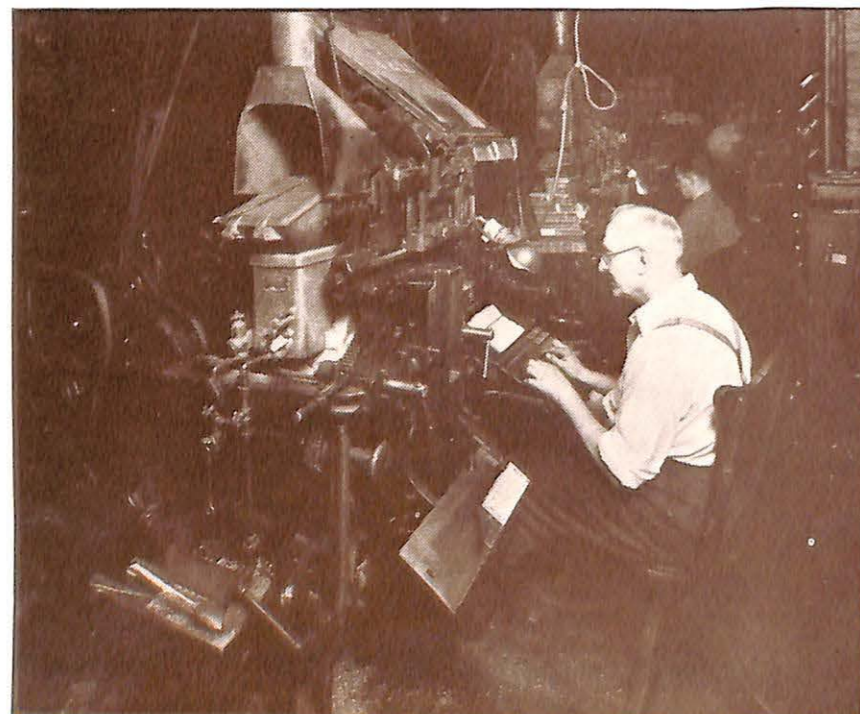


The Present Personnel of the Printing Shop and Office of Our
Publication Society

(Front Row—Left to Right: A. Dressel, Mrs. Wm. Wilcke, Conrad Voth, Mrs. Herta Zion,
Mrs. Hildegard Ehler, and Mr. Schultz)
(Rear Row—Left to Right: Wm. Wilcke, Otto Rochelmeyer, John Ries, Owen McKenna,
and Bruno Walter.)



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to Receive the Printed Pub-
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Order to Take Their Message
on the Wings of Uncle Sam's
and the Canadian Postal
Service to the Far Corners
of the Continent

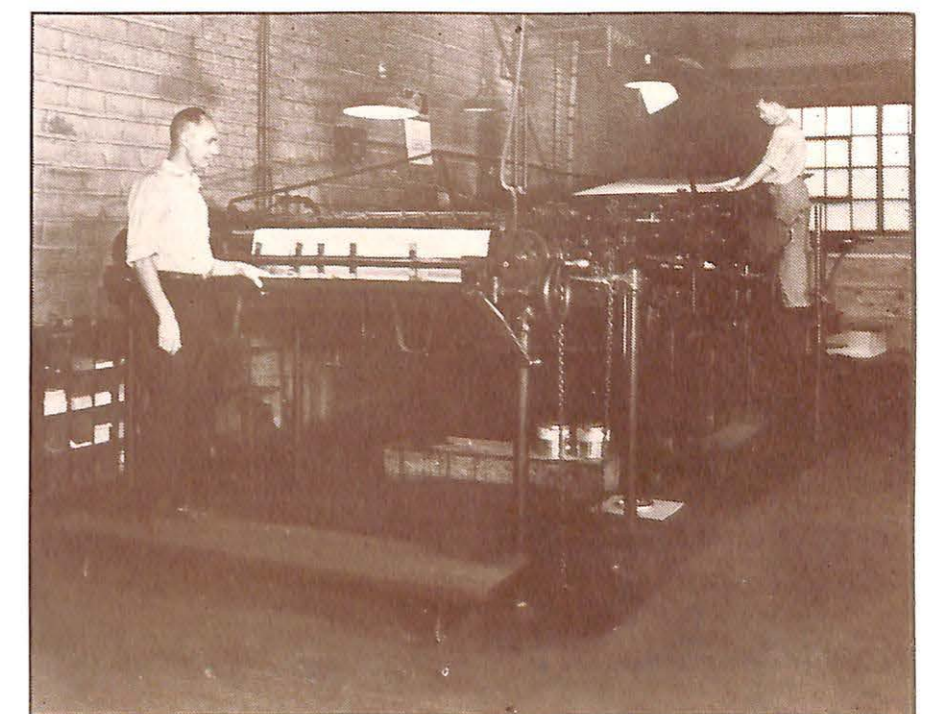


Busy Fingers Play Upon the Keyboards of the Several Linotype Machines,
Preparing the Type for Printing

The Publications of the Society and Their Subscriptions

Der Sendbote — 4613 Subscribers
The Baptist Herald — 5950 Subscribers
Lektionsblaetter — 13,959 Subscribers
Muntere Saemann — 4256 Subscribers
Wegweiser — 2984 Subscribers
Volkskalender (Annual Publication)

Konferenzverhandlungen (Conference Min-
utes, etc.)
Notizbuch (Denominational Directory)
"Bender in the Cameroons" (New Mission-
ary Book)
Missionary Pamphlets for Promotional Pur-
poses



To the Accompaniment of a Clattering Din Future Issues of Our Publications
Pass Through the Printing Press

Annual Session of the Publication Board

Reported by REV. WILLIAM L. SCHOEFFEL, Secretary

Once a year the Publication Board consisting of nine members together with the manager of our Publication Society, and the two editors meet in Cleveland, Ohio, to review the year's work and to plan new projects for the extension of the Kingdom's interests. These meetings are always full of intense interest and opportunities for pleasant fellowship, especially around the luncheon and dinner tables.

Two standing committees carry on the work of the board during the year. An executive committee deliberates and decides emergency matters pertaining to business and management. A literary committee takes into consideration the editing and publishing of new books or pamphlets.

This arrangement was inaugurated with the year 1922. Until then for many years two boards were regularly elected by the General Conference. One was a board of trustees, whose jurisdiction was confined to the matters of management and the care of real estate. Seven members constituted this board of trustees, all of whom were laymen.

The second board, known as the Publication Committee and consisting of ministers dealt chiefly with the publishing aspect of our work. Among the men who served with rare distinction on this board are names such as Prof. W. Rauschenbusch, Prof. L. Kaiser, Prof. O. Koenig, Prof. F. W. C. Meyer, the Rev. W. J. Zirbes and the late Rev. G. H. Schneek.

In those good old times the session of the two boards sometimes continued for a week, and always for several days. With the introduction of modern methods of business efficiency the annual session of the single board consumes just one day. However, from the hour of nine in the morning until late into the evening we have many matters pressing for attention. Some matters are often referred to one of the two committees for further deliberation and the use of "round robin" letters. The secretary of the board not only keeps the minutes but also conducts the correspondence during the year.

On Tuesday, July 16, your present board met for this year's annual meeting. Every member of the board was present except the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, who had to keep his appointment with the assembly at Beaverbrook, Pa., of the Atlantic Conference. The board is constituted as follows:—Chairman, Rev. E. Umbach; vice-chairman, Rev. Paul Wengel; Rev. Herman von Berge; Rev. Theo. W. Dons, Rev. Thorwald Bender, Rev. P. C. A. Menard, Mr. F. Koppin, Mr. H. Wobig, and the secretary, Rev. W. L. Schoeffel.

The entire morning was given to the discussion of the annual report of our

In Memoriam

Although this anniversary issue does not attempt to relate the well known history of "The Baptist Herald," the editor feels that it is incomplete without some reference to the sterling qualities of character and service of the late Rev. A. P. Mihm, from 1923 to 1934 the gifted editor of "The Baptist Herald." His keen interest in the Publication Society and his untiring efforts in its behalf have left their clear print in the sands of time. We honor his memory because of what he bequeathed to us as his heritage in the beloved "Baptist Herald."
Martin L. Leuschner.

business manager, Brother H. P. Donner. This happens to be his twentieth report, having assumed this important office on January 1, 1912. In his report Mr. Donner usually reviews the business and the accomplishments of the past year, and makes suggestions for new projects and enterprises. The result of the discussion of his report is crystalized in a number of resolutions, some of which follow:

1. That Brother H. P. Donner secure the necessary legal rights from the postal authorities to publish "The Baptist Herald" and any other of our publications under the name of "The Roger Williams Press."
2. That we sincerely appreciate the response of our churches to the opportunities offered by the "CLUB PLAN" and their wholehearted cooperation in its remarkable success. One hundred and twenty-three churches are members of the plan for 1940. We hope that this response and cooperation will spread to everyone of our churches, placing not only a denominational paper into every family but thereby assuring a certain degree of financial stability to our publications and increasing their influence for the Kingdom's interests.
3. That any publication that is denominationally published should be published under the direction of the regularly appointed Publication Board.
4. Whereas the purpose of the Bible Day is to bring to the attention of our Sunday Schools and churches the profound spiritual value and significance of the BIBLE and to recognize our divine given task to make it available to every human being, be it RESOLVED, that we urge and invite every one of our Sunday Schools and churches to participate in the observation of the ANNUAL BIBLE DAY in some form or other and by means of a generous offering contribute toward the realization of this challenging missionary endeavor.
5. Whereas Brother A. D. Schantz is rendering a faithful and distinct

Christian service in the capacity of colporter and since his services and influence largely rest with the cooperation of our pastors and churches, we recommend Brother A. D. Schantz most heartily to our brethren in the ministry and to our churches with the assurance that every kindness shown to him will widen and spread his usefulness.

Both of our editors, Rev. S. Blum and Rev. M. L. Leuschner, gave or sent their annual reports. The present circulation of our papers is as follows: "Der Sendbote"—4878; "The Baptist Herald"—5987; "Der Wegweiser"—3413; "Saemann"—4256; and "Die Lektionsblaetter"—15 545. The Rev. Benjamin Schlipf was again appointed to edit the "Lektionsblaetter" during the next triennium, and the Rev. Willy Luebeck the lesson page in "Der Sendbote" for the next year. Both of the men have given of their best and deserve our sincere appreciation for the work they have rendered.

Mr. H. P. Donner has served our society faithfully and unselfishly for twenty-nine years as manager. Words can hardly express our gratitude to him for the service rendered, and it gives us real pleasure to again recommend him for reelection by the General Conference. The same recommendation of the Rev. S. Blum as editor of our publications will be presented at the General Conference.

Prof. A. A. Schade has been busy all spring under the direction of the centenary committee preparing illustrated lectures dealing with the various phases of our denomination and churches. This year, which marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of our Publication Society, we shall endeavor to present to our General Conference and all of our churches an unusually interesting and beautifully colored illustrated lecture dealing both with the historical aspect of our society as well as its work of our present day. Prof. Schade, who was the invited guest of our board on this occasion, not only increased his collection of photographs but after dinner in the evening gave us a splendid preview of our lecture.

We shall present this lecture on Tuesday evening of the General Conference with real pleasure and not a little degree of pride. There is no sense of personal pride of any individual but keen realization what our Lord has accomplished through our Publication Society. Although there were some outstanding individuals connected with the specific task, we feel that every member of our great denomination and every church of our conference have had a distinct and particular share in this noble Christian enterprise.

B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

Edited by the REV. HERMAN P. BOTHNER of Pound, Wisconsin

Sunday, September 1, 1940

CONFERENCE ECHOES

Scripture Lesson: Luke 9:28-36.

Opportunity was given this summer to every member of our young people's groups to attend one of the sectional conferences, young people's assemblies or the General Conference held this year. If you attended any of these gatherings, your life was most certainly enriched. Gatherings of this nature are akin to the experience that the disciples of Jesus had on the Mount of Transfiguration.

Peter, John and James had an opportunity not given to the other followers of the Master. They had witnessed something which no one else had seen and with this experience there came a deepening of the spirit of these men as well as an enrichment of their souls. They saw Jesus as they had never seen him before. They saw, not only his glory, but also the possibilities of the Kingdom. Why build three tabernacles, if there is no future for the Kingdom?

Out of the attendance at any of the gatherings we were able to attend, in addition to being drawn closer to Christ and being spiritually enriched, we should certainly have received a vision of the possibilities that are ours as members of the Kingdom. What can I do to further the cause of the Master? How can I help build a better world? What possibilities are there for me to strengthen my own denomination? How can I best help my church to meet the demands of our community?

1. Loyalty to My Denomination

This Sunday we are to think in terms of "Conference Echoes." We all know what "an echo" is. To put it rather succinctly, it is sound that comes back to us. As we think of the conferences or assemblies attended one thing should ring clearly in our ears. Let's put it personally. Am I loyal to my denomination? No matter which conference we attended, that question seems most important. At the General Conference in particular one received visually through the drama presented a view of the working of our denomination. Have we been loyal to every branch of it, the General Missionary Society with the missionary program, the publication society, the seminary, the Homes for the Aged, the Orphanage? Loyalty to the denomination means being loyal to every branch or activity of the denomination.

2. Loyalty to My Church

As I think of the various gatherings held for the benefit of our members, another sound returns to me. It's the call in the form of a second question.

Am I loyal to my Church? Loyalty is often expressed in giving. This refers not so much to what we give financially, although that is important. The question here is, What am I giving of myself that will make my own church more effective in its work for the Kingdom? There are many opportunities to serve by speaking, by working, by writing, in the keeping of records, which all add to experience. I wonder if we think of the value of this experience. If we went to school to obtain it, it would cost us quite a sum. The church grants it without cost.

3. Loyalty to My Society

This echo also comes back to me after attending our young people's assembly. When one stops to think for a moment or two, one soon realizes that the young people's society is the training ground for our youth. Many of our ministers can testify that the inspiration and the urge to enter the ministry came out of the experiences in working with young people. That is particularly true of the writer. His thoughts return to the first assembly held in the Atlantic Conference. The echo of that assembly held in Madison, Connecticut, still rings clearly. It made him realize his responsibility and loyalty to his own society as well as the loyalty to his Christ. He has proven to himself over and over again that the Young People's Society gave him opportunity for training. In return, he owes it his loyalty.

Sunday, September 8, 1940

CHOOSE YOUR FRIENDS

Scripture References: 1. Samuel 18: 1-4, 19:1-7; 20:35-42.

It has been said that relatives cannot be chosen but that one can choose one's friends. How true that statement is! That puts the responsibility directly upon our shoulders in the choice of our friends. To some degree we are responsible for their acts as well as our own, for what they do in life certainly reflects upon us. Perhaps, someone will say, "Oh, but that's not true. I'm not responsible for what some friend may do." Still what some friend may do certainly reflects upon you. A former Sunday School teacher always brought to the attention of his boys that you can judge a man by the company he keeps. You and I have in our midst many illustrations that will verify that truth.

In addition to making new friends and keeping the old, something must be present within us. That is, we must be persons capable of making friends. Are we friendly people? That is, are we persons capable of attracting other

people? Is there something within us that attracts others, so that we can choose our friends, or do we repel? Do we want to be friends? That seems to be expressed in Sam Foss' poem, "The House by the Side of the Road." In the closing lines of that poem, we read these lines, "Let me live in my house by the side of the road and be a friend to man." Let's ask ourselves this question. Am I a friendly person? If so, we can go about choosing our friends.

1. Character is Important

In choosing our friends, we must choose them according to certain ideals in the lives of those whom we would choose as friends. Surely, we want friends who have personality. Yet we are told that personality is the sum total of all our character traits. Therefore, character is the basis upon which we must choose. Has this person the type of character that will make a worthwhile friend? What are the characteristics of his or her life? Does this person live according to those ideals? Is this person religious? Is this person able to put others first, or is he a parasite on society? Does this person possess the power to see things through? If all these questions can be answered in the affirmative, then we can say that he or she has character.

2. Higher Aspirations Necessary

We want friends in life who accomplish things, but no one can accomplish anything without aspiring to do so. What aspirations has this person whom we would choose for our friend? Has he or she the desire to succeed in business? Has this person the aspiration to rise above his or her present position? Does the person wish to be musical, play an instrument or sing? Does the person wish to do things better than someone else? Does the person seek to deepen his spiritual life? All these questions will prove to us whether the person is the type who will make the right kind of friend.

3. The Stability of the Friend

In choosing our friends we certainly ought to choose them on the basis of stability. We have all known men and women who, when the disappointments of life came their way, simply went to pieces. The trouble with them was that they were not stable. We want friends who, when illness or some calamity comes to them, can face life without wavering.

It is also true that the person who is stable is the person who lives above the average. No person trying to face the issues of life can afford to live below average. Being above average means stability and demands a high type of courage.

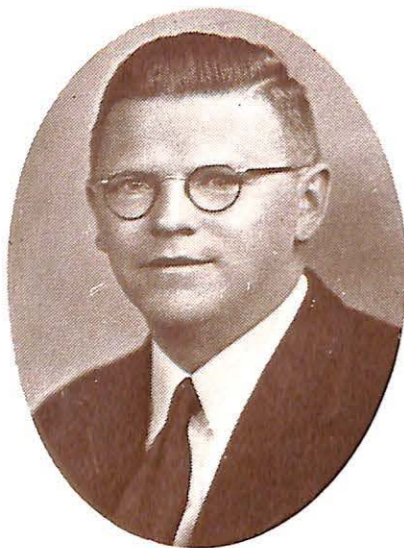
Reports from the Field

Atlantic Conference

Second Church of Union City, N. J., Welcomes Its New Pastor, Rev. Wm. Kahlert

The Rev. William Kahlert was installed pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., on Thursday evening, June 20, at a special service in the church. Following the installation a reception was held in the church hall and refreshments were served by the Ladies' Aid Society.

Herbert Dorbandt, presided, and introduced the speakers, including Rev. Edwin W. Rumsey of Calvary Baptist Church, Union City; Rev. A. Westneat, pastor of Bergen Point Baptist Church,



Rev. Wm. Kahlert of Union City, N. J.

Bayonne, and moderator of the Hudson Baptist Association; and Rev. John Grygo of Emanuel Church, New York, who gave the charge to the new pastor. Rev. John Niebuhr of the Third German Baptist Church, New York, offered the prayer, and Rev. Victor H. Prendinger of Pilgrim Church, Jersey City, pronounced the benediction. There was a solo by Walter Weber, and an address by the new pastor.

Mr. Kahlert was born in 1900 in Saxony, Germany, and was converted in boyhood. After his graduation from grammar school he entered the Teacher Seminary School. For several years he acted as secretary to a Saxon prince. In 1931 he became interested in missionary work and has preached and conducted evangelistic services in European countries. During that period he attended theological schools in Slovakia, Austria, London, and Glasgow, and is now studying at National Bible Institute in New York. For several years he worked with the Prison Mission in Germany and Latvia.

visiting and preaching the gospel in the penitentiaries. He also did missionary work in the Balkan States, in Macedonia and Greece.

Mr. Kahlert came to America in July of last year as a delegate of the German Baptist Church in Riga (Latvia) to the Baptist World Congress at Atlanta, Ga. When the Rev. Wm. Swyter was taken ill, Mr. Kahlert came to the church to conduct the German services, and made so many friends that when Mr. Swyter resigned because of ill health, he was called to the pastorate.

T. AESCHLIMANN, Reporter.

The East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware, Welcomes New Pastor

The East Baptist Church at Wilmington, Del., held a reception for its new pastor, the Rev. Christian Peters, and his family on Tuesday evening, June 18. The Baptist pastors of Wilmington, besides the Rev. Milton Schroeder of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zachay of Philadelphia were present and gave splendid addresses of welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Zachay added to our enjoyment with well chosen songs.

The flowers on the platform and also the many guests present attested to a hearty welcome from all our members. Mrs. Peter was presented with a gift as well as a basket of flowers from the ladies of the church. Mr. Carl Roehm was chairman of the reception. We have just completed the painting and pointing of the exterior of the church. The Ladies' Aid Society purchased a new carpet for the church and in three months have paid for it.

We have a larger attendance than usual at church services and pray that God will bless our new pastor and his work in the East Baptist Church.

E. K. HOFFMAN, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference Men's Activities of the Emanuel Church Near Loyal, Oklahoma

The male chorus of the Emanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., is active in the service of the Lord. Recently, the men assisted the choir and soloists in giving a musical program on the main street of Loyal. We have also sung for musical conventions, Sunday School conventions, "Men's Fellowship meetings," funeral services, and have served the church.

Recently, the men of the church had a fellowship meeting with 65 men present. The Rev. J. T. Jones of Kingfisher, Okla., spoke to the men in the church auditorium, and later the Rev. H. Pfeifer of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene spoke at the luncheon in the

basement of the church. Messrs. Geo. Lorenz, H. H. Winters and Sam Geis were responsible for the fine program, and Messrs. Bill Hill, Harvey Lorenz and Covell Young ably arranged and served the lunch. The Rev. R. A. Klein was in charge of the program.

The accompanying picture shows the members of the chorus and one of the accompanists. They are from left to right: Fred Geis, George Lorenz, R. A. Klein, N. H. Winters, George Ladwig, Sam Geis, Ezra Geis and Harry Lorenz. The young lady seated at the organ is Miss Rocile Geis. Mrs. Emil Weber, another accompanist, is not on the picture. The little folding organ serves our purpose whenever we sing for the aged and sick in homes without a piano and at out-of-door occasions.

R. A. KLEIN, Pastor.



Male Chorus of the Emanuel Church Near Loyal, Oklahoma

Oklahoma Young People's Institute Considers the Theme, "Ambassadors for Christ"

On Thursday evening, May 30, the delegates and visitors congregated at Bessie, Okla., for their annual meeting of the Oklahoma Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Institute. After roll call by all Unions of the state and the introduction of two new pastors of our institute, Rev. H. Pfeifer of the Okeene Church and Mr. Fadenrecht of the Bessie Church, the speaker of the evening, Prof. O. E. Krueger, brought the sermon, "The King's Business and Ours," which was in keeping with the theme of the institute, "Ambassadors for Christ."

The Friday morning session was opened with a devotional service led by the Rev. J. Reimer of the Gotebo Church, who chose as his topic, "The Life of the Ambassador." The president of the institute, Kenneth Reisinger, presided over a short business meeting, after which all went to their respective classes, the adult class being conducted by Prof. Krueger, whose topic for discussion was "Evangelism."

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Miss Angeline Socolofsky of Shattuck, Okla., had charge of the Juniors who studied "The Ministry of Jesus."

After our class periods on Friday afternoon, the following officers were elected for our institute in 1941: Kenneth Reisinger, president; Ruth Socolofsky, vice-president; Mrs. Werner Schantz, secretary; Clyde Geis, treasurer and Rev. H. Pfeifer, adviser. Additional members elected to serve on the executive committee are Raymond Geis and Adolf Kosanke.

On Friday evening we were again privileged to hear our beloved Prof. Krueger, the topic of his address being, "The Ambassador's Loyalty." We then had the pleasure of seeing pictures of the Camerons and also pictures of the 1939 institutes and assemblies.

The Saturday morning devotional was led by Clyde Geis of the Emanuel Church, after which both classes were again resumed. Immediately after the close of the morning session adequate transportation was furnished for all to be in attendance at a bounteous picnic dinner in Rogers McClain Park near Clinton, Oklahoma.

After a brief song service on Saturday evening led by the Rev. Mr. Meyer, each Union took part in the general program. Numbers were rendered by the church choir, quartets, duets, soloists, both vocal and instrumental, and readings. Everyone enjoyed the inspirational program and a brief devotional period followed. At this time we had the pleasure of rejoicing with seven souls who found Christ during the institute.

On Sunday morning, Mrs. Scheonhalz of Shattuck gave an object lesson and Mr. Pfeifer of Okeene discussed the Sunday School lesson. Morning worship was conducted by Mr. Reimer of Gotebo, and Prof. Krueger delivered the sermon, "The Ambassador's Plea," to a large and attentive audience. As a special musical treat we were favored with a Minister's Quartet, which was hastily organized during the institute.

On Sunday afternoon a musical number was presented from each church and Mr. Fadenrecht of the Bessie Church brought an address, "What is the Ambassador's Message?" After various reports from committees, and the presentation of the Mileage Banner to the Ingersoll Church and the Banner of Excellence to Gotebo, adjournment followed with prayer by Prof. Krueger.

The Sunday evening song service was led by the Rev. R. Klein of Emanuel, the song director for the institute. The installation of new officers followed, with Rev. F. Socolofsky of Shattuck taking charge. The closing address, "We Are Ambassadors," was given by the Rev. H. Pfeifer. After a song by our minister's quartet and benediction by Mr. Pfeifer, all departed hoping to meet again at the 1941 institute in Ingersoll.

MRS. WERNER SCHANTZ, Secretary.

A Happy and Helpful Vacation Bible School in Beatrice, Nebraska

The West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., can again report about a very happy and helpful Vacation Bible School. Work was offered in four departments under a faculty of eight regular teachers with four helpers, besides the three general officers

hurst Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., held its annual Children's Day program on Sunday, June 9. The outstanding number of the evening program was the dialogue from the leaflet entitled, "The Garden of the Heart."

Miss Marion Roach took the part of Miss Mary and Wesley Henkelman the part of the Gate Keeper. The fence



Junior Department and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School Held by the West Side Church of Beatrice, Nebraska

of the school. The enrollment reached a total of 124 pupils with an average attendance of 83. The two neighboring churches helped on the teaching staff, while nine denominations, plus a number with no denominational affiliation, were represented by the student body.

With a faculty as faithful as any grade school could offer, and as sincere as any church school could hope for, Christians of the community feel that there has been good seed both well and widely sown. There were some six professions of faith in the Savior, during the course of the school period.

A. G. RIETDORF, Reporter.

portraying the garden scene was built by our superintendent, Emil Henkelman, and decorated by the chairman of our decorating committee, Mrs. Martha Proppe. At the conclusion of the dialogue the girls sang the song, "I Come to the Garden Alone."

The Primary department, under the leadership of Mrs. E. A. Pohl, have been saving their birthday money for the past year. They presented it on the same evening to the superintendent to be turned over to the missionary fund for Daphne Dunger of Africa. It was in the form of a large red apple containing the sum of \$2.72, which has already been forwarded. We are very proud of this, since it only goes to



Young People of the Laurelhurst Sunday School, Portland, Oregon, Who Took Part in the Children's Day Dialogue, "The Garden of My Heart"

Pacific Conference

Laurelhurst Sunday School of Portland, Oregon, Celebrates Children's Day and Distributes Missionary Banks

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show what little drops of water and little grains of sand can do.

We have received and passed out ten of these little Daphne Dunger banks and hope to return them full by our next Children's Day.

MRS. E. HENNELMAN, Secretary

Eastern Conference The Killaloe Churches of Ontario Hold a Baptismal Service and Vacation Schools

A very impressive baptismal service was held at Golden Lake in Ontario, Canada, on Sunday afternoon, June 16, when 10 young people from the Killaloe Hagerty and Calvary Church of Killaloe were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. Edgar Klatt. The Rev. A. E. Jaster of Arnprior, Ontario, brought the message at the service, that was held in the Calvary Church of Killaloe following the baptism. Those who had followed the Lord in baptism, were



Ten Converts Recently Baptized at Golden Lake, Ontario, by the Rev. Edgar Klatt (Right, Rear) of the Killaloe Church

received into the fellowship of the church at this service.

From July 2 to 5 a Vacation Bible School was held in the First Baptist Church of Killaloe, in which 38 children were enrolled. The teaching staff consisted of the Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Klatt and Mrs. Wilson. The courses taught included "Great Men and Missionaries," "Old Testament History," "Conversations on the Christian Life," "Music," "Life of Jesus," "Luther and Protestantism." Chalk talks were given by Mrs. Klatt. A similar school was held in the Calvary Church of Killaloe from July 15 to 19 with 25 pupils enrolled.

DORIAN BURKE, Reporter.

Northern Conference Festivities in Honor of Mothers and Fathers at the Morris Church

Here in Morris, Manitoba, Canada, the months of May and June always bring with them festivities in honor of our parents, in which our young people take great interest and at which our parents get a chance to "sit back" and to enjoy themselves. Both Mother's and Father's Days were made occasions for the expression of gratitude to our parents and thanksgiving to God for our God-fearing parents. Of particular interest were two items at these programs, namely, a biography of the mother of one of our great men, and a dialogue by one of our own circle, illustrating the heritage left to us.

Our 5th annual banquet and program in honor of our parents was an event of singular beauty in its simplicity of style, its sincerity and reverence. Lilac and cherry blossoms decorated the tables at which 125 mothers, fathers, sons and daughters were seated to enjoy the tasty dishes prepared by the daughters.

The program that followed featured "A Mother's Love" in four shadow pictures, and "A Father's Love" in similar shadow pictures. The pictures for "A Mother's Love" were taken from the life of Hannah and Samuel and those for "The Father's Love" from the prodigal son.

Dakota Conference Large Crowds Attend the Central Dakota Vereinigung at Streeter, North Dakota

The 21st Central Dakota Association convened with the Baptist Church of Streeter, No. Dak., from June 5 to 9. Besides one sermon by the Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch of Jamestown, No. Dak., the meetings were exclusively conducted in the German language.

The association had the privilege to have Prof. A. A. Schade and the Rev. S. Blum as general representatives of our work for the entire time. Our officers for this year are: Albert Ittermann, president; Willy Luebeck, vice-president; Karl Gieser, secretary. The newly elected members to the mission committee are the Revs. A. Guenther and Willy Luebeck and Mr. Jacob Moser.

The association was well attended, and great interest was shown by its visitors and delegates. In the Dakotas most of the people, living within the Central Association, have a vital interest in our denominational enterprises, for they have shown it again by the large offering which they gave toward missions, which amounted to \$498.91. Twenty per cent of all the money, which the association had on hand, and also of that which was received in the last session, was designated toward the prospective Old People's Home, which is supposed to be erected in Bismarck, No. Dak.

Those who attended the meetings, were able to say, that the Lord was with us, for we felt his presence. Next year, we shall meet with the church of Plevna, Montana.

EMIL BECKER, Reporter.

30th Jubilee Festivities at Beulah, No. Dak., for the Baptist Church and Its Pastor

On Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23, the members and friends of the German Baptist Church of Beulah, No. Dak., celebrated the 30th anniversary of the founding of the church and the 30th anniversary of its pastor, the Rev. P. F. Schilling, as a minister of the gospel.

The festivities began with services on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. W. Jaster of Fredonia, No. Dak., a former member of the church, preached the opening sermon, in which he also told his audience much about the first German Baptist Church of this community. Mr. Klaut, a charter member, spoke briefly on the topic, "Looking Back Into the History of our Church," and Mr. P. Neumiller, one of the deacons, spoke on "Looking Ahead into the Future of our Church."

During the Saturday evening services the young people gave a short program consisting of a dialogue entitled, "The Truly Great," along with several readings and musical selections. Mr. John Schmidt, a former pastor of the mother church at Hebron, brought the message.

The Sunday School, under the supervision of Mr. D. Reich, was inspired by the talks of Mrs. Trautner, Rev. H. Hirsch, Rev. Fred Schilling and Mr. Ferr.

At 10:30 A. M. on Sunday morning the services of the festive day began. The 9 remaining charter members were seated on the platform. A brief history of the church was read, in which its growth during the past 30 years could easily be traced. Then the church treasurer gave a summary of the financial history of the church, and it was surprising to learn that the church had contributed over \$40,000 for home and mission purposes during this time. The treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society also reported that it had raised and spent over \$2000 during its existence.

Then Mr. Schmidt brought congratulatory wishes to the church from Hebron. Letters from former pastors

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and members of the church who were not able to attend the anniversary celebration were read by Mr. Schilling. The letters were from Rev. S. Blumhagen of Portland, Ore.; Rev. A. Fischer of Wessington Springs, So. Dak.; Rev. A. Jaster of Arnprior, Ontario; and Rev. D. Klein of Germantown, No. Dak. The Rev. H. Hirsch of Minneapolis, Minn., and a brother of Mrs. P. F. Schilling, then brought the Sunday morning message.

The afternoon services were in honor of the 30th ministerial anniversary of the pastor, the Rev. P. F. Schilling. Mr. R. Schlecht, a deacon of the church, took charge of the services. Congratulations were offered by visiting pastors and by the church. The Rev. Fred J. Schilling of Wausau, Wis., son of the pastor, gave the anniversary address, in which was included a brief history of the Rev. P. F. Schilling's work during the past 30 years.

In connection with the evening services on Sunday, the Women's Missionary Society gave a short program of readings, musical numbers and dialogue entitled, "Sparsam sein ist nicht Geiz." The Rev. F. Trautner of Eureka, So. Dak., and also a former pastor of the Beulah church, brought the closing message.

This was, truly, a happy and inspiring occasion! The church was not large enough to hold all the visitors, and many were required to stand in the hallway. The Lord has richly blessed the work of both the church and the ministry of Brother Schilling during the past 30 years, and we have all been inspired to work even more earnestly for our Master in the years to come!

Reporter.

Stirring Convention of the South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union at Parkston

"For to me to live is Christ!" These words, which were spoken by the apostle Paul, were used as the theme for the 19th annual convention of the South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, which opened Tuesday evening, June 18, at Parkston, So. Dak. The opening address, "What Christians Live By," was brought by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill.



In Front of the Baptist Church at Parkston, South Dakota, a Crowd of Young People Pose for Their Picture During Their South Dakota Convention

Devotions were conducted each morning and afternoon by Danzig, Madison, Avon, Wessington Springs, and Spring Valley. Special musical numbers were furnished by the members of various societies.

Two courses were offered in both morning and afternoon sessions. The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn gave a course on "Practical Church Music and Directing." The purpose of music in the church is to win souls and for the edification of the saved. The character of music is such that it gives joy, comforts the weary, and inspires us. At the same time, the Rev. F. W. Bartel directed a class on "Evangelism." He chose as his subject "Christ's Divine Plan for the Extension of His Kingdom." We should carry out his great command by going out into our own small world and win souls for him.

A new feature of the convention was the use of the open forums which were held twice a day. The subjects were "Choosing a Life Partner," "Amusements," "Qualifications of Sunday School Teachers and Officers," and "Qualifications and Duties of B. Y. P. U. Officers." In one of these discussions, Mr. Leuschner gave us Susanna Wesley's definition of sin in four parts, namely: "Whatever weakens your reason, whatever impairs the tenderness of your conscience, whatever obscures your sense of God, and whatever takes off your relish of spiritual things is sin to you."

Between these courses Mr. Leuschner gave us several uplifting messages. Miss Margaret Lang, our missionary from Africa, pictured to us in words the trials and hardships with which they must contend as well as the joy and peace in serving the Lord and bringing others to know him.

On Wednesday evening, June 19, the annual young people's program, consisting of oral and musical numbers by each church group, was presented. The mass chorus, under the able direction of Mr. Sturhahn, presented two fine numbers on Thursday

evening. The Rev. A. W. Lang brought us a stirring message with the thought that we must come to Christ, stay with him, and abide in him. Church membership means absolutely nothing if we do not have Christ in our hearts.

During the business session on Friday morning the following officers were elected: president, Charles Voigt; vice-president, Kenneth Klauss; secretary, Evelyn Lubbers; treasurer, Mrs. Katherine Bleeker; dean, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler.

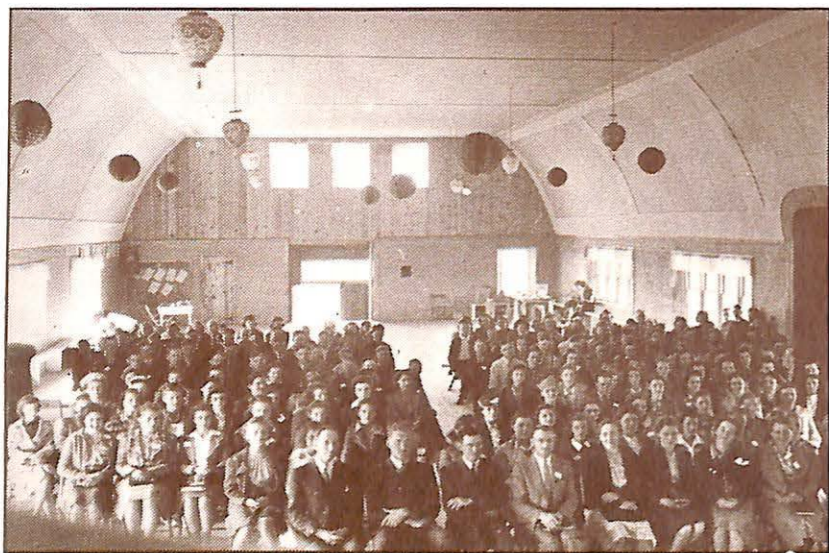
Friday afternoon was devoted to an outing at the ball park. In the evening we were entertained at a banquet, during which the new officers were installed and the "Attendance Banner" was presented to the Plum Creek Society, since its church group had made the highest mileage to and from the convention. "The Efficiency Banner" was awarded to Corona for having received the highest percentage in the efficiency contest.

Mr. Leuschner brought the closing address on Friday evening. The convention was closed by singing, "Oh, Jesus I Have Promised." May we as young people remember our convention theme, "For to me to live is Christ!" We are thankful to the entertaining society for the splendid time and kind hospitality and also to the officers who served us faithfully during the past years. We are looking forward to our meeting at Emery next year.

DOROTHY M. KRUEGER, Reporter.

Northern Dakota Young People's Assembly at Fessenden With 163 Registrations

The ninth annual assembly of the German Baptist young people of Northern North Dakota convened from June 17 to 21 at Fessenden, No. Dak., with 163 registrations. The theme for the assembly was, "Christian Youth Leads the Way." The text was "Do not be ashamed to testify to our Lord—join me in bearing suffering for the gospel, by the power of the God who saved us and has called us to a life of consecration." 2 Tim. 1:8-9 (Moffatt). The assembly song was, "Are Ye Able?"



Young People at the Northern North Dakota Assembly Gathered for a Class in Festival Hall, Fessenden, North Dakota

The Union's president, Mrs. E. E. Bonikowsky of Carrington, presided at the opening service on Monday evening. The opening address, "The Open Door to Christian Living," was delivered by the Rev. G. W. Pust, pastor of the Fessenden Church, and music was furnished by the B. Y. P. U. of that church. Following this a bonfire was enjoyed by all, and each society present responded to roll call.

Instructors for the assembly were Prof. A. A. Schade of the Rochester Seminary and the Rev. A. Bibelheimer of Anamoose. As class topics Prof. Schade chose "Religious Sages of the Old Testament" and "The Christian View of Life," and Rev. A. Bibelheimer "Jesus and the Problems of Youth." A class for boys was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Grand Forks and a class for girls by Mrs. Kepl of Martin, who used as their topic, "Problems of Youth."

Devotional periods held each morning before classes were under the direction of the Turtle Lake, Fessenden, Germantown, and Washburn Unions. The topics, "Christian Youth, Leader in Reverence to God," "Christian Youth, Leaders of Truth," "Christian Youth, Leaders in Moral Standards," and "Christian Youth, Evangelistic Leaders," were chosen in keeping with the assembly theme. General assem-

bly periods were filled by book reviews given by the Anamoose, Cathay, Harvey and Underwood societies, an open discussion on, "Have I the Right to Do as I Please?" led by Mr. Gunst, and another discussion on, "Qualities That Make Youth Leaders."

"Christian Youth Leads the Way" was experienced in the fine way in which the Junior Department responded to the efforts of Mrs. A. E. Reddig of Cathay and Miss Esther Schultz of Martin. The "Junior Church," a program enjoyed by all at the general assembly period on Friday, showed plainly the sincere way youth is working for the glory of God. The classes

"Get Acquainted Social" in the Festival Hall was enjoyed by all, which was under the supervision of the Grand Forks society. On Wednesday evening after the service, "Stunt Night" was an hour of hilarity.

It was a privilege for all the young people and many Christians from Fessenden to hear Bernhardt Tiede from the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., render a sacred concert in the Baptist Church of Fessenden. Mr. Tiede is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music of Rochester, and has had three years post-graduate work in New York City. Mr. Tiede directed the assembly choir, which provided musical numbers at various services.

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Another outstanding feature of the assembly was a "Fellowship Supper" in the dining hall on Thursday evening, at which time 214 people were served. The Rev. R. Woyke of Washburn acted as toastmaster, and several musical numbers and readings were enjoyed. The awarding of the banner to the Germantown society and the Laura Reddig trophy to the Anamoose society was the last number on the program. Following the supper all gathered at the auditorium, at which time the new officers for next year's assembly were installed as follows: Miss Esther Schultz of Martin, president; Mr. Morris Broschat of Germantown, vice-president; Miss Esther Kaiser of McClusky, secretary; Mr. Herbert Wolitarsky of Turtle Lake, treasurer; the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Grand Forks, dean of the assembly; and Mrs. R. Woyke of Washburn, dean of women. The Grand Forks group presented a humorous play, "The Minister's New Car."

"Jesus and His Interrogators" was the consecration service delivered by Prof. Schade on Friday evening, which brought to a close a successful assembly for this year. Long may the memories of God's blessings poured out upon us remain in the hearts of our youth!

RUBY REISER, Reporter.

The Cathay Church Entertains the Dakota Conference From June 11 to 16

The Dakota Conference always has a patriarchal touch because, like Abraham, we pitch our tent in which to hold the meetings. This year the moderator of the conference was the Rev. H. R. Schroeder of Madison, So. Dak., whose wise and cool leadership added grace to all sessions.

The main thought of the week was "The Vast Possibilities of Christian Service for Church Members." There was no fear that the subject might be exhausted. We were reminded of a church in which every member plays a part in the work of God's Kingdom. Each one has a particular task to perform that no one else on earth can do. Church members are stewards over every interest of the church, to which they belong.

One of our visiting speakers, Prof. A. A. Schade, stressed the thought that we must give everyone a chance for expression in the Christian life. We must afford them an opportunity to clothe the special interests harbored in their hearts. When a man has his heart set and his eyes fixed on a certain field, he should be permitted to walk in that direction. Naturally, it is essential to create the right interests so that the proper work be sufficiently endorsed with both men and means.

The Rev. S. Blum inspired the audience with his deeply spiritual messages on John 17. It seems that the Lord is strangely near when one listens to an exposition of God's Word as Brother Blum gave it.

It was encouraging to hear that several churches of the conference, previously receiving support from our Missionary Society, have become self-supporting. A resolution was passed urging others to follow the example of these churches.

The Women's Missionary Union presented a fine program on Friday afternoon and the young people on Saturday evening. Both of these groups have done commendable work in the past year. A report of the young people's sessions follows this report. The missionary offering on Sunday exceeded \$400.

RUDOLPH WOYKE, Reporter.

The Dakota Conference Y. P. and S. S. W. Union Adopts Three Great Projects at Its Recent Sessions in Cathay, North Dakota

The Dakota Conference Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union held its regular meetings in connection with the Dakota Conference, which met during the days of June 11 to 16 at Cathay, No. Dak. The evening sessions of the conference proper were of an evangelistic nature and served as a background for the decisions of the Young People's Union when it convened for its sessions. As an aftermath of these encouraging evangelistic sermons, the Dakota Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union

ratified the appointment of a promotion committee whose duties are to further soul winning and leadership training in the various churches throughout the conference.

We were highly pleased to report the attainment of our Bender Memorial Trek goal, which was reached and exceeded by about two hundred and fifty dollars. The Union again adopted the Bender Memorial Trek project for this coming year and set as a worthy goal the sum of \$1200, which, when collected, will go toward the salary of Miss Laura Reddig, our missionary, and the balance above her salary for needed hospital equipment.

The annual program consisted of a play entitled, "Janey," by the Cathay young people, devotionals by the Rev. R. Woyke, musical numbers by the McClusky Society, installation of officers in charge of the Rev. J. C. Gunst, mass chorus members directed by the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, resolutions of thanks by Miss Helen Heitzman, vocal solo by Mr. Bernhardt Tiede, and a consecration address and dedication service in charge of Prof. Arthur A. Schade of Rochester, N. Y.

The officers and committees elected for the ensuing year are as follows: president, Charles Voigt of Avon, So. Dak.; first vice-president, Lillian Edinger of Edmunds, No. Dak.; second vice-president, Hildegard Wagner of Linton, No. Dak., secretary, Ruth Kaiser of McClusky, No. Dak.; treasurer,

Helen Heitzman of Emery, So. Dak.; council member, Rev. F. W. Bartel of Avon, So. Dak.; the promotion committee, Viola Stading of Wishek, No. Dak., Dorothy Lehr of Plum Creek, So. Dak., and Lillian Edinger of Edmunds, No. Dak. The Bender Memorial Trek Committee will consist of Gilbert Derman of Anamoose, No. Dak., Phyllis Bushy of Jamestown, No. Dak., and Helen Heitzman of Emery, So. Dak.

CHARLES VOIGT, Reporter.

OBITUARY

MRS. AMANDA LOHMANN of Burlington, Iowa

Mrs. Amanda Lohmann, aged 82, a lifelong resident of Burlington, Iowa, died in Burlington hospital on April 2 after a two-year illness.

Born here January 20, 1858, she was married to Fred Lohmann August 30, 1881. She was a member of the Oak Street Baptist Church and of the Ladies' Aid Society there.

Surviving are: a son, Fred C. Lohmann, Prairie Grove; two daughters, the Misses Louise V. Lohmann and Ruth R. Lohmann, both at home; a sister, Mrs. Carrie J. Thye; and a brother, Henry Miller, both of Burlington; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Her husband died 10 years ago, three sisters, two brothers and two children also preceding her in death.

The funeral was held from the Oak Street Church and was conducted by the Rev. A. R. Bernadt of that church, following short rites at the Burnett-Wallace funeral home. Interment was in Aspen Grove cemetery.

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1. New Hotel

Mr. Ed Pettigrew has just taken over the Delano Hotel. This hotel is located just one block from the Memorial Auditorium. It is a four-story building, and at one time was Burlington's leading hotel. All of the rooms are to be repainted, papered, carpeted, and furnished with new lights, beds, etc. The rates will be the same as at the Union Hotel. The number of rooms that will be available at conference time it not known at present. However, we can take a limited number of reservations right now. The addition of this hotel to our housing facilities is going to be a big help, especially as regards cheaper rooms with private bath. The new hotel will be known as the HAWKEYE Hotel.

2. Badges

Everybody attending the conference should register immediately upon arrival and get their badge. For example, registration will be necessary in order to get in on the free breakfasts. Then there will be certain functions and parties where admission will be by badge. Admission to the reserved seat section for Governor Stassen's talk Sunday afternoon will be by badge only. Those without badges will have to take their chances along with the general public.

3. Special Accommodations for Week-end Visitors

Arrangements have been made at the Hotel Burlington to put single beds and cots in some of the large sample rooms. These rooms have lavatory, toilet, and bath. These sleeping places will be made available for the week-end at a cost of \$1.00 per person.

Then we will also have available for the weekend rooms without bath at 75 cents per person.

4. Reservations

The registration committee advises that we already have almost as many advance reservations as the total registration at the Portland Conference. Additional cards are coming in every mail. The committee therefore wishes to urge everybody who is coming, and who has not as yet sent in his or her reservation, to do so today.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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● Recently several pastoral changes have been made and announced that will be of widespread interest to our readers. The Rev. G. Palfenier, formerly of Whitemouth, Manitoba, has begun his ministry as pastor of the Baptist Church of McLaughlin, So. Dak. It is expected that he will also serve the nearby church at Selfridge, No. Dak. The Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt has announced his resignation as pastor of the German Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, which he has served for a number of years with marked success, and his acceptance of the call from the Baptist Church in Hebron, No. Dak. He will begin his service there on September 1st and will succeed the Rev. C. M. Knapp, now pastor of the Rosenfeld Church near Anamoose, No. Dak. Mr. Gustav Lutz, a member of the 1940 graduating class of the Rochester Baptist Seminary, has accepted the call of the Baptist Church in Jamesburg, N. J., and is already on the field in active service.

● Mr. Paul T. Hunsicker, a senior student in the Rochester Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., is serving the Gnadenfeld field of South Dakota for the summer months. He is living in Bison, So. Dak., but he has three mission stations to serve over a widely scattered field. Mr. Hunsicker reported as follows about his work: "The field here has many opportunities, especially among the younger generation. The majority of them have yet to experience God's grace. One thing we deeply regret is that the stations and the individual families are too far apart from one another for more frequent house visitations. We started a Vacation Bible School which we continued for three weeks—one week on each field. God grant that the work might be successful and a great blessing to those who attend."

● The Clinton Hill Church of Newark, N. J., recognized the tenth anniversary of the services of its church secretary and missionary, Miss Erna Hoelzen, during the first week of July. On Sunday morning, July 7, the church through Mr. Emil Wohlfarth, chairman of the board of trustees, presented Miss Hoelzen with 2 beautiful pieces of airplane luggage. The church bulletin for June 30 published his tribute to Miss Hoelzen: "She has rendered assistance or has furnished leadership in practically every department of the life of the church. Great blessing has come to many through her gospel singing. The whole church expresses its appreciation and its congratulations." "The Baptist Herald" family would like to join the Clinton Hill Church in extending its felicitations to Miss Hoelzen on this commendable record of fine Christian service in one of the largest churches of our denomination.