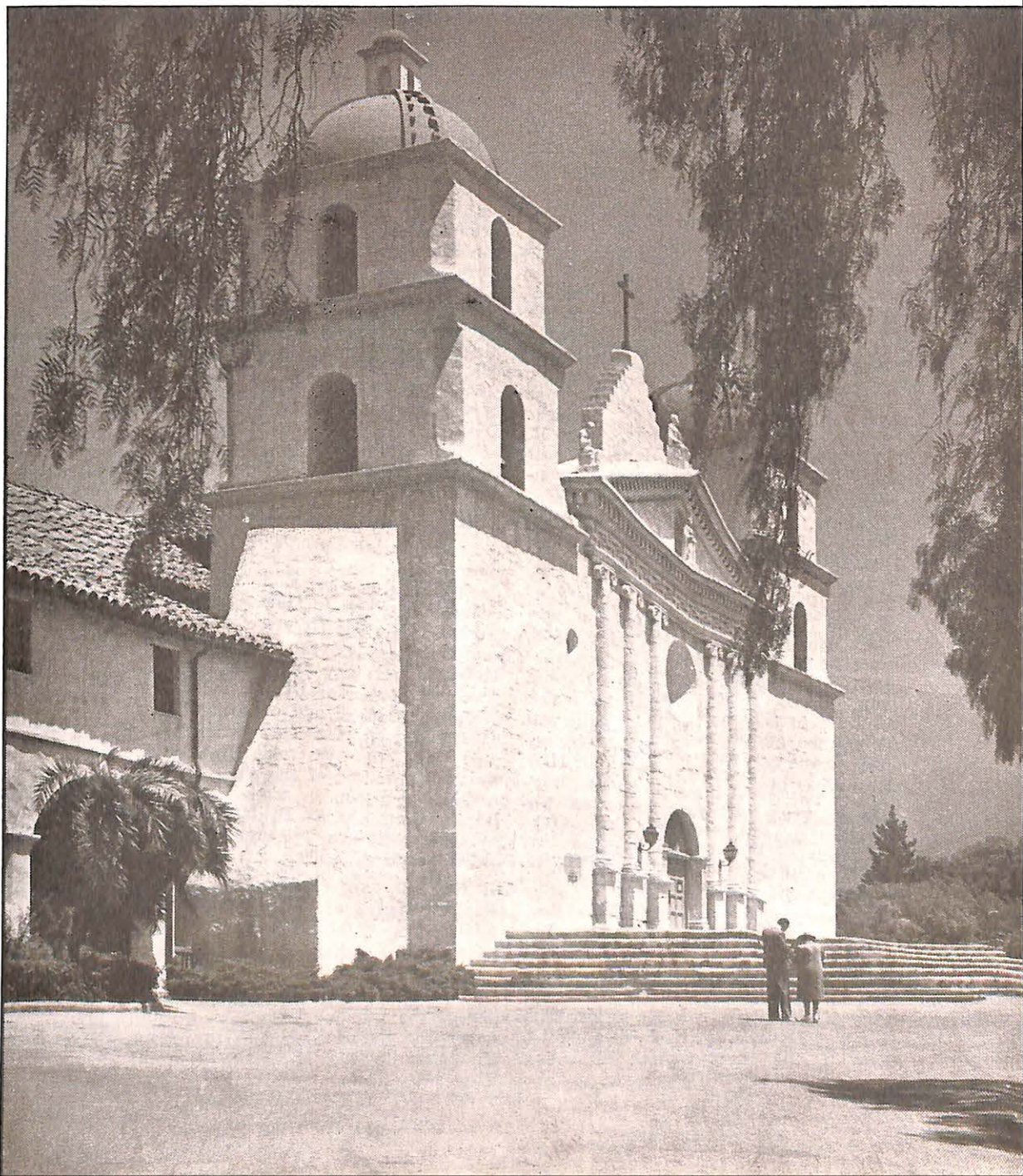


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A Beautiful View
of the
Santa Barbara
Mission
Near Santa Barbara,
California,
As Seen Through the
Lace-like Leaves of a
Nearby Pepper Tree.



What's Happening

¶ The Rev. Louis B. Holzer, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., baptized 9 converts at an impressive service held in the church on Sunday morning, June 15. At the same service Mr. Holzer preached on the theme: "Good News."

¶ The Rev. and Mrs. Henry Koch of Forest Park, Ill., spent a full week in July in Nebraska, visiting friends in the Shell Creek Baptist Church. Mr. Koch was pastor of this church for two different periods of 4 and 10 years, respectively. He preached in German on the Sunday of his visit in the Shell Creek Church. The Rev. Martin De Boer is the present pastor.

¶ The Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Illinois, has extended a call to the Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., to serve as interim pastor for an approximate period of one year. Mr. Schroeder, who has been living in retirement in Anaheim, has accepted the call and will begin his service in September. Mrs. Schroeder will also reside in Oak Park during this interim pastorate of her husband. Mr. Schroeder was pastor of the same church for 5 years from 1911 to 1916.

¶ The German Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas, recently extended a call to Mr. John M. Weinbender, a graduate of this year's class of the Rochester Baptist Seminary. Mr. Weinbender has accepted the call and on July 1st began his service as pastor of the church. He has succeeded the Rev. R. Vassel who served the church for almost 12 years. Mr. and Mrs. Vassel will continue to reside in Bison. Mr. Weinbender is the oldest son of the Rev. John Weinbender, Sr., who is pastor of the Baptist Church in Scottsbluff, Neb.

¶ The General Missionary Society of the denomination has adopted a new name. In a resolution dated June 6, 1941, the committee voted to change its name to the North American Baptist General Missionary Society, by which it will be known henceforth. It will also be the new incorporated name, according to the laws of the state of New York. The General Conference at Burlington, Iowa, last year authorized the General Council to act for the conference during the interim between sessions, and this action was taken in pursuance of that resolution.

¶ From July 18 to August 2 the Rev. and Mrs. John Schmidt of Chicago, Ill., visited friends and relatives along the Atlantic seaboard. On Sunday, July 20, Mr. Schmidt officiated at the wedding of his daughter, Ruth, to Mr. Carl Haas of Jersey City, N. J., in a service held in the First Church of Union

City, N. J., of which he was formerly pastor. The Rev. Herman Kuhl, the present pastor, assisted in the ceremony. The Schmidts also visited with friends in the Second Church of Philadelphia, Pa., of which they were formerly members, and Mr. Schmidt took part in one of the services.

¶ On Sunday evening, July 6th, the Second German Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, Canada, held a reception for its new minister, Mr. Adam Huber, who was recently given the call from the church. A large audience of friends from nearby churches was present to join the local church in extending greetings to the new minister. Mr. Huber was ordained into the gospel ministry on the following Saturday, July 12, during the Northern Conference sessions which were held in the nearby First Church of Leduc. A report of that ordination service appears in this issue of "The Baptist Herald."

¶ On Sunday evening, August 3rd, the Fifteenth Street Church of Los Angeles, Calif., held a reception and program in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Stabbert on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. The Rev. B. W. Krentz spoke appropriate words of congratulation besides others representing the organizations of the church. Mr. Stabbert has been a member of the board of deacons for a number of years. Mr. Herbert Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif., Mrs. Ella Schmierer of Davis, Calif., and Mrs. Alice Bohnet of San Francisco, Calif., children of the honored couple, were also present and took part in the program.

¶ Two of the most outstanding speakers on the notable program of the Biennial Conference of the International Society of Christian Endeavor held in Atlantic City, N. J., from July 9 to 13 were Dr. Herbert Gezork, former general secretary of the Baptist Youth Union in Germany and at present assistant professor of Biblical history at Wellesley College and of social ethics at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, and the honorable Harold E. Stassen, governor of the state of Minnesota and a member of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn. Both of these men are well known in the circle of our churches.

¶ Since June 1st the pastor of the Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minn., has been the Rev. John Johnston, a graduate of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Johnston is the former Miss Caroline Krueger, a member of the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Ill. Before their departure from Kankakee to the Minnesota Church,

they were surprised with showers of gifts from the Beacon Light Class, Missionary Society, Loyal Ladies, Gleaners and individuals of the church. Mr. Johnston has succeeded the Rev. Wm. Schobert, who is now pastor of a Northern Baptist Church at Crystal Lake, Minn.

¶ The Rev. Rudolph Klein of Loyal, Okla., served the German Baptist Church of Corona, So. Dak., as supply pastor during the month of June. From June 1 to 8 evangelistic meetings were held by Mr. Klein in the Corona Church, during which 13 persons made their confession of faith in Christ. On Sunday, June 22, Mr. Klein baptized these 13 converts in Big Stone Lake, and at the evening communion service 14 persons were received into the church. At present, Mr. Klein is serving as the temporary pastor of the Hurnville Baptist Church near Henrietta, Texas.

¶ On Friday, July 4, the young people's societies of Olds and Trochu, Alberta, Canada, gathered for a day of fellowship and social activities at Berlington Beach of Pine Lake. The afternoon was spent in boat riding, swimming, fishing and the playing of various games by the young people. In the evening an inspiring devotional hour was spent in the singing of choruses, the giving of testimonies and the bringing of two splendid messages by the Rev. R. Schilke of Minitonas, Manitoba, and the Rev. R. Milbrandt of Calgary. The reporter, Miss Ruth Haerle, stated that "after a wiener roast, we parted with the assurance of having spent a wonderful day together."

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A few days ago I witnessed an indescribably beautiful sunset in Southern California. The fleecy clouds above the western horizon were suddenly touched by the brush of an Unseen Artist and they became aglow with changing colors. Delicate

Signs of the Times.

hues vied with each other to show forth their beauty. These tints deepened into the golden splendor, that seemed to be a reflection of the golden fruit hanging on the orange trees. But the climax was still to come as the Artist splashed his colors richly against the horizon and the skies became aflame with a heavenly fire of deep red and purple. It was a dramatic spectacle that held me with mysterious enchantment and delight.

Then unexpectedly someone, who had been standing next to me, spoke up and talked about the weather of the coming day. It was going to be a hot and uncomfortable day on the morrow. How did he know? Why, he had read the predictions in the signs of the heavens. That sunset had foretold for my friend what he could expect on the coming day. It is interesting to add that his predictions were more than generously carried out according to schedule.

The omnipotent and eternal God has given us such signs, not only in the handiwork of his creation, but also in the unfolded pages of his Word. But the great tragedy is that, like unto the people of Jesus' day, we can discern the face of the sky, but we cannot discern the signs of the times! How much we need spiritual discernment and self-effacing humility before God to understand his plan for the ages and his predictions for the morrow!

The prophetic teachings of God's Word cannot be discarded as meaningless for our day. History of the past centuries has substantiated the fact that world events are an integral part of "His

Story." In a day, like the present, when crises follow each other in breath-taking rapidity and when the fires of devastation sweep like prairie fires over nations and peoples, it is incumbent upon every Christian individual to have a profound understanding of the signs of the times which God has given to us in his Word.

For this reason we welcome the article by the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, the pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., in the present issue of "The Baptist Herald." His sane and discerning approach ought to receive thoughtful consideration. There are pitfalls of great danger in either extreme. Our own human prejudices or wishes can be misinterpreted as God's purposes for the future. But there ought to be general agreement as to the broad outline of God's plan for the future of the world and his children. Every event now transpiring in current history, is another of God's signs of the times.

We need this prophetic understanding as a shield against the onslaughts of disillusionment in our day. How many air castles have been smashed by the brutal events of war during the past few years! How quickly the glorious ideals of Christian people, who preached brotherhood and love, have been crushed into ruins! In such a day we find little comfort in the chaotic world about us. But we can take heart and find renewed courage in the signs of the times as God pictures to us his ultimate triumph, the final victory of his truth and love, and the divine establishment of his Kingdom. His timetable for the universe cannot be upset by the strivings of men. His is the final word to be spoken. His plans, which are revealed in his Word, are eternal and immutable.

Yes, by all means, in the desolation of this day "let us study prophecy" and discern aright the signs of the times!

Let Us Study Prophecy!

By REV. THORWALD W. BENDER, Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Why do not more of our pastors preach sermons on prophecy? Why is it that our papers do not bring us more prophetic material? These questions have been asked by so many of our people who have become acquainted with the appeal that prophetic studies provide for many revival meetings and Bible conferences which they have attended with much enjoyment.

The call for more emphasis on prophetic teachings of the Scriptures will increase in direct relation to the increase of the attitude of insecurity and the spirit of frustration that threatens to become more acute throughout the world from day to day. Surely, the admonition of the apostle Peter in the first chapter of this second letter is applicable for our times:

"And we have the word of prophecy made more sure; whereunto you do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts: knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit."

Treasures of Inspiration

Of course, there are reasons why some good Christian people never trouble themselves about the prophetic element in the Scriptures. Some definite misunderstanding exists between some of our people, who literally relish the bare mention of prophecy, and those of our people who do not become excited over the subject. I believe that those who are inclined to disregard the "dark lamp shining in a dark place" are missing much of the comfort, strength, and information that the Bible offers us.

But people do not miss good things willingly. Perhaps some of us have neglected to encourage and to help our church members to "take heed" of these treasures of divine inspiration. However, many of those who do give themselves to prophetic studies may be inclined to regard these studies as something entirely apart from the everyday Christian life and duty. They often speak a language strangely foreign to the rest of the faithful Christian disciples, and may even, perhaps unknown to them, move about with certain condescension toward those who do not share their interest.

This writer does not wish to give the impression that he regards himself as an authority on Biblical prophecy. He is interested in prophecy and receives many blessings from the studies and writings of outstanding prophetic teachers and preachers. The belief and hope of the second advent of the Lord seems fundamental to his entire theo-

logical thinking. He believes that the resurrection of Christ and the promise of his personal return comprised the two fundamental doctrines of the apostles and the first believers.

But prophecy is more comprehensive than this. The opportunities for "false prophets," of which Peter speaks in the verses following those quoted, and the prevalence of "private interpretation" make it necessary that our pastors lead our people into an intelligent appraisal and appreciation of prophecy as a whole. One need not, and ought not, go off on a tangent of a single truth at the expense, if not even derision, of other truth. Truth as such is one, and it should not be manipulated in segments as if these segments represented the entirety.

Let us first examine some of the reasons for the misunderstandings between those who search out prophetic teachings and such who are less interested. In the following discussion, if the editor approves, we shall point out what we regard as a rather general but basic approach to the study of prophecy.

Prophecy Is Not Fantasy

"No prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit." Anyone who is at all acquainted with some of the "prophecies" being recklessly scattered abroad by irresponsible teachers knows that "the will of man" is more apparent in these irresponsible teachers than the moving of the Holy Spirit. Many prophetic students are inclined to stray quite far from the actual material given in the Scriptures. They feel called upon to supply what the Holy Spirit deemed it wise to withhold.

We do not say this unkindly. If we did not count ourselves with the lovers of prophecy, we would hesitate to make such a serious charge. But it is not a charge of the opposition. It is an admission from within the group being criticised. How often we have actually been embarrassed when some most fantastic schemes of coming events and current newspaper headlines were palmed off with such unction as if the speaker had just returned from an exclusive interview with the Almighty!

Much of this kind of "prophecy" is not only "private" but individualistic. Some evangelists, especially among the free lancers, actually seem to be envious with one another, lest the other man get one jump ahead of him by exploiting a preposition used in the King James version, or perhaps some dependent clause in the third sentence of the last paragraph of a newspaper

version of the pope's second last encyclical!

Recognizing the True Prophets

No wonder, then, that many fine and fruitful Christians look askance whenever prophetic studies are mentioned. But let us not forget that by no means do all students of prophecy belong to that group which regards Biblical prophecy as an invitation to exercise the entire resources of their imagination. You can always recognize the more dependable prophetic teacher by his humble demeanor and the care he exercises to base his teaching on such material as is clearly given in the Scriptures.

The man whom we must watch, however, regardless of his widespread reputation, is the man who speaks with bombast and unscrupulously adds whatever details he needs to round out his schemes. How strange, that some of those who can be the most vehement in the asserting of the verbal inspiration of the Bible, can also shock us so frequently with their independent and obnoxiously liberal use of that same text. And shall we, because of these extremists, disregard the prophetic element of the Scriptures? Never! It is not our habit to disregard anything of vital importance simply because others abuse or misappropriate that thing.

However, we must help our people to know the difference between the "will of man" and the moving of the Holy Spirit. By prayerful and humble recognition of the great prophecies of the Old and New Testament, we must satisfy the great hunger for prophetic truth, which in these days of the world turmoil resides in the hearts of many Christians. Let us study prophecy as well as evangelism and practical Christian duties in our Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies. We must serve our people a well balanced diet of the whole counsel of God if we would prevent the spread of indigestion due to "half-baked" and "raw" food which they receive elsewhere because we fail to recognize their hunger.

Prophecy Is Not Ecstasy

One who is ecstatic does not "take heed." He is reckless with enthusiasm. He is totally unaware of the "dark place" in which he finds himself in this world. Biblical prophecy is not like that. It is both sober and sobering. The careful student of prophecy never forgets Peter's "first," that "no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation." Ecstasy is extremely personal. It is so personal that it repels the sober onlooker. The emotional

treatment of the prophetic truth, as common in Pentecostalism and similar groups, does not correspond to the sane and practical treatment of the same prophetic truth on the part of the apostles.

To reflect on the time of our meeting with the Christ cannot help but stir every Christian very deeply. "We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is." Who does not thrill to this prophecy? But lest we fritter away our time of grace in pleasant, but sterile ecstasy, perhaps expressed in unbecoming demeanor, the apostle continues with that sane and challenging application of the revealed prophetic truth: "And every one that hath this hope set on him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." (1. John 3: 2-3.) And what a sobering task stares us in the face when we are told to purify ourselves in anticipation of our meeting with the Lord. How this assignment humbles us! How meek we become in the face of our many discouragements due to our failures!

A Deeper Study of God's Word

We should hesitate to say that this shallow emotionalism of many people, whenever they contemplate certain prophetic truths, is insincere. We maintain, however, that such study or mention of prophecy represents a very low level of the understanding of prophetic teaching. Prophecy as such is too vast, including the cosmos with all its generations, history with all events and nations, within its scope. To comprehend the intent and content of prophecy as a whole within the narrow confines of a brief, although perhaps very concentrated, emotional spree, seems impossible and useless.

The writer would count himself with those who feel that a richer and deeper emotional expression in our study of the Word and in our worship of God is greatly to be desired. Some of us are altogether too cold and intellectual. We could profit a great deal by more warmth in our singing, praying, listening or preaching. The trouble with which some lovers of prophecy have to battle, however, is a certain attitude of other-worldliness, which passes for prophetic insight or ecstasy in some circles. Such a treatment of prophecy defeats its own mission in that it divorces the prophetic message from the daily life of our every day world.

Prophecy means more than heaven-gazing. The question of the two men in white apparel, which they put to the witnesses of Christ's ascension, might properly be put to those who equate prophecy with ecstasy: "Why stand ye looking into heaven?" Surely, when we speak of prophecy we dare not overlook the prophetic implications of "Ye are the salt of the earth," or, "Ye are the light of the world." A city set on a hill cannot be hid. — Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Prophecy Is Not Orthodoxy

To be pure, many who would disdain to be called "orthodox" have also no use for the prophetic truth. These people would deny its existence. Some of them, despite their claim to more tolerance and liberalism, seek special opportunities to attack our traditional faith. They tell us we are naive. They even sympathize with us. But these are not our concern in the discussion of this point. Actually, it would seem to me, that our churches are not greatly troubled by people like that.

It is not our intention to enter into a discussion of orthodoxy and heresy here. We only wish to express our regret that a most uncharitable spirit sometimes becomes manifest on the part of those, who "believe in prophecy," and those, who place the main emphasis of their faith on other aspects of God's revealed truth. Men who do not talk much on prophecy and who may indicate that they have no great interest in it, become automatically labelled as "modern." The writer does not believe that this kind of spirit toward brethren of a different bent originates primarily in our own ranks.

But he has more than one occasion to observe how professional "evangelists" have exploited the hunger for prophetic truth of the Christians by and large, in order to establish his own "orthodoxy" at the expense of resident pastors. Those who are inclined to make the acceptance of their own conviction of prophetic truths a criterion for the orthodoxy of every one else are frequently racketeers. Our people may well beware of these "wolves in sheep's clothing." To such men prophecy is literally a racket.

It is not strange that the apostle Paul distinguished between apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, and regarded them all as working at one and the same task, to "build up the body of Christ." Perhaps our seminaries, (which many of these free lancers have never attended), have evolved a curriculum which makes it possible to roll all these respective functions and offices all into one man, regardless of the person. Our own acquaintance of the work and specialties of our pastors instructs us differently. And yet there are men who are self-appointed as prophets, evangelists, teachers, and, as Paul did not include, financiers. The pity of it is that some of our good people are carried away by such men. Too often, they are carried away by such irresponsible "prophets" because they have accepted the orthodoxy of these men by way of their "prophecy."

The Need of This Hour

Do we think of orthodoxy as being a certain mold, perhaps of a certain school, or of a group of doctrines of our own selection? Ought we not to emphasize, rather, its spirit? And that Paul characterizes as the spirit of Christ, or of love. It is also the spirit of cooperation. Likewise it is

the spirit of charitable recognition of other "parts." Prophecy is but a part, a very important part. To the writer it seems to be definitely an indispensable part. But orthodoxy has a larger meaning. It represents many parts. Probably none of us is a good and efficient steward of all of its elements.

Yes, let us study prophecy. Let us do it humbly and prayerfully. May it be said of us, as Paul wished for the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, that we, "speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things unto him, who is the head, even Christ; from whom all the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in due measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love." (Eph. 4:11-16).

The Wayside Pulpit

By Rev. Theo W. Dons
of Forest Park, Illinois
Hills and Valleys

"For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed: but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of the Lord that shall have mercy on my peace be removed, saith the Lord." Isaiah 54:10.

"Each thing in its own place is best . . ." (Longfellow). We need both the towering hills and the low valleys. Sometimes a particular experience will lift us to the spiritual mountain peak, and we feel like praising God and singing all the day. Then again, our experience will carry us to the depths of discouragement and we feel that under the burden we can no longer carry on. If all of life were the same, the mere sameness would become monotonous. Praise God for the valleys, for it is just these valleys of despair that drive us to the throne where God showers us with the dew of mercy.

Thank God also for the hills, for from the hills we can see what we cannot see from below. It is vision we need for "where there is no vision, the people perish." The disciples were with Christ on the mount of transfiguration not to remain there but to receive the inspiration for the work which was awaiting them in the valley. Again and again our hearts cry: "O lift me to a rock that is higher than I." Not only for the vision but also for the sense of security do we pray to be lifted to the rock which is higher than we are.

We need the hilltop experience if we want to serve Christ acceptably and if we want to be helpful to people about us. As someone has said: "We must be vertically right, if we expect to be horizontally right." First, right with God, then right with man!

And, lastly, the hills teach us that though they be removed, God's kindness and his covenant of peace shall be eternally enduring. Praise God for the unchanging attitude of the eternal God!

One Thousand Years From Now

A Sermon by the REV. JOHN P. KUEHL, Pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."—2. Peter 3:9.

Humanly speaking, we are the center of things, in time, as well as in space and importance. That is human nature! Time consists of past, present and future. And its center is whenever we happen to be living. And if the human race continues as it always has, it will be just as self-centered one thousand years from now.

Social Progress

In the language of the historian, life became human with two inventions, namely, fire and stone tools. For ages man roamed the world with but slight improvements in those tools and the things he made with them. Then came the so-called bronze and iron ages; then, with the dissemination of speech, intellectual and social progress took larger strides. With the passage of more centuries there came the two major inventions, gun powder and the printing press.

Then again, humanly speaking, the world speeded up. In rapid succession there came the steam engine, the railroad, the telegraph, the telephone, the electric light, the motor, the automobile, the airplane, and the radio. A long list, but nearly all of it, with its social and intellectual consequences, almost in the last second of the last minute of the last hour of man's day on earth. And whatever the program of events in the future to transform the external or the internal life of man, he can look back on these few generations as having made more changes than in as many centuries before.

But what will be the center of our attention one thousand years from now? I put this question because all these marvelous inventions which mark the present age and mean so much today, will hold no marvel for us then. Some of us will be surrounded by conditions so far ahead of them that there will be no comparison. Others will care nothing whatever for what happened or was, one thousand or ten thousand years past.

An Important Question

The one thought that will enslave their thinking through the endless ages, will be, "Why, oh why, did I not listen? Why, oh why, did I not heed the warnings and the invitations that came? Why, oh why, did I neglect the welfare of my soul?" So, in the interest of any unsaved person, please remember, dear Friend, that I am speaking

for your good one thousand years hence.

There is a verse of Scripture especially in my mind in this connection. It is a great, marvelous truth. We find it in 2. Peter, the third chapter, the ninth verse, which reads, "The Lord . . . is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." For he has solved the whole problem and met every demand of man's redemption and human destiny. God has bridged the black chasm of hell's despair. He has carved from the Rock of Ages a highway that will stand the test of the years.

Some of the world's greatest boulevards are not very safe for travel, but the highway to glory still stands and is as safe today as when trod by patriarchs, prophets and the saints of long ago. All who will meet God's conditions for salvation may follow that highway to the gates of the Holy City. One thousand years from now those gates will be there. Will you be there, too? Think, friends, think carefully; think before it is forever too late.

The Safety of Your Soul

God has made every possible provision for the safety of your soul. The cross of Calvary is your proof; the blood of Jesus is your salvation; his death and resurrection are your insurance. Why, then, reject that salvation? Lost money may be regained by industry; lost health may be regained by care; lost friends by kindness, but when the soul is lost, all is lost.

The world is travelling at such a rapid rate now that it has but little time to think seriously, and Satan knows if he can only keep the crowd travelling at that pace they will never take time to think what the end will be. The road is broad and attractions abound on every side. Ease, luxury, amusements are the greatest means in Satan's tool chest to keep the world from thinking.

The word "amusement" is derived from "muse" or thought, and the derivative, "a" means "away from," so then, literally, "amusement" means "away from thinking." No wonder there is so much amusement in the world. It acts as chloroform on the mind and dulls us to any sense of danger. I am no prophet, but this I know; there will be a lot of sober thinking being done one thousand years from now.

We are told in 1. Thess. 5:9 that "God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." Please notice that

phrase "to obtain salvation." You know in our English language we have many words used which have similar meanings. For instance, the words, "attain" and "obtain." The verse just quoted says "we were appointed to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

Obtainig Eternal Life

If a man is industrious and not lazy, he can become a good farmer and own a fine farm in a few years. We can "attain" quite a fortune by making a good investment, but on the other hand, a man may have a rich relative who dies and leaves him half a million dollars. He can thus "obtain" a fortune in a minute. Your elder Brother, the Lord Jesus Christ, died on the Cross and he willed for you to "obtain" eternal life. You can have it in a moment, just for the taking. "There is life in a look at the Crucified One." There is life at this moment for you.

There are a great many sects and isms today; some deny the fact of sin; some deny the fact of death; some deny the fact of Satan; and some deny the fact of hell. A great apostle of the "no hell theory" lectured in a certain city on the subject, "To Hell and Back." The millionaires were thick on his trail. Those rich sinners wanted "Pastor" Russell to prove to them that there is no hell. After the lecture he boarded the train to deliver that same lecture in another city and he died without a moment's warning. No one ever saw him alive again. Whom would you rather believe, "'Pastor" Russell or the Almighty God?

If there is no hell, there is no sin. If there is no eternal punishment, then why that fearful tragedy on Calvary's Cross? Why should the innocent, holy and righteous Son of God have suffered that death of deaths? Sometimes I think we know nothing of death. David, in the Twenty-third Psalm, felt that what we pass through is only the shadow of death. "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me."

But the death of Jesus Christ on Calvary, when he uttered that cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" was a real death. Just as physical death is the separation of the soul from the body, so real death is the separation of the soul from God. Jesus suffered the real death, and, thank God, that one death was sufficient.

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CHRISTIANITY ON THE JOB

Scripture: Matt. 20:1-7; 2. Thess. 3:6-12; James 5:1-4.

1. The Duty of the Church

It is not within the province of the church to enter as an arbiter in cases where it is ignorant of the basic facts, but the church should lift its voice boldly to demand justice and fair dealing. It ought never to lend its influence to the support of oppression and wrong. However, Christian leaders will do well to refrain from delivering judgments when they cannot hope to understand all the facts involved in a situation.

It is distinctly within the province of the church to extend its ministry of love and truth to that large group of men and women in labor, organized and unorganized. To a great extent the workers of our land are unchurched, sometimes because of prejudice. The church is the friend of labor, although it often has expressed its friendship in a husky, unattractive voice. Labor will welcome this friendship only when it is properly revealed.

2. Attitudes of the Church

Before the church makes any attempt to serve organized labor (it is by far the neediest field and offers the greatest opportunity for service of all fields open), let it feel sure of these facts:

1. It is not the business of the church to enter the field of labor posing as an expert in the questions involved.

2. It is the business of the church to love the laboring group and concern itself for their salvation and comfort as much as of any other group.

3. The church will make no progress in this field if it preaches any other than a sound, unwavering, straight-from-the-shoulder gospel. These men and women are too keen to want anything but the truth, and will quickly resent compromise.

4. The church that embarks timidly upon this program and treads softly for fear of alienating some, would fare better to leave the field entirely alone.

Sunday, September 7, 1941

DID THE WORLD NEED A SAVIOR?

Scripture: Romans 1:24-32; Gal. 4:3-5.

The world in Jesus' day was ready for a Savior. Men had developed cosmopolitan attitudes, desires, and outlook. Until the time of Alexander the Great, the peoples of each nation had lived behind closed doors, secluded from

other human being. Alexander welded the differing groups of peoples into an empire. Travel and commerce flourished. Men compared notes. Oriental religions (including Hebrew monotheism and ethics), Greek philosophy and culture, and Roman social and political unity all combined to impress men with the need of an order of life that would establish uniform privileges and responsibilities.

The races of the world were ready for a new order in which a community spirit would take the place of the old antagonisms and conflicts. War, travel, commerce, and the slave trade had mixed the races, forcing them into a new sense of interdependence.

Incessant wars had created a deep hunger for peace. The world had witnessed the rise and the fall of great empires: Egyptian, Babylonian, Assyrian, Persian, Greek, Roman. Within these empires existed a measure of peace—forced, external, temporary. Resources were constantly being exhausted by war, or by high taxation in times of peace. Men were sick of this, eager for peace, brotherhood, and cooperative living.

Interests were shifting from politics, economics, pleasure, and sin, to ethics, happiness, and virtue. Preachers everywhere were offering men the best they could salvage from the ethics, the philosophy, and the religions of the past.

But men craved a religion that was authoritative, inward, and transforming. The older religions had lost most of their authority. For centuries after Socrates man did seek to know himself, and he learned much. But the more he learned of himself, the more he discovered his helplessness. He needed a Savior.

Men needed power for living. The Hebrews had tried divine law; the Greeks, wisdom; and the Romans, force. None had found the power that produces fullness of life. Men had reasoned about God, searching for some intermediary to help them to experience God, but their best efforts in this direction failed to satisfy their spiritual needs. The widespread mental, moral, and spiritual darkness caused men to long more intensely for the light. The almost universal sense of crisis made men more hopeful and expectant of a divine intervention.

In summary, men longed to know themselves, the meaning of life, of evil, of the universe, and of death. They longed to experience redemption, peace with God and with man, and genuine happiness. That is to say, the world needed and was ready for a Savior.

Sunday, September 14, 1941

THE BEGINNING OF MODERN MISSIONS

Scripture: Romans 15:20-21; Phil. 3:14; Luke 4:17-18.

Brief mottoes often express great truths or define noble objectives. The apostle Paul, as the first great missionary after Jesus, laid firm foundations for the modern missionary movement.

For seventeen centuries after Paul's heroic missionary endeavors, many Christians pressed forward with deep consecration toward the goal that Paul so clearly defined. However, except for a few strong movements within the Roman Catholic church, the efforts of these devoted pioneers were scattered and confined mostly to districts near their own home. They worked as individuals rather than as teams. During those dark centuries when the church was divided and the Protestant groups were as yet weak and unorganized, men could do little more than plant the missionary seed, trusting that it would grow and bear fruit in years to come. Let us see how the influence of one man helped to change the religious life of the world.

(Life of William Carey is to be told.)

From its small beginning in the parlor of Widow Wallis almost 150 years ago, the Protestant missionary enterprise has grown into a world influence. Some 27,000 Protestant missionaries are at work today, many of them sponsored by organizations founded through the stimulus of William Carey's devoted career. Carey looms especially important because his activities demonstrated the basic principle that the Christian message is as broad as human need. We all know that God works through consecrated personalities, and Carey's life is an illustration of how for one individual—intelligent, studious, sympathetic, and devoted—can reach into spiritual darkness if he is on fire with God's message.

Today some of the most powerful nations of the world are engaged in a titanic struggle, the end of which cannot be foreseen at this writing. In many geographical areas only Christians still remain determined to reach over racial lines, national boundaries, and cultural divisions and to clasp hands with those on the other side. The world in which we have been living will not be the same one in which Christian young people must pioneer tomorrow. "New occasions teach new duties." To those who will share in solving the problems of the new day, the life of William Carey offers abundant inspiration.

Reports from the Field

Central Conference

Mrs. Georgina Dorothea Schoeffel, Wife of the Rev. William Schoeffel of Cleveland, Ohio, Receives the Summons to Return Home

We were all shocked when we received the report of the sudden passing away of Mrs. Georgina Schoeffel of Cleveland, Ohio. Many of us, of course, knew that she had been ill but were of the opinion that she was improving and well on the way to recovery. Then came the turn for the worse and, after a few days of patient suffering, the summons from her Lord to return HOME.

She had been sick only five weeks. Toward the end she was convinced that she could not get well again. Her chief thought from then on was to encourage her husband to carry on in the great work of the gospel ministry. One of her great comforts in the last days of her earthly life was the consciousness that she was loved and remembered by so many friends. In her bedroom she had pinned up on the wall and door literally hundreds of cards which her friends had sent to her. These remained a constant reminder that God is good and that his people care.

In the last moment of her earthly life, she called her husband to her side and bade him carry on. In spite of much heartache and many discouragements in the ministry and in church life, she urged him to be faithful to Christ, especially in these trying days and, whatever others might do, to continue to manifest the mind of Christ and the spirit of the Master in all his ministry.

Mrs. Schoeffel was a great lover of nature and of everything beautiful. But she was even more a lover of the beautiful in human nature. Like her Master, she sought and she found good in others. She especially loved the youth and seemed to have considerable understanding of their problems. Most of all she loved Christ and his church and everything that exalted his name and praise.

She had a very beautiful and child-like faith in God and in her Savior. She trusted Christ implicitly to be the Way of life, and followed HIM. She was, of course, also conscious of her imperfections but she said she believed Christ's grace would be sufficient to cover these, too.

Her philosophy of life was not to take but to give. She spent herself for Christ.

Her aim in life was not to revel in the things of sense but rather to feast on the things of the spirit. Having risen with Christ to a higher life, she set her heart and mind on the "things

that are above," on the things that enoble the soul and that bring joy and happiness to others.

She was born in Neustadt, Ontario, on March 9, 1884. In her teens she followed Christ as her Savior. She found joy in working in the Sunday School and choir and especially in the women's organizations. On June 3, 1919, she married the Rev. William Schoeffel in Hanover, Ontario, the Rev. John Leypoldt officiating. On May 26 she was taken ill, and passed to her eternal reward on July 1, 1941. There survive her three brothers: Walter, Reuben, and Homer; also a sister, Mrs. Alma Brown of Rochester, N. Y.; her aged mother, now 86 years of age and residing in Kitchener, Ontario; and her beloved husband, Rev. William Schoeffel, pastor of the White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

The following poem brought cheer to the sorrowing husband's heart. It should bring hope and comfort to all of us.

"Not always in the pastures green,
Where flowers and quiet streams are seen,
He leadeth me;
Ah, no, sometimes his loving hand,
Leads where I can not understand
Where shadows be.

Not always in the sunshine sweet,
Sometimes where loud the tempests beat,
He leadeth me.
Yet side by side in love He stands
And cheers my heart and holds my hand
So graciously.

What matters if the way be drear?
If Satan tempt my heart to fear
To Him I flee.
I ask not why He leads me so,
For me it is enough to know,
He leadeth me."

ALBERT BRETSCHNEIDER, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School at the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan

The scene of many happy boys and girls trailing up to the beautiful edifice of the Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich., again revealed to the neighborhood that the Daily Vacation Bible School was in progress. Children in the immediate vicinity became impressed and others, too, brought their friends and playmates.

The school was held from June 23 to July 11 under the leadership of Mr. Gideon Zimmermann, student from the Rochester Baptist Seminary, who has been engaged as student pastor for the summer months, assisting the Rev. Paul Wengel.

The total enrollment of our school was 71. The Primary Class was taught by Mrs. Roy Adler and Mrs. H. Williams; the Junior Class by Mrs. Ralph E. Woodburn; and the Intermediate Class by Donald Williams. Pianists

were Joyce Measel and Douglas Krieger. Assistants in all departments who spent part time in the school consisted of Mrs. Edmund Wroblos, Mrs. Wm. Krieger, Jr., Mrs. Henry Hood, Mrs. Suzanne Geschwind, Mrs. J. W. Gaines, Esther Wengel, Grace Fleischer, Natalie Schreck, and Naomi Wengel. Billy Keyden and George Schreck assisted the younger boys in the wood work project class and Roger Williams had charge of the recreation hour. The Rev. Paul Wengel and Mrs. R. E. Woodburn helped in special ways to plan the program and select teachers.

Each morning the entire school gathered in the assembly room and began the opening session with the salutes to the American Flag, the Christian Flag and the Bible. After a short period of singing, the school divided into the various groups for study periods, recreation and project work. Again at the end of the morning, the entire group assembled for a short devotional period.

Our project work consisted of making scrapbooks, wool dolls, sewing and stuffing oil cloth animals, making many fine mottoes and wall hangings with spatter painting, making wooden doll beds and door stops. The entire group enjoyed doing blueprint work which was quite successful. All the material completed in our project work was sent to Miss Mildred Robinson at Mount Pleasant, Michigan, for the migrants as a "White Cross project."

On Thursday evening of the last week of our school, a program and exhibit were held for the parents and friends. A fine group attended and everyone was pleased to hear and see the fine progress the children had made during their three weeks of school. The Primary Department sang the new songs they had learned and recited the Lord's Prayer. Barbara Burgess, a new scholar, played the accordion. The Junior Department gave a short sketch entitled, "Building a Better World," which revealed the thoughts of their study periods during the school. The Intermediate Department also gave a brief survey of their course. Each child was awarded a lovely wall card with various Bible passages, and those who had perfect attendance were given special recognition. In the exhibit room refreshments were served and each child had an opportunity proudly to display the articles they had made during the project hour to their parents and friends.

On Friday, the last day of school, the children were all taken to Chandler Park for a picnic. Scattered showers were threatening, but with their "Vacation School Vigor" the children sang

Children's Page

LUCY'S LOST BIBLE

Original Story by Ellowise Fischer
(Aged 13 years)
of Ashley, North Dakota

Lucy's father gave her a Bible for Christmas. This book she cherished more than all her other possessions.

On Sunday, while Lucy was coming home from church, she noticed that she did not have her Bible. She looked and



The Cameroon Natives Have Given Daphne the Name, "Fumtuwa," Which Means, "The Daughter of the Chief" or "Princess"

looked but to no avail. When she came home, she explained it to her father who readily promised to buy her another.

About a month afterwards, an elderly gentleman, by the name of Tom Maxwell, came to Lucy and said, "I found a Bible sometime ago. I saw this signature," he said, pointing to Lucy's name and address. "That's why I brought it here. I was going to the drug store in order to get some sleeping tablets and then take quite a few and in that way commit suicide. But I saw the Bible on the sidewalk and when I opened it my eyes fell upon John 3:16, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.' I went home and that evening I read it and became a changed man. I have my own Bible now and I cannot tell you how happy I am. God bless you!" And then he departed.

That evening, when Lucy prayed, she did not forget to thank God for saving one soul through her lost Bible.

THE PRINCESS OF MAMBILA

Recently Lois Grosser of Oak Park, Illinois, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grosser, received a very lovely letter from our missionary, Edith Koppin in Africa, who is now on her homeward journey to the United States. That letter tells so many interesting things about Daphne Dunger, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dunger, that we want everyone to read it. Lois is glad to share the letter with you. Here it is!

(Miss Koppin's Letter)
Warwar, Mambila,
April 5, 1941.

Dear Lois:

In the BAPTIST HERALD of January 15, I read that you had turned in your Daphne Dunger bank, and I also saw the letter you had written to Dr. Kuhn. In that letter you said: "I love little Daphne," and so I thought I would like to tell you more about her since I am an "aunty" who lives on the same station with her.

We all love little Daphne, and so do the black children with their mothers the black children with their mammas come to "salute" her or to greet her. Sometimes they bring her some ears of corn for a small gift, or some sweet potatoes, or peanuts, or bananas, and little Daphne is not afraid of them but takes them with her own hands. Then she will take them to her mother and Mrs. Dunger will give her some lumps of sugar to give to the little children.

Sometimes the black mothers will give some gift too, and then she will take a small gourd of salt and give that to the mothers. This they will take home and put it in the food that they will give to their own children. You know salt is not easy to find out here and so they like this very much.

But the little children like the lumps of sugar to suck on. It is the only candy they know. Daphne likes it very much when they come to visit her and they talk to each other, but they cannot understand each other as yet.

Daphne likes to ride horses. You see we don't have any motors out here and so we use horses to go to the different villages, and whenever she sees any one of us on a horse, she likes to take a ride too. So her papa or mama will let her sit on the saddle with them, and how she enjoys this! Also when Miss Reddig comes to Warwar she can't wait until Miss Reddig gets on the horse to give her a ride and she is not at all afraid, even when the horse galleps.

And she likes sugar, too, and likes to play with the lumps. Most of the su-

gar we buy out here is lump or cube sugar and this we use when we serve tea, too. Many times Daphne and her mama will come over to my house for some tea and while Mrs. Dunger and I are talking about things and not paying any attention to Daphne, before we know she will have the sugar bowl and taking all the sugar out of it. She then keeps on putting lumps of sugar in the cups until they are gone, and when we go to pick up our cup to drink the tea it will be half full of sugar that Daphne has put in there.

Daphne is a very happy and friendly child, and I think that is one of the reasons everyone likes her.

The natives do not call her Daphne, which is the name her papa and mama



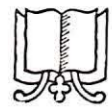
The Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. George Dunger, Are Seen in This Picture With Daphne Near Their Home in Warwar, Mambila

have given her. The natives give her the name, "Fumtuwa," and it means, "the daughter of the chief," or the same as "princess." And to us she is a princess, and I think that is what you are, too, because all who believe in Jesus are children of the King and that is what you are, a princess, because you are the child of King Jesus, and you are serving him.

I send you greetings from Daphne's country, Mambila, and no doubt she will go to America some day and then you will see her.

Her mother and father do not know that I am writing to you about Daphne, but I think they would send you greetings, too.

Sincerely,
Nurse Edith Koppin.



The Vision



By Paul Hutchens

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SYNOPSIS

During the day Le Vera Webber worked as the dentist's assistant in the office of Dr. Beade Thorwald. It was her father, Dr. Webber, who was pastor of the Riverview Memorial Church where Rodney Deland had conducted the Christmas cantata. Le Vera had helped Rodney to see the need of a full surrender to Christ as Master, and then promptly both fell in love with each other. But Johnny Nystrom, a young wealthy business man, who had given the money for a new missionary hospital in Central America, was also interested in her. One evening Rodney climbed the four flights of narrow carpeted stairs to his room, where he wrestled with God in prayer over the surrender that he knew he ought to make. Even the presence of God seemed to have vanished from him!

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

And so, fifteen minutes after he had knelt, he arose, bewildered, disappointed, discouraged, and thinking, "My faith is not great enough. I cannot reach Him any more. I must do something to increase my faith."

Could he never fully regain the vision? Must he always be dominated by doubts? Yesterday they had seemed to be gone forever. Tonight—!

Slowly, floundering in unbelief, he undressed and went to bed, where once more he read the passage Le Vera had showed him that morning in the office. He was still being sifted. Was there no wheat at all? Was he all chaff? "Satan hath desired thee, that he might sift you as wheat!"

And he thought, Satan wanted me, wanted my voice, wanted my personality. He wants the voice, the personality, the soul of every human being in the world. Christ Jesus also wants them, died to purchase them, offers Himself for them and to them; but when they will not let Him possess them, He allows Satan to have them until—UNTIL they come to the end of themselves, until they discover the futility of living without God . . .

*"You'll never know real peace till you know Jesus,
No matter how or where you try,
For life is but dross without Him,
Jesus, Jesus."*

The hungry vacuum of His soul reached up to be filled with the fullness of God, and was not satisfied.

He became sleepy, dozed, the Book slipped through his hands, dropped to the coverlet of the bed. When he aroused and picked it up, it was open at another place—Perhaps he would find the message he needed in this new place—God had prepared it for him.

But the book had fallen open at the passage he had been reading only this morning. The book mark was still there, the reason why it had opened at that particular place:

"The sin of Judah is written with a pen or iron and with the point of a diamond on the tablet of their heart."

The verse seemed to mock him, as if it were saying in modern language, "The sin of Rodney Deland is written with a steel needle and with the stylus of a diamond; it is graven upon the record of his heart. The playback will always be the same: A Composition seeking a lost chord, and never finding it."

He closed the book, laid it on his desk, snapped off the lamp, lifted the window shade and the window, felt the inrush of cold night air, drew the blanket close about his neck, turned to his side and slept.

Rodney's sleep was dreamless. When he awoke, the moon had risen and was plowing its way through a sky of fast-moving clouds. Still half asleep, he lay looking up at the moon, seeing it through perpendicular ice bars that rose from the window-box to the low-hanging roof, like stalagmites rising from the floor of a cavern, to meet their counterpart in stalactites descending from the ceiling.

There was nothing unusual about the upright ice bars on the window box. He had seen them form like like that at home at the mouth of a small cave along Crawfish river. Water above, dripping, dripping and freezing, forming icicles; tiny drops of water falling from the icicle's point, and freezing again, and eventually a column of ice rising from the floor of the cave to meet it, fusing themselves into one solid column of ice. It was a scientific fact that "Ice melts at 32 degrees F., and water freezes at the same temperature."

It was the same in the great caves of the world, where were formed, not little ice bars such as those along Crawfish river, but gigantic columns of purest onyx.

Like scales falling from his eyes, Rodney saw and understood. The stalagmite rising from the floor to meet the stalactite descending from the

ceiling: Such was man's faith reaching up toward God, but not of himself! It was the word of God from above that produced faith below. God was reaching down to man, making it possible for sinful man to reach up to God. "We love Him because He first loved us"—We are able to love Him because He first loved us and gave Himself for us! God Himself produced in man the faith that enabled that man to be united to Himself. True faith was God-given, God-implanted. And the instrument which the Spirit used, was the written and preached Word!

"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

"Then said I, 'Here am I; send me.'"
The vision had come again!

An angel? A writing on the wall? A ball of fire? A mighty inrush of joyous emotion?

There were none of these tonight. Rodney knew he did not need them. Faith grew, not from these, but from the proclaimed Word. A sweet wonder filled his heart, and he was satisfied. From henceforth he was God's man one hundred percent. He had surrendered once for all to the Lordship of the risen Christ. Let doubts, fears, heartaches, Bible problems come to challenge his position! They were bound to come, but He would yield them also to Him, Who lives and reigns forever.

Rodney sighed, content. Tomorrow he would tell Gael, and Shera and Norda and Mother. Yes, and Le Vera. Le Vera would be very happy.

There had been no visible angel, no lettering on the wall of his room, no overflow of spiritual joy. Yet in the days immediately following the episode in his room, Rodney Deland, man of destiny, lived and moved in a maze of wonder, aware of the Living Presence around him at all times, One who loved him with a sweet and tender love.

It was now the last Saturday morning before Christmas. Rodney, alert with the anticipation of seeing Norda, was jolting along on a downtown street car, enroute to Central Station, where Norda's train was due to arrive at nine o'clock.

It was going to be great, seeing her again. There was something about the love of a big brother for his younger sister, that could not be defined. All his life he had felt this way about Norda, always doing things for her, sharing her little-girl heartaches, untangling algebraic equations, giving her a brother's interpretation of her teen-

age heart affairs, warning her of the pitfalls that teen-age girls seldom see, but so often stumble into.

It had been terrible, that winter three years ago when she had gone down with pneumonia, and the doctor could not be reached because telephonic lines were broken, and Rodney had snow-shoed his way two miles through the blinding blizzard to Rexville—and Norda had lived. The agony of those hours of white terror, he would never forget. For it was on that day that the sleeping Rodney Deland awoke within him, preened his wings and prepared for flight. Once when he stumbled and plunged head first into a drift and thought he would not be able to rise again, he had heard himself singing, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," the words themselves little more than spasmodic gasps, but words nevertheless.

Less than an hour ago when he had entered the school post office, Shera had been waiting for him. Her eyes were eager. "I enjoyed your solo very much this morning." He had sung "He Loves Even Me," on Dr. Webber's broadcast.

"Thank you," he said.

She turned to go, then came back, "That reminds me,—What became of the record we made that afternoon?"

"I sent it to Mother."

Her lavender eyes were searching his. "I guess I never did tell you I was sorry about the way I acted that day."

"Are you?"

"I am." Her eyes dropped to her music note book. "I've been thinking that some time I'd like to hear it played. It's very beautiful, don't you think?" She was looking away now, toward the scaffolding of a new building being erected several blocks down the avenue—across the street from which was Dr. Thorwald's dental suite.

His eyes and his thoughts followed hers. Then he glanced at his watch and exclaimed with a gasp, "See you later," and hurried away to the car line.

Too bad to have had to break away like that, he thought, but he felt a greater pang that Shera was still in unbelief. True, recently, she had shown an increased interest in spiritual things, but was it for her own sake, or because of her interest in him? For two Sundays now, she and Wenda had sat in the Riverview church in the evening services, and last Sunday night they had remained in the auditorium for the Fireside Hour which was broadcast directly from the church pulpit. He knew that tomorrow night she would be there again, and he hoped that for her sake she might hear and believe and be saved.

It so happened that Dr. Thorwald's office was midway between the conservatory and the car line. That was another reason why Rodney was in a hurry to get away from Shera. He had a self-made appointment with the dental assistant. There was nothing

wrong with his tooth but there was an ever-recurring headache which only she could relieve. Recently the heart had had to have almost daily attention. He felt Shera's eyes following him all the way down the block, and he was sorry for her.

He took the elevator to the fourth floor, and with his heart racing ridiculously, he hurried down the wide hall toward the entrance, pushed open the vestibule door and stepped inside.

"You counted to thirteen!" he accused her when a moment later she appeared in the reception room doorway. Her snow white uniform was perfectly pressed, her orthopedic shoes a spotless white; her black fringed nurse's cap was off, as was also the veil that sometimes hid from him the thoughts behind her eyes.

She was glad to see him. What lovely hair! It was a red-gold this morning, he thought.

"Actually," she said, "I counted to fourteen. I didn't want to stop at thirteen; besides I recognized your step and—"

"And decided to count one for each unit of measure—I wear only ten's however." They had been on bantering terms for some time now; it kept the conversation from getting too serious, but it did not prevent them from saying things with their eyes—except that he could seldom be sure he was reading hers aright.

"I suppose you wish to see Dr. Thorwald?" she asked coyly, rearranging the magazines on the reading table. He watched her hands, reminded of that morning, when she had pointed out to him Luke 22:31-34, when Shera had come swishing in.

"My teeth are all right," he said, "but it's my—" Say it! Don't be timid!—"it's my heart," he finished. "It keeps pounding away."

"That's me, with my little mallet and chisel, trying to chisel out a hole big enough for me to crawl into."

"Chiseller!" he accused. Their eyes met challengingly.

"I humbly confess," she said, laughing away the seriousness of the confession.

"You're sure you aren't trying to chisel your way out?" he asked. And that too was a confession. They had better stop now. Some day they would say it seriously.

He turned to go, came back. "I wanted to ask if you will have lunch today with Norda and me. I'd like her to meet you and vice versa." He glanced at his watch.

They decided to eat at Wah Long's upstairs cafe two blocks from the conservatory.

A moment later he was in the hall hurrying toward the elevator. Le Vera sighed happily and for the next few moments as she went about her work, she was like a talking somnambulant. Her dimpled cheeks in the retiring room mirror were a rosy pink, the gray-green agates that were her eyes were alight with love fire. She

was very, very happy, and she quoted to herself her own trisyllabic rhyme which began:

*"Le Vera Deland was a gay little
bride . . ."*

The telephone rang at the same time the buzzer announced the arrival of someone in the reception room.

She answered the telephone. "Dr. Thorwald's dental office, the nurse speaking . . ."

And so another day began.

Rodney's street car, nearly empty at this hour of the morning, hand-straps swinging crazily at either end, clattered over noisy intersections, burrowed through a tunnel under the river, came grinding out on the other side, rumbled along under a roaring elevated.

Rodney, sitting near the window, looked out upon the people in the street—hurrying, hurrying, always hurrying. How few of them were hurrying on the Home road!

It was a cold, cold morning. Steam pipes pounded in the car—hammer and chisel. Oh, there was no love in the world like the love he was beginning to feel for Le Vera. That night in his room, when he had seen the stalactitic ice bars, he had surrendered her also to the Lord. And He, gracious as always, had given her back to him and increased his love for her fourfold—There are Ninety and Nine that safely lie in the shelter of the fold—Oh Father, send me after them! Help me to bring Norda back to Thee, or if she has never known Thee, to show her the way.

Radiant little Norda, black-eyed . . . His heart pounded strangely as he hurried through the station gate to meet her, down the long platform, past the panting engine, all the way back to pullman number thirteen. Le Vera had counted to fourteen before answering the buzzer.

They saw each other at the same instant. She was wearing, he noticed, with a queer little summersault of his thoughts, a new green coat with a fox collar.

They threaded their way to each other through the crowd of people whose interests and emotions were like their own, and Norda flew into his arms in true Norda style. "Rod!" she cried.

"Norda!" He kissed her big-brother fashion and released her, readjusted his hat while she did the same to her own—a cone-crowned, off-the-face, green, feathered bonnet.

"That's one load off my mind!" she exclaimed gaily. "You don't know how to kiss a girl without knocking her hat off, so that means you aren't engaged yet. Your description of her in your last letter sounded like the real thing all right, and I was afraid I wouldn't get here in time to pass my invaluable opinion before it was too late."

He took her bag and she his arm, and in spite of himself he kept thinking of another green coat with a fox

collar. In reply to her banter, he said, "You almost knocked my hat off too, so that settles that and saves me from having to buy a wedding present for you and some hombre from Crawfish river. By the way, how are things going between you and Jim? Any new developments?"

"Who is this Johnny Nystrom you've been writing about? I've always wanted to marry a wealthy bachelor. How old is he?"

"He's too old, but he's the grandest, finest man I've ever known. I'll tell you about him later—How's Mother?"

"She's as radiant as ever—Say, that reminds me. She had the queerest look on her face when she read the letter you wrote about Nystrom. You're sure he's all one hundred per cent what he claims to be? You know how careful Mother is about the type of friends you and I make, and I guess she's right."

"Johnny's one hundred per cent gold. You'll say so too, when you see him. But let's talk about you." They were in a taxi now, on their way to the conservatory. "Remember the night under the grape arbor?"

He saw a cloud settle over her heart-shaped face, and for a moment there was silence in the cab while it crawled through downtown traffic. Then she spoke falteringly, "It's been getting worse since then. I've been reading and praying and getting all mixed up worse than ever. I can't understand things sometimes. When I was a little girl, God was so real and so very near all the time, but I don't know. I get to wondering sometimes whether I've ever been a Christian. I can't seem to pray any more—not like I used to. Maybe I've never been born again at all!"

"Tell me about this new experience you've found, Rod. Maybe that's what I need." She looked away and he saw her lip trembling.

He caught her hand and clung to it and said huskily, "It's the most real thing to me in all the world, Norda. Or rather, HE has become very, very real. I don't think of what has happened to me as an experience that has happened, but of a fellowship with Christ that is mine all the time, every moment. I have entered into, not an experience, but a Presence."

Saying it, he heard a stifled little sob. A second later her face was buried against his shoulder and she was crying, "Oh, Rodney, I'm such a miserable person. And I'm so defeated all the time. I—P'd give anything in the world to know—what you know!"

He remembered what he had heard Dr. Webber say a few Sundays ago. "Anything in the world isn't enough, Norda; it costs everything. Salvation itself is free, for the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, but to know the joy of salvation, we must be wholly separated unto Him. Listen, Norda, there isn't any problem too hard for him to solve, if you'll let Him have control." He blotted her tears with his handkerchief.

The cab driver, glancing at them through the mirror above the windshield, smiled, and may have thought, "Another lover's quarrel made up in a taxicab. If only taxicabs could talk!"

"Listen, Little Pal," Rodney said, "You're going to quit trying to fight your own battle all alone. You're going to let the One Who has all power in heaven and earth, give you His victory. We win in this fight, not by fighting, but by surrendering to the Victor; and when we let Him conquer us, the battle is won, isn't it? I was reading a little book this morning by J. Stuart Holden, and he says this: 'His enthronement necessitates my dethronement.' Isn't that what's been the trouble with us and with the whole, wide world—we've had the wrong ruler? What we are is determined by what or whom we allow to govern us."

She sighed a heavy, hungry-hearted sigh. "I don't know. I—She sat tense for a moment, thinking. In another five minutes they would be at the conservatory.

She straightened up suddenly, "Do you think Jim ever really knew the Lord?" she asked.

Jim, then, was the cause of her miserable state, at least he was a contributor to it; world-minded Jim, who once had professed to know God, but who now walked afar off.

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*"Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
 And love that soul through me,
 And may I humbly do my part,
 To win that soul for Thee."*

It was on the final Sunday night before Christmas that Le Vera found her first opportunity to speak definitely to Shera about her Greatest Need. They were in the church at the time.

Father Webber's sermon was over, the congregation was standing and singing the closing hymn. Le Vera in the beautiful choir loft under the stary canopy, looked out over the large audience. Rodney, leading the singing with his voice, was standing directly in front of her. She could see over his left shoulder into the balcony where Wenda and Norda and Dr. Thorwald were standing, in the third row.

Shera's eyes were fixed upon the platform and upon Rodney. She made a pathetic figure standing there, so unhappy, so deeply moved by the Spirit, yet so unwilling to yield. After all, Shera had not been brought up in a Christian home. No gospel was preached in the fashionable church where she had attended all his life.

A Christmas sermon on the cross! Strange topic for a Christmas sermon. Yet, was not that why there had been a first Christmas—why the Son of God had become incarnate—that He might give His life a ransom for many—that some day His blood might be shed for the remission of sins? Shera did not believe in the reality of sin. "O Father, show her tonight!"

The Dying Thief had been the simple sermon title—the story of the salvation

of one of the malefactors who was crucified with the Lord.

Yonder in the center section, sitting with Maybelle, was Norda, Rodney's sister. She had listened so attentively, so hungrily. She was twisting her handkerchief, standing tense, as if her mind were searching, searching all up and down the keyboard of life for her own lost chord

The first and second stanzas of the hymn finished, Father Webber, standing king-like, his eyes searching the audience, was saying, "Are there any here tonight whose hearts have been spoken to by the Spirit, who would like to have our workers show you the way more clearly, that you may be saved?"

There was to be an after-meeting in the choir room immediately, where the plan of salvation would be explained in careful detail to those who might wish to remain. The invitation was open to all. No, it was not an invitation to church membership; that matter could be settled later. "But do you wish to become a Christian?" These who so desired, were requested to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.

And they were coming, not many, but in groups of two's or three's, or singly . . .

*"Just as I am without one plea
 But that Thy Blood was shed for me."*

Suddenly Norda's place was vacant, and a vacant heart was about to be filled. The Lord Himself was seeking a lost chord and was finding it.

For a moment Le Vera's attention was directed elsewhere, and when she looked again toward the balcony to Shera's place, it too was empty. She saw a flash of squirrel coat, a white handkerchief fighting back her tears, saw Shera move swiftly toward the gallery stairs, down to the platform and into the choir room. She thought she heard a sob as Shera streaked past.

Dr. Webber turned, and a moment later Le Vera was looking straight into her father's eyes. He nodded toward the choir room, then turned and gave his attention once more to the audience.

Le Vera's heart began to beat loudly in her ears. Her prayer was being answered. Shera was about to be saved. She moved quickly from her place in the alto section of the choir, her New Testament in her hand. At the inquiry room door she stopped. It was always a beautiful sight to her, these repenting ones who came to Jesus. This was the time to which she looked forward all week long.

It was so tonight. In an opposite corner, Johnny Nystrom, with open Bible, one artistic hand gesturing earnestly, was explaining the way of life to two young men. Near by, mischievous, fourteen-year-old Maybelle, now sober-faced and business-like, was kneeling beside a girl her own age. Precious little Maybelle, Le Vera thought. Grandest little sister in all the world . . .

(To be continued)

the clouds away. Games and races were held and prizes awarded to the winners and then a grand lunch, which had been donated by the women of the church, was served.

A wonderful blessing was derived by both the children and the workers, under the capable leadership of Mr. Zimmermann, and his assistant, Mrs. R. E. Woodburn. Many of the new scholars are already enrolling in our Sunday School. Reporter.

One of the Best Dakota Conferences is Held at Linton, North Dakota

The 33rd Dakota Conference assembled from June 17 to 24 in the prosperous little city of Linton, No. Dak., for its annual sessions. On Tuesday evening the delegates and visitors were heartily welcomed by the pastor of the entertaining church, the Rev. Charles Wagner, and by a city official. Thus, the meetings got under way for one of the best conferences ever held in the Dakota Conference.

In the front of the auditorium above the platform was the theme of the conference printed upon white canvas. It was an appropriate and a timely one, indeed, namely, "Christ, the Key to the Solution of All Problems." The promotional secretary, the Rev. A. Husmann, preached a stirring message based upon this theme. The following evening meetings were all inspirational and well attended. Prof. Bretschneider delivered a well prepared and an excellent message on "The Kingdom of God." For Thursday evening our missionary, Paul Gebauer, spoke to a large audience about his missionary labors and what our people at home can reasonably expect. The evangelistic message on Friday was delivered by the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn. The morning devotional periods were led by the following pastors: D. Klein, P. Hunsicker, Fred Trautner, and A. J. Fischer.

We consider ourselves fortunate to have had three representatives of our general work with us. Prof. Bretschneider, the president of our Semichneider, the president of our Semichneider, the president of our Semichneider, gave us a fine picture of the work that is being carried on there. The field secretary, Mr. Husmann, reviewed the denominational status and, in particular, the centenary offering and the coming 100th anniversary and the coming 100th anniversary commemoration, Paul Gebauer, in his descriptive and characteristic way of revealing information, gave us all a greater appreciation for foreign missionary efforts and a clearer view of that which they are doing in the Cameroons.

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It is a pleasure to join with other "Baptist Herald" reporters in relating some of the happenings and blessings of the past year in the B. Y. P. U. of Emery, So. Dak.

As a society we are very grateful to our president, Mrs. A. Ittermann, who has competently directed our work. We meet once every week, and our activities consist of Bible drills, programs, a study course, and once every quarter we have a Christian fellowship hour. For our study course we used the book, "Outlines of Bible History" by P. E. Burroughs. We have several active committees, and one which is especially a blessing to many others is our Sunshine Committee, which not only sends cards to the shut-ins but also prepares short programs which are presented in the homes of those who are ill or unable to attend our church services.

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Becker talked on "Christ's Teaching About Neighborliness"; the Rev. E. Mittelstedt on "Christ's Teaching About the Family"; "Christ's Teaching About Giving" by the Rev. R. Sigmond, and the Rev. H. R. Schroeder on "Christ and War."

The many church letters of the 50 or so churches have revealed many facts and all showed that much labor has been done within the conference. Over 160 people were added to the churches through baptism, and the missionary contributions amounted to over \$11,000. The election of officers was as follows: Rev. E. Broedel as chairman; Rev. J. C. Gunst as recording secretary; and Rev. Wm. Sturhahn as statistical secretary. The Rev. H. R. Schroeder was elected as the mission secretary of the Dakota Conference.

On Sunday over 2000 people were present at Linton to see and to hear what was to be offered. After a fine Sunday School session, the Rev. A. Husmann, brought a stirring and searching mission sermon. The closing meeting was in the afternoon when Missionary Gebauer and the Rev. G. W. Rutsch preached to large audiences assembled in the auditorium and outside the building where they listened to the messages as they were conveyed to them by means of loud speakers. The several offerings taken during the week and on Sunday amounted to more than \$800.00.

A word of appreciation may be added here in recognition of the fine singing of the Linton church choirs, the church quartet, and other singers. We also wish to acknowledge the efforts put forth to make our stay in Linton pleasant and comfortable both in the homes and the dining hall. We had a delightful conference and received many blessings from God's bountiful hand. Ho Him be all praise and honor! A. J. FISCHER, Reporter.

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Shortly before the new year our society began collecting for a church debt fund in order to start this year without any debt. Our drive was a success and at our watchnight service we burned the note of the church debt. We also had a membership drive. The society was divided into two groups and the competition added a great deal to the interest. Through the increase in members we can see that it was really a success.

At Christmas time we brought cheer and gladness to the people in Emery by going caroling one evening. It was especially appreciated by those who were ill or aged. Our Easter sunrise program, which was to be held at the cemetery, was given in church because of the rain. The program was given while we were seated around the breakfast table.

The Bender Memorial programs were presented before a large and attentive group. The programs were much appreciated and an offering of \$3.70 was received.

During the absence of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Itterman and family in June, who were attending the Dakota Conference and taking a vacation, our young people had an opportunity to use their talents in taking charge of several meetings. We took charge of a Thursday evening prayer meeting, and the young people's prayer group, which meets every Sunday evening before church services, sponsored a Sunday evening program.

We have the Senior and Intermediate societies. The Intermediates, under the leadership of Miss Tilly Folkerts, meet in the basement the same evening that the Seniors meet. Their work consists of studying lessons in the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. quarterlies and scripture memorizing. They also have programs and fellowship hours for special occasions.

In June the local society was host to the South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Convention. Our young people were in charge of the various committees to help make the connection a success. Many soul inspiring and uplifting messages were brought to the young people by our different speakers. The convention theme was "Forward with Christ."

We are very grateful to our God for the many blessings we have enjoyed and may we work harder than ever this year in doing the tasks that are set before us. ELSIE OLTHOFF, Reporter.

Twenty-five Converts Are Baptized and Received Into the New Leipzig Church

Sunday, June 29, was a "red letter day" for the Baptist Church of New Leipzig, No. Dak. It do not think that we ever had a day more rare than that day of June. We gathered at the Odyssey Dam, an ideal place for an open air service, to administer the ordinance of

baptism to 25 persons, mostly young men and women.

It certainly was a day and place when heaven bent low to touch the earth. That is the way we all felt about it. We dared say that there is something about an open air service of this type that cannot be felt at an indoor service. After the baptism, the hand of fellowship was extended to the candidates and to two others and the ordinance of communion was observed.

With the exception of one, these were the fruits of our evangelistic campaign of last winter, when some 85 souls were led to accept Christ as their Savior. We expect to have another baptismal service in the near future, as some others have already requested to be baptized. We trust and pray that the Lord will make others willing to follow him, forsaking the traditions of men for the commandments of Christ.

These young people whom we have taken up so far are certainly a great help in the church. Their influence is being felt in the church as the spiritual life seems to rise to a higher level.

DAVID LITKE, Pastor.

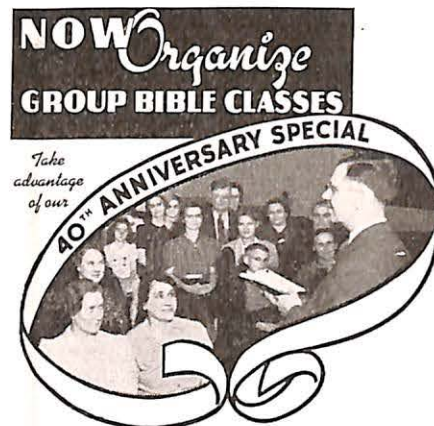
Session of the Ladies' Aid Union of the Dakota Central Association Held at Plevna, Montana

Twenty-eight delegates representing 17 Ladies' Aid Societies of the Dakota Central Convention met on the morning of June 6th for their annual business meeting at Plevna, Montana. Mrs. G. W. Rutsch of Gackle, No. Dak., the president of the "Bund," led in the reading of the 103rd Psalm and in prayer. After the reading of the reports of the work, which was done by the societies throughout the year, we held our election of officers with the following results: Mrs. Chas. Wagner of Linton, No. Dak., president; Mrs. G. W. Rutsch of Gackle, No. Dak.; and Mrs. Emil Becker of Herreid, So. Dak., treasurer.

Four new ministers' wives in this convention received a hearty welcome into the "Bund" by the president. They are Mrs. E. Mittelstedt, Hebron, No. Dak.; Mrs. G. Palfenier, McLaughlin, So. Dak.; Mrs. R. Siegmund, Hettlinger, No. Dak.; and Mrs. G. Ittermann, Streeter, No. Dak.

In the afternoon, a program was given by the various societies under the leadership of Mrs. G. W. Rutsch. We were blessed in more ways than one, for while we were listening to solos, duets, readings, and a dialogue, we also heard the patter of a much needed rain on the window panes. It was because of the rain and the bad roads around Plevna that the meeting was not as well attended as was expected.

The dialogue, "Die Missionskollekte," was very well given by the Plevna society. Prof. A. Bretschneider, our guest speaker, spoke about "Woman's Privileges Before and After Christ." The offering received, which amounted to \$56.63, was equally divided for the



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May every society work in its own corner this coming year, so that when we meet again we may talk of the blessings received and rendered.

MRS. EMIL BECKER, Secretary.

Pacific Conference

The Lodi Church Conducts a Vacation Bible School for 110 Pupils

Beginning on June 9 the Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., conducted a two-week Daily Vacation Bible School. An average of 90 boys and girls from 6 to 17 years of age attended daily, with registration reaching a total of 110. The highest attendance was 101.

The pupils were grouped by ages in five classes which were in charge of a staff of six teachers. The primary class was in charge of Mrs. O. V. Luchs assisted by Miss Edna Beck. These youngsters learned to know about Jesus as a loving Friend. The Junior class, led by Mrs. C. Baumbach, was taken on a "trip of discovery" to Bible Lands. Mrs. A. Felberg had charge of the Junior High girls, who studied Christian love, faith and hope as it found expression in the lives of heroes of the church. Mr. O. V. Luchs led the Junior High boys in a study of

the remarkable facts about the Bible which make it the unique "Wonder Book" of the world. The Rev. A. Felberg, the pastor of the church, taught the High School group in a course of study covering general content and doctrine of the books of the Bible.

The daily schedule began at 9:00 A. M. with the entire school assembling in the church sanctuary for a worship period of song, pledges to flags and Bible, Scripture reading, story, prayer. The worship was led by Mr. Luchs. Each day was started by singing our theme song, "Sing the Clouds Away." After the worship, classes began with a study and discussion period, followed by a recess, and then a period devoted to memorizing Bible passages. The school was dismissed at 11:50 A. M. On the afternoon of the last day of school, pupils and teachers enjoyed a picnic at a park.

Sunday evening, June 22, was devoted to a closing program of the Bible School. This took the place of the usual Children's Day program, and a Children's Day offering was taken which amounted to \$37.00. Each of the five classes contributed a resume to the program giving the highlights of what they had learned. A large and appreciative audience was present. Special recognition was accorded the honor students who were chosen from each group on the four-point basis of attendance, punctuality, scholarship, and memory work.

We are thankful to God that two of the young people made personal decisions for Christ. The good that has been done and the seed that has been sown in the lives of these boys and girls cannot be measured. It is a great privilege to be builders in the Kingdom of our Lord and Master.

Superintendent of Bible School.

O. V. LUCHS,

The 47th Pacific Conference is Held in the Lovely Bethel Church of Anaheim, California

From June 25 to 29 the 47th annual Pacific Conference convened with the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California. The fine cooperation and fellowship were enjoyed by the delegates and visitors of Oregon, Washington, and California. Owing to various circumstances, delegates from the churches of British Columbia were not able to be with us.

The general theme of the conference was "Be Ready." Inspiring and instructive messages were delivered by the various pastors throughout the conference days.

We also had the privilege of having with us Dr. Wm. Kuhn, our general missionary secretary, and Mr. H. P. Donner, business manager of our publication house in Cleveland, Ohio. As we listened to the reports, papers, and sermons throughout the conference we can truly say what a great work we as a denomination have.

On Friday afternoon the Ladies' Missionary Union under the leadership of Mrs. H. Dymmel of Anaheim presented a program of word and song. A play, "The Great White Way," was presented by the Bethel Missionary Guild of Anaheim, reminding us as a Ladies' Missionary Union what a great work needs to be done in each local society to help our missionaries in the foreign fields in the great work of medical aid to the natives. Dr. Wm. Kuhn, who was the guest speaker, told us of the work of our missionaries in the Cameroons.

The Ladies' Missionary Union had the joy of giving \$100 to the Centenary Fund, \$100 to the General Missionary Fund, \$25 to the Old People's Home in Portland, Oregon, and \$50 toward the missionary work in the Cameroons.

The conference was brought to a close on Sunday night with Dr. Kuhn bringing the message, "The Unseen Christ," after which the impressive ordinance of The Lord's Supper was observed led by the Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim and the Rev. R. M. Klingbeil of Colfax, Wash.

The combined choirs of Anaheim and the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, under the direction of the Rev. B. W. Krentz, rendered a number at both morning and evening services accompanied by orchestral instruments. The beautiful "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel and "Gloria in Excelsis" by Mozart, were the numbers.

The reports from the churches spoke of things accomplished in the Lord's Kingdom. Our statistics show we have gained 87 church members. May we continue to grow inwardly and outwardly!

The following pastors were elected to serve for the coming year: Dr. J. F. Olthoff of Salem, Ore., moderator; Rev. A. Felberg of Lodi, Calif., vice-moderator; Rev. J. Schweitzer of Bethany, Ore., secretary; Rev. C. E. Schoenleber of Startup, Wash., statistical secretary.

The missionary committee consists of the Reverends W. C. Damrau, who was reelected, H. Dymmel, A. Felberg, J. F. Olthoff, J. Leyoldt, who was elected secretary, with W. C. Damrau as alternative.

Social and fellowship gatherings were sponsored by the young people of the Anaheim Church on Thursday and Friday after the evening service. On Saturday the conference guests had an outing to a local park and beaches in the beautiful Southern California sunshine.

MRS. RUTH BAER, Reporter.

Northern Conference

The Ordination of the Reverends Ruben Kern and Adam Huber During the Northern Conference

On July 13, following the sessions of the Northern Conference, the delegates and ministers assembled at the First Church of Leduc, Alberta, to consider the propriety of ordaining Messrs. Ru-



Twenty-two of the 25 Young People Recently Baptized by the Rev. E. M. Wegner (Center, Rear) of Nokomis, Saskatchewan

ben Kern and Adam Huber to the gospel ministry.

The Rev. A. Kramer was elected moderator and the Rev. Frederick Alf clerk of the council. Mr. Kern and Mr. Huber were introduced to the council by the Rev. J. Kornalewski, whereupon they were given the opportunity of relating their conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal views which they presented in a clear and convincing manner. After the usual period of questioning the council expressed itself well pleased with Mr. Kern's and Mr. Huber's presentation and unanimously recommended to the local churches of Leduc to proceed with the ordination, which took place that same evening.

A large crowd was in attendance as the Rev. A. Kramer opened the meeting with the song, "Holy, Holy, Holy." The Rev. H. Schatz offered the invocation prayer, followed by the Rev. Fred Benke who read the Scripture passage. The conference male chorus sang two anthems. The ordination sermon was delivered by the Rev. E. P. Wahl on Romans 10:17. The Rev. A. Kujath offered the ordination prayer, the Rev. R. Schilke brought the charge to the candidate, the Rev. P. Daum extended the welcome into the ministry, and the Rev. John Kuehn gave the charge to the church.

The inspiring and uplifting service came to a close with the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Adam Huber. May God richly bless both pastors in a long and fruitful ministry!

FREDERICK ALF, Clerk.

The Olds Church of Alberta Honors the Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler on Their Wedding Anniversary

With great joy the Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta, Canada, gave a surprise for the Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler. On June 6 they had been married for 5 years and on July 1 they had served our church for 5 years, and in order to celebrate both anniversaries the evening of June 25th was chosen for a double surprise.

At 8 o'clock the church was almost filled to capacity and everyone was

eagerly awaiting the arrival of the surprised pastor's family. Our deacon had taken them for a drive in the afternoon and also for supper, thus giving an opportunity to make all necessary arrangements for the evening.

After the song service led by the Rev. R. Milbrandt of Calgary, Mr. and Mrs. Beutler and family were escorted by the deacon and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Link, to the front to the strains of Lohengrin's "Wedding March" played by Ruth Unger.

An interesting program was carried out. Gordon Wagner read a scripture passage, after which deacon G. Zimmermann led in prayer. A number was rendered by the choir, after which Mrs. P. Falkenberg brought a recitation. A mixed quartet sang, after which Ruth Unger gave a recitation entitled, "An Ideal Minister's Wife." A solo was then rendered by Edward Link. A recitation, "Dein Platz," was given by Freida Edel, after which a duet was sung by Frances Kary and Amalia Unger of Calgary.

Then short talks and congratulations were given by representatives of the various organizations. Mr. R. Link spoke on behalf of the church, Mr. Vernon Link for the Sunday School, and Mr. William Warm represented the Young People's Society. A men's quartet very ably rendered a number, after which Mr. Fred Unger spoke on behalf of the choir and Mrs. Albert Unger for the Women's Missionary Society and also presented Mrs. Beutler with a basket of beautiful flowers. Then Elsie Unger presented Anita Beutler, the daughter, with a bouquet of flowers.

We were, indeed, very happy to have had the Rev. R. Milbrandt of Calgary with us and after the choir selection Mr. Milbrandt brought an inspiring address based on John 3:16. Then Mr. and Mrs. Beutler graciously responded by expressing their sincere gratitude to all for the delightful occasion.

We then assembled in the church basement which was beautifully decorated with wedding bells and white and pink streamers. A delicious lunch was served, after which another short program followed, consisting of speeches and the singing of choruses.

FRANCES LINK, Reporter.

Southern Conference The Waco B. Y. P. U. of Texas Holds High the Torch of Christian Fervor

We, the members of the B. Y. P. U. of the Central Church here at Waco in the large state of Texas covet every opportunity of saying "Hello," and also of sharing our Christian experiences with you, the readers of "The Baptist Herald."

We had a very successful past six months under the leadership of our hard-working and capable president, Elizabeth Matkin. We undertook several projects, all of which were faithfully carried out. Some of these projects may be of special interest to you. Our Southern Conference young people purchased a splendid projector so that our denominational films may be shown throughout the conference.

Then our conference also decided to accept the Centenary Club Plan as a means of raising the money we pledged at Burlington, Iowa, for the Centenary Offering. As a society in this conference, we have contributed our portion toward the projector, and by scanning the accompanying picture, you will notice that thirty of our members have pledged and paid their first year's dues of one dollar in the club.

Since we elect officers every six months, we are now functioning under a new president. The officers for the ensuing six months are president, J. N. Kittlitz; vice-president, Helen Stobbe; secretary, Louise Kittlitz; treasurer, R. G. Kittlitz; corresponding secretary and pianist, Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht; chorister, Rev. P. Pfeiffer; and group captains, R. J. Steindam, Hilde Stobbe, E. Marstaller and J. Matkin. All of these officers have been through the "fire" before, so we are anticipating great things from them and the Lord during the next six months.

We thank the Lord for the many opportunities of service he has entrusted to us, and we ask that you, our friends, scattered all over North America do your part as we pledge to do ours in keeping the torch of Christianity burning in this troubled world, and thus lend impetus to the forward movement of Christ.

LOUISE KITTLITZ, Secretary.

Eastern Conference

Election of Officers is Held by the Neustadt B. Y. P. U. of Ontario

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ont., Canada, held its annual business meeting on Friday evening, July 11. The election of officers was held with the following results: president, Norman Diebel; vice-president, Moody Derbecker; secretary, Pauline Weinert; ass't secretary, Marion Derbecker; treasurer, Harry Helwig; ass't treasurer, Jack Schnurr; pianist, Mrs. R. Grenz; ass't pianist, Marion Derbecker; librarian, George Derbecker; ushers, Phyllis Voekel, De-

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During the past year with the help of our former pastor, the Rev. George Zinz, Sr., and of our present pastor, the Rev. R. Grenz, our attendance has increased at both our B. Y. P. U. services and our business and social meetings. With God's help we have tried to better ourselves 100 per cent in our mission work by holding special offerings and by giving plays. At the beginning of our new society year, we wish to start out with even higher ideals in mind and to be more successful in reaching our new goals.

PAULINE WEINERT, Secretary.

The Ontario Association at Its Annual Convention Enjoys the Address by Prof. O. E. Krueger and Others

The First Baptist Church of Hagar Township of Killaloe, Ont., was host to the convention of our German Baptists of the province of Ontario which convened from July 2 to 6. The Rev. Edgar W. Klatt is pastor of the church. From far and near people gathered to hear the word of God brought by our able Professor O. E. Krueger of the Rochester Seminary, and also by the pastors of the different churches belonging to the Ontario Association.

After the convention Professor Krueger visited the different churches individually and brought us inspiring addresses concerning our work as a Baptist denomination, and especially promoting the Christian spirit concerning

our pending 100th anniversary of the German Baptists in 1943 at Philadelphia, Pa.

During the days of our convention we had the privilege of listening to a number of sermons and addresses by Professor Krueger on the nature of God. On Sunday evening Professor Krueger brought the closing message and officiated at the Communion service. The Rev. A. E. Jaster brought his address as follows: on Thursday evening the sermon on "Man, the Creation of God," and on Friday morning on "The Salvation of Man." The Rev. John Heer spoke on "The Sin of Man" on Friday morning, and brought the Sunday morning sermon. The Rev. Richard Grenz brought one devotional and a Quiet Half Hour talk which were very inspiring to all of us.

The Ladies' Missionary Societies had charge of the meeting on Sunday afternoon at which many took part and which was a great blessing to all who were present.

We shall never forget those who beautified the meetings by their talents of singing, such as the choirs of both Calvary Baptist and First Baptist Churches of Killaloe, under the leadership of Mr. Klatt, and the Lyndock Baptist Church choir under the leadership of Mr. Heer. Also, the duets and solos that were brought were a great blessing.

On Friday morning special time was given to prayer and meditation for both our beloved Dominion of Canada and the United States. It was in recognition of Dominion Day, July 1, and Independence Day, July 4. May God bless every country whose "God Is the Lord." We thank God for "Freedom of Worship." A slight change was made in our executive staff. The Rev. John Heer was elected president, and the Rev. Richard Grenz was elected secretary of our convention.

Sunday morning brought new friends from far and near, and many hundreds came to hear the Word of God. Sunday School was very well attended and the Sunday morning service could not be attended by all for lack of room in the church. Sunday evening marked the closing day of our convention, and Professor Krueger brought a wonderful closing message that was enjoyed by everyone. After that, the closing moments of our convention were observed by celebrating the holy communion. JOHN HEER, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

The Wisconsin Young People Experience Many "Adventures With Christ" at Their Annual Assembly Held in Milwaukee

The 1941 Wisconsin Assembly of Baptist young people was, indeed, a mountain top experience in the lives of a host of young people who gathered at the Bethany Church in Milwaukee for four days of Christian fellowship and social activities from July 16 to 20.

The assembly opened with a meeting on Wednesday evening, July 16, conducted by Roger Norman of Watertown, president of the Wisconsin Union. A welcome was extended to all visiting friends representing the German Baptist Churches from all parts of Wisconsin by our local president. The entire group of young people of the Bethany society extended their welcome in a song composed especially for this occasion. The Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the Bethany Church, preached the sermon at this opening session on the topic, "The Religion Needed Today." He stressed that there is a great need in the world of today for young people who will take Jesus Christ more seriously. A "Get Acquainted party" was enjoyed in the church basement after the service.

The theme for this summer assembly was "Adventures with Christ" and truly, these were adventurous days. The meetings started each morning at 9 A. M. with a song service and continued with a study period on "Youth Evangelism" in charge of the Rev. David Witte, director of the Baptist Christian Education for Wisconsin.

The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., conducted three very interesting study periods on "Books That Inspire," "Great Hymns of the Church" and "Masterpieces of Religious Art." After a short recess following this session each morning, the young people participated in an open discussion forum, led by the Rev. F. Erion of West Allison Church. Preceding the noon meal various young people led the group in a short devotional period.

A splendid recreational program of baseball, swimming and boat riding was planned for Thursday afternoon at Pike Lake. After a picnic supper the young people gathered at the lake front for a sunset service with the Rev. Thorwald Bender, pastor of the Immanuel Church, bringing the evening message. As we worshipped together in the quiet of the evening and sang hymns of praise in God's great out-of-doors we felt the nearness of

our Creator, for surely this was an adventure with Christ.

On Friday afternoon the visiting guests toured the city of Milwaukee returning again for their dinner at church. At the evening service the Rev. M. Leuschner showed moving pictures of our missionary work in Africa and also of the General Conference in Burlington, Iowa.

On Saturday afternoon at the yearly business meeting the officers for the coming year were elected as follows: president, Roger Norman of Watertown; vice-president, Wallace Kehrlein of Bethany Church, Milwaukee; secretary, Lynda Klein of Kenosha; treasurer, Walter Wilzewski of North Freedom; dean, Rev. Frank Veninga of Bethany Church, Milwaukee. At this meeting the Wisconsin Union adopted a plan to help support the dispensary of Miss Laura Reddig in Africa. Fifty dollars was set aside to begin our mission project. No definite place or date has been set aside for the 1942 assembly, contemplating a suggestion to change the Young People's Assembly into a Christian camp for one week next year.

Again on Saturday night, generally known as "All State Night," we were privileged to enjoy a very well planned program. Young people representing churches from all parts of the state helped to make it a success by rendering various musical numbers, solos, duets and a reading. A group from the Bethany society presented a play entitled, "The Straight and Narrow." A watermelon feed was enjoyed by young and old alike on the church lawn after the program.

Sunday, July 20, the closing day of this wonderful youth gathering, proved a blessing and an inspiration to all those who were privileged to attend the Sunday School as well as the morning worship service. Prof. H. Lueck of Kossuth preached the sermon on Sunday morning.

Our young people's assembly came to a very beautiful climax at the afternoon meeting. The congregation par-

ticipated in a song service and also learned our new theme song, "Forward with Christ," led by Mrs. Veninga. The president of the Kenosha B. Y. P. U. was presented with the honorary plaque that went to Kenosha for having had the best attendance at this summer assembly. The Rev. M. Leuschner delivered a very stirring message "Because Somebody Cared!"

The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, pastor of the North Avenue Church, officiated at the installation of the new state officers and also in the observance of the Lord's Supper. At the close of this very impressive communion service the entire congregation held hands in an unbroken link as they sang, "Blest be the Tie that Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love." As we bade farewell to our old friends and many new ones, we as Baptist young people again realized how unspeakably wonderful a vacation can be if we make it an "Adventure With Christ."

ALMA SIEWERT, Reporter.

Central Conference

The Reverends Ralph Rott and J. A. Pankratz Are Honored by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago

The Gross Park Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., welcomed its new pastor, the Rev. Ralph Rott, at a reception in his honor on June 19th. The Rev. J. A. Pankratz, interim pastor, presided, introducing the various officers of the church and Chicago pastors, who promised their cooperation and friendship to Mr. Rott. The Rev. George Hensel, secretary of the Central Conference Mission Committee, told of the high recommendations and abilities of Mr. Rott, and welcomed him into the service of our denomination.

The members of the church feel that Mr. Rott was specifically appointed by God to lead them and wish to rally under his leadership in Christian service.

While this occasion was to welcome the Rev. Ralph Rott, the members of



Wisconsin Young People and Ministers in Attendance at Their Recent Annual Assembly Held in the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

the church showed their appreciation to Mr. Pankratz, who served so faithfully as an interim pastor and helped us so much. It was under his guidance that the church settled its difficulties and made the change from the German to the English language, so as better to serve the needs of the community. The members gave gifts to Mr. Pankratz as a small measure of their thankfulness.

Mr. Rott responded to the various messages with his desire to serve and lead the church, and then Mr. Pankratz concluded the program and invited all to refreshments and fellowship.

MARION KLEINDIENST, Reporter.

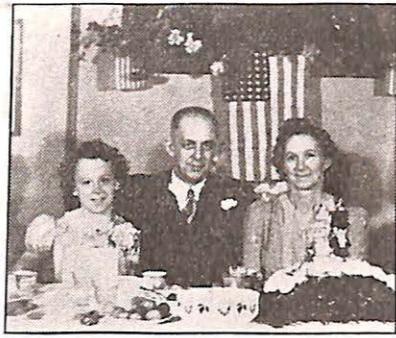
Chicago's "Defense Boom" Has Brought Prosperity and Missionary Opportunities to the East Side Baptist Church

Since last spring many new homes have been built in the neighborhood of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., and soon prairies long vacant will be converted into streets and alleys, back yards and front lawns and attractive brick homes. In June the last step in renovating the exterior of our church building was taken. The roof was covered with attractive and substantial green shingles at a cost of approximately \$500. As long as the defense boom continues, we hope to continue improvements on our church property in preparation for the lean years which will probably follow this deplorable world conflict.

In June, too, the pastor was privileged to baptize six Sunday School scholars and one adult who had been a member of the Methodist church. We sincerely hope and pray that those who recently made their public profession of Christ will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

During the school year the pastor and his wife conducted a weekly meeting for Juniors. We believe that some of the instruction will result in leading boys and girls to a personal acceptance of Christ. Immediately following the closing of the public schools, we conducted a three-week Vacation Bible School. This year the Catholic Youth Organization, which began vacation activities in our community, reduced our enrollment somewhat. Yet a number of parochial school children attended our school. This year Mrs. Alfred Jaeschke and Miss Ethelyn Riedhauser assisted the pastor and his wife in our Vacation Bible School.

Another June event deserves special mention. On Saturday evening, June 14, a large host of church friends responded to the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zimmermann to share their joy of celebrating their silver wedding anniversary. A formal service was held in the church auditorium. Several appropriate solos were rendered. Mr. Walter Vander Hoogt, our Senior deacon, expressed appreciation and good wishes on behalf of the church. Mr. Carl J. Schroeder presented an electric roaster to them as a



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zimmermann of Chicago, Ill., With Their Youngest Daughter, Carol

gift from church friends. The Rev. Henry Koch, who remembered the courting days of "Art" and "Carrie," expressed words of appreciation and congratulation in the German language and the writer of this report read a poem written for the occasion. Finally, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zimmermann said a brief yet heartfelt "Thank you" to all their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zimmermann belong to that class of loyal and faithful church members without which no church could carry on its work. For many years Mrs. Zimmermann has served our church as organist in a labor of love and Mrs. Zimmermann has been the church treasurer for some years past. The Sunday, choir, Young Women's Guild and Baraca Class have also seen their cooperation and service in the past. Besides giving of their time and talent, they have always been generous in giving of their substance. We wish for our and every church more members who excel in their loyalty and service to Christ and his cause.

HERBERT L. KOCH, Pastor.

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One Thousand Years From Now

Friends, all the words that have gone before, have been for one purpose, that of getting you to think about your soul's salvation. Satan would keep your minds and hearts on the things of the world. What difference will it make one thousand years from now, whether you lived in a palace or a shack; whether you paid a dollar for a meal or only thirty cents; whether you rode in a limousine or walked to your daily work; whether you stepped on imported rugs or on bare wooden floors; whether you had ten thousand dollars in the bank or ten cents. It will make a mighty difference whether you are lost or a saved soul!

Remember, the "Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Delay is deadly, to wait may be fatal! Will you not take Christ for your Savior? He will never leave you nor forsake you. With open arms he invites one and all to "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." The way is open; the invitation is yours.

The Benton Harbor Church Helps Mr. and Mrs. John Stubenrauch to Celebrate Their 45th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Stubenrauch of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., were privileged to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 6. For this occasion the two daughters, Mrs. E. Prillwitz and Mrs. G. Wetter, wife of the Rev. G. Wetter of Watertown, Wis., had arranged an appropriate program, which was rendered on that day at 3 P. M. The undersigned, the Rev. E. Gutsche, pastor of the Clay St. Church, was given the privilege to function as toastmaster.

To the strains of harmonious music played by the organist, Mrs. C. Olsen, the celebrities were escorted into the beautifully decorated church. The congregation sang the songs, "He Leadeth Me," and "Count Your Many Blessings." After an appropriate address by the pastor the following items of a beautifully arranged program were rendered: poem by Mrs. J. Feige, duet by Mrs. O. Muehlenbeck and Miss D. Muehlenbeck, poem by Mrs. P. Schimanski, solo by Mrs. G. Wetter, poem by Mrs. E. Prillwitz, a number by a ladies' quartet, poem by Mrs. G. Achterberg, duet by Mrs. G. Wetter and Miss D. Muehlenbeck, address by Mrs. A. Achterberg and presentation of an armchair as gift from the "Helping Hand Class."

In words of tender emotions both Mr. and Mrs. Stubenrauch thanked all their many friends for their gifts of appreciation. Originally they came from the First Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., and joined the Clay Street Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., in October, 1913. Since 1914 Mr. Stubenrauch had served the church in the capacity of deacon, and Mrs. Stubenrauch has served the "Helping Hand Class" as teacher, and the Ladies' Aid as president for many years. In these years of service they were richly blessed by the Lord, whom they are eager to serve. They were also instrumental to convey blessings upon others. It is the sincere wish of all their many friends that the Lord will bless them and keep them for a long time to come.

All guests retired to the basement afterwards to partake of a delicious lunch, which was spiced with poems, music and song. We are looking forward to a happy celebration at the fiftieth anniversary.

E. GUTSCHE, Pastor.

The Alpena Church of Michigan Holds a Successful Evangelistic Campaign With the Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Stucky

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good." We too, of the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., are inspired to magnify the Lord for all his goodness and blessings unto us. We thank him especially for the gracious

display of his power to save during the two weeks of meetings with the Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Stucky as evangelists. God used their earnestness and enthusiasm and the clear presentation of the gospel to the salvation of souls, for many, young and old, accepted Christ as their Savior.

We believe that the fruits of their labor will be gathered in for a long time to come. Attendance was very good. For several nights the church was packed to its utmost capacity with people sitting on the platform and platform steps. The evangelist laid great stress upon Bible reading. Visitors became quite enthused about it, so that at the end of the campaign 8200 chapters were reported read, and one young woman had read the Bible through during those two weeks.

We thank God also for the joy of two fine baptismal services which we were permitted to have. The one was on June 15th with 13 converts following the Lord in baptism, and the second on July 6th, at which time 3 others offered their obedience in baptism. It was the pastor's privilege to welcome 9 of these Christians into the fellowship of the church at the communion which followed.

In accordance with the decision of the church at a recent business meeting, we had our first English morning service on Sunday, July 6th. This service proved a wonderful success. The English service, however, it not a substitute for the German service, but merely an addition to our worship program.

On July 3rd, we closed this year's Vacation Bible School. Our enrollment was 47. The mission offerings received amounted to \$4.42. The following assisted with time and talent to make the school possible: W. W. Knauf, Beginners; Mrs. J. Reed, Primary; Mrs. R. Thom, Juniors; W. W. Knauf, Intermediates; and Miss Jane Enroth, Miss Elaine Behnke, Mrs. Sophie Weinkauff, Mrs. A. Kirschnor served as helpers.

May God bless the work that is being done here, and through it all may the name of our God be glorified!

W. W. KNAUF, Pastor.

Northern Conference

The Tri Union of Manitoba Holds Its Annual Session at Winnipeg

Due to the unsettled times, the Manitoba churches of Canada were unable to hold their Tri-Union last year. This year, however, we came together for one day to receive God's blessings and to attend to the business of the Tri-Union. We met with the Winnipeg Church on Sunday, June 29.

The Sunday School was under the direction of Mr. H. Schirmacher, the local superintendent. The different speakers were Mr. Dyck of Morris, the Rev. C. T. Rempel of Whitemouth and Rev. R. Schilk of Minitonas. The Rev.

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H. Schatz of Morris also spoke, especially to the children.

The Rev. C. T. Rempel led the morning worship, and our guest speaker was the Rev. S. Blum of Cleveland, Ohio. His stirring message on "The Church of Jesus Christ" was a great blessing. In the afternoon, after a short devotional period, we attended to the necessary business and elections. The following new officers were elected: president, Rev. O. Patzia; vice-president, Rev. C. T. Rempel; and song and music director, Rev. H. Schatz. It was decided to send \$50.00 for our Centenary Offering and \$25,000 to our Bible School at Edmonton. By the various reports that were given we were glad to see that our young people in Manitoba are carrying on the work entrusted to them by the Lord.

At 7 o'clock in the evening the church was full of young and old for the evening program. Mr. Schatz of Morris led the meeting as well as the congregational singing. The local choir rendered two selections to the praise of their Master. The voices of the Morris choir were raised to give glory to God in one song. Whitemouth was represented by two numbers, a poem, "The Titanic," was given by Eugene Lueck and a male quartet, rendered a number.

Dorothy Ross of Winnipeg gave a short reading and a poem, "I Met My Master Face to Face." From St. Rose Lenchen Pricker recited a German poem. The climax of the day was reached when the Rev. Samuel Blum spoke on "The Secret of Membership in the Church." The offering of the evening amounted to \$42.00 which was sent for the Centenary offering.

Next year we hope to meet again and to hold our regular sessions with the Morris Church.

LYNDA REMPEL, Reporter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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¶ A very successful Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 73 was recently held in Tripp, So. Dak. The Rev. H. G. Braun of Parkston, So. Dak., was superintendent of this union school of the Baptist and Methodist Churches. Mrs. H. G. Braun was principal of the Junior Department and taught the Bible Course. Assisting in the Junior Department were Miss Viola Mehlhaff and Miss Jo Pashke who taught classes in Bible drill, missionary studies, memory work and hand work. Mr. Harold Lippert, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School in Tripp, taught a course in "Character Building" to the Intermediates. Miss Laverna Mehlhaff, Mrs. Craig and Miss Delperdang had charge of the Beginners' and Primary Departments. On Sunday evening, June 29, a pro-

gram, showing what the children had learned, was given to a large and appreciative audience of parents and friends.

¶ The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," spoke in the morning service of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., on Sunday, July 27, and at the Union Service of the Protestant Churches of Anaheim which was held in the beautiful city park under the auspices of the Bethel Baptist Church. Both of these services were in charge of their respective pastors, the Revs. B. W. Krentz and H. G. Dymmel. On Sunday, August 3, Mr. Leuschner spoke in the services of the Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., of which the Rev. F. E. Klein is pastor. He was the guest speaker in services held in the Baptist Churches of Franklin and Lodi, Calif., on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, August 5 and 6, of which the Revs. G. G. Rauser and A. Felberg are pastors, respectively. From August 8 to 16 Mr. Leuschner served on the faculty of the California Young People's Assembly which was held for the second success-

ive year at Camp Thousand Pines near San Bernardino, Calif.

¶ The Bethany Church near Vesper, Kansas, held a Harvest Thanksgiving and Testimony Service on Sunday, July 13, in gratitude to God for answered prayers for the needed moisture and sunshine and protection of our crops. It will be remembered that the Bethany Church, together with two neighboring Methodist Churches, held special monthly prayer meetings a year ago for these blessings. Another special meeting was called just before harvest, beseeching God to give favorable harvest weather. Now when nearly all was garnered in, the church devoted a prolonged Sunday morning service to prayer and testimony. After preliminaries the congregation was again divided into Sunday School classes with each teacher conducting a small prayer and testimony meeting. After reassembling, all family heads gave a testimony before the entire congregation. The service lasted till 1:30 P. M. Many testified to great spiritual blessings in the service, as reported by the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Kornelsen.

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