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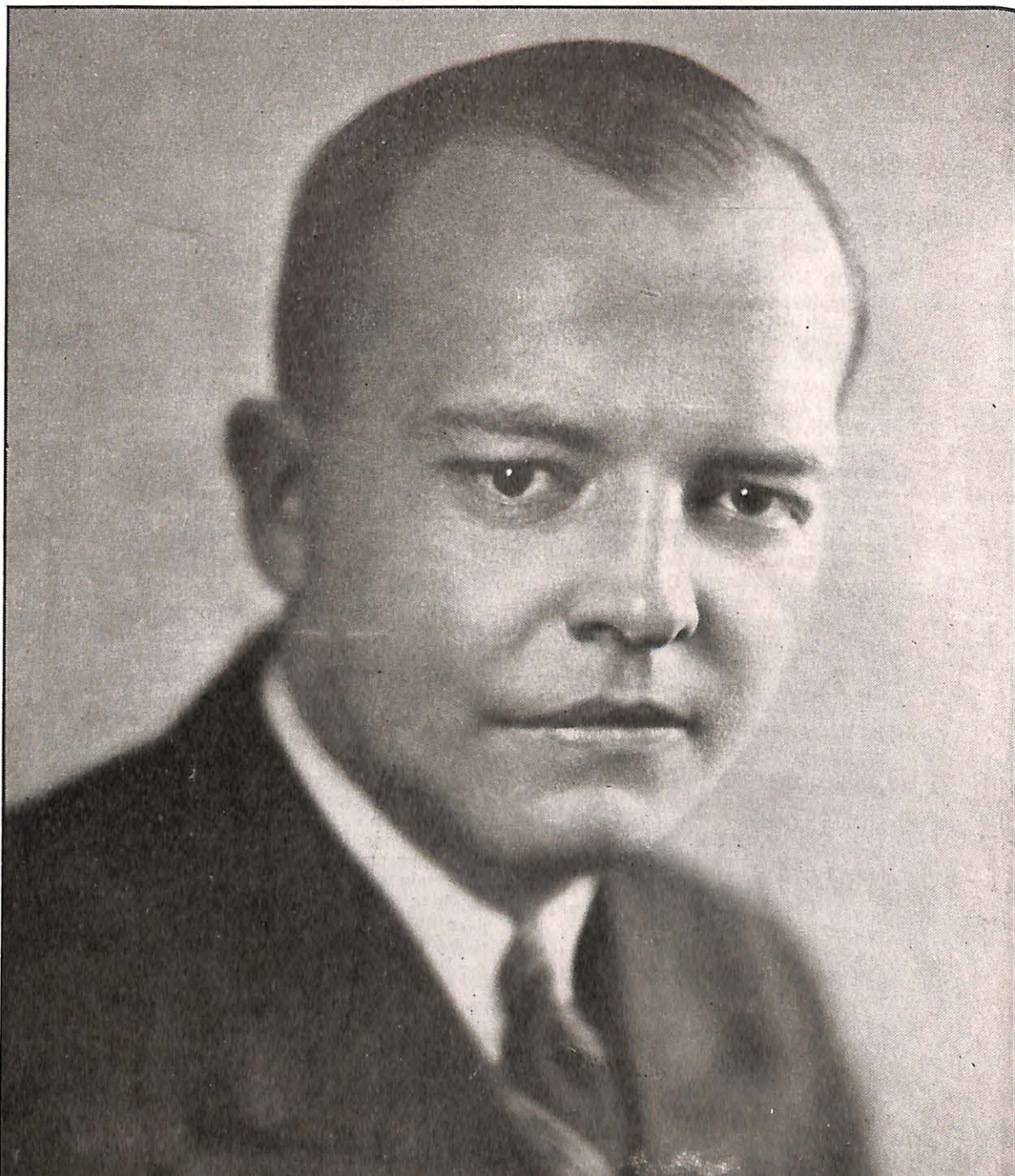


A Welcome Awaits You
at the
**General
Conference,
August 19 to 25,
1940
Burlington, Iowa**



The Honorable
Harold E. Stassen,
Governor
of Minnesota
and a Faithful
Member of the
Riverview Baptist
Church of St. Paul,
Minn., Who Will
Be the Distinguished
Guest Speaker at
the Young People's
Mass Meeting on
Sunday Afternoon,
August 25, at the
General Conference.

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What's Happening

● On Sunday, May 5, the Rev. Albert Knopf, pastor of the Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla., baptized 4 persons on confession of their faith in Christ and received these into the fellowship of the church. These converts were the fruits of revival meetings recently conducted in the church by the Rev. George Wood.

● For the second year in succession the Rev. J. J. Renz, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana, preached the baccalaureate sermon to a large gathering in the community hall on Sunday evening, May 12. This year's graduating class of the Plevna High School was the largest in the school's history.

● The baccalaureate service of the high school in Okeene, Okla., was held on Sunday evening, May 19, in the Zion Baptist Church. The message to the high school graduates was brought by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer. An account of the wonderful Pentecost and Mother's Day programs held in the church on Sunday, May 12, appears on the "Reports from the Field" page of this issue.

● On May 8 the student body of the Rochester Baptist Seminary held its last meeting, at which the election of officers took place. For the ensuing year, 1940-1941, the following officers will serve: Ralph Rott, president; Hans J. Wilcke, secretary; Fred Schmidt, treasurer; and Edwin Michelson and Henry Lang as representatives of the academy in the student council.

● Two Mother's Day programs were recently held in the Baptist Church of Bison, Kan. On Wednesday evening, May 8, the Loyal Daughters entertained their mothers and guests. The second program was given on Sunday, May 12, following the Sunday School period. This program was rendered by the B. Y. P. U. and some of the smaller Sunday School children. The Rev. R. Vassel is still serving until July as pastor of the church.

● A "Musical" was given by the Young Women's Choral Club of the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday evening, May 7. The choral club of 18 members is directed by Miss Margaret Macoskey. The club was assisted by Mrs. Walter Marklein with an organ prelude. Choral numbers, several solos and trio selections, readings, a cello solo and organ solo composed the diversified program. The proceeds benefitted the church treasury.

● On Mother's Day, May 12, the Women's Missionary Society together

with the Senior and Junior B. Y. P. U.'s of the German Baptist Church, Gotebo, Okla., rendered an inspirational program in honor of "Mother." The Rev. J. J. Reimer, pastor of the church, spoke on "Christian Education in the Home." Recently the pastor baptized a mother, whose entire family already belonged to the church. The new deacons of the church, who were recently elected, are Messrs. F. Shanz and Walter Laufer.

● On Sunday afternoon, May 12, the Western Baptist Theological Seminary of Portland, Ore., conferred the degree of "Doctor of Divinity" upon the Rev. John Leyboldt, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of the city. The commencement exercises of the school were held in the Hinson Memorial Baptist Church of Portland. Among the graduates was Miss Victoria Appalalp of the Trinity Church. At the Sunday evening service on May 12 a pageant, "Honoring Motherhood," was presented by the King's Ambassadors. Dr. Leyboldt, the pastor, also made appropriate remarks.

● On Sunday evening, May 12, the Rev. E. Bibelheimer, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana, baptized 5 converts and received these and 7 others by letter into the membership of the church at the communion service on the following Sunday. The converts were the harvest of evangelistic meetings which had been conducted in March by the Reverends J. Eichler and N. A. Christensen. The pastor wrote that "our attendance is such that we feel it as an urgent need to have our church grow out of its basement, where we meet at present, and bring the church building to completion."

● On Sunday afternoon, May 12, the Rev. R. G. Kaiser of McClusky, No. Dak., conducted the radio service from the station in Minot, No. Dak., in the absence of the Rev. G. Schroeder. Mr. Kaiser spoke in German and English on Proverbs 31:30 and John 19:26-27 with appropriate Mother's Day messages. A quartet consisting of the Heitzman sisters with Esther Kaiser as accompanist rendered several musical selections. Mr. Kaiser reported a promising crop outlook in that part of the Dakotas. "Things look a little brighter out here this year. We have been having more rains than we have had for years. This may be a change for better harvests."

● A week of gospel services was held in the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., from April 22 to 28 with the Rev. Oliver W. Hurst, pastor of the neighboring Wyoming

Ave. Baptist Church bringing the messages. Special efforts were successfully made in drawing large audiences of members and friends of the church. An evening's service was called "Family Night," at which a gift was given to the largest family present and also to the oldest mother. There were 13 decisions for Christ during the meetings. The Rev. Milton R. Schroeder, pastor, wrote that "while not all of them will immediately become members of our church, we are hoping that a number of them will."

● On Monday, May 6, a Father's and Son's banquet was held in the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., with a large group of men and boys seated at the tables. The program included brief addresses by the Rev. B. W. Krentz of Los Angeles, Rev. Otto Schroeder of Anaheim, and Messrs. Clifford Hemmerling and Marvin Hartman. Mr. Joe Quast served ably as the toastmaster. The main address was brought by Dr. Joe E. Taylor, Baptist missionary in China. On Sunday morning, May 19, the German students at the University of Redlands with their teacher, Prof. Ebel, participated in the church service and rendered a program in the afternoon. The Rev. H. G. Dymmel is pastor of the Anaheim Church.

● The Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kan., held its Pentecost and Mission Festival with large and enthusiastic services on Sunday, May 12. The nearby Strassburg Church joined the Marion Church in its festivities, and the Rev. Roy Seibel brought the message at the morning English service. Other visitors were from Mt. Zion, Durham, First Church of Dillon (Continued on Page 240)

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EDITORIAL

FOR the apostle Peter, patience came next to godliness. In his enumeration of the qualities that characterize a full-orbed, fruitful Christian life in 2. Peter 2:5-6, he places

patience and
godliness in

consecutive order

to be added to faith in Christ, the virtue of goodness, and the knowledge of God. Peter was probably aware of the price of patience in his own impulsive life and of the immediate need of that gift of God in the lives about him.

How woefully lacking the best of us sometimes are in this Christ-like virtue of patience! Like the Greek of olden times we whip the stormy waves of the sea in order to still the tempestuous waters of life that face us. We drive over wills like Jehu into the affairs of men until it is altogether impossible for us to understand the point of view of others. Nervous instability and spiritual discouragement are often the consequences of our impatience with God. Patience is truly a rare gem that shines in glory next to godliness.

This Christian virtue of patience is, first of all, the recognition of God's wise and omnipotent leadership in our lives and the world about us. Peter's grievous mistakes were always caused by his impulsiveness to assist his Master in the light of human motives without first inquiring after God's will. He wanted God to be on his side in the battles of life, when he should have been concerned about putting himself on God's side. Like Peter, we must learn this lesson of opening our minds and hearts to the knowledge of God's ways in the certain faith that he will always lead aright.

The apostle Paul was deeply concerned about this discernment of God's will in the lives of his fellow-Christians, who were face to face with a

world of overshadowing evil and with the human hounds of persecution. "May the glorious might of God nerve you with full power to . . . be patient cheerfully, whatever comes, thanking the Father who has qualified us to share the lot of the saints in the Light." (Colossians 1:11—Moffatt translation).

Such patience is steadfastness in the Lord's way in spite of all the onslaughts of evil and of adverse circumstances. The patience of Job was given classical utterance in his victorious cry: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him!" That is the Christian's competitive running in the race that is set before him, as with determination and patience he endures to the end, looking unto Jesus for strength and guidance. The apostle James counselled the Christians of his day to find their greatest joy in "being involved in various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith leads to steadfastness" (or patience) and this patience must have her perfect way in us so that we "may be fully and perfectly developed without any defects."

This spirit will find its Christian and practical expression in our patience with one another, helping "to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves," forgiving one another, understanding our neighbor with sympathy. Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery has translated the words of Romans 15:5 with heart-searching power: "Now the God of patience and comfort grant you to be in full sympathy with one another, in accordance with the example of Christ; so that with one heart and with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

In view of these truths that patience is such a priceless gem of the Christian life, let each one of us say with eager spirit: "Lord, have patience with me! Give me more of this patience of the saints!"



"The Road Back," the Cartoon That Won the Pulitzer Prize in 1938 and That Speaks Its Forceful Message Today More Poignantly Than Ever

A Christian Cartoonist

By CARL F. H. HENRY of Chicago, Illinois

Almost two decades ago a leading art school director urged Vaughn Shoemaker, now staff cartoonist for the *Chicago Daily News* and 1938 Pulitzer prize winner, to get a tuition refund.

"You'll never succeed as a cartoonist," he told Shoemaker. "If you'll quit now, we'll be glad to return your money."

Cartoons That Preach

To Middle Westerners, "Shoes" is known today in high and low places for his drawing board ability. Creator of the famous cartoon character, "John Q. Public," he is saluted for his fearless denunciation of political evils. For the cartoon, "The Road Back," which brought Shoemaker the Pulitzer prize when he was thirty-six years of age, Chicagoans esteem him.

But among Chicago's church-going public, Vaughn Shoemaker has won an affection accorded to few in his field. For the cartoons, which come from his freely-littered quarters in the *Daily News* building, have expressed the

Christian philosophy of life, calling men and women to spiritual reality in the living room and in the marketplace.

Shoemaker's testimony has borne fruit. Once a week in the heart of Chicago's Loop, the "Gospel Fellowship" holds its luncheon meetings with an average attendance of 150 men. The fellowship, which "Shoes" made a spiritual goal shortly after his conversion in 1926, has grown in numbers and power under his own leadership. There are 900 members on its Chicago mailing list, and 12 similar clubs have been organized in the United States and Canada.

A Real Conversion

Shoemaker's conversion goes back to the bedside of his dying brother, the victim of a dreaded contagious disease. The brother was a family favorite.

"Shoes" was dressed in white gown and wore a mask, outside the dying brother's hospital room. As he struggled with the truth that his brother

had but a few minutes to live, he frantically rushed into the room and fell on his knees beside the bed. Clasp his brother's hand, he asked:

"Del, are you ready to meet Jesus?" Up to that moment Shoemaker, already head man on the *Daily News* drawing board staff, had not cared about the message of Christ.

"I thought religion was all right for old people with one foot in the grave, to hobble into church, sit down and pull out a hymn book and sing—but not for a young fellow. I had a promising future in the newspaper world, and I wanted to live my life without interference from anyone, not even from God," he asserted.

Shoemaker's brother hesitated a moment and then, squeezing his hand tightly, whispered, "Yes." He drew



Vaughn Shoemaker, Cartoonist for the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

his last breath and went on to meet his Master.

A Praying Mother

It is to the prayers of Vaughn Shoemaker's believing mother, who believed through the years that she would see her entire household saved, that "Shoes" attributes the fact that, though he was yet not a Christian, he carried a message of hope to death's bedside that day. She is now 80 years old.

"Many times, Mother had told me how to find God. Many times she had taken me in her arms, and, with tears streaming down her cheeks, she had told me of Jesus and how he died on the cross for me; told me that if I would but accept that sacrifice I would be saved and spend eternity with him."

With a heart broken by grief, Shoemaker accepted Christ shortly afterward in what he calls "a real, old-fashioned conversion."

"I thank God for an old-fashioned conversion, for I feel more secure, than if I had just signed a church membership card or made it just an intellectual assent. There was a real change in my heart."

From Life Guard to Cartoonist

Some twenty years ago, Vaughn Shoemaker was a life guard on a large Middle Western beach.

He had no definite plans for the future—cartooning was just a hobby—until he met at the beach a young lady beautiful enough to make a difference in his plans.

With little more recommendation than his own pluck and confidence, "Shoes" tackled the *Daily News* art editor for a job. Quite to his own surprise, he found himself bent over the drawing board, his sleeves rolled up.

A succession of ironic events threw the paper's cartooning department into complete confusion and in 1925, three years after he had been hired, "Shoes" emerged as head man.

Meanwhile, his sweetheart of the waterfront had won the title of "Miss Chicago," and, within a year after "Shoes" became top man among the *Daily News* cartoonists, they were wed. Pride of their household is an eleven year old son, "Boots." They live in Michigan, and Shoemaker spends half of the week in Chicago and half with his family.

Pulitzer Prize Winner!

On a hot summer day in 1938, while Shoemaker was touring Europe, he entered the United States Legation office in Sofia, Bulgaria, and asked for his mail. A cablegram was handed him that read, "Heartly Congratulations on Winning the Pulitzer Prize."

The message was from Colonel Frank Knox, publisher of the *Chicago Daily News* and Republican candidate for vice-president in 1936.

"Shoes" learned with peculiar interest that "The Road Back" had been the basis of his recognition. For when the late Charles H. Dennis, editor emeritus of the *Daily News* selected that cartoon for inclusion as one of Shoemaker's typical creations, Shoemaker protested that it was obviously forced. He recalled having struggled with it on the drawing board, and favored pieces which had flowed easily from his brushes.

An Ambassador for Christ

Vaughn Shoemaker has no welcome for half-hearted Christianity. He has shared his testimony with some four hundred churches in the greater Chicago area, and he is known as a whole-hearted ambassador for Christ.

"It is not difficult to bear testimony for the Lord even in the business world," he declares, "but it is essential that one take his stand and make his position known. There is only misery in store for the Christian who attempts to conceal his testimony, and humiliation and loss for the Christian who is on the fence. The compromising Christian loses the confidence of true be-

About the Author!

Mr. Carl F. H. Henry, the author of this article, is a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., and teacher of religious journalism at Wheaton College. A news item about him and his forthcoming marriage to Helga Bender appeared in the May 15 issue (Page 199) of "The Baptist Herald." Mr. Henry is now working on an 80 page booklet about our former Cameroon missionary, the Rev. Carl Bender, which will be published about August 15 at the probable price of 35 cents.

lievers and gains only the contempt of the worldly."

The success which Shoemaker has had as a cartoonist, he credits to his Lord. He teaches to this day the class in the Chicago Art School, in which he was offered a tuition refund twenty years ago, and in each struggling student he sees a potential Christian cartoonist. His main reference book, kept by the side of the drawing board, is a Sears-Roebuck catalogue, wherein he finds models for not a few of the odds and ends which furnish detail for his cartoons.

Vaughn Shoemaker's cartoons have spoken to the hearts of men on week-

day afternoons, when Chicago's pulpits have been silent. They have spoken from the columns of a great daily newspaper, to remind men of an eternal destiny.

Shoemaker's Personal Testimony

"What profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?", asks Shoemaker. "Any of us is fortunate if he so much as gains a very small piece of this whole world, much less the whole of it. What if he did? What would it profit him? I was honest enough with myself back in 1926 to admit I was concerned about my soul. I was simple enough to accept the simple gospel and I took Jesus Christ as my Savior. To this day I have never been sorry. Having had little education or natural ability, any success I have gained as a cartoonist I must credit to God. I wouldn't dare start a day without first starting it with God beside my drawing board. I gain wisdom from him. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you. Isn't it worth trying?"



The Christmas Cartoon by Shoemaker Which Appears Annually on December 25th in the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS by Popular Request

Highlights of the General Conference

Governor Stassen of Minnesota

By His Pastor, the REV. JOHN WOBIG

People attending our General Conference at Burlington, Iowa, this summer will have the opportunity to hear and greet a young man from our own denominational circles who is rapidly becoming a national figure. He is the Honorable Harold E. Stassen, now governor of Minnesota, a leader of high character, sound integrity, cooperative spirit and Christian disposition. Governor Stassen will address the mammoth mass meeting of the conference on Sunday afternoon, August 25.

The secret of his rise to power and national recognition seems to lie in his ability to challenge the intellectual, moral, and social senses of people in every walk and station of life. It is well to take note that in all the strife and bitterness of party politics, which is so prevalent today, Mr. Stassen has held steadily to the noblest personal ideals of truth and honesty, and in all his work has aimed solely at the welfare of humanity.

He deserves the gratitude, affection, and respect of his own denomination, as already has been tendered him by many large and influential organizations of the country. Especially to be mentioned is the honor of having been chosen by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce as the outstanding young man in the nation during 1939. The chamber's "Distinguished Service Award," a diamond-studded key, was presented to Governor Stassen at a dinner in the Hotel Lowry in St. Paul attended by 600 people. The presentation was made by Perry Pipkin of Memphis, national president of the organization. In his speech of acceptance, the governor praised the Junior Chamber for "turning the thoughts of young men to the broader consideration of community and public welfare and progress."

Then the selection of Governor Stassen as temporary chairman and keynote speaker of the Republican National Convention is another great and deserved honor. Undoubtedly, he was selected for a variety of reasons, but important among them is the fact that he typifies the progressive new strength of youth that is rising to a share among present day leadership. The tribute thus paid to his policies and personal abilities is such, of which anybody might be justly proud. He himself regards the keynote job as a "series responsibility which I will do my best to meet, and an honor I will try to merit." Several other achievements have helped to focus national spotlights in his direction.

In speaking with Mr. Stassen recently he had this to say concerning his acceptance to address the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union at its Sunday afternoon service of the General Conference at Burlington: "I am pleased to accept the invitation to speak at the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union program at the conference, particularly for two reasons. First, because of what my own church and our denomination have meant to me from the first enrollment in Sunday School, through young people's and church work and worship up to the present. And, second, because I recognize the great importance of our denomination and the Christian Church for the future progress and happiness of all our people."

Those of us who know Brother Stassen as a fellow-Christian believe him to be as industrious as he is energetic, and feel that he has proven himself a Christian in word and deed by his association with us as fellow-members. The same can also be said of Mrs. Stassen, who faithfully stands at his side. Vitaly interested as he is in the Christian religion and program, we may look forward to an inspiring message from him at the conference.

"Better Than Gold"

Missionary Play to Be Presented at the General Conference on Saturday Evening, August 24

The missionary dramatization, "Better Than Gold," to be presented at the General Conference in Burlington, Iowa, on Saturday evening, August 24,



Leading Characters in Play, "Better Than Gold"

(From Left to Right: Bernice Boltz representing Bojana Puntcheva; Margaret Jeske representing Sister Lydia; and Ethel Schroeder representing Marianna Bogdanova.)

is based on a dialogue called, "The Stolen Testament," written several years ago by Dr. Wm. Kuhn. It is largely based on actual happenings about 30 years ago among a small group of Gypsies living near Lom, Bulgaria.

GENERAL CONFERENCE NOTICE!

By Arthur Schwerin,
General Chairman of the Burlington
Committee on Arrangements

The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, is ready for the 26th General Conference and anxiously awaiting the arrival of our guests. Twenty-six committees have been at work for weeks perfecting the details entrusted to the host church.

Our publicity committee has sent out the first of two of a series of letters to all of the pastors. Each pastor has received a supply of registration cards, road maps and complete information regarding lodging accommodations. Everybody attending the conference should, by all means, secure one of these cards and either send it in himself or have his pastor do so. Reservations at the Burlington or Union Hotel may be made direct with the hotel, if desired. Or, if they are sent to the undersigned, they will receive prompt attention.

While Burlington is not as large as some of the towns in which recent conferences have been held, everybody will be taken care of. Reservations for accommodations will be filled in the order in which they are received. I want, therefore, to urge everybody to send in their registration card at as early a date as possible. This is especially true of those who expect to be here for the week-end only. We anticipate that there will be at least 500 guests at this time in addition to the regular conference delegates and visitors. In order that they may be taken care of adequately and efficiently, advance reservations are essential. By making an advance reservation, all you have to do upon your arrival is to register and find out where you are going to stay.

Get your registration card from your pastor and mail it to the undersigned today.

Arthur Schwerin,
Box 138,
Burlington, Iowa.

God moved in a wonderful way to use the weakness of a Gypsy couple for the purpose of building his Kingdom among the despised Gypsies. Henry Ward Beecher once said, in effect, that God sometimes uses a crooked stick to accomplish his purposes. Such can be said of the Gypsies appearing in the dramatization, "Better Than Gold." The theft of a Bible by a Gypsy couple eventually led to the formation of the only organized Gypsy Baptist Church in the world.

Gold, books, beads, fruits, vegetables, money and such spiritual factors as conscience, prayer, love, patience, kindness, and Christ-likeness form a pattern of life in which is woven the story of the redeeming power of Jesus Christ among poor Gypsies. Oh, how this power changed the life of Marianna Bogdanova and her friends! The story will be told by a group of young people of the North Avenue Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

E. J. Baumgartner,
Author and Director of the Play.

The Oak Street Church of Burlington

By WALTER E. KOHRS of Burlington, Iowa

The Oak Street Baptist Church at Burlington, Iowa, which will be host to the 26th triennial conference of German Baptist Churches of North America from August 19 to 25, was founded in 1869, the church celebrating its 70th anniversary at a three-day series of services last August.

Begun by a group of 11 German Baptists who left their Fatherland in 1867 to seek a new home for themselves and their families in this land of promise and opportunity, the Oak Street Baptist Church, with its present membership of 655 and a Sunday School of 656, now stands as one of the largest in the denomination. Its present building, including the auditorium and the modern Sunday School plant, is recognized as one of the finest in the Middle West.

The founders effected a temporary organization in 1869, when the church was organized and recognized formally, with Heinrich Rieke as leader and deacon, a position he held until his death in 1928. The Rev. John Kohrs, who had been called from Germany, assumed the pastorate of the church in 1869, serving six years.

The first house of worship was erected in 1870 on the present site, the poverty of its members preventing them from buying property in the downtown section. This circumstance ultimately proved to be providential. In dedicating the first structure free of debt, the members contributed one-sixth of their total property valuation to the project.

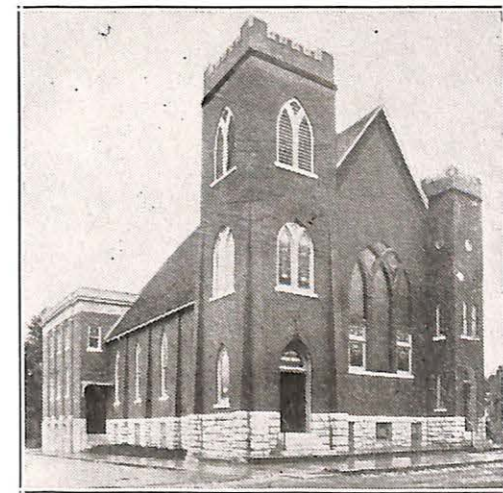
In 1877, the Rev. John Kohrs severed his connection with the church and became a missionary to South Dakota. There he was the first German Baptist

to baptize converts in the Dakotas, and so the Oak Street Church, in reality, became the mother of the work in Dakota.

The Rev. Frederick Hoelzen succeeded Mr. Kohrs as pastor, he, too, having been called from Germany. He served the church for 12 years, dying

Succeeding him was the Rev. J. H. Merkel of Cleveland, Ohio, who served five years.

Following him as pastor in 1900 was the Rev. Joseph Scholz of Tyndall, So. Dak., during whose pastorate the splendid parsonage at 1415 Osborn Street, on North Hill, was erected in



The Oak Street Baptist Church,
Burlington, Iowa

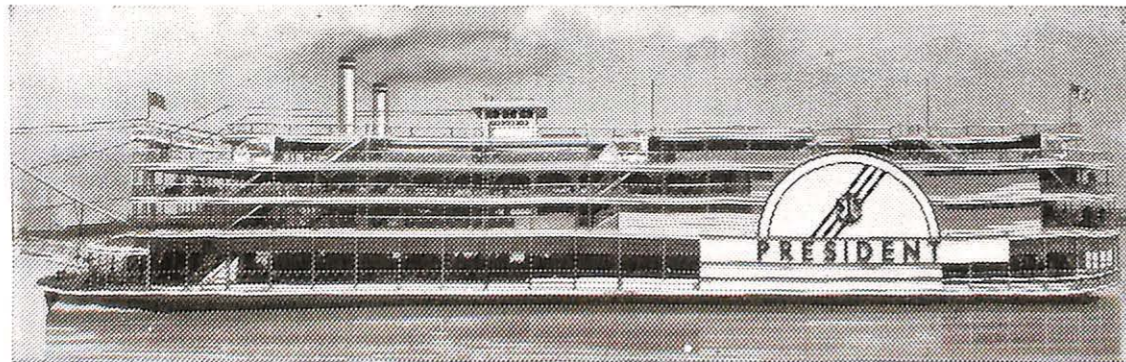
in 1910. A son and daughter still are members of the church.

The Rev. Rudolph Machholz was called from Milwaukee, Wis., to become pastor in 1889, and it was during his pastorate that the original building became too small. It was torn down and replaced by a new edifice. The brick building, which forms a part of the present structure, was erected in 1890. The Rev. R. Machholz' term of service was ended by death in 1895.

1907. The Rev. J. Scholz died in 1910. It was in that year that the Rev. D. J. Siems was ordained to the ministry to care for the growing work at Prairie Grove, Iowa, west of Burlington, which heretofore had been served as a mission.

The Rev. O. E. Krueger, now on the faculty of the German Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., began his ministry at Burlington in 1910. He has

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Conference Visitors Will Enjoy a Mississippi River Sightseeing Trip on "The President" on Wednesday Afternoon, August 28

A Letter to Yourself

An Article That Appeared in the BIBLE SOCIETY RECORD

On the closing day of the Riverside, California, Presbytery's Young People's Conference, the delegates were requested to write a letter to themselves, stating what the conference meant to them and including any promises they made to themselves or to God. No one else was to see these letters. They were to be sealed, but in an envelope addressed to themselves, and at New Year's the letters were to be mailed them, so that they might see how faithfully they had kept their promises.

The letter below is one that Miss Marie Obernolte wrote to herself. Marie was killed in an auto accident on September 25, and this letter, read at her funeral, proved such a blessing, that the BIBLE SOCIETY RECORD shared it with its readers.

Valley of the Moon, Crestline, Calif.
September 2.

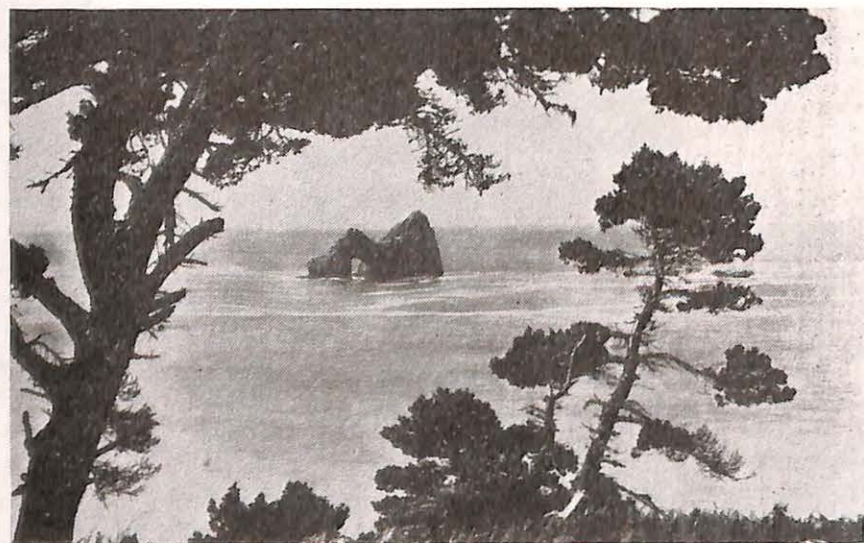
Dear Marie: This is just a little reminder of the grand time you had both mentally and physically during the latter part of August and the first of September at the Presbyterian Conference held at the Valley of the Moon Lodge. Do you remember all the promises you made to yourself and God?

Perhaps you have been so busy this year at school, and met so many new friends, that you have let these promises slip your memory.

Write Your Letter, Too!

Why not follow the novel plan suggested in the accompanying article at your young people's assembly or conference? If the dean of every institute will arrange for the writing of such letters by the young people, stating what the conference has meant to them and including any promises they made to themselves or to God at the consecration services, and then will send them to the young people's secretary, Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., all the letters will be mailed promptly on January 1, 1941. Individual young people at these conferences may also send their sealed letters to be mailed to them on the same date.

The editor will personally encourage the writing of such letters at the assemblies and conferences which he will attend during the summer months. It may be of interest to our readers to know that the Rev. John Leypoldt, D. D., of Portland, Ore., was the first to send the accompanying article to the editor and to urge the adoption of the plan by our young people's gatherings.



The Young People's Assemblies Are Held in Picturesque Settings in Forest-clad Mountains and Beside the Tassled Breakers of the Blue Pacific, Even Similar to this Enrapturing Scene Along the Oregon Coast Highway

Remember? You decided that you were going to make the best of your next year at school in a Christianlike way. You were going to pray for courage to face the problems which came to you, and trust that whichever way they were solved, it was God's will. You were going to be kind to every-

one everywhere, especially those who are set apart from the rest of the people in some trivial way. You were going to find something lovable in everyone with whom you came in contact. You made up your mind to do everything you could to make your parents love and trust you. You even decided to make their lives with you as enjoyable as possible by doing little

things to help them and by curbing your temper and tongue. These you decided to do with the help of God, and you planned to ask his help daily.

Then you were going to read the Bible from cover to cover, study the notes you took at Conference, memorize and remember Bible verses which might bring you comfort at various times, and stand by your belief no matter what the test might be. These are the promises I can remember at the present, but these may remind you of a few more you made.

A Christian life is a life of joy, isn't it? I hope you still think so.

Most sincerely,

The Marie of the Conference.

P. S.: Remember the evening devotionals with Lois Chadsey and the other girls from Beaumont. Pray for Lois and her work.

OAK STREET CHURCH

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had the distinction of having had the longest pastorate at Burlington, namely 15 years. During his tenure, the English language was adopted as the medium for all public services. The crowning achievement of his ministry was the completion of the present structure at a total cost of more than \$85,000, the mortgage on which was burned at appropriate ceremonies at last summer's anniversary celebration. Also, during the Rev. O. E. Krueger's pastorate, the Sunday School was reorganized and graded, and the organization of the church perfected. Mr. Krueger was pastor until 1925.

The Rev. A. J. Harms of Lorraine, Kan., began his ministry at Burlington in 1925, remaining two years.

The Rev. Charles F. Zummach served from 1928 until 1936, during which pastorate the church roll was revised.

Serving as interim pastor during 1937 was the Rev. W. S. Argow, the building being renovated during his period of service.

The present pastor, the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, came to Burlington from Brooklyn, N. Y., on April 1, 1938.

Sons and daughters of the church, noteworthy for their Christian service, include Dr. Carl Jordan, former medical missionary to China; Margaret Wagner and Elizabeth Sprock, who entered deaconess work; Miss Augusta Jordan, church missionary for many years; Augusta Johnson, in religious work at Milwaukee, Wis.; Frieda Rieke, formerly in religious work at Buffalo, N. Y., and Newark, N. J.; and Miss Erna Hoelzen, church missionary at the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J.

Those from the church who entered the ministry include the Revs. F. H. Heinemann, William Tietge, Chris Tietge, Gerhardt Sprock, and D. J. Siems. Also contributing to the growth and progress of the Burlington Church are the Missionary Service Guild, the church choir, and the B. Y. P. U.

Children's Page

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Won't You Come, Too?

ROSE MARIE was a very lonely little girl. She and her four younger brothers and sisters had moved to a home in the country from the hot, stuffy city just a week before. Her father had wanted to wait until school was out so that Rose Marie would not miss any of it. The rest of the children were still too young to be going to school. Now the country was a very wonderful place for the whole family. Oh, yes, indeed! Just the thought of having so much room in which to play, beautiful flowers to pick and the happy singing of the birds was enough to make anyone happy, but more especially to the Connells who had never been able to enjoy it before.

However, Rose Marie was lonely. Any girl eleven years old likes to have someone else with whom to talk and play. There were some neighbors around the Connell home but they were all strangers. However, there was such a friendly looking church only two miles away. Rose Marie had been to church in the city a very few times. Her family was very poor, and when they had been living in the city her father and mother were always working or were so tired out that they had never had a chance to take the children to church. They owned no car, and it was too far away for the children to go alone.

Rose Marie had been wondering about this church. What did it look like inside? What did the people do when they went there? Maybe she could go over sometime and look at it more closely. But she decided she was going to go alone. So, on one nice sunny morning in June, she started out. Her mother had told her that she could go for a walk after the breakfast dishes were finished but she must be back in time to help get dinner ready.

Rose Marie became very excited on the way. The flowers seemed to nod their heads to her and say, "Good morning!" The birds sang so sweetly as though they were trying to tell her, "We're so happy, aren't you?" But who was that coming from the opposite direction? Two girls and a boy—all of them her size. Should she turn around and go back home? She had never seen them before, and maybe they would ask her a lot of questions. They were carrying books and were singing and laughing.

"Hello, are you going to Bible School, too?" called one of the girls.

"No—I—I—don't know, I was going over to see the church," stammered Rose Marie.

"You're a stranger, aren't you?" said the other

girl. "Why don't you come along with us? We'd like to have you come to Bible School. Won't you tell us your name?"

Rose Marie told them her name and soon was talking freely. She found out that the girls were twins, and their names were Jane and June. The boy, Bob, was their older brother. When they came to the church, Rose Marie was delighted to see so many boys and girls together. They all marched into church and then sang some songs and gave the flag salute. Rose Marie knew the flag salute but she didn't know the songs. Then a kind looking lady, Miss Sumner, told the nicest story to all of them.



Happy Vacation School Children of the Plum Creek Sunday School in South Dakota

The whole morning was just one new and exciting thing after another for Rose Marie. She stayed with Jane and June, and they were in the Junior class. Their leader, Mrs. Bordet, told them a story about Jesus, how he made a little girl live again by just taking her hand and saying, "Little girl, rise up!" "Why, that was wonderful," Rose Marie thought to herself. Then another story about how he had to be nailed to a cross. How could they do something so cruel to such a kind man? She became sad when she heard that story but soon became happy again when Mrs. Bordet told them the Easter story.

The time went so quickly. Many of the boys and girls came up to Rose Marie and told her she must be sure to come back again the next day. Rose Marie did go back and learned so much more about Jesus. Her whole family came to church with her on the next Sunday morning and soon her mother and father learned to love and know Jesus, too. They were such a happy family now and Rose Marie was lonely no more.

Do you know of any boy or girl who does not know Jesus like you do? Wouldn't you like to ask them to go to Bible School with you? Jesus will be very pleased if you do something like that for him!

Blaze Star

By Paul Hutchens

SYNOPSIS

Dale Mars resigned his profitable position as radio announcer, because he had become a Christian and refused to read the ads for beer parlors and dance halls. He joined the Warrings at their lake front cottage, but his interest was far keener in Nova Louverne, a children's teacher at the nearby Crystal Bible Conference, than in the daughter of the Warrings, Adalene, a worldly friend of his in the radio office. But events seemed to decree otherwise. Adalene was so deeply touched by the conference meetings that she became a Christian. At a camp fire meeting, attended by Mrs. Brownstone Waring as well, Adalene brought her testimony for her Savior, following a deeply moving message by Dale. Now it seemed harder than ever for Dale to tell Adalene that he could not love her because his heart had been given to another, Nova. Even Mrs. Waring seemed to have been strangely touched by that wonderful camp fire service that evening, as Dale learned in driving Adalene and her mother back to their cottage through the darkness of the night.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

During the drive home, Mrs. Waring's silence was ominous. Only now she seemed not like a balloon straining at its ropes, but a weakening dam in the flood season. Dale knew she would be able to control herself until she was alone with Adalene rather than have a scene in his presence. He cringed as he thought of what withering things Adalene should have to hear, yet he felt there was nothing Mrs. Brownstone Waring could say, no matter how stormily she might say it, that would wound Adalene more deeply than the cruel things he himself must say—and say this very night.

He resolved to come to Adalene's defense ahead of time for his heart was heavy for her. His car slid to a slow stop in the luxurious driveway. He braced himself for the task and said abruptly, loud enough for Mrs. Waring to hear, "That was wonderful tonight, Adalene, about the finest thing I've seen."

Adalene's hand pressed his arm in appreciation, and he noticed that her hand was trembling. She was afraid, he thought, of her own mother.

The ominous silence continued, like the frantic stillness of nature before the sudden breaking of a storm.

Again Dale spoke. "When we get

back to Dresden, I think we should start some definite Bible study for young people, have it on a week night so that it will not interfere with various church activities, and conduct it on the same plan as the camp fire service here. You notice how young people flock to Brink's Dungeon? Why do they do it? I'm sure it is not alone because they are worldly but because it is a place planned especially for them. Young people go where other young people go. You notice how the log cabin dance halls and roadhouses out in the country draw the crowds. I realize we cannot compete with the world in drawing them. It's like Lyle said tonight. If we lift up Christ in the way we should He will draw all men unto Him. And when they are drawn to Him they are pulled away from the world.

"I think we should have some special place that young people can feel belongs to them alone, secure the best consecrated musical talent and spiritual Bible teachers, and, most of all, let the young people themselves have plenty to do—let them usher, lead the singing, give testimonies."

"Yes," Adalene said, "and once each month have a special gathering with truly Christian recreation and games and close each one with a thirty-minute meeting like the one tonight."

There was a movement in the back seat of the car where Mrs. Brownstone Waring had been sitting very stiff and straight. Then she spoke, and her voice was not at all like the mighty Mrs. Brownstone Waring. She said simply, "I think I shall go in now; I am very tired. Don't stay out too late."

In a flash Dale was out of the car, opening the door for her. "Thank you," she said gently and without a word further went into the house. Dale watched the lights go on on the porch, another light go on in an inner room, and then the porch was dark again.

He climbed in beside Adalene. He knew that in another moment he would be telling her the brutal truth. His heart was pounding as loudly in his ears as it had that first night when he had called at the Orriston. Already his throat was dry.

It was Adalene who spoke first. "Poor Mother," she commiserated. "With all her social activities and her round of pleasure, she is about the most miserable person in the world. You'll help me pray for her, won't you? It's a terrible blow to her pride to have me become a Christian. She's always considered herself one until this week. She's a member at St.

Luke's, you know, but if ever religion was a mockery it is in that church. Not one of those women in Mother's set knows the first thing about spirituality or what it means to experience Christ. Even Dr. Steinhour himself smokes, drinks his beer and patronizes the theater regularly every Sunday night. I've heard him boast to Mother that he can take a drink or leave it alone. For all his deep-voiced pious talk, he is—Oh, he makes me sick! I know I've been no angel, but at least I haven't pretended.

"And he wears his somber ministerial garb with the most dignified egotism I ever saw."

"What can we expect of the young people when some professing Christians make such a mockery of it all? I realize that's no excuse though, for there is reality all about us if we look for it. If ever anyone had no excuse, it was Adalene Waring."

"And Dale Mars." The conversation had been steered away from what he knew he must talk about. "You are very happy tonight, Adalene," he began.

"Never more so in all my life—except for Mother. Oh, Dale! I'm afraid—afraid to go in, afraid of what she'll say and do!"

"You mean—?"

"Not only because of what I have already done." There was none of the dignified business tone so much a part of Adalene Waring. "I have been running away from God and His will for two years, but I'll never do it again. It couldn't possibly cost more to serve Him than what I've had to pay in unhappiness these two years. I don't know what Mother will say and do—something terrible, I'm afraid. She's been so set against me being a Christian, and seeing Lyle again has made things all the worse."

Dale gasped, sat up very straight on the edge of the seat. He thought he saw a tiny ray of light. Memory carried him instantly to that night last week and to that little prayer meeting with Lyle in his car, when Lyle had said, "I may never marry. Once I knew a wonderful girl but she threw me over when she discovered I was going to be a minister. I never did know whether it was she or her mother who was to blame." Hope coupled Lyle's words to Adalene's gasp that night at the camp fire when Lyle had risen to speak. And to that, like another car in a train of circumstances was added the fact that Lyle had spent the afternoon here yesterday. Was it possible

Adalene pushed open the door on her side of the car. "I think I had better go in before she retires." She hesitated. "Whatever Mother has to say, I believe I would rather hear it tonight. Somehow I feel—fortified."

He watched her move across the lawn toward the house, a shadow walking toward the light—a new light walking toward the shadow. He bowed his head and said, "Make her like Nova Louverne tonight, ablaze with the light of God. Feed those flames with courage and faith and humility. Let the fire of her faith touch the unlit candle of her mother's proud heart and create within her another light."

Behind him came the sound of footsteps on the gravelled drive, and in a moment Lyle Petersen was there. Their hands clasped in greeting. "I had to come," Lyle said. "I couldn't sleep; I had to see you tonight."

Dale felt the earnestness behind the quietly spoken words. "I came also because of Adalene," Lyle explained. "I saw her mother's face in the firelight and I was afraid of her."

Abruptly yet sympathetically, Dale said, not intending to say it, "Tell me, Lyle, do you love her?" So very abrupt and tactless, his question seemed.

"I came also," Lyle answered with a dryness in his voice, "to ask that question of you. Somehow I had to know. More than two years ago I met her when I was here attending the conference. One day as I was walking along the beach and was passing their boat-house I heard a cry for help and I looked up just in time to see her canoe capsize far out from shore. I reached her just in time to save her life. After that, we fell in love—I did, at least. But we had to meet secretly because of her mother's disapproval. Then one day she wrote me a goodbye note and asked me never to call or write again. That was the end, not of our love but of our going together. She asked for only one thing when we parted, and that was my picture."

Below them the waves were washing against the shore and the dock and the boathouse. Some distance out in the lake the bare mast of Barton's sailboat weaved back and forth with the motion of the curtsying boat. From the trees somewhere along the shore, the long-eared owl sent forth his wailing mew followed by three mocking "hoots."

"Today," Lyle continued, "we had a lovely time together, one I shall always remember even if we never have another. I'll always have the joy of knowing I had some little part in leading her to accept Christ into her life."

There was dryness in Dale's throat as he answered, "I think she'll make a good minister's wife, Lyle, now that she is born again. Spirituality coupled with business ability is a good combination. And may God give you success in winning her. No, Lyle, my sail is set in another direction. I am not quite sure how Adalene feels toward me but as far as I am concerned, you have clear sailing."

"Thanks, pal," was Lyle's only answer, and again there was a solemn handshake while Dale's mind sang a song of joy.

They bowed their heads there in the shadow of the trees and prayed for the brave new girl who at that very moment was saying to a despondent mother in the latter's room, "Dale is wonderful, Mother, and I owe it to you for helping me to know him. He is quite the most wonderful man I have met, I think, but I know he is not for me. I have seen his eyes light up with joy at meeting Nova Louverne, and tonight I saw their interchange of love across the firelit circle. I'm afraid I have let myself love him without a cause."

Mrs. Brownstone Waring, still fully dressed, sat like a drooping peony, in a deep lounging chair near her bed. "In either case you will have married a minister," she said sadly. Her head was bowing and resting in her hand. She added apathetically, "Any time you wish to ask Lyle in, it will be all right."

Tears came quickly and flooded Adalene's eyes. "I do not love him, Mother, not as I have loved Dale, but I know he loves me desperately and—and I think I shall give myself a chance to love him if—I can. Wasn't he wonderful tonight?"

Seeing her mother's unaccustomed humility, the seeming fineness of her which she had never before noticed, a great love welled up within her. She moved swiftly, blindly, across the room, dropped to her knees beside the chair, and they cried together, for the first time since Adalene was a child. Adalene felt her mother's soft cheek against hers and knew one of the greatest joys of her life.

Releasing her daughter, Mrs. Waring said, "I believe I'll read awhile before going to bed, if you will bring my Bible from the bureau."

Adalene looked with unbelieving eyes, walked with unbelieving steps toward the bureau, returned still unbelieving, yet believing. It was a lovely new reference Bible, not unlike the one she had seen on the conference book table only yesterday.

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Maria Louverne had awakened, slept and awakened again many times during the long night, and in those waking moments and in her dreams she was thinking, thinking. They had told her she was much better, so much better that she might make the long trip with safety. They were trying to make her feel that she would live a long time. But she knew that very soon, within a week, perhaps, or a day, she would die; for to one with her illness, death might come suddenly, without warning. Heart failure, it would be called.

What, she asked herself, would it be like to awaken in "His likeness"? And how would the Master Himself appear to her? Like the many paintings of Him by artists who had never seen Him? Or as He was revealed on the

Mount of Transfiguration, radiant and shining like the snow? Or perhaps like the word picture of him by the beloved John in the Revelation: His whole self clothed in garments of light, his eyes aflame with love-fire, his fine head and hair pure white like snow, his feet flaming brass—glorified? ". . . I am the First and the Last; I am He that liveth and was dead and behold I am alive forever. Amen. And have the keys of hell and death."

And would it be a long journey? Would He send his angels as He had to Lazarus? Or would it be as Paul had anticipated—"absent from the body, at home with the Lord"—a flight as quick as thought?

Ah, yes, they were right. She was going to live a long time. Forever and ever. For "He that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life" (John 5:24). But she was going to move into a new house. This one was too old and dilapidated, too handicapped to live in forever.

"Poor old twisted fingers." She lifted them as she so often did until they lay coiled against her cheek. "Years ago I poured out my very life through you, and from you I went out across the great audiences and into the hearts of men and women all over the world; I went out, yet I always remained behind, with more of myself to give—more than before I gave, for everything I gave returned to live within me. But this time I am going to leave you here. Ah, but you were precious in those days, so skilled, so gentle, or so violent, whatever might be the mood of the moment. You were always obedient, always. And you were alive and warm then; now you are knotted and dry and fragile."

Across the room in her own bed Nova was sleeping soundly, dreaming happily perhaps of the life that now is—as she should—of service for her Master here. In another room across the hall Miss Barry slept, the new nurse who had been caring for her mother this past week. Gay little worldly thing, a good nurse, sympathetic, living only for this life. Dr. Remsen was downstairs in the guest room. He was so very kind yet so filled with the wisdom of this world only. Such a mind if truly infused with the love of God in Christ—what a dynamic for good! There were many truly Christian doctors in this country, she was sure. And yet so very few.

Maria Louverne sighed, her sigh a prayer.

Nova, sleeping lightly, heard that sigh, awoke and asked in a whisper, "Are you all right, Mother?"

There was no sound at first and she started, staring into the cold darkness of the room. It had to come some day, but—. She felt instant relief when she heard her mother's whisper, "Yes, dear, I am not sleeping but I am enjoying the night."

Mother would. She never wasted even a sleepless night, but turned it into hours of constructive meditation

of prayer or praise. Nova arose to minister to her needs.

"I've been quoting promises to myself," Maria Louverne said, "making a little swimming pool of them and thinking of tomorrow afternoon when I shall hear Dr. Keyes of England. It will be my first time in church for almost a year. I've been having the loveliest swim! Remember the poem:—

"Oh the wild joy, Dear King, of hearing Thy Word,

The cool, silver, shock of the plunge in the Book's living Water!

How good to employ all our senses forever,

Just listening to Thy Word!"

"Haven't you slept at all, Mother?"

"Oh yes, many times. And I've had the happiest dream. Sometimes I thought I was wide awake when I was only dreaming, and again I thought I was dreaming when I was fully awake."

"Tell me, Nova," she said abruptly, "you won't be too lonesome for me when I'm gone?"

"Should you be thinking about that, Mother? You aren't going to be gone for a long time; you are so much better."

"That's what they are telling me and that's what they want me to believe, and perhaps they are right for I do feel much better."

Nova was on her knees beside the bed, holding the seamed old face in both her hands. There was a strange look on that face that made her ask, "You aren't worrying about anything?"

"No, I'm not afraid, not of death or of the judgment, for Christ is my surety and He will present me faultless, but—" For the first time the old voice wavered. "I'm a teeny wee bit afraid of dying; it will be a new venture and I am quite old to be starting something new, but doesn't it say, 'Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me?' That's courage because of His companionship, isn't it?"

Gently Nova stroked her mother's cheeks and forehead, a feeling of awe holding her tense.

"In my Father's house I'll hear those dear old saints of God who have gone on before. I heard Moody once in London—and Spurgeon. Sankey will be singing the 'Ninety and Nine' there, I am sure, and maybe they'll let me play; I'll have new fingers then. But I want to talk about you and Dale."

Nova's pulse leaped.

"You will marry, of course, when you are ready; and you will serve the Lord together in whatever field he directs you.

"You will be provided for in my will. There's one thing I want you to promise and that is that you will watch your health, you and Dale. Don't forget to take time out each year, some little time each day also, for wholesome play and recreation. There was a time in my life when I thought it

was wrong to play. Life was all work, work, work, I thought. But when play is for His glory, it is good. He delights in seeing His children happy even in their games."

The old voice droned on, like a bee dispensing honey, not gathering it, until Nova knew that she must rest, for tomorrow would be a strenuous day for her.

Tomorrow came, and with it came Dale, who at Maria Louverne's special request wheeled her along the lake front in her own wheel chair, which Dr. Remsen had brought in his car.

Dale's cup was filled to the brim this morning, what with last night's memories and today's anticipations and the privilege of the moment. He walked slowly, guiding the wheel chair along the trail. Fondly he looked down at the gray silken curls of the lovely old head and loved her as his own mother.

"Things have changed a great deal since I was here last," she said.

"You've been here before, then?"

"A number of times. Stop here," she requested.

He would have stopped anyway for the view was unusual. Far out across the tossing waves, too far for him to see, but not too far to remember, was a dilapidated old dock, leading up to an abandoned cottage where yesterday he had played a delightful game of make-believe with the most delightful girl in the world.

Maria Louverne's eyes were looking out across the lake toward where his thoughts were. He stooped, picked a little blue violet, tucked it into her hair, and was rewarded by her smile. "You are so much like one I knew many years ago; that's why I'm glad to leave Nova in your care. You'll be happy serving the Lord together, but you won't forget to play together, as well as work; and be sure to take time for love. It's God's great lubricant for all life's little frictions."

He seated himself upon the stone curbing, glad to be her pupil. Son-like, he told her of his new life's ambition, of his desire that was becoming like a mighty passion to spend his life in saving America's boys. He told her of his experience at the mission and in the Dungeon and of his dream of terror that night in his room.

Mother-like, she listened and counselled with him in the way a mother would. "A good boy made is a bad man saved," she said. "I read that only yesterday."

Listening, watching, he thought he had never seen such a serene face, nor had he ever heard such words of wisdom. The blue-gray eyes were looking upon him fondly, tenderly. While she talked he noticed she kept looking far out across the lake toward where his thoughts were, as if she were trying to remember or to re-live some rare experience of the past.

It was a moment never to be forgotten, with everything in nature conspiring to make it more delightful: a

bumble bee moving on noisy wings from flower to flower; motor boats purring on the lake, gulls winnowing along in the wind just above the water or doing their bit of scavenging along the shore, their high-pitched staccato chatter like the squeaking of a slightly off-key piccolo in a symphony; lazy, white cirrus clouds wandering in the blue sky; the fragrance of flowers and the pungent odor of sea-weed and of the lake itself filling their nostrils . . .

It was while Dale's mind was dreamily enjoying it all that he looked suddenly and saw her face light up as with a happy thought.

Her voice was excited as she said, "I wonder if you will drive me in your car around the lake. It's been so long since I was here, and there is something I wish to see over—" She nodded toward the opposite side of the lake, toward where his thoughts were . . . "over there."

There was no reason why he shouldn't, if Dr. Remsen gave his consent.

"We'll be back in a little while," Dale told Nova, after Dr. Remsen had given his consent to the trip and Maria Louverne was tucked in beside him in the car.

Brown and violet eyes met. "We're eloping," he said, with a twinkle in his eye. "Aren't we a happy looking bridal couple?"

Maria Louverne seemed unusually happy and a little mysterious, he thought. "We'd better hurry," she said to Dale, "or we won't get back in time for church." She seemed to know exactly where she wanted to go, although several times she had him stop while she looked anxiously down this side road and that. "Things have changed so," she complained.

Far around the lake they passed the boat livery where yesterday he had rented the fishing boat. At length they came to a neglected gateway leading into a jungle of maple and ash and elm and a tangle of wild grapevines. This, Dale thought, must lead to the old cottage he had seen yesterday and where he and Nova had played together so happily.

"This is the place!" Maria Louverne exclaimed. Her face was strangely sober now. "Open the gate and follow the driveway down to the lake." It was a command.

He hurried, her excitement contagious, his own curiosity urging him on.

"Leave the gate open," she said. And he did. A few moments later they were at the scene of yesterday. The old driveway led around the cottage, where she ordered him to stop near the winding stairway. Yesterday Nova had stood here waiting for him to climb to her. It would always be like that, he thought, she a little higher in spiritual attainment than he, and he, climbing and climbing to where she was.

(To be concluded)

B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

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PICTURES THAT PREACH

Do you remember the early days of your Sunday School attendance, when every Sunday you received a picture card illustrating the lesson, and how realistic and vivid the lesson was brought home to you? That is what all great artists do for you and for me. With brush and paint they portray for us the great scenes from the Bible. Some of the pictures are historical or geographical, and others are symbolic, such as Hunt's "The Light of the World." I know of one Sunday School teacher who made it a hobby to gather Bible pictures of every kind from all sources; in time, this teacher had an enviable collection of illustrative Bible material, most useful in the teaching of the lessons. My own teacher of history at the university had a similar hobby with regard to historical pictures. His students studied history with added zest due to these illustrations.

It is commonly accepted that the greatest preachers in the world have been men like Rubens, Thorwaldsen, Hoffman, Da Vinci and others, who with brush and paint have prepared "sermons" which thousands view every year in great cathedrals and museums. One of my own great inspiring experiences was when I stood before Da Vinci's "Lord's Supper," reproduced in colored glass in the Forest Lawn Mausoleum at Los Angeles, California. The rich coloring, the life-like figures, the dramatic moment illustrating the reaction of the disciples to the words of Jesus, "One of you shall betray me," all this affects the onlooker as though he himself has become a part of that distinguished group and himself reacts to the words of the Master.

A story is told of Hoffman's "Head of Christ," taken from his great masterpiece, "The Boy Jesus and the Rulers in the Temple." A young man had gone to college. One day his mother, living in a small town not far away, decided to visit her son. When she arrived he was in class, so she went into his room and was shocked to her very soul by the pictures she saw hanging on his walls. She was wise and did not say anything to her son about these obscene pictures. However, when she returned home, she went to the art store and purchased a good framed copy of Hoffman's "Head of Christ." This she sent to her son. After a few months she again visited her son and, to her surprise and joy, she found only one picture in his room, namely, the gift she had sent him. When he came in she said among other things, "Son, where are all those other

pictures I saw in your room last time." In a quiet but serious voice he replied, "With Christ there, Mother, there is no room for other pictures."

G. Campbell Morgan says that, after his marriage, his father came to see him and, after looking over the new home, said to him, "Son, there is not a single picture in your home that would distinguish you as a believer in and follower of the Lord Jesus Christ." That is true of too many Christian homes. It is a serious loss. The quietly repeated and sweetly insistent message of great pictures has a profound influence upon every member of the family.

to make up his mind. It sounds good, but he has his misgivings. The years have left their mark on his character and soul. But take notice of the kindness and patience of the great Teacher! Patiently and at ease he sits there in the fisherman's boat and gently lays his hand on the other man's arm; quietly and softly he convinces the old man of the truth of his teachings. You, too, will wish even as I do time and time again: "If I could only see those wonderful eyes and that kind and friendly face."

When one studies masterpieces of art, or, shall I say, master sermons painted with brush and paint on can-



Zimmerman's Inspiring Painting, "Christ and the Fishermen"

We are told that an inland living family, with no sailors in the line for generations back, sent all their sons to sea. Many wondered why, until someone called attention to a magnificent picture of a graceful ship, under full sail, plowing her way through the mighty deep. Day after day that picture had been preaching its message into the hearts of the boys of that home, and, hanging there over the fireplace, it finally sent them to sea.

Among the masterpieces which I like best stands Zimmermann's "Christ and the Fishermen." Jesus is sitting and talking to an old fisherman. His two sons have arrived during the conversation and after listening for a brief time are carried away by the story that Jesus tells. They look into Jesus' eyes with an interest and an intensity akin to astonishment. Already they have been won over and are eager to follow him, but not so the father! It is a little hard for him

vas, and fills one's soul with the profound messages these proclaim, it is no marvel to hear that during the past year a book collection of the masterpieces selling for ten dollars has far exceeded the sale of the most popular novels. We are told that it is unbelievable how many people have purchased Hendrick Willem Van Loon's "The Arts" for \$3.95. One of the most popular programs on the air is "Art's for Your Sake" in connection with which the National Broadcasting Company has given away, on request of listeners, 200,000 colored reproductions of masterpieces.

Here are a few guides for your further study and appreciation.
Cynthia Pear Maus
—Christ and the Fine Arts.
Albert E. Bailey
—Art Studies in the Life of Christ.
Strain
—Stories of Great Paintings.
Carter, James
—The Gospel Message of Great Pictures.
C. N. Pace
—Pictures That Preach.

July 28, 1940

A CHRISTIAN READING PROGRAM

2. Kings 22:8-13; Ecc. 12, 12; John 5:39; Acts 8:26-40; 1. Tim. 4:13; 2. Tim. 3:15, 16.

1. Selective Reading

"Give heed to reading." Thus, the apostle Paul admonishes his spiritual son, Timothy. If that was essential then, how much more is this exhortation vital in our day! Indeed, "of making many books there is no end." Every week new books appear on the market and vie with each other for the enviable position of "best seller." Not all are worth while; indeed, the problem of selection is a difficult one.

In general, this advice is good to follow. — Always choose the best writers and the books that will expand your knowledge and extend your experience. In other words, select books that are honest, sincere, accurate and well written. This art of selecting becomes more difficult, due to the fact that very few outstanding books of today are written with a Christian philosophy or ethics for their background. Our suggestion is that it would be a good practice for each society or group to have its own literary committee whose task would be to select and recommend books that are in harmony with your highest ideals and standards. You will find the librarian of the public library very willing to help in this task.

(Plan for a number of book reviews in connection with this service, based on the general theme,—"Books That Have Greatly Influenced Me." Surely, everyone could enter such a discussion with enthusiasm and tell what books they are and why they have had profound influence on their lives. R. L. Stevenson once gave this testimony: "Shakespeare has served me best. Few living friends have had upon me the influence as strong for good as Hamlet or Rosalind. The next book in the order of time to influence me, was the New Testament." Chas. Kingsley says: "Except a living man, there is nothing more wonderful than a book." Do you recall the impressions first received from the reading of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" or Sheldon's "In His Steps" or the "Life Story of David Livingstone?")

2. Habits of Reading

Not only is the selection of a book significant and profound in its influence upon us, but a good and regular habit of reading enhances this joyous privilege. Here are a few helpful suggestions:—

1) Set aside a regular time for reading, especially for personal devotion. We once followed such a program in the Bible reading and finished the whole Bible in a year, reading definitely assigned passages every day. One young man read in one year in connection with his devotions the New Testament translated by Moffatt and also "The Wicket Gate," "These

Daphne Dunger Banks

The Daphne Dunger Savings Banks for Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U.'s and churches are now available for distribution. Two lovely pictures of Daphne, the baby daughter of our Cameroon missionaries, George and Louise Dunger, appear on these attractive banks. Send all requests immediately to the Rev. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. The savings banks are free to all our churches.

Twelve," "The Hidden Years" and Murray's "With Christ." Just try to set aside one hour every day for reading. You will be surprised how many books you can read in one year, considering that most books can be read in ten hours.

2) Read attentively and follow the author's thesis with interest and sympathy. What is he trying to say? How does he prove his thesis? Think for yourself and do not hesitate to challenge the author's line of thought. Indeed, read books that are not always in harmony with your views or convictions. Such provocative books will help you to clarify your thinking and establish your intellectual self-reliance as well as independence. By all means stop reading, at intervals, and ponder over what you have been reading.

3) If a book is yours, use a colored pencil to underline important passages.

A New Missionary Biography of Challenging Interest**Boardman of Burma**

By J. C. Robbins

The story of a life burned out on the mission field in devotion to his Lord and for the salvation of Burma.

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SEXOLOGY AND WEDDED LIFE
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For loaned books keep a good notebook on hand into which you can copy comments and excerpts. A friend of mine did this regularly and has a number of notebooks with choice excerpts from many books he has read during the past years. What he really has are book digests.

4) Choose a comfortable place, cosy, quiet and with good light. Have your favorite books and magazines within easy reach.

5) Let your reading be varied, as varied as human nature is itself. Novels are good, and the historical and biographical novel, of course, is preferable by far. Do not confine your reading to novels, however, since that will give you a sense of superficiality and vagueness. Reading a good provocative book is like giving your mind its weekly bath. Biography is most rewarding and a missionary biography most of all. "Borden of Yale," "A Labrador Doctor" by W. Grenfell, and the new biography of George W. Truett are unusually interesting and fascinating reading. I know a crippled lady who has never been outside of her town. Nevertheless, many friends and strangers call on her before they start out on a tour abroad, because through the reading of travels this woman knows all of the important places in this world.

3. Bible Reading

Naturally every Christian should have his own Bible; preferably a good teacher's Bible. Do you recall when you received your first copy of the Bible? Mine was a Christmas present from my parents many years ago. I still have it, even though it had to be rebound. Do you know your Bible? How embarrassing it must have been for the Jewish leaders when Jesus told them, "Search ye the Scriptures." Dr. W. Lyon Phelps says that anyone who studies his Bible carefully, will, over a period of years, acquire a good, wide and thorough education. Why not try it! An outstanding college of our country has revamped its curriculum by selecting one hundred of the greatest books of the world as the basis of its educational plan and, it is not strange at all to know that it has given the Bible the first place in this list.

(If you can afford it, get a copy of the Abingdon Bible Commentary. If not, suggest to your society or Sunday School to get one or more copies. In my humble estimate it is one of the best helps to the study of the Scriptures. By the way, one progressive superintendent of a Sunday School for years insisted on ordering a book with the quarterly Sunday School supplies. These books treat some phase of Christian education.)

Herewith I submit three helpful guides to good reading.

May Lamberton Becker
—Reading Menus for Young People.

William Lyon Phelps
—A Private Library of your Own.

Mortimer J. Adler
—"How to Read." This book only recently off the press has, in an almost unbelievable time, become a best seller.

Reports from the Field

Northern Conference**B. Y. P. U. Activities at the Freudental and Zion Baptist Churches of Alberta**

Since we of the B. Y. P. U. in the Freudental Baptist Church of Alberta, Canada, elected our new officers for the year 1940, we have been active in Bible study programs every second Sunday with the help of our pastor, the Rev. F. Alf.

In February the choirs of both the Freudental and Zion Baptist Churches, consisting of 46 singers, rendered a cantata, "Joseph and His Brethren." This program made a good impression on the large audience, and gave us a picture of the good character of Joseph.

On Mother's Day, May 12, the choir gave a song program, "Mothers of Men." At this occasion the oldest mother, Mrs. C. C. Permann, and the youngest mother, Mrs. John Diede, were presented with lovely flowering plants by the Rev. F. Alf. With our orchestra and choir we are trying to arouse a wonderful musical spirit.

LORENA OHLHAUSER, Secretary.

Mother's Day Celebration in the Winnipeg Church

The Young Girls' Club of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, rendered a program on Sunday, May 12, in honor of Mother's Day and of the mothers of our church in particular.

The proceedings were under the direction of Miss Tillie Miller, who is in charge of the group. The president, Miss Olga Grau, read the scripture lesson, and Miss Lois Rickman led in prayer. Highlights of the program were a dialogue and a pageant with musical accompaniment. Mrs. G. Wokoek spoke on behalf of the mothers, and Olga Grau for the daughters. Recitations were given by Helen Harrecitations and Bernice Wuerch, both of whom were recently baptized. Miss Edith Streichert sang the solos for the pageant.

Members of the club acted as ushers and very thoughtfully presented each of the mothers with a rose. We do well to honor our mothers for "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." P. PENNER, Reporter.

Thirty-three Converts Baptized in the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba

During the past eleven months we have been busily engaged here in the work at Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada, and its surroundings. During this time we have experienced great blessings of our Lord. Shortly before last Christmas we conducted revival meet-



Rev. R. Schilke of Minitonas, Manitoba, and Thirty-three Converts Whom He Recently Baptized

ings, during which time God saved many persons.

On Monday, May 13, the second day of Pentecost, which is a holiday in our church, we were able to step into the waters of baptism with thirty-three of those converts. Others are not yet fully convinced of baptism, but the Lord is leading them also to a definite surrender. During the forenoon of May 13 the pastor of the church brought the baptismal message to an audience of over four hundred.

In the afternoon we were privileged to have guest speakers. The Rev. Mr. Smith of the Baptist Church at Swan River was in our midst and brought a short message in English. A student, stationed for the summer months at Bowsman, Manitoba, among the English Baptists, also spoke a few words to the large assembly. The main address was given by Mr. Reimer, evangelist, who worked for some time in our circles in Saskatchewan, and who at that time was helping Mr. Smith.

Our choir under the able leadership of Mr. J. Pohl rendered a few numbers, and thus greatly added to the blessings. After the address by Mr. Reimer, the pastor baptized these thirty-three persons into the death of Christ. At the dedication ceremony the Rev. J. Luebeck assisted the pastor, after which the pastor extended the hand of fellowship and wished God's blessing upon this happy group. With the Lord's Supper we brought this blessed day to a close.

Quite a number of other new members were taken into the church at different times, so that our church now has a membership of over four hundred. Two months ago the young people of the church were able to secure a piano for the church. They began with this project last Christmas and in a short time accomplished their goal. On Sunday, March 10, we dedicated the piano.

RICHARD SCHILKE, Pastor.

Manitoba Association and Tri Union Convention to Be Held in Winnipeg from June 27 to 30

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

8 P. M. Sermon by Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Program of the Manitoba Association During the Day.

8 P. M. Mission Sermon by Rev. R. Skilke of Minitonas.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Tri Union Session

9:30-10 A. M. Devotions, Mr. R. J. Stober, Overstone.

10-11:15 A. M. Organization and Business.

11:15-12 A. M. Address, Rev. S. Blum, Cleveland, Ohio.

2-2:15 P. M. Devotions, Mr. T. Colley, Winnipeg.

2:15-3 P. M. Business.

3-3:45 P. M. Reports and B. Y. P. U. Address, Rev. E. Mittelstedt, Morris.

3:45-4:30 P. M. Discussion of Young People's Problems to be led by Rev. S. Blum.

8 P. M. Tri-Union Program with numbers by all Societies.

Address, Rev. E. P. Wahl. Tri Union Offering.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

9:45-10:45 A. M. Sunday School. Brief Addresses by Visiting Students and Rev. R. Schilke, Minitonas.

10:45-12 A. M. Service of Worship. Sermon by Rev. J. Luebeck, Minitonas.

3 P. M. Young People's Mass Meeting. Sermon by Rev. Samuel Blum, Cleveland, Ohio.

7:30 P. M. Closing Worship Service. Addresses by Rev. G. Palfenier, Whitmouth, and Rev. Phil. Daum, Winnipeg.

Northwestern Conference**Mother's and Daughter's Banquet in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis.**

On Thursday evening, May 9, the young ladies Sunday School class of the Immanuel German Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., held a Mother's and Daughter's banquet in the church.

Mrs. Schlesinger, the teacher of the class, deserves much credit for the splendid program she arranged. The program consisted of the "Welcome" given by Miss Madeline Herter, the Scripture lesson read by Hilda Lange, and several readings, vocal solos, duets and trios. To conclude the program an impressive candlelight service was held with all the girls of the class taking part.

During the banquet the mothers enjoyed humorous readings which were very ably given by Miss Augusta Eckert and Gertrude Friedrich. Songs were sung by the group.

The church basement was beautifully decorated in a green and yellow color scheme, and plants and bouquets were used as center pieces. There were 52 mothers and daughters present and each mother was presented with a gift.

GERTRUDE KLEIN, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Special Programs by the B. Y. P. U. of Franklin, California

We, of the B. Y. P. U. of the Zion Baptist Church at Franklin, Calif., are happy to report that we are receiving great blessings in all our meetings under the capable leadership of our president, Edwin Schuh. We meet every other Sunday and take charge of one evening church service a month.

On Sunday evening, March 31, group No. 3, with Gus Veninga as chairman, presented a play, "The Great Dawn." On Sunday evening, April 14, the first group with Leonard Adam as chairman gave a missionary program, at which time Mrs. Ed Rau read the biography of Minna Schulz, our missionary in Jugoslavia. We also enjoyed a very fine talk by Frank Veninga.

On Mother's Day, May 12, group No. 2 with John Wageman as chairman gave a fine Mother's Day program. Miss Naomi Wuttke rendered a beautiful selection on the piano, dedicated to all the mothers present. The play, "Spirit of Remembrance," was presented by Mrs. Edwin Schuh, and a duet by the Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser also spoke to us on "Mother's Love."

EMMA J. KELLER, Reporter.

The Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., Celebrates Mother's Day With a Mother-Daughter Banquet

On Friday evening, May 10, the daughters of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon, honored their mothers with a banquet, which was ably served by a group of young men of the church.

Mrs. Sam Schirman led in the opening prayer. Mrs. Abia Haas, toastmistress, followed by quoting a poem written in her mother's honor. Various musical numbers and toasts were presented by members present.

God's blessing was upon us, making a wonderful evening of fellowship, and again reminding us to be ever thankful for our Christian mothers.

The evening program was completed by showing old album slides of mothers and daughters present, which proved to be a surprise to many.

Mrs. Rev. J. Lucas led in the closing prayer.

CLARA ISAAK, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

The Ridgewood Baptist Church Celebrates the 90th Birthday of Its Honorary Deacon, Mr. F. Ziehl

Although we of the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Ridgewood, L. I., N. Y., have not reported for some time, our zeal for God is not lagging. Our efforts in personal evangelism have not been in vain. Prayers, combined with actual efforts of teachers of the Sunday School, our missionary, Mrs. D. McAlpine, and the pastor resulted in a baptismal service on Easter Sunday. Six Sunday School scholars on that occasion confessed Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives. On Sunday, May 26, three other candidates were baptized.

On the first of May we had the unusual privilege of celebrating the 90th birthday of our honorary deacon, Mr. Fred Ziehl. Each organization of the church offered congratulations. But the climax of the evening was the radiant testimony of "Father" Ziehl, as he is affectionately known. Humbly he stood before us, giving praise to God for his abounding grace through sorrow and joy in a life which has experienced the intensity of both.

Brother Ziehl still attends Sunday School and morning church services regularly. He has been a member of our church for 44 years, taught a Sunday School class for 32 years, and has attended Sunday School for over 80 years.

A. E. KANNWISCHER, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

Parkston B. Y. P. U. Reviews the Past Year's Program and Extends Welcome to South Dakota Assembly

With grateful hearts to the Lord for his many blessings in the past, we, as the B. Y. P. U. of Parkston, So. Dak., recently brought another successful year to a close. Our group consists of 17 active members, 4 of whom we have had the privilege of accepting during the past year. We mourn the unexpected and untimely death of our president, Clinton Koth, after which, with the help of our Lord, the vice-president, La Verne Mehlhaff, took over the work of the former president. He has served us faithfully.

We hold our regular meetings once a month, which are successfully carried out and well attended. Besides these we have special gatherings in the interest of our young people. We had a number of programs during the year which were well attended and greatly enjoyed.

We also wish to take this opportunity at this time to extend our sincerest welcome to everyone in South Dakota to attend the South Dakota Young People's Assembly to be held here in Parkston from June 18 to June 21. We hope to have a most inspiring conference!

LYDIA RADEL, Secretary.

Song Festival in the Germantown Church by North Dakota Men

A crowd estimated at 350 to 400 people packed the Germantown Baptist Church of North Dakota on Sunday evening, May 5, to witness the "Saengerfest." Quartets from Martin, Harvey, Anamoose, and Germantown, male choruses from Cathay and Goodrich, a mixed sextet from Fessenden, a trumpet solo by Gordon Paul of Fessenden, and the massed chorus appeared on the musical portion of the program.

The Rev. E. E. Bonikowsky of Carrington delivered a short sermon. The Rev. D. Klein of Germantown, who presided over the program, welcomed the various musical groups and the large audience. The Rev. A. Reeh of Goodrich responded.

The men gathered at the Germantown Church at 3:30 P. M. to rehearse the numbers for the mass chorus. Immediately after the rehearsal the group met to organize the "Saengerbund of Northern North Dakota." The following officers were elected: president: Rev. A. E. Reeh; vice-president, Rev. A. Itterman; secretary-treasurer, Paul Reimer; director, Mr. N. M. Lillehaugen.

Mr. Lillehaugen, who is a member of the Goodrich school faculty, directed the male chorus of about fifty voices in the three final numbers of the program.

The Saengerbund has been invited to meet at Martin for its next concert.

Reporter.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of Carrington, North Dakota, Reports Its Activities

We, as members of the missionary society in the Baptist Church of Carrington, No. Dak., are still at work. Our society consists of 16 active members, besides 2 women on our honorary list.

The officers for this year are as follows: president, Mrs. Anna Seibold; vice-president, Mrs. Fred Bohnet; secretary, Mrs. Minnie Mosal; and treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Schaffer. Our means for raising money, other than our collections at the regular meetings, have been by bake sales, one dollar annual dues for each member, birthday money and also our offerings at our annual program.

We also have a "Birthday Club" in our society which meets quarterly for a birthday party. The women, who have had their birthdays during the four months, are "honor guests" and are identified by some flower, banner, or ribbon. They pay their birthday money at this time. The other women furnish the lunch and entertainment for the evening. The program usually consists of music, Bible questions and other contests. Our first birthday party met with Mrs. Fred Pepple in April.

We do what we can for missions. During the past year we have been engaged on home mission work. We painted the floors in the church audi-

torium and basement. We also repaired and bound our church hymnals. At Christmas we were happy to contribute to the Children's Home at St. Joseph, Michigan. Just before Easter we took up the project of cleaning and redecorating the parsonage. Together with the Pleasant Valley Ladies' Aid, we have that work near completion. Recently, it was our privilege to make a contribution towards our minister's salary.

As our year came to a close in March, we again observed the occasion with our annual missionary program. This marked the 15th year of service for our society in the Carrington Church. Our president, Mrs. Anna Seibold, extended a warm welcome to all present. The secretary, Mrs. Mosal, and the treasurer, Mrs. Schaffer, brought their reports. A vocal solo was rendered by Doris Seibold with Ella Albus as the pianist. A one act play, "Fruit Judging Christians," was presented by Mrs. Frieda Albus, Mrs. Jake Krueger and Mrs. Jake Schaffer.

Then Mrs. Myrtle Short and Lillian Edinger played a piano duet. This was followed by another play, "Blest Be the Tie," with 5 characters, Mrs. C. B. Craven, Mrs. Fred Bohnet, Mrs. Wm. Mosal, Mrs. Martha Hall and Mrs. Anna Seibold. A reading, "Deacon Jones on the Ladies' Aid," was given by Mrs. Andrew Klein. The Rev. Arthur Itterman from Cathay also gave a short talk.

We are very grateful to the Rev. Erich Bonikowsky, our pastor, who has worked so faithfully among us during the past year. Our motto is found in Galatians 6:9, "Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

MRS. MINNIE MOSAL, Secretary.

Spring Rally of the South Dakota Young People at the Emery Church

On Friday evening, May 3, the Young People's Union of the Baptist Church in Emery, So. Dak., was host to the annual spring rally of the South Dakota Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. At six o'clock the young people met in the church basement for a "Fellowship Supper." After the lunch choruses were sung, and all the societies reported on their work accomplished throughout the year.

At eight o'clock Bert Terveen, the Emery B. Y. P. U. president, opened the program with a song service and welcome. Otto Bleker of Emery, president of the South Dakota Union, then took charge of the program. Scripture was read by Martha Wiese of Corona, and the Rev. Oscar Bonikowsky of Parkston led in prayer. Musical numbers were given by the Avon, Tyndall, Danzig, Unityville and Spring Valley societies.

Bessie and Lu Ella Fauth from the Emery Intermediate B. Y. P. U. sang a duet. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, dean of the South Dakota Young People's Conference, presented "Convention Highlights," a preview of the conven-

tion to be held in Parkston from June 18 to 21. Dr. Behan, president of Sioux Falls College, was the guest speaker of the evening. He gave an inspirational message for all who attended.

We wish to thank the Emery B. Y. P. U. and their pastor, the Rev. A. G. Lang, for their fine spirit of co-operation and hospitality, and to express our gratitude to the Union officers for their work in making the rally a success. May God continue to bestow his blessings on our Christian young people!

LEONA MEYER, Reporter.



Visitors to the Recent Convention of the La Salle-Scottsbluff Association at Scottsbluff, Neb., on a Sightseeing Tour to the Nearby Bluffs

Southwestern Conference

Scottsbluff and La Salle Churches Hold Their First Successful Convention since 1937

For the first time since 1937 the Western Nebraska and Colorado Association held its small but inspirational convention in the Salem Baptist Church of Scottsbluff, Neb., from May 9 to 12. By Saturday morning about 20 members and friends of the La Salle Church in Colorado, 150 miles away, had joined the Scottsbluff Church in the fellowship and program of the convention. Everyone voiced the opinion that it was most fortunate that the association had been "resurrected" and resolved to contribute to its success in the future.

Both of the pastors of the La Salle and Scottsbluff Churches, the Revs. C. H. Seecamp and John Weinbender, made frequent appearances on the program. Mr. Seecamp addressed the sessions on Thursday, Friday and Sunday evenings, besides bringing several provocative papers and devotional messages. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago, editor of the "Baptist Herald," served as guest speaker on Sunday morning and afternoon, May 12, besides addressing several sessions during the days on Sunday School and

missionary subjects. On Saturday evening, following a bazaar in charge of the Women's Missionary Union, Mr. Leuschner showed missionary pictures of the Danubian mission fields.

The election of officers was held with the following results: Rev. J. Weinbender, president; Rev. M. L. Leuschner, vice-president; Rev. C. H. Seecamp, secretary; Mr. J. P. Hamburger, treasurer. A gift of \$25 was designated for the mission work of our denomination.

A brand new innovation was the organizing of a Young People's and Sun-

day School Workers' Union of Western Nebraska and Colorado. Officers were elected and installed. The first officers of this organization are Rev. C. H. Seecamp, president; Fred Hamburger, vice-president; Bertha Mehling, secretary; and Lloyd Geis, treasurer. The Union plans to hold several rallies a year in the respective churches, the first of which is scheduled for Sunday, July 21, in La Salle. Leadership Training Schools are to be encouraged and missionary interest is to be awakened. The Sunday afternoon meeting, that was in charge of the Rev. C. H. Seecamp, featured messages in English by the Rev. R. E. Anderson, field missionary for the American Sunday School Union, and in German by Mr. Leuschner.

The church choir, an octet, soloists and several quartets rendered a variety of inspirational numbers that helped to make the association a blessing to all. A number of the church leaders led the devotional meetings and spoke to the Sunday School. Warm weather provided an ideal setting for the conference sessions. On Saturday afternoon a trip to the bluffs overlooking the city was enjoyed by the visitors and some of the Scottsbluff people, where the picture was taken that is reproduced on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

M. L. LEUSCHNER, Reporter.

Kansas Ministerial Retreat is Held in the Ellinwood Church

In spite of a heavy downpour of rain, 8 Kansas ministers and their wives ventured out to attend the ministerial retreat held at the Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kan., on April 30 and May 1. We enjoyed the sessions so well last year that we agreed to prolong our retreat a second day this year.

Our chairman, the Rev. P. Potzner, was unable to be present, so the Rev. W. Helwig, our vice-chairman, took over the leadership of the meetings. After his words of welcome the Rev. P. Smit led us in a devotional talk centered around the thought of "God's Borderline." This was followed by an inspirational address by the Rev. R. Seibel.

Dinner time found us all gathered around long tables that were heavily laden with delicious food in the spacious home of Mrs. Schaeffler, who graciously inconvenienced herself to satisfy our physical needs.

Our afternoon session was opened with a few timely remarks by the Rev. A. Weisser, using a scripture text from the Sermon on the Mount. Then followed two papers delivered by the Reverends T. Lutz and J. Kornelson. The former dealt with the subject of how to deal with willing and unwilling workers and the latter spoke on "Dealing with the Mentally and Morally Sick." Twenty-minute discussions followed each paper.

In the short business meeting that closed the afternoon session, Mr. Helwig was elected chairman for next year's retreat while Mr. Kornelson was chosen as vice-chairman. Mr. Weisser became secretary. At the evening service which was open to everyone, Dr. Kelsey, president of Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas, brought the main address.

On Wednesday morning Mr. Kary opened the session by leading us in our devotions on the subject of "My Responsibility to My People." Then followed two unusually fine papers, one on "The Physical and Mental Fitness of a Minister" by Mr. Weisser and the other by the Rev. Vassel on "Die innere Zubereitung des Predigers."

Noon time found us again at the home of Mrs. Schaeffler and there, after having done justice to another fine meal, we bade each other good-bye until God should again see fit to bring us together again.

EDWARD KARY, Reporter.

Mother's and Daughter's Banquet at the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Oklahoma

There was considerable enthusiasm within the ranks of the King's Daughters organization of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., when plans and preparations were made to sponsor a Mother's and Daughter's banquet. When Thursday, May 16 came, an ever increasing group assembled for the occasion. The dining room of our church was a lovely sight to behold

when about 70 mothers and daughters gathered for the banquet. The room was a profusion of roses, and the places were marked with artistically made booklets bearing the participant's name and containing the program of the evening. The daughters escorted their mothers to the tables to the strains of "You Are a Wonderful Mother."

After the banquet which was graciously served by some of our husbands, Mrs. O. G. Graalman, the first president of our society, acted as toast-mistress. Our present president, Mrs. Alma Hagen, welcomed our mothers and others followed in presenting various toasts to them. Mrs. A. C. Glycherr gave a lovely tribute to our living mothers, and Mrs. Harry Geis a tribute to our mothers in the great Beyond. Miss Betty Louise Geis rendered a lovely Cello solo, and Mrs. H. Pfeifer read the German poem, "Wenn du noch eine Mutter hast."

The sextette composed of Leona Weber, Esther Weber, Elsie Laubach, Margaret Lorenz, Mildred Lorenz and Margareth Geis rendered inspiringly the song, "You're the Best Little Mother God Ever Made." Mrs. O. G. Graalman then played a piano solo, her mother's favorite, to the delight of all. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer, our pastor, had been invited to be our guest speaker and was fittingly introduced by Mrs. Graalman. His challenging and inspiring message, "A Threefold Tribute to Mothers," was graciously accepted and enjoyed by all.

With words of appreciation extended to all present and participating and with prayer by our pastor this lovely banquet came to a close. May God bless the mothers in their labor and grant that all of their daughters repay their toil and labor of love by walking in their footsteps to the glory of God!

MRS. HARRY GEIS, Reporter.

Inspirational Events at the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma

During the pastorless period of more than five months at the Zion Baptist Church in Okeene, Okla., services and activities continued at a moderate speed. It is noteworthy to observe, however, that while without positive leadership and with adverse weather conditions prevailing, the great majority of its members and friends adhered cheerfully to regular and systematic worship and prayer.

Women Visitors to the

New York World's Fair

are heartily invited to make the Girl's Home, 225 East 53rd Street, their headquarters. Excellent connections to Fair grounds. Overnight rate including breakfast only

\$1.00

Please make reservations.

Recent material improvements have included the renovation of the parsonage, the remodeling of the interior platform of the church, the adding of adequate choir chairs, and the removal of the church tower.

Upon our arrival as the new minister early in the year great rejoicing and increased activities could be noticed everywhere. During Passion Week large numbers gathered nightly to listen with rapt attention to the words of Christ from the Cross. Easter and its observance filled every heart with even greater joy and deeper devotion. From Easter to Pentecost, a period of fifty days, we endeavored to unite all our efforts for a progressive advance and for experiences of restoration.

Among the many activities that took place only a few can be mentioned. On March 31st at the Sunday evening service we dedicated 100 new song books entitled, "The Service Hymnal," two new offering plates and sixty new book racks. The song books were presented to the church by its members and friends. The offering plates were provided by the church, and the 60 new book racks were presented by a devoted family, all members of the church. In our midweek services we meditated on the theme, "Recoveries in Religion" and found each hour more inspirational.

As part of National Music Week our church was host to the "Music Lovers Club" of Okeene, of which Mrs. Harry Geis is the honorable president. Their program of sacred music presented under the admirable direction of Mrs. O. G. Graalman before a capacity audience brought inspiration to all present and to all participating and most favorable compliments from the entire community. Participating were six church choirs and the community choruses. Highest honors belong to Mrs. O. G. Graalman, who for more than 20 years served as efficient, faithful and devoted organist of our church. Her services are deeply appreciated and her personality radiates charm and cheerfulness, making her beloved and esteemed by all.

Thus, adequate plans and preparations were definitely under way for the observance of Pentecost in the morning and Mother's Day in the evening of Sunday, May 12. During the week preceding we united in prayer at 12 o'clock noon, and many observed the special day of prayer on Saturday in the church. Invitations had been sent out to every mother and transportation was provided for all otherwise unable to attend.

The observance of Pentecost with a heart searching message on "The Message of Pentecost," as well as the program presented by the young people in "Honor of the Best Mother That Ever Lived—the Mother of Your Heart" brought increased inspiration to all present. Two hundred persons attended the morning service and 135 enjoyed the evening program.

HENRY PFEIFER, Pastor.

Southern Conference

The South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association Meetings at Greenvine, Texas

The South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association met with the church at Greenvine, Texas, from April 4 to 7. The Rev. L. Hoeffner of Donna, Texas, brought the opening sermon, "The Saints' Coronation."

The Friday morning session was opened with a devotional service led by the Rev. M. G. Mittelstedt of Kyle, Texas. The Rev. L. Hoeffner, moderator of the association, presided over the business meeting. The delegates reported briefly concerning the work of the churches they represented. These reports were encouraging. They showed that our churches are on the job, and that progress is being made. The Rev. A. Becker of Elgin, Texas, gave a short devotional address, based on the text, "Blessed are the merciful."

It was our privilege to have two visiting pastors from the North Texas Association in our midst, the Rev. C. C. Gossen of Crawford, and the Rev. W. H. Buening of Gatesville, mission secretary of the Southern Conference. Both visitors took part in the program. The Rev. C. C. Gossen conducted a Bible Study on 1. Cor. 3:11-15. The Rev. W. H. Buening brought the mission sermon on Friday night, using as his text the words of Jesus to his disciples, "Go your way into the village over against you." The topic, "Dangers to the Spiritual Life of our Churches," was ably treated by the Rev. L. Hoeffner.

On Sunday morning the following ministers spoke to the Sunday School: the Reverends A. Becker, L. Hoeffner and M. G. Mittelstedt. The children's choir of the entertaining church, under the leadership of Mrs. J. J. Lippert, sang several songs. At the morning worship service the Rev. A. Becker preached to a large and attentive congregation on the theme, "Christ is Love." The mixed choir and the male chorus of the Greenvine Church also rendered several numbers.

The young people's program was given on Sunday afternoon. Special efforts had been made to secure a good attendance for this meeting. The result was that a large group of young people, representing practically all churches belonging to the association, came together to attend and to take part in an inspiring program. Everybody participated enthusiastically in a rousing song service. Vocal solos, duets, and musical numbers, rendered by young people of the various churches, gave evidence of splendid talent in our local churches. The Greenvine B. Y. P. U. presented the play, "How Much Owest Thou My Lord?" This fine group of young people is to be congratulated on an excellent performance. The closing address, "Sounding a Clear Note," was given by the Rev. M. G. Mittelstedt.

M. G. MITTELSTEDT, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Philomathia Society of the Rochester Seminary Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary

The words of the apostle Paul to Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," (2. Tim. 2:15), are also applicable to those of us who are studying here at the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y.

The Philomathia Society offers many opportunities to apply what we learn. Only for variety are outside speakers called in, the society utilizing its own talents to obtain a more intelligent view and a better understanding of the problems of the ministerial life.

On Sunday, May 5, the society celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. The speaker at the occasion was the Rev. Frank Kaiser, who is one of the ex-Philomathians of the original organization. His topic, "The Study of a Society," was a preview of the past fifty years. A congratulatory letter from Rev. F. Niebuhr, the first Philomathian president, was read by Rubin Kern. Refreshments were served during the social which marked the close of the program.

The following poem, "Philomathia," written by Hugo Zepik, expresses the ideals of the society very well.

PHILOMATHIA

Today, 'tis true, we celebrate
A birthday not of men,
But of a great society
That seeks the good of man.

It never was intended
To have a long career,
But the greatness of its mission
Sustained it year by year.

As the traveller on the highway,
Tho' weary, presses on,
So Philomathia always
Moves but forward, on and on.

Joy and mirth and laughter,
Despair and woe and tears
Have been witnessed daily
In these past fifty years.

Yet throughout the weary journey
It bears this thought in mind,
"Do make the road more pleasant
For the traveller just behind."

In Time it found a menace,
Time would never stop or stay;
So much, yes, much was left undone
Along the entire way.

Philomathia reaches ever forth
To perfect Wisdom's dawn;
It beckons man, it calls to him,
"Strive on oh man, strive on!"

Central Church of Erie, Pa., Welcomes Its New Pastor, the Rev. George W. Zinz, Jr.

The new pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Erie, Pa., the Rev. Geo. W. Zinz, Jr., who graduated from the Rochester Theological Seminary on the 19th of May, has now taken up his residence at 160 West 20th St., Erie, Pa., where he will assume his full time responsibilities. Mr. Zinz has been commuting between Rochester and Erie for several months, completing his studies at the seminary and conducting the Sabbath Day services in his church at Erie.

The parsonage has been thoroughly cleaned by the ladies of the church and several improvements have been made, including the installation of an electric refrigerator. Mr. Zinz has been very busy furnishing his home. There are always so many incidentals required to make a household complete that the members and friends of the Central Church arranged a miscellaneous kitchen shower to be held in his honor. This took place on May 21st in the church parlors. A large table was stacked high with gifts, and the color scheme of red and white was prevalent.

A brief worship service was conducted by Mrs. J. A. Zurn, following Mr. Zinz's arrival. Group singing and a social fellowship completed the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served and the group was invited by our pastor to visit the parsonage before they left for their respective homes.

Mr. Zinz's popularity is increasing daily among all those who have any connections whatsoever with the church. He is loved by all, and we feel certain that great things are in store for the Central Baptist Church. We thank God for his tender mercies and loving guidance which he has bestowed upon us through these many past years and for leading the Rev. Geo. W. Zinz into our midst to carry on his work.

LOIS MEUSER, Reporter.

Central Conference Recent Inspirational Programs in the Benton Harbor B. Y. P. U.

The members of the B. Y. P. U. of the Clay Street Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., have received many blessings this year, and we are expecting many more blessings in the future. We have our regular Sunday evening services from 7:00 to 7:45 P. M.

On Sunday, April 7, the young people gave an interesting and inspiring program, which was opened with congregational singing led by our president, Norman Moore. A recitation, "The Church of My Dreams," was given by Leo Souer, followed by a duet by the Schirmer sisters. An interesting dialogue, "Unto the Least of These," was given by the following members: Evelyn Miller, Gladys Renhack, Alma Mauch, Alvera Wesner, Alice Meyer, Betty Bluschke and Dorothy Behlen. A solo was rendered by Mrs. E. Gutsche. Mrs. Fast recited, "I like to Go to School with God," and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Steinke and Edgar Wesner presented a dialogue, "The Wish and the Deed." The Junior Choir under the direction of our pastor, Rev. E. Gutsche, sang three songs. Afterwards the pastor spoke on "The Church of Tomorrow."

The St. Joseph Baptist young people were invited on April 25th for a pot-luck supper which was given in the church basement. After the supper the young people from the St. Joseph Church gave a program, which was enjoyed by all.

Our pastor has organized a Bible Class for all the young people for regular Bible study once a week. Our studies have been taken from Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Through these studies, the young people learn how to understand God's word better. After the Bible class is over, a half hour is devoted to singing.

ALMA MAUCH, Secretary.

Honoring the Mothers at the Benton Harbor Church of Michigan

This year the mothers of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., received unusual honors. Not less than four programs were rendered to show appreciation for motherhood and its service to our generation.

The King's Daughters, whose president is Mrs. Ed. Navorzke, rendered a program for the mothers on Tuesday evening, May 7. The toast to the mothers was given by Mrs. Hannah Klam and the response by Mrs. Wm. Behlen. Other numbers on the program were songs by the class, duets, readings, recitations and two musical readings. The teacher, Mrs. E. Gutsche, was presented with a large bouquet of snapdragons in appreciation of her teaching service to the class.

After this program the mothers' and daughters' banquet took place in the church basement. The highlight of this part of the program, which is a custom with the King's Daughters, was the presentation of a geranium plant by each daughter to her mother.

On Mother's Day, May 12 the Sunday School rendered a brief program to honor its mothers, which included a song by the primary department, a soprano solo, a trombone duet and a ladies' quartet. We had the honor to have Mr. Walter Pischke, Sunday School superintendent of the Burns Avenue Church, Detroit, Mich., and his family as guests on that day.

In the afternoon the Ladies' Aid observed its annual Mother's Day program. Several interesting numbers were rendered under the presidency of Mrs. J. Stubenrauch. The secretary, Mrs. C. Sommerfeld, read a statement which she had addressed to the mothers, who as members of the Ladies' Aid, could not attend. To honor in a special way the mothers who are charter members of the "Aid," Mrs. J. Feige decorated each with a bouquet of sweet peas.

In the evening of the same day the King's Daughters class rendered a program in the church auditorium. Words of welcome were brought by the president of the class. Other numbers followed, including a duet, recitations, several readings about mother's love, watch and care, three songs by the class, and a dialogue, "Showing our Love for Mother," and a talk by our pastor, Mr. Gutsche.

The memory of this year's Mother's Day will linger for a long time in our hearts and souls.

MRS. E. GUTSCHE, Reporter.

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and other places in Kansas, from Portland, Ore., and from California. The church was newly decorated for the occasion. Other speakers were the Rev. George Pankratz of Hillsboro, the Rev. C. Neve of Marion, and the Revs. B. F. Wiebe and A. W. Urquhart. The offering for missions amounted to \$116. The Rev. Philip Potzner, pastor, led the Marion Church in its memorable program for the day.

● Several students of the German Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., have been given summer appointments recently, according to the dean, Prof. A. Bretschneider. Mr. Ralph Rott is serving the German Baptist Church at Munson, Pa., during the summer vacation months. Mr. Arnold Veninga of Brooklyn, N. Y., has gone to Leduc, Alberta, Canada, to serve the First German Baptist Church or Frederickshheim Church there for the summer. Mr. H. J. Wilcke of Cleveland, Ohio, began his service on Sunday, June 2, in the German Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, for the summer months of June, July and August. The Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio, will enjoy the services of Michael Kary, a forthcoming senior student of the seminary, during August while the pastor is away on vacation and at conferences.

● The Rev. E. P. Wahl, director of the Bible Schools in the Northern Conference of Canada, has accepted the call of the German Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, to become its pastor. He will resign as conference Bible School director on September 1st and begin his pastorate in the Edmonton Church at that time. However, Mr. Wahl will continue as the director of the Edmonton Christian Training Institute, of which a detailed report appeared in the April 15 issue of "The Baptist Herald." At a business meeting of the Edmonton Church on May 29 it was decided to change the name from the German Baptist Church to the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, by which it will be known henceforth. Mr. Wahl will succeed the Rev. A. Kraemer, who is now located in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

● On Sunday evening, May 19, the Men's Club of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., sponsored a mission program in the church, attended by more than 150 people. Moving pictures of our mission fields, including a film of Cameroon pictures taken by the late Rev. Carl Bender, the organizer of the class in the Watertown Church in 1923, were shown by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago, Ill. The mission offering amounted to \$12.76. Mr. Leuschner also spoke at the morning church service on the subject, "Christ, the Only Hope of the World." The officers of the Men's Brotherhood are Roger Norman, president; Paul Krueger, vice-president; Earl Anderson, secretary-treasurer;

and James Anderson, pianist. The Rev. G. Wetter is pastor of the church.

● Donation Day was observed by the German Baptist Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., on Decoration Day, May 30. Meals were served by members of the Women's Board of Managers at noon and in the evening for hundreds of friends who visited the Home. In the afternoon service held in the worshipful chapel the guest speaker was the Rev. John Grygo, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York City. A vesper service was held on the picturesque grounds of the Home in the early evening, at which Mr. Peter Pfeiffer, the pastor-elect of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, was the speaker. The Rev. J. G. Draewell, chaplain, was in charge of the services. Miss Laura Auch is serving as the efficient matron of the home.

● On Sunday evening, May 6, the Sunday School scholars' parents of the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., had a special program given in their honor. The program, consisting of one number from each class, displayed a wide variety of talent. Among the presentations were vocal, piano, flute, harmonica, and electric guitar solos; Bible charades; group singing; and recitations, all of which were very interesting and entertaining. At the close of the program, each mother present, was given a rose and the youngest child of the family had the privilege of presenting it to her. The evening was brought to a climax by having refreshments served, thus giving each teacher an opportunity to get acquainted with the parents of his or her scholars. The purpose of the program was to have the parents and teachers become better acquainted and to create the interest of every parent in the work that is being done in the Sunday School. Dr. John E. Knechtel is pastor of the church.

● A recent bulletin of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., featured the following paragraph about its Sunday School mission at the Anthony Wayne School. "Our mission celebrates its first birthday on Sunday, May 12. We are exceedingly joyous and pleased at the growth of this healthy child. Beginning with an attendance of 87 a year ago, it reached an average attendance last month of almost 150. It has required more and more rooms in the school building. We congratulate the efficient superintendent, Mr. Irvin Draewell, and his splendid corps of faithful teachers and helpers who, with the blessings of God, have made this advance possible. The worship services at which Mr. E. Elmer Staub and others have brought inspiring messages, have been a great blessing. Beginning with May 26, we secured the services of Harry E. Harfst as special missionary for the mission, along with other church duties." The Rev. George A. Lang is the pastor of the Ebenezer Church.