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**"For Christ
and
Our Churches"**



**Churches Like This
Lovely Lyndock
Baptist Church
of Ontario, Canada,
Are God's
Lighthouses and
Symbols of Our
Denominational
Fellowship Across
All of America!**

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What's Happening

● The Clinton Hill Church of Newark, N. J., held an "All Day Planning and Promotional Conference" on Saturday, September 14. Most of the officers of the church, including the teachers of the Sunday School and officers of the young people's societies, were in attendance. The pastor and missionary of the church, the Rev. Verner I. Olson and Miss Erna C. Hoelzen, respectively, led the discussion of the church and Sunday School plans for the coming months.

● The Baptist Church of Linton, No. Dak., has recently completed a study course on "Stewardship in the Life of Youth" under the leadership of its pastor, the Rev. Charles Wagner. Out of an enrollment of 14 scholars, 12 took the examination and received credit cards from the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. Classes were held each evening from 8 to 10 P. M. throughout an entire week. The course proved to be so popular that another study course will probably be held in the Spring.

● The Humboldt Park Church of Chicago, Ill., has extended a unanimous call to the Rev. Carl F. H. Henry, a graduate student in the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, and an instructor of journalism at Wheaton College. Mr. Henry has accepted the call and has already begun his ministry at the church besides continuing his studies at the seminary. His recent marriage to the former Miss Helga Bender and the publication of his book, "Bender in the Camerons," were announced in previous issues of "The Baptist Herald."

● On Sunday, September 1, the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., celebrated the 3rd anniversary of its pastor, the Rev. G. Neumann, by presenting him with a beautiful bouquet of flowers as "a token of appreciation for faithful service rendered." Mr. Neumann and members of his church are continuing the radio programs over station CKLW in Windsor, Canada, every Thursday evening at 9 P. M. The programs are entitled "Echoes of Heaven." Recently the Sunday School election was held with William Schindler elected as assistant superintendent besides the other officers for the various departments.

● The Rev. John Schweitzer, pastor of the Bethany Church near Portland, Oregon, preached in the worship service of the Temple Church of Buffalo, N. Y., on Sunday morning, September 1, and in the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y., on Sunday, September 8. Mr. Schweitzer also spoke briefly with others at the midweek

service of the Rochester Church on Wednesday evening, September 4, when enthusiastic reports of the General Conference in Burlington, Iowa, were brought. Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer visited the missionary headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., on Monday, September 9, on their way home to Portland.

● "The Dayton Herald" in its issue of September 7, 1940, published a two column article about the Rev. R. P. Jeschke, pastor of the Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, on the occasion of his receiving his final papers as a citizen of the United States.

Chicago Home for the Aged Bazaar on Thursday, October 24, 1940

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Aid Societies of the German Baptist Churches of Chicago and vicinity for the benefit of the Western German Old People's Home will be held on Thursday, October 24, 1940, at the Home, 1851 No. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

The hearty cooperation of all interested friends in the form of financial or material gifts is solicited. They may be delivered personally or sent by mail. Many worthwhile articles will be on sale at the bazaar.

Meals will be served at 12 o'clock noon and at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Mrs. Julia W. Deutschman,
Secretary.

After citing his achievements and scholastic honors, the newspaper continued: "Mr. Jeschke's religious leadership in Dayton, in the first full-time pastorate since he was graduated from Hartford seminary, has been recognized by his election as secretary-treasurer of the Dayton Ministerial Association, an interdenominational group, for the coming year."

● The Northern Conference mission committee met for an important session on Wednesday, September 11, in the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., Canada. Several of the Saskatchewan ministers were also in attendance upon invitation of the Rev. A. Kujath. This special session was necessitated by the failure of the Northern Conference to meet in July of this year. Missionary matters pertaining to the conference churches and denominational objectives were discussed. On that Wednesday evening a church service was held for the friends and members of the church, which was addressed by several guest speakers.

● The Rev. Oscar Bonikowsky concluded his two years of ministry in the Tripp and Parkston Baptist Churches of South Dakota, which he served while studying and teaching at Sioux Falls College. His ministry was brought to a beautiful climax on September 1, when the two churches met at Parkston for a baptismal service, at which thirteen candidates were baptized. The baptism was followed by the observance of the communion service. On the following Monday young and old gathered for a farewell social. Mr. Bonikowsky then left for the opening exercises of his alma mater at Rochester, N. Y., after which he will enter the Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, where he will study for his M. A. degree in theology.

● Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, Ore., who so ably led the singing at the mammoth young people's banquet during the General Conference at Burlington, has been appointed instructor of German at Albany College in Portland, where she will also direct the college chorus and smaller choral groups. Mrs. Meier wanted the following acknowledgments to be made for assistance in preparing the attractive souvenir song booklets that were distributed at the banquet to the following: the Misses Laura Meier, Martha Leypoldt, Genevieve Boehi, and Viola Kimmel of Portland. Appreciation to Mrs. John Leypoldt of Portland was also expressed for having permitted the heavy suitcases with the booklets to be checked on her railroad ticket, thus saving the conference the shipping expense.

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EDITORIAL

THE YOUNG PEOPLE of our churches are giving a commendable account of themselves. At their assemblies and conferences during the past summer they presented a winsome picture of

Have Faith in Youth! youthful zeal and earnest consecration. They came in large hosts to the General Conference at Burlington, Iowa, and by their enthusiastic presence and participation took a commanding leadership in some of the conference sessions. Young people like that who glorify Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord by their testimony and who extol the virtues of the Master by their lives are a treasured asset to any denomination.

The last issue of "The Baptist Herald" presented some of the summer impressions of denominational leaders gained at recent institutes and assemblies. Professor O. E. Krueger wrote emphatically: "Again and again I have had keen delight in observing our young people with their ability, loyalty and devotion. . . . They are going to hold ground and to win new territory." That sentiment is being echoed in almost every section of our denomination as the activities of our youth are observed and followed by their elders.

It was the editor's privilege to sojourn for a few days during the summer at young people's gatherings held in widely scattered places throughout our territory. The large encampment of the Texas young people had much in common with the young people's sessions of the Ontario Convention in Canada. They shared mutually in the joys of a vital, experiential faith in Christ, and their devotion to their Master is sincere, earnest and ever deepening. In Iowa, in South Dakota, in the Atlantic Conference, among the Great Lakes churches and in the vicinity of Chicago, other groups of varying numbers came together for an intensive study of Christian truths at their assemblies and for a period of wholesome recreation and joyous fellowship.

These young people are eager to throw their wholehearted support behind the work which is ours as a denomination to accomplish. Unfortunately they do not always know what that task of ours is. They are sometimes woefully ignorant of our denominational enterprise. They must receive inspiration and information about our mission fields at home and abroad if their full cooperation is to become a reality.

Because of this fact, it was a source of great delight to find so many young people at the Burlington General Conference. The great program of our denomination, which has had God's seal of approval through almost an entire century, was depicted at that conference with unmistakable splendor. Everyone felt the tugging of the bonds of loving fellowship that unite us in one large family with Christ as the Head of our household. The young people who were there have already been transformed into potential leaders in their churches and denomination because of the things which they saw and heard and learned at Burlington.

Typical of this spirit of theirs, these young people through their National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union have chosen the motto, "Forward With Christ," for the coming triennium. One of their number, Mr. Harold J. Petke of Portland, Oregon, the president of the Union, has interpreted this meaningful theme in an article in this issue of "The Herald." That motto should receive the prayerful attention of every young person in our churches and should become prominent in all future program plans for rallies, conferences or institutes.

With great pride we declare that we have the fullest confidence in our young people who are truly making Christ their Leader in this manner. With deep joy we announce to our people everywhere: "Have faith in your youth!"

Forward With Christ

By MR. HAROLD J. PETKE of Portland, Oregon, the President of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union

Speeding westward aboard the train, "Portland Rose," I am accompanied by vivid memories of the twenty-sixth triennial General Conference of our churches at Burlington, Iowa. What a grand gathering of God's people that was! All too soon came the impressive communion service, which brought the conference to a close, sending visitors and delegates on their way home, inspired to greater effort "for Christ and Our Churches."

As to meeting-place and climatic conditions the conference was ideal, and one could ask for no better spirit of interest and enthusiasm than that which prevailed at the Burlington conference. The friendliness of visitors, delegates and hosts alike was evidence of God's presence.

all sessions of the conference, and by this display of interest are saying to the elders, who are now carrying the responsibility of church and denominational leadership, "Hold the Fort for We Are Coming!" In the words of the motto adopted by the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union for the next three years we are definitely moving "Forward With Christ."

The Burlington Conference gave new assurance that our denomination still occupies a very vital place in God's Kingdom work. The success or failure of church and denominational enterprises of tomorrow rests with the young people of today. Truly, this is a grave responsibility, but as we "press toward the mark for the prize of the high call-

the various conferences, gives encouragement to strive for even higher levels of accomplishment.

Naturally, we must all agree with the poet Longfellow that "youth comes but once in a life time," and yet perhaps we do not always heed God's admonishing word to "remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," (Ecc. 12:1). This latter thing each young person must do in order to reap a full measure of the joy which comes only from service "For Christ and Our Churches." As Christian young people, "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16.)

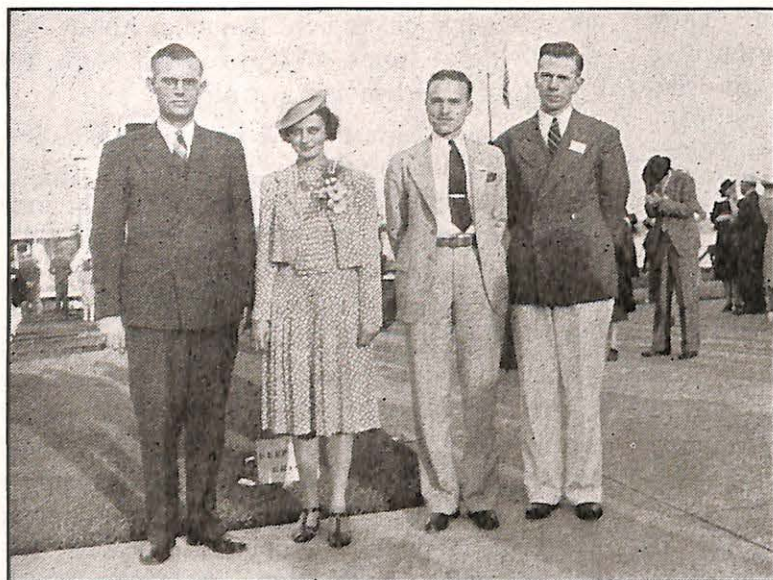
Sunday School workers, yours is, indeed, a noble calling rife with responsibility. We must live in close fellowship with Christ, the Master Teacher, if we are to succeed in winning scholars to an acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord.

In a resolution adopted at the General Conference the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union pledged itself wholeheartedly to support the denominational objectives for the triennium preceding the 100th anniversary of German Baptist work in America. This triennium will culminate in the Centenary Jubilee to be held in conjunction with the 27th General Conference to meet in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1943.

All young people and Sunday School workers have a definite responsibility in the fulfillment of these important goals and because our National Union is composed of and functions solely through the individual B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School organizations the plea is here made for a full measure of eager, cooperative service along the lines outlined. Only then will we be able to give proof of our ability to assist in "Holding the Fort."

Still aboard the train, heading towards the setting sun, I lift my eyes to the "hills of home" and looking up into the glory of the western sky, my thoughts turn to Him "who made heaven and earth" and from my heart ascends a prayer of thanksgiving for all of God's goodness. Aware of the responsibility with which I have been entrusted I look again unto the hills and questioning say, "from whence cometh my help?" Then quickly in the beauty of the sky the answer floods my soul: "My help cometh from the Lord!"

With his help we shall surely further Christ's Kingdom during the coming triennium. Together let us go forward as young people and Sunday School workers for Christ, in Christ, and, finally, in the words of our motto, "Forward With Christ."



Newly Elected Officers of the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union
(Right to Left: Walter Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., Vice-president; Harold J. Petke of Portland, Ore., President; Alice Kaaz of New Haven, Conn., Secretary; Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., General Secretary)

The splendid hospitality afforded by the city of Burlington was surpassed only by the accomplishments of the arrangements committee of the local church. Our sincere thanks go to the chairman, Mr. Arthur Schwerin, and to Mr. Paul Gerdes who had charge of all preparations for activities of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

In the May 1, 1940, issue of "The Baptist Herald" a challenge was issued to the young people of our churches by Prof. O. E. Krueger, moderator of the conference, under the heading, "Hold the Fort—We Are Coming." Surely, the young people responded to the challenge in a most encouraging manner. Young people made up a large percentage of the attendance at

ing of God in Christ Jesus," (Phil. 3: 14) we say again to our churches of today: "Hold the Fort—the Young People Are Coming!"

Your new president repeats what he said at the fine banquet where 832 people were seated at the beautifully decorated and well provisioned tables: "To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved." Naturally, I feel honored though at the same time I am very deeply humbled and simply look to God for wisdom in fulfilling the duties of the office.

The eager cooperative spirit of your newly elected recording secretary, Miss Alice Kaaz of New Haven, Conn., and of Mr. Walter Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., the new vice-president, as well as of the council members representing

Did You Know That....?

Interesting Facts About the General Conference in Burlington, Iowa, That Did Not Always Get Into the Headlines

The Oak Street Church

The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, numbers 710 persons in its membership. Its pastor, the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, has served the church since April 1, 1938. The conference made a record for perfect behavior, because Mr. Bernadt said on the opening night that he had "turned the heat off" for the conference and that it would be kept that way so long as the delegates were exemplary in their conduct. It was pleasantly cool for the rest of the conference days!

About 400 to 500 members of the Oak Street Church were on the numerous local committees that made the splendid preparations for the General Conference. There were 155 women alone on the breakfast committee. The chairman of the general arrangements committee or "the generalissimo" of the extensive planning for the conference was Mr. Arthur Schwerin, who endeared himself to all delegates by his quiet, winsome and efficient leadership. The chairman of the young people's entertainment committee, Mr. Paul Gerdes, also deserves special mention for his masterful preparation for all young people's functions.

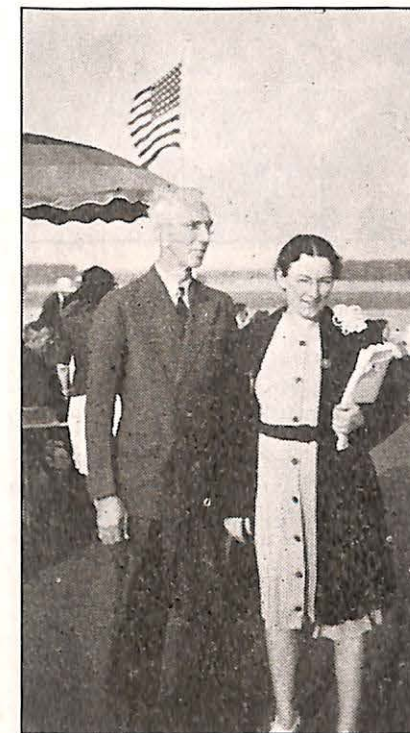
The augmented church choir of 58 voices delighted the General Conference again and again with its melodious and inspiring rendition of anthems. The pianist and director of the choir is Mrs. Walter Kohrs. The music committee, that was in charge of all musical preparations, is composed of Miss Harriette Muller, Mrs. Roy Bohlen, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kohrs and Mr. Frederick Lauer.

Conference Decorations

The decorations for the General Conference transformed the auditorium into a fairyland of beauty. Early last spring 1700 gladiolus bulbs were planted in Burlington's gardens, which supplied the General Conference daily with the multi-colored gladiolus stalks.

Thirty-five dollars worth of seeds were supplied six months ago to the twelve members of the decorating committee, according to its aggressive chairman, Mr. E. H. Hemmye. Flowers for the General Conference were growing in scores of back yards and empty lots in Burlington. These flower beds provided the 10,000 blooms that lusciously decorated the banquet tables on Saturday night, the large baskets on the auditorium platform and the many other special occasions during the week.

In front of the footlights on the stage were gorgeous silvery decorations. Not many people in the audience realized that these were Jimson



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kohrs of Burlington, Iowa
(Mrs. Kohrs is the Director and Pianist of the Burlington Church Choir)

the steamer was several hours late due pods from Iowa fields, which had undergone a silvery transformation. Other decorations were the ruscus stalks especially imported from Italy. As sentinels at both ends of the stage stood tall stalks of Iowa corn, about 11½ feet high, which had been raised by Mr. Hemmye for the conference. The artistic window arch, the gilded cross and altar table were also constructed by the decorating committee.

Interesting Figures

The final total of General Conference registrations was 1154, which is a record breaking figure for conference attendance. At Portland, Ore., in 1937 the registration reached a new high for that time with 854. Such a large increase in General Conference attendance is most gratifying.

The attendance figures varied approximately from 1000 to 1800. Mr. Schwerin calculated that a total of 1400 persons were present at the opening service on Monday night, and the largest crowd, surprisingly enough, was on Sunday evening for the communion service.

A few less than 1700 persons enjoyed the boat trip on the stream-lined "S. S. PRESIDENT" on Wednesday afternoon, August 21. Although

ary pageant on Wednesday evening to to a heavy river fog in the morning, a trip of four hours was made down the Mississippi River and back again. Every one of the four decks was filled with singing German Baptists, who had the time of their lives relaxing on the deck chairs and conversing with their friends.

The official attendance at the young people's banquet was 832, which also sets another new record for this occasion. Several hundred other people later joined the banquet crowd for the play, "Better than Gold."

Newspaper Publicity

A remarkable record in General Conference publicity was attained in Burlington, Iowa, through the tireless efforts of Mr. Walter Kohrs, a member of the Oak Street Baptist Church and the son-in-law of the Rev. Charles F. Zummach. Mr. Kohrs is on the staff of "The Daily Hawk Eye Gazette" of Burlington.

For several days preceding and during the conference a total of 302 column inches of publicity and news about the General Conference appeared in the Burlington newspapers. This would easily form a good sized book from forty to fifty pages. Numerous pictures of conference leaders and of the Burlington church choir also appeared in the paper.

In its issue of August 23 the "Daily Hawk-Eye Gazette" published an editorial entitled, "The Baptist Conference," from which the following citation is made: "Many strangers walked the streets of Burlington this week; good-looking, well-dressed, intelligent appearing people of both sexes. Their demeanors were cheerful as if they were happy in the mission in which they are engaged. . . . Perhaps for the first time Burlington has been host to a national gathering of any sort and Burlington should feel honored to be chosen as their meeting place."

Offerings and Pledges

Offerings were held at all of the evening and Sunday afternoon gatherings of the General Conference. It was emphasized again and again that these offerings were to be designated for the Centenary Jubilee Offering to be raised by the denomination during the coming triennium. The total sum for the conference offerings amounted to \$747.30.

Following the enthusiastic adoption by the conference of the Centenary Jubilee Offering of \$100,000 to be raised over and above the regular Missionary and Benevolent Fund, Dr. Kuhn used the opportunity afforded him after the inspiring presentation of the mission-

ask for pledges. The first to respond was Mr. E. Elmer Staub of Detroit, Mich., who brought a touching story about his daughters, who had passed away in their infancy and childhood, and in memory of one of them pledged \$1000. The pledges by members of the audience followed in an uninterrupted stream for more than half an hour until \$11,600 had been pledged. Pledge cards were also distributed at the Sunday services, which netted a total of \$1406 more toward the Centenary Offering, making a grand total of \$13,306.00.

Ministers in Attendance

Approximately 175 ministers of our churches were able to attend the General Conference at Burlington. This is a remarkably fine record considering the distance which some had to travel in order to reach Burlington.

The seminary class of 1900 held its reunion at a special table in the lovely dining room of Hotel Burlington on Thursday evening, August 22. With the exception of the Rev. Richard Blandau of Tacoma, Wash., all the living members of the class were present. They were the Rev. Samuel Blum of Cleveland, Ohio; J. F. Ehrhorn of Buffalo Center, Iowa; P. A. Friedrichsen of Chicago, Ill.; O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y.; John F. Niebuhr of New York, N. Y.; and H. W. Wedel of Milwaukee, Wis. "The good old days of yesterday" was the chief topic of conversation at the reunion.

Conference Personalities

Prof. O. E. Krueger, the Moderator of the General Conference, brought his keynote address on the opening evening, August 19. That was less than 48 hours away from the important date of August 21, which commemorated the 30th anniversary of the beginning of his pastorate in the Oak Street Baptist Church, which he served from 1910 to 1925.

Did you notice the official conference



Rev. L. B. Holzer, Recording Secretary; Prof. A. A. Schade, Chairman of Program Committee; and Rev. W. S. Argow, Statistical Secretary.

photographer with his "movie" camera? He was Mr. Herman Siemund of Chicago, Ill., who is a member of the Grace Baptist Church and the president of the Chicago "Lehrerbund." He took about 1000 feet of colored films of all conference activities.

The busiest man at the conference was the Rev. Elmer J. Baumgartner, pastor of the North Avenue Church of Milwaukee, Wis. He directed both the pageant, "Macedonian Calls," on Wednesday evening and the missionary dramatization, "Better Than Gold," on Saturday evening with a total number of approximately 150 persons under his supervision in both casts of characters. He performed his tasks nobly with untiring energy and fervor!

P. K. Activities

The most exclusive group at the General Conference were the P. K.'s, a word that stands for "Prediger Kinder," or even more colloquially, "Preachers' Kids." All the ministers' sons and daughters at Burlington held an exclusive luncheon for themselves

only at the Union Hotel on Friday noon. The amazing total of 86 P. K.'s made their appearance for the occasion.

You should have heard that group sing the familiar chorus, "Old King Cole was a merry old soul," under the leadership of the Rev. George Zinz, Jr. Reminiscences from the manse were related to everyone's enjoyment, and a roll call of those present was held. Mrs. Orrin R. Judd, a daughter of the Rev. Julius Grimmel, a pioneer preacher of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the guest speaker.

Miss Mamie Kose of Detroit, Mich., served as the sponsor and toastmistress of the luncheon. By unanimous consent the P. K.'s voted to make it a permanent organization, which is to meet at a luncheon at every General Conference. Miss Kose was elected president of the group. A picture was taken afterwards in front of the railroad station which appears in this issue of the BAPTIST HERALD.

"Eats" at Burlington

During the conference week the Oak Street Church served more than 2000 free breakfasts to the delegates and visitors in the basement of the church. Admission to breakfast was by ticket only, which was placed in every registration packet. On Wednesday morning the 300 sunrise service worshipers came to the church in a body for their complimentary breakfast. And were these breakfasts popular!

After the Friday morning sunrise service, breakfast of doughnuts and coffee was served in Crapo Park by the local young people's entertainment committee, headed by Paul Gerdes. That same evening after the service 200 young people were served more doughnuts and "hot dogs" at a camp fire near Burlington. The total consumption amounted to 1000 doughnuts, 200 wieners, and many gallons of coffee.

The Best Conference We Ever Attended

Personal Impressions of the Burlington General Conference
By Delegates and Friends

Our Church at Burlington

By Mr. R. H. Mulder
of Parkersburg, Iowa
(To be Sung to the Tune,
"My Maryland")

You ask, "What city I love best?"
Burlington, O, Burlington!
The finest city of the West,
Burlington, O, Burlington!
From where the Mississippi streams
To where the Oak Street Church doth gleam,
O, fair it is as poets dream—
Burlington, O, Burlington!

The church is surely on the map,
Our Baptist church at Burlington.
Take off your hats; take off your cap
To our church in Burlington;
They've treated us so royally,
In that great fact we'll all agree;
They even gave us breakfast free
In our church at Burlington!

A Tribute to My Home Church

By Miss Erna Hoelzen
of Newark, New Jersey

What a wonderful conference! Didn't the Oak Street Church do a wonderful job at entertaining! It's my home church, and so I know how hard they all worked. Why, they even planted a vacant lot full of gladioli bulbs last Spring so there would be flowers blooming just during the conference week. As the curtain rolled up, didn't that platform look like a church and didn't that large robed choir thrill you!

Meeting in a smaller city, I believe, helped to contribute to the very fine spirit of unity. Somehow we stayed together more. We were at the meetings more often and therefore all of our business sessions were better.

Didn't it seem good to see so many young people, and so many activities planned for them! We had some fine fellowship at the sunrise services, luncheons, excursion, and other outings. I'm sure it seemed good to our young people that the meetings, especially the business sessions, were conducted in the English language.

What a wonderful conference it was! We are now looking forward to seeing you all in Philadelphia in 1943!

My First General Conference

By Miss Jean Carol Grosser
of Oak Park, Illinois

At Burlington I attended my first General Conference. Comparing that one week with others I have experienced, I find that at no time have I reached such a peak of enjoyment spiritually as well as socially. The well organized program, the skillfully planned services and the thoughtfulness of our hosts afforded many pleasures.

It Was Grand to Be at Burlington

By Elizabeth Reddig
of Anaheim, California

This being the first General Conference which I have visited, I did not know what to expect. By no means was I disappointed, for I did not imagine that a week could hold so

many blessings and inspiring meetings.

There is a thrill in meeting many friends whom one has not seen for years. What joy it is to make new friends! What a small world this is after all, for no matter whom one meets they always know someone in your acquaintance or they have something in common with you.

How grand it was to attend the sun-



—Flashlight Photo by Mr. Herman Siemund
Familiar Faces in the Auditorium Gallery Conveying a Variety of Emotional Responses to an Evening Service

ple of like faith from spots scattered over our entire continent. The sunrise services were stimulating and well worth the necessary effort required to wake up at an early hour. The boat cruise and the Saturday night banquet added much toward making my week a success.

I am certain that our denomination must love its young people. The many activities planned for us and the time spent to make our week a pleasant one were ample evidence of their sincere feeling.

Although the Burlington General Conference was my first General Conference, God willing, it shall not be my last!

rise services along the banks of the Mississippi and the young people's luncheons.

Could one wish for a more interesting outing than the ride on "S. S. PRESIDENT" up and down the big "Father of Waters?" The mission plays, so well given, and the various films of home and foreign pictures really showed one all about our denomination and the various branches of our organizations.

Who doesn't enjoy a banquet? This young people's banquet was really put on in such a way that it will be long remembered. I think the two plays written by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner were really "the topnotchers" of the conference.

After attending a General Conference, one cannot help but get all enthused about it and start planning to attend the next one. Could one ask for more interesting and inspiring messages, a finer series of young people's meetings, better hospitality and weather than we had at Burlington?

Conference Invitation for 1943!

To the General Conference of the
German Baptist Churches of North America
Meeting in Burlington, Iowa, August 19-25, 1940.



The Skyline of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Brethren:—

In view of the fact that the year 1943 will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the German Baptist Denomination and remembering, too, that the denomination had its official beginning in the city of Philadelphia, the members of the two Philadelphia churches are of the opinion that it would be very appropriate to have the 1943 meeting of the General Conference in our city.

At special business meetings of our respective churches this thought was given definite expression when the Fleischmann Memorial Church and the Second Church voted unanimously to issue a joint invitation to the General Conference to select Philadelphia for its 1943 meeting.

We sincerely hope that the Conference will find it possible to accept our hearty invitation and that together as a denomination we may look forward to a memorable centennial conference in Philadelphia.

Done by order of and on behalf
of our respective churches,

Milton R. Schroeder, Pastor
Fleischmann Memorial Church.
Assaf Husmann, Pastor
Second German Baptist Church.

"It Was a Wonderful Conference"

By Mr. Norman J. Boehm
of Detroit, Michigan

First impression—Burlington hospitality . . . Tried unsuccessfully to pay for 'phone call at gas station . . . Lutheran hostess extremely gracious. . . Official handshake by headman, Arthur Schwerin. . . The grand opening. . . Masterful moderator Krueger. . . Flowers—decorations—modernistic ceiling in auditorium. . . Welcome speeches—outstanding surplined choir



—Snapshot by Frederick Grosser

The Memorial Auditorium of Burlington With the Conference Crowd at Entrance Doors

and appropriate choice of renditions. . . Various song leaders waving their arms. . . All English programs (good!) . . . Charming farmerette Freda Reddig officiating at young people's "get acquainted" at Y. M. C. A. . .

Heavy dew and 300 people at first sunrise service in beautiful Crapo Park. . . Whistles of passing Mississippi river steamers. . . Well attended business sessions where "hot potatoes" were cooled off before handling. . . Committee meetings. . . Impressive worship services. . . "Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace". . . Oratory and more oratory. . . 75th birthday of the Publication Society. . .

Most powerful impression of the conference: drama, "Macedonian Calls," (depicting all branches of our denomination). . . \$13,000 in response to Dr. Kuhn's appeal for \$100,000 Centenary Offering. . . Some speakers shouting into the "mike" (force of habit). . . More committee meetings. . . Beautiful weather. . . Waiting for the steamer, "S. S. President," to arrive (3 hours late). . . Everyone taking snap-shots or movies—inside and out. . .

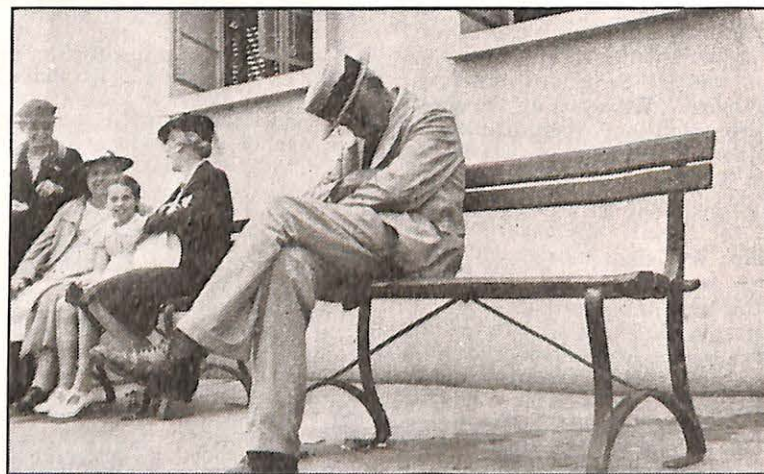
Lusty singing and big crowds at young people's luncheons (also jokes that backfired) . . . Coffee and doughnuts after second sunrise service . . . New Constitutions, differences of opinion (and saying so). . . "For Christ and Our Churches". . . More committee meetings. . . Wiener roast and choruses far into the night (nobody wanted to go home). . . 10 Centenary goals. . .

Highlight of the week: 832 people at

the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union banquet. . . Beautiful ladies, gowns, flowers. . . Photographer's bursting flashlight bulb. . . Appreciation to Rev. E. J. Baumgartner for directing, "Better Than Gold". . . Nightly gatherings at Reilly's Cafe for "snacks," laughter and songs that Burlington won't forget. . . Plenty of resolutions.

Ceiling zero on Sunday; Governor Stassen grounded at noon and the alternate speaker 300 miles away. . . Impressive Memorial service. . . Communion Service. . . Final "Blessed Be

the Tie That Binds". . . Farewells. . . A group sees new President Harold Petke off for Portland at 12:50 A. M. . . Realization that there has been little time for sleep during the week. . . Then homeward bound. . . Yes! It was a wonderful conference. . . "Forward With Christ."



A Welcome Siesta After the Busy Conference Session!

Long Live Our Great Denomination!

By Rev. J. C. Gunst
of Grand Forks, North Dakota

The days spent in Burlington will ever be remembered by me, for they were unique in every way. Where is there another group of people, Christian or otherwise, who manifest a finer

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spirit of unity, genuine Christian fellowship, a common interest in the Kingdom work, and an optimistic outlook for the future? Long live and thrive our great denomination!

Those of us who are keenly interested in the great work "for Christ and our Churches," (I hope we all are), have been presented with a great challenge through our General Conference, hitherto unknown to many of us. What pastor could go away from such a fine history-making and inspirational get-together and not resolve to devote his very best in time, talent and devotion to a great service in the future? How grateful we can all be for that heart-stirring presentation of the denominational life in the "Macedonian Calls."

As those "denominational rooms" were opened to us and we were introduced to each phase of our work, one could not help but see a great power behind it all, the Spirit of Christ in it all. I for one thought that therein God is at work and he needs me, needs all of us. I rededicated my life to God and our denomination on that evening when the great Macedonian call beckoned all of us, "Come, and help us."

How gratifying it was to note the spirit of cooperation with respect to the unique program. Our young men gave of their best with signal results. The spirit of the older pastors and workers was genuine in attitude and respect. I thank God that it is my privilege to belong to a Christian organization where such splendid, capable, and sincere young people have such active part. What a challenge they were to us and what a contribution they made if we accept and realize it!

There are many other fine features

about the conference, but let it suffice with a word about the impact of the power behind the wheels of it all, which so smoothly, intelligently, and in the Spirit of Christ moved throughout the conference. We are grateful for our choice and consecrated leaders in our denomination, for their loyalty, devotion and insight, their heroic ambition and far sighted vision for the future.

God Be Praised For His Blessings

Edwin H. Marklein
of Brooklyn, New York

(President of the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union from 1937-1940.)

Our General Conference days have now taken their place in our denominational history. Although they belong to the past, they will not be forgotten. Throughout these days we had but one leader, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through his servants he supplied us with challenging and inspirational messages, from which we derived many spiritual blessings. He also guided our business sessions to a successful conclusion.

As I look back over the memorable days my heart is filled with joy, and mere words are inadequate to describe this wonderful convention.

A cordial welcome was afforded us as we arrived in Burlington. It took but a short while before we were made to feel at home. It seemed as though the keys to the city were turned over to us for the week. The facilities of the Burlington and Union Hotels, the Memorial Auditorium, the Y. M. C. A. and Masonic Temple were at our disposal at all times.

All our young people's activities were alive with enthusiasm. A spirit of friendliness and Christian fellowship prevailed at our "Get Acquainted Social," luncheons and banquet. Our two sunrise services which were held on a beautiful site overlooking the Mississippi River in Crapo Park with three hundred people in attendance on each occasion will long be remembered. The messages which were given and the many testimonies rendered were an indication that our hearts and minds were in attunement with God. In these early morning hours under the blue heavens in God's great out-of-doors we received a direct challenge to re-consecrate our lives and do greater and better work in his vineyard by being loyal ambassadors for him.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow." These words were repeated over and over again because we were grateful for God's ever guiding hand and his presence at all our sessions. As we look forward to our Centenary Jubilee in 1943 let us at all times praise him for all he has done for us as a denomination and uphold the motto which we have chosen, "Forward With Christ."

As Refreshing as Mountain Streams

By Inez E. Wahl
of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

From north, south, east and west we hurried to Burlington, Iowa. How thrilling it was to step into the Memorial Auditorium and to greet so many friends who had already arrived earlier in the day and to receive such a warm welcome by the Burlington people!

I thought I might be too tired to enjoy the sessions because we had left

Edmonton, Alberta, three weeks previously and had traveled some 4500 miles in promotional work for the Christian Training Institute before reaching Burlington. Much to my surprise the exact opposite was true! The sessions were as refreshing as the mountain streams that we had left behind in Banff, Alberta.

The beautiful anthems which were so effectively rendered by the Burlington mixed choir certainly enriched and enhanced the meetings. The fine Christian fellowship that we had with one another at the luncheons and banquets continues to linger in our hearts. The excursion down the Mississippi River was so thrilling that it will be a never forgotten memory.



Everybody Had a Good Time on the Boat Trip!

(Left to Right—Reuben Blessing of Philadelphia, Pa.; Ruth Heckman of St. Paul, Minn.; Rev. J. Kuehl of Newark, N. J.; Doris Patet of St. Paul, Minn.; Rev. Milton R. Schroeder of Philadelphia, Pa.)

The wonderful sunrise services! To meet so early in the morning and to fellowship with God and with one another in the beautiful out-of-doors were enjoyable and blessed to me. How much the singing, the messages and the fellowship have meant to me is hard to put into words. I have now a better knowledge and insight into our beloved denominational work.

And here is hoping the Centenary Offering will go over the top!

A Conference Long to Be Remembered

By Aletha S. Kose
of Chicago, Illinois

As I sit here dreaming about our days together in Burlington, I see before me most clearly and impressively the opening and closing nights of that great convention. The attractive modernistic auditorium on the banks of the beautiful Mississippi was a great sight. But even more welcome was the sight of many friends from far and near. Such greetings! Such hand-claps! Such joy! What a happy family!

The opening service in that beautiful auditorium will long be remembered. One could fairly hear the "Oh's" and "Ah's" as the curtain rose, revealing the choir in its beautiful setting. As the colored lights spread their glow on the cross and the robed choir, the anthems seemed to ring forth from an

its climax in the splendid message by Prof. O. E. Krueger, striking the keynote of the convention, "The Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace."

Much could be written about this happy week of fellowship and inspiration. But, again, another evening left an indelible impression. The last service of the week, Sunday evening, was one which must have touched all hearts. The memorial service planned and conducted by the Rev. W. S. Argow was one of the finest we have ever had.

The communion service, which followed in the same reverent mood, was effectively guided by Prof. Herman von Berge, who is a master in the technique of worship. In the quiet beauty of that hour "the unity of the Spirit in

ethereal chorus. The evening reached the bond of peace" became very real to all. The happy fellowship of the week reached its climax at this service, and "Blessed be the Tie that Binds" sang itself into all our hearts.

A Glorious Sunrise for Our Denomination

Rev. Thorwald W. Bender
of Cleveland, Ohio

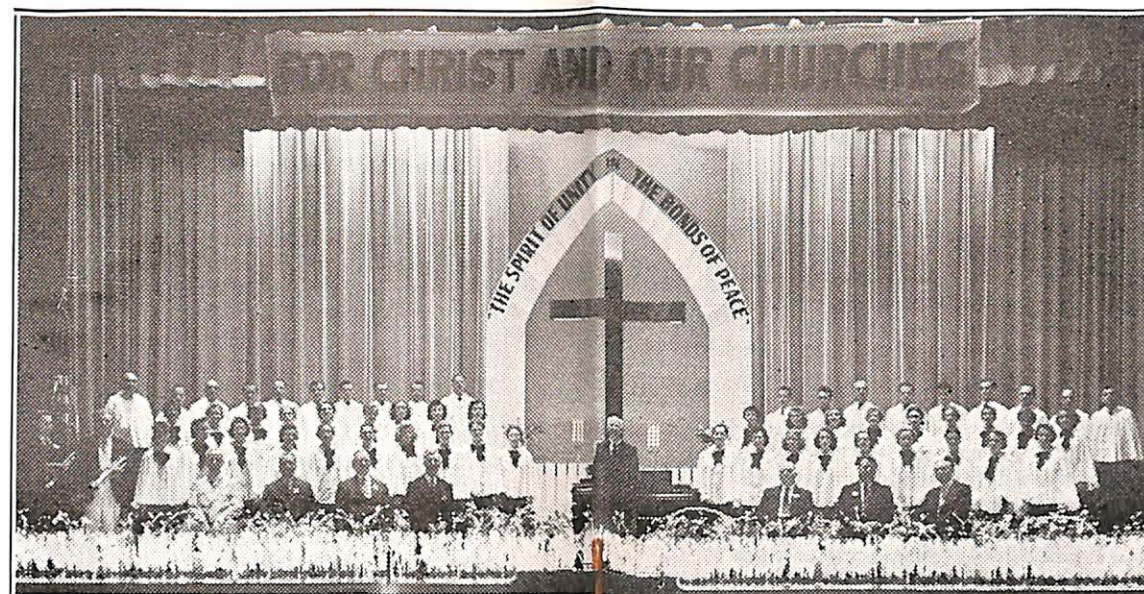
Returning from the General Conference just ended in Burlington, I decided that this was a General Conference that could never be referred to as "another." It was decidedly different from the four preceding ones which I was privileged to attend. It was different because it was better. It was better in fellowship, unity, and outlook.

The fellowship of this General Conference impressed me as possessing a special measure of heartiness. Naturally, we enjoyed the fellowship of the meetings, whether in a worship service, a business session, or around the tables off the record. But fellowship at its best is a spiritual good, and as such it was everywhere in evidence. Somehow one could not help but feel that everything was as it should be. Even when one may have disagreed with an opinion or an election result, or for that matter, if the midnight

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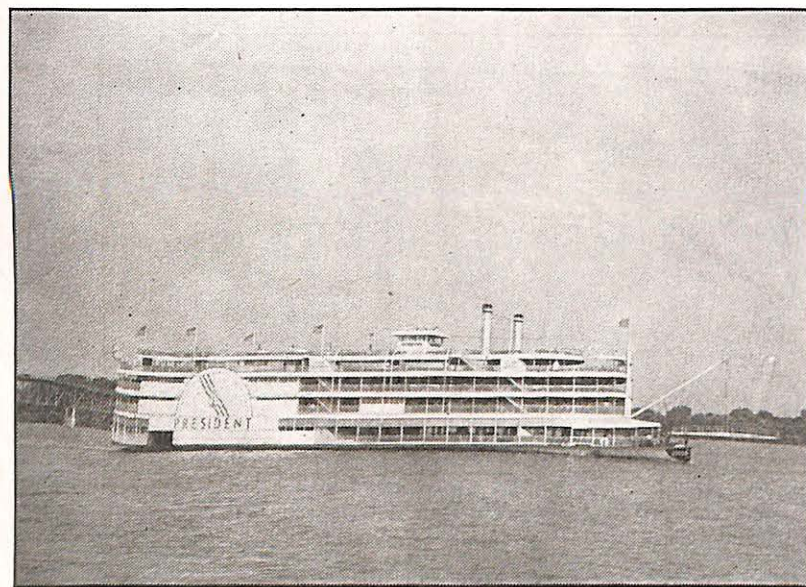
Graduates and Former Students of the Baptist Training Institute, Philadelphia, Pa., Line Up on Parade



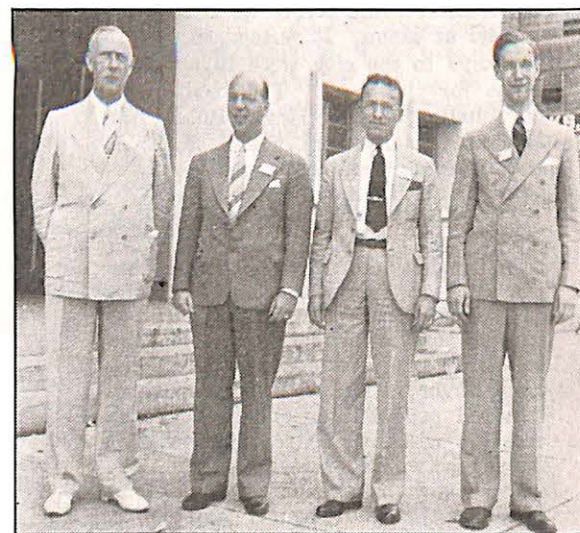
Speakers at the Opening Service of the General Conference and the Burlington Church Choir With the Enthralling Decorations in the Background



Smiles After a Sunrise Service
(Left to Right—Marie Ziesemer, Jean Anderson, Irma Giegler, Esther Loewen, Jean Carol Grosser)



The Excursion Steamer, "S. S. President," on Which 1700 Persons Enjoyed a Boat Trip Down the Mississippi River



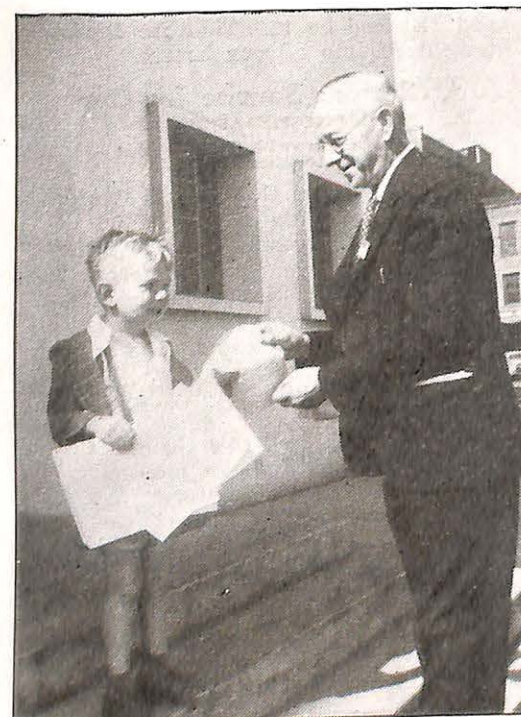
These Laymen Were Conference Leaders
(Arthur Schwerin, Chairman of Local Arrangements Committee; Edwin H. Marklein and Harold J. Petke, Past and Present Presidents of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, and Paul Gerdes, Chairman of Young People's Entertainment Committee)



Rev. Wm Kuhn, General Missionary Secretary, and Rev. A. Husmann, Newly Elected Promotional Secretary



Eighty-six Ministers' Children Who Attended the "P. K." Luncheon at the Union Hotel in an Enthusiastic Gathering



Rev. H. R. Schroeder of Madison, So. Dak., Receives His Conference Bulletin from the Smiling Newsboy

General Conference



Festive Scene in the Memorial Auditorium With 832 Conference Delegates and Friends Seated at the Colorful and Heavily Laden Banquet Tables

Burlington, Ia.
Aug. 19-25, '40



The Young People's Secretary, Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Collecting Dimes at the Sunrise Young People's Breakfast

The General Conference's Last Word

By PROFESSOR A. A. SCHADE, Chairman of the Program Committee

When a composer produces a symphony and the first performance takes place, he sits in as a critical observer. He wonders if the performers have caught his spirit and reproduced it, and he is curious to see whether the people react satisfactorily. The chairman of a program committee sustains a somewhat similar relation to the presentation of his program at a great conference. I really sought to be an objective observer to study the performance and the response of the people, but, as a matter of fact, I was

harmony of the prevailing spirit dwarfed the criticism into insignificance. There was a wonderful religious response to the religious service.

There were some breath-taking moments when the beauty of holiness broke forth in worship until we were lost in reverie. Who can ever forget the impressions of the opening night as the several curtains were lifted and the motto of the General Conference, "For Christ and Our Churches," and the theme: "Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace," the illuminated cross,

been with us three years previous, and many of those present would be there three years hence. The lines between time and eternity tended to fade out.

This effect was heightened when we gathered about the communion table to commemorate the death of our Lord and Savior. These two services were made to blend into each other and to provide the inspiration for mystic fellowship with our Lord and our brethren. One could not remain an objective observer but irresistibly became a participant with the brethren.

I must close with a word of appreciation of the response accorded the motto and the theme of the Conference. The revision of the motto by Professor F. W. C. Meyer in his immortal poem, "Allegiance to Christ and Devotion to the Church," (published in the last issue of 'The Baptist Herald') coming in successive refrains like thunder-claps made it to ring in our minds throughout the week. The essential unity of the spirit was reflected in addresses and business conduct. It is hard to imagine how any minister could seek to sell himself by unselling his brethren after the pentecostal experience of this conference. We should anticipate a triennium in which the house shall not be divided against itself, in which there should be no mixture of iron and clay, no signs of disintegration, no waste of power in useless friction.

The response to the presentation of the denominational activities augurs well for the success of the centennial financial objectives. The meeting of friends at the beginning and the farewell at the end of the conference represented a foretaste of what awaits the redeemed when once they shall gather together from every age and every clime and when we shall see again those whom we have loved and lost awhile. It will not be easy to disrupt the ties which unite us as a people of God. This survival in America of sober religious enthusiasm and devotion to the high objectives of Christ and his Church in an age of spiritual indifference and widespread skepticism represents a religious asset which is worthy of zealous preservation and diligent cultivation.

In closing, may I be granted a word of appreciation to all who cooperated in making this conference more wonderful than we had dared to hope. Especially would I thank the Burlington people for their marvelous management, the program committee for its wise counsel and excellent cooperation, and all who participated in the presentation of the program. The success is due to your faithfulness and God's gracious blessing.



Professor Arthur A. Schade of Rochester, N. Y.

carried away with the rest of the audience and my interest was absorbed by the subjects presented. Now that I am asked to give my reactions I must project myself back into the scene and seek to do what I intended to do while on the ground.

I shall confine myself to the more important half of the subject, that dealing with the response of the people to the program as presented. The ple to the program as presented. The only criticisms which reached my ears had to do with minor matters such as speakers going beyond their time, the impossibility of getting enough rest with the large program, insufficient time for discussion, etc. But the commendations on the quality of the addresses, the beauty of the setting, the perfection of the arrangements on the part of the Burlington Committee, the grandeur of the pageants, and the

the immaculately robed choir, the silvery hedge of plants under the constantly changing illumination burst forth on our eyes? In perfect harmony with this setting came the majestic opening under the vice-moderator, the Rev. H. W. Wedel. A rather critical member of the program committee told me that the opening alone was worth all the effort of a trip to Burlington.

The closing service was a worthy complement to the majestic opening. If anyone thought he would miss little by not attending the opening and closing services he miscalculated. The memorial service carried us into that transition realm, where, like Paul of old, we were not altogether sure whether we were in the flesh or in the spirit. We had glimpses of the saints in glory robed in white and assembled about the throne. Many of these had

The Boy from Hogan's Alley

By Eleanor Kees

SYNOPSIS

One cold and stormy night Jimmy and his dog, Toby, ran away from "Hogan's Alley." The ragged urchin had never known the love of a home or of parents. As an orphan child he had been mistreated by a drunken couple who made him work awfully hard. Because of a desperate hunger gnawing within him, Jimmy and his dog entered a house and helped themselves to a hot dinner on the table. They were caught in the act by the master of the house, Mr. Howard Ormsby, who took a strange fancy to the boy. He gave him plenty to eat, had him take a bath and decided to give him a chance in life. In a room over the garage Jimmy and his dog spent their first night after this wonderful adventure. Mrs. Ormsby, an invalid, heard about the boy and demanded that "this river rat" be chased from the premises. Mr. Ormsby would not give in to his wife, however, because of a haunting memory and a verse that thrusts itself in upon his thoughts. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . ."

CHAPTER THREE

Jimmy returned to consciousness the next morning by someone vigorously shaking him. He opened his eyes and looked into the face of Howard Ormsby, and felt Toby wriggling up from the foot of the bed. He sat up as Toby thrust his nose out from under the covers and jumped to the floor.

"Well, young man, did you sleep well?", asked Howard Ormsby.

"I—I—guess I did," answered Jimmy, crawling out from his warm nest. "I never waked up all night. Gee, we mighta burned up—me an' Toby—for all we'd a-knowned!", he added, beginning to draw on his clothes.

"Did Toby sleep with you all night?", asked Howard.

"Yes. He allers does. You see," he added apologetically, "I give him a bath last night, too, so he's nice an' clean."

"I see," said Howard. "A real dignified dog, though, has a bed by himself, and I'm sure Toby would enjoy one if he once learned it was the proper thing. Oh, I don't mean out in the cold," he added quickly, as he saw an expression of fear cross the boy's face, "but a nice box right here in the room with you in the winter, and a fine house, made just for him, outside in the summer. We'll talk about that later, however. I think you both need some breakfast first."

"Is it still snowin'?", asked Jimmy.

"No, it stopped some time in the night. It is quite cold, though. Ready?"

"Yep. Come on, Toby," called Jimmy, and followed his host down the stair and into the house.

"Kathleen, see that Jimmy and the dog both have all they want to eat, then please show them into the library," said Howard Ormsby as they entered the kitchen. Then he went into the other part of the house.

Kathleen placed some oatmeal, eggs, toast, and milk before Jimmy, who eagerly reached for the food, gulping it down in great bites. He was so hungry that he felt he would never be filled up again. Kathleen did not stand and watch him this time, and there was no young man present to look contemptuously at him, so he did not feel so embarrassed as he had the night before.

Toby eagerly gulped down the scraps allotted to him, then sat by his master and waited for him to finish eating. When Jimmy was through, he pushed back his chair and turned to Kathleen.

"Where'd he want me to go now?", he asked.

Kathleen turned from the sink where she was washing dishes and started to cross the room to escort the lad to another part of the house, but suddenly stopped short.

"Well," she said, a note of scorn in her voice, "I think you'd better wash your face and hands. You're all smeared with egg. Remember—you're in a gentleman's house!"

Jimmy looked at his hands, and the hot blood mounted to his face. He hadn't been conscious of any breach of etiquette. He had eaten after the only fashion he knew anything about—that of using his fingers until he was obliged to use his spoon. A knife and fork were absolutely useless to him. Barb seldom put any on the table. They seemed such unnecessary things.

"Where'll I wash?", asked Jimmy.

"Come over here to the sink," commanded Kathleen. "Here, look at yourself!", she added, roughly taking hold of his arm and pushing him before a mirror above the sink. "Why, you're a regular pig! You're worse'n a heathen!"

Jimmy didn't know what a "pig" nor a "heathen" was, but he was sure, by the tone of Kathleen's voice, that both of them must be something which people looked upon with scorn. Kathleen had said that he was "worse than a heathen." His spirits sank very low.

He surveyed himself as she pushed him in front of the mirror, but saw no unusual sight. There had been egg on his face before—when eggs were cheap enough for Barb to be able to afford to buy them. What was so terrible about a little bit of egg on one's face? It would soon wear off. And why, just because it was there, was one worse than a heathen? What was a heathen, anyway? He wondered if he would ever find out.

Kathleen produced a white cloth from a drawer, turned the faucet and moistened the cloth, and handed it to him.

"Here, scrub it all off!", she commanded harshly. "Step up here where you can see yourself!", she added, pushing him before the glass again.

Jimmy rubbed vigorously until all trace of the egg had disappeared from around his mouth.

"Now rub off your hands!", demanded Kathleen impatiently.

Jimmy rubbed his fingers, which were still grimy from so many years of neglect. Kathleen noticed the grime, but did not intend adding the extra burden of scrubbing a street urchin to her other duties, so took the cloth as soon as the egg had all disappeared.

"Now come with me," she said shortly, and passed into the other part of the house.

Jimmy clumped after her, with Toby close behind. The boy's shoes, several times too large for him, made a soft plup, plup on the thickly piled rugs as he walked, and a mingled feeling of awe and fear took possession of him. The magnificence of the expensively furnished home almost terrorized him.

He knew he should not be here—that he had thrust himself in upon it when he had no right to do so. — He knew the owner would never have sought him out and brought him here. He knew the man and his surroundings were as far apart from him as the stars above had seemed from Hogan's alley, but that now that he was here he must obey orders and appear before him. He felt, however, that the proper thing for him to do would be to go back to the kitchen, through the back door, and out into the world where he and Toby could go on and on and on to—where? Yes, that was it—where to? And because there was no answer to that question he continued to follow Kathleen until she opened a door and pushed him into the presence of Howard Ormsby. The man looked up from his morning paper.

"Well," he said, "did you have a good breakfast?"

Jimmy nodded.

"Sit down," said Howard, motioning him to a chair. "We'll talk things over."

Jimmy slid into a wing chair. Toby sat down, leaning his head affectionately against the boy's legs.

"How old are you, Jimmy?", asked Howard.

"Barb said I was ten," answered the boy.

"When is your birthday?"

"I dunno. She didn't know, nuther."

"Where did they get you?"

"I dunno that. She never told me nothin'."

"I see. You say you have never been to school?"

"No, Barb said it was no place for kids."

"You don't believe that, though, do you?"

"I dunno. I ain't never knowed many folks that went."

"I went to school."

"Didja like it?"

"Oh, it was fine! You learn to read books, and learn a lot of other things. Just look at those books," he added, pointing to a large library of expensive volumes. "Wouldn't you like to learn to read all those?"

"I dunno, Mebbe I would."

"Which would you rather do—go back to Barb and Hank, or stay with me and go to school?"

Jimmy jumped to his feet, and his eyes grew big with fear. Toby jumped up and looked at his little master.

"I don't want to go back to them! Oh, don't send me back! I'll go to school—er do anything you want me to do if you won't send me back!"

"Sit down, Jimmy," said Howard tenderly. "Listen. You must not be so frightened. I am not going to send you back to Barb and Hank. But you must not think that going to school is to be a punishment for not going back to them. I did not mean it that way. I'm sorry you misunderstood me."

"Now going to school will be a fine thing for you. Barb was mistaken about it being a bad place for children. It is the finest place in the world for you. You will meet other boys, and learn their ways. You will have some nice books, and learn to read from them. You will have some good clothes to wear, you will have a good bed to sleep in, plenty to eat, and some time for play. You will be expected to do a little work, but it will not be hard."

"Where you gonna send me?", asked Jimmy anxiously.

"I'm not going to send you anywhere. I intend to let you stay here. You may sleep where you slept last night. We'll have a nice box, with some soft bedding in it, for Toby to sleep in, and next summer we'll make him a fine dog kennel."

"What's a kennel?", interrupted Jimmy.

"A kennel is a nice house for him to sleep in. One just big enough for him alone. Do you want

to stay with me, and do a little work, such as shoveling snow from the walks, taking the ashes out of the basement every morning, or doing anything else that I ask you, go to school during the day, and grow up to be a good and useful man?"

"I think I'll stay," answered Jimmy quietly.

"Very well," answered Howard, rising. "Now the first thing we will do will be to go downtown and buy you some clothing, get your hair cut, then go see the teacher."

He arose, laid down his paper, picked up his hat which lay on the table, then stopped short and looked at the boy.

"Jimmy," he said thoughtfully, "there's one thing we have forgotten."

"What's that?", asked Jimmy quickly, a sudden fear gripping his heart lest the well laid plans might yet have to come to naught.

"We forgot that you have no name," said Howard.

"Why!" exclaimed Jimmy, looking at him in astonishment. "My name's Jimmy, an' you been callin' me that all the time!"

"Oh, yes, I know that. But another name—a last name. You know everybody has a name their parents give them, and the name of the family they are born into."

"But I ain't got no family, I tell you."

"Well, you had to have a family at one time, and they had to have a name. But since we don't know who they are, nor what their name was, it's up to us to find a name for you."

"But how kin you do that?", asked Jimmy.

"Well, we'll just have to choose a name that sounds nice. You know the boys at school will want to know what your last name is, and if you couldn't give them a name they'd think it strange. They'd laugh at you, no doubt, and think you a very unusual person not to have a name. You have no idea at all, I presume, what your real name might be? Did this Hank or Barb ever say a word to you about another name, or call you anything but Jimmy?"

"No."

"Too bad. Well, since they did not, we'll just have to choose a name for you. Have you any idea what name you would like to have?"

Jimmy shook his head, then brightened suddenly.

"What's your name? Couldn't I have it?", he asked.

"My name is Ormsby—Howard Ormsby, but I hardly think it wise for you to be called by my last name. But I have another name—a middle name it is called. It is Crandall. How would you like your other name to be Crandall?"

"Jimmy Crandall," said the boy. "That's a right purty name. I think I'd like it."

"Let's change it just a little more. You know 'Jimmy' is just a nickname for the real name 'James.' Your real

name will be James Crandall. Do you like that?"

Jimmy looked thoughtful for a moment, then said, "'James' sounds funny. Mebbe I'd fergit what it was. Do you like the name 'James'?"

"Very much," said Howard Ormsby with a little catch in his voice. "I once had a little boy, and his name was James."

"Where is he now?", asked Jimmy.

"He—he—died—when—he was six months old," answered Howard Ormsby huskily. He had not meant to mention it—had not meant to think of it—but memory had come back, just as it had come the night before. There had been a time when he thought he had memory conquered. There had been a time when he had been able to thrust it from his mind and harden his heart so that there was no longer a sting when it flashed through his brain, but the happenings of the last few hours were bringing it all back to him once more. What was the matter with him? Was the presence of this little alley-rat softening his heart?

"Gee, that's too bad," said Jimmy softly. "Would he be a big boy now?"

"Not very. He would be about your age," answered Howard, scarcely realizing that he was speaking. The boy before him seemingly drifted into oblivion, and he was going back—back—over the years that he had vowed to forget.

"I'd like to be called 'James' so I'd make you think of your little boy," said Jimmy.

Howard Ormsby turned sharply away from the lad. "—so I'd make you think of your little boy." The phrase burned itself into Howard's innermost soul. Think! Think! Oh, wasn't that the thing he'd been fighting all these years? And now he had unwittingly placed himself in a position where he would have to think once more—where he would have to remember once more. He wanted to turn and shout to the lad that he didn't want to think, but he knew the boy would not understand. Well, he had blundered into this thing, and he could only steel himself to quench memory once more. James was a common name. He saw it in print, or heard it spoken almost every day, so it need not trouble him to speak it when talking to the boy. He would conquer his thoughts—would prove to himself that he was master of himself. He turned once more to the boy.

"We'll go now," he said. "You'll have to go without hat or coat, but you will not need them in the car. Come this way."

They went out through a side door, and around the house to the garage. Howard Ormsby unlocked the garage doors, and Jimmy almost caught his breath. Was he actually going to ride in one of those machines he had seen rolling down the streets? He had fancied what it would be like to ride in one, but had never dared hope he actually would.

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Baptist Life Association Reviews Its Tasks

By HENRY MARKS of St. Paul, Minnesota, and F. W. GODTFRING of Buffalo, New York

Important!

See page 380 for a full page announcement and advertisement concerning the services of the Baptist Life Association. All readers of "The Baptist Herald" are urged to give this announcement their earnest attention. Correspondence with the association headquarters will be welcomed.

and other benefits since its organization 25 years ago. It has made a great record among the Lutherans.

Mr. Benz explained that this marvelous work was accomplished because of the spirit and devotion shown by the field representatives, and as a result of their faithful and persistent work. It was this faith and devotion that gave them victory over ignorance and fear which was so often noted years ago among Lutheran pastors and church officials. Today, such prejudice no longer exists. He further stated that general agents and all representatives of fraternal associations are engaged in a profession which is, perhaps, second only to the preaching of the gospel. Their work no longer consists of simply selling a membership in a society, but it pertains to supplying members with all the necessary information regarding the future financial welfare of themselves and families.

A representative today must have a thorough knowledge of the principles and fundamentals of the entire business of life insurance and its relative branches. Mr. Benz stated with deep conviction that the same results can be obtained among the Baptists. This statement made a deep impression upon all delegates. This was proven by the many individual opinions expressed following Mr. Benz' talk, by many of our local agents and state managers, strengthening their faith in a glorious future and that a stronger determination of individual efforts would be made more rapidly to increase our membership.

Mr. Challis A. Hall, national field secretary of our association, was the next speaker. He assured all those present that the organization was not present that the organization was not of mushroom growth, but that it had grown steadily through persistent efforts. The association might be called a tree, the salesmen being the branches. The bigger the branches the more leaves, and the more space and the more important they become to that tree. Cut one of the large branches off and the tree becomes lopsided. Life and the tree becomes lopsided. Life insurance, in general, is a means for repairing some serious injury, at a moderate charge, by bringing together a multitude of people, who agree that if a certain loss falls upon one of them, all shall unite and repair the loss. It

might be called "buying money for future delivery."

At the afternoon session the nominating committee made its report of candidates for the election of president, secretary, and four directors. The result of the election was as follows: Henry Marks was re-elected president; F. W. Godtfiring, secretary; and E. C. Smith, Helmuth Wobig, both of Buffalo; Edward R. Rieger, of Erie; and Dr. Paul Trudel, of Buffalo, were elected directors.

A. H. Lueders, vice-president, as well as J. O. Distler, treasurer, and Frank Koppin, Walter Marklein and Joseph Rocho, three directors, hold over until the next convention. Thereafter, the convention adopted certain amendments to the by-laws in order to comply with changed conditions required by law.

The association has made gains since the last convention three years ago. It has increased its mortuary fund, out of which death benefits are paid, about \$100,000. Its membership now is the highest in its history of 57 years. Its investments are in good condition, and during the past year it has earned 4.41% interest on its investments, which is a higher earning than the average for all fraternal and life insurance companies. It pays a dividend regularly every year to its members; in 1932 a double dividend was paid. Its ratio of solvency is above 109%. There are few fraternal associations or life insurance companies which have a higher ratio of solvency.

The association is regularly examined by the auditor of the Insurance Department of the State of New York.

Baptist friends, buy life insurance! The Baptist Life Association can serve you just as well as any other organization can. Why not give us a chance when you are next in the market for insurance? Speak to our representatives in your community, or write to the Home Office at Buffalo, New York, for information. Remember that the association will not only serve you with needed insurance covering death, old age pensions, total disability, accident and sickness. It also decided to take care of its old members through Baptist Old People's Homes, Baptist Orphanages, and Baptist Hospitals for which purpose a Benevolent and Relief Fund has been started, the Fund growing from month to month.

With all business disposed of, the delegates adjourned, continuing a true and loyal fellowship in the hotel lobby, parlors, and dining rooms, which fellowship and friendship contributed an important part in the happiness and joy of the delegates.

Reports from the Field

Pacific Conference

Vacation Bible School in the Baptist Church of Startup, Washington

The Baptist Church in Startup, Wash., can report a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School again this year. As the berry harvest in this community came very early this year, we had to postpone the school until the month of August.

Although we could have it only for one week, we feel that a great deal has been accomplished. The attendance began with 35 children and increased to 60 from the third day on. The school was divided into four classes. Mrs. Margaret Schirman and Miss Lora Hieb had the "Sunbeams"; Mrs. C. E. Schoenleber and Miss Ruth Schalo, the "Light Bearers"; Mrs. Emma Psaris, the "Sunshine Class"; and Mrs. Dorothy Hieb, the "Builders' Class." The Rev. C. E. Schoenleber gave object lessons and helped the Builders' Class with their handwork.

The children memorized the 23rd Psalm, the books of the Bible, the ten Commandments and a number of Bible verses. The singing of choruses was led by Lora Hieb and Ruth Schalo and was greatly enjoyed by the children. The last half hour was always spent in doing handwork.

On Sunday evening, August 18, a final program was rendered by the children especially for the parents and friends. After the program the handwork was on display.

LORA HIEB, Reporter.

Eleventh Oregon Summer Assembly is Held at Twin Rocks

The 11th annual summer assembly of the Oregon German Baptist young people was held from August 11 to 18. As in previous years, we met at Twin Rocks, Ore., near the Pacific Ocean. The fine group of young people attending the assembly this year represented the churches at Bethany, Salt Creek, Salem and our three Portland churches—Laurelhurst, Trinity and Immanuel. A wonderful spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation made our assembly a great success.

Each day began with the ringing of the rising bell at 7:00 A. M. At 7:45 we met in front of the fireplace for our morning devotions, which were led by different young people. Much inspiration was gained by these few minutes of morning worship together.

Breakfast was served at 8:00 A. M., after which we gathered for our classes. During the first class period, Dr. T. H. Hagan held a class on "Personal Evangelism," and our assembly dean,

Donation Day at the Philadelphia Home for the Aged on October 19

"Donation Day" will be observed by the German Baptist Home for the Aged of Philadelphia, Pa., on Saturday, October 19. There will be a service in the chapel as usual at 2:30 P. M. with a special speaker and music. Meals will be served in the dining room from 4:30 to 7:00 P. M.

Any donations of cash or merchandise will be gratefully received during the day. All friends of the Home in the vicinity of Philadelphia are invited to the festivities.

Rev. Milton R. Schroeder.

Rev. Otto Roth of the Immanuel Church, taught a class on "Elijah, a Character Study." The second class period was from 9:50 to 10:30 A. M., during which only one class was held, taught by Dr. Hagan. His topic was "Christianity, a Way of Life and Belief." The Open Forum period from 10:40 to 11:30 proved very interesting. The topics for the week were suggested by the young people themselves. These discussions were led by the Revs. O. Roth, T. A. Leger, and T. H. Hagan.

After our noon meal, we all took part in the recreational activities, planned by our recreational director, Leone Nettler. These included surf bathing, beach games, bicycling, swimming, boating, hiking, a table tennis tournament, and also a deep sea fishing trip. Because of the fine weather throughout the week, these activities were enjoyed very much.

After supper, we met in the chapel for vesper services. Much blessing was gained through the inspirational messages brought to us by our faculty at these meetings. Some form of entertainment was planned for each evening after vesper, such as "A Get Acquainted Party," bonfires at which we had a quiz program and a wiener roast, moving pictures, musical night, and stunt night.

The weekend brought many visitors from our Oregon churches and from the church at Tacoma, Wash. On Sunday morning at the consecration service Dr. Hagan delivered the closing address. Ending the 1940 assembly with the singing of our assembly theme song, "Following Jesus," we went back to our respective churches with the desire to follow our Master more closely each day.

RUTH REUTTER, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Vacation Bible School in Edenwold, Saskatchewan

A successful Vacation Bible School was held in the Edenwold Baptist Church at Edenwold, Sask., Canada, from July 15 to 26 under the direction of our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Weisser, with an enrollment of 46 children.

Our studies were chosen from the Keystone lessons. The subjects taught were "Bible Stories" and sand table work for the Beginners; "Heroes and Helpers" for the Primary classes; "Jesus Our Leader" and "Entering into the Christian Life" for the Junior classes. The books of the Bible, the Beatitudes, the ten commandments and numerous choruses were memorized.

Handwork consisted of scrapbook work, needle cases, memory books and bird houses. We concluded our school with a program of songs, the naming of the books of the Bible and other memorization. After the program the present felt the nearness of the Lord.

MYRTLE FEDELLECK, Reporter.

East Ebenezer Church Enjoys a Memorable Summer With Its Pastor

Our East Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan, Canada, enjoyed a happy summer, and the Lord has blessed us richly. During the evangelistic meetings, which were held here and in Homestead, a goodly number of young people accepted Christ as their personal Savior, of whom we baptized six on August 18. We hope and pray that the other converts, too, will soon follow the Master in baptism. Four converts of the West Ebenezer church also were baptized at the same occasion, so that I had the privilege of baptizing ten fine young people in the death of Christ. Since this was the first time that I baptized converts, it meant as much to me as it did to the baptismal candidates.

The weather was very pleasant on that Sunday, and that was one of the reasons why so many people came out to the river to witness the act of Christian baptism. Our churches cooperated in a splendid way so that every one present felt the nearness of the Lord, and it is my belief that we will long remember the day.

The work in the church is going forward in spite of the pressure resulting from present world conditions. Our church has a keen vision for the lost, and this fact is very encouraging to do the very best for the Master while opportunities are still waiting.

WALTER STEIN, Pastor.

Southwestern Conference Session of the Women's Missionary Union During the Southwestern Conference

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Union of the Southwestern Conference was held on Friday afternoon, August 9, at Stafford, Kansas.

The service was opened with the singing of a hymn and then followed a piano solo by Miss Betty Louise Geis of Okeene, Okla. Mrs. Oliver Ringering of the Ellinwood Church read Psalm 100 and led in prayer. Mrs. Snyder, president of one of the local missionary societies, extended a welcome to the group to which Mrs. William Brenner, our president, responded.

Following these preliminaries, some time was devoted to a program of an entertaining nature. Miss Schroeder of Lorraine was first with a reading entitled, "The Sinking of the Well." A vocal solo by Mrs. Seecamp of La Salle came next, after which Miss Orpha Brenner of the Mt. Zion Church read two short poems. Mrs. Seifert of Marion, Kans., rendered a musical reading and the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Reimer of Gotebo, Okla., sang a duet. Mrs. Witt of Bison gave another reading, and then Mrs. Giedinghagen and Mrs. Bill sang a duet.

The high point of our meeting arrived when Prof. O. E. Krueger arose to address the women on the subject of "the Woman in the Home." His closing remark especially, that we as mothers should make our homes more Christian is well worth remembering.

A mission offering was taken during the course of the afternoon which amounted to \$21.00. To this sum was added another amount taken from the treasury so that in all we were able to send \$70.45 to our General Mission Fund.

In our business session at the close of the afternoon the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Wm. Brenner was reelected as president; Mrs. C. H. Seecamp, first vice-president; Mrs. Martin DeBoer, second vice-president; Mrs. E. Kary, secretary; and Mrs. Harry Geis, treasurer.

According to the reports sent in by the various societies, the Durham Ladies' Aid received highest honors for having contributed the highest amount per capita for the year. This sum amounted to \$19.72. Scottsbluff, Neb., came second with the sum of \$7.12 and Strassburg rated third with \$6.71.

ETHEL THEIS KARY, Secretary.

Young People's Sessions of the Southwestern Conference at Stafford, Kansas

The young people's meeting during the Southwestern Conference were an inspiration to all in attendance. On Friday afternoon, August 9, the Stafford young people's group gave us a royal reception by taking us to the fish hatchery near Pratt, Kansas, and then to Stafford city park.

On Saturday afternoon all matters of business were completed with the

exception of a few items, which needed to be concluded on Sunday afternoon. The program session of the afternoon was devoted to 6 discussion groups, which were held at the same hour. In general these discussion groups, which were very profitable.

The banquet for the young people as given by the Stafford B. Y. P. U. was themed, "Ships at Sea." With the receiving of our sailor hats we entered the banquet hall and into the spirit of a sailor's life. Through the toasts and the music we were more fully inspired to allow Christ to be the Captain of

Dakota Conference

Baptismal Service at Brush Lake Is Held by the Goodrich Baptist Church

On the Sunday morning of June 30th a throng of members, friends and visitors of the Baptist Church in Goodrich, No. Dak., gathered at the shore of the beautiful Brush Lake, near Turtle Lake. The day's activities began with an out-of-door Sunday School, in which Mr. Eugene Gerlitz spoke to the young people and the Rev. A. E. Reeh to the adults.



Members and Friends of the Goodrich Baptist Church of North Dakota Waiting for the Baptismal Service to Begin at Brush Lake

our ships of life.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the installation of officers was held on deck in a candle light service. The new officers for 1941 are as follows: president, Oliver Ringering of Ellinwood, Kansas; vice-president, Bob Graalman of Okeene, Okla.; secretary, Virginia Wirth of Bethany, Kansas; treasurer, Donald Kohman of Dillon, Kansas; and adviser, Rev. W. Helwig of Ellinwood, Kansas.

On Sunday afternoon special numbers were rendered by the Girls' Quartet of Marion, Kans., and a solo by a young man from Bison, Kansas. Final items of business were concluded, in which the awarding of several banners were of chief importance. The mileage banner was awarded to Okeene, Okla., the B. Y. P. U. Banner to La Salle, Colo., and the Sunday School banner to Gotebo, Okla. The following schools also received the "Standard School Burgee": Gotebo, Okla.; Okeene, Okla.; Burgee; Gotebo, Okla.; West Side, Beatrice, Mt. Zion, Kans.; Creston, Nebr.; Nebr.; First Baptist, Creston, Nebr.; and Lorraine, Kansas. For the program portion of the religious drama, "The Challenge of the Cross," was presented beautifully by the Durham B. Y. P. U.

All song services for these meetings were conducted very efficiently by the song leader, Edna Schroeder, and the pianist, Norma Wendelburg. The Stafford Church and the Rev. and Mrs. A. Weisser were very hospitable.

MRS. WERNER SCHANZ, Secretary.

Following the Sunday School a preaching service was conducted in which the Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch of Jamestown, No. Dak., delivered an inspiring and heart searching message concerning the ordinances of the church which were instituted by our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. The noon luncheon, which followed these services, was held under the beautiful blue June and July sky of the Dakotas.

More friends and visitors of all the neighboring churches had arrived in the meantime for the two o'clock baptismal service, and once more the Word of God was brought to the attention of all those who were to be baptized, and to those who were to witness what Christ had commanded for his disciples.

Again the Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch brought the message and laid it upon every heart not to take the plan of salvation light-heartedly. Our male quartet rendered several selections appropriate for the occasion which helped to deepen the impressions gained during the service. Twenty-six precious souls were baptized into the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, while a huge throng of people lined the shore and witnessed the service.

On the following Sunday, July 7, an impressive communion service was held in the auditorium of the Goodrich Baptist Church, in which the pastor extended to the new members the right hand of Christian fellowship.

A. E. REEH, Pastor.

Central Conference

Central Conference at the First Church of Chicago Considers "The Church of Jesus Christ"

"The Church of Jesus Christ" was the theme used at the 60th annual gathering of the Central Conference convening with the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill.

On Thursday evening the opening message was brought by the Rev. Wm. Hoover of Detroit, Mich. He used as his subject, "The Fellowship of the Gospel." His was only one of many inspirational and uplifting messages brought during the conference days. The Rev. Benj. Schlipf led us very near the throne of grace during the quiet half hours. His subjects were in keeping with the general theme, "Christ the Head" and "We the Members."

On Friday morning our moderator, the Rev. George Lang of Detroit, Mich., organized the delegates for the business sessions. Church reports were encouraging, showing gains in membership and contributions. The following officers were elected: Mr. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., moderator; Rev. J. A. Mueller of Chicago, Ill., recording secretary; Rev. T. W. Bender

Other Reports!

Several reports could not be included in this issue due to extra articles and advertisements. They will appear in the next number of "The Baptist Herald." Editor

of Cleveland, Ohio, statistical secretary; Rev. Geo. Hensel of Kankakee, Ill., reelected as mission secretary; Mr. Fred Grosser of River Forest, Ill., reelected to the mission committee and Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel of Cleveland, Ohio, was added to the committee.

The Friday and Saturday evening services were under the auspices of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Central Conference. On Friday evening the Rev. L. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., brought a challenging message on the subject, "The Reputation of My Church." Saturday evening was given over to a banquet at the Lincoln Belmont Y. M. C. A. Over 240 persons gathered to enjoy an evening of Christian fellowship and inspiration. With great delight the group witnessed our various Young People's Institutes in action while Rev. Martin L. Leuschner showed moving pictures of the institutes he has visited.

The Rev. Paul Wengel of Detroit, Mich., brought the closing message on Sunday evening. He used as his subject, "Prepare to Cross the Jordan." In a unique manner he directed our thoughts to the General Conference in Burlington, Iowa, and to the coming centenary three years hence.

All who attended this conference are deeply grateful to the First Church and its congenial pastor, the Rev. John Schmidt, for the generous hospitality and warm welcome extended to all.

STANLEY F. GEIS, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Program of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Iowa Association on October 14-16, at Aplington, Iowa

Association Theme: "THE CHANGELESS CHRIST" SUNDAY, October 13: Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, Burlington, Iowa, will serve as pre-association speaker.

MONDAY, October 14: 7:30 P. M. Opening Service. Welcome, Response, Sermon: "The Changeless Christ," Rev. H. Renkema, Baileyville.

TUESDAY, October 15: Morning Session: 9:00-10:00: Hour of Worship. Rev. G. Ehrhorn, Parkersburg. 10:00-12:00: Organization, Elections, Reports of Churches.

Afternoon Session: 2:00-2:15: Devotions. Rev. H. Palfenier, Steamboat Rock. 2:15-3:00: Reports (continued) Business. 3:00-3:45: Paper: "The Changeless Christ in a Changing World," Rev. A. E. Diddams, Muscatine. (Discussion). 3:45-4:30: Paper: "The Changeless Christ, the Anchorage of the Soul," Rev. Peter Peters, Buffalo Center. (Discussion.)

Evening Session: 7:30: Sermon: "The Victorious Church," Rev. J. Walkup, Sheffield.

WEDNESDAY, October 16: Morning Session: 9:00-10:00: Hour of Worship. Rev. A. G. Lang, Britt. 10:00-10:45: Paper: "The Changeless Christ, the Empowering for Christian Service," Rev. P. F. Zoschke, Elgin. (Discussion.)

10:45-11:30: Paper: "Sixty Years of Iowa Association," Rev. C. Fred Lehr, Aplington. (Discussion.)

Afternoon Session (at the Dreyer Schoolhouse, where the Association was organized 60 years ago, weather permitting): 2:00-2:15: Devotions, Rev. O. W. Brenner, George.

2:15-3:00: Address: "Our Iowa Association as I Knew and Know It," Rev. Carl Swyter, George.

3:00: Address: Rev. William Kuhn, Forest Park, Ill., General Missionary Secretary. (Jubilee Offering.)

Evening Session: 7:30: Closing Service. Sermon: "The Abiding Christ," Rev. Wm. Kuhn. (Missionary Offering.)

Note: Papers are to be no more than 30 minutes in length, leaving 15 minutes for discussion.

INVITATION

The Aplington Baptist Church, in whose midst the Iowa Vereinigung is to celebrate its Sixtieth Anniversary from October 14-16, hereby cordially invites all the churches of the Association, as well as individuals, to attend the sessions of the Vereinigung. Those wishing to attend are asked to kindly send their names to Rev. C. Fred Lehr, Aplington, Iowa, not later than October 9. Henry Busse, Church Clerk.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM TOPICS

Sunday, November 3, 1940

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:6-15.

Missionary Evening

Have one or several young people in your society tell the story of the heroic life of our former Cameroon missionary, Rev. Carl Bender, who died only five years ago on November 8, 1935. A book of 90 pages about Missionary Bender has recently been written by his son-in-law, Mr. Carl F. H. Henry. (See "Baptist Herald," Sept. 1, 1940 Issue, Page 326) which is a fascinating account to read and to relate to others.

The book can be purchased from our Publication Society, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, for forty cents postpaid. Secure several extra copies to be sold in your society at the close of the meeting. If you are unable to buy a book, you can borrow a copy for two weeks from the editor by sending your request to him at once.

"Glaubensharfen" Wanted

Our Baptist Church in Nokomis, Saskatchewan, is in need of 50 to 75 song books, the "Neue Glaubensharfe." May we appeal to those of our churches that have discontinued their use to assist us in acquiring same? We will pay all shipping expenses and, in addition, thank you heartily for them. Please address your letters or books to Rev. E. M. Wegner, Nokomis, Sask., Canada.

Sunday, November 10, 1940

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-13.

Denominational Program

Several of your young people should acquaint themselves with the contents of the illustrated brochure, "For Christ and Our Churches," which gives a bird's-eye view of the various denominational branches and presents definite spiritual goals to be attained by our churches and individuals during the coming triennium.

Any number of copies of this pamphlet, "For Christ and Our Churches," in English or in German can be secured from Dr. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. Be sure to state how many copies you want. Ask your pastor for assistance in planning the program.

These young people, who are prepared to speak, should give the highlights of the brochure, should interpret the denominational goals, and should stress the theme, "For Christ and Our Churches." It ought to be a profitable evening!

Send us a report of these meetings for publication in "The Baptist Herald." This news will be of interest to other societies.

Conference Impressions

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coffee refused to agree with one, there was always the impression that it was as it should be. Such an atmosphere could not help but be conducive to adventurous thought and candid expression. It seems to me that our people took advantage of this opportunity and reached a great deal of agreement among themselves regarding the objectives and nature of our denominational enterprise.

There was unity of spirit amidst great diversity of words. There was unity of action despite individual preferences. Whatever was done could be done only because of the spirit of harmony that prevailed. Disagreement of policy gave way to willingness to cooperate. There was a will for unity. Some actions of the General Conference might have been taken with a greater measure of insight, if not even intelligence. But the spirit of unity prevailed, and no doubt will continue to prevail and assist in the remedying of such mistakes as were conceded even before we left Burlington.

What impressed me more than anything else in this General Conference, and it is also true of the Central Conference which met just before in Chicago, defies immediate articulation. It may be described as the outlook. Perhaps it would be better to term it "the accent." One received the impression of great impending progress. A spirit of buoyancy carried us through the

days and has not left us. A new vigor, a broader outlook, and a more confident zeal seemed to be shared by our people. One received the impression of witnessing a glorious sunrise. The colorful streaks of the dawn were everywhere in evidence. By the grace of God we shall have a great day, a new day, with new challenges, of course, but with scores of laborers anxiously waiting to do their share in the denominational vineyard.

Inspiration for the Women

By Mrs. Mildred F. Dymmel

of Anaheim, California

(The Newly Elected President of the National Women's Missionary Union) Driving through long stretches of desert waste and cactus in Arizona on the way home to sunny California, I had plenty of time to dwell on the impressions of the 26th General Conference. What a thrill it was to meet old friends and to make new ones, all happy in the knowledge that Jesus is the best friend we can have on earth! One sweet woman said: "I've saved for five years to make this conference, and it is more than worth it." Another said to me: "Three years is too long a time to wait for German Baptists of the East to meet those of the West Coast."

And now a word of appreciation to the officers of the Schwesternbund and especially to the program committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. Baumgartner for all the pleasant surprises that graced our happy reunion! At the banquet Mrs. C. F. Lehr in her delightful way introduced three speak-

ers who bade us follow the light of Jesus as it illumines the blackout of sin and superstition in foreign fields, the Cameroons and Danubian countries, by Mrs. Irma Grosser of Forest Park, Ill.; as it brings peace to the weary in the slums of Chicago by Mrs. Kampfer, director of the Aiken Institute of Chicago, Ill.; as it challenges the lives of the girls training for service at the Baptist Missionary Training School at Chicago by Miss Alethea Kose of the Training School staff.

Mrs. Arthur A. Schade of Rochester paid fitting tribute to the lives of women of our denomination who have finished their work on earth and placed their names on a roll of honor.

Miss Anna Brinkman, retiring president of the Schwesternbund, introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. O. R. Judd, president of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and of German Baptist parentage. Pointing to the text, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good tidings," Mrs. Judd made us realize that messages demand carriers and that modern carriers are telephones, telegraphs and, significantly, "tell-a-woman." Therefore, women of our denomination, tell out the good news, the gospel, to whomsoever you meet! Make it known that we shall work and pray together during the next three years in order that at the Centenary Jubilee at Philadelphia in 1943 we can say, "We are happy in the service of the King" and "We'll work till the Master comes."

The Club Plan

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