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What's Happening

● The Rev. Theodore Koester, pastor of the Liberty St. Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., has recently resigned and has accepted the call of the Baptist Church of Southington, Conn., which is a church of the Northern Baptist Convention. He will begin his ministry in the new church on January 1, 1941.

● The ministry of the Rev. H. G. Braun in the Baptist Church of Parkston, So. Dak., will begin on January 1, 1941. Mr. Braun will continue to serve the Baptist Church of Corona, So. Dak., until that time. This is a slight correction from the previous announcement that appeared in the November 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald."

● The Rev. John F. Niebuhr, pastor of the Third German Baptist Church of the Bronx in New York City, has resigned his charge recently. He hopes to bring his ministry there to a close on December 31, 1940, when he will retire from the active ministry. He has ably served the Bronx Church for 13 years since 1927.

● The Rev. Albert Knopf of Ingersoll, Okla., recently resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church there. His resignation will take effect on December 31, 1940. Mr. Knopf and his family have been residing on a farm near Ingersoll, where they will continue to live. Mr. Knopf has served the Ingersoll Church for a number of years with self-effacing spirit.

● Sunday evening, October 27, was the occasion for special joy for the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Del. The Rev. Christian Peters, pastor, was able to hold the first baptismal service since the beginning of his work on the field on June 1, 1940. Seven persons followed their Master by faith into the baptismal waters. Mr. Peters wrote that "we as a congregation are glad to note that a number of others are considering taking that same step in the near future."

● Revival meetings were held for two weeks in the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kans., from Monday evening, October 28, to Friday evening, November 8. The Rev. Carsten H. Seecamp of La Salle, Colo., served the church with consecrated gifts as evangelist. There were three persons who professed their faith in Christ as Savior during the services, and, according to the pastor, the Rev. Edward Kary, "there were signs of a definite spiritual revival among the members of the church."

● On Sunday, September 29, the young people of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of North Dakota organized a B. Y. P. U. with 18 charter members. The new officers elected are John Martin, president; Emil Fanderich, vice-president;

Mrs. W. Ebel, secretary; and Walther Ebel, treasurer. On Sunday, October 6, the church held its annual Harvest and Mission Festival with morning and evening services. The Rev. C. M. Knapp, pastor of the church, brought the messages. The mission offerings totalled \$70.23.

● On Sunday, October 13, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kans., were the honored guests of the Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla. Mr. Hildebrand showed his moving pictures of the Southwestern Conference churches including the Oklahoma

COVER PICTURE

For years the Christians of Thailand (Siam) have been praying for a great spiritual revival. During the past year their prayers have been answered principally through the work of the Chinese evangelist Dr. John Sung. This is reflected in an increase in the Scripture circulation for 1939 of 37 percent over that of the year before.

The American Bible Society with headquarters at Park Ave. and 57th St., New York, N. Y., annually distributes thousands of volumes of Scripture. It is now the only agency in a strategic position to keep the gospel circulating within the nations.

Universal Bible Sunday to be observed on Sunday, December 8, will call attention to the need of keeping the gospel flame aglow in the midst of a dark world.

churches, and of General Conference activities. He also took other colored moving pictures of the Gotebo Church on this tour to Oklahoma. The Rev. J. J. Reimer, pastor, wrote that "the pictures did much in creating interest in the conferences and in our sister churches."

● On Wednesday evening, October 23, the Anchor Class of the Fourth Street Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, observed its 30th anniversary. This group of adult men was organized in 1910 by the Rev. Christian Dippel. From a charter membership of 19 the class has developed a much larger organization. Throughout its history it has rendered the church many services. The present officers are: President, Walter Grauter; vice-president, Verne Davis; secretary, Carl Brenner; and treasurer, Helmuth Behrend. Professor H. von Berge is serving the class as teacher.

● The annual birthday party and election of officers of the Amoma Class of

the Forest Park Baptist Church of Illinois was held on Thursday, November 14. The new officers of the class are Mrs. C. B. Nordland, president; Mrs. Carl Jenkins, vice-president; Mrs. Martin Leuschner, secretary; and Miss Edith Warning, treasurer. It was voted to send \$25.00 to Dr. Kuhn as a contribution toward the Centenary Offering of the denomination. This donation was made possible through the opening of the mite boxes which had been filled during the past year by the members.

● The Rev. Charles F. Zummach, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., delivered the Armistice Day address at Highland, Ill., on November 11. Two of the young men of the church have recently enlisted in the United States navy. They are Milton Heinicke, the superintendent of the local Sunday School, and Billie Klasing. The church is making extensive preparations to observe the 50th anniversary of the appointment of August Steffens, a former member of the Trenton church, as missionary to the Cameroons and the entry of our denomination into the African missionary work in March, 1941.

● The Rev. William Kuhn, D. D., general missionary secretary, brought messages in the interest of the denominational enterprise on Sunday, November 10, at the Forest Park Baptist Church of Illinois. On Sunday, November 24, he participated in the 50th anniversary program of the Baptist Church of Unityville, So. Dak., of which the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn is pastor. Dr. Kuhn addressed the congregation of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., at its Thanksgiving Day service on Thursday evening, November 21, and on the second Thanksgiving Day, November 28, he spoke in the Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

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EDITORIAL

YOU must encircle December 8 on your calendar with red crayon as a Sunday of special significance. On that day our denomination will observe "Publication Sunday" and the Protestant churches of the world

Publication and Universal Bible Sunday, December 8.

will commemorate "Universal Bible Sunday." Those two events go hand in hand, for together they emphasize the ministry of the printed page that is dedicated to the service of Christ's Kingdom.

Bibles and portions of Scripture are printed in more than a thousand different languages and dialects. The colporters of the American and British Bible Societies (see front cover) distribute the Word of God to people in almost every corner of the globe. The colporter of our Publication Society, Mr. A. D. Schantz, is rendering a similar ministry on a more modest scale in all of his travels over the American continent.

Wholesome books and Christian literature are at our disposal today in amazing abundance at moderate prices. Not to avail oneself of this inspirational material is to sin against one's better self and against God. The article by the Rev. William Schoeffel in this issue will be profitable to ministers and young people alike. How long is it since you ordered your last book? Our Publication Society in Cleveland, Ohio, is always ready to serve you with all of your requests.

The denominational Club Plan, affecting our publications, "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote," is receiving greater attention by our churches. Approximately 140 churches have met the requirements of the plan. It is hoped to increase this number to 200 during the coming triennium. Correspondence about the plan is invited by Mr. H. P. Donner, our business manager.

"The Baptist Herald" will be better than ever in 1941! We can give you that assurance since we have seen many of the articles, stories and

pictures to be published after the first of the year. An unusually fine series of articles on "Great Revivals of History" by the Rev. F. W. Bartel of Avon, South Dakota, will begin on January 15, 1941. Later in the year another wonderful series on "The Psalms I Love" will be published with a number of ministers making their contributions. Before the year 1941 is over, we shall begin a memorable series of articles on "The History of Our Denomination by Decades" to be prepared by the Rev. Charles F. Zummach of Trenton, Illinois.

Equally interesting will be the special article to appear on January 1, 1941, by the Rev. Carsten H. Seecamp on "This Year Also!" The article entitled, "In Defense of the Minister's Wife," by Mrs. Bertha Kepl of Martin, No. Dak., in the February 1 issue will be eagerly awaited by many. "Marriage and Romance" will be presented with provocative timeliness by two of our ministers in the April 1 number. "The Rural Church and Its People," to be discussed by one of our rural pastors, will be published on April 15 in keeping with "Rural Life Sunday" towards the close of that month.

This is only a glimpse of the spiritual treat in store for every reader of "The Baptist Herald." With the arrival of the Gebauers in America, we shall publish their latest reports as soon as they are received. Mr. Gerhardt Roth of Fort Lewis, Wash., a member of the staff of aerial photography for the United States Army, has provided us with exceptional scenic photographs which will appear from time to time in the BAPTIST HERALD. A new serial story to begin on February 1, 1941, will be announced in the next issue of the paper.

May Sunday, December 8, give you much food for thought as you consider the work of your Publication Society and remember its ministry in your prayers!



Chosen in the Furnace of Affliction

The Remarkable Story of a
Modern Miracle

By

Mrs. Julia Haselhuhn Groth
of Ashland, Ohio

For More Than 30 Years Harry Miller of Vermillion, Ohio, Has Been a Helpless Invalid But He Never Ceases to Praise God for All His Blessings.

"Pain's furnace heat within me quivers,
God's breath upon the flame doth blow,
And all my heart in anguish shivers
And trembles at the fiery glow.
And yet I whisper, 'As God will ...
And in the hottest fire hold still ...'"

These words of Julius Sturm might truly have been written by Harry Miller of Vermillion, Ohio, who is known to many of the Baptist young people attending the conferences held each summer at Linwood Park.

For thirty years he has lain bedfast, his limbs twisted and drawn, his body rigid. He is able to move only his left hand and arm enough to turn pages of books and magazines fastened on a rack suspended above his bed. He cannot lift his hand to his face. He cannot turn his head a fraction of an inch. He can only turn his eyes toward you as you stand at his bedside and talk to him.

Helpless For Thirty Years

When only a lad Harry fell from a wagon and lay unconscious for some time. Seemingly he recovered, but gradually the spinal injury caused a slow and incurable deformity, until finally he could no longer walk, and so for thirty years has lain helpless. Only once, when, at his father's death some twelve years ago, the family was obliged to move, has he in all these years seen the green grass, the blue sky, or the beautiful trees in the little cemetery of which his Christian father had been caretaker.

Harry saw them only as they gently carried him out to an ambulance to be taken to his new home in Vermillion, a home that we believe God had especially prepared for the family with a room just suited for his needs. His eighty year old mother has lived with him here ever since. In recent years the sight of one eye has been taken from

him and the other impaired by a cataract.

A Baptist By Conviction

Harry was converted when a boy of about twelve years of age, attending the Evangelical Church. For a while he found work in Cleveland, and coming in contact there with a Baptist pastor he became convinced that baptism by immersion was scriptural, and, desiring to follow the Lord, he was baptized and became a member of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, where he still is a member.

It was in 1921 that the Victorious Life Testimony, now America's Keswick at Keswick Grove, N. J., held a conference at Linwood Park, Vermillion. Harry read of this in "The Sunday School Times" and was familiar with the names of the speakers who were to be there. There was a deep longing in his heart to meet these men and very gladly did Dr. C. G. Trumbull with several of the other speakers, arrange to visit him.

When they saw him and heard of his interest in the meetings and in the missionaries who were there, they set aside an afternoon for the entire conference to have a session in Harry's home. The house was filled to capacity and many were standing outside. What joy it brought to Harry to meet these servants of the Lord, and from that time he became known far and wide wherever "The Sunday School Times" was sent, for in that year the editor, Dr. Trumbull, wrote an article telling of Harry and the conference gathering. By this means Harry made many new friends who wrote to him and remembered him in prayer.

Pilgrimages to His Home

For five years the conference, meeting in Linwood Park, made an annual pilgrimage to Harry's home. He met



For All These Years God has Spared the Mother of Harry Miller So That at 80 Years of Age She is Still His Ministering Angel.

many foreign missionaries, kept in touch with them after they returned to their fields, and so developed a personal knowledge of many mission stations. Some of the prominent speakers, whom Harry was privileged to meet, were the late Dr. Griffith Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathon Goforth of China, Dr. Max Reich of Moody Bible Institute, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Strachen of South America, Miss Sadie Weidner of Japan, and a few years previous to this Rev. and Mrs. Billy Sunday. Missionary work in India, China, Japan, Africa, South America, Belgium, and Russia became of such vital interest to him that he sacrificed from the family's modest income to help support some of these fields.

When the Victorious Life Testimony confined its conferences to Keswick, N. J., other conferences coming to Linwood heard of Harry, and especially our German Baptist young people of the Great Lakes region. Every year they give one afternoon to a meeting in Harry's home, so that some who read this article have, no doubt, been influenced by the life of this young man who has been laid aside, as it were, but whose testimony has been a blessing to all who know him.

These young people cheer Harry not only by their gathering in his home but leave behind them a very practical evidence of their interest in his and his mother's welfare.

Harry's Mother

This account of Harry's life would not be complete without some reference to his dear mother, who considers it her life work to minister to him, who is near him day and night watching over him with the most tender care. Now over eighty years old, she is a living testimony of God's sustaining grace for every time of testing.

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On the Shelf for Christ's Sake

An Inspiring Testimony of a Triumphant Faith by Miss Ruth C. Doescher of St. Joseph, Michigan, Written in the Midst of a Long Siege of Illness

A shelf filled with books is a delight to the student. Row upon row of jars filled with luscious fruit and tender vegetables are a joy and comfort to any housewife. Merchandise stored on the shelves, as well as placed on display in the show case or window, is necessary for successful business ventures. The recent revival of an old custom has made popular the use of a series of shelves, called "What Nots." Almost every house has one or more.

While all these are useful or ornamental, who can find anything of value or beauty in the experience commonly called, "On the Shelf"? No one invites it or seeks for it. One usually does not find that necessary. "It comes by itself," some people say. "It comes because of physical, economical or social circumstances," others insist. There are others, who admitting the truthfulness of these two opinions, believe that God often permits—nay, even arranges these "On the Shelf Experiences." Be that as it may, God has made it possible for every Christian to be greatly benefitted by such an experience.

"All things work together for good to those who love the Lord." An "on the shelf experience" may prove to be "the Secret Place of the Most High." What are some of the blessings one may expect during, or as a result of, adversity and affliction?

Dependence on God

Independence of thought and action are a valuable asset. No one likes to rely on others for every idea or expression, feeling or desire. Self-respecting people in any phase of life do not willfully depend on the "dole system." Self-reliance is a virtue which we all admire in the realm of human relationships. Many people are proud to boast that they are self-made. In the true sense of the term that statement is falacious. We are all dependent on our fellow men, and credit is due to many individuals for every success we achieve. Since this is true in human relationships, how much more it is true in the divine relationships!

Yet how often we Christians conduct our lives almost entirely independent of God and his will? With health, remunerative occupation, social standing in the church and in the world, how self-sufficient we are! When illness imposes itself, income ceases and social contacts become impossible, life presents a different picture. We are brought into utter dependence on God. The first reaction to such dependence is disturbing to most Christians. We discover that what we thought was faith in God was merely faith in our



Miss Ruth C. Doescher of St. Joseph, Mich., Who Served for Many Years as Missionary of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., and Who is Now Recuperating From a Severe Illness

own ability, and trust in material things. It is a queer feeling when all the props are removed, and faith in God concerning material provisions is put to the test.

Unsearchable Riches

But what a blessed experience for the child of God! Few things can equal the thrill which he experiences when the truth of Philippians 4:19, "My God shall supply every need of years according to his riches in glory," becomes the source of confidence for daily necessities.

Earthly parents provide for their children, especially if they have unusual needs. How strange it would be if a child were troubled about daily food and clothing! How grieved the parents would be at the child's lack of faith and trust in the parents' willingness and ability to provide.

Jesus taught us to say, "Our Father." Should we not then trust him? He is not blind to our helplessness. "Your Father knows what things ye have need of before ye ask." As a personal testimony I would like to say that the truth of the verse, "Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear," has been proved to me over and over again.

"The Brotherhood of Pain"

Our common lot in death is a well known and established fact. Our attention was called to this some years ago by a song which ended like this: "Six feet of ground make us all of one size." But there are incidents in life which point this out much more profitably.

Let the individual, who harbors ideas of race or class distinction and prejudice, be compelled to spend a few weeks in the ward of a large city hospital. There he will find that "pain" is common to all. I found that it created a regular, if unusual, "social order" in the ward in which I spent almost two months. We had all things in common.

Every thing we possessed was shared with any and all who needed it. A package of peppermints was handed by a sweet Christian Negress to an old "Granny" who had a bad cough. Thread was provided for a patient who wanted to hem a house coat. No one ever lacked stamps, paper or pen to get a letter off to a loved one. Cakes, cookies, flowers, candy, books and magazines made the round of the ward. Groans were subdued or stifled that no one might be disturbed. Each patient exercised thoughtful and considerate self-control.

Satisfactions in Christ

There were a Russian, an Italian, a Negress, a Jewess, a Swedish lady, and seven so-called "Americans" in that ward, but nowhere could you detect race prejudice. There were Catholics, representatives of most of the major Protestant denominations, a Christian Scientist, and an atheist, yet we had no religious arguments. We all had religious needs. Even the atheist and the non-religious admitted that, and were willing to discuss the possibility of satisfaction of these by Christ.

This shows how pliant the mind becomes during a siege of illness. How the soul gropes for God and longs for spiritual satisfaction, when the body is unable to perform its usual activities! Yes, we find the need of "the Secret Place" during illness, if at no other time. That need is met by a merciful God who has told us, "Draw nigh unto God and he will draw nigh unto you."

From this contact with others we also learn to accept our own condition thankfully, noting that our fellow patients are often in a more serious condition than we are. At such times we rejoice that Christ is our Savior and try, by personal testimony and tracts, as well as by daily example, to point others to him who said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Thank God For Friends!

Some one has said, "Friendship is so valuable that we should grapple our friends to us with hoops of steel." Such an expression is worthy of acceptance, especially in the light of the scripture statement, "A friend loveth

at all times." Yes, even in the time of adversity, and especially then! What a comfort and blessing are the evidences of friendship during a period of affliction! Life assumes a brighter hue under the influence of such loving consideration and sympathy.

Many soul satisfying experiences accompany such "On the Shelf Experiences." Is one prone to worry? It teaches one to trust. Does God's child find many occasions for complaint? God's chastening causes him to praise, instead. When turmoil and storm assail the soul, so that the very foundations of faith seem shaken, then to acquire "His Peace" is an unforgettable joy. His peace, not ours! Surely, his peace is constant. Nothing can ruffle or disturb it. O, joy unspeakable to have his peace!

At times the soul may feel deep concern, which amounts almost to distraction. A concern often saps a Christian's vigor and hope until it seems non-existent. At this point the Savior gently shows his child the blessing of complete "committal," until he is able to say, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

In fact, God's child is invited to commit the past, present, and the future to his faithful Creator. "Cast all your cares upon him for he careth for you."

Widening Horizons

Who does not welcome the broadening of thought and interests? At least, we need it, even should we not welcome it. When other duties must be laid aside, our horizons widen and include things which were formerly beyond our scope. During leisure hours world situations are followed with ever increasing concern and intercession. Through the medium of books we may become better acquainted with the various people of the world, and may learn to sympathize with them and understand their problems better. Bible reading gives us a good idea as to God's dealings through historical events, which to others may be most difficult to fathom.

Those who pass through such a "shelf experience" are responsible for the fulfillment of a great task. Through the medium of prayer and intercession, our influence may fall where we ourselves could never go. If you think that praying for the mission cause is not work, just try to do it regularly, and see what an effort it costs. Witness how Satan tries to put obstacles in the way! But it is worth the effort, for we know that "Prayer Changes Things." Can we not see, therefore, that God occasionally takes the good work from our hands, in order to entrust us with the "best"? Let us then accept this joyful responsibility and privilege with joyous faithfulness.

"Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning in thee;
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not,
As thou hast been, thou forever shalt be."

Chosen in the Furnace of Affliction

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It has been no easy task for her these many years to care for Harry's helpless body, especially since there is no father to help lift him and assist her in her work of love. Many nights she has had no sleep and in the last years it sometimes seemed as if her strength would fail, but day by day God wonderfully upheld her. She has never complained or murmured but is always ready to praise God and thank him for his goodness and mercy to them with a sweet smile on her face.

Some one may ask, "Who cares for their temporal needs and how do they get along financially?" Ask Harry and he will answer, "We live by faith, and God's faithfulness to us has never failed. He has supplied every need."

Harry's Wonderful God

When Harry's father was taken to be with the Lord and they had to find a new home and no longer had an income, a fund was started without Harry's knowledge, called the "Harry Miller Fund." Many of the German Baptist friends gladly contributed to it. This enabled them to get the home which they call their own. When the fund was exhausted, friends gladly replenished it, so that for some years they had the benefit of this love gift as God's provision for them.

Harry and his mother know that God answers prayer for they have proven it. A few instances may be mentioned. Harry's condition finally became so serious that his body could only be raised by means of pulleys. This caused great pain that became unbearable and something had to be provided to lift him without such suffering. They brought this matter to the Lord in prayer, and in a most remarkable way they heard of a fracture bed which exactly suited Harry's condition and which was available in a nearby town. Space does not permit the details of this experience, but suffice it to say that it was a very evident answer to prayer.

A Radio Enthusiast

Another instance was when a wealthy business man from Los Angeles was brought to see Harry. He was especially solicitous about the mother and her need of some modern equipment in the home to lessen her labor. This also had been a matter of prayer. In a few days a check was sent to procure an electric washer for her. Later on, this man also sent a radio to Harry, and from that time on the invalid was no longer shut out from contact with the interesting affairs of the world. The greatest pleasure Harry gets from his radio is to listen to the broadcasts of the gospel as they go out over the air on the Lord's day and every morning from some of the stations in Cleveland.

He is also interested in sports and especially in baseball, and follows the

games with as much enthusiasm as if he were able to attend them. Recently, a baseball autographed by "the Cleveland Indians" was sent to Harry and this trophy he prizes very highly. The radio also keeps him in touch with world events, as they are so rapidly bringing a change in the whole world order. He follows the present conflict with intense interest believing that it is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and of the discourses of our Lord concerning his second coming.

Answers to Prayers

Another answer to prayer was experienced some years ago when natural gas was supplied to the people of the town. The Millers were then using an oil stove. A woman in another city had heard of Harry but had never seen him. The Lord put a burden on her heart for Harry and his mother, and she felt there must be some definite need God wanted her to supply. So she laid aside a sum of money waiting to know God's leading in the matter. What was the need at that time? A gas stove. The amount of money she laid aside was enough to purchase a stove.

What evidence of God's care for those who trust him! Should we not learn by such examples not to be anxious, but to believe that God is never too late in supplying whatever is needful to those who depend wholly on him?

A Personal Word to You!

When Harry was asked to give some word of his own to the readers of "The Baptist Herald," he said, "Tell the young people to put their trust in the Lord and to obey him implicitly. He never fails. It is better to be in God's will and to suffer than to have everything the world can give and to be out of the will of God. Let your bodies be the temples of the Holy Spirit. God wants clean bodies, clean lives unspotted from the world. Such a life God can use. If your talents are buried in the world they are wasted in God's sight, not being used to God's glory."

His message to the young people is also to remember that we are not our own, for we are bought with a price. We are only stewards of our lives. We are God's property and should live to please him. Harry believes that the day of our redemption by the coming of the Lord is very near and this faith has upheld him in the most trying days.

In closing, may it be said that if God can use so mightily one who is laid aside helpless on a bed of pain, what can he do with a young man or woman who has all the advantages of health and strength and of witnessing to the unsaved, if that person is wholly yielded to the will of God! The motto in Harry's room may be an inspiration to some young person:

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last."

The Ministry of Good Books

A Message Delivered by REV. WM. L. SCHOEFFEL of Cleveland, Ohio, at the Seminary Alumni Banquet at Burlington, Iowa, and Published in Observance of Publication Sunday on December 8, 1941

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A FOURFOLD ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE DAY!

- 1) Remember the Ministry of the Publication Society in Prayer
- 2) Adopt the Club Plan as a Church.
- 3) Order Your Sunday School Literature and Books through the Publication Society.
- 4) Renew Your Subscription to "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote."

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A student was returning to the dormitory from the seminary library with an armful of books. On the way a professor met him and congratulated him on his evident industriousness. "Let me see what you have there?" he asked the student and after perusing the titles, somewhat disappointedly he remarked, "What are you doing with all these books on sermons?" "Well, you see, professor," the student replied, "I was asked to preach at the First Church next Sunday and I want to give them the best I can!"

I suppose every minister reads and collects books of sermons. However, let me add this. Keep them either on the top shelf where you have to stretch to reach for them or on the bottom shelf where you have to stoop to get at them.

Speaking to you, my brethren and fellow laborers of Christ, permit me to be personal and direct. We are ambassadors of Christ representing him in a world that is mad with bitterness and hate and seemingly on the way to destruction. If our message is to be clear as a trumpet, convincing as the brief of a lawyer, and winsome as a lyrical poem, then, first of all, it must be firmly rooted in biblical teachings. Let our reading be Bible centered!

Occasionally I find it wholesome to read on a Sunday morning, before I leave my study, the 23rd chapter of the prophet Jeremiah in which he discusses the character of true and false prophets. Surely, you remember the differences of the two:—

"I sent not the prophets yet they ran; I spoke not unto them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then had they caused my people to hear my words and had turned them from their evil ways and from the evil of their doings."

Rufus M. Jones in his latest book, "The Eternal Gospel," stresses the need of bringing the eternal Gospel within the range of modern man. However, I often feel that we are too much concerned with the range instead of the missile we shall send. Often the timeliness of our message lacks the eternal timelessness, and many contemporary sermons are apt illustrations of the late William Rogers comment:—"I only know what I read in the papers."

Occasionally we find it necessary to consult our family physician for a check-up and the older we get the more necessary and frequent are such check-ups. Now what about your "preaching," your methods and technique? Every summer I find it exceedingly helpful to do just that by reading books such as Jefferson's "The Minis-

ter as Shepherd" and Brown's "The Minister, His World and Work." Most stimulating are the two books by Hewitt: "Highland Shepherds" and "Steeple among the Hills" and, of course, the ever fresh and stimulating book by Dr. Buttrick, "He Came Preaching."

Conrad Richter in his new novel, "The Trees," a very fascinating story about the early days in Ohio, tells how the pioneer, the trapper and the hunter facing the all engulfing wilderness, were often overcome with a sense of loneliness and helplessness. Have you felt like that in our days? Facing tremendous odds, vexing problems, crushing burdens and your own insufficiency and helplessness?

Some time preach on the text: "There were other little ships." (Mark 4:36.) The disciples in their fear and trouble thought they were the only ones facing the raging tempest, only to discover that they were not alone, that there were other little ships. Moreover, Jesus' miracle of calming the tempest not only brought relief to the disciples, but all the other little ships were equally saved.

We are never alone; the good Lord and his promises are ever with us as well as a host of other men and women who are facing the very same struggles and battles that you and I face. Some of them have the gift of putting into print their ideas, their reactions and solutions.

There are a number of unusually good books that are the product of our day and thought which inspire, challenge, provoke and comfort. Indeed, how often have we discovered that books open the way to kindred minds and souls and pave the way to common purposes and tasks! Let me recommend a few that have helped me face our day: A. E. Day, "The Evangel of

a New World," H. E. Lucecock, "Christianity and the Economic Crisis," J. R. Nixon, "Protestantism's Hour of Decision," and two most stimulating books by the only woman theologian of our country and professor of theology at Northwestern University, the successor to Dr. H. F. Rall, Georgia Harkness: "The Recovery of Ideals" and "The Faith by Which the Church Lives."

Finally, I am sure someone will put the question, "How can we keep up with our reading, and where do you find the time for it all?" One word will answer it, "Discipline." How eager we often are to impress the necessity of this virtue on the rank and file of our membership and how woefully we ourselves fail in it! There are so many demands upon the minister's time and energy that unless he of his own free will practices this Christian virtue, he shall either be forced to it or shall dismally fail. The principle of stewardship applies to your time and energy as well as it does to your dollars.

Many a good man is like that prophet of old, who in order to reproach King Ahab accepted the role of a soldier. He claimed to have been entrusted with an important prisoner and when the king demanded of him the presence of the prisoner, he replied:—"As thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone." Try to arrange your day so that you might give one hour to undisturbed reading, non-professional reading. You will be surprised to discover that most books can be read in less than ten hours.

On the basis of reading one new book every two weeks, you will surprisingly discover that within the space of a year you have read and digested and assimilated the fruit of twenty-five outstanding books. Then you have shared the best there is with twenty-five outstanding authors and thinkers of our day. The result of such disciplined reading on your own mind and work is incalculable.

The purpose of it all may be summed up in the saying of the Master. "Every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old." Sharing with his fellow men the finest and the best there is that they may be built up in faith, strengthened in hope and inspired to nobler, holier Christian living and consecrated Christian service is the noble purpose of every good book.

What's Happening News

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● Evangelistic services were held in the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., from November 4 to 15 with the Rev. John Leyboldt of Portland, Oreg., bringing the messages. The attendance was gratifying, and as a result of the fine meetings the church was edified. According to the pastor, Rev. W. C. Damrau, the church is also planning to hold inspirational and evangelistic meetings with the Kraft Party of Wasco, Calif., for two weeks preceding Easter, 1941. Beginning with Sunday, November 3, the church has conducted all of its services in the English language, with the exception of a brief German service on Sunday mornings.

● Beginning with Sunday, December 15, the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, will broadcast a devotional service every Sunday forenoon during its school year from 8:15 to 8:45 A. M. (Mountain Standard Time) over station CJCA of Edmonton (730 Kilocycles). This ministry has been made possible by the generous gift from an anonymous source and will continue for at least 10 weeks, as reported by the Rev. E. P. Wahl, the director of the institute. Several guest speakers will also participate in these radio programs. From November 10 to 24 evangelistic services were held in the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton with the pastor, Rev. E. P. Wahl, bringing the messages.

● The German Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont., enjoys the assistance of three retired ministers of the denomination besides the services of its pastor, the Rev. E. Bibelheimer. This is quite unusual in view of the church's membership of 99. The ministers are Rev. C. A. Gruhn, who serves as church clerk, as trustee and teacher of the large adult class; Rev. G. Eichler, who serves the church at Lind, Wash., every third Sunday; and Rev. Edward Niemann. The church has also started a building fund in order to complete the church project begun two years ago with the building of the church basement. On Sunday, December 1, the Women's Missionary Society is observing its 15th anniversary with a special program. Mrs. Emma Bibelheimer is president of the society.

● On Sunday, October 27, the Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., observed its Harvest and Mission Festival with large meetings in the morning, afternoon and evening. The Rev. G. Eichler of Missoula, Montana, was the guest speaker for the morning and afternoon services, and the pastor of the church, Rev. J. G. Rott, brought the evening message. The mission offering amounted to \$188. On the previous Sunday, October 20, the North Church of Odessa, located in the country, held its mission festival. Mr. Rott spoke on "The White Harvest Fields" at the morning service and explained the "Church School Advance"

program in the evening. The children of the Sunday School also brought a program of recitations, songs and dialogues. The mission offering was \$42, bringing the total for the Odessa churches to \$230.

● The annual "Home Coming Dinner" of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., was held on Wednesday evening, October 23. Dr. Wm. W. Adams, professor at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, was the guest speaker. Miss Elsie J. Stengl, a member of the German Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., has begun her work as part-time Sunday School visitor for the church. On Sunday evening, October 20, the church service was in charge of a group of students from the Baptist Institute of the city. On Sunday afternoon, October 27, Miss F. Lenore Kruse of the Baptist Institute addressed a meeting of the Sunday School teachers and officers. The Rev. Milton R. Schroeder, pastor of the church, is teaching the course, "How to Teach the Bible," in one of the 10 "Schools of Christian Leadership" held by the Philadelphia Baptists from Oct. 21 to Nov. 26.

● The Sunday School of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Oreg., held its Harvest and Mission Festival program on Sunday, October 20, under the leadership of the assistant superintendent, Mr. Wm. Glaske. The pastor, Rev. Fred W. Mueller, spoke of the work of our missionaries in Africa and the Danubian lands. The mission offering amounted to \$114. Mrs. Anne Johnstone and her "Fellowship Haven Crew" from radio station KWJJ assisted with musical renditions. Mr. Mueller baptized 4 converts on Sunday, October 27. This Fall he was elected as a member of the board of trustees of the Western Baptist Theological Seminary in Portland. From Tuesday evening, November 19, to Sunday, December 1, he spoke at evangelistic services that were held in the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif.

● The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, has had its attention called to the people of Israel and their spiritual needs in several recent services. On Wednesday evening, October 23, Rev. Raymond Kahle, a field worker of the Biblical Research Society, gave an illustrated lecture on Palestine and the Jews before a large audience of 130 persons. On Sunday evening, November 10, the Rev. Emil D. Gruen of Des Moines, Iowa, representing the American Board of Missions to the Jews, spoke on "The Jewish Passover" and illustrated it with a demonstration of this ritual of Israel. Mr. Gruen also spoke on Nov. 12 in the Nazarene Church on "Why is the Jew Hated?", and on November 13 in the First Baptist Church of Burlington on "Is God Through With the Jew?"

● The Women's Missionary Society of the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria,

Illinois, observed the 75th anniversary of its organization on Sunday evening, November 3. The secretary, Mrs. Ray Clarke, read a short historical sketch of the society. It is amazing how much the society was able to accomplish during the past years as seen from the old records. Mrs. E. K. Kampf of Aiken Institute of Chicago, Ill., and a former missionary to Assam, India, was the guest speaker of the evening. The program was brought to a close with a beautiful memorial service led by Mrs. A. F. Runtz, the president of the society. On Sunday evening, November 10, Rev. August F. Runtz was privileged to baptize a young man and a grown boy. At the next communion service these with three others by letter were given the hand of fellowship into the church. The Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Bronleewe conducted an evangelistic campaign in the church from November 18 to December 1.

● On November 18 the association of the Home for the Aged in Portland, Oreg., held its annual meeting. Besides electing 7 new directors for the coming year, the association ratified the board's plans for the building of an additional two story wing on the south side of the Home at an approximate cost of \$45-000. This new wing will provide a chapel and an enlarged dining room, and an additional 40 rooms, giving the Home a total capacity of 100 rooms. Work will start on the new building about January 1, 1941, and it is hoped to have it completed by the middle of the year, according to Rev. Otto Roth, president of the board. It will not be necessary to make a public appeal to the churches in order to undertake this large project, as reported by the officers of the board of directors.

● The Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. Stanley F. Geis, held a "Youth and Homecoming Week" from Monday, November 11, through Sunday, November 17. Among the various speakers were Miss Alethea Kose of Chicago, Messrs. Roy Anderson and R. H. Bothwell, students at Northern Baptist Seminary, and a group of the Gideons. "The Making of the Bible" in moving pictures was shown by the American Bible Society on Friday, November 15. On Sunday, November 17, Rev. M. L. Leuschner was the guest speaker, bringing messages in the morning and afternoon and showing Cameroon mission pictures and General Conference pictures in the evening to a large audience that taxed the seating capacity of the church. Dinner and supper were served by the church on Sunday. The meetings were sponsored by the B. Y. P. U. of the church, of which Mr. Warner Thompson is the president. Recently a Junior B. Y. P. U. was organized with 15 boys and girls in regular attendance. The director of the group is Miss Helen Srigley with Miss Margaret Thompson assisting.

An Open Letter to All Our Women!

By MRS. MILDRED B. DYMMEL of Anaheim, Calif., President of Our National Women's Missionary Union

Dear Loyal Ladies of our "Allgemeiner Schwesternbund"! —

Greetings and God's blessing to you in your active service for the Master! Every German Baptist woman in her society in each of our nine conferences in these days of war and tumult is striving hard, I know, to work for the Master until he comes. And while we serve, each in her small corner in our great land and in neighboring Canada, let us remember that we are a part of a beautiful whole working toward the centenary anniversary of our German Baptist denomination.

Besides working spiritually and physically, we help our denomination financially with our missionary offerings. Also, a few years ago at one of our General Conferences, the women of our Allgemeiner Bund passed a resolution that each society of our denomination pay \$1.00 a year to help pay a scholarship to cover the cost of training one of our Baptist girls for Christian service.

Three years ago, Miss Helen Burgers of Ohio answered the call to service and entered the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill. Her letter of appreciation for the scholarship aid is attached to this report.

With the opening of the same Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago this fall, Mary Schmitke, another daughter of loyal German Baptists, entered to train for service.

Please, then, may I here make a plea that each society send its contribution of \$1.00 for dues in our Bund, \$1.00 to cover the subscription cost to the "Missionsperle," the interesting periodical edited by Mrs. Wm. Kuhn, which contains instructive and missionary articles to be used in our societies, and the \$1.00 for the scholarship fund to Mrs. J. Leyboldt, our treasurer, 2615 N. E. 37th Ave., Portland, Ore., each year. Many of our societies have done nobly in this regard.



Mary Schmitke and Helen Burger

I as one of many read with interest and joy the accounts of the various societies, their programs, types of meetings, missionary zeal and fervor, their diligence in service. Keep up the good work, even though one meets with difficulties and our best efforts often fail. Our Master said about Mary—"She hath done what she could." Can he say that about you and me? God grant it, I pray!

A "Thank You" Letter

By Helen Burgers

Dear German Baptist Women:—

For many years my prayer had been to become a missionary. Naturally, I sought a school where training for missionary work is given. Your scholarship has made it possible for me to enter the Baptist Missionary Training School and to have this wonderful op-

portunity in preparation for service in God's Kingdom. I thank God and you for it.

Through summer work and a working scholarship I am able to continue my studies here at school and, if it is possible, I hope to complete all four years, the Lord willing.

It gives me great joy to know that this year another German Baptist girl, Mary Schmitke, is to have your scholarship. I know it will mean a great deal to her to know that the German Baptist women are standing back of her preparation for work in God's kingdom.

It may interest you to know that I am a member of the Rev. B. Schlipf's church in Canton, Ohio.

Pray for me that I may be guided in my work and studies and rightly prepared for the Master's service.

Letter of Appreciation

By Mary Schmitke

Dear Women of our German Baptist Missionary Societies:—

As though in a dream I walked among the green trees and the ever waving fields of golden grain of my native province of Alberta, Canada, to awaken suddenly to the sound of the clanking noises and the hustle and bustle of the great metropolis called, Chicago. Here I find myself one of a large group of happy, carefree girls, sharing their desire to become a more able servant in the vineyard of our Lord. And so with them, I am enrolled as a freshmen in the Baptist Missionary training school of Chicago.

I cannot remember the time when I was not "happy in the service of the King," and so when the opportunity presented itself better to fit myself for this service, I eagerly grasped it. This opportunity may never have been mine, if it had not been for the generosity of our German Baptist Women's Missionary Union. Therefore, I avail myself of this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation for the help of this Union.

My home church is the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, Canada, of which the Rev. H. Waltereit is the pastor.

Universal Bible Sunday on Dec. 8

Rev. Francis C. Stiffler, D. D., Editorial Secretary, American Bible Society

Universal Bible Sunday, which this year will be observed on December 8, has in recent years become one of the popular observances of the church year. It lays an emphasis upon an aspect of Kingdom work that finds endorsement in every denomination.

For more than twenty years now the American Bible Society has promoted the observance of Universal Bible Sunday as a natural expression of its basic concern to encourage the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

To a greater extent than ever before,

Universal Bible Sunday this year will receive wide general publicity, which will contribute to its usefulness to every local congregation. In addition to letters of endorsement from national and state sources the great network of religious programs of the day will make mention of it; and the popular "Wings Over Jordan" program of the Columbia Broadcasting System will on that morning be entirely devoted to the celebration.

The date this year marks the centennial of the founding of the Brooklyn Bible Society, one of the principal

auxiliaries of the American Bible Society. From the platform of a great mass meeting to be held in Brooklyn that afternoon, it is expected that an address will be broadcast to the nation. Other network broadcasts and hundreds of local station programs will be given.

"For the Healing of the Nations"—surely, the Bible has been given to the world for such a time as this. A mighty wave of encouragement will sweep across our land if every church, large and small, in its own chosen way celebrates the observance of Universal Bible Sunday, December 8.

The Boy from Hogan's Alley

By Eleanor Kees

SYNOPSIS

A cold and stormy night was the beginning of a long string of adventures for Jimmy, an orphan boy from "Hogan's Alley," and his dog, Toby. While stealing a dinner in a fashionable house, they were caught by the master of the place, Mr. Howard Ormsby, who took a peculiar fancy to the boy. In spite of the protest of his invalid wife and the cook, Kathleen, Mr. Ormsby gave the boy and his dog a place to sleep and decided to take care of them. Jimmy received an outfit of new clothes and was even given a new name by Mr. Ormsby, which was to be James Crandall. While preparing the boy for his first trip to school, Mr. Ormsby revealed the secret of his strange interest in the lad. He had had a son of his own, whose name was James, who had died when he was six months old. A new cook, named Mrs. Bartholomew, came into the house who showered her love upon the orphan boy and who was called affectionately "Mom" in return. One Sunday morning she made a strange request of Mr. Ormsby.

CHAPTER SEVEN

"Mr. Ormsby, I'd like to take James to Sunday School with me this morning."

Mom stood before Howard Ormsby the first Sunday morning she was in the house and made her request known.

"Why—why—Mrs. Bartholomew, I presume you can do so if he wishes to go with you," said Howard. Jean, who was sitting on his lap, turned and twined her arms about his neck.

"Daddy," she said, "let me go too. Madge Anderson goes, and she asked me if I liked to go to Sunday School. I told her I never went. Daddy, I want to go. They do nice things there, and the teacher tells them stories. Daddy, Madge said I'd grow up to be a heathern if I didn't go. She said heatherns was awful. I don't want to be one. She showed me a picture of a woman that was a heathern, and, oh, my, she looked awful! I don't want to look like that! Can I go, Daddy?"

Howard Ormsby threw back his head and laughed. "I'm afraid you've got me into trouble, Mrs. Bartholomew," he said.

"I'll be glad to take her if you wish," said Mrs. Bartholomew. "Perhaps, though, you'd rather she didn't go with a servant."

"Oh, that makes no difference," said Howard. "I don't want her to grow up with a superiority complex. I'll have to

consult my wife about it first, however."

"Oh, Daddy, we'll go ask Mamma right away!" cried Jean eagerly. "Hurry, we might be tardy!"

Julia Ormsby frowned when Howard and Jean made their request known.

"Why, how did she come to think of it?" she asked. Howard was obliged to explain.

"I thought you promised me Jean would not come in contact with that street urchin," said Julia coldly.

"I did," said Howard. "That is why I am consulting you first."

"Mama, let me go. I want to go to Sunday School," begged Jean. "I don't want to be a heathern!"

Julia smiled a weary smile. "I guess there is no danger of that, dear," she said. "She is old enough to go if she wishes, Howard, but she shall not go with a servant, nor in company with your street urchin. Take her to Sunday School yourself. You can interview some one as to the time you should call for her. Please do not trouble me with it further, but see that she is taken and called for at the proper time each Sunday."

Howard went down to report to Mrs. Bartholomew what his wife's decision was, while Miss Childs dressed Jean for her first visit to a Sunday School. So Mom and James walked to a modest little church ten blocks away, while Jean went to a large church downtown.

James lay awake a long time that night and looked out through his window at the stars. He had learned a lot during the past week. Mom had told him who God was, and he had learned more about him at Sunday School that morning. The teacher had told him that God was everywhere, even if he could not see him.

How wonderful to think of it! God everywhere—right in this room with him! At school with him—in the recreation room when he was studying! Then suddenly he wondered if God was with Hank and Barb, and if they knew it. Yes, he reasoned, he was with them, but they did not care—did not want him. They had not learned to love him like Mom had. They had been like those people who had hated God's Son and killed him. And in his untaught boyish heart there arose a longing to have Hank and Barb and their kind learn to love as Mom and the Sunday School teacher had said they should.

"Mom, what does it mean to be born again?"

Mom and James were eating Sunday

dinner at the kitchen table. James had been thoughtful for several minutes, pondering over the lesson he had had at Sunday School.

"Well, James, my son, that is a hard thing for a woman like me to explain to a boy of fifteen. Some minister should have the job. But I'll do my best to make you understand it, then if it isn't clear you can talk to Rev. Martin."

"Of course you understand what the physical birth is. Those books Mr. Ormsby gave you to read explain that."

"Yes," replied James.

"Well," said Mom, carefully choosing her words, and with a prayer rising from her heart that she might be able to enlighten the boy just as he should be, "our first birth is physical—the second, or new birth, is spiritual. When Adam disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden he brought sin upon the entire race of men. Do you understand that?"

"No."

"Well, Adam was created in the image of God; he was created in holiness, or a holy estate. There was no sin back of him. Is that clear?"

"Yes."

"Then what happened?"

"He sinned," replied James.

"Yes. He sinned and lost—what?"

"Why, that holy estate, I presume."

"Just so. Well, then, he had children. Were they holy?"

"No, I don't suppose so."

"Of course not. They were not created in holiness as their father had been. They were born of unholy parents—thus they were unholy. Now you know the story—how that God taught man to atone for his sins by offering a sacrifice to God. Then later on Christ became the sacrifice for all."

"Yes, I understand all that."

"Now our physical birth is that of the flesh, but the second birth, or, the new birth is of the spirit. We have no choice in our first birth. Our parents choose that for us. But we do have a choice in our spiritual birth. God gave us that choice. If the people of old had refused to make a sacrifice for their sins what would have happened?"

"They would have gone unforgiven, wouldn't they?"

"Just so. Then if we refuse to accept the sacrifice Christ gave of himself what happens?"

"We remain unforgiven."

"You are right. Now our physical birth brings us in contact with sin,

besides being born with inherent sin,

so we must do something about it. Before Christ came they offered a sacrifice themselves to separate themselves from their sin. But we, by accepting Christ's sacrifice, once made for all, separate ourselves from sin. See how plain it is? Let me repeat it again. Our physical birth brings us in contact with sin, inherent sin. Our spiritual birth separates us from that sin."

"When does this separation take place?"

"When we realize we are sinners, and accept this sacrifice Christ made for us."

"Mom, I want to accept this sacrifice for myself."

Mom arose from the table, and laying her hand on James' shoulder said, "Son, there's no better time than right now. Shall we kneel and tell God about it?"

They knelt beside the chair, and James made his first real prayer. True, he had repeated a prayer many times which Mom had taught him, but this was his first real talk with God. And into his heart once more came a longing for someone to tell Hank and Barb and their kind about this great sacrifice.

"Howard, who was that nice looking boy you were talking to down on the lawn?" Julia Ormsby asked as her husband entered her room. She was seated by the window in her wheel chair.

"That boy? Why, that was James."

"James? Do you mean the boy you have been sheltering these past five years?"

"Yes."

"I have never seen him before," she answered dryly, turning her face from her husband. She was not at all interested in the lad, now that she knew who he was. Somehow, she had fancied Howard's charge would be a rough, coarse individual. How could he be otherwise, she fancied. To begin with he must have come from a low family, else he would not have been an alley-dweller.

She called for Miss Childs to put her to bed, then dismissed her for the day, and was sound asleep. It was early the next afternoon, and she was again seated in her wheel chair, when she made an unusual request.

"Miss Childs, I would like to be taken down to sit on the lawn a while," she said.

The nurse turned a startled face toward her. It was the first time in all her life as an invalid that she had ever made such a request.

"Do I surprise you?" she asked with a wan smile.

"A little," replied the nurse, controlling her surprise.

"Life is so dreary, shut up here in my room day after day. I would like to be out where I can see Jean romp. I hear her on the lawn. Please take me down."

"Well, I'll have to call Mrs. Bartholomew, or, perhaps James to steady the

wheel chair while I take you down the steps. Are you sure you won't be frightened while I am taking you down?"

"If you're sure you can hold me, I won't."

"No danger but what I can hold you," laughed the nurse, whose size and weight were equal to the task of caring for a helpless invalid. "I'll call somebody."

She disappeared, and presently returned with James accompanying her.

"Mrs. Ormsby, I don't think you have ever seen James before, have you?" she asked as they entered.

Julia Ormsby turned and looked into the clear, honest eyes of the lad before her. There was, indeed, something striking in his looks. In years past she had been associated with the young sons of her many friends, but never, among all she had known, had she met one who excelled, or even equalled this lad. Nor was he awkward or embarrassed in her presence.

"Mrs. Ormsby," he said in a quiet tone. "I have heard much from your husband about the beautiful mistress of this home. I am glad I can help you. It is such a beautiful day. I am sure you will enjoy being outside."

Julia Ormsby could only nod and smile in recognition of what he had said. Where had the lad learned such manners? Who had been his teacher? Had her husband devoted time and attention enough to him to train him to meet people in such a gentlemanly way?

Getting down the stairs was not a bad ordeal at all. James took hold of the wheel chair in front, and with Miss Childs' capable arms supporting it at the back they carefully took the invalid out into the beautiful sunshine of a perfect June day.

There was a scream from the far end of the lawn, and Jean left her dolls and a little girl chum, and came running toward the invalid's chair.

"Mamma!" she cried "Did you come down to sit on the lawn? Oh, I'm so glad!"

At the same time there was a mad rush from another part of the lawn, a curly-haired mongrel came dashing around a bush, and for some unknown reason evidently was attracted to the invalid. With a great wag of his shaggy tail he was upon her before she even knew of his presence, and jumping up placed his paws on her knees and began licking her hands.

Julia Ormsby screamed in terrible fright and threw up her hands. Instantly James was by her side.

"Toby!" he cried. "Down! Down! Oh, Mrs. Ormsby, I'm so sorry!"

Miss Childs bent over the invalid, who began weeping hysterically, and tried to comfort her. "There, there," she said, stroking her hands and forehead. "Toby was only trying to make friends with you. He wouldn't hurt a flea. Now! Now! Just see," she added, as Toby, humbled by a quick slap beside the head which James had ad-

ministered, sat back on his haunches and sheepishly wagged his tail, "he's trying to tell you how sorry he is."

Julia gained control of her shocked nerves enough to sob out, "Who—who—does that miserable cur belong to?"

"He's mine," said James. "And I'm so sorry, Mrs. Ormsby. If I had thought of it I would have tied him up before we brought you down. I never imagined he would be so friendly as to jump up and frighten you."

"Oh, so he's your dog, is he? Well, he'll soon be nobody's dog! As soon as my husband comes home I shall instruct him to call the dog catcher and have him killed. I wish to spend a great deal of my time on the lawn from now on, and I do not wish to be annoyed by such a mongrel! Take him away and tie him up securely! This miserable wretch, he shall not live another day!"

James' entire world crashed and fell at his feet. Oh, his precious Toby! His pet of all these years! His companion through all the days of hard study and discouraging hours when he had worked twice as hard as other boys to make up for the lost years, and reach the time when he would be as far advanced as others of his age!

He had reached his goal, because he was ready to enter high school in the coming fall, but what joy would there be in it if he were robbed of his precious pet? Toby had lain at his feet every evening when he had studied, and had wagged his tail in sympathy when something had puzzled his young master. He had licked his hands when James had groaned and shook his head over something that seemed completely beyond his comprehension, then leaped with joy when James had mastered it and thrown down his book in triumph.

When he had lain alone in the shadows and puzzled over life as it unfolded before him, wondering—pondering—over the things he had learned at school, or the things Mom had taught him, it was always comforting to know that Toby was just below him in the basement, curled up so comfortably in his nest.

Then what joy it had been to come at night and find Toby waiting—listening for him to come. He had been all that had made life worth living at times—he and Mom. And he had been a comfort to Mom, too. He had lain at her feet while she pared vegetables, or read a book, or sat and dreamed in the twilight of summer evenings while James worked in the little garden on Mr. Ormsby's back lots.

He had lain curled up between them while Mom talked to him and told him about life, or gave him instructions about daily habits, manners, or conduct when he came in contact with people. He had stretched out, with his nose between his paws, when Mom had told him Bible stories, or read to him from the Bible when he had learned enough to grasp what she was reading. He had crouched close to James when Mom had let him kneel at her knee—

just as her little boys had knelt — while she taught him to pray before he could comprehend what it was all about.

Memories—precious memories surged over him as he blindly led Toby to the basement and shut him in. Toby must die! Toby must die! Hot tears coursed down his cheeks, but he brushed them resolutely away and marched into the kitchen where Mom was doing some baking.

"Mom, I'm leaving!"

Mom whirled at the strange announcement. "James, whatever—whatever has happened?" She dropped her spoon into the cake batter, and sitting down beside James drew her arm about him as he sank into a chair and broke into sobs.

It was several minutes before she could get the story from him, but at last he was able, between sobs, to make her understand.

"I'm—I'm—leaving, Mom!" he sobbed. "When it gets dark tonight I'm—I'm—going to take Toby and slip away. I can make it alone now. I'll go somewhere and get a job where I can keep Toby. Getting the rest of my education isn't going to be worth giving him up. He—he's all I've got—besides you. I'll—I'll write to you, and I'll save my money until I can rent a house, then I'll send for you to come live with Toby and me, and you won't have to work any more!"

"There, there," comforted Mom. "Now you just finish your cry, then we'll talk."

James looked up at her, a curious expression on his face. What did Mom want to talk about?

"What do you want to say?" he asked.

"Well," said Mom slowly, "I wouldn't be too hasty about this. Things might turn out all right yet. Toby may not have to be killed. You know there are people who would like to have a good dog if they knew where to find one. Maybe we could find a good home for him. Now I know a man—"

"Mom," interrupted James, "I'd rather Toby would be killed than to send him away from me. He'd—he'd—I just know he'd grieve himself to death. He wouldn't know where I was, and he'd wonder. He wouldn't be happy. I just know he wouldn't! No, I'm going tonight!"

"Well," said Mom, "it's several hours before night. A lot of things can happen before then. Maybe Mr. Ormsby will talk to his wife, and she'll change her mind."

"I don't think so. You know what Miss Childs says—he humors her in everything she wants. I suppose it's terrible to have to live in bed or a wheel chair all your life, but she needn't be so mean about it!"

"James, weigh your words carefully before you speak," said Mom kindly. "You must realize Mrs. Ormsby was terribly frightened, no doubt. Naturally she would speak hastily. Just think—it was the first time in ten years she had been out of her room.

Then to receive such a shock must have been terrible. Son, I have a feeling this will come out all right. This is just one of life's problems you must solve, and running away from it isn't going to help any. Any coward can run, but it takes a brave man to stand and face the battle. There's a way around every difficulty if we but look for that way."

"But—but—how could there be a way around this? She'll have Toby killed. The way will be hers—not mine."

"No, there's another way—a way out of all difficulties. It doesn't always turn out the way we want it to, but if we do what is right it is the best way."

"You—you—mean prayer?"

"That's just it."

"But, Mom, God would think it foolish for me to pray about a dog."

"God never thinks it foolish for us to pray over the very simplest matter. It isn't the enormity of the problem that counts — it's the attitude we take in regard to that problem. If we get in the habit of meeting our little problems by ourselves, God is liable to let us meet not only the little ones but the big ones as well, because we have put ourselves in a place where he can't reach us, so to speak. But if we learn to take our small problems to him, and he helps us solve them, or helps us to bear the disappointment in not having things turn just the way we want them to, then when the big problems come we have learned to trust him so that the burdens seem many times lighter because he is helping us to bear them."

"Do you think if I prayer he'd save Toby from dying?"

"I don't know that he'd do that, but he would make it so clear to you that you'd know whether it was wise or not for you to run away just for Toby's sake. Toby must die some time, long before you do, but you must live on. Just what kind of a life, and how useful a life you're going to live depends entirely upon yourself. You need to prepare yourself for life. You need to make the best of your opportunities, and here is the question: Would you be doing the best for yourself by running away just to save your dog? Would you be fitting yourself for the great task of life—that of living for others—as God wants us to live? Rather, wouldn't you be living just for your dog?"

James was thoughtful. "I didn't think of it that way," he said. But I do want Toby to live," he added mournfully.

"Of course you do. So do I. But, son, this is the first real decision of your life, and your entire future lies upon that decision."

James arose and walked to the door. "I guess I'd better go finish hoeing out the garden," he said. "If—if—I should go I—I don't want to leave it weedy for Mr. Ormsby." And he went sadly outside.

Mom turned to her cake baking, but before she began stirring the batter again she lifted her soul in a prayer

that was not audible to anyone but the angels and the Great White Throne.

"Lord," she said, "it seems so simple to pray about a dog. I'd like to see Toby live, but most of all, Father, help that dear boy find himself. Help him make the right decision, Lord. Amen."

She put her cake into the oven, and went about her various other tasks. As far as she was concerned she had placed the burden where it belonged, and in a very simple manner. She had learned many years ago to do it that way. She had taken her burdens before the Throne many other times.

She did not see James again until it was dinner time. She heard him come onto the back porch and pause for a moment, then he came into the kitchen.

Mom turned to him. His face was pale, but there was a light in his eyes which she had never seen there before.

"I've decided," he said slowly, and his voice was husky, "that even if Toby has to be killed I'll stay. I—I—prayed about it, and—and some way I feel that it wouldn't be wise for me to run away. I—I feel like there is something I'll have to do some time that I'd fail to do if I ran away now. I don't know what that something is, but if I quit now I know I wouldn't get to do it."

"Son, you've won a great battle," said Mom softly. "And," she added, "Toby won't have to die before tomorrow night. Mr. Ormsby telephoned that he was called out of town and would not be back until time for dinner tomorrow evening."

"But—but—Mrs. Ormsby will probably have Miss Childs telephone the dog catcher," faltered James.

"Miss Childs won't—she likes Toby too well. She'd find an excuse. Most likely the dog catcher wouldn't be in—or something. You can count on Miss Childs. She likes you, as well as Toby. Go wash for dinner now. We're all ready to eat."

James obeyed, and was thoughtful throughout most of the meal, but as he was eating his dessert he looked up and asked, "Mom, is life always full of shadows?"

"Yes, James," answered Mom thoughtfully, "life is full of shadows—always. But what makes a shadow, son?"

"Do you mean a real shadow we can see?"

"Yes, any kind of a shadow."

"Well, an object gets between a bright light and a fitting background, and because the light cannot penetrate the object it makes a shadow."

"Exactly. But there always has to be a light, doesn't there?"

"Yes."

"Well, life is just like that, and life is truly full of shadows. They begin just as soon as we are old enough to make decisions for ourselves. But son, we must remember that back of the shadows God's bright love is always shining."

"Why, I never thought of that!" exclaimed James.

(To be concluded)

B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

Edited by the REV. RUDOLPH WOYKE of Washburn, North Dakota

Sunday, December 29, 1940

WE FINISH TO BEGIN

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 32-38; Philippians 3:13-14.

In the "Picturesque Speech and Pattern" section of a recent Reader's Digest was this striking statement: "A clock nibbling at eternity." The thought has occurred to me that soon this clock is going to "bite" and another one will start nibbling on the line. We are then required to adjust ourselves to the change of clocks. We must forget how rusty the old clock was and try to master the intricate movement of the new one. Such is our task as we face the approaching year of 1941. Today we want to accent a few thoughts that will help us to enter more wisely into this new year.

1. The Need of a Change

Life would become almost unbearable if we could not look forward to a change. Variety is still the spice of life. We hate monotony. Travelers seek new roads so as to avoid it in their journeys. Automobile manufacturers change the profile of their products in order to give us something different. We alter the style of our clothes in an effort to keep life from becoming dull and grey. Within us and round about us is a demand for constant change. Paul had this in mind when he said: "Old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new."—2. Cor. 5:17.

No time gives us a better opportunity for changing than does the turn of the year. There we can close our books and open new ones; we can cancel our unaccomplished plans and make new ones; we can lay aside our old methods and adopt new ones. Let's check up on our B. Y. P. U. and see what needs revamping. What about our organization? Is it the type that has remained efficient in the face of increased membership and demands? Are we organized in such a way that all are given an opportunity to serve? Now is the time to make the necessary changes. Very frequently a B. Y. P. U. is inefficient because it has failed to streamline the old form in which it was cast. Perhaps we ought to attach wings to our B. Y. P. U. in order to cope with the new demands. Have we the right number and type of officers and committees? Does our constitution call for all that fits our present requirements? These questions we may best answer and solve now.

What about our programs? Do they interest and inspire young people? Have the young people enjoyed the programs enough to merit their repetition? All societies should think this through and make as many changes as possible. Instead of "dry-docking" on Sunday

B. Y. P. U. TOPICS

A new young people's quarterly, TOPIC, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, has recently made its appearance. Since it presents a thorough and spiritually uplifting program for each young people's service at the reasonable cost of ten cents, "The Baptist Herald" in 1941 will merely present brief supplementary material to the same topics. We would urge all B. Y. P. U. groups to use this material of TOPIC and "The Baptist Herald" wherever possible. Sufficient quantities of the quarterly will be on hand at Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, to send a copy to any person or group requesting it and enclosing ten cents in stamps. Please send your requests to the young people's secretary, Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

For the December 1 and 15 issues "the Young People's Topics" will be omitted in order to present the important Christmas material and many church reports. The following subjects for the Sundays in January, 1941, are treated in TOPIC.

Jan. 5—Shall Christ's Cause Be

Mine?

Jan. 12—What Baptists Believe—

about Baptism.

Jan. 19—Personality vs. Property.

Jan. 26—A Christian Looks at Edu-

cation

evenings, they should launch out into the deep, giving a program that interests and inspires. Instead of reading the topics at the meetings, why not present them in the form of a debate.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

(1) Things in general change much too rapidly for our good.

(2) When is it inadvisable to make a change?

2. Forgetting the Past

We usually think of forgetfulness as being something that is characteristic of all mankind. We look upon it as a human sickness. How we dread to say, "I forgot." We forget our friends, we forget our promise, and we forget God. In spite of all this, however, it is still true that we suffer more from remembering than from forgetting. We shall be able to advance only in proportion to our ability to forget. Some things of the past must be cared for in such a way that they pass into oblivion. Paul tried to do this when he said: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ." What was Paul thinking of? Certainly not of God or God's Word! He must never forget God. Paul was thinking of those things which might stem the tide of a successful Christian life. When the desire of knowing Christ more intimately took hold of him, he immediately decided to forget everything that might hinder the fulfillment of this desire. Yes, he had been a sinner

and had made many mistakes, but God had also forgiven him. On the basis of this, Paul could and had to forget the errors of the past. This we should all do as we close another year.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

(1) Name some of the things your society should forget.

(2) Can we force ourselves to forget certain things?

3. A Good Beginning

It is said of some baseball pitchers that if their teams give them a decided lead in the initial innings of the game, they are certain to end in triumph. This advantage in the beginning makes them invincible in the end. The same is true also in other walks of life, for a good beginning always provides the foundation upon which to build a victorious and successful life. The influence that is exerted upon us in early life cannot be undone. A writer of Scripture has said: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Prov. 22:6. To a large extent, success or failure in our later years was molded by the things we saw and heard when we were young. Tomorrow will draw its power from today.

Our entrance into the new year permits us to become young again, or at least to make a new start in life. What is more, we may make a good start. It is very essential that we do. Let us, therefore, name a few things that make up a good beginning. First of all, God must occupy a prominent place in it. His principles must be adopted and his way of life, revealed to us through Jesus Christ, faithfully followed. It is necessary to get a vision of Jesus Christ and live in the light of that vision from day to day.

Furthermore, a good beginning calls for a wholesome environment or favorable surroundings. Here we hold a decided advantage over infants, for they have not part in determining the character of their surroundings. We may exercise the power of choice, placing before us those pictures that inspire instead of those which degrade. We can choose to live on the higher plains of life. We can keep in the foreground those features of life that are beautiful and helpful. Our surroundings and associations are contributing factors in making life what we want it to be. The church can furnish us with the best of companions and everything else that makes up the kind of environment that will give us a right start in the new year.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

(1) Does a good beginning make us careless in later life?

(2) Name some habits we should form at the opening of the year.

Reports from the Field

Atlantic Conference

B. Y. P. U. of the Second Church of Philadelphia Enjoys a Saturday Outing

The B. Y. P. U. of the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held its first Autumn hike on Saturday, September 28. It was a glorious day and we had a grand time of fellowship with one another. As we walked through the woods and saw the tall beautiful trees with their leaves turning to beautiful colors, we knew that only "God could make a tree."

After a refreshing long hike we had our wiener roast on the farm of a friend. After the roast the group formed a circle around the fire and sang choruses and the good old-fashioned hymns. We felt the nearness of God as we sang and offered prayers of thanks to God. Thus, a perfect day came to its close!

ALICE RICHTER, Secretary.

Our Sunday School has endorsed the "Baptist Church School Advance," a campaign designated to increase attendance and enrollment 10% in 1941 and 1942. Mr. Arthur Macoskey is the director, assisted by Miss Eleanor Seltzer. Mr. Walter Marklein is superintendent of the school.

For the benefit of the 1943 Centenary Fund of our denomination the Crusader Men's Bible Class presented "Better Than Gold," the religious Gypsy play, originally given at our recent General Conference in Burlington, Ia. Mr. Edwin Marklein served as coach and director for the play. The dress rehearsal was given on Friday evening, November 22, at the Baptist Old People's Home in Brooklyn, much to the enjoyment of the aged guests. The material and stage props for the Gypsy hut were secured from the wonderful Firestone Exhibit at the New York World's Fair.

ARTHUR MACOSKEY, Reporter.

ty, devotion and love and wished the church God's blessing.

After being without a regular pastor for three Sundays, we had the privilege to welcome our new pastor, Mr. Richard Grenz, from our seminary in Rochester, N. Y. On October 24 after the prayer meeting the church had a splendid reception for him. The representatives of the different branches of the church welcomed the new pastor and pledged their loyalty and love to work together in God's Kingdom. The Rev. J. Marshall of Hanover gave words of hearty welcome and admonition both to the church and the pastor. Mr. Grenz responded with words of thanks for the warm reception and stated that he felt very much at home.

With God's help and the cooperation of the members and the minister we will endeavor to continue the great work.

R. HAHN, Reporter.

Central Conference

Mr. Carl F. H. Henry Begins His Ministry Auspiciously in the Humboldt Park Church of Chicago, Illinois

The Humboldt Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., was fortunate to be able to secure the services of Rev. F. L. Hahn from May to October of this year. God restored him to health and, after an absence of eight months, he came back to us, to remain in our midst until another pastor was found.

On Wednesday evening, September 18, the entire church family met to consider plans and activities for the fall and winter months. At this service Mr. Hahn presented the name of a young man whom he felt sure would prove a real blessing to Humboldt and would meet our needs as pastor and leader. The church felt God's hand in this suggestion and, accordingly, took action to extend a unanimous call to Mr. Carl F. H. Henry. This call was answered in the affirmative, and on Sunday, October 6, our retiring pastor, Mr. Hahn, introduced our new pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Henry, to the church. This day marked the close of Mr. Hahn's active ministry among us, and the beginning of Mr. Henry's service in our midst.

On Wednesday evening, October 30, the church held a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Henry. It was a happy occasion. The members of the Humboldt Park Church, both old and young, pledged their whole hearted cooperation in prayer and service. Mr. and Mrs. Henry responded with words of encouragement, indicating their keen eagerness to lead us onward in the Kingdom work.

Eastern Conference

The Neustadt Church of Ontario Bids Farewell to One Pastor and Welcomes Another

After nine years of faithful service in the Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ontario, Canada our former pastor, Rev. George Zinz, Sr., brought his ministry to a close on Sunday, September 15. Members and friends of the church gathered on Friday evening, September 13 to bid them farewell and to wish them God's blessing in their new field. Mr. Schnurr, deacon, spoke in behalf of the church and extended words of appreciation for the excellent service rendered. The Rev. J. Marshall of Hanover also gave an appreciative talk. In response Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Zinz, thanked the church for its loyal-



Young People of the Second Church of Philadelphia, Pa., on a Delightful Autumn Hike

The Second Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., Builds a "Lighthouse" and Enjoys the Gypsy Play, "Better Than Gold"

A very interesting lighthouse is on display at our Second Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., that was built by Mr. John Kalin and artistically painted by Mrs. W. J. Appel and Mr. Arnold Veninga. The bricks on the lighthouse are breaking off to illustrate the need of \$1500 to cover the interior and exterior repair work on our church property which is free from debts.

At a recent meeting of the church members the matter was presented and as a result about \$1000 were pledged in one evening. Each new brick costs \$5.00, and immediately upon receipt the "artist bricklayers" paint a new brick on the lighthouse.

The Influential Ministry of the Rev. H. P. Kayser of the Beaver Church Near Auburn, Michigan

(The following report is so beautifully sincere and distills such a sweet fragrance of love, that we are happy to publish it, even though it is somewhat unusual. Editor)

The Rev. H. P. Kayser, pastor of our Beaver Baptist Church near Auburn, Mich., one of our missionaries for five years in the Cameroons of Africa, holds the respect and admiration of the entire community which he now serves. As an envoy of Christ, he carried to the benighted Africans the knowledge of salvation through the risen Christ and guided their feet into paths of peace.

His personality is one which reflects meekness, humility, integrity and conviction of truth. Life's experiences have silvered his hair, which only add to his benign features.

The following incident is an illustration of his sincere faith in divine power. During the time of his service as missionary in the Cameroons, the World War broke out. All missionaries were requested to leave the foreign fields for the safety of their lives. After a six weeks' trek, Mr. Kayser arrived penniless at governmental headquarters. With sincere faith, trusting only in the help of God for funds, he found his prayers answered. The governor of the territory presented him with 1000 rubles, which was sufficient to defray his expenses to America.

The Rev. H. P. Kayser is ever an inspiration to his congregation. He has created in many of our hearts the desire to live the life he upholds. I think of him often in connection with this bit of poetry.

"Christ's spirit taketh breath again
Within the lives of holy men—
Each changing age beholds afresh
Its word of God in human flesh."

FLORENCE SCHULTZ, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Silver Wedding Celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Siebold at Carrington, North Dakota

The song service was held as usual at the Baptist Church of Carrington, No. Dak., on Sunday evening, October 20. Then the secret was revealed that we had gathered to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Siebold, which was a complete surprise to them.

Frederick Pepple opened the program by singing "Because," after which Mr. and Mrs. Siebold were ushered to the front to the strains of the "Wedding March." Mrs. E. Bonikowsky, chairman of the program, spoke words of appreciation and read an original poem. Words of congratulation followed by the deacons, Mr. Frank Albus and Mr. Arnold Leppke. Mrs. Anna Siebold presented Mrs. C. Siebold with a bouquet of white carnations on behalf of the Ladies' Aid.

Our neighboring pastor, Rev. R. McNeil of the Federated Church spoke

on the text, "Love suffereth long and is kind."

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Siebold have been active members of the Carrington and Pleasant Valley churches for more than 25 years. Mr. Siebold has been Sunday School superintendent and B. Y. P. U. president in Pleasant Valley and is the present superintendent at Carrington. Mrs. Siebold has also always been active in church activities, especially in Ladies' Aid work. They are the parents of five daughters.

ERICH E. BONIKOWSKY, Pastor.



Young People of the Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan With the Rev. H. P. Kayser, Pastor (See Accompanying Article) on Extreme Right

Plevna B. Y. P. U. Helps Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Renz Celebrate Their 10th Wedding Anniversary

The Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Renz of Plevna, Mont., were pleasantly surprised on their tenth wedding anniversary on October 29. The young people of the church gathered at the church basement, from where they proceeded to the parsonage and surprised the minister and his wife. They were then asked to come to the church basement with their guests who helped celebrate the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Renz, but they also celebrated that of the Young People's Society president and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kusler.

Miss Irene Feiock played the wedding march for Mr. and Mrs. Renz to march to the front. After they were seated Martha Hepperle presented Mrs. Renz with a large bouquet of flowers from the Mission Circle. Miss Ida Karch pinned a boutonniere on Mr. Renz. The Misses Bertha and Ida Karch sang "I Love You Truly." President Ted Kusler then presented them with a check for \$24 from the young people and congratulated them in behalf of the B. P. P. U.

The evening was spent in playing games and singing choruses. Lunch was served at the close of the party. While every one was busy eating Mr. and Mrs. Renz sang, "Wir danken euch all." We all left the party with the wish that Mr. and Mrs. Renz will enjoy many more years of married life together.

MARTHA HEPPERLE, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Paul Hunsicker, Pastor of the Baptist Church at Cathay, No. Dak.

On Thursday afternoon, October 17, twenty-four delegates from eight churches assembled in the Baptist Church of Cathay, No. Dak., for the purpose of setting aside Mr. Paul F. Hunsicker for the gospel ministry. This meeting was introduced by the entertaining church represented by their deacon, Mr. Neuman. The resolution of the church was read upon which the Rev. G. W. Pust was appointed

temporary chairman. 1. Timothy 3 was read and prayer was offered by the chairman. The delegates registered upon which the council organized, resulting in the Rev. G. W. Pust as moderator and the Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer as clerk.

Mr. Hunsicker was invited to relate his experience of conversion, call to the Christian ministry and doctrinal views and beliefs. Each phase of the above mentioned was considered separately. After deliberating to the satisfaction of all, the council withdrew where several questions were considered and also answered to the satisfaction of the council. The recommendation was made to the church to proceed with the ordination which took place that evening.

The program was in the hands of the chairman, Mr. Pust. After the opening hymn the minutes of the council were read. The Girls' Choir and the Men's Chorus with their beautiful singing added much to the fine atmosphere that prevailed. The scripture lesson was read from 2. Cor. 5:17-21 and the opening prayer was offered by the Rev. A. Bibelheimer. The Rev. J. Kepl brought the ordination message which concerned itself very fittingly with "The Ambassador of Christ." The Rev. D. Klein spoke the ordination prayer with laying on of hands. The welcome into the ranks of the ministers was given by the Rev. G. W. Pust and the charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. R. Kaiser. The charge to the church was given by the Rev. A. Reeh. Rev. Paul Hunsicker dismissed the service with benediction.

A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Clerk.

Dedication of the New Dakota Old People's Home at Bismarck, North Dakota

After much planning and praying, a Home for the Aged has been opened in Bismarck, No. Dak., to serve the needs of the Dakota Conference and especially the needs of the churches near Bismarck. The Old People's Home Society has purchased a large house on First Street, Bismarck, which is to serve until a larger structure can be erected.

On the 15th of October a meeting of all the members was called. They met in the Bismarck church. This was, indeed, a memorable meeting! The constitution was adopted and the board of directors was elected, consisting of eleven members. From this group the other officers were elected such as treasurer, secretary, and superintendent and matron, the latter two of whom are the Rev. K. Gieser and Mrs. Gieser, respectively.



The New Home for the Aged at Bismarck, No. Dak., With Rev. and Mrs. Karl Gieser, Superintendent and Matron, in Front of the Home

The dedication services were held in the Baptist Church on the same evening. The president of the society gave a short report of the progress made and the aims for the future. The Rev. E. Mittelstedt of Hebron brought the dedication sermon to an overcrowded church, followed by the dedication prayer from the Rev. H. G. Bens of Bismarck.

At the present time there are twelve guests in the Home. At the present rate the Home will soon be too small since there are a number of aged persons seeking admittance. Many Baptists and others of this area have remembered the Home in a material way. We have reasons to believe that this Home will be well cared for by interested missionary-minded people. Let us pray for its success!

A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Reporter.

Six Hundred People Attend the Enthusiastic Young People's Rally of Central Dakota at Herreid

'We'll have to have another rally next year.' — 'I'm going to tell all

those who weren't present about today.' These were some of the remarks heard after the close of the Central Dakota Young People's Rally at Herreid, So. Dak., on Sunday, October 13. And true it was! Everyone was really "rallied" to do better.

The Rev. Emil Becker of Herreid, as an introduction to his address of welcome, said that he had looked up the meaning of "Rally" a number of years ago and had found it to mean, "running around," but Mrs. Kremer, our president, in her speech said she had looked it up recently and found it to mean, "coming together for a definite purpose." They both agreed that the present definition was the better.

A very large audience of about 600 people was present at all three services. Many did not mind standing. This shows real enthusiasm and we can thank God for that. Of the 16 societies in our assembly, 10 were present with Linton taking the lead by

having their entire choir of about 30 members present. Ashley and Wishek also had a large representation.

As our guest speaker we were fortunate in being able to have the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill. He added greatly to the success of the day. In his evening address he stressed the B. Y. P. U. goals for the coming triennium. Another interesting speaker was Rev. H. G. Bens of Bismarck, who told us many interesting experiences from his many years in the ministry. His definition, "Boost Your Pastor Up" for B. Y. P. U. was truly enjoyed.

Throughout the entire day many special numbers were given by the various societies present. This helped to make the program much more enjoyable. One of the high lights was the mass choir of about 100 voices under the direction of the Rev. Albert Itterman as they sang, "Hail Emanuel," "Wonderful Grace of Jesus," and "The Awakening Chorus." Many of our older listeners said they had never heard such singing before, and that it seemed as if

the very walls soon would have to begin to resound.

As Laura Reddig is our missionary from the Dakotas, the entire offering of \$79.18 will be sent for her work. We are glad that we were able to help her in this way, because we know she is out there serving the same God we are trying to serve in our humble way.

MAGDALENA LUEBECK, Reporter.

Montana and Western Dakota Sunday School Convention is Held at McLaughlin

The annual gathering of the Montana and Western Dakota Sunday School Association was held at McLaughlin, So. Dak., from October 4 to 6. This was the 20th convention and a fine crowd turned out for all the meetings. The weather was ideal throughout the convention days. The Rev. G. Palfenier, pastor of the church, welcomed all the delegates and friends to make their stay at McLaughlin a happy one. Mr. G. Kallis of New Leipzig, moderator of the convention, responded in his own noble way.

The McLaughlin choir rendered the song entitled, "The Way Declineth." Due to the illness of Rev. R. Sigmund of Lemon, So. Dak., the Rev. J. J. Renz of Plevna brought the evening message on the topic, "To Become Better Acquainted With Christ."

On Saturday morning, October 5, Mr. Ben Huber from the Plevna church led the devotions. Rev. J. J. Renz brought a message on "Does Jesus Have Anything to Offer to Our Young People in These Modern Times?" Mr. G. Kallis, moderator, responded with a talk on "The Child and Its Training." The meeting then considered business matters. Election of officers was as follows: Rev. J. J. Renz, moderator; J. J. Schweigert, vice-moderator; Rev. G. Palfenier, secretary and treasurer. Rev. G. Palfenier brought the closing message for the morning session on the topic, "The Call to Fellowship with God."

On Sunday morning a full house attended Sunday School. Mr. J. J. Schweigert, local superintendent, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A. M. Three guests, who spoke during Sunday School, were Messrs. Ben Auch of New Leipzig, Phil Huber of Bison, and Arthur Hepperle of Plevna. A girls mixed chorus sang at the close of Sunday School. The Rev. G. Palfenier brought the mission message.

The Sunday afternoon program was in charge of the young people. Mr. E. Saltziedler led the service. Eldon Reich of New Leipzig read scripture and Martha Hepperle led in prayer. The Bison young people rendered a musical number and the McLaughlin male quartet sang. John Karch, Jr., spoke on "What the B. Y. P. U. Means to the Church." This was followed by a song by a group from Selfridge. The Plevna double quartet sang "His Promise to Me." Mrs. Ben Auch of New Leipzig spoke on "How We Can Interest Our Young People to Take Part in the B. Y. P. U." A trio from Selfridge

sang, and a group of girls from McLaughlin gave a short play entitled, "Out of a Barrel." The Rev. R. Sigmund brought the message for the afternoon on "The Challenge to Youth."

The offering for the day amounted to \$70.12. Even though we have a decrease on our student list, our offerings increased for which we are very thankful. It was decided that during this coming year our convention would give \$50 for missionary Stefanoff, \$50 for the general mission, and \$50 for the Dakota convention.

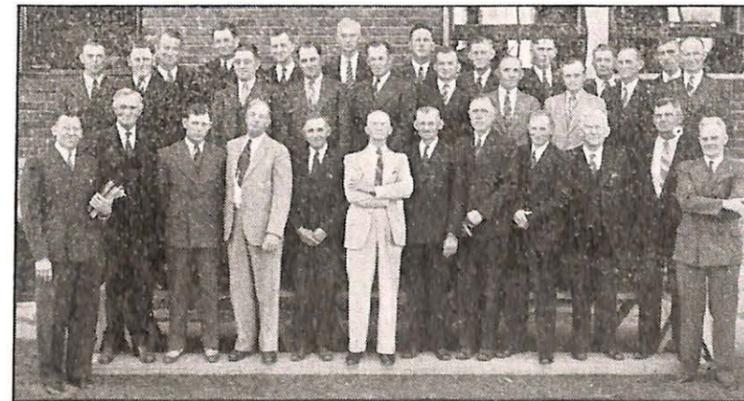
MARTHA HEPPERLE, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference The Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas, Observes its 40th Anniversary

As a church we rejoice that the grace of God has permitted us to stand in Marion, Kansas, as a lighthouse to his glory. It is our desire to continue to let our light shine, so that souls in darkness of sin can reach the haven of rest and joyous peace in Jesus Christ.

This church, in reality, is older than 40 years. In 1876 a group of converted Christians came from Russia and settled on farms near Marion. Under the able leadership of Mr. Jacob Ehrlich they soon organized a church, which was then known as the Mennonite Brethren Church. Mr. Ehrlich was the pastor of this group. Later on he became interested in the teaching of the Baptist Church, and through his influence the church was reorganized on August 26, 1900 and became known as the First German Baptist Church of Marion.

During the first 24 years of its organization the church had grown to a



Large Men's Bible Class of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas (Front Row—extreme left: Rev. Philip Potzner, Pastor; center, Rev. A. W. Urquhart, Teacher of Class; extreme right, Rev. Pat Malone, Evangelist.)

membership of 103. Only 28 of these were willing to remain with the church after its organization. Mr. J. Ehrlich was again elected to become the pastor and he was an able leader, who led the church through many difficulties, establishing it in the faith. It was a sad day when the Lord called this faithful shepherd away from his flock on January 5, 1905.

Since that time the following pastors have served the church: Rev. John

Sievers, Rev. J. A. Pankratz, Rev. H. A. Meyer, Rev. J. G. Draewell, Rev. Charles Wagner, Rev. Otto Roth and the present pastor, Rev. Philip Potzner. Rev. J. G. Ewert and Rev. H. D. Wiebe served as interim pastors. Six of the charter members are still active in our church. Others have left the field and are working for the Lord at other places.



Mass Choir of Eighty Voices from the Marion, Durham and Strassburg Churches of Kansas That Sang for the Mission Festival at the Strassburg Church

On the day of celebration, September 29, the Sunday School opened the festivity under its able superintendent, Mr. K. F. Ehrlich, who is a son of Rev. Jacob Ehrlich, the first pastor of this church. In the morning service the pastor used for his sermon text the words of the Lord: "I will build my church." After a good dinner which the ladies had served in the basement of the church, we reviewed the past 40 years of church activities. Some of our neighboring pastors brought greetings. Rev. Roy Seibel, pastor of the Strassburg Church, gave a short ad-

The Harvest and Mission Festival at the Strassburg Church of Kansas

The Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kans., observed its annual Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, October 6. The neighboring churches of Marion and Durham were our guests, and their pastors, the Rev. Philip Potzner and the Rev. Edward

Kary, brought inspiring messages in the forenoon and afternoon. Other speakers were Professor A. E. Kreider and Professor Warkentin of Bethel College, Newton, Kansas.

At noon a bountiful dinner was served in the church dining hall to all guests and members, numbering about 300, by the ladies of the church.

The outstanding feature of the day was the "Song Fest" in the evening. Special numbers were rendered by each of the visiting church choirs and by the Strassburg Choir which comprises 44 singers. The names of the choir leaders of the respective churches are as follows: Mr. Roy Vogel, Strassburg; Mrs. Jonah Seifert, Marion; and Mrs. Harvey Schlehuber, Durham.

For the two final numbers the three choirs united into a mass choir of 80 voices and with Professor H. C. Richter, voice instructor at Tabor College, as director sent wonderful notes of praise to the Father above. A capacity house of 350 persons enjoyed the singing and the desire was expressed by many that the "Song Fest" be made an annual affair.

The Ladies' Missionary Society held its mission sale on the following Monday evening, October 7, and the receipts from it as well as the three offerings held on Sunday will go for missions and for the local parsonage fund. The total sum amounted to \$300.

The Strassburg Church with its pastor, the Rev. Roy Seibel, and with Mrs. Seibel, is experiencing some real blessings in that many of the friends in the vast field of unconverted souls are coming regularly to Sunday School and the worship services. Since last year the average attendance has increased from 90 to 115.

On Sunday, October 20, the Sunday School with an enrollment of 115 had a record attendance of 150. Mr. Harvey Kruse is the superintendent of the school. MRS. HANNAH KRUSE.

Many souls have been led to Christ through the influence of this church. PHILIP POTZNER, Pastor.



Delegates and Ministers in Attendance at the Kansas Association Recently Held at the Bethany Baptist Church Near Vesper, Kansas

The Bethany Church Near Vesper, Kansas, Serves as Host to the Kansas Association

The Kansas Association of German Baptists met from October 21 to 23 with the Bethany Church of Vesper, of which Rev. J. Kornelsen is the pastor. The theme of the association was, "The Challenge of the Baptist Church." Rev. W. Helwig delivered the pre-session sermon and the opening sermon was delivered by Rev. T. Lutz. The address of welcome was given by the local pastor and graciously responded to by the moderator, Rev. A. Weisser.

From the very first song service to the closing benediction a fine spirit prevailed. But what else can one expect when Christian men and women get together for the purpose of glorifying God? Following the devotions on Tuesday morning the business session took place, officers were elected for the coming year, reports of the churches were given, and it was again decided to continue the program of Bible Memorization work for another year.

Papers which were read and discussed included the following: "What Baptists Believe" by Rev. R. W. Seibel; "The Place of the Baptist Ministry in the World" by Rev. W. Helwig; "The Origin of the Ordinances" by Rev. P. Smit; "An Efficient Sunday School" by Mr. Froning; and "My Part in the Baptist Program" by Rev. J. Broeder.

We were happy to have as our guests Pat Malone who led the quiet half hour

on Tuesday noon and Rev. M. L. Leuschner who is always a welcome guest. His hints and helps and suggestions for a more efficient worker were appreciated by all. However, the highlights of this fine association came on Tuesday evening, when Mr. Leuschner opened our spiritual eyes with his message to the needs of our mission work and then opened our physical eyes with the fine pictures of the work being carried on in Africa. Again, on Wednesday evening Mr. Leuschner brought the session to a close with a stirring message.

It was a happy time at Bethany! The doors of the homes were thrown open for delegates and visitors and all were made to feel at home. This association would not have been so successful had it not been for the presence of Christ which was felt throughout the meetings.

THOMAS LUTZ, Reporter.

Spiritual Heights Are Reached by the Oklahoma Association at the Shattuck Church

The delegates and visitors from the churches of Oklahoma met for their 70th association with the Shattuck Church from October 17 to 20. Under the leadership of the local pastors, the Rev. F. W. Socolofsky, and with the services of such denominational men as Dr. Wm. Kuhn and Rev. J. A. Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., and the local pastors, the association was led by the guidance of the Holy Spirit to great

heights of spiritual blessings with the theme, "The Christ Way of Life," as its banner. The sermons and Bible studies found their sources mainly in the book of Galatians.

On Thursday evening, October 17, the host pastor bade us all a hearty welcome in behalf of the members of his church, whereupon the Rev. J. J. Reimer responded for the visitors. After the reading of Scripture by the Rev. A. Knopf, prayer by the Rev. J. A. Pankratz and a selection by the local choir, the Rev. R. A. Klein delivered the opening address, "In the Potter's House."

The next day we heard interesting church reports by the delegates of the various churches. With only short interruptions for business, the association then plunged into a series of stimulating Bible studies, open discussions, fervent prayer and testimonial services, and evangelistic sermons. In the devotionals the brethren H. G. Geis of Okeene and R. Klein of Shattuck led us to meditate upon "The Christ Way of Life." The speakers and their themes were as follows: Henry Pfeifer, "An Introduction to a Study of Galatians" and "Preaching With Boldness the Gospel of Christ"; J. J. Reimer, "The Purpose of the Law" and "Harvest Times"; J. A. Pankratz, "The Grace of Jesus Christ" and "What is Necessary to be Saved"; and A. Knopf, "Church Discipline."

It was our special privilege to have Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., for Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20. He laid very close to our hearts the cause of our denominational work in fine heart-to-heart messages. He elaborated on the necessity of loyal members and churches in our great family, how that God will supply our need in his wisdom, how Christ needs us to prepare for him the way for a triumphant entry into hearts and fields, and how that our young people must have "the Master's touch" in order to have visions for a deeper spiritual life and a better Christian service.

J. J. REIMER, Reporter.

Young People's Sessions During the Oklahoma Association at Shattuck

For the past several years it has been the privilege of the Oklahoma young people to have charge of the Sunday afternoon program during the annual "Oklahoma Vereinigung." On Sunday afternoon, October 20, this program was presented at the Shattuck church. We deemed it a great honor to have Dr. William Kuhn as one of our guests.

Kenneth Reising, president of the Oklahoma Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, was in charge of the meeting. Each of the six Oklahoma churches contributed a number which was well received. Five of the numbers were musical selections, which included a beautiful pantomime, entitled "Nearer My God to Thee."

It is customary that the B. Y. P. U. of the entertaining church present a

play. The Shattuck Union gave a thought provoking play, entitled "In the Clinic of a Missionary Doctor." We were introduced to Dr. Nozitt, Nurse Tryett and seven patients who were afflicted with ailments that are said to be common among church members. The doctor gave much good advice to each patient, also a prescription consisting of a verse of scripture to suit each need. At the close of the play two girls of the cast sang "The Great Physician."

We saved the best part of our program for the last. This was an inspiring message by Dr. Wm. Kuhn who built his talk about the subject of the play. The Shattuck Union gave a Jesus is the "Great Physician" who can cure all of our spiritual ills.

The missionary offering amounted to \$206. This sum is to be included in our \$200 pledge for foreign missions. We are eagerly looking forward to our spring institute which will meet with the church at Ingersoll.

RUTH SOCOLOFSKY, Reporter.

An Announcement

Several pages of important reports, which could not be included in this issue due to other material and earlier reports, will have to appear in the forthcoming December 15, 1940, issue of "The Baptist Herald." The reporters of our churches are urged to be patient with the editor in view of unforeseen developments a few days before going to press.

EDITOR.

Northwestern Conference

The Minnesota Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union Cabinet Presents a Program in the Jeffers Church

The entire cabinet of the Minnesota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union visited the Jeffers Baptist Church on Sunday, November 3, arriving in time for the morning worship service to hear the Rev. Emil Gruen of Iowa, a Christian Jew.

At 2:30 P. M. the cabinet then gave its program. Our president, Miss Maria Schreiber, presided. Mr. Alvin Quiring led the song service. Our vice-president, Miss Elfrieda Reck, sang two vocal selections, and Mr. Rodney Stassen, treasurer, led in a brief devotion, after which the Rev. A. Lutz, dean, brought the message using Moffatt's translation of Hebrews 12:1.

The cabinet enjoyed the fellowship and the hospitality of the Jeffers young people and their pastor, the Rev. Wm. Schobert.

Inter-church visits are again being made throughout our churches in Minnesota by our young people's societies, whereby we can become better acquainted with other young people and with the work the Lord wants us to do. We trust that each church will receive a blessing from these inter-church visits. THERESA GLEWWE, Secretary.

Wisconsin Young People's Rally at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha

The Fall Rally of our Wisconsin Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was very richly blessed with young people gathering from North Freedom, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Watertown, Milwaukee, and Racine. It was held on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20. The theme for our rally was, "Saved by Grace," and the theme song, "Jesus I Come."

The Saturday evening service was opened with the singing of several hymns, after which there were greetings by the state president, Mr. Roger Norman of Watertown, Wis., and the local president, Miss Edith Obermiller. There were also special numbers by the different societies. The group then enjoyed slides of our seminary at Rochester, N. Y. Later the young people gathered in the parlor of the church to participate in some recreation and partake of refreshments under the leadership of Miss Erna Konitz.

Sunday morning found our young people bright and ready for Sunday

School and morning worship. At this time the pastor of the local church, the Rev. A. Schlesinger, preached.

At the afternoon meeting Mr. Walter Grosser of Forest Park, Ill., gave a short message, followed by a discussion led by the Rev. Engel of Racine. For the afternoon recreation Mr. Rudy Lange of Kenosha very ably conducted the group on a tour to the Petrifying Springs Park where he pointed out to us the different places of interest.

Our last service of the rally came all too soon for us. This service again was opened with the singing of hymns. During his afternoon talk Mr. Grosser made the remark that he could "talk better in the dark, and would prove it in the evening." This he did very well, indeed, since he himself did not speak, but presented to us the Rev. Floyd Gibbs of Chicago, Ill., who delivered the evening message on the text, Joshua 24:15. Mr. Gibbs is a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill., and at present is the pastor of the Bellwood Church, a mission of the Forest Park Church.

ERNA KONITZ, Reporter.

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Delegates to the Iowa Association Met For One of the Sessions in the Dreyer School House near Aplington Where the Association Was Organized Sixty Years Ago

The 104th Iowa Association and the 60th Anniversary Celebration at Aplington

"Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever" was the theme of the Iowa Association meeting at Aplington, Iowa, from October 14 to 16, celebrating its 60th anniversary.

Rev. Alfred Bernadt was the pre-convention speaker, bringing the message "Dying to Live" on Sunday evening. On Monday evening Rev. H. Renkema of Baileyville brought the opening message on the subject, "The Changeless Christ." The inspiration of this message continued throughout the sessions as other addresses were given enlarging upon this theme. On Tuesday evening Rev. John Walkup of Sheffield delivered a sermon on "The Victorious Church," triumphing be-

cause of her faith in Christ and her inseparable union with him. Dr. Wm. Kuhn, our general mission secretary, brought the closing address, speaking on "Christ Seated Over Against the Treasury."

The day sessions were well attended. Delegates totalling forty-five representing all twelve churches of the association were present. A good number were on hand for every session. Rev. G. Ehrhorn, a former Iowa pastor, now retired and residing in Parkersburg, brought the Tuesday morning devotional message. On Wednesday morning, Rev. August Lang, also a former Iowa pastor, now retired and living in Britt, conducted the devotional hour.

The business sessions presided over by the moderator, Rev. H. Lohr of Parkersburg, resulted in the election

of Rev. O. W. Brenner of George, as vice-moderator; Rev. John Walkup, clerk; Rev. Alfred Bernadt, mission committee; and Louis Johnson, treasurer. Reports from the various churches were encouraging.

Rev. A. E. Diddams of Muscatine presented a paper, "The Changeless Christ in a Changing World"; Rev. Peters of Buffalo Center, "The Changeless Christ, the Anchorage of the Soul"; Rev. Paul Zoschke of Elgin, "The Changeless Christ, the Empowering for Christian Service." These discourses were each followed by lively and profitable discussion.

Rev. C. F. Lehr, our host, gave a fine paper giving the history of the Iowa Association for the past 60 years. A monumental piece of work which was enjoyed by all. This will appear in a later issue of "The Baptist Herald."

On Wednesday afternoon, a meeting was held in the Dreyer school house where the organization of the association took place 60 years ago. German hymns were sung. Mr. Brenner read the scripture in German and Rev. C. Swyter of George, because of his many years in the Iowa association as pastor of several of its churches, gave fitting remarks of memorable incidents in its life. Dr. Wm. Kuhn brought a fine message and an offering was received of \$74.22 to be applied to the Centenary Fund.

At the close of the Wednesday evening meeting, an offering was taken of which \$83.00 will be sent to the General Conference treasury for missions.

JOHN W. WALKUP, Reporter.

Publication Sunday A Day for Denominational Observance

Sunday, December eighth, has been designated by the General Conference as Publication Sunday.

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