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What's Happening

● On Saturday, June 8, in the Second Church of Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Carl Pfeiffer, president of the local young people's society, and Miss Helen Sandar were married by the brother of the groom, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer. A report of the ordination service for Mr. Peter Pfeiffer, the pastor-elect of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Tex., appears among the "Reports from the Field" in this issue of "The Baptist Herald."

● On Sunday, June 16, the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, pastor of the North Avenue Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., baptized 6 young people on confession of their faith in Christ. A dedication service for 5 small children was conducted by the pastor at very impressive services held on Children's Sunday, June 9. The Junior Choir made its first appearance on that same Sunday. It plans to sing once each month at the church services beginning next Fall.

● Recently Miss Winifred Baum of Chicago, Ill., a daughter of the late Rev. H. C. Baum, a former denominational evangelist, gave a noon hour book talk at the Chicago Public Library on "Journeys to Distant Places." Among the books reviewed were Graham Peck's "Through China's Walls," Sitwell's "Roumanian Journey," and Van Nes Allen's "I Found Africa." Miss Baum is employed in the civic department of the Chicago Public Library.

● The Rev. E. G. Kliese of Detroit, Mich., is continuing his preaching service in the Gaylord Road Chapel of Detroit with a great deal of joy. The chapel is a mission of the Northwestern Baptist Church. Sunday School is held every Sunday morning besides a midweek service with an attendance from 25 to 70 persons. It is the only evangelical church within a radius of a mile and a half. A special Children's Day program was held on Sunday afternoon, June 9, in the beautifully renovated chapel.

● On June 3 the Rev. and Mrs. Wm. L. Schoeffel of Cleveland, Ohio, spent their 21st wedding anniversary with Mrs. Schoeffel's mother, Mrs. Marie Jukes, in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. That day was also the 85th birthday of Mrs. Jukes. Recent guest speakers in the White Avenue Church of Cleveland have been the Rev. W. S. Argow and Dr. W. H. Bowler, field secretary of the Northern Baptist Convention. At the birthday social of the church held on Sunday, June 9, Mr. H. P. Donner, business manager of the Publication Society, was the guest speaker.

● On Sunday, June 9, the Rev. Fred Mueller, pastor of the Laurelhurst

Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, baptized three adults on confession of their faith. They were Mr. and Mrs. H. Beisbeck and Mrs. Genevieve Mandsky. On an earlier Sunday a Sunday School scholar, Raymond Schemp, followed the Lord in baptism. Last Fall pledges were taken to reduce the church debt. Most of these have now been paid, so that the fine church property is absolutely free of debt. The membership of the church now exceeds the 300 mark.

● On Sunday evening, June 16, the Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak., surprised its pastor, the Rev. A. G. Lang, with a birthday social and program. An expensive brief case was presented to Mr. Lang by Mr. Henry Olthoff, a deacon, in the name of the church. Mr. Lang's birthday on June 13 was also remembered by the Men's Chorus of the church, which sent a telegram to him at the Dakota Conference in Cathay, No. Dak. Mr. Lang will terminate his pastorate in Emery about August 1st in order to retire to some "quiet spot in Iowa."

● Recently the German Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, had electric lights installed and made other improvements in the church building. The various organizations of the church assisted loyally in the raising of the necessary funds. From May 26 to July 7 a spirited contest was held among the five Training Unions of the church, which include two adult unions and Senior, Intermediate and Junior societies. Revival meetings have begun with the second full week in July with the pastor, the Rev. M. G. Mittelstedt, bringing the messages.

● On Sunday evening, June 2, the Rev. Stanley F. Geis, pastor of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., baptized 5 persons on confession of their faith in Christ before an audience of almost 100. These converts were the fruits of evangelistic meetings conducted by the pastor before Easter. A Vacation Bible School was conducted in the church during the last week in June and first week of July. Recently, the entire interior of the church and parsonage have been redecorated. The pastor, Mr. Geis, reported that "the work is progressing nicely."

● The Rev. Gerhard Neumann, pastor of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., addressed the Christian Youth Rally of the Christian Business Men's Committee of Detroit on the afternoon and evening of May 26 and 27 at the Missionary Tabernacle. Approximately 700 people were in attendance at these services. The bulletin of this large and

influential organization aptly reported concerning Brother Neumann that "young people have a particularly strong love for his messages. They are so real that they burn themselves into one's very soul."

● On Sunday evening, May 19, the Rev. O. W. Brenner, pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of George, Iowa, delivered the baccalaureate address for the George High School. He spoke on the challenging theme, "The Open Door." The three young women from the Second Church, who were among the graduates were Ruth Schrick, Ivan Bartels and Laura Mae Lehman. The church building was recently renovated by being painted outside and decorated in the interior for the Iowa Young People's Convention held in the church from June 11 to 13. The cost of the improvements was approximately \$200.

● A Vacation Bible School was held jointly by the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches of Aplington, Iowa, from May 27 to June 7. The Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Lehr served with others from the Baptist Church on the faculty. A report of the school appears among the "Reports from the Field" in this issue. The closing program was held on Sunday evening, June 9, with exercises by the departments and the presentation of certificates. The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church has recently held its annual election of officers with the following results: Eunice Ontjes, president; Jimmie Reints, vice-president; David Reints, secretary; George Sents, treasurer. The Aplington Society is composed of about 25 young people.

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EDITORIAL

SLOGANS are the order of the day. The approaching national election in the United States will witness the hurling of political slogans into the American scene like rice at a wedding celebration.

For Christ and Our Churches.

The world at large is engaged, not only in a death struggle upon the battlefield, but also in a deadly conflict of ideas and ideals, which are often expressed in lofty patriotic slogans.

It is a memorable service which our General Conference will render to the total religious picture of the United States and the Commonwealth of Canada by having our sessions at Burlington, Iowa, from August 19 to 25, center around the theme, "FOR CHRIST AND OUR CHURCHES." That is a slogan which ought to fly from the highest ramparts. That is an emphasis that is sorely needed in our day.

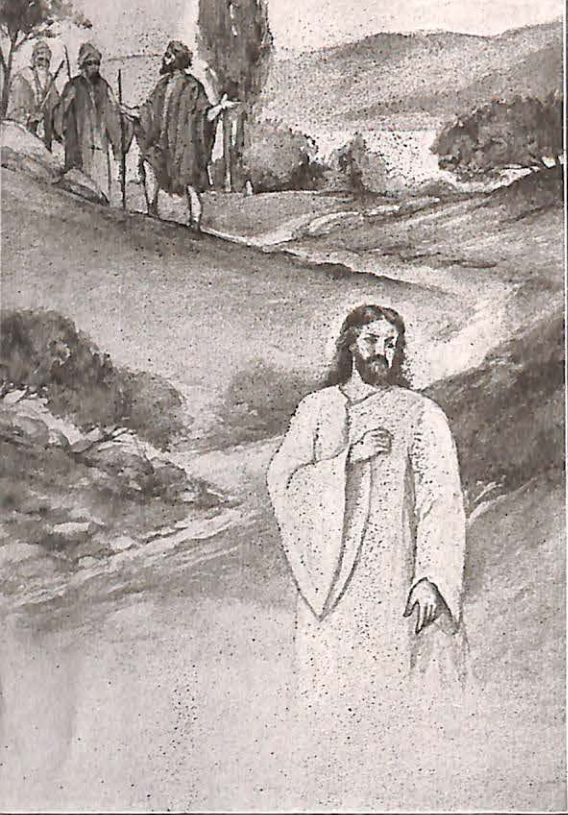
Jesus Christ must have the preeminence in all things. When that vision is lacking, the people perish. He is not only the Savior of the world, "in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins," but "by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him!" Because of this majestic truth, of which we are living witnesses, it follows that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

In no unmistakable terms let us announce our coming together as a General Conference to pledge our devoted service "FOR CHRIST." That must be the heart of the message, which we proclaim to the world, and of the mission, which gives us our justification to exist. Politicians love to render their lip-service to the al-

mighty God in order to win a few more votes of religiously minded citizens, but their hearts are often far from any understanding of "Christ in them, the hope of glory." The dictators of Europe lay their wreaths upon the altar of "Providence" without in any way showing the slightest interest or faith in Christ in whom "all fullness dwells." How timely and how true will be our message at the General Conference that we as Baptists "preach Christ crucified, . . . the power of God, and the wisdom of God."

This clear-toned and victorious message unites us as churches of our General Conference. We have no political axe to grind. We have no affiliation with any secular organization. We seek no temporal powers for selfish aggrandizement. We stand in no fear to be accused of "Fifth Column" activities, so long as we are true to the spiritual calling of our denomination and to the gospel of Christ as "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." That is aptly epitomized in our own General Conference slogan, FOR CHRIST AND OUR CHURCHES, for which we came into being and for which we shall continue to be in years to come.

In that confident and hopeful spirit our General Conference will convene at Burlington from August 19 to 25. Reservations have already poured into the conference city to the gratifying total of almost four hundred, so that a total registration of fifteen hundred is easily possible. More than two thousand persons will be there for the blessings of the week-end program. From far and near the visitors will make their trek to the beautiful city on the Mississippi River, where our important task FOR CHRIST AND OUR CHURCHES will be considered. In the words of Mr. Arthur Schwerin, general chairman, "it is going to be a wonderful conference!" Will you also be there?



"Behold, the Lamb of God"

A SERMON TO TAKE ALONG ON EVERY PATH OF LIFE

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way . . ." John 14:6.

Many are the roads that humanity seems to travel in our day, but all these, at closer inspection, are only branch roads of the main path to peace if it is ever to be found. What is even more important, Christ is not only on these roads, but, as he very decisively stated, he is "The Way."

Looking at these words in their setting, we note that they were spoken to a troubled disciple who wanted to know the way to God. Evidently, he was not quite sure whether or not he was actually on that road . . . He was not quite certain whether he had learned all the truth. Still enjoying privileges of life, he wanted to know what life really meant and what it had in store for him. He was looking for "the way." Jesus said, "I am the way."

Let us consider the three main roads on which Jesus walked and that, in a spiritual sense, were a part of him.

The Christ of the Galilean Road

Even to the casual Bible reader, it will be clear that the Galilean road can only mean the way burdened with service. "Service, service, SERVICE" is the great cry going out to Christians everywhere. Not the service that we "attend" but the service that we render is the Galilean road that finds Jesus walking with us. Jesus believed in it with all his heart; he preached it; he taught it; he SERVED. "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

He rendered, not the kind of service that would make mankind slaves, but to set "men free." Not to make servants but to serve was the Galilean

The Christ of Every Road

A deeply moving message with challenging implications to the young people of this day by the pastor of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California.

By REV. B. W. KRENTZ of Los Angeles, California

way of Jesus. "But he that is greatest among you, shall be your servant," (Matt. 23:11), not his servant, not "my" servant but "your" servant, the servant of his people. This was not a prophecy but a command.

Jesus walked that road nineteen hundred years ago. He still walks that road today. How could he do otherwise, for he IS that road! How well he knows the Galilean road! He knows it "by heart" and not "from memory," because his heart is still the heart that serves. What is more, he asks others to walk it.

"Rocking Chair" Religion

Let not our young people forever scold the older ones. If memory serves me well, the older people know the road of service, for they walked on it. Many of them, at least, were one with Jesus on the Galilean road. A well known Negro spiritual goes somewhat like this: "Yo' can't get to heb'n in a rocking chair; fo' the Lord don't want no lazy folk there." We should not accuse, perhaps, our young people of laziness. They are not "lazy," for they are very active, always thinking about doing something. But Christ may well say to them, "Have I been so long with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?" I am afraid too much of our serving is "self-help."

I shall never forget the time, when the family was stranded in Hamburg, Germany. It was just around Christmas time and, to all evidence, it was to be one without the customary tree and "goodies." We were about resigned to our lot, when, lo, and behold, the door opened and in walked a tree being held up by a lady. A more beautiful tree I have never seen. I have seen larger ones and more beautifully decorated trees, but taking everything into account a tree never brought more joy to us. We had not quite caught our breath when we discovered in the woman's other hand a large basket with all the "goodies" which a heart could desire. To me, a dozen sermons on "He that is greatest among you . . ." could not have made a deeper impression than that service rendered by that Christian worker from the Oncken Baptist Church in Hamburg. "I AM THE WAY of Galilean service," Jesus seems to say to us.

The Christ of the Calvary Road

The Calvary Road is the road of a broken heart in SACRIFICE. Let us not confuse "service" with "sacrifice."

Service can be beautiful and pleasant; sacrifice is never pleasant. There is too much of the suffering connected with it. The closest the two could be linked together is to say that sacrifice means "service-plus." Do all you can; give all you can afford; and then bring a sacrifice. You will then have a small idea of what and how the Calvary Road is.

Jesus walked the full length of that road. He walked it so thoroughly that he is forever identified with the Calvary road of sacrifice. He also showed us how to walk that road. He even asks it of us. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Matt. 16:24). The moment we shall again start walking the Calvary road, we shall know what victory is. But we must walk, like Jesus, the full length of it.

What would be some of these sacrifices we must make with Christ and for him on Calvary's road? Certainly, first of all, we must learn how to sacrifice some of our excess pride. "He that is," or thinks he is, "greatest among you . . . let him deny himself." So often we cheer ourselves with the thought that we are a "great people." Even though our immediate group may be small, we are a part of a great host of people. We like to go after somebody really worthwhile, someone of high social standing, of means, of prestige, at least someone who measures up with ourselves, but to stoop down and lift someone out of the gutter, perhaps, not even one of our race—that is below our dignity! Is it?

"Take Time to Be Holy"

Then it would be well for us to sacrifice some of our comforts, our "ease," as we like to call it. Calvary's road went through Gethsemane and there, while one labored and wore himself out praying, the disciples "slept." There was nothing wrong in that; they were just a little tired and took it easy. In doing so they let the Master walk the hard way all by himself. "Couldst thou not watch one hour?"

That reminds us of time. Are we not too well acquainted with the catchphrase of "spending" time? Is time something for us to spend? If so what are we getting for it in exchange? This little fragment sliced out of the great circle of eternity cannot be all ours to spend foolishly. "I haven't time." "Take time to be holy; the world rushes on." Take some of that hustling,

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speeding time and sacrifice it with the Eternal, for eternity. It is a capital well invested. "A little while," and yet that little while of Jesus here meant the way to eternity.

A Sacrifice of Money

Another thing that we are even willing to "give" but not to sacrifice, at least, not very much of it, is MONEY. Money, like other things for Christ is not merely given. "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury." He not only saw *what* money, but *how*. (Mark 12:41.) Does it ever dawn on us that he notices the "how" as well as the "how much" we bring into the Lord's treasury?

When we walk through our city streets, we sometimes meet somebody who approaches us with the words: "Brother, can you spare a dime?" Imagine Jesus being reduced to the same level with such a fellow asking for a hand-out, for that which we can "spare." Anything we can spare is simply something we can do without. That is just about summing things up in so much of our religious life and program. It is a "way," but not "the Calvary Way," not the Jesus way!

The Christ of the Emmaus Road

This brings us to the third road, on which we find Christ walking, the Emmaus road. If there is one road that has us worried at times it is the road of evangelism, the Emmaus road. Many times a program of evangelism is launched by a banquet. To my humble way of thinking it would be better to have evangelism first, and the banquet afterwards. At least, we would then not be guilty of having partaken of the feast unworthily, as is so often the case.

That is how Jesus walked the road of evangelism from Jerusalem to Emmaus. First, it was his heart that was burning with a burning heart. Then he was invited in and thereupon they sat down to eat. It is beautiful following along with Christ on this road, with the Christ of every road.

The Christ of Every Road

Here, too, let us say that he has not forsaken that road. He still walks it; and walks it just that way most of the time. "Why are ye downhearted?" . . . "O, we are walking the Emmaus road and discussing some of the 'sayings.'" The gospel is not just a "saying," evangelism is not something that "had been and is still talked about." It is the way Jesus walks to win souls.

If we would be of any use and of any account walking the way, we must walk it with Jesus and in him, in his Name. He who has said, "I am the way," . . . and who truly is the CHRIST OF EVERY ROAD leads us Godward to spiritual, eternal, abundant life. A life worthwhile is one which walks along a worthwhile road on the Christ-way of life!

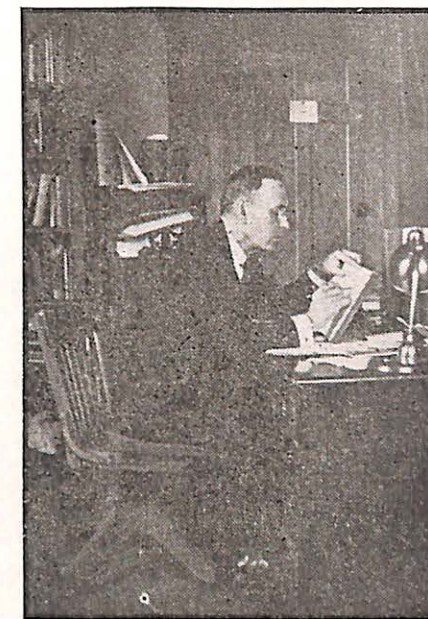
AN INVITATION TO YOUTH

By Prof. Arthur A. Schade,
Chairman of the Program Committee
To the Young People of our Churches!

Dear Young Christians:

The Program Committee desires the honor of your presence at the 26th triennial session of the General Conference of the German Baptist Churches of North America from August 19 to 25 in Burlington, Iowa.

Your presence is needed to make the conference a success. You may make a vital contribution. Nothing, neither sunshine nor flowers, neither scenery nor eloquence, can substitute for your cheerful countenances and your idealistic spirits.



Prof. A. A. Schade, Chairman of the General Conference Program Committee, Shows the Photographer How to Concentrate Upon a Book

You need the conference to make your Christian service a success. One by one the torches of "that divine light which lighteth all men" must be taken from the hands of the fathers and carried onward by the sons and daughters.

The conference offers a rare opportunity for friendship. You will learn to know some of the finest young people of our churches from all parts of the continent. You will sing with them, eat with them, worship with them, and play with them. They will creep into your hearts and accompany you on your homeward trek. In your memory they will accompany you on your way through life as cheerful companions. Even more by way of human ties is not unusual.

What better place and what better way to spend your vacation? Come in large numbers, with prayerful spirits, and try out the welcome of the Burlington Church and of the conference.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Every church of the denomination is entitled to send its pastor and one delegate, besides one other delegate for every group of 100 members or percentage thereof above the 100 mark, to the General Conference which will convene in Burlington, Iowa, from August 19 to 25.

The names of the accredited delegates are to be written in the space below along with the signature of the church clerk and then sent before August 15 to the Rev. W. S. Argow, c/o H. Gordon McCreary, R. F. D. 2, Erie, Pa. After that date they are to be sent to Mr. Argow in care of Mr. Arthur Schwerin, Box 138, Burlington, Iowa.

Do not fail to take care of this important matter of conference business at once!

Church Clerk

CONFERENCE DELEGATES

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AN ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP

The School Committee, on suggestion by the faculty, has gone on record favoring the organization of an Alumni Fellowship embracing all the ministers of the General Conference. We have been meeting as such for years at the seminary banquet in connection with the General Conference, but we have never really formally organized. The idea would be to elect officers who should arrange for the meetings which take place at the time of the General Conference and who might serve as a committee during their incumbency to prepare statements for the acceptance of the body pertaining to the ministerial fellowship.

Professor Arthur A. Schade was requested by the School Committee to outline the plan at the Alumni dinner. If it should appeal to the brethren, a committee might be appointed to formulate the constitution and to be prepared to present it at the Centenary meeting three years later. It is believed such an organization could be very serviceable in the unification of the ministry and the churches of General Conference.

Southern Baptists Hold Stirring Convention

As Reported by REV. CHRISTIAN PETERS of Wilmington, Delaware

While the balmy breezes swept over the beautiful wooded sections of fair Maryland, the air laden with the fragrance of the honeysuckle and roses, the messengers and visitors to the Southern Baptist Convention came together in great numbers to Baltimore, Maryland, from June 12 to 16, to hold their annual sessions of the convention.

All the meetings were held in the spacious Fifth Regiment Armory Convention Auditorium with a seating capacity of 12,000. The inside of the building was beautifully decorated with flowers, palms and our national emblem, the flag of the United States. A large amplifying system added to the comfort of the large audiences that listened so attentively to the addresses of many famous leaders and pastors of the Southland.

Christ-Mastered Dollars

President L. R. Scarborough, who was in charge of all business sessions, said in part in his annual address on, "God's Call and Challenge to Southern Baptists": "We are called on afresh to champion the cause of spiritual democracy and the sacred rights of the individual. We must press this battle fearlessly and relentlessly. Our supreme challenge is massing, mobilizing, utilizing our millions, millions of trained youth, millions of missionary-minded women, millions of consecrated men, millions of Christ-mastered dollars—all directed, organized, vitalized, spiritualized, utilized under the direction of the Holy Spirit for the winning of the lost!" He further reported that in 1939, 86 churches were organized, 184 church houses and 146 pastors' homes were built, 418 Baptist pastors were ordained, with a total membership gain of 178,989. He also reported 240 new Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 155,000 new students.

Keep Out of War!

The Social Service Commission urged, that if Christians could have their way, all wars would cease to the ends of the earth, and no nation would ever take up the sword again. Christians believe in conference and arbitration as between both individuals and nations. Christians believe that in free and frank conference and by fair and just arbitration all international disputes could be properly and honorably settled, settled to the infinite gain of nations as compared with the infinite losses and destruction of war. "We believe, it is of the utmost importance, that our system of education shall be jealously guarded and kept true to the fundamental conceptions of the personality of God and of the



Southern Baptists Are at Work in Preaching the Gospel to All the World

authority of his revealed will, both in his Word and in the person of his Son. We therefore urge upon the President of the United States to use all possible wisdom and every possible precaution to prevent our nation from becoming involved in the present world conflict, so that when the time arrives our nation may make the largest possible contribution to a well considered and a just and lasting peace."

Religious Liberty

A further recommendation was made by the Rev. Thos. J. Watts that Baptists desire not to have the Social Security Act amended in any way that would result in an infringement upon their religious liberty. If the Walsh Amendment, now pending in the Senate, becomes law, employees of the Baptist Church, who are not ordained, would be brought under the Social Security Act. This would result in a taxation of the church and church institutions, mission boards, etc. Leaders of other Protestant faiths and of the Roman Catholic Church have said that tax exemption for religious bodies is in a real sense the cornerstone of religious liberty. And the power to tax is the power to reform, change and destroy.

Miss Bertha Rachel Palmer presented material in connection with the liquor traffic. "We look with grave concern upon the widespread use of alcoholic drinks among the masses of our people, especially the young people and the girls and women. No nation can rise above its motherhood. If we raise a generation of drinking and drunken mothers, we may expect a sodden civilization. We urge upon all pastors, editors, college presidents and teachers, upon the officers and preachers of our churches and upon the churches themselves, their solemn obligation for tak-

ing and maintaining a consistent stand against the use of intoxicating beverages."

Opposed to Church Union

Dr. George W. Truett, who is chairman of the Committee on World Council of Churches, gave the report of this committee in answer to the invitation to accept membership in the World Council of Churches. We quote Dr. Truett as follows: "Permit us to advise that the Southern Baptist Convention is a voluntary association of Baptists for the purpose of directing the energies of our denomination in missionary activity at home and abroad. Our convention has no ecclesiastical authority. It is in no sense the Southern Baptist Church. These churches cherish their independence and would disapprove of any attempted exercise of ecclesiastical authority over them. We wish to do nothing that will imperil the growing spirit of co-operation on the part of our churches in the work of giving the gospel of Christ, as we understand it, to all men everywhere. In the light of these considerations we feel impelled to decline the invitation to membership in the World Council of Churches."

Goals and Achievements

As to the promotional work a few of the following may be mentioned: 1. That the slogan, "A Debtless Denomination by 1945," be widely and wisely used in publicity and in the making of programs, with special emphasis on stewardship. 2. That the "Every Member Canvass" be put on in all churches and that every effort be made to enlist every member of every church in the support of our work. 3. That we express to the Woman's Missionary Union our admiration and thanks for its generous offer to raise \$1,000,000 to apply upon the debts of the denomination.

The year 1939 for Southern Baptists showed unprecedented gains. The number of churches reported were 25,018, a net gain of 86. The membership showed a net gain of 178,989, which is a record not approached by any other non-catholic body in America and only once (1920) surpassed by Southern Baptists themselves. Baptisms during the year increased from the record-breaking number of 256,814 in 1938 to 269,155, a record not surpassed by any other two denominations in America.

New Officers

Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La., was elected president and Dr. F. A. Davis of Baltimore, Md., first vice-president of the convention for the ensuing year.

The White Piccaninny of Warwar

An Open Letter About the Daphne Dunger Savings Banks
by MRS. IRMA GROSSER of Oak Park, Illinois

It is a privilege to write a personal letter to my many dear friends in our denomination through the medium of the BAPTIST HERALD. To write about something close to one's heart is an easy task. I really have something important to tell you.

Just look at the pictures on this page and my story has begun! To



Daphne Dunger of Africa

rear a healthy baby in ideal surroundings is not a simple task. However, when missionary parents have a baby in Africa and she looks like Daphne Dunger on these pictures, isn't it remarkable? Daphne belongs to all of us and we are proud of her. She is our youngest missionary in Africa. We like the name which the natives gave her, "The Little White Piccaninny of Warwar."

We have been reminded recently of the necessity for strengthening the bonds of loyalty to our denominational enterprise. There is an urgent need for this, and our help as young people and Sunday School workers is being solicited.

May I relate a little story to you? A month before Easter of this year a certain group of primary Sunday School children had a lesson on tithing. During the handwork period the little people made their own banks in which they decided to save money for missions. The leader had particularly mentioned our work in Africa and told the children of little Daphne Dunger. They decided to call their banks "Daphne Dunger Banks." On Easter morning a generous mission offering was brought to Sunday School in those banks. Some had truly sacrificed their entire small allowances to share with the children in Africa. These same children are now anxiously waiting to fill the new Daphne Dunger banks with love gifts.

You have read about these banks available at our mission headquarters in Forest Park, haven't you? They are attractive with the pictures you see on this page of Daphne and her mother. There are many different kinds of banks and mite boxes in circulation today. The Daphne Dunger banks, however, are *our very own*. Those of us who work with children and young people appreciate this symbolic and concrete method of presenting our work to those in our care. It is our own household that has a great need for support. Many a young person who may be tempted to spend his allowance, no matter how small, recklessly or may let it drift indifferently into any channel of giving, will be reminded by the Daphne Dunger bank on his dresser that the Lord needs his share to carry on our mission work.

In young people's groups we trust a new interest in our mission work may be aroused. The Cameroon Mission is ours! It isn't solely Dr. Kuhn's, Mr. Leuschner's, Mr. Sorg's, the Mission Committee's or your pastor's responsibility. It is *yours!* It is *mine!*

If I were in a sales organization I should perhaps use the trite expression, "You are selected," in an appeal to each of you. Truly, you are selected! You are selected by God to carry on the mission work of our denomination during this critical time.

Because you are my personal friends, I fell free to ask those churches, which I know, in a special way to help promote the cause of the Daphne Dunger banks. To express our spiritual growth we may serve and share in all we have and do. "Charity begins at home." Have our Chicago churches ordered the banks? Cleveland, are you in line for your share? Dayton, you will surely wish to use these banks. From Stafford and Lorraine, Kansas, should come good, big orders. We hear much of the interest our Dakota young people have in our denomination. They won't fail to do their share. The same is true of our Oregon and Washington churches.

Surely, we expect all our "Sunkist" Californians to order banks. Anaheim can fill church banks and therefore mission banks, too. Our Eastern churches have always been staunch supporters of our work. We again look to them for help. Iowa and Minnesota never take back seats. Then I could not fail to mention our Detroit churches. You have many young people, Detroit, and they are interested in missions. Have you ordered your banks?

Kankakee, Ill., Shell Creek, Neb., and Racine, Wis., are other of my

childhood churches. Don't forget, we need your help! I have been led to believe recently that all good things come from Texas. There's your challenge, young people of Texas. How many banks will you order? To all our churches, including our faithful workers in Canada, we extend an invitation to order the Daphne Dunger banks!

On the top-side of the banks are the words, "Forget-Me-Not."

When to the flowers so beautiful
Our Father gave a name
Back came a little blue-eyed one
All timidly it came.
And standing at the Father's feet
And gazing in his face
It said in soft and gentle tones
And with a modest grace,
"Dear God, the name thou gavest me
Alas, I have forgot!"
The Father kindly looked at her
And said: "Forget-Me-Not."



Mother and Baby!

This letter is just a whole-hearted reminder not to forget that we are stewards of our Lord's work. If we are to educate our little children and our youth to give to our own field of labor we must form the habit while they are young.

At our conference in Burlington I am hoping to see many of you. There we shall hear more concerning when and how we are to turn in our banks.

This is still our day for spiritual opportunities. If you were asked about your choice, either to give one hundred dollars towards a cause of permanent peace or to sacrifice your life in a bloody war, which would you choose? If you were asked to give one hundred dollars to missions to save some life from sin's destruction or to permit it to be lost to the Kingdom of God, which would you choose? The Daphne Dunger Savings Banks are our opportunity to answer these questions with our gifts.

B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

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MANAGING MY TALENTS

Scripture References: Rom. 12:3-8; Matt. 25:14-30.

1. Introduction

The parable of the talents is often confused with the parable of the pounds. The two are similar, but there are numerous differences. In "The Parabolic Teaching of Christ" Dr. A. B. Bruce thus distinguishes the lesson which Jesus designed each to teach: "The parable of the pounds illustrates the proposition that when ability is equal, quantity of work determines relative merit. The parable of the talents on the other hand, illustrates the proposition that when ability varies, then not absolute quantity of work done but the ratio of the quantity to the ability ought to determine value." Both teach that it is not enough to render back to our Master what we have received unimpaired and uninjured. But we must bring back more than we receive, that is, that we must add something by our own industry and fidelity to what God intrusts to us. For we are God's stewards.

The parable of the talents teaches the law of responsibility; the parable of the pounds teaches the law of retribution. The first parable shows that the more we receive, the more we are bound to do; those who have two talents must bring two more; those who have five, five more. The other parable shows that the more we gain, the more we shall receive.

2. God's Endowment

Nobody is so poor as not to have received at least one talent, and nobody is so perfect, as not to find room to improve that with which the Creator has endowed him. The more a faculty is used the more it is capable of use; but a faculty unused will be lost. It is said of a youth who, upon leaving his aunt's house and finding it was beginning to rain, caught up an umbrella that was snugly placed in a corner. As he was proceeding to open it, the old lady sprang toward him, exclaiming: "No, no; that you never shall do. I've had that umbrella 23 years, and it has never been wet yet; and I am sure it shan't be wet now."

Some people's talents are treated in just this way. They are none the worse for wear. They are covered up or hidden away to be used in case of emergency, but they are not for common occasions. We are suspicious that the 23 year-old gingham was gone at the seams, and if it had been unfurled, it would have looked like a sieve. At any rate, we are sure that this is the case with the hidden talent which has answered no useful turn in a man's

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MANAGING MY POSSESSIONS

Scripture Reference: 2. Cor. 9:6-15.

1. Introduction

In our text Paul is writing to the church at Corinth. He endeavors to arouse their liberality in contributing to the collection which he is gathering for the relief of the poor at Jerusalem. He has called to their minds the example in generosity of the churches in Macedonia, who had given willingly as they were able, and, indeed, more than they were able. Possibly Paul had thought at first that the Macedonians were too poor themselves to share with others, for he says that they begged the privilege of joining in this grace and fellowship. Now he urges the church at Corinth to be liberal likewise, and tells them in our text of the reward of liberality.

We shall all agree that the striking words in our text from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians are that "God loveth a cheerful giver," a hilarious, joyous giver. Are there many such givers in our churches today? Are we, you and I, such cheerful givers? As long as giving is regarded merely as a duty, joy in the giving will be lacking. When it becomes a privilege, an opportunity, then it becomes also a joy.

2. The Grace of Liberality

"A great fortune is a splendid servitude," wrote Seneca, the millionaire of the first century. And Carnegie in the twentieth century said of rich men: "At first they own the money they have made and saved. Later in life the money owns them." Wealth is a marvelous servant but a tyrannous master. There are persons who at heart would like to be generous but who cannot stand the wrench by the parting with money. The fists that ache to open are clenched from long disuse. The time to learn the Christian grace of liberality is in one's early years. The giving, not grudgingly, nor of necessity, but gladly, joyously, is an essential element in the Christian life.

Some Christians set a standard in early life and never raise it as God prospers them. But Paul's method, when raising the collection for the poor of Jerusalem, was: "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store." The putting aside was not to be left to the last day of the week. When Wesley's income was 30 pounds, he lived on 28 and gave two. When it increased to 60 pounds and then to 120 pounds, he still lived on 28 and gave the remainder. The

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In the Footsteps of the Savior

The author, who is a Baptist minister and field worker for the Biblical Research Society in its missionary efforts among the Jews, is herewith presenting a graphic first hand account of his trip to Palestine, which will enhance the meaning of the New Testament for every reader.

By the REV. RAYMOND F. KAHLE of Dallas, Texas

Certain events in the life of Christ have given rise to numerous holy days, especially in some church creeds and calendars. There is, of course, no harm in commemorating his advent, or death, or resurrection, and, surely, some good may come from attracting the attention of the unsaved to Christ, if it be, indeed, to him. Celebrating him, however, merely for the sake of the celebration or for human merit, is a very dangerous thing. Against this specifically, Paul had to warn the Galatians and emphasized his concern by adding, "I fear for you." (Gal. 4:10, 11)

Christian Shrines and Holidays

We find, moreover, that this "seasonal" view of the Christian faith is practically universal among our churches. Programs are often built around the Christmas and Easter holidays. Therefore, many people visit the church only twice a year. Needless to say, it is not so with God, nor did he intend for us to be thus seasonal in our practice or faith. Should we not enjoy the freshness and joy of his advent with each new morning? The closer one draws to the Savior, the more real and constant does his presence become. Someone has well said, "Live as though Christ died yesterday, arose today, and were coming tomorrow." Thus, will our faith be strengthened and our life purified.

Just such a constancy of faith and appreciation of our Lord are enhanced by a prolonged visit to the Holy Land and the Holy City. Jerusalem, the place of his death, is hardly five miles from Bethlehem, the place of his birth. Nazareth, his home town, is possibly a half day by auto to the north; while Jordan, the scene of his baptism, is a short down-hill ride of half an hour eastward. One can see on a clear day most of the territory covered by Jesus, surveying it from a high point such as Mt. Ephraim, or Mt. Carmel, or Mt. Nebo. In one day, or in one view, we may compress most of Christ's earthly movements.

Such an experience obviously enlarges one's vision and also diminishes his "seasonal" conception of the life of the Savior. This is so, even though the established ritualistic churches of Palestine conduct their periodic religious celebrations with great ceremony. Some of the latter, even, were ordered discontinued during the era of civil strife.

The City of David

"Let us now go even unto Bethle-

hem," and see the place where our Lord was born. We walk downhill to the Jaffa Gate, chief entrance to the old city of Jerusalem. There we board an Arab bus which rolls further down the ancient valley of Hinnom, west of Mt. Zion, and crosses a stone dam retaining the Sultan pool, to begin the ascent. At the shallow end of the pool we see several natives washing sheep, which evidently do not appreciate the dirty water or the operation.

Soon we pass the city power station, the railway depot and several attractive Arab, German, and Jewish subdivisions. These are built on the ancient plain of Rephaim, where the Philistines camped and were twice defeated by David. On a high hill to the East is the beautiful new palace of the British High Commissioner, he who

oversees Palestine under the mandate from the League of Nations.

Soon we pass the unimposing Well of the Magi just beside the road. The Arabs call it Bir Kadismu, "Well of the Seat," for here it is said Mary and Joseph rested enroute to Bethlehem. But especially did the weary Wise Men rest here, looking for the Infant King, and saw his star reflected in the water below them. Several miles farther is the Tomb of Rachel, an ancient combination mosque and synagogue. That Old Testament saint is honored by Jews, Moslems, and Christians.

We are now in sight of Bethlehehem, a city of 10,000 "Christian" natives, a city set on a hill, which cannot be hid. On the last curve of highway we look eastward across a valley to the broad and verdant "Field of the Shep-



It is said that over the road by which the two women are climbing toward Bethlehem, the shepherds of the first Christmas made their way in search of the infant Savior.

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herds," and of Boaz and Ruth. Here the angels announced to the humble shepherds the greatest and dearest news of all time—the advent of the Savior, our Savior, and the Redeemer of all mankind.

The Birthplace of Jesus

Upon entering the city, our first stop is before the Church of the Nativity. This is, doubtless, the most celebrated and authentic and ancient shrine in Christendom. Yet here we are met at once by a paradox. For the birthplace of the Prince of Peace is temporarily garrisoned with a division of soldiers, their trucks and sandbags arranged in the courtyard of the church. In the tower above are the famous bells rung once a year and heard around the world via radio. Within we see pillars and mosaics dating actually from the original structure, built about 330 A. D. by Queen Helena, the mother of Constantine. In the crypt below the altar is a silver star marking the probable birthplace of Jesus. This sanctuary is held in trust by various Christian sects.

It was from Bethlehem that Mary and Joseph fled with the young Child to escape Herod's bloody wrath upon the innocent babes of Rachel's descendants. The holy family doubtless hurried directly south to Hebron, where Sarah and Abraham are buried. Thence, they went westward over common trade routes to the coast and so to Egypt. Tradition has "found" their temporary home in a cave under what is now an old Coptic church in Cairo. Doubtless they were amazed at the glories of Egypt, as we were a year ago, but which glories were even then in part over 3,000 years old, and in the twilight of their history.

Nazareth's Carpenter Shops

In due time the vicious Herod died, and God "called his Son out of Egypt." Joseph and Mary returned with their precious Child to the home town of Nazareth, where he increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man, being at the same time subject unto his parents. In Nazareth several places are strongly associated with his life, the most authentic being the Virgin's fountain in the center of the town. Numerous native woodshops along the streets remind us of the carpenter trade of Joseph. The chief evangelical witnesses to the needy people of Nazareth are a Baptist church and a Scotch Presbyterian Hospital.

A few miles North is Cana, where Jesus performed the first miracle recorded of him in Scripture. For a certain wedding feast he made the wine, from water which "saw its mighty Maker,—and blushed!" How much the people of Cana today need such a vision and message and transforming power. They seem marked with the same barrenness which has covered the whole land for centuries. Their misery and superstition seem hopelessly ingrained. Was it so severe and prevalent when Christ was here on earth?

Dreams of Galilee

Overlooking the human squalor, all too willingly I fear, we rejoiced to see blue Galilee, on whose shores Jesus for a time made his earthly home. Here he found his first disciples, James and John, Simon and Andrew. Here he healed the diseased, released those bound by sin and demons, walked on the water, quieted the storm, preached the Sermon on the Mount, fed the five thousand, and taught in the Capernaum Synagogue, "I am the living bread which came down out of heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever." And our hearts respond, "Oh Lord, evermore feed us with this Bread." (John 6:51)

Present day Galilee, 680 feet below sea level, is still fished by Arabs and Jews. The Roman hot baths near Tiberias are still a haven for the sick. The latter city is somewhat of a commercial center, with a rich heritage of Jewish history behind it. Most remarkable, perhaps, it is also a "port of call" for the huge sea planes of the Imperial Airways, which make weekly flights between London and Australia. We observed such a huge bird light gracefully on the bosom of the sea, and later arise and sail away, as we rode in our bus to Capernaum. There we inspected the very synagogue built by the Roman centurion, in which Jesus probably preached the wonderful sermon on the Bread of Life.

Scholars have also uncovered nearby a church floor showing an altar and a mosaic design of fish and loaves, dating from the 6th century. There is still some dispute, however, as to the exact location of this miracle of our Lord. We were served Galilee baked fish at beautiful Tabgah Inn, operated by Father Tapper, a German cleric of renowned hospitality. Some of us swam in Galilee to refresh ourselves on a warm day, though at times we felt as though we were invading holy waters in an unholy manner. For Peter, whom we alternately pity and admire, walked on this very lake as he kept his eyes in faith on the Son of Man. The best we could do was to walk beside it.

In the Wilderness

Because of dangerous political conditions in Arab sectors of Palestine, we were not permitted to trace the footsteps of the Savior as fully as had been planned. Our group, nevertheless, did take an unexpected trip up the Syro-Phoenician coast, and past Tyre and Sidon, which Jesus at one time visited. Less distant but more meaningful, however, were two journeys from Jerusalem into the Jordan valley. The descent from one-half mile above to one-quarter mile below sea level took us through the waste and dreaded wilderness of Judea.

We realized a little better what Christ endured in his trial by the adversary for forty days and nights. Thither the Spirit drove him to be proved and tempered, "that he might become a merciful and faithful high

Priest in the things pertaining to God." Of him it is also written "though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered." (Heb. 2:17; 5:8, 9). These and many other thoughts the Holy Spirit brought to our remembrance. As we paused to inspect the ruins of the Good Samaritan Inn, the circumstances of the robber's attack took on real significance. (Luke 10:30ff.) For the wilderness district even now is the abode of treacherous natives, who are kept in check only by the military patrol of the government.

On a certain rainy morning we visited the Dead Sea, the Jordan, and Jericho. In this rugged and inhospitable valley John, the Forerunner, lifted his "voice, crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord." Here he baptized the penitent, and announced the Lamb of God, who beareth away the sin of the world. And here, last but not least, Jesus himself was baptized, not for repentance, but by way of public anointing, ordination, and presentation for his public ministry to Israel. May God help each one who reads these lines to better believe and understand the person and work of our adorable Lord!

Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

The climax of Christ's life was his death and resurrection. The most of his ministry was done in Galilee, but he kept intimating to the disciples that he must die in Jerusalem. Therefore, he steadfastly set his face toward that greatest of all cities, and toward the passion week which preceded our redemption. As the little group ascended the long weary road from Jericho and drew nigh to Olivet, he sent two Bethphage for the ass upon which he would make a triumphal entry. Thus humbly seated on a beast of burden, he rode over the crest of the hill, down through the Kidron Valley, and up to the Golden Gate of the Temple, amid the hosannas of the common people. This was the official presentation of the King of Israel, as prophesied in Zechariah 9:9.

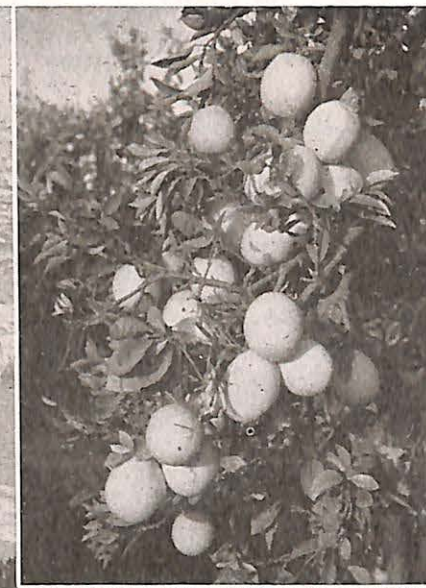
He came unto his own, but they that were his own received him not. The official rejection of Messiah by the religious and civil leaders of the Jews meant his death, which God designated from eternity to be vicarious and atoning for lost men. The Hebrew people as a nation soon after were besieged, punished, and then scattered over the face of the earth. After much further suffering, they will finally also receive and believe the gospel, and will cry with tears, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Oh, let us hasten to give them the message of love and grace!

The Jewish Temple

While we could not see any Jewish temple, we did survey the temple area, about thirty-five acres in extent, and in the hands of the Moslems for the past 1000 years. The Golden Gate has long been walled up with masonry by



Jewish Walling Wall.



Palestine Oranges.



Street in Old Jerusalem.



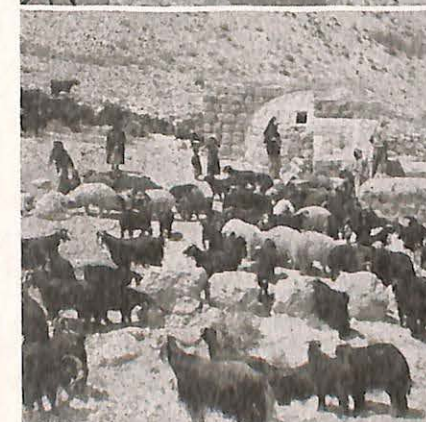
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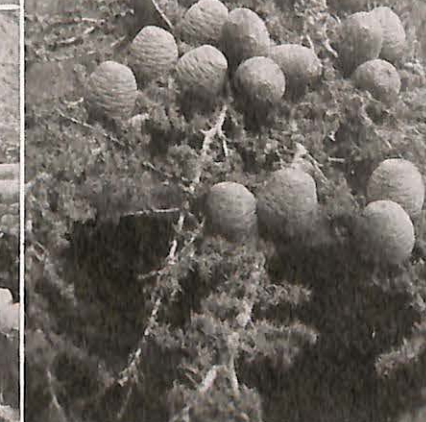
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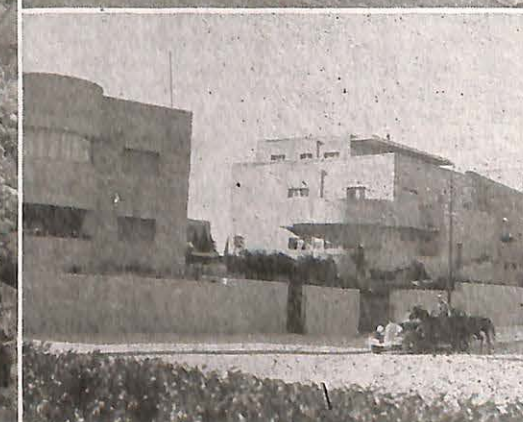
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Elisha's Fountain Ancient Jericho.



Cones of the Cedars.



On Right temporary home of former Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia.

the leaders of Islam that it may never be used, for they have a tradition of the coming Prince who will enter there and seize their sacred territory. This is their version of the second coming of Christ.

In the German Church of Jerusalem we rejoiced to see and study models of the historic temples of Solomon and Herod. These were constructed decades ago by Dr. Schick with great care, labor, and skill. They were ably shown and explained by his daughter, now an aged, godly woman. Jesus made a final assertion of his authority by cleansing the temple a second time after the royal entry. Then he retired once more to Bethany on the east slope of Olivet for some parting fellowship with Mary and Martha and Lazarus. The natives of Bethany still cherish a deep underground tomb as the one from which Jesus called Lazarus and a nearby ruin as the home of the blest family.

On Mt. Zion are the traditional sites of David's tomb and the Coenaculum or Chamber of the Last Supper. Here Jesus and the inner circle of disciples gathered to observe the last Passover, before he, the true Passover, was slain. Here Christ washed their feet and instituted the Communion Supper as a memorial and a prophecy. Paul wrote, "Ye do show the Lord's death till he come." Of equal importance was Jesus' special instruction, here given in what is aptly called "the Upper Room discourse," preserved for us in John 13 to 17.

The Garden of Gethsemane

After they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives to Gethsemane, the place of prayer. One of the surprises for a Bible student is to learn that there are three Gardens of Gethsemane in the Kidron Valley. The Armenian, Roman, and Greek churches each have such a sacred site. Most well known is the little olive grove of the Roman church adjacent to a beautiful new church built with twelve domes for the apostles and adorned with numerous exquisite mosaics. What may be termed the "ambiguous" nature of many Bible sites leads us to seek the deeper significance. The meaning of the Garden, of course, is the absolute surrender of Christ to the Father's will for him. Here is a Christian secret which many saints ought to learn from their Lord.

To this garden came Judas with the soldiers to effect Jesus' arrest. He was doubtless led down the valley, around the temple area, and then up the long Roman stairs to Caiaphas' Palace on Mt. Zion. This place we also visited, traversing portions of these same steps. In recent years the Franciscans have excavated a prison in this very locality, which may well be one in which Christ was humiliated and maltreated. We saw holes in the solid rock posts and overhead, to which chains bound prisoners for purposes of flogging. These fearful and wonderful

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sights all helped us to realize better the sufferings of Jesus.

The next place directly associated with this passion is the Praetorium and Pilate's Judgment Hall. This site is located at the northwest corner of the temple area, and in Roman days it was part of a mighty fortress. The Ecce Homo Church now preserves this shrine, where Pilate presented Christ to his Jewish accusers and said, "Behold, the Man," and again, "Behold, your King."

In the main nave of the church is the remnant of a "Roman Arch" of great antiquity, but in the floor below one may see, 20 or 30 feet under the present level of the street, the very pavement and chariot way of Pilate's day. One flagstone is marked with a game played by these soldiers in their leisure moments. How lightly Israel and the world power of that day (and our day) did esteem the Lord of glory!

Christ's Crucifixion

In one night Jesus was tried and condemned by both the religious and civil courts. He was finally given a cross and escorted by the guard down the Way of Sorrows, through the city, unto the top of a little green hill not far away. Having the appearance of a skull from the north wall of the city, this sacred hill was finally "rediscovered" about sixty years ago by General Gordon, and this is regarded by conservative scholars as the authentic place of the crucifixion. It is surrounded by a Moslem cemetery and, therefore, may not be trespassed.

On this Golgatha, in sight and sound of nearby thoroughfares, the Son of God was crucified, his unclothed body viewed, and his person ridiculed by all manner of mortals. Ineffable mystery! "It pleased Jehovah to bruise him; he hath put him to grief." Why? For we were "redeemed, not with corruptible things . . . but with precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ." (1. Pet. 1:18, 19). Let us emphatically realize that this death was absolutely unique. It was neither accidental, unfortunate, nor even beautiful in the popular sense. Its so-called moral influence was neither of primary nor secondary importance. Jesus Christ died to propitiate the Father, to reconcile humanity, and to redeem us from sin.

The Empty Tomb

But let us hurry to the tomb, likewise excavated by Gordon, together with a Roman winepress and garden on the west side of Calvary. This hill and garden are the only sacred locality enshrined alone by the Protestants. This place we visited several times, and gathered on the resurrection morning just a year ago for praise and worship. In the empty tomb we stood and prayed that God would fill us anew with the resurrection power of the Spirit, even as Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:19, 20. Oh, the glorious deliverance from sin and death! Oh, the reality of the ascended Savior and High Priest of our profession! The empty tomb proves it, and our faith is not vain. Let us, who are saved, truly praise him with life and lip!

But even the Garden is not the last place of Christian vision. We ascend Olivet once more, as Christ finally did with his disciples after forty days' resurrection ministry. His parting words were, "Ye shall be endued with power . . . ye shall be MY witnesses . . ." And as he ascended back to the Father, the last vocal message from heaven was given by an angel who said, "This same Jesus who was received up into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven." (Acts 1:8, 11). The Spirit speaking through John, added this, "and every one that hath this hope set on him, purifieth himself even as he is pure." (1. John 3:1-3).

Christ's Legacy to Us

On Olivet one may visit two Christian edifices especially dedicated to the Ascension. One is the little Crusader Chapel now surrounded by a mosque, but open to visitors. The other is the tall slender tower of the old Russian church, where the bells ring forth their joy on many holy days. Jesus gave his peace and his joy as a legacy to the disciples. He desires that every needy and hungry soul shall be a beneficiary of his abundant grace. Oh, trust him today and enter into life!

Reports from the Field

Atlantic Conference Ordination of the Rev. E. S. Kalland, Pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist Church, Boston, Mass.

On Tuesday evening, May 7, it was the pleasure of the Rock Hill Baptist Church in Boston, Mass., to confer the honor of ordination into the gospel ministry upon its pastor. Mr. Earl S. Kalland.

The Rev. V. Broderick of the First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain presided at the meeting. President Nathan R. Wood, D. D. of the Gordon College of Theology and Missions in Boston, delivered the ordination sermon, using as his topic, "Making Your Life Immortal." Prof. M. C. Tenny, also of Gordon College, gave the charge to the candidate and the Rev. Henry Johnsen of the Norwegian Baptist Church of Roxbury, Mass., delivered the charge to the church. Special music was rendered by Miss Betty Morris and Mr. Richard Cook, both members of the Rock Hill Church.

The Rev. Earl S. Kalland has served the church as its pastor since October, 1936. He is a graduate of the Los Angeles Bible Institute where he received his B. Th. degree. Since coming to Boston from California to further his studies at Gordon College, he has received another Th. B. degree and this year was a graduate with high honors from the same college, receiving his Bachelor of Divinity degree.

We pray that God may continue to bless pastor and people in the future as he has done in the past.

FRED SCHLICHTING, Clerk.

Past Year's Program of the B. Y. P. U. of the Walnut Street Church, Newark, New Jersey

God has once more been good to us, as young people of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., as we look back on another year in His service. Although our strides have not been great, we know that he is with us and we pray that we have pleased him with our work. Our number is not so very large but we are consoled by his promise that where two and three are gathered in his name, there he will be also. In the past year we have had a total of twenty-five meetings in the church and six meetings outside. We have again taken the "Group System" back into our midst after a brief rest. Our four group leaders have presented us with fine meetings and their groups have cooperated with them splendidly. We have had 5 devotional, 6 educational and 5 musical meetings, several socials, 2 swimming parties, 3 debates, 1 patriotic program and one trip to the Hayden Planetarium in New York.

The two visitations to the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Jersey City, N. J.,



Rev. Earl S. Kalland, Pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist Church, Boston, Mass.

gave us a closer fellowship with more of God's children, as did our visit to the Silver Lake Baptist Church.

Our highlight of the season, which we cannot forget, was the play, "It Runs in the Family," when we welcomed the Flip Family into our midst.

Our gain in membership has been four new members. May God bless us and give us more strength to serve him better in the days to come!

DOROTHY BEYER, Secretary.

Ordination of the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer in Philadelphia, Pa., the Pastor-elect of the Baptist Church in Waco, Texas

On Sunday evening, June 2, in the Second German Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Peter Pfeiffer, a member of this year's graduating class from our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., was ordained to the gospel ministry. Many friends gathered to witness this service, for the Second Church is "home" for both Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer. The Rev. Milton R. Schroeder, pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, led the service. After a short song service and Scripture reading the minutes of the ordination council, which met on Friday, May 31, and which unanimously approved the candidate, were read by Mr. Eininger.

The Rev. A. Husmann, pastor of the Second Church, brought the ordination sermon, speaking of the qualities and attributes of a Christian minister as we find them enumerated in the first chapter of Paul's letter to Titus. The ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. J. G. Draewell and the charge to Mr. Pfeiffer was given by Dr. William A. Mueller of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Rev. A. T. O. Marks, secretary of the Philadel-

phia Baptist Association, welcomed Mr. Pfeiffer into the ranks of the Baptist ministers and spoke words of encouragement and challenge to him.

In the morning and evening services on Sunday, June 16, Mr. Pfeiffer brought the messages in German and English, respectively, in the Second Church. The good wishes and prayers of the Second Church will follow Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer as they take up their work on July 1st in the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas.

Jamesburg Church Holds Farewell Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. C. Peters

Days of parting are often days of heavy hearts! However, the members and friends of the Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., succeeded in transforming them into times of rejoicing. On Friday, May 17, a smaller group of members and friends quietly arranged for a farewell at the home of one of our families. Perhaps, it was to be a prelude to greater things that were to follow. After a brief program of musical selections and singing, the pastor and his family were presented with beautiful flowers and other rich gifts. Whereupon all the guests were ushered around a large and beautifully decorated table that bore a huge cake in the center with the words, "Farewell Peters Family." After a splendid social hour, everyone went home rejoicing.

On Friday evening, May 24, the prayer service attendance was unusually large, including friends from Newark. Our deacon, Mr. J. B. Weisert, offered to take charge of the meeting. Our neighboring pastors of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches gave brief addresses of recognition. Then all the leaders of our societies, the Sunday School and the church spoke words of the highest appreciation and presented the pastor and his family with beautiful flowers and envelopes of great value that will long be remembered. After this splendid and unforgettable program, all the guests were served with an abundance of fine refreshments by the ladies of our societies. Thus, ended a wonderful time of fellowship and of mutual good wishes of God's blessings and prosperity for the future.

These wonderful days of rejoicing came to a climax on Sunday, May 24, since we as a congregation were permitted to receive 8 new members into the fellowship of the church, 6 of whom came by baptism and 2 by confession and adjustment. Among those baptized was one entire family, including the parents and their 2 children. May the Master, whose voice they heard through his grace and power!

CHRISTIAN PETERS, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

First Report of the Activities of the Baptist Church Near Delmont, South Dakota

Although the readers of "The Baptist Herald" have not heard any news from Delmont, So. Dak., we, of the Baptist Church there are, nevertheless, active. Our church is known as "the church by the side of the road." We have had no pastor for several years, but the Rev. F. W. Bartel of the Avon Baptist Church comes to us every first Sunday evening in the month.

Since June, 1939, Mr. Arthur Voigt of Avon, So. Dak., has responded to



Some of the Children and Adults of the Delmont Sunday School in South Dakota, With Mr. Arthur Voigt, Lay Preacher, Near Church Entrance

the wish of the church and has taken charge of the Sunday morning services. Since that time a new interest has been taken in the work for our Master, and, looking back over the past year, we can truly say that the Lord has blessed us. We held a number of programs during the year given by our young people, which were well attended, and also a social out-of-door gathering on Friday evening, May 31, with a Bible quiz, chorus singing and wiener roast.

On the afternoon of June 9, Children's Day, a Sunday School program was held of which the Sunday School superintendent was in charge. The church was newly shingled and varnished and redecorated in the interior. The young people are interested in taking an active part in the program. There is much work to be done as there are many still unsaved. Our desire is to become spiritually stronger and do more for our Master.

EVA WEBER, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference Daily Vacation Bible School in Aplington, Iowa, Has Enrollment of 88

The Daily Vacation Bible School of Aplington, Iowa, held under the joint auspices of the Baptist and Presbyterian Sunday Schools, opened on Monday, May 27, for a two week period at the Baptist Church with an enrollment of 88. Of those attending the Bible School, 49 represented the Baptist

50th Anniversary of the Avon Baptist Church

The Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak., is planning to observe its 50th anniversary on September 1 and 2, 1940. All former members are cordially invited to participate in our celebration with their presence, or to send their greetings. Those planning to attend are requested to send word of their intentions to the undersigned.

By order of the church.

F. W. Bartel, Pastor,
Avon, South Dakota.

Milwaukee's Bethany Church Visits the Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin

The members and friends of the Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., received a rare treat beyond expectation, when they invited the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee to come to their city on Sunday evening, June 23.

This service was opened by the Rev. G. Wetter of our church with several congregational hymns, responsive reading, and prayer. The Bethany Male Choir rendered a number of fine selections under the able direction of Mr. Max Erback and was accompanied by Mrs. Erback at the piano. There were also several numbers by "the Octette" and a violin solo by Fred Erback of the Bethany Church.

The Rev. Herbert Hiller of the Bethany Church made the service complete with his fine remarks between selections and his short address in which he pointed out the possibilities and the need of songs in Christian service. We hope that the Bethany group received a blessing in bringing this program.

ROGER F. NORMAN, Reporter.

Recent Activities and Special Programs in the Grace Church of Racine, Wisconsin

The Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., had a "red letter day" on a recent Sunday when the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "The Baptist Herald," visited the church and brought stirring messages in the morning and evening services. Pictures of our own mission fields were shown at the evening service. Mr. Leuschner also spoke at the County Home in the afternoon, where the church choir served with song.

A Mother and Daughter banquet was held in May. This year it was the turn of the Women's Missionary Society to serve, and this was done in royal fashion. The feature of the program was a missionary play entitled, "The Missionary Barrel."

Earlier in the spring a Men and Boys' banquet was sponsored by the Men's Bible Class with Charles Meyer as president. John T. Wiechers, business man and for 40 years teacher of the class, was the speaker.

The Fundamentalists ministers of this area sponsors a semi-annual young people's rally to which our B. Y. P. U. was the host recently. The meetings, held on a Sunday afternoon and evening, filled the church to overflowing. Messages and music were brought by a famed evangelistic party with visiting young people assisting.

The Sunshine Circle, the Junior young people's society, which meets twice weekly on Friday and Sunday evenings, recently completed its fifth year of organization. During this time \$80 has been contributed to missions and various handwork has been sent to orphanages and mission fields. Mrs. Hugo Schacht, one of the organizers of the group, still continues as its sponsor with the help of several others.

Iowa Young People's Union Considers "the Fullness of Christ Filling All in All"

The 45th annual assembly of the Iowa Baptist Young People's Union was held in the Second Baptist Church of George, Iowa, from June 11 to 13. The convention motto, "The fullness of Christ filling all in all," (Eph. 1:23) was one of great spiritual significance to the assembled young people from the eleven churches in various parts of Iowa.

As guest speakers, these young people were privileged to hear the stirring messages of Dr. Chas. Koller, president of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, general secretary of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

Each opening song service was under the capable direction of the Rev. John Walkup of the Sheffield Church. Special music was provided by members of the societies represented. On Tuesday evening, after the welcome given by the local society and response by the state president, Dave Schwitters of Steamboat Rock, our hearts and minds were filled with the soul searching message of Dr. Chas. Koller, "Living by the Day." A social fellowship hour was then enjoyed in the church parlors.

Before each session in the morning and during the day the devotional periods were in charge of young people from each church.

On Wednesday and Thursday mornings, Bible classes were conducted on "Personal Christian Living" by the Rev. C. Fred Lehr of Aplington, and a class on "Philippians,—the Epistle of Joy," by the Rev. C. Swyter of George. Both of the classes were of special interest to young people.

On Wednesday morning, Mr. Leuschner spoke on "How Can We Become More Efficient in the Training of Christian Leaders?" He suggested the use of study courses in leadership training for the young people of our churches. Dr. Koller then spoke to us on "You Are Living—But What For?"

On Wednesday afternoon our hearts were deeply touched by Miss Carrie Swyter and Miss Margaret Lang, missionaries from Nigeria. Dr. Koller then brought us another thought provoking address on "I Don't Want to Be Tied Down."

On Wednesday evening Mr. Leuschner's address was "The Unfurled Banner of Christian Youth," after which we were privileged to see moving pictures of the missionary work in the Cameroons. We were also taken on a streamline visit through our young people's conferences in other states.

Thursday morning, Dr. Koller's address was "Only One Life to Invest." In the afternoon we heard, "Slightly Soiled—Greatly Reduced in Price," a message which gripped our hearts. We then enjoyed an outing to the beautiful park in Rock Rapids, Iowa. As a closing address Dr. Koller

brought us "Youth at the Crossroads." With all these spiritual blessings received from our speakers, the progressive reports of our societies, our convention motto was fully carried out—"The Fullness of Christ Filling All in All."

The new officers elected for the coming year are: Harry Ludken of Steamboat Rock, president; Eunice Ontjes of Aplington, vice-president; and Bill Kuechmann of Burlington, secretary and treasurer.

It was voted by the Iowa young people's conference to adopt a mission project totalling about \$1000 for a chapel building to be erected at Warwar in



Young People in Large Numbers Who Recently Attended the Iowa Young People's Convention in the Second Church of George, Iowa

the Cameroons where the Rev. and Mrs. George A. Dunger are serving. A total of \$175.15 in the union treasury together with a large share of the conference offering amounting to \$51.40 will be used as the beginning of this fine project. This sum of \$226.55 will make a worthy start to this great missionary endeavor of the Iowa Union.

DORIS BLOME, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Vacation School and Baptismal Service in the Bethel Church, Buffalo, New York

The Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., has completed plans for its yearly Vacation Bible School, which will extend over a period of three weeks. We are expecting a large attendance this year, one of the effects of a band of boys and girls with their leaders, known as the "Crusaders." This fine group, which meets one afternoon a week from October to June for Bible and missionary stories, songs, Bible and missionary families. The Lord many unchurched families. The Lord has blessed this work in past years, and we believe that he will again do so. We are rejoicing because of eight young girls who recently confessed Christ as their Savior, and who were baptized on Sunday, May 26, and taken into church membership. Truly, we have real cause for rejoicing.

LILLIAN COOK, Reporter.

Central Conference Mother's and Daughter's Banquet of the First Church of Chicago Sponsored by the Dorcas Guild

A Mother's and Daughter's banquet was held on May 16 at the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, which was sponsored by the Dorcas Guild, with about 120 persons present.

After a splendid meal, which had been prepared by several members of the Guild, and efficiently served by some of our young men, the program started with the hymn, "Faith of our Mothers." A Scripture reading

brought to our mind the beautiful relationship between one woman and her daughter-in-law, and challenged us to follow the example of Naomi and Ruth.

After a short but hearty welcome by our president, Mrs. Walter Pankrat, several toasts were given in honor of the mothers and daughters. Beautiful thoughts found expression, which otherwise remained unexpressed. The speakers told our mothers how much they mean to their daughters, how all their love and devotion are accepted with deepest gratitude, how the daughters consider themselves blessed because they have Christian mothers, who showed them the way to Christ. In turn, the daughters were reminded of what a wonderful example their mothers have set for them, and they were admonished to be worthy of such mothers and follow their example.

The program continued with a number of musical selections, consisting of vocal solos, duets and trios. They, too, were in accordance with the general theme and found attentive listeners.

It seems to be the custom to keep the best for the end. We all felt thus, when Mrs. Theodore Ebner of the Jefferson Park Bible Church brought her inspiring message. She spoke of the Christian home and the necessity of making Christ the Head of the house. Then she took us on a tour, during which we had the privilege of viewing many beautiful portraits of Christ.

MRS. LOUISE ZOCH, Reporter.

Annual Spring Banquet of the Kankakee B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., had its annual Spring banquet at the church on Friday evening, June 14, at which there were fifty members and friends present.

The theme of the banquet was "Daisies" and much credit is deserved by Mrs. Louise Grantham, chairman of the decoration committee and her helpers. The theme was followed out in the room decorations, table decorations and programs.

Following the singing of the doxology, invocation was given by the Rev. George Hensel. Greetings were extended to those attending by Miss Evelyn Woodrich, president, and Mr. Albert Gernenz, toastmaster. Throughout the evening choruses were sung under the leadership of Miss Lois Blatt. Secretarial and financial reports for the year were given. The menu and serving for the banquet were very ably taken care of by the Beacon Light Class.

The annual election of officers was held, the following being elected: Miss Polly Marketto, president; Miss Ruth Barton, 1st vice-president; Miss Lois Blatt, 2nd vice-president; Miss Ardis Woodrich, 3rd vice-president; Miss Evelyn Woodrich, 4th vice-president; Mr. Charles Gernenz, treasurer; Miss Helen Elam and Mr. Arthur Salzman, social committee; and Miss Ruby Salzman, pianist. Following the election a song was presented by the Misses Martha, Esther and Eleanor Stewig, and an accordeon solo by Miss Ruby Salzman.

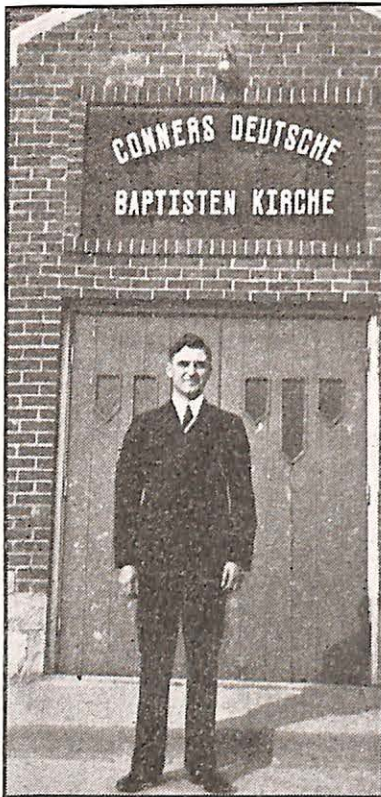
A very inspiring talk, "Hands Up," was given by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald." Following his talk, Mr. Leuschner showed moving pictures of Laura Reddig and other missionaries in Africa, the summer assemblies and the San Francisco World's Fair.

POLLY MARKETTO, Reporter.

Mortgage Burned at the Fifth Anniversary of the Conners Ave. German Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan

For the past five years the Conners Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has been the recipient of manifold spiritual and temporal blessings. A four day program, opening Wednesday, May 29, marked the beginning of the fifth anniversary festivities.

Wednesday evening was "Charter Members' Night," on which occasion they were privileged to relate their experiences and difficulties encountered in the church's humble beginning. In the history of a church those first problems are often most interesting, and so we quote . . . "The meager financial condition did not equal the cost of the lots on which the church was to be built. Furthermore there were no three men among the group with property to qualify them as trustees under the state requirements. As no missionary support was received, the Lord



Rev. William Hoover, Pastor of the Conners Ave. German Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan

saw fit to raise up those from among his own who made a substantial loan to carry on the building program. Another one of the major problems related was the calling of a pastor to shepherd the flock of 53 members, when there was no evident source of financial support."

Thursday evening was opened with a fellowship dinner in the basement of the church. The dinner was followed by an impressive ceremony which included the burning of the mortgage. The congregation arose with the singing of "Nun danket alle Gott" to witness this solemn occasion. It was a service that many had witnessed for the first time, the memories of which will long linger in the hearts of those present. The Rev. John Schmidt, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, was the guest speaker. The program was enriched by the renditions of the various choirs and orchestras.

Friday night was general fellowship night. For this evening, too, we were privileged to have with us our guest speaker, the Rev. John Schmidt, who brought us another encouraging message.

Sunday, June 2, was filled with three services as well as continued blessings. The Rev. M. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald" gave an inspirational message in the morning service entitled, "Launch Out Into the Deep."

On Sunday afternoon a mass meeting was held in an overcrowded church during which time the following pastors and their congregations gave congratulatory remarks: Rev. Paul Wen-

gel of the Bethel Baptist Church, Rev. George Lang of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. G. Neumann of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church, and Mr. F. Armbruster of the Linden Baptist Church. On Sunday evening the celebration closed with another message from Rev. M. Leuschner.

The early beginning of the work dates back to May 3, 1935, with 53 charter members. The spiritual heights which have been gained and the material things which have been attained have not been accomplished through human effort. We thank God for considering those among us as workmanship worthy of these countless blessings. The salvation of souls and the furtherance of his cause has been the desire which has been pulsating and permeating our lives. The Lord has blessed to this end in that 162 members have been added and the grand total of \$49,026.66 raised.

During the past five years the church has also released its pastor for definite evangelism in ten different churches in which many souls were saved. A radio program was also carried on for 3½ years, thus carrying on a needed missionary work among the German people of Detroit and vicinity.

The following organizations represent a beehive of activities in the furtherance of his cause: a mixed choir, men's chorus, children's choir, Sunday School orchestra, children's orchestra, and the ladies' "Guitarren Chor," which sings and plays praises unto the Lord. The Ladies' Missionary Society and young people's society are active. A men's group that meets every Saturday night for prayer and Bible study has proven a great blessing.

LILLIE HOOVER, Reporter.

Pacific Conference Vacation Bible School in the Bethany Church Near Portland, Oregon

A Successful Vacation Bible School was held in the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Ore., from May 20 to 31. Our enrollment was 36 and the attendance was the same number throughout the school. Subjects taught were "Life of Christ," "Old Testament Heroes," "The Tabernacle," and "Fundamentals of our Faith." Besides the pastor, Miss Margaret Stoller and Mrs. Eleanor Rich served as teachers.

In manual work scrap books, sewing cards and picture plaques were made, which were presented to the American Sunday School Union. We concluded our school with a program in our church. The regular offerings nearly defrayed all expenses. The teachers met several times before this project for prayer and planning and the Lord granted his blessings.

The Lord willing, we shall anticipate another such project next year along more extensive lines. We wish to express our gratitude to a number of our people who contributed their time and interest. A picture of the school and teachers accompanies this report.

J. C. SCHWEITZER, Pastor.

The Laurelhurst Sunday School of Portland is Striving Toward the 300 Goal in Attendance

We, as teachers and Sunday School workers of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., although not so large, have a record attendance of 270. You will notice as you observe the accompanying picture that we have a large staff of teachers and workers, for which we are thankful to the Lord.

Our school is now working on the perfect attendance plan for which a large gold and purple banner is awarded at the end of the month. Our birthday offerings have doubled since we have remembered each person on his or her birthday with a gold cross pin. Each month we meet as a teacher's training class and study the lessons after transacting our business.

Our news flash reporter, Mr. Fred Burkhart, brings us the news of the past week and also announces the news for the coming week. This is very interesting and beneficial, since we are reminded to remember our sick and aged people in prayer.

The officers of our school are as follows: Mr. Emil Henkelman, superintendent; Mrs. E. Henkelman, secretary; Mr. E. A. Pohl, treasurer; Mr. F. Burkhart, reporter; Jr. Wardin, Wesley Henkelman and Kenneth Kramer, ushers; Miss G. Hensel, 1st pianist; and Miss E. Redman, 2nd pianist. Together with our pastor, Rev. F. W. Mueller, we are striving to reach the 300 goal January 1, 1941.

MRS. E. HENKELMAN, Secretary.



Large Sunday School Staff of Teachers and Workers in the Laurelhurst Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

church. The evening's program was in charge of Mr. H. Fenske, Sunday School superintendent, who opened the meeting with chorus singing and worship.

Greetings from the sister churches in Saskatchewan were brought briefly by the Revs. A. Kujath of Regina, Carl Korella of Southey, E. J. Bonikowsky of Esk and Jansen, and Mr. J. Schalin of Lockwood.

The welcome of the church was extended by representatives of various

ded much to make the evening enjoyable.

At the close of the meeting Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wegner responded by expressing their thanks for God's leading and protection and their desire to be of service in his work here.

EMIL A. LITWIN, Reporter.

The Willing Workers Class of the Sunday School in Calgary, Canada, Scatters Sunshine in Its Many Activities

The Riverside Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, has added another organization to its activities in the form of a Girls' Sunday School Class, which was organized on December 3, 1939.

Sensing the need of such a class, our pastor, the Rev. R. Milbrandt, inspired us to organize, so that these girls who do not have the privilege to attend any Sunday School can grow in their spiritual stature by this means. At noon on December 3, a group of young girls, numbering nine in all, gathered in the parsonage. With Christ as our guide and instructor, we organized.

The officers who were elected for the first year are as follows: teacher, Ida Forsch; president, Tina Schmidt; vice-president, Lena Neske; secretary, Lillian Klautdt; treasurer, Hilda Schmidt; program committee, Mollie Unger and Ruby Lehman; and lunch supervisor, Helen Schmidt.

After a final decision we named our class "The Willing Workers Class." With the help of our Lord we are trying to live up to our name, not only as a class, but each person individually.

We meet every Sunday at the church from 4 to 5 P. M. Most of the girls bring their lunches and after class we gather in a social group and have our lunch and coffee. We have had great blessings in the Sunday afternoon gatherings. We always have a short season of prayer, in which many take part. Four of our members have found



Vacation Bible School Pupils and Teachers of the Bethany Church Near Portland, Oregon

Northern Conference The Nokomis Church of Saskatchewan Welcomes Its New Pastor and Wife

On Sunday evening, June 2, the Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., Canada, welcomed its new pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wegner, for which a capacity crowd filled the

organizations as follows: songs of welcome by the choir, Mr. Gottlieb Rahn for the church, Mrs. H. Henske for the Ladies' Aid, Mr. E. A. Litwin for the young people's society, and Mr. Alex Richter for the board of deacons. An original poem was recited by Mrs. D. Edinger in welcoming the pastor, and a violin solo was rendered by Clarence Sailor. Duets, trios and choruses ad-

Christ this Spring and have been baptized and are now members of this church.

Because the young people have increased in number so rapidly under the leadership of our pastor, Mr. Milbrandt, we find our old church is too small and are now well under way of building a new one. As a class of young girls, we are trying to do all we can to aid in this work.

We hold a missionary offering every month and have decided to use one-third of this money for our new church and have sent the rest to foreign fields in Africa. Through social activities and programs we are hoping to give more for our new church.

LILLIAN KLAUDT, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference Varied Activities of the Strassburg Baptist Church Near Marion, Kansas

Although we of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kan., have not reported for some time, our zeal for the Lord and his work has not been lagging.

We as the B. Y. P. U. organization have been receiving great blessings in our services for Christ. In a combined Mother's Day and missionary program at our church we presented two plays under the direction of Mrs. Harvey Kruse, in addition to musical numbers by trios and quartets.

We presented these same plays along with other numbers as exchange programs at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City and at the Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion.

On each fourth Sunday of the month we present a general program while the other three Sunday evenings are devoted to 45 minute group meetings preceding the worship service. Miss Irma Vogel serves as president of our society, which is composed of 48 willing workers. On Father's Day, June 16, we delighted our "Dads" with a surprise dinner in the church dining hall.

We have a growing Sunday School with Harvey Kruse as superintendent. There are 12 classes to care for the 100 or more scholars who attend. Recently the Juniors, their teachers, and our pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Seibel, gave a program at the County Poor Farm. A group from the church serves there every third Sunday afternoon of the month.

During the last two weeks in May we conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School under the supervision of our pastor and his wife. With an enrollment of 46 we reached nearly every home in the community. Mrs. Harvey Kruse taught two classes in "Old Testament History" for Juniors and Intermediates, while Mrs. Paul Vogel had two classes in "New Testament History." Miss Dorothea Stenzel had charge of memory work and choruses with Mrs. Seibel as pianist. Mrs. Dave Weber and Mrs. Herman Schlotthauer



The Vacation Bible School of the Strassburg Baptist Church Near Marion, Kansas

served as Primary and Beginner teachers using Bible stories and handwork as well as Bible verses and choruses. At the end of the two weeks a demonstration program was given for the public at which time our secretary, Mrs. Seibel, distributed report cards and the work in general was exhibited.

On Children's Day, June 9, some 40 of the smaller Sunday School scholars gave a program. The offering that was received will go into our parsonage fund. DOROTHEA STENZEL, Reporter.

Sessions of the Nebraska Association Are Held in Creston

The Nebraska Association convened with the Baptist Church at Creston, Neb., from May 23 to 26. After the usual greetings, the Rev. M. De Boer delivered the opening sermon for which he used Psalm 133:1 as text.

On Friday morning the necessary business was transacted and the officers for 1940 were elected. The Rev. Theo. Frey was elected moderator and Rev. M. DeBoer was chosen to serve as secretary. Mr. Wm. Brunken was re-elected as treasurer. The morning session was concluded with the quiet half hour conducted by Rev. M. De Boer, with Phil. 4:6 serving as text.

In the afternoon we had a symposium on evangelization. The Rev. M. DeBoer spoke on the theme, "The Prerequisites of Evangelization." The Rev. A. G. Rietdorf delivered an address on the theme, "After Evangelism What?" An interesting discussion followed these messages.

We were also privileged to have Prof. O. E. Krueger with us. His sermons and addresses were very timely and helpful. He gave a fine report about the activities of our seminary in Rochester and delivered an address on the work of our beloved denomination. On Friday evening he delivered a stirring sermon on 2. Cor. 5:11, and on Sunday morning he brought the mission sermon using Matthew 28:18 to 20 as text.

Saturday we had a Young People's and Sunday School Workers Institute. Prof. O. E. Krueger conducted two Bible Study classes in the morning and delivered an address on "B. Y. P. U.

Problems" in the afternoon. The Rev. A. G. Rietdorf brought a message on "Sunday School Work" in the morning, and in the afternoon he delivered an address on "The Qualifications of the Sunday School Teacher."

Two mission offerings were taken on Sunday which brought \$80. That was a real offering for the three small churches composing the association, considering the fact that we have had crop failures for a number of years.

The young people were in charge of the services on Sunday afternoon with the B. Y. P. U. president of the entertaining church presiding. A mass choir and a men's chorus, both consisting of singers from the three churches of the association, rendered two numbers which were greatly appreciated by the audience. Prof. O. E. Krueger also delivered a very appropriate and inspiring address.

For the closing service on Sunday evening the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf brought a very challenging sermon before a large assembly. Then we went home with thankful hearts realizing that the Lord had richly blessed us. The Lord willing we hope to meet next Autumn in Beatrice.

MARTIN DEBOER, Reporter.

Young People Hold Their Successful Kansas Assembly at Camp Carlile Near Stafford

The Kansas Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union Assembly convened at Camp Carlile near Stafford, Kan., from June 3 to 6. The theme for the assembly, "Life With a Capital 'L,'" was based on Christ's words, "I am come that ye might have life and have it more abundantly." The guest speakers were the Rev. Alfred Bernadt of Burlington, Iowa, and Professor O. E. Krueger of the Rochester Baptist Seminary.

Mr. Bernadt opened the assembly on Monday evening, June 3, with an inspirational address, "Life Begins at '40,'" meaning now, 1940, by accepting Christ and his principles. On Wednesday evening, Mr. Bernadt spoke on "Life's Lessons from Nature." He also addressed sessions each morning and conducted the installation service on Thursday.

Professor Krueger conducted daily meditations on "The Law of Life," "The Bread of Life," and "The Meaning of Life" for which he used the first epistle of John. He also conducted the adult forums and evening vespers.

The classes, "My Church," which dealt chiefly with Baptist doctrine by the Rev. Phil. Potzner, "My Friends" by Dr. Pieter Smit, and "My Vocation" by the Rev. Edward Kary, proved to be an interesting part of the morning program, as did also the forums for boys and girls conducted by Mr. Bernadt and Mrs. Will Wirth.

After the expressional activities in the early afternoon, the campers enjoyed recreation of various kinds.

Tuesday evening's program consisted of a temperance play, "The Auc-

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● On Sunday, June 9, the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kan., dedicated its "Church Park" next to the church. A ladies park committee composed of Mrs. A. D. Stassen, Mrs. Walter Melchert, and Mrs. W. W. Mollhagen took over the work and supervised the planting of grass, a flower plot, planting of trees, shrubbery, and plants, besides the equipment of a stone fireplace, a large bird house, children's play equipment, and bird baths. The park is a very beautiful work, well done and will be a great blessing to the community and church. There is a large place left in the center, with no shrubbery or trees, for large outdoor meetings. It adjoins the church lawns and the parsonage yards, and all this affords a beautiful sight of almost a complete city block.

● On June 13 Sunday School teachers and officers of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., held their annual election of officers. The newly elected superintendent is Mr. Harold B. Johns. Mr. Walter W. Grosser, who served the school during the past seven years, will be assistant superintendent along with Mr. Gerhardt Koch. The new officers will assume their positions in September. On Sunday morning, June 23, Mr. M. L. Leuschner presented the new missionary film of still pictures entitled, "Our First Visit to Mambila" to the Sunday School, following which the "Daphne Dunger Banks" were distributed among the children. Brief introductory talks were made by Mrs. Louis Johnson, Miss Marie Ziesemer and Mrs. Walter Grosser in an impressive presentation of the banks.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Cierpke of Philadelphia, Pa., secured their non-quota immigration visa for an indefinite stay in the United States on May 29 in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. They have been studying in the Eastern Baptist Seminary of Philadelphia since the outbreak of the World War prevented their return to Germany. The Cierpkes are making a circle tour of the United States by bus. Mr. Cierpke has spoken in the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, on May 15, in Mowata, La., on May 19, in Laredo, Tex., on May 22 and 26, and in our church at Donna, Tex., from Thursday, May 30, to Sunday, June 2. During the following week, Mr. and Mrs. Cierpke visited the Southern Conference young people's encampment near Austin, Tex., and shortly thereafter spoke in services of our churches in Waco, Crawford, Cottonwood, Gatesville, and Dallas. The Cierpkes will then travel to California for an extended visitation and sightseeing trip in July and August. They hope to be in Burlington, Iowa, for the General Conference at the close of August.

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tion Block, presented by the Stafford young people and a general program. A missionary offering of \$20.42 was taken on Wednesday evening.

The number registered at camp was 103. This was an increase over last year. The Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp and family and six young peo-

ple from La Salle, Colo., were visitors at this Kansas assembly.

The officers elected for the coming year were president, Hugo Rolfs; vice-president, Betty Woody; secretary, Irma Popp; treasurer, Robert Froning; dean of the camp, Rev. R. W. Seibel; dean of women, Mrs. Will Wirth; and director of recreation, Rev. J. H. Kornelson.

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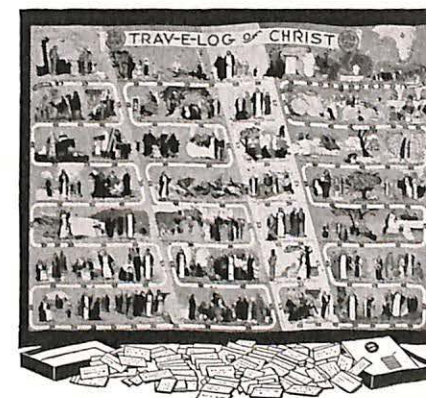
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P. S.: Descriptive circular matter has been mailed to our pastors.

A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR THE SEMINARY

By Prof. Arthur A. Schade

Among all the new things that the Rochester Baptist Seminary is acquiring is a new name and a new constitution. Fortunately, neither of these represents an outlay of capital. But they do represent the investment of careful thought and planning for the welfare and continued success of the institution.

Attention has been called to the fact that the old constitution has not been followed in recent years in the administration of the seminary. A special committee was appointed by the trustees to investigate the matter. It was found best to prepare a new constitution in which the School Committee and the Board of Trustees become one body.

According to the proposed constitution, the Board of Trustees shall consist of ten laymen and nine ministers, two of whom shall be professors. The ministers shall constitute an educational committee and the laymen a committee on property and finance. Each committee will have power to dispose of routine business, but where there is a question of jurisdiction, or when dealing with matters of general policy, the united board shall pass on matters in question. The faculty shall constitute an administrative committee which is to manage the seminary in accordance with the will of the denomination and the provisions of the Board of Trustees. By this arrangement questions of jurisdiction should find a happy solution without making any major change in the procedure.

Other provisions of general interest are as follows: In place of a dean, we shall have a president, who is to be elected from the faculty members by the Board of Trustees in consultation with the faculty. The present relation to the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School makes it impracticable to speak of its president as the president of our institution. Still the first thing that anyone asks about a school seems to be, "Who is your president?"

Upon suggestion of the General Council, the Board of Trustees and the School Committee changed the name of the seminary to "The Rochester Baptist Seminary."

The age of retirement for faculty members in the new constitution is seventy. Should any contemplate earlier retirement, they are to serve notice a year in advance.

This publicity is released by the chairman of the committee on instructions of the Trustees and the School Committee to enable the General Conference to deal with it intelligently when it is presented in August.

The Committee: F. W. Godtfriing,
Walter Marklein.
Arthur A. Schade.

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grace of liberty does not depend upon selfishness, nor yet to chance appeals, nor to moods, nor to caprice. It depends rather on systematic giving.

3. Partners With God

Managing one's possessions in partnership with God is not optional nor incidental. It is essential, vital, fundamental to any rational Christian life. It lifts us into partnership with

the Creator of the universe in the accomplishment of his eternal purpose. Instead of being like little children on the beach, makers of sandhouses to be washed away by the next wave, we become part-builders of eternal structures like the sculptors who put their souls into the figures they carved, for these were to be a part of the cathedrals that would stand for centuries. Through his use of his possessions a person steps among the immortals.

What we set aside should certainly be in proportion to what we get! If we get more, it should be more, and a tenth is little enough as a start for almost any man who is serious in his convictions about God's ownership.

4. Stewardship Practiced

Were Christ's great truth of stewardship adequately understood and practiced, it would produce the greatest revolution the world has ever seen, the only revolution that can save society. If only all men, or even a majority of men, conceived themselves not as owners but as stewards of the gifts of nature, of fortune and of grace, think how this would solve all our problems! In the Church, as full as it is of wealth, ability, and culture, what financial demands would not be easily met, what difficulty in obtaining competent persons to carry on the church's work among the young, the churchless, in the field of home and foreign missions, would not be triumphantly overcome? Such difficulties would not even exist.

5. A Christian's Financial Creed

Dr. H. F. Rall in an essay on "Stewardship" relates the following: "My money is mine only in trust. It belongs to God just as I do. To spend my income rightly is one of my first tasks as a Christian. Until I settle this, my prayers and my confessions will be like saying: 'Lord, Lord,' and not doing the will of my Father."

"I will set aside a definite portion of my income for the church and the service of others. I do this in acknowledgment of God's sovereignty over all my material possessions. I do this to guard against my own selfishness. I do this because it is businesslike. Giving by impulse and without system does not accord with the importance of this work."

"The proportion to be set aside for these purposes should be not less than one-tenth of my income. The Old Testament enjoined the tithe in ancient Israel, and, surely, I receive far more from God than did the men of any former generation. Nevertheless one-tenth is not to be the limit of my giving. I should not begin with less than one-tenth. I ought to give more if I am able."

"I will invest this money for God as carefully as in my temporal business and keep strict account of this fund. I will study the church and its work that I may give wisely. I will give systematically. I will pray with my giving."



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