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What's Happening

☐ A Daily Vacation Bible School of two weeks was held by the North Ave. Church of Milwaukee, Wis., closing on Thursday, July 3rd. A total of 33 children were in attendance. The school's teaching staff was composed of Miss Mildred Nasgowitz, Mrs. Sarah Crowe, Miss Shirley Depke, Miss Ruth Smith and the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, pastor of the church.

☐ The Rev. A. Krombein, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Kelowna, B. C., Canada, was recently called as pastor of the German Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak., to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his services on the new field as soon as possible, succeeding the Rev. Karl Gieser, who is now the superintendent of the Dakota Conference Home for the Aged located in Bismarck.

☐ The Rev. G. Sprock of Houston, Tex., one of our retired ministers, has accepted the call of the German Baptist Church of Elberta, Ala., to serve as interim pastor for six months. He began his pastorate in the Alabama Church on July 1st. The church has been without a pastor for some time since the resignation of the Rev. G. Schwandt and the brief interim pastorate of the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn.

☐ On Sunday, June 29, the Rev. G. Palfenier of McLaughlin, So. Dak., baptized 11 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. It was the first baptismal service since Mr. Palfenier's arrival on this field, and a large gathering viewed the service reverently. Mr. Palfenier also hopes to be able to hold a similar baptismal service in the nearby church at McIntosh, So. Dak., in the near future.

☐ The Rev. Fred Trautner, formerly of Eureka, So. Dak., has accepted the call extended to him by the German Baptist Churches of Sawyer and Max, No. Dak. He began his services on this new field on July 1st. These churches have been without the services of a regular minister for some time, and their joy has been great with the coming of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Trautner and their family of nine children.

☐ The Rev. Fred Schilling of Wausau, Wis., pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city, recently presented his resignation to the church which was accepted. He will bring his ministry in the Wausau Church to a close on September 1st. For the present, Mr. Schilling does not have any definite plans regarding his continued ministry in full time religious activities. He and his family will reside in Wausau for the time being.

☐ The Rev. Peter Geissler, pastor of the Bethel Church of Buffalo, N. Y., has made a good recovery following his illness of several months ago. "The Baptist Herald" incorrectly reported that he had suffered a slight stroke. The reporter, Miss Lillian Cook, wrote: "Our pastor's illness, though serious, at no time was caused by even a slight stroke or involved a stroke. Though Brother Geissler many weeks ago resumed his church work, he has not yet fully recovered his strength and still needs the prayers of the Lord's people."

☐ Professor F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., sailed for Alaska on July 14 from Seattle, Wash., abroad the Alaska Line's flagship "Aleutian," for a vacation cruise along Alaska's Inside Passage and westward to Prince William Sound. He travelled with the 9th annual Christian Fellowship Tour, which was personally supervised by Mr. H. R. Bowler. His return trip early in August will be by way of California and the Utah National Parks. We hope to be able to present some of the professor's Alaskan adventures in a forthcoming article in "The Baptist Herald."

☐ Mrs. Georgina Schoeffel of Cleveland, Ohio, the wife of the Rev. William L. Schoeffel, pastor of the White Avenue Baptist Church, passed away after a brief illness on July 1st. After a memorial service held in the White Ave. Church, she was laid to rest on July 4 in the beautiful Woodland Cemetery of Kitchener, Ontario. The readers of "The Baptist Herald" will want to join the editor in expressing our sympathy to our bereaved friend, who in quick succession lost both his mother and wife by death. May the peace of God comfort and sustain him!

☐ On Thursday evening, July 3, a large audience in the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., enjoyed the rendition of the oratorio, "The Holy City," by the choir of 50 voices and a 35 piece orchestra of the neighboring Evangel Church of Newark. The choir and orchestra were directed by Mr. J. Thurston Noe. The renowned Eivin Bjornstad, a European opera singer, presented a message in song and story on Thursday evening, July 10. This was his third engagement in the church. The Rev. Verner I. Olson is pastor of the church.

☐ After more than 21 years of very faithful and devoted service as bookkeeper at our missionary headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., Miss Flora Schulte retired from her position on July 1st. Beginning with March 10th, Mr. Roland Ross, a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church and a former

president of the Men's Baraca Class, has been in charge of all accounting in the office. Miss Faye Schwitters of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, a member of the German Baptist Church there, has been appointed to assist Mr. Ross in the office.

☐ On Thursday evening, June 12, the Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ontario, Canada, held a reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Richard A. Grenz shortly after their marriage and honeymoon trip. Last October Mr. Grenz became pastor of the church, but not until late in May did he go to North Dakota to take unto himself a bride. At the church's reception, which was largely arranged for the bride, Mrs. Grenz was welcomed by the various branches of the church and received many useful gifts. Both Mr. and Mrs. Grenz responded to the greetings and congratulations.

☐ The Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., Canada, recently bought and installed a Hammond electric organ at a cost of \$2204, according to the pastor, the Rev. E. P. Wahl. He wrote that "this is a big undertaking in times like these through which we are passing but these are days when God's children must not do less but more and greater things for the Lord." The male quartet of the Edmonton Christian Training School recently toured the Saskatchewan churches and later in July a number of the students participated in the Vacation Bible School work and a team of 5 young women visited churches in the territory of the Central Association.

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EDITORIAL

LIKE a swimmer in shark infested waters, so a missionary is constantly beset with danger. Terrifying ordeals outnumber the exotic adventures which are his in a strange land. There is no rest from the arduous tasks of the monotonous succession of days that follow each other. Their physical health is constantly jeopardized by the surroundings of their new habitat. Truly, missionaries are moved, not by any gay desire to go on a sight-seeing lark, but by the compelling power of the grace of God within them.

Even the missionary's homeward journey, which used to be a pleasant prologue to the delightful furlough at home, has become a terror by night and by day. So the announcement that Miss Edith Koppin is coming home ought to multiply the prayers of God's children in her behalf for a safe and serene journey.

Do you realize all the difficulties and dangers involved in such a trip? Let us pull the curtains aside for a little and give you a glimpse into the circumstances surrounding her homeward trip. Miss Koppin's furlough had come due. Her health demanded rest and a change of environment. But the war made an immediate return improbable if not impossible. She continued her many-sided ministry as a missionary and nurse to the needy and benighted natives of Mambila.

Finally, in response to the counsel of others, she made the long, cross-country trek to the port of Lagos in British Nigeria. There she was told that no passage on any freighter bound for America could be booked for less than a year in advance. Desperately she cabled Dr. Kuhn in Forest Park for instructions. Should she go on to the Gold Coast and wait for something unexpected to happen that would enable her to go to America? Or should she return to the mission station in Mambila again?

The cablegram was flashed to her to return to Warwar. Her homeward trip to America might be blocked for months, yes, even for years. Then like a bolt out of a clear blue sky, which has been interpreted by all as a marvelous answer to prayer, she received word that a surprise passage had been secured for her by the Barber Steamship Lines. So with gay and thankful heart, she pushed on to the strange sounding town of Takoradi in the Gold Coast (another fascinating name), to await the sailing of the freighter for home.

But the dangers have just begun to pop, like the first distant thunder claps before a fierce electrical storm. "The Battle of the Atlantic" is raging, and this has been called by Prime Minister Churchill and by President Roosevelt "the decisive battle of the war." One needs only to remember what happened to the "Zamzam" and the "Robin Moor" to know what might happen to this banana freighter on the high seas, on which our missionary is travelling. The experiences of the Gebauers, as reported in "The Baptist Herald," are also vividly with us, reminding us that the crossing of the Atlantic in one of these small boats is no excursion in the face of violent storms.

This is the time for earnest and united prayer in all of our churches for Edith Koppin. Because of the war, no sailing or arrival dates for these freighters can be announced beforehand. We do not even know whether she has definitely sailed. But we do know that she is "homeward bound" after a memorable term of service and that her homeward journey is secure in God's hands.

Even as we continue to pray for her during these trying days of breathtaking suspense, let us also ring the bells of rejoicing for the homecoming of another of God's noble messengers for a well deserved furlough and rest!



Mary Sits at the Feet of Jesus, Learning From Him About the Way of Eternal Life

Have Faith in God

By the REV. THEO. W. DONSON of Forest Park, Illinois,
General Evangelist of the Denomination

"Have faith in God!" (Mark 11:22)

No words come to us with greater forcefulness than these of Christ. They comprise the answer to all our problems.

But what place has faith in an age of doubt? This age glorifies doubt. Doubt seems to be an evidence of intellectual attainment, and faith in God betokens a dull wit. Men are skeptical of human nature, of democracy, of great men. Still, without faith in God man is lost, for "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen."

Faith is not an object for the mind, but one for the will. It is not merely an issue between cowardice and courage, but it is a venture. Faith burns all the boats and bridges behind one and launches out into the unknown. Faith is an act of the whole mind: of the intellect, which sees; of the conscience, which responds; of the will, which chooses; of the heart, which fears, loves and trusts.

We want to receive these words of Christ as an encouragement, as an admonition, and as a challenge.

Encouragement For This Day

God knows we need encouragement! These are the days when men's hearts fail. In the world without, there is unrest and in the church of Jesus Christ there is restlessness. The work of winning the lost as well as teaching the saved ones "all whatsoever he has commanded" is becoming increasingly difficult.

Pastors are uneasy and the member-

ship list wavers. Conditions, for which only the trend of time is responsible, are confronting us. We are like the disciples in Jesus' day—out in a boat on a stormy sea and we long for a desire to know that all is well. All currents of thought and influence sweep through our churches, and, oh, how we would wish for a stabilizing power to keep abreast of the time!

To the churches and their ministers comes this encouraging call, "Have faith in God!" If this were said by a man, we would not attach much significance to it. But it is He, Christ, who has said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth." He would have us look up and not lose sight of him, for "He is with us always, even unto the end of the age." He would have us know that we are not alone and that under all conditions he is the Master.

It is generally felt that the work of the church is difficult. They say that there is too much dead timber in our membership, that there is a sort of a compromising message and a half-hearted membership in regard to soul-winning and Kingdom advance, a catering to youth in order to compete with the entertaining agencies. They aver that words like "sin" and "repentance" are not found in the vocabulary of some churches. But there are those who have "not defiled their garments" and who need strengthening and encouragement. "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees." (Isaiah 35:3). Have faith in God; your labor is not in vain; in due season we shall reap without ceasing.

An Unpopular Admonition

There is an admonition in these words. Admonition is not very popular in our day and age. We do not want to be admonished, for we know what we want and when we want it. We are used to doing things our own way and we do not want to be told. We are so systematic and practical and think our own plans are quite sufficient. The "landmarks" have been torn down and substitutes have been invented. But there is no substitute for a living faith in a living God and a sufficient Savior.

The preacher runs the danger of insulting people when he appears with a "Thus saith the Lord!" They simply stay away from the services and say that "the preacher is too personal." We want to be soothed and comforted but not admonished.

As if to arouse us from a deep sleep, this word comes to us. It will remind us of the fact that we have a God who is on our side, a gospel which is a power of God unto salvation, a Christ who satisfies the deepest longings of the heart and who will change sinners into saints and change whole communities. Yet we act and plan and work as if the Christian religion or the Christian life were an accommodation rather than very life itself. When the gospel is preached, we must have faith that it will accomplish the salvation of sinners and the completing of the saints.

But why the admonition? Do we really need it? Are we not doing pretty well? The services are fairly well

attended, the young people are trying to be useful in the church and annually we add unto the church by baptism. Of course, we have our "ups and downs," but surely these are normal. We will not try to answer these questions at all, but we would like the lead the reader to a self-examination and to see whether we are not altogether too self-satisfied with what we have and what we do. Christ wants us to be alive for him and to exercise the living and working faith in the God of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

A Ringing Challenge

"Have faith in God!" There is a ringing challenge in these words of Christ. Lest we forget, there is a task awaiting us. There are hearts that are sad and depressed and void of hope. They look to us, who profess faith in God, to help them and to bring them out in the clear. Our faith is not merely an assent to theological dogma but a living and workable faith in One, who has a satisfactory answer to all our problems.

There is an appalling condition in the world today. And the church is in the world. The church finds itself impotent to cope with the situation from the standpoint of human resources. But we are to face the difficulties of our day and to take up the challenge of a world in turmoil with "faith in God."

This is not a pious phrase of sentimental reasoning, but we believe that the God who revealed himself in Jesus Christ and who has given to mankind the only answer to the problem of sin in the person and work of Jesus Christ has the answer to the world situation.

The only workable method of attack in a world like ours, and at a time like ours, when unbelief runs rampant, is by proclaiming and living this "faith in God." We believe in a God who overrules, who is able to untangle the corded strands. "Faith in God" is lacking in our world order and that is why there is such general confusion. The Church of the living God must give to

Evangelist Dons in Texas

Our newly appointed general evangelist, the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, closed his ministry with the Forest Park Baptist Church on July 31. The month of August has been granted to him as a vacation period, but evangelist Dons has consented to begin his evangelistic campaigns at the beginning of August. The following schedule has been set up for him: Aug. 3-15, Mowata, La.; Aug. 17-29, Cottonwood, Tex.; Aug. 31 to Sept. 12, Crawford, Tex.; Sept. 13-20, rest period; Sept. 21 to Oct. 3, Greenville, Tex.; Oct. 5-17, Donna, Tex.; Oct. 19-31, Kyle, Texas. We have invitations on hand for the services of the General Evangelist for the rest of the year 1941. Requests for 1942 should be sent to this office.
Wm. Kuhn,
Missionary Secretary.

the world the hope which faith in God carries with it by exercising this faith. "Faith is a life in scorn of consequences."

God's Plan Put to the Test

Another situation which challenges us is the condition within the church. There are elements that threaten our very life. From the beginning we were a fellowship of believers, not a ritualistic church. The element which was so prominent in our church life was soul winning. Our advance can be traced directly to this. Our whole order of service as well as our entire setup cannot compare with the ritualistic churches where the personal element is lacking.

We study our church program and think we have worked out a plan which ought to work and lead us in a more effective work. Then we find we cannot cope with the spirit of the age because our weapons are fleshly. Surely,

The Joy of Personal Evangelism

By the REV. ARTHUR ITTERMANN of Emery, South Dakota

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth," wrote the beloved apostle John concerning those whom he had led to Christ. Likewise, the zealous, traveling, soul-winner Paul lovingly mentioned his "beloved sons" whom he had "begotten . . . through the gospel" concerning whom he wrote: "We give thanks to God always for you all."

Fellow-pastors and I, who sought after the lost as the apostles had done, have tasted of the joy of personal evangelism and are truly desirous that all Christians, young and old, participate in this "joy no man taketh from you."

We believe that especially if the laity of today with its exceeding great possibilities would follow the glorious example of the first three thousand church members recorded in Acts, who did personal work, going from "house to house . . . with gladness and singleness of heart praising God," Christians today would doubtlessly return as the seventy disciples did "with joy," proclaiming the great things that may be done in the name of Christ. Daily personal work of all followers of the Risen One would result in the early blessing when "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

we have something in the words of Christ when he tells us that we should have faith in God. All our internal problems can be solved by practicing faith in him, who is the Head of the Church. How simple and yet how profound! So simple that we do not pay more than a passing attention to it and take it as self-evident; so profound that we hesitate to put it to a test and wonder whether it is really workable.

What is expected of us today? Are we aware of the potentialities of faith in God? To remove mountains of difficulties, we must apply ourselves to our work in faith, not in doubt and fears, but in faith! We lose our faith in God when it is given over to the service of selfishness or when we halt between faith and unbelief. Faith is the spirit of strength, so that all things are possible to him who believeth.

A Thrill for the Believer

In Isaiah 41:18 we read: "I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water." This is a promise of God to his people and we may claim it. God and his word are bound up together. It is as sure as he himself is. Our one hope is a revival of Holy Spirit evangelism, a spiritual awakening which will lead us to a renewed faith in God and his word.

The second of our denominational goals is "winning the unsaved for Christ." If we are to attain this goal we will have to dedicate ourselves to this task and to consider it the greatest privilege which can ever come to man. To know that the individual member can have a share in winning the lost, will bring a thrill to every believer.

Oh, yes, the Lord has need of you! If we are to advance in our work for Christ and to attain our goals, we must say to our Lord: "Here I am, send me!" And we will not fail him, for he calls to us in a most forceful way: "Have faith in God!"

he prayed that no one might be home. God desired, nevertheless, that he experience the "greater joy," or the joy of Paul who prayed, "we give thanks to God always for you all," and therefore he let this discouraged worker find the whole family there, which he led joyfully to Christ.

But many Christians ask why they should do personal work. It is in obedience to Christ's command: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations," that Christ's followers will find supreme joy and happiness. In obedience they will surely learn to "rejoice in the God of their salvation." As Christians study the Word to lead benighted souls to the light, for themselves "with joy . . . they will draw water out of the wells of salvation." In personal work, as I have often experienced, faith and confidence in God will blossom forth as a rose, and a new vision and purpose will fill life. Over a church blessed with such laborers "God will rejoice . . . with joy," and so lead that many of the church's difficult problems will be solved.

But not alone will the Christians find the abundant life, because they have put themselves in accord with God's plan, but many souls, won by them, will join joyfully in praising God. If the attitude concerning soul-winning, namely that soul-winning belongs to the clergy and not to the laity, would be changed, and all Christians would take part in seeking the lost, then we would make experiences as Kernahan tells us in his book, "Adventures in Visitation Evangelism," so that thousands will be ushered into the Kingdom through visitation evangelism by all Christians.

Objections Overruled

Some Christians, however, fear they will do more harm than good, if they speak to individuals. Still they who desist from this work are not pronounced wise, for they "that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Others say this is so insignificant a method to win many souls, but such must remember that there is nothing insignificant in what our Lord says. Joel Stratton said: "My friend, it may be a small matter for you to speak the one word for Christ that wins a needy soul—a small matter to you, but everything to him."

In the selling of merchandise, in politics, and in other phases of life, all see the great value of personal contact, in order to have larger results. Should we not realize its real value in bringing thousands of souls to joy and gladness in God? We know the early Christian church of the first century was obedient to Christ as it led many to him through this method of going "from house to house." Should we be less loyal to our Master? Should the great results of personal evangelism be handicapped because it is only left



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in the hands of the clergy, when Christ implicitly commanded all originally to take part in winning many souls. "Go ye!"

"There's a place for everyone in the service of the king; there is work which must be done if the world to Christ we bring." If the goal of evangelism, the insweeping of many precious souls, set up by our denomination is to be attained, we must all use the method that Christ encouraged, visitation evangelism.

But although there may be such who would gladly obey the Master herein, still they feel incompetent to do the desired task and wish help and direction. To such I would recommend to get a good book as given out by Torrey, or the little booklet for ten cents from Oscar Lowry, which I have found so helpful entitled, "Scripture Memorizing and Successful Personal Work," given out by the Bible Institute Colportage Association of Chicago. It aids in Scripture memorization, shows the way of salvation, and meets man's excuses with appropriate Scripture passages. By all means get ready soon for this work, "because the King's business requires haste."

Dealing With Different Types

Then learn to distinguish and deal with different types of cases, that I can only give briefly: (1) The Indifferent—who must be awakened by letting them realize (a) their need of a Savior (Rom. 3:23), (b) Christ's great love for them (Isa. 53 and Crucifixion scene), (c) by warning them of the final consequences of sin (2. Thess. 1:7-9); (2) False Refuge Seekers as: (a) hid behind the love of God, who must be told that God demands the acceptance of Christ or, otherwise, fall under condemnation (Ezek. 33:11, 2.

Pet. 3:9); (b) those, who rely on their professed good life, must remember salvation again depends on the acceptance of Christ (John 3:18, 36); (3) Anxious Seekers must be shown that all have sinned, therefore, all must repent and accept Christ as Savior for salvation (Rom. 3:23, John 3:1-7; 1:12).

Other types are as follows: (4) Those having difficulties because of the fear of falling, of persecution, rejection of evil habits, and scorn of evil companions, must be shown that all can be "more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37-39). Even those who fall will find upon repentance the Savior willing to receive them (1. John 1:9); (5) The disobedient who are not willing to forgive or openly to confess Christ must know that "to obey is better than sacrifice" (1. Sam. 8:19); (6) Youth should not wait till later in life, but give their hearts early to serve God (Eccl. 12:1); (7) Lovers of evil pleasures cannot serve two masters (1. John 2:15-17); (8) Sceptics and disbelievers may receive light, if they are sincere (John 7:17); (9) Complainers of God and Christians must look to themselves and not judge (Rom. 14:10; 2:1-3); (10) Procrastinators must know that today, and not the doubtful tomorrow, is the day of salvation (Prov. 27:1; 29:1; 2. Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:15).

Souls on Fire For Christ

Upon acquaintance with different types, seek, according to Christ's Word, to start working in your home and then elsewhere (Acts 1:8). The Sunday School, from which 85% of the church membership comes and yet from which 45% is never won, is a great field in which teachers and others should be active. If you are a young person, encourage the Young People's Society to have an evangelistic committee to aid in the education of evangelism and organization of prayer and personal workers' bands to give youth opportunity for right activity and help build an evangelistic church. Deacons should become acquainted with personal soul-winning that they might help their pastors lead their church in this important work.

Let all workers be confident and expectant of blessed results for Christ, earnest in their appeal to the unsaved, but, above all, be filled with the Spirit of God. Through the Holy Spirit, given us upon our earnest petitions, our souls will be set on fire anxious to proclaim the good news to others. Then the resistance of the undecided will melt, his assurance of salvation will come, his mouth will be filled with a triumphant song, and soon through him and many others will appear the prayed-for blessing of this land that "the glory of the Lord" appear, and the "Holy One," be "for a flame: and it burn and devour his thorns and his briars."

The Unique Witness of Laymen in the Present Day

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A great deal is said in these days, deploring the fact that a difference is made between the laity and the clergy. While it is true that in the early church no such exact distinction seems to have been made, and while it might be difficult to justify this classification on Scriptural grounds, the fact remains that the distinction is with us and that by its very classification the layman is put in a unique position to render unusual service for Christ.

It will be remembered that when the great persecutions began in the opening century of the present Christian era, the church was widely scattered. Only the apostles remained at Jerusalem while the membership of the churches went everywhere and as they went they preached the Word. All who went forth, having experienced Christ as a reality in their own lives, felt it

their solemn responsibility to witness for Christ and to win others to him.

Unfortunately, in recent times many laymen have felt that their responsibility ended with the regular payment of their tithes and offerings into the treasury of the church. Such witnessing as is done, they do by proxy through pastors and missionaries who are set aside to this particular task. Hence, they have lost the joy that goes along with the privilege and responsibility of telling others about Christ who came into the world to reconcile men to God.

It is the profound conviction of some of us that the men of our churches hold the key to the problem of spiritual poverty which is everywhere apparent. There is a task to be done that none but laymen can do. Only as the laymen of our churches recognize this and

assume their full responsibility can we hope for that spiritual awakening for which we have been so long praying.

The position of the layman today is unique for many reasons. First, the layman's non-professional approach gives added weight to his testimony. The world looks at the minister as one who is paid to witness for Christ. That is his job. But when a layman witnesses without any expectation of remuneration, the world judges that he must be speaking from love; Christ must be real to him. Christianity takes on a practical aspect. It becomes a vital something that meets the needs of ordinary men in business, in the struggle for a livelihood in a cold world. It is presently applicable as well as holding a future promise.

In the second place, a layman has a freedom of action in spiritual matters



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that most preachers do not have. He looks to no church or group for his income. He is not circumscribed nor limited by fixed boundaries of church or denominational ambitions. He seeks only the preeminence of Christ and can be accused of no ulterior motive such as seeking to augment a church membership list or to build a statistical record that may later stand him in good stead.

Laymen With a Hearing

In the third place, the layman has access to the masses. It is a recognized fact that the great masses of people are not going and apparently will not go to church. Whatever may be the reason—and it is not our purpose to make an analysis of that question in this article—the fact remains that men who need the message do not get it through the church. Whether in individual conversation or in meetings at which he is privileged to speak, the layman with a positive message usually gets a larger hearing than is possible for many pastors.

In the fourth place, the layman is in a unique position to be of assistance to the pastor and church. The pastor's job is never an easy one. Many pastors' hearts are burdened to the breaking point at the spiritual deadness of their churches. Pastors would be heartened and undoubtedly impelled to even more vigorous service than hitherto has been possible, if they could be assured that the great group of laymen within their church were standing solidly behind them and through counsel, comfort and support, both spiritually and financially, aiding them in accomplishing the high purposes to which they have set their faces.

Unprecedented Opportunities

In the fifth place, the layman is in a peculiar position to help promote evangelism in a day of great need. In business he is accustomed to promoting the sale and distribution of merchandise and commodities of all kinds. The very nature of the background of his experience is such that, dedicated to the work of Christ, it would, undoubtedly, make the difference between success and failure in most evangelistic efforts undertaken by the church.

We have purposely said little about the unique opportunity before the laymen to undergird the work and outreach ministry of the church through its established agencies by ever increasing contributions made possible as the result of increasing income. It is our deep conviction that the matter of giving is always cared for when laymen have a right perspective of their responsibility in relation to the whole Kingdom enterprise.

History tells us that many of the greatest revivals the church has ever known have followed an awakening among the laity. The years immediately ahead will offer unprecedented opportunities for the exaltation of Christ and the setting forward of his Kingdom.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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¶ When the Rev. and Mrs. Otto Nallinger of the Salt Creek Church of Oregon returned from the sessions of the Pacific Conference in Anaheim, Calif., they found a new dining room set in the parsonage, which the church had presented to them. While they were recovering from this surprise, the deacon of the church, Mr. Wiebe, knocked at the door and announced to the Nallingers that the church had also raised their salary \$200 a year.

¶ The Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., held its Vacation Bible School from June 16 to July 2 with Miss Victoria A. Orthner, church missionary, in charge. The school had an enrollment of 80 children with an average attendance of 55. Other members of the faculty were the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, pastor, and Mr. Heins of the Northern Baptist Seminary. The closing exercises of the school were held before a large audience on Wednesday evening, July 2, at which a missionary offering of \$8.65 was received. The general expenses of the school amounted to \$36.

¶ The Rev. F. W. Bartel of Avon, So. Dak., has enthusiastically accepted the appointment of the Dakota and General Missionary Committees as the evangelist for the Dakota Conference churches. He will spend his entire time in evangelistic service throughout this conference territory. His services as the newly appointed evangelist will begin very soon. Mr. Bartel is the council member for the Dakota Conference in the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, and his series of articles on "The Revivals of History" that recently appeared in "The Baptist Herald" were read with great interest.

¶ The Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., was the special speaker on Saturday afternoon, June 14, at the graduation exercises of all the rural public schools of Berrien County held in the Benton Harbor High School. There were 425 graduates in the composite class and about 1000 people were in attendance. The St. Joseph Baptist Church recently completed a Vacation Bible School of one week from June 10 to July 3 at its mission, Hagar Chapel. The school enjoyed the fine attendance of 58 children. The faculty consisted of Mrs. Hulda Smith, Miss Mary Morey and the Rev. L. H. Broeker besides 4 others.

¶ The four Baptist churches of Burlington, Iowa, including our Oak Street Church, are sponsoring an all-summer series of services to be held in a tent. The tent, seating 300 people, was purchased by the Iowa Baptist Association. The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Schaefer of William Jewell College, as well as evangelists and pastors, are conducting meetings every evening. A Vac-

ation Bible School program is offered to the children of the community in the tent every morning. At least four distinct communities of newcomers to Burlington are being served by the Baptists in this way. The Oak Street Church has the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt as pastor.

¶ On Sunday, June 8, the B. Y. P. U. of the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., held its annual business meeting and election of officers with the following results: Wm. Ehrhardt, president; Evelyn Kaaser, vice-president; Julia Veninga, recording secretary; Paul Appel, corresponding secretary; Eleanor Seltzer, financial secretary; and John Appel, treasurer. The Intermediate Society held its election of officers on that same evening with the following young people serving as officers for the coming year: Roy Martin, president; Grace Appel, vice-president; Dorothy Hauck, secretary; and James Marklein, treasurer. Mrs. Fay Schwaner is the director of the Intermediate Society. The Rev. Wm. Appel is pastor of the church.

¶ The Rev. Paul Gebauer, our Cameerons missionary, who is now on furlough in America with his wife, spent several days from June 27 to 30 at the Mayo Clinic of Rochester, Minn., undergoing a thorough physical checkup. The doctors of the clinic advised Mr. Gebauer to take a complete rest from all activities because of his poor health, so that he was compelled to cancel all his engagements at the Northern, Northwestern, Central and Eastern Conferences to be held this summer. Clare Gebauer also found it necessary to cancel her engagement at the Pacific Conference meeting in Anaheim, Calif., because of medical appointments. Paul and Clare Gebauer are now with Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Kratt at their cottage in Rockaway Beach, Oregon. Although many of our people will be disappointed in not seeing and hearing them, none would want to gainsay them their needed rest.

¶ The Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, So. Dak., again held a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School in May. The teachers consisted of the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, Mrs. Milo Nixon, a student of the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Miss Bernice Meillaud, and Miss Mervella Triebwasser, who were all greatly devoted to their task. The perfect attendance of 35 scholars out of an enrollment of 36 indicated that the students enjoyed the school wholeheartedly. In addition to the numerous Scripture passages, hymns, and choruses memorized by the children and the missionary stories told and Bible history taught by the teachers, a daily missionary offering was received. A fine program was given on Sunday evening, June 1, which demonstrated to the parents that the children had made good use of their time at Bible school.

Children's Page

Edited by MRS. CLARA HEER of Cormac, Ontario, Canada

The Daisy's Golden Heart

It was after office hours and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Taylor and their 9 year old daughter, Ruthy, were taking a walk in the woods to gather some beautiful flowers. It was the evening before the Sunday School picnic. Mrs. Taylor and little Ruthy were busy thinking about the next day's picnic and little Ruthy, being an active youngster, soon wandered off by herself to gather some of her favorite daisies.

Mrs. Taylor, who was a devout Christian, saw the beauty of God in every blade of grass and in every flower which adorned the fields, and for her the woods were a God given place for picnic grounds. Even the thorn was sacred to her, for it was the thorn that adorned the head of her Master.

Mr. Taylor, who was an unbeliever, would not acknowledge anything of the kind. To him such things came just natural without the help of God. Often Mrs. Taylor would try to tell her good husband how wonderful and peaceful it is to have the love of Jesus in the heart. She tried it again this time but as usual he would change the subject to something else.

As soon as she tried to convince him of the miracles of God in the flowers and trees he said: "Did you say you needed money for the Sunday School picnic?" and with a stern look upon his face he added: "The money you spent for Sunday School and church amounts to more than I could spend in clothing the whole family for one year's period," and, while he was yet on the subject of the "unwisely spent" money, Ruthy came running towards him, a daisy in her hand, calling out to him: "Daddy! Daddy! look at this beautiful daisy. Look at its golden heart!" Mr. Taylor thought for a moment and then replied:

"Yes, it is beautiful but not quite as beautiful as my little girl."

Ruthy's face changed a little but still smiling she answered:

"Yes, Daddy, that may be so but isn't it pretty, and, look, it has a heart of gold."

She handed the flower to her daddy and said:

"God certainly made these daisies beautiful, didn't he, Daddy?"

"Did God make them?" was his answer.

"Well," she replied, "can any one else make a daisy?"



The two Sons of the Rev. and Mrs. John Heer of Cormac, Ontario, Canada

"Well—er—a—I—ah—I don't know—a . . ." was all he could answer. He left the rest of the sentence unanswered, for that was all he could say. He walked away, for this question was too much for him. It needed serious thinking. He could not think about it in the presence of his good wife and daughter. Ruthy thought she had insulted her daddy. She had a bewildered look on her face. As she watched her father go away, she cast a searching look towards her mother and said: "Mama, what's the matter with daddy? Did I hurt him?"

"Why, darling?" but she, too, was at a loss for an answer.

About an hour went by. Finally, Mr. Taylor returned from his meditation, and soon afterwards they all went home. For the remaining part of the late afternoon and for most of the evening Mr. Taylor sat in his big arm-chair, his face grimly set, thinking about the question, "Can anyone else make a daisy?" And to think that it was his little daughter who had asked this question! She is a real little inquisitor, so he thought.

Mrs. Taylor was in the kitchen, preparing for the picnic which was to take place the next afternoon. While she busied herself with the many odds and ends for the picnic, Ruthy kept on running in and out of the kitchen, and into the sitting room where her daddy was seated, casting side-glances at him and asking her mother questions when she came into the kitchen.

"I wish, Mama, you would tell me what's wrong with daddy." She was puzzled, but even though the mood of her father was quite unusual, she was too happy and excited to give it too serious a thought, or let it interfere with her joy, for tomorrow was *Her Day*. She was going to the Sunday School picnic tomorrow, there to meet her classmates and her playmates.

Mrs. Taylor, too, was puzzled for she hurried into the parlor to ask her husband a question about the next day's picnic and what part he would share in it. Instead she was astonished to look into the eyes of her husband that looked really far beyond anything that was in the room. It seemed as though he did not even see her nor anything else that was in the room. She knew that he was deeply enveloped in his thoughts, and that is the reason she walked out as hurriedly as she had come in and resumed her activities for the next day's picnic lunch. While she was pursuing her preparations, Ruth suddenly spoke up:

"Mama, do you think that we could get daddy to come to the Sunday School picnic tomorrow?"

"I don't know, honey," was her answer, and in her heart, praying, she answered:

"Daddy is a very busy man and even though his work is not of the kind in his office that would absolutely require his presence there, nevertheless he does not like to leave it before the day's work is done."

But, little Ruthy was not beaten as yet, for she suddenly asked another question before any one could say anything:

"Mama, do you think if we would ask Jesus to help us bring daddy to the picnic tomorrow that he would help us bring him?"

This was too much for Mr. Taylor, for, you see, the living room door was open all this while and Mr. Taylor had heard everything little Ruthy had said. He got up from his easy chair and came into the kitchen.

"I made up my mind that from today on I am going to be a different man. I am going to be a Christian like you, dear." Mrs. Taylor stood amazed. She was wondering whether she was dreaming. Ruthy stepped up to her daddy:

"Daddy, will you tell that to the men in your office tomorrow?"

"No, darling," was his answer. "Tomorrow I will go along with you to the Sunday School picnic."

"Sam!" was all Mrs. Taylor could say. Mr. Taylor picked his little daughter up in his arms and said:

"Your little question, 'Can any one else make a daisy?', taught me more than all the sermons in the world could teach me."

They all knelt down in the kitchen and prayed a prayer of thanksgiving, and that was a prayer that was heard before the throne of God. And you can be assured that they all enjoyed the happy Sunday School picnic the next day!

face of John Nystrom. "You—you killed a man!"
 "My best friend! It was an accident. I ran into his car in a head-on collision twenty years ago tonight!"

Alone again after Gael had gone, Nystrom returned to his bedroom, stood once more before the picture of Douglas Deland. How much alike father and son were in appearance.
 Son like father!

Le Vera Webber was so very much like Eloise had been twenty-six years ago. There was another picture in the same drawer where the other had been. A moment later the two were standing side by side. For a long time he stood looking at them, looking at her especially, and thinking of the grief he had caused her. Then he turned away and with a sob, dropped upon his knees, torn by a grief that had come again and again through the years. Tonight his grief seemed more painful than ever because—because he was lonely. Very lonely.

A little later Nystrom arose, seated himself at his typewriter desk and wrote:

"My dear Eloise:

"Will you forgive me for writing to you? I think I know what painful memories my letter will recall to you, because it is just twenty years ago tonight that your Douglas went to be in the direct presence of the Lord Jesus.

"I have been thinking about how he must feel now, after twenty years in the glory . . .

"I have been trying to make up for what in my blindness I did that night. It seems such a strange irony of fate that the man who was once my best friend should have had to die by my hand. How he used to plead with me to make a full surrender of my life, to let go of all questionable things, and yet I would not. I saw no harm in them—not knowing that I was robbing myself of the sweetest of fellowship with Christ by living on the borderline.

"The thing that has made it all the harder for me to bear, is the fact that you have had to suffer, because of me—I who once loved you with all my heart. I did love you, Eloise, tremendously, but there's no use to say it again. Things are as they are, and we must commit the whole tangled pattern to Him . . . Enough along that line.

"Here is my main reason for writing, Eloise. I am having a missionary hospital built in Nicaragua, Central America, where the natives may be ministered to with both physical and spiritual healing, and I should like to name this house of mercy the

DOUGLAS DELAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 "It will be a great consolation to me to do this, if I may. Kindly let me hear from you very soon.

Very sincerely yours,

John Nystrom."

Rodney, lonely, homesick, bewildered,

climbed the four flights of narrow carpeted stairs to his room. His fingers moved nervously, striking every key in the hymn he and Le Vera had been singing an hour ago—"I was that one lost sheep."

The events of the evening had taught him one more thing, and that was that when he made the once-for-all surrender of himself to Christ, he must yield not only past, present and future, but the matter of choosing his life companion.

The surrender must be made tonight. In his room Rodney closed and locked the door. It was a crowded little room, no wider than the length of his bed, which occupied the space in front of the lone window on the east. He reached across the bed, drew the brown shade.

On one end of his study desk stood Gael's battered old phonograph, the felt-topped turntable empty . . . Tonight I place myself upon the turn-table—altar of sacrifice. Make me a clean new record, obliterating forever the miserable record of the past, and write upon me with the stylus of Thy Word, the message that I am to carry to all the world . . .

Door closed and locked, blind drawn, heart's door closed against all things and thoughts that might seek to enter—"And thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet and shut the door . . ."

From his little library of books at the end of his desk, he drew out his Bible. He knew the passage he wanted to read first. He turned to the Old Testament, the Record of a young man who had received his vision of service, and had accepted it, and had not been disobedient.

Would the Lord God give Rodney Deland some great emotional experience tonight, some supernatural token, an angel visitor? So many times during his boyhood he had looked for such a manifestation. In the olden days, in Bible times, fire actually fell from heaven to consume the offered sacrifice.

Be sure, the transom is closed, so you will have the privacy you desire. Some one might be outside in the hall, listening. . .

He arose, closed the transom lightly, reached across the bed, raised the blind to look out upon the blinking city, the cars milling in the streets. Icicles hung low from the overhanging roof, extending nearly all the way to the window box. He pulled the blind all the way down again.

He lay the open Book upon the blue blotter which covered his desk. The light from the adjustable table lamp showed him the verses which Le Vera had pointed out to him in the office that morning—No nicotine-stained finger could have shown him the way . . . Footsteps tap-tapping down the marble hall outside, stopping at the vestibule door . . . Shera swished in, in squirrel coat and feathered fur hat . . .

"Shut the door, Rodney! Shut the door!" his thoughts cried.

He knelt before the open Book, and

beginning with the first verse of the sixth chapter of Isaiah, he read all the way down to the ninth . . . Past, present, future, all known sin, everything! He read the verse aloud: "In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw the Lord . . ."

"O Father," he prayed, "let every old King Uzziah in my life die tonight! Let me die, and rise again to newness of life! Kill in me everything that in any way might dim the vision of Thyself. Selfish ambitions for worldly glory, selfish loves . . ."

Was the eternal God interested in a lonely eart four stories up, in a ridiculous old dormitory?

Battered old phonograph, playing either a dance number or a gospel hymn—Out of the same mouth proceedeth both blessing and cursing . . .

Again Rodney closed his spirit's door, and continued to read from the Book, "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord . . ."

Verse: "Then said I, 'Woe is me, for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips . . .'"

Verses six and seven: "Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, 'Lo, this HATH TOUCHED THY LIPS: AND THINE INIQUITY IS TAKEN AWAY AND THY SIN PURGED.' Never again, Lord, will I sing the songs of the world — any song that dishonors Thy Name, or Thy word . . ."

Verse eight: "Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then said I, 'Here am I; send me.'"

Rodney fixed his eyes on the verse. Isaiah had said it, and he had touched the whole world through the book he had written. It was from Isaiah, that the Ethiopian eunuch was reading, the day he had met Philip on the desert road. It was from Isaiah's book that Paul had quoted so often in his epistles . . .

"So Lord, take my voice, and all of me, now and forever!"

It was so easy to say — so hard to say—Why must his heart be so cold? Should there not come from heaven a fire to warm his heart, to witness with his spirit that he and his offering were accepted?

He saw no angel, no writing on the wall; no ecstatic joy flooded his mind. Perhaps if she should cry aloud in prayer, shed tears, God would see how very much in earnest he was! Yet why should God Who sees every corner of every heart, need to see tears? Was not His eye on the sacrifice of Calvary? It was not shed tears that cleansed from sin, but the shed blood of Christ!

"Don't you want me, Father? Have I so sinned in going astray from Thee, that I have no faith? I cannot feel Thy presence."

(To be continued)

Reports from the Field

Pacific Conference

Annual Report of the Bethel B. Y. P. U. of Salem, Oregon

On Tuesday evening, May 27, the B. Y. P. U. of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., held its annual program, which again completed another year of service. We acknowledge with thankful praise the blessings we have received from God during the past year.

We have gained six new members and lost three during the year. Thus, we now have forty-two active Senior members, five honorary members, thirteen Intermediates and fourteen Juniors.

Our regular meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, one hour preceding the evening service, and since we have adopted the group system plan, our programs have been varied and interesting.

Besides the eighteen regular meetings, we have had one special program featuring the dialogue entitled, "What Owest Thou Thy Lord?", a Mother's Day program, one general business meeting and six socials. We considered it a privilege to be host to the annual Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union Conference of Oregon.

At the beginning of the year we undertook the project of installing a hearing aid, the acoustician system for the aged, and judging from the thanks and satisfaction expressed by some of the members, it has been a worthwhile project.

The following officers have been elected to serve for the coming year: Roy Rocks, president; Viola Schrenk, vice-president; Bernice Buhler, secretary; Clara Isaak, treasurer.

May we begin the new year with new enthusiasm and may our motto be as we so often sing in that beautiful hymn:

"Living for Jesus, a life that is true;
 Striving to please him in all that I do.
 Yielding allegiance, glad hearted and true;
 This is the pathway of blessing for me."

CLARA ISAAK, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Enrollment of 220 Pupils in the Trochu Sunday School of Alberta

We, the Sunday School of the Baptist Church of Trochu, Alta., Canada, have had much wonderful fellowship together under the capable leadership of Mr. John Schram, our superintendent.

We have a total enrollment of 220, these being divided into 9 different

classes. The accompanying picture shows two of our Beginners' classes. Mr. Schram is seen standing at the right in the last row.

Every year our children delight us with the presentation of Children's Day, Bible Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day programs. God has richly blessed us and we sincerely hope and pray that our Sunday School will continue to flourish and to be a blessing to all.

WALTER RESCHKE, Reporter.

Twenty-five Young People of Nokomis, Sask., Are Baptized and Received Into the Church

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" That is being sung with heart and soul in the Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., Canada. And why not praise him, whose blessings flow into our hearts, homes, and church? Our voice has not been heard much lately in "The Herald" but, nevertheless, we shall not remain quiet any longer.



Two of the Beginners' Classes of the Trochu Sunday School in Alberta, Canada

Annual Program of the Ladies' Aid of the Bethel Church, Alberta

On Sunday evening, June 8, the Ladies' Aid of the Bethel Baptist Church of Carbon, Alta., had the pleasure of rendering its annual program before a large audience. Our president, Mrs. Ernest Betcher, opened the program with a song service and Mrs. John Gieck read the scripture lesson and led in prayer.

A hearty welcome was extended by our president. We rendered a dialogue, "The Mission Barrel," and a selection was given by ten of the women entitled, "Die Fruechte des Geistes." Reports followed about the work of our Ladies' Aid during the past year given by the secretary. Then we had the privilege to have our pastor, the Rev. R. Milbrandt, speak to us on the topic, "The Usefulness of Christian Women." An offering for missions was taken which amounted to \$19.25.

The Lord has greatly blessed us during the last year. Our membership is 21, and the average attendance for the past year was 17. On every first Wednesday of each month we gather for our meetings, when we read the "Missions-Perle" and listen to reports from the different fields of missionary endeavor.

MRS. KARL SCHULER, Secretary.

For some time we have been working quietly but steadily, and now the Lord has crowned our labors with success. Twenty-five persons, who have accepted the Lord as their personal Savior, have been baptized into his death and raised to a new life. On Sunday morning, June 1st, twenty-one young people made their covenant with the Lord and the church. Since we received material as well as spiritual "showers of blessings" on the Sunday of the baptism, it was impossible for some of the candidates to be present. This made it necessary for us to have another baptismal service on another Sunday. So we baptized four more converts on June 22nd, which made a total of twenty-five.

On the evenings of the baptismal Sundays these young people received the hand of fellowship, and each one was also presented with a beautiful English Bible. The Sunday School with the help of the church made this possible. The purpose in presenting these Bibles to our young church members is that they may have a sure guide along life's way and have no excuse for going astray. We closed each reception service in fellowship about the Lord's table. Our prayer is that this heavenly fellowship may abide, yea, even increase among us as the years go by.

E. M. WEGNER, Pastor.

Our Important Baptist Work and Mission Field in St. Rose Du Lac, Manitoba, Canada

Last winter while attending the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alta., it was my privilege to become acquainted with the editor of our "Baptist Herald." He does not spare time nor trouble where his paper is concerned, and he even went so far as to persuade me to send in a report about our Baptist work in St. Rose, Manitoba, for, as he said, he was sure "that very little had ever been reported from there."

About 14 years ago, due to bad financial conditions in Europe, immigrants started flocking to Canada, which was known to be the land where "milk and honey" were supposed to be flowing and where money was as plentiful as it was scarce in the old country. With people of this kind, who had very little money but who, nevertheless, had their heads filled with the rosiest illusions, the settlement in St. Rose, Manitoba, was started. About one half of them came from Friesland in northwestern Germany, and they are described as "a very peculiar, quiet, hard working and stubborn people in their ways." The other families came from eastern Germany, Russia and Poland.

The General Mission Society placed them on farms but hard times drove many of them away to, what seemed to be, greener pastures, during the years of depression. But those that remained have almost accomplished wonders in these 13 to 14 years in spite of poor crops, depression and the fact that most of them came almost penniless across to Canada.

Our Sunday services were conducted in a little schoolhouse and for a number of years, the Rev. John Luebeck, at that time pastor of the church at Winnipeg visited us occasionally. In 1928 the Rev. H. Penner came from Germany and served us regularly. While he was here in 1930, the St. Rose Baptist Church was organized with 50 members. But as stated before, the next few years saw many of our people leaving us never to return. Our minister also left us, but the Mission Society saw to it that we were not left altogether without a minister.

Our beloved western pioneer, the late F. A. Bloedow, served us faithfully, whenever possible, for 6 years and it was, indeed, a day of great sorrow for all when God laid him on his sick bed. His successor was the Rev. Phil. Daum who has served us since that time. He is doing a splendid work here and is beloved by young and old.

For years it was our deepest desire some day to build a little church of our own. Nobody can describe our feelings of pride, joy and thankfulness as we dedicated our new church last summer in July. The thought of having a lovely little church now, after spending 13 years in the uncomfortable little schoolhouse, filled the hearts of everyone with such indescribable joy, that even the

eyes of the "hard and quiet East Friesians" shone with tears.

God had given us more than we dared to expect, but this only made us bold to ask for more and we prayed for a revival. Again God has answered our prayers, for he opened the way so that during the last week in May the Rev. W. Stein of Ebenezer, Sask., helped our pastor with the revival meetings. How we praised God when on the last evening 13 of our young people and children came on to the platform and confessed their faith in Christ. Practically the whole Sunday School was saved, but still we keep on praying for more!

We have a fine young people's society consisting of 23 members who serve under the able leadership of our newly elected officers, who are, president, Fritz Amman; vice-president, John Prikker; secretary, Herman Boerchers; treasurer, Greta Boerchers. We are looking forward to a time of blessing and Christian activity in our future meetings. We can boast of one thing and that is a splendid attendance at all times.

On June 8 a Children's Day program was rendered by the children and young people. The different numbers, recitations, dialogues, musical numbers as well as the songs of the choir, under the direction of Mr. G. de Vries, proved to be an inspiration and blessing to everyone.

Sometime in the near future we are hoping to hold a baptismal service at Dauphin Lake two miles from our church. Will you not pray for us and with us that we might all hear his words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servants."

HELEN PRIKKER, Reporter.

A New Church is Recognized in Valley View, Alberta, Canada

About 310 miles northwest of Edmonton, Alberta, in the so-called "Peace River country," near the small town of Valley View (with the emphasis on "small"), we have a small, but faithful and devoted group of German Baptists, consisting mostly of immigrants from Hungary, Russia, Germany and the United States.

They are pretty well isolated geographically. The nearest railroad station as well as telephone are fifty miles away. Mail is delivered once a week. Many conveniences that most of us simply take for granted are unknown. Nevertheless, in spite of many hardships, primitive conditions and poverty, these people are as happy, contented and willing as anyone could find within our denomination.

Two of our ministers, the Revs. F. W. Benke of Edmonton and H. J. Waltereit of Camrose, visited these people for 2½ weeks, conducting revival meetings, dedicating the newly erected church, and also to recognize officially and to receive the church as a member of our denomination.

The two ministers, mentioned above, functioned as representatives of the denomination and met in council with representatives of the church on June 10. Mr. Benke was elected as chairman and Mr. Waltereit as secretary. The church was originally organized in 1932 with eleven members. Today it has a membership of 23.

At the present time there are no missionary opportunities in the German language, but there is a great field in the English language. There is no competition from any other church or denomination. Ours is the only Protestant church in the district. There is also a lovely, large group of children in the Sunday School. Besides there is ample room for many more settlers. So our people are looking into the future hopefully. The so-called "Gemeindebund" was discussed thoroughly by the council, and finally accepted.

On the afternoon of June 12, the members of the church met to consider the findings and proposals of the council. Everything was accepted. Then the Rev. F. W. Benke welcomed the church into our beloved denomination. In the evening of the same day, a recognition service was held. The Rev. F. W. Benke presided, and the Rev. H. J. Waltereit brought a fitting message, pointing to Christ, our King. Every member of the church then solemnly promised faithfulness to this King! May God continue to bless and prosper our people in Valley View!

H. J. WALTEREIT, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Mrs. Jessie Peters, the Wife of the Rev. C. Peters, Passes Away

Mrs. Jessie Peters, the beloved wife of the Rev. Christian Peters of the East Baptist Church in Wilmington, Del., was born at Lennox, So. Dak., on December 30, 1888, and entered into rest following a brief illness at Wilmington, Del., on June 20, 1941, aged 52 years.

Early in life she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and Lord and was baptized into the fellowship of his church. To the very end of her life's journey she remained faithful to Christ and his service. On September 5, 1911, she was united in marriage to Christian Peters, with whom she shared the joys and sorrows of wedded life for over 29 years and with whom she labored as a devoted minister's wife in the vineyard of the Master. In churches at Gotebo, Okla.; Killaloe, Ont., Canada; Jamesburg, N. J.; and Wilmington, Del., she stood loyally by the side of her husband as a faithful help-meet, ever seeking to assist in the extension of the Kingdom of her Lord.

Although illness had been her portion for some months, it was not realized by many of her relatives and friends that she was near to death's door. Thus, the announcement of her passing came as an unexpected shock to those who knew her. A memorial

service was held in Wilmington, Del., on June 21, with the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder of Philadelphia, Pa., officiating, assisted by several local pastors. Following the service the body was taken to Chancellor, So. Dak., where a further funeral service and burial were held on June 23rd.

The survivors of Mrs. Peters' immediate family who mourn the loss of their loved one are her husband, two daughters, Christina and Viola, and a son, Warren. May the gracious heavenly Father grant his divine comfort to these sorrowing hearts and also to the East Baptist Church of Wilmington where the loss will be keenly felt.

MILTON R. SCHROEDER, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference Ministers Enjoy Cool Ocean Breezes at Their Bradley Beach Retreat

The Atlantic Conference Young People's Cottage at Bradley Beach, N. J., was the setting for the annual ministers' retreat from June 23 to 27. No better setting could have been found to remove thoughts, cares, and the usual church tasks from the ministers' minds. The refreshing breeze of the ocean and the quietness of the shore served as an impressive contrast to the regular humdrum of life in our large eastern cities.

It was in a spirit of true Christian fellowship that 23 of our ministers gathered each morning for a period of devotions based on the study of the Lord's Prayer. After these inspirational talks by various ministers, others brought papers concerning the prophets, Micah, Amos, Hosea and Daniel. Following these, many worthwhile discussions concerning the importance of the prophetic message in our day were held.

Another very worthwhile feature of this year's retreat were the book reviews given by three of our ministers. Such books as "Remaking Life" by Albert Beaven, "The Ordeal of Christian Religion" by Paul Hutchens and "A Retreat from Modernism" by Dan Gilbert were reviewed and discussed.

Each evening we gathered in the large living room to enjoy the messages brought by several of the pastors. It was a great blessing to listen to these messages and to close our day in such a blessed way. Surely, the Spirit of Christ prevailed and all ministers had a most joyous time.

We are grateful to the Pilgrim German Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., for their gift of 25 hymnals to the cottage for our retreat. We appreciate the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Neuschafer who helped to make our stay at Bradley Beach a most joyous one. To the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Atlantic Conference we wish to express our thanks, but above all we want to thank our God for the many blessings and for the Christian fellowship we were privileged to share.

GUSTAV T. LUTZ, Reporter.

Central Conference Successful Revival Meetings in the Baptist Church of Gladwin, Michigan

Fifteen persons, among them a Roman Catholic lady, accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and many re-dedicated their lives to God and his Kingdom in evangelistic meetings conducted from June 2 to 11 in the German Baptist Church of Gladwin, Michigan.

The Rev. Charles W. Biastock, pastor of the Birkett Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit, a personal friend of our pastor, the Rev. Leo F. Gassner, brought the inspiring messages in his convincing way, that touched the hearts of many. All those who accepted the Savior have indicated their desire to follow him in baptism.

We are thankful to Brother Biastock for his services. May the Lord comfort his heart over the loss of his father, who passed away just a few days before our meetings began!

A. RENAS, Reporter.

The Humboldt Park Vacation Bible School of Chicago Studies Our Cameroon Mission Field

Nine days are not such a long time in which to conduct a school of religious education. But nine days of consecrated effort are not to be despised. At least, that is what the leaders of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., thought a few months ago, with the result that 40 pupils have received instruction in the teachings of Jesus at our Vacation Bible School.

Eight teachers and two assistants kept the program moving, with much interest on the part of the pupils. These teachers were as follows: Beginners, Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Mrs. H. Schoene, Miss Gast, Mrs. Zoschke; Primary, Miss Aermes, Mrs. Lautenbach, Miss E. Luedke; Juniors, Mrs. Krenz, Mr. Kieth Bausermann, Mr. Lautenbach; Intermediates, Miss Ruth C. Doescher; Assistants, Miss Gast and Mr. Wilbur Reich.

The worship period was a high light in the day's activities and started the



Vacation Bible School Group of the Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Ill.

Vacation Bible School of Kankakee's Immanuel Baptist Church

The Vacation Bible School, held by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., closed on June 20 after a period of two weeks. We had an enrollment of about 45 pupils, in addition to ten teachers and helpers. The offerings, which we took daily, amounted to \$9.09, and these were used in helping to conduct a school for the colored children in Kankakee.

Our closing exercises were held on Wednesday evening, June 25. After a brief program of worship and memory work, we went downstairs where the handwork was displayed. We took an offering amounting to \$9.40, which went toward the expenses of the school.

A little tract marked, "Visitor," is presented to our church by Albert Gernenz, student at Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago. He and his wife are members of our church. He works for the Good News Publishing Company of Chicago, besides carrying on his studies.

GEORGE HENSEL, Pastor.

morning off right with the consciousness of God's presence and help. The guests at our Old People's Home, which is located next to the church, reported that the music period of the school was enjoyed by all those who have rooms on that side of the building.

Our memory work included the 23rd Psalm and the Beatitudes, besides the daily memory verses learned in connection with each lesson. Fifteen pupils expressed a desire to accept Jesus, and one girl took a definite stand for Christ. We expect others to follow.

A course in our own Cameroons Mission work was greatly enjoyed, and a climax was reached on Tuesday, July 8, when the Rev. M. L. Leuschner showed 2 reels of motion pictures, which were taken by Paul Gebauer and which told us many interesting facts about this work of ours in Africa.

An exhibition of hand work and a demonstration of memory work, combined with a worship service, and an object lesson given by the Rev. Carl F. H. Henry, concluded a happy and profitable time spent by pupils and teachers at the feet of Jesus.

RUTH C. DOESCHER, Reporter.

The Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland Extends a Deeply Moving Farewell to the Benders

A farewell service held for the Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Bender and family in the Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio, on Thursday, June 19, was attended by the members and many friends. The Rev. Samuel Blum, editor of the "Sendbote," led the meeting.

Many Oh's and Ah's were heard when entering the main auditorium on seeing the beautiful flower arrangement. Beside the decorations arranged by the florist, there were many garden flowers gathered from the gardens of the devotees of our pastor, and we know that many a loving thought went into these bouquets as each flower was picked and placed one by one in the proper order. The Benders delight in beautiful things, and every effort made to help beautify any service was amply rewarded by our pastor voicing his appreciation from the pulpit.

Scripture reading and prayer were offered by two of our deacons. The board of trustees, the Sunday School, the B. Y. P. U. and the Women's Missionary Society were represented by their leaders who spoke words of appreciation.

Mrs. Bender had every reason to be proud while listening to the the president, Miss Bernice Guenther, in behalf of the World Wide Guild girls. It was difficult to tell in a few sentences all that was in their minds of high esteem for their organizer. Long suffering in perpetuating, entertaining, and guiding such an organization, Mrs. Bender has what it takes to bring forth such a loyal group of girls.

Mr. Pfaff, in behalf of the members, presented our former pastor with a Lord Elgin wrist watch. And so this is the time that we can say that we extend to them every golden wish we can that is in tune with God's great plan. Mr. and Mrs. Bender responded to the tributes and good wishes and expressed their gratitude to all for the different gifts which had been presented to them. After listening to our male chorus directed by Mr. H. Hans, the Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel brought the fitting message for this occasion. Closing prayer was by the Rev. A. Cierpke.

Our organist, Miss Elfrieda Gelhar, played one of our pastor's favorite selections, "Finlandia" by Sibilius. With apologies to Prof. H. von Berge, we fit this to our need and we sing:

"When true love binds our hearts and lives together
In fellowship, to share life's weal and woe;
Where all are one in bonds of true devotion,
As hand in hand 'THY WAY' we go;
'Tis there you'll find, amid the world's confusion,
A bit of heav'n on earth below."

A real sacrifice was brought by Mr. Schoeffel by leaving the bedside of his wife who was very ill at that time shortly before her death to bring the closing prayer and beautiful benediction. We greatly appreciated this.

CARRIE C. GROSSMAN, Reporter.



Rev. Thorwald W. Bender,
Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

A Colorful Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Thorwald Bender by Milwaukee's Immanuel Church

On Wednesday evening, July 2, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held a reception for its new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Thorwald Bender, who came to the church from the Erin Avenue Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio. They have three lovely children.

Greetings were expressed by the Rev. Martin Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," the Rev. Ezra Roth, executive secretary of the Wisconsin State Baptist Association, the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of North Avenue Church, the Rev. H. Bothwell of Grace Church, and the Rev. Frank Veninga of the Bethany Church.

Mr. E. C. Quade, church moderator, was master of ceremonies. He also gave a short address in which he pledged loyalty to Christ, the church and our pastor, as did Mrs. Ewald Loehr, president of the Ladies' Missionary Society, who represented all of our women's organizations. Mr. Hecker was spokesman for our trustees, Mrs. Wm. Meister for our deacons, Mr. H. Wichtel as S. S. Superintendent for our Sunday School and Miss L. Schiller for the B. Y. P. U.

The church choir rendered two beautiful selections, "The Omnipotence of God" and "The Lost Chord." The German quartet sang "Ein Begrueungslied."

The church, which had been newly decorated in anticipation of this momentous occasion, was filled by members of the church and well-wishers.

The beauty of the platform, which held the above mentioned notables, was further enhanced by two large standards of flowers.

The keynote address by the Rev. T. Bender fully met our expectations as did the wistfully sweet comments of Mrs. Bender. An informal ice cream social was held in the basement dining room of the church afterwards, where everyone had the opportunity to meet the new arrivals personally.

MRS. M. DENOMME, Reporter.

The Minnesota Young People at Their Annual Assembly Enjoy the Ministry of Professor Frank Woyke

The Minnesota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union held its 19th annual summer assembly at Mission Farm, Medicine Lake, from June 19 to 22 with Prof. Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y., as guest speaker. We used as our theme, "Remembering Thy Creator," and as our theme song, "Now in the Days of Youth."

The opening meeting on Thursday evening was led by Prof. Woyke who spoke on "Calling Christian Youth." On Friday Prof. Woyke taught the first class on "Comparative Religions." Another class on "Youth's Place in the Church" was taught by the Rev. J. R. Matz of Randolph. A third class on "Choosing a Vacation" was led by Rev. H. C. Wedel of Holloway.

In the evening a "Twilight Songfest" was held out-of-doors with Mr. Ernest Le Vehn of Minneapolis as song leader. Mr. Vernon Heckman gave the fireside talk after which the young people enjoyed a bit of recreation before "taps."

On Saturday, the Rev. Henry Hirsch of Minneapolis led the first class on the subject "In Times Like These." Prof. Woyke then discussed "Courtship and Marriage." The afternoon forum, "Problems of Today's Youth," was also conducted by Prof. Woyke.

On Saturday evening the banquet was held in the Chapel Treat. The Rev. E. Pearson of Minneapolis was our guest speaker. The election of officers took place which resulted as follows: president, Al. Quiring, Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis; vice-president, Karl Krueger, Hutchinson; secretary, Theresa Glewwe, Riverview Church, St. Paul; treasurer, Rodney Stassen, Riverview Church, St. Paul.

Sunday morning's first class was a continuation of "Comparative Religions" by Prof. Woyke. The second class, "The Beauty of the Psalms," was brought by the Rev. A. Foll of Hutchinson. The afternoon service was addressed by Prof. Woyke and as a closing message he spoke on "Our Christian Witness."

We are grateful to Prof. Woyke and to all our other speakers for bringing words of inspiration, encouragement and guidance to us, but especially are we grateful to our Lord and Master who so richly blessed us during our conference days.

THERESA GLEWWE, Secretary.

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin

The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., commemorated its Golden Jubilee by being host to the Wisconsin Association from May 18 to 21. Dr. Wm. Kuhn brought an appropriate message in the Sunday morning service. The Rev. F. L. Goergens, a former pastor, also participated in this service. On Sunday evening, Dr. Kuhn brought a baptismal message, after which five candidates were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. L. B. Berndt.

The Bethel Baptist Church is now fifty years old; not much in terms of an eternity; not much when compared with the age of the Christian era; not much when contrasted with the span of human life which occasionally reaches the hundred mark. Compared with all of these, our church is still a juvenile, and, as such, we pray that she may also be blessed with the fire of youth, the sincerity of purpose, the aggressiveness and the ability of accomplishment peculiar to youth.

The story of the beginning and development of the Bethel Baptist Church, formerly known as "Die deutsche Baptisten-Gemeinde," is both interesting and challenging. In the fifty years of its history the church has struggled against adverse conditions and has weathered many storms.

The church was officially organized on March 8, 1891. The Rev. H. L. Dietz, state missionary appointed by the Northwestern Conference, acted as chairman. The organization was effected with 29 members who were then associated with the "First Baptist Church" of this city. Two of the charter members, Mrs. Helen Ramaker and Mrs. Hugo Miersch, are still living. May God give them many more years of service.

Since 1891 the Bethel Church has carried on an inspiring program under the leadership of the following ministers. Rev. W. J. Zirbes was called to become the first pastor of the newly elected organized body in 1892. Under his leadership the present building was erected and dedicated. Through his ministry the church made great strides. He was assisted by Mrs. Hert, a missionary. He received 36 members into the church by baptism. In 1897 he resigned to accept a charge in Cleveland.

In 1898 the Rev. F. C. Stoekman was called to succeed Mr. Zirbes. Under his leadership, with the help of missionary Hanna Neve, the Sunday School grew rapidly. The Rev. F. L. Goergens served the church from 1903 to 1908. The present parsonage was erected under his leadership. The Rev. F. L. Goergens was a capable financier. Under him the indebtedness of the church and parsonage was wiped out.

The Rev. Emil Mueller served the church from 1908 to 1922. He holds the distinction of serving the church

through the longest period of time. The same year the Rev. F. W. Bartel was called to succeed Mr. Mueller, who became state missionary. Under Mr. Bartel's ministry, the dining room and garage were built. The Rev. August Rohde was pastor of the church from 1926 to 1931. The 40th anniversary of the church was appropriately observed and helped greatly to make the church conscious of its history and purpose. Following him came the Rev. Wm. Schweitzer, who remained only one year.

The present pastor, Lewis B. Berndt, came to the church in 1933. Three of the pastors were ordained in the Bethel Baptist Church, the Revs. W. J. Zirbes, F. C. Stoekman and L. B. Berndt. Eight pastors and two missionaries have given portions of their lives to make possible this institution. All, with the exception of the Rev. Emil Mueller and Miss Neve, are still living.

No parish is complete without the active support of loyal church societies. Rev. F. C. Stoekman realized this fact and thus prevailed upon Miss Hannah Seils, a missionary in Philadelphia, to come to Sheboygan and to organize a Ladies' Missionary Society. This was done in 1896 and so the society in the near future will celebrate the forty-fifth anniversary of its founding.

A Willing Workers Society was organized in 1935. This society with the Ladies' Missionary Society are responsible for much of the renovation of church and parsonage undertaken in the course of years.

A Sunday School, which is an integral part of every parish, and the B. Y. P. U. were established in 1892 under the supervision of the Rev. W. J. Zirbes.

During these fifty years the Bethel Baptist Church has been host to the Wisconsin Association seven times and to the Wisconsin Young People's Assembly five times.

We praise God that he has guided us through many storms and hardships and brought us abreast of a golden milestone, reached only by organizations having a foundation in Jesus Christ, the rock of our salvation as our security. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Thus the Bethel Baptist Church concludes its fiftieth year of Christian service with unfurled banners, seeking to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

REV. LEWIS B. BERNDT, Pastor.

A Letter of Appreciation From the Rev. and Mrs. C. Dippel of Baraboo, Wisconsin

After 5 and 7 weeks, respectively, my wife and I were released from the Baraboo hospital. Although on the way to recovery, we are now trying to learn to walk and eventually to work again, but both of us find it still a difficult task.

To the editor and the many readers of "The Baptist Herald," who have expressed to us their sympathy and assured us of their prayers for our recovery we would hereby express our deeply felt gratitude. Physically it would be impossible for some time to answer them individually.

But we assure you that your greetings and loving expressions of sympathy, which were read to us by our daughter, Alena, as they came—and which will have our attention for some time to come—, were of great consolation and much appreciated.

We ask the Lord to reward your love to us. With Christian greetings,

CHRISTIAN and M. DIPPTEL.

Eastern Conference

The Temple Baptist Young People's Union of Pittsburgh, Pa., Reviews an Eventful Year

The Temple Baptist Young People's Union of Pittsburgh, Pa., has enjoyed its second successful year under President Walter Evans. The group entered spiritedly into many worthwhile discussions of both religious and current interest. We were privileged to hear addresses by numerous prominent local citizens besides messages brought by some of our denominational leaders, including Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, Rev. Paul Gebauer, Professor Frank H. Woyke, Professor William Mueller, and our own pastor, Rev. Louis B. Holzer.

During the month of March, Prof. Mueller conducted a week of evangelistic services. Our society sponsored monthly social events which were always well attended, the most outstanding of which was the annual Christmas party jointly sponsored by the Sunday School and the B. Y. P. U., to which all church members and their friends were cordially invited.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of this year's program, both spiritually and financially, was the conference of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of Western New York and Western Pennsylvania held at the Temple Church on May 2, 3 and 4, at which the Rev. Paul Gebauer and Professor Frank H. Woyke were the main speakers. We entertained nearly one hundred guests from the various churches in our sectional conference. Mr. Gebauer showed moving pictures of his work in the missionary field.

At the annual business meeting of the society, the following officers for the coming year were elected: president, Charles Vates; vice-president, George Wazenagger; secretary, Edith Collins; and treasurer, Betty J. Staib. At an inspiring candlelight installation service concluding this year's program, these newly elected officers, together with the entire society, re-dedicated their lives to the furtherance of God's Kingdom on earth.

BETTY J. STAIB, Reporter.

Southern Conference

The Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Lippert are Surprised by the Greenvine Church on the 6th Anniversary of Their Pastorate

On Sunday, June 15, the Greenvine Baptist Church near Burton, Texas, surprised its pastor, the Rev. J. J. Lippert, and his family on the occasion of the 6th anniversary of his pastorate with the church.



Fifteen of the 17 New Members Received Into the Greenvine Church of Texas During the Past Year

On this same evening the young people had given a review of the book, "The Triumph of John and Betty Stam." The lives of these two martyrs was brought very vividly before us by our two reporters, Esther Bernshausen and Milton Lippert. Then the pastor dismissed the audience with the benediction in order to leave the impression of this supreme sacrifice in our hearts. After this, however, Jonas Lesemann, one of our deacons, stepped to the front and took charge. He explained the purpose of his intrusion and added words of appreciation for the work done by the pastor and his family in behalf of the church. Willie Steen, clerk of the church, and August Engelmohr, gave appropriate readings. Congratulations and good wishes by many of the members followed.

The time for the response had come, but somehow the pastor had lost his fluent speech since this was such a complete surprise. But it soon returned, and hearty was his "Thank you" for their assurance of their love, respect and good wishes. To bring this entirely lovely evening to a right close, the ladies served a delicious lunch.

Each one went his way rejoicing and praising the Lord for such a harmonious fellowship as exists between the minister's family and the members of the church. Accompanying this report is a picture of the 17 members who have been received during the past year. Two women could not be present when the picture was taken. Thirteen were added by baptism, three by confession and one by letter.

Southwestern Conference

130 Children Enrolled in the Vacation Bible School of Beatrice, Nebraska

The West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., and the community as well are happy over the effective Vacation Bible School held during the first three weeks of June. The enrollment of student body and faculty totalled one hundred and thirty, among which some



Faculty Members of the Vacation Bible School Held by the West Side Church of Beatrice, Nebraska

rine Coates, Mrs. C. R. Vermaas, Mrs. J. M. Gilmore, Mrs. A. M. Kipf, Mrs. Rudolph Paul, Mrs. Jene Franklin, Areta Workman and A. G. Rietdorf, principal. A salary of five dollars an hour could not have hired a more faithful group of teachers and helpers. A. G. RIETDORF, Pastor.

Y. P. and S. S. W. Union Program of the Southwestern Conference, Okeene, Okla., August 8-10

Friday, August 8

2:00-4:00 P. M.: B. Y. P. U. Outing.

Saturday, August 9

1:30 P. M.: Song Service.

1:45 P. M.: Devotional—Immanuel.

2:00 P. M.: Special Music—Ingersoll.

2:05 P. M.: Business Session: Election of Officers, Report of Awards Committee, Discussion and Recommendations.

6:30 P. M.: Banquet. Sponsored by the B. Y. P. U. of Okeene. Officers' Installation by Mrs. W. Wirth, Vesper.

Sunday, August 10

2:00 P. M.: Song Service.

2:15 P. M.: Devotional—Gotebo.

2:30 P. M.: Special Music—Shattuck.

Awarding of Excellence and Mileage Banners. Missionary Inspiration—Emory McKenzie. Missionary Offering—Special Music, Okeene.

3:15 P. M.: Panel Discussion—Rev. J. Kornelson, "Youth's College Problems."

Benediction.

INVITATION

The Zion Baptist Church extends to all churches of the Southwestern Conference a most sincere and hearty call to attend the Southwestern Conference. We expect great things from God. We are praying for great and happy days and sincerely trust that many delegates, visitors, and guests will come to the "pleasant land" of Oklahoma. Will you please direct your mail carrying the information of your coming to O. G. Graalman, Okeene, Okla.?

In behalf of the church:

O. G. Graalman.

Ordination of the Rev. Ben H. Fadenrecht, Pastor of the Dickinson County Church of Kansas

On Tuesday, June 10, the ministers and delegates of the churches of the state of Kansas met at the First Church of Dickinson County for the purpose of examining its pastor, Mr. Ben H. Fadenrecht, for ordination to the gospel ministry.

The Rev. Wilfred Helwig was elected as moderator and the Rev. Alfred Weisser as clerk of the council. Mr. Milton Jacobson presented the candidate to the council, upon which he was given opportunity to tell of his conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal views.

After a thorough examination, the council went into executive session and came forth with an expression of satisfaction regarding the examination of the candidate and recommended to the local church that they proceed with the ordination.

In the evening at eight o'clock the members and friends of the church gathered to witness the ordination. Dr. Pieter Smit brought the ordination sermon on the theme, "The Seven Sins of the Church and Pastor." The Rev. Alfred Weisser led in the ordination prayer, while the brethren joined in the laying on of hands. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. P. Potzner and the charge to the church by the Rev. J. H. Kornelsen. The Rev. Thomas Lutz welcomed him into the ministry. This fine meeting was brought to a close with the benediction by the Rev. Ben H. Fadenrecht.

Our best wishes and prayer that the richest blessings of God may rest on pastor and church go out to them!

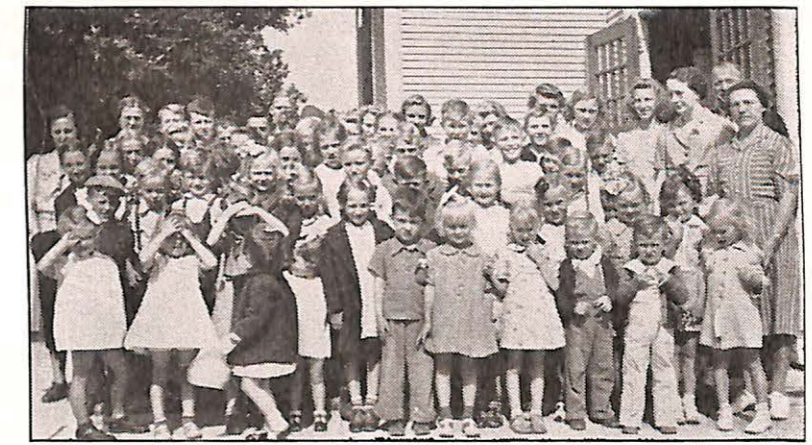
ALFRED WEISSER, Clerk.

Dakota Conference

The Plum Creek Church of South Dakota Honors the Late Rev. Bruno Luebeck of China, a Former Pastor

It is very commendable for a church to honor its teachers. On Sunday evening, May 25, the Plum Creek Church near Emery, So. Dak., held a very impressive memorial service in honor of the late Dr. Bruno Luebeck, missionary of China and former pastor of the Plum Creek Church.

The Rev. Albert Lang of Tyndall, who served as moderator when Brother Luebeck was ordained, gave the memorial address, in which he emphasized the very noble character and the fine qualifications which Mr. Luebeck had, which accounted for his success in the ministry and in the mission field. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler and three of our deacons spoke from their experiences as they associated with Mr. Luebeck as a personal friend. Mrs. Ben. Lehr spoke appreciatively of Mr. Luebeck's ministry of music. Several special musical numbers, which were favorites of the departed one, were impressively sung



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School Held in Emery, South Dakota

by members of the choir that Mr. Luebeck directed when pastor of the church. The songs were "When My Soul Reaches Home," and "Oh, That I Had Wings." "Some of These Days" was rendered by a double male quartet. A missionary offering of \$68.00 was received.

In the spring of 1928, immediately after his graduation from our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., Brother Luebeck accepted the call from the Plum Creek Church, where he was ordained to the gospel ministry. During his ministry in this church 17 persons were added to the church by baptism. In addition to his regular work in the church, he was able to complete a course at the Wesleyan College at Mitchell, S. D., receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree.

His life shows the right way to success in the work of the ministry.

J. C. KRAENZLER, Pastor.

First Daily Vacation Bible School in Emery, South Dakota

The Sunday School of the Baptist Church in Emery, So. Dak., sponsored a Daily Vacation Bible School from May 26 to June 6 for the first time, which proved to be a real success. Under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. A. Ittermann, four classes were organized which were attended by 65 children.

On Friday evening of the last day of the school all the classes put their handwork on display in the church basement and at 8 o'clock a most interesting and inspirational program was rendered by the children. At the close of the program small mottoes were presented to each child who had perfect attendance for the 2 weeks. The children's mission offering amounted to \$10.00.

The following teachers had charge of the classes: Mrs. John Fluth, Mrs. John Ontjes, Mrs. Herman Tammen, Mrs. Art Edzards, Tillie Folkerts, Lois Ontjes, Rosina Rust and Florence Bleeker. A picture of the school accompanies this report.

MRS. ART EDZARDS, Reporter.

Mission Offering of \$439.17 at the Northern Dakota Association Sessions Held at Anamoose

Under the able leadership of our moderator, the Rev. R. Kaiser, the 22nd Northern Dakota Association experienced days of spiritual inspiration, of Christian fellowship, and a deepening of Christ-like fervency for his service from June 11 to 15.

The association was fortunate in having Mr. H. P. Donner, manager of our Publication House in Cleveland, Ohio, as one of the guest speakers. As the representative of our general work, he made us feel proud of the work carried on by the denomination. He inspired us to a more consecrated and whole-hearted support of our denominational enterprise. Mr. Donner's messages during the "Quiet Half Hour" each day, when he spoke on "Praying," were instructive and comforting.

Our missionary, Paul Gebauer, was with the association for the Sunday morning mission message. Vividly did he picture the life and work of the African natives. That his message was well received by the capacity crowd in the large tent is evident in the fine missionary offering which amounted to \$439.17.

Other guests participating in the program were: Rev. Roy Hodges, North Dakota State Baptist Convention secretary; and Rev. W. Bayles, director of religious education for North and South Dakota. Three students from the Rochester Baptist Seminary, now at home for the summer vacation, attended. They were Lorenz Michelson, Robert Zimbelmann and Edwin Michelson.

The keynote address on the opening night of the association was delivered by the Rev. C. M. Knapp, who spoke on the interesting topic: "A Spirit Filled Life." Each day the morning devotionals were led by the Rev. John Kepl. Essays in accordance with the association theme were well prepared and delivered by the various pastors as follows: "A Mission Church" by Rev. A. Reeh; "A Spirit Guided Church" by Rev. G. W. Pust; "A Financially Successful Church" by Rev. R. Kaiser;

"An Evangelistic Church" by Rev. J. C. Gunst; "A Divinely Ordered Church" by Rev. Aug. Rosner; and "A Praying Church" by Rev. P. Hunsicker.

The evening inspirational services drew large crowds. The following sermon topics by the various guest speakers and local pastors proved to be a real blessing: "The Unexplored Territory in Our Denominational Life" by Mr. H. P. Donner; "The Field Is the World" by Rev. Roy Hodges; "Success, What is It?" by Rev. Ernst Klein; "Faith Is the Victory" by Rev. J. C. Gunst; and the closing sermon by Rev. P. F. Schilling in German.

The newly elected association officers for the coming year are: Rev. R. Kaiser, president; Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, vice-president; Rev. J. C. Gunst, secretary; Mr. F. B. Paul, treasurer. Members who will serve two years on the mission committee are Rev. D. Klein and Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer. Among many other things of important business, it was decided to designate the entire Sunday morning offering for general missions, which amounted to \$439.17. In addition to that \$50.00 were appropriated from the convention treasury for the Centenary offering.

The Ladies' Missionary Union was in charge of the Friday afternoon session. Our women always have a well prepared program and draw a large crowd. The young people had an interesting program on Sunday afternoon. At both of these occasions Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland was guest speaker. J. C. GUNST, Reporter.

Dakota Conference Young People Adopt a \$1500 Missionary Project at Their Successful Sessions

Another Dakota Conference has budded and bloomed, and although the doors of the conference hall have closed, its far reaching influence and the many spiritual blessings received there will continue to abide.

The meetings of our Y. P. and S. S. W. Union of the Dakota Conference were also held at the High School auditorium at Linton, No. Dak., and the local society deserves a great deal of credit for the splendid way in which the young people were entertained. On Friday afternoon, June 20, we were all whisked off to the park where baseball and volley ball teams were organized and a number of games played.

Saturday, June 21, was really the day that our thoughtful conference committee set aside for the young people. In the afternoon, under the direction of our capable president, Charles Voigt, a business meeting was conducted. Many recommendatory things took place at this meeting. One of the most important was the fact that we set our Bender Memorial Trek goal at \$1500.

Our last year's goal of \$1200 was reached and passed. So we feel sure that with God's help we can reach and probably surpass our coming year's goal. The \$1500 are to be used to raise

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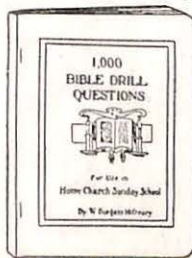
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the salary of our missionary, Laura Reddig, and the remainder for hospitalization for which money is badly needed.

Miss Helen Heitzman, chairman of the Memorial Trek Committee, reported that the dollar club of the past year is to be continued and also that this year material for two Laura Reddig programs instead of one will be sent out. The first is to be held on October 16, which is a close date to Laura's birthday, and the other probably in April.

Another important feature is that our work for the coming year has been divided into two divisions, namely, the evangelistic and the leadership departments. The evangelistic will be under the guidance of the Rev. Arthur Ittermann and the leadership under the Rev. J. C. Gunst. This fine afternoon meeting was closed with a very inspiring message, the theme of which was "Christ's Leadership in the Work of the B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Workers' Union" by the Rev. Arthur Ittermann.

"Aunt Fannie's Gift," was presented by the Linton society as the opening number on the evening's program. After the mass choir under the direction of the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn rendered its numbers, the Rev. A. Husmann installed the new officers who are: president, Miss Esther Kaiser; vice-president, Miss Lillian Edinger; secretary, Miss Vivian Pust; and treasurer, Miss Magdalena Luebeck. The Rev. Paul Gebauer asked those in attendance whether he should still give his address, for a multitude of mosquitoes had found their way into the auditorium, but after an enthusiastic "Yes," all listened gladly and surrendered themselves not quite so gladly to the mosquitoes.

A splendid offering of \$61.43 was placed upon God's altar. It was also decided during the course of the day, that approximately \$30 are to be sent both to the Centenary Offering and to start our Bender Memorial Trek fund for the coming year.

MAGDALENA LUEBECK, Reporter.

OBITUARY

MR. VICTOR SEILS of North Freedom, Wisconsin

Victor Seils was born near North Freedom, Wis., November 2, 1894. He died after an auto accident in the city of Chicago on June 6th at the age of 46 years, 6 months and 15 days. He and Mrs. Seils with other relatives attended the graduation of their daughter at the Englewood Hospital, the accident occurring soon after leaving the hospital to start their homeward journey. His integrity, industry and ever ready helpfulness and pleasant personality endeared him to all who knew him.

He was converted in 1907 and received into the church through baptism by the Rev. W. S. Argow. He leaves to mourn his too early passing his aged father, his wife, one daughter and one son, also two sisters and two brothers. The community showed its esteem for him, for a large audience, that could not find room in the church, came to pay him their last respects. The Rev. H. Hirsch of Minneapolis, the Rev. J. R. Matz of Randolph, Minn., and the undersigned participated in the last rites. May the Lord comfort his loved ones!

North Freedom, Wis. Thos. Stoeri, Pastor.