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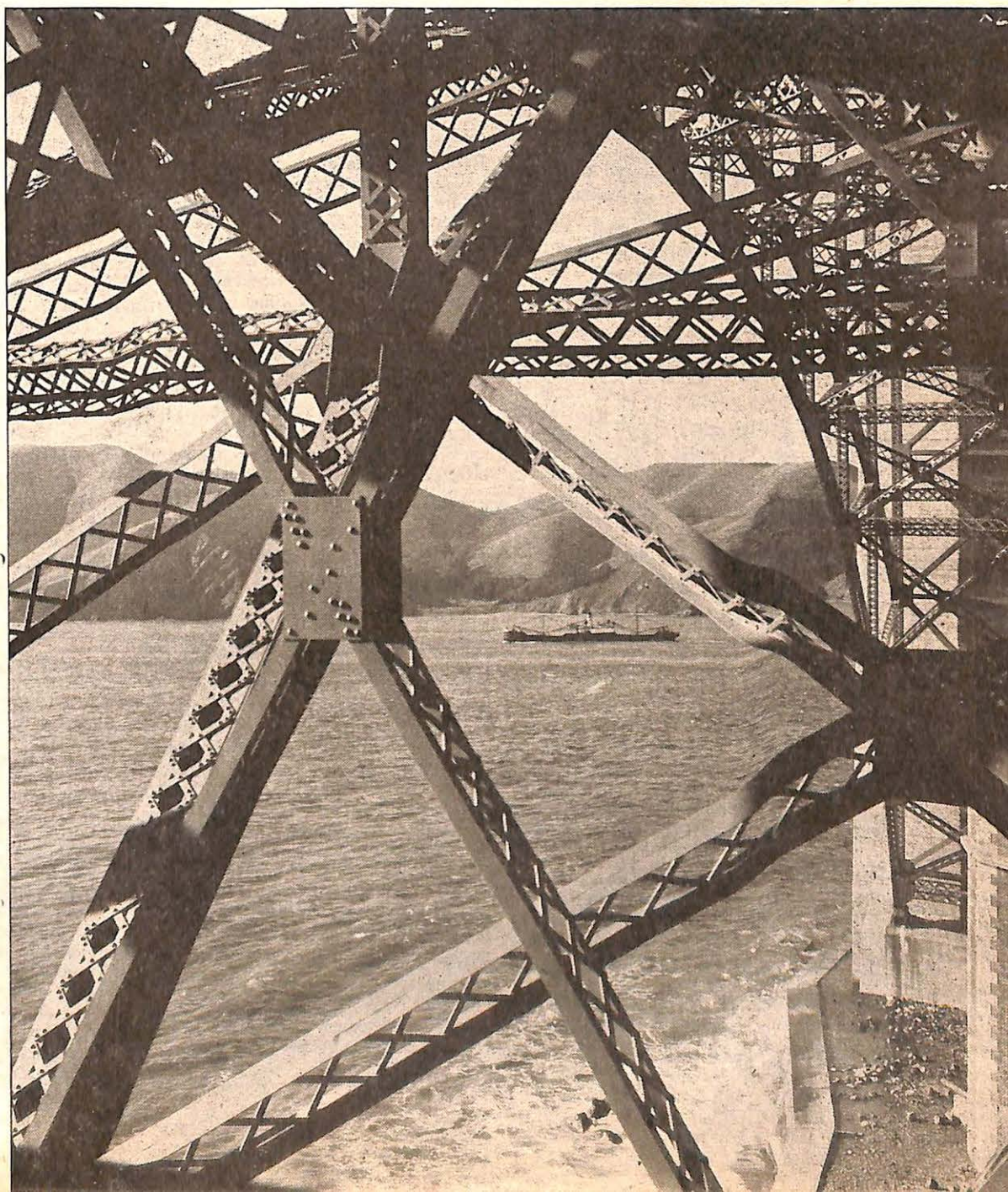


"Golden Gate,"  
the Narrow Entrance  
to San Francisco Bay  
in California,  
is Especially a  
Thrilling Sight  
When Seen Through  
the Intricate  
Steel Framework  
of the Mammoth  
Golden Gate Bridge.



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## What's Happening

Evangelistic meetings were held in the Spring Creek mission station of the Baptist Church of Herreid, So. Dak., from October 6 to 17 with the Rev. A. Reeh of Goodrich, No. Dak., assisting the pastor, the Rev. Emil Becker. A good spirit prevailed throughout the meetings in which two persons accepted Christ as Savior. From October 20 to November 2 the Rev. R. G. Kaiser of McClusky, No. Dak., spoke at the evangelistic services held in the Herreid Church. One person accepted Christ as Saviour during the meetings.

The Rev. Edward Kary, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas, read his resignation to the church on Sunday, November 16, in order to accept the call extended to him by the Baptist Church of Napoleon, No. Dak. The Napoleon Church was recently organized as an independent church, after having been a mission station of the Wishek Church. Mr. Kary and his family will move to Napoleon in December in order to undertake his ministry in this new church on January 1st.

The Rev. Carsten H. Seecamp, Th.D., pastor of the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., presented his resignation to the church on Sunday morning, November 16, and accepted the call of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, where he hopes to begin his ministry on February 1, 1942. In the Cottonwood Church Dr. Seecamp will succeed the late Rev. H. G. Ekrut. On Sunday, November 16, an "Inauguration Service" was held in the La Salle Church with the dedication of the American and Christian flags and a message by the pastor on "Our Flag."

Professor Arthur A. Schade of Rochester, N. Y., is serving for the second year as one of the teachers in the Lutheran Leadership Training School of Rochester from October 13 to December 15. On ten successive Monday evenings he is teaching a group of 70 young people on "Methods of Bible Study." He is also teaching a class on "the Life of Christ" one hour a week at East High School of Rochester, N. Y., with students from the 10th and 11th grades in his class, which is being conducted under the auspices of the Rochester Federation of Churches.

On Friday evening, November 7, the 3rd annual Father and Son Banquet was held in the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., sponsored by the Christian Fellowship Chorus of the church. About 75 men and boys attended and heard the address by Dr. Peder Stiansen, professor at the Northern Baptist Seminary. The toastmaster was Mr. Herbert Pankratz. The toast to the

fathers was brought by the teacher of the class, Mr. William Kuechman of Burlington, Iowa, who is a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary. The response was given by the pastor of the church, the Rev. John Schmidt.

On Friday evening, November 7, the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak., held a fireside service in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Krombein. After singing choruses, a surprise feature was held in the form of a "Question Box." The young people participated enthusiastically in the answering of the questions. The Harvest and Mission Festival of the church was held on Sunday evening, October 19. Recitations, dialogues and musical numbers by the Sunday School departments and the play, "The Book Corner," by the B. Y. P. U. composed the fine program. The church choir also rendered several selections.

Evangelistic meetings were held in the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., from November 9 to 23 with the Rev. Pieter Smit, D.D., pastor of the church, bringing the messages. The Rev. and Mrs. Ben Fadenrecht of the Dillon Church of Kansas assisted him in song and conducted the special meetings for children and young people. On Sunday, November 30, the church observed the anniversary of the ministry of its pastor, Dr. Smit, with special recognition services, at which Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker. On this Sunday the church mortgage papers were burned, leaving the beautiful church edifice entirely free of debt.

Mr. David Jenkins of Forest Park, Ill., aged 13 years, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jenkins and a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church, was a contestant on the nation-wide radio program, "Quiz Kids," for three successive weeks from November 5 to 19. The program is broadcast from Chicago over Station WLS. He was one of thousands of applicants who was not only successful in being chosen but also in remaining on the program for several weeks. He received a \$100 United States savings bond for every radio appearance. On Saturday evening, November 15, he received first prize in a Bible quiz program at the banquet of the Chicago "Lehrerbund" in competition with representatives of 8 other churches.

On Sunday evening, November 18, a union meeting of our three Milwaukee churches was held in the North Ave. Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., to see the play, "The Singing Woodchopper," about the life of the pioneer Wis-

consin minister, the Rev. Karl Kleppe, written by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner. Among those present in the large audience was the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D.D., general missionary secretary. The play was originally presented at the last session of the Northwestern Conference in Racine, Wis., and was repeated by request. In the morning services on November 16, Dr. Kuhn was the guest speaker in the Immanuel and Bethany churches, of which the Reverends T. W. Bender and Frank Veninga are ministers, respectively.

On Friday evening, November 7, about 225 members and friends of the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., attended the 60th anniversary banquet of the church. After the fine turkey dinner, pictures from the past were recalled by word and on the screen. The Rev. W. J. Zirbes, a former pastor, spoke on "Echoes of the Past." Greetings from former members were read by Mr. Walter Marklein. The Rev. W. J. Appel, the pastor, challenged the church with the "Hopes for the Future." The closing prayer and benediction were brought by the Rev. Frank Orthner. Music was provided by the Sunday School orchestra and the church choir. Attractive souvenir programs were printed for the occasion, giving an interesting catalogue of historic dates in the life of the church.

On Thursday evening, November 13, representatives of several young people's societies in the Chicago area met at the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., to discuss their respective problems and tasks. The B. Y. P. U. organizations of the Forest Park, Bellwood, First German and Ogden Park Churches were represented. The profitable discussion was led by the Rev. (Continued on Page 460)

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## EDITORIAL

DECEMBER is the most important month of the year for many people. Children live in the spirit of gleeful anticipation from one Christmas celebration to another.

Church festivals seem to attain a festive climax in this last month of the year.

All kinds of organizations begin to make their grandiose plans for the coming year. It is a time of intense living and pleasant dreaming.

Announcements are being made in this issue of a number of very important denominational events. They are like the shadows, which unusual happenings seem to cast before themselves. They deserve the earnest consideration of every reader of "The Baptist Herald."

Eight thousand calendars for 1942 with unusual Cameroon photographs for each month and daily Bible reading suggestions, attractively published in two colors, will be ready for distribution by the middle of December. These will be distributed free to all of our people who sign a commitment card to read the Bible daily or to those who make some gift to the Centenary Offering. The young people's services on Sunday evening, December 14, ought to be set aside for the signing of these commitment cards.

Sunday, December 14, is to be observed as "Publication Sunday" in our churches. The ministry of our publication society ought to be the prayerful concern of every one of us. A greater percentage than ever of our churches will adopt "the Club Plan" of this society in 1942. Mr. H. P. Donner, who on January 1, 1942 will celebrate his 30th anniversary as the business manager of our publication society, invites all correspondence regarding this plan.

"The Baptist Herald" will also hold a special birthday party on January 1st at the beginning of its 20th milestone in its publication ministry.

A brand new front cover design, that is being prepared by Mrs. Clara Gebauer of Portland, Oregon, will help to establish this paper among the front rank religious publications of our day. Many innovations in headings, type, set-up and material will also appear at that time. The photography for next year's "Herald" will be especially distinctive and beautiful.

Approximately 500 of our young men are in army camps as draftees or in the service of the United States or Canadian governments. These men ought to be receiving "The Baptist Herald" for news about the home church and spiritual inspiration. In order to make this possible, a special subscription price of 50 cents for all men in service as soldiers, sailors or aviators is being announced in this issue. The National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union will help to defray the deficit on these subscriptions. Every church, young people's society, or family should send their subscriptions for these men at once to Mr. H. P. Donner, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

By all means, do not overlook the announcement about the "Baptist Herald" contests. Your snapshots and cartoons are worth money. Write your essay on "What I Should Do If I Were Editor of 'The Baptist Herald.'" Look for further instructions in this issue.

The article about "the One Hundred Club" by Mr. Walter S. Schaible is of unusual importance. Here is a practical plan by which every Sunday School and Young People's Society can have a share in the Centenary Offering. Start your "One Hundred Club" at once.

Do not fail to start reading the first installment of the new story, "The Prodigal Returns," in this issue. It is different and distinctive. Your comments will be appreciated. It is a time of important events, when the cooperation and participation of every "Baptist Herald" reader are indispensable for the success of our denominational enterprise.





The Foaming Breakers Dashing Against the Rocks and the Fleecy Clouds Parading Through the Skies Form an Enthralling Picture of the California Coast as Photographed by Gerhard Röth of Portland, Oregon

## Mind Your Mind!

A Stirring Sermon by the REV. T. W. BENDER, Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Booth Tarkington wanted to wear long pants as other boys of his age were doing. He tells us all about it in his recent series of articles, "As I Seem To Me," published in "The Saturday Evening Post." He tells us of the feeling of resentment and of inferiority which bothered him during this period. His entire outlook on life was affected. This beloved American author has given us many glimpses into the processes of a child's mind through his charming accounts of the pranks and experiences of Little Orvie. In his recent autobiographical sketches Tarkington lays bare some of the fears and aspirations that filled his own mind when he was a child.

All of us have heard of the researches conducted by our psychologists in the realm of the subconscious, the fore-conscious, as well as the conscious mind. We know something of the harm

that can be done to a child's mind when it becomes possessed with fear. Such terms as "fixation," "obsession," or "complex" are not altogether foreign to us, even though we may not be able to define them accurately.

For our purposes just now, we can make use of terms which are familiar to us but which are just as important. If we wish to examine our mind, if we aim to mind our mind, we can do it in terms of our every day speech. Am I small-minded? narrow-minded? evil-minded? weak-minded? broad-minded? single-minded? We have no difficulty in understanding these terms or in applying them in our self-examination.

### The Importance of the Mind

The Scriptures admonish us to mind our mind. "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." (Prov. 4:23) "As a man think-

eth in his heart, so is he." (Prov. 23:7) "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." (1. Cor. 10:12). If you are careful about your diet, remember that the food of your mind is vastly more important than what you select to eat or drink to maintain bodily health.

"Do not ye understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man." (Matt. 15:16-20)

Prof. F. W. C. Meyer, in a recent article on Sin, makes a very important observation. He calls attention to the

fact that Jesus placed the main emphasis, whenever he spoke of sin, not on the gross and vulgar sins, but rather on the more prevalent and subtle ones, namely, hypocrisy and selfishness. According to Professor Meyer, these sins are mentioned thirty-three times in the gospels. Both of them are attitudes of mind. Hypocrisy is double-mindedness. Selfishness is self-mindedness or self-centeredness.

For me, the most understandable, and the most practical, presentation of the conversion experience is the passage of Romans 12:2. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Conversion here is definitely regarded as a change of mind, or as we are more accustomed to say, change of heart.

To pursue the Christian life means, then, to develop Christian attitudes. It means to acquire the mind of Christ. As Christians we are exhorted to be likeminded. We are to achieve likemindedness through Christ-mindedness. Paul admonishes the Philippians: "Fill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.—Let this mind be in you, which also was in Christ Jesus."

Let us briefly consider a few of the essential attitudes for likemindedness and Christ-mindedness. We can pause but a moment with each.

### Fair-Mindedness

Let us be fair-minded! Do you remember the unfair criticism directed at Moses when things didn't go as the children of Israel had hoped? They went so far as to say it had been better if they had stayed in Egypt! While Moses lingered on the mountain receiving the Ten Commandments, these people became so unfair in their judgment and appreciation of his leadership, that they appointed Aaron as their leader, and gave themselves to idolatry in resentment of the type of leadership that Moses had given them. Unfair criticism is rampant everywhere today. People do not try to understand their leaders or to give them a sympathetic hearing.

One of the most classic examples of fair-mindedness is the man born blind, after he had been healed by Jesus. Everyone, even his parents, try their level best to get an admission from the man that Jesus did not do this miracle, or at best, did not perform with the help of God. The man is threatened by the ecclesiastical leaders and finally thrown out of the synagogue. But there he stands, refusing to be propagandized. Fair-mindedness demands that he abide with the facts as he knows them. He does not venture beyond his knowledge or experience. But in all fairness to his benefactor, whatever others may say or think of him, the healed man stays with the facts: "Whether he be a sinner or no, I know

not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."

### Generous Attitudes

Let us be generous-minded! To pass harsh judgment on the failings of our fellowmen requires no special skill. To be generous in our criticisms of one another means that the Christian virtue of compassion and mercy has been added to the common decency of fair-mindedness. To be generous means to go the extra mile.

Fair-mindedness would have demanded of the accusers of the woman taken in adultery, that they should not pass judgment on her, while they themselves were not blameless. Jesus pointed out to these men that they were unfair in their harsh condemnation. Then he proceeded to exceed this legalistic aspect of the case by dealing with the woman most graciously and generously. The attitude of Christ is not the attitude of the letter of the law. "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:17)

While we fail to be generous in our attitude toward such who have made a mistake, it is also not uncommon for us to lack generosity in our recognition of the kind deeds of others. Instead of giving credit where credit is due, we are inclined to be critical and to suspect the motives of our neighbors. It may even happen that our own ulterior designs hinder us from being generous toward such, who exhibit great devotion or faithfulness in a worthwhile cause.

Such was the case with the criticism of Judas, when Mary Magdalene, in the anointing of the Christ, attempted to show her gratitude and sincere appreciation to her Master. To the warped mind of Judas the precious ointment had been "wasted." What lack of generous-mindedness!

"Love thinketh no evil." (1. Cor. 13:5) There is no room for cynical criticism in the attitude of love. Severity or suspiciousness cannot take root in a mind that is generous in its treatment of others.

### A Daring Faith

Let us be faith-minded! When Joshua faced the challenge of stepping into the shoes of Moses, God gave him this assuring counsel: "Be strong and very courageous.—As I have been with Moses so I will be with thee." The same God would continue to lead his people. The human instrumentality of leadership may change from time to time; but the same, eternal, unchanging God abides.

I am sure we would see more evidence of faith-mindedness in the work of our churches, if we would learn to place less emphasis on the human leadership, and place our confidence in the abiding God. We must be faith-minded if we would be daring in the face of opposition, as Peter and John after Pentecost. We must be faith-

minded if we would be persistent in our Christian testimony, in the midst of a sinful, foreboding world.

When we sing,

"Faith of our fathers! we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife:  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,  
By kindly words and virtuous life."

we are not singing about a formal creed. Rather, it is the expression of faith-mindedness, of a persistence in the attitude of love, of our faithfulness to the teachings of Christ as ultimately victorious, which is expressed here.

We need faith-mindedness for cheerfulness in a hard task. When the newspaper headlines and the radio newscasts threaten to fill our hearts with gloom, it is well for us to recall the words of Christ: "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) Daring, persistence, cheerfulness in our Christian task and testimony will be ours, when ours is the mind of Christ, when we are faith-minded.

### Things That Are Above

Let us be heaven-minded! To be temporal-minded is to have the mind of Esau and Judas Iscariot. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." To be carnally-minded is death; to be spiritually-minded is life eternal and abundant. To be heaven-minded means to be beyond the ravages of rust or robbers. The greater our treasures in heaven become, the more our sense of well-being and security increases. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." Let us be heaven-minded.

To be heaven-minded means to possess the perspective of the Cross at the top of Calvary. From this vantage point all events of history, all experiences of our personal life, fall into the correct perspective as respective parts of the whole plan of God. From the summit of Calvary no temporary crisis can obstruct the panorama of the whole. No sensation of the moment can blot out the splendor of the eternal when we are truly heaven-minded.

### The Mind of Christ

Following the return of our president from the conference with the British premier on the Atlantic, our press brought us the report that "complete agreement between the United States and Great Britain has now been achieved." These two great governments had become likeminded in their attitudes and aims. However, it is our deep conviction, that there cannot be complete likemindedness among any people, unless it be derived from Christ-mindedness. Only when the people of the world will possess the mind of Christ will they achieve likemindedness.

God desires that not only mankind at large, but particularly the disciples of Christ, be of one mind. "Let this mind be in you, which also was in Christ Jesus." Mind your mind!



# The Need of Leadership Training

By the REV. J. C. GUNST of Grand Forks, North Dakota,  
the Director of Leadership Training Courses for the Dakota Conference

**Last June at our Dakota Conference** a new project in leadership training for our Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was launched and enthusiastically accepted by the organization. A chairman was appointed and endorsed by the delegates.

Realizing the responsibility of such an office and the work connected with it, it was not easy for the appointed chairman to accept that office. On the other hand, having had some experience in leadership training in my own church and seeing the wonderful results of such work and also realizing how much it can be of help to all of our churches, I gladly consented to do the best I could for our conference organization.

Several of our churches, our conference evangelist, the Rev. F. W. Bartel, a number of pastors, as well as our field secretary, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, our promotional secretary, the Rev. A. Husmann, and last but not least, the president of our National Union, Harold Petke, have given me a great deal of encouragement for this work. Yes, many of our fine leaders realize the need of leadership training for all of our churches.

## Training Absolutely Essential

How timely and adequate such a move is for our Dakota Conference churches! We need only to stop and to give thought to the strenuous program of training in every other phase of life to realize how far we as a Christian Church, in many respects, lag behind in leadership training.

Today our government is spending billions of dollars. Thousands of the healthiest, strongest, and ablest young men of our country have been called to service. At the present time these men must give up everything else. And what for? For training so that, if necessary, they may defend their country. Again, billions of dollars are spent every year in our universities, colleges, and schools of learning throughout the land. What for? To train our young people. To get them ready for their proper place in life in the perplexing world in which we live.

We all know that those people of ability and, lately, those with the best training, to a large extent, find employment. Constantly the demand for trained men and women is increasing. Should the Christian Church be less concerned and less alert to the need of trained leadership than all other organizations?

## A Christian Workman

Paul made a profound statement and



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he was in dead earnest when he said to Timothy, his younger companion in the Christian ministry: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2. Tim. 2:15). Shall we as a church, who have the greatest mission that has come to humanity, to educate, to win, and to train souls for Christ, be more concerned about our commission than we have been heretofore? What else could Jesus have meant when he said to his disciples: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you" (Matt. 25, 26) if he did not mean to train them well that they may win others?

We need not argue the case of leadership training nor is it necessary to give a lengthy explanation why we should make the most of it. Take inventory of your own church. Study the methods of education in use. Who are your leaders and what training have they had? How well do they succeed in teaching the Bible successfully and what do they know about Baptist principles and our denominational enterprise? When you have taken inventory of your own church with respect to its training program, compare your findings with some other successfully functioning church. Take time to find out

what really can be done along the line of leadership training work and what fine materials are available to work with.

## Why Leadership Training?

You may still ask the question, "But why leadership training?" In these days of indifference and opposition to the Christian Church we need wise, tactful, consecrated and God-fearing leaders. The church needs officers who are keen to understand the spiritual needs of the people attending that church.

Our Sunday Schools need leaders and teachers who are genuine Christians, leaders who have a heart and mind for the spiritual needs of our Sunday School pupils. We need fine, clean, wholesome and devoted young people's leaders—young men and young women who can intelligently judge right from wrong—essentials from non-essentials in the Christian life.

Where can we get such leaders? The writer is convinced that you have them in your church, but they must be trained for the job! Has not God given every one certain talents? How well we are able to use these talents depends on our willingness to develop them and put them to work. The answer to life's service is found in 1. Peter 4:10, "Whatsoever be the gifts which each has received you must use them for one another's benefit as good stewards of God's manifold kindness." (Weymouth translation).

## Forward With Christ

If we will go "Forward with Christ," and go forward we should, we shall first have to have trained workers.

The leading men of our own denomination, our executives, our missionaries, our doctors and nurses, our successful pastors, and leading laymen have all been successfully trained for their respective fields of service. What more do we need as proof that leadership training is a vital part in our local church program?

As Dakota Conference Y. P. and S. S. W. Union we are just beginning this most important work. The chairman of the conference committee is to work through a key person and in cooperation with the pastor of each church. A letter of information on suggested plans and available leadership training courses was sent to each church. Each church group will plan the proper time to have such a course and also choose an appropriate course for study.

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# "BAPTIST HERALD" CONTESTS

to close on January 1, 1942

## Join One or All Three of the Contests At Once!

### CONTEST No. 1

Submit snapshots of scenic views, churches, ministers, conferences, human interest scenes or animals.

Send only the snapshots. You can submit as many pictures as you like.

The 10 best pictures selected will appear in an early issue of "The Herald" in 1942, and each prize-winning contestant will receive \$1.00. Send your pictures at once!

### CONTEST No. 2

Write an essay of 300-400 words on "WHAT I SHOULD DO IF I WERE EDITOR OF 'THE BAPTIST HERALD.'" Submit your constructive criticisms for improving "The Herald."

The three best essays will be published, and each of these contestants will receive a prize of \$2.50. The essays will be judged on their merit of practical and novel suggestions.

### CONTEST No. 3

Prepare cartoons on religious, political or social subjects. These should be original with the cartoonist.

The cartoons should appear on heavy paper of about 8x10 inches.

Those cartoons which are judged as having merit for publication will be announced as winners and the entrants will receive prizes of \$2.50 for each cartoon submitted.

Submit your contributions to the editor at Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Judges will be Rev. Carl F. H. Henry, Mr. Walter Pankratz and Rev. M. L. Leuschner. All contest winners will be announced in the January 15, 1942, issue.

# The One Hundred Club

An Important Announcement About the Centenary Offering  
by MR. WALTER S. SCHAIBLE of Forth Worth, Texas

Returning from the General Conference at Burlington in August, 1940, a delegate was prompted to make the following report: "We are a growing denomination, united in spirit and purpose, with a sacrificing clergy and an economical, devoted and capable leadership. We have a world outlook and a specific task to perform. Truly, God has blessed our group, and at the same time has challenged us to attempt greater things in his name."

What keen delight it gives us to be challenged, for then we do our utmost to gain the victory. Now that God is leading us into missionary enterprises of which we didn't dare to dream about two years back, our Centenary Offering has become very real and challenging to us.

The \$31,332 that has just been pledged to date is the sum total of 744 pledges and gifts. The majority of these pledges were made by individuals; some by small groups; a few by large groups. Although these figures are growing every month and represent many cheerful givers, there are thousands in our ranks who are not taking part.

We are well informed of the purpose and plan of the Centenary Offering. Certainly, the thought of a thanksgiving offering to God in commemoration of one hundred years of blessings upon our denomination is worthy of our acceptance. Surely, a sum averaging less than three dollars per capita for the triennium is not beyond our reach. If we are to be united in spirit and purpose, then some of us need to be awakened from our lethargy.

This is a call to every one of our 38,008 members! We ought not to be satisfied with the gifts of several hundred, heartening as that may be. A 100% response would set us so aglow with enthusiasm that we would not stop at our goal! A 90% response would hardly slacken our zeal! An 80% response would culminate in a victory greater than we dare imagine!

There should be no lengthy details or organization developed for obtaining an offering of this nature. A simple plan that is now working in some of our churches is that of having a CENTENARY CLUB or as it is sometimes called, a 100 CLUB. To become a member of the club one must give for the Centenary Offering one hundred pieces of some coin or the equivalent thereof, that is 100 pennies or equivalent, 100 nickels or equivalent, 100 dimes or equivalent, etc. In this way many can take part in the Centenary Offering who would not feel like making a pledge for as low as one dollar.

It is surprising how the dollars add up and how many can share in the joy of having a part in the great offering.

Those with little income, in school, unemployed or employed with home duties, find that with a bit of sacrificing they too can join the 100 CLUB. It may mean doing without ice-cream soda or a bus fare or the cancellation of a little trip, or some pleasure foregone. But the dividend is a more permanent and satisfying pleasure. Any boy or girl will tell you that, as they save a few nickels or quarters just before Christmas in order to buy a gift for mother and father. Even those afflicted with sickness or other misfortune find joy in making some little sacrifice for one whom they love.

Pastors, Sunday School superintendents, and Young People's Union presidents ought to be enthused about such a plan as this. Some class or union could take the lead by setting a goal of every member a member of the 100 CLUB. Would it not give a pastor joy and courage to write to our mission secretary that 75% or even more of his church members have joined in this undertaking! And if that was repeated in very many churches . . . well, who could guess the results?

Wherever a 100 CLUB is started, the money should be passed to the church treasurer. It should be forwarded once a month, or oftener if advisable, to the general missionary treasurer at Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Proper credit will be given to the church and each church in turn can give the club members proper credit. In one conference these clubs are being sponsored by the conference young people's union and an honor roll is published in the young people's news bulletin.

The plan of making pledges has been very helpful in getting the Centenary Offering started and needs to be continued, but like ripe olives or spinach, not all of us will take to it. The 100 CLUB plan should surely interest those who dislike making a pledge, as well as those who would like to give something from their small earnings.

We are about half-way through this triennium! A little better than eighteen months to go! Football players don't wait until the fourth quarter to win a game. They press on every minute of every play. Who will make the first down in your state by starting a CENTENARY CLUB? We dare you! Let us answer God's challenge by one plan or another and go over with the Centenary Offering. " . . . Though princes and powers thunder, nay—God's hand, no hand can stay!" God has work that needs volunteers.



# From the Atlantic to the Pacific

Reports of Conferences Held in Boston, Mass., and Spokane, Wash.

## New England Churches and Young People Hold Their Annual Conference in Boston

The annual conference of our New England Association and the New England Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was opened on Friday evening, October 9, at the Rock Hill Baptist Church, Jamaica Plain, Mass. The following churches were represented: the Memorial Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn.; the

Fairbanks House, which is the oldest in New England; the Home of John Adams and John Quincy Adams, early presidents of the United States; and the Quincy Homestead.

After the fellowship supper held on Saturday night, Myron Schuster, Jr., president, opened the business meeting for the young people and Sunday School workers. The election of officers for the coming year took place with the following results: president, Myron Schuster, Jr., Meriden, Conn.; vice-president, Charles Atwater, Jamaica

American Falls, Idaho; Spokane, Colfax, Odessa, Lind, Startup, Tacoma of Washington; and Ebenezer, Vancouver, B. C. Only two churches, Bethany of Vancouver, and Kelowna, B. C., were unable to send delegates.

A fine spirit of unity and brotherliness prevailed among the delegates and visitors attending the meetings, while the local people made us really feel welcome in their church as well as in their homes. The sessions were well attended and were conducted on a highly spiritual plane. The theme for the meeting was "Biblical Character Sketches." A number of papers on various Bible characters were presented by the following brethren, "John, the Evangelist" by W. C. Damrau; "Paul" by E. S. Fenske; "Peter" by R. M. Klingbeil; "David" by A. Stelter; "Daniel" by E. Nieman; while the Rev. G. Eichler spoke on "Biblical Admonition" and the Rev. R. M. Klingbeil on "Biblical Sanctification."

The following led the various devotional periods: E. Nieman, J. Kiess, W. C. Damrau, and J. G. Rott. Since the Rev. H. Zepik, the new pastor at Startup, Wash., was unable to be present for the opening service, the Rev. G. Eichler brought the opening message on "Our Glorious Lord and King." The Rev. A. Stelter brought an evangelistic message on "The Prodigal Son" on Thursday evening and the Rev. W. C. Damrau brought the message on Sunday morning on "The Christian—His Origin—His State—His Future." The Rev. E. S. Fenske in the closing message on Sunday evening stressed "The Outstretched Hands of Jesus."

Our general work was represented by Missionary Paul Gebauer who was with us all day Friday. His messages, partly illustrated by pictures, were highly illuminating and challenging. All of us who heard him have a much better conception of our mission field in the Cameroons. He kindled a new enthusiasm in the hearts of many there, who had grown just a little indifferent. The officers of the organization are: J. G. Rott, moderator; W. C. Damrau, vice-moderator; A. Stelter, secretary; and E. Mohr, treasurer.

The host church and its genial pastor, the Rev. N. A. Christensen, his talented wife who so ably directed the choir and who, with her assistants, brought us many treats of good music, as did the quartets and duets consisting of preachers and others, the good women in the dining room and kitchen, and others who helped to make the meetings so pleasant and instructive, all of these deserve our sincere gratitude.

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## Instructive Meetings of the Pacific Northwest Association at Spokane, Washington

The Pacific Northwest Association met with the hospitable Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash., of which the Rev. N. A. Christensen is pastor. Represented by delegates or pastors, or both, were the churches of Missoula, Mont.;

Plain, Mass.; secretary, Edna Lukas, Bridgeport, Conn.; treasurer, Lillian Lucas, Bridgeport, Conn.; ministerial advisor, Rev. G. E. Friedenberg, New Britain, Conn. The Rev. Martin Leuschner spoke to us on "The Christian Hope for Youth." He also brought the Sunday morning message.

The Rev. William Bates, missionary from Africa, was the speaker at the ladies' missionary meeting on Sunday afternoon, and the conference closed with the Sunday evening meeting at 6:00 P. M. Installation of the new officers took place, and the Rev. J. Kaaz of New Haven brought the closing message.

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Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn.; the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., and the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn. A song service was held, followed by a word of welcome by the Rev. Earl S. Kalland, pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Paul Schade spoke on "The Need of the World."

On Saturday morning the meeting opened with a devotional service followed by a business session led by the Rev. Julius Kaaz, moderator of the association. At the election of officers Rev. E. S. Kalland was elected moderator and Vincent Nold of Meriden, secretary-treasurer. A panel discussion led by the Rev. Albert R. Hahn was held in the latter part of the morning. Resource leaders were the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, who spoke on "Is There a Basis for Hope for a Warless World?", and the Rev. G. E. Friedenberg, who spoke on "Is There a Basis for Hope for a World Christian Fellowship?"

Saturday afternoon found most of us off on a sightseeing trip to the following old New England homes: the



Some of the Delegates and Visitors in Attendance at the Sessions of the New England Association Held in Boston, Massachusetts

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## A Friend You Need

By Alice Schermer  
of Benton Harbor, Michigan

When all your friends forsake you  
And you are feeling alone,  
Just look to God in heaven  
For he is still on the throne.

He never will forget you,  
He never will forsake,  
He'll never fail to comfort  
If your cares to him you'll take.

## A Sky Pilot of Heaven

(A poem by Mr. Maxwell that was sent to Mrs. Mildred Crisman of St. Paul, Minn., after the accidental death of her son, Second Lieutenant Donald F. Crisman, in the service of his government. The obituary appeared in the October 1, 1941, issue of "The Baptist Herald.")

They say that he's gone;  
But I know that he swings  
On up to God's throne  
On his heavenly wings;  
And I hear his call clear  
To the station up there,  
To give him the beam  
That his landing be fair.

They say that he's dead;  
But I know that he's not;  
For the words that he said  
I have never forgot:  
"If I crash in my plane,  
Do not worry for me,  
For I'll fly on again  
Through the heaven," said he.

"When you're crying down here,  
Maybe doubting God's love,  
I'll be laughing up there  
In the heaven's above;  
And some day when you come  
In your plane, soon or late,  
I'll be waiting, close home  
At the heavenly gate."

So I feel, every night,  
As I look at the stars  
That I see him in flight  
Around Venus and Mars,  
And on out into space  
Through the Pleiades, seven,  
With a smile on his face—  
A sky pilot of heaven!

## Our Christmas Hopes

By Rev. Herbert Koch,  
Pastor of the East Side Baptist Church,  
Chicago, Illinois

"I am the light of the World; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."  
(John 8:12)

While o'er the seas men blackout light  
That might guide enemy planes,  
A myriad stars still shine at night,  
For God supreme still reigns.

While nations, God-forsaken,  
See not the word's true light,

Their governments are shaken,  
And millions fear the night.

"Though nations pass through tribulation  
Christ's rule of justice and of peace  
Shall one day govern every nation,  
And cause the rule of gold to cease.

Yet at his blessed Christmas season,  
While ominous war-clouds dark as night  
Hang o'er a world of hate and treason,  
Christ still remains the "world's true light."

May Christ soon shine in regal splendor  
And cause the clouds of war to lift,  
May mankind in complete surrender  
Acknowledge God's own Christmas gift!

## Ten Denominational Goals

By Marion Roach  
of Portland, Oregon

(A member of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church.)

Baptists have ten goals which they have set to be  
Their aim for the triennium in 1943.  
But let each church begin in its own locality  
To put these goals to practice and results we soon will see.

First of all, our lives to Christ we must rededicate;  
Then from our lives will vanish all our selfishness and hate.  
To win the lost ones for the Lord is to be the second goal,  
For every Christian ought to have compassion for some soul.

Enlisting members for the ministry of intercessory prayer  
Is a third and most important goal for Christians everywhere.  
Strengthening the unity of Baptist faith throughout the land  
Going forward for our Lord as one great, mighty band.

As the household of our faith, let us support our own;  
There is much work for us to do; let's leave other faiths alone.  
To train our youth for leadership that others in them see  
A living testimony for our Lord, wherever they may be.

We should encourage everyone to daily read God's Word  
This is his only method to make his message heard.  
Let's organize our Sunday Schools and conduct them in such a way  
That scholars all will leave the broad to walk the narrow way.

In the mention of our goals, we must not forget another,  
To subscribe for Baptist papers let us read one or the other.  
And last, but so important, is our budget that we ask,  
Though difficult these goals may seem, but what a joyous task!

In the months that lie ahead, will our churches reach these goals?  
If so, then God will add his blessing with salvation of souls.

## Get All You Can Out of Life!

By Susan Schilling  
of Alanson, Michigan

Man, generally speaking, is selfish. From earliest childhood our cry is, "Give me!" Youth persistently echoes: "I have only one life to live, and I'm going to get all I can out of it!"

So we hurry along—oh yes, how we do hurry, lest perchance we miss something!—here and there, faster and faster, seeking fortunes, fame, happiness, good times! We're out for all we can get! And, not so strange as it may seem, that is as it should be, for was not the earth and all that is in it created for man?

Then why, after we spend all our effort and time and money, are we often rewarded with that shallow feeling and hopeless outlook on life? It is because we forget, often until it is too late to do much about it, that nothing was ever gained without first giving.

The fruit tree is rewarded with a crop of delicious fruit after it has been pruned. "Pick all the pansies you like," said my friend to me one day, "because if they're not picked, they'll stop blooming. The more you pick, the longer they will bloom!" Even money, safely hidden, is of no value. It must be invested and used for something.

How much more is to be gained from life than mere tangible rewards, shallow pleasures, selfish gains! Give a little more time to the beauty of the earth. Give in friendliness to your neighbors. Give in unselfishness to those less fortunate than you. Give in conscientiousness to the task you are assigned to do. Give time to the priceless arts of your talented brothers. Give in effort and energy and time to do your best in making this world a better place in which to live.

Take out a little time each day to be still, and listen to God. Give much in patience and tolerance and love toward your fellow-man. Then we shall be so busy getting the most out of life—our lives will be so filled with the necessary comforts, with peace, with happiness—that we will have no time to worry about whether or not we are getting the most out of life!



# The Prodigal Returns

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## CHAPTER ONE

### In the Idumean Hills

EZRA BEN ISRAEL was sitting under an olive tree in his orchard not far from his home, looking southwest across those rolling acres and terraced hillsides that had come down to him from his father and his father's father. It was late afternoon on the second day of the month Tishri.

The blazing sun had ridden high overhead through a cloudless sky, and the afternoon heat had not abated greatly, for the parched hillsides were still giving off the accumulated heat they had absorbed during the long summer day. The leaves of the olive trees were absolutely motionless. Save for the sharp chirp of a solitary sparrow that winged its way past in a graceful, lowering curve, there was no sound audible. Silent even was the insect life—little gnats—that hovered about and might have proved bothersome to one less tired than Ezra ben Israel.

To his right, beyond the rock-strewn mountains across the broad plain toward Gaza, lay the blue waters of the Great Sea, still sparkling in the sun. Rarely did Ezra ben Israel ever travel those intervening fifty or sixty miles, since for him it was a three days' journey and the work on his land, from which each year he coaxed the grain, the olives, the pomegranates, and the grapes, kept him close to his own home. He had little desire to go far afield or to visit the towns and cities which dotted the mountainous south.

Often from paternal lips had he heard the gripping story of his forefathers, the ancient ones of Israel: of Moses and Aaron, of Joshua and Caleb, of Joseph and Gideon and David, whose daring exploits had made his nation's history illustrious. He knew, too, the story of Cain and Abel, of Ahab and Naboth, of Joab and Ahaz and Absalom, whose deeds were not always glorious but often brought the blush of shame to the Israelitish cheek.

Those stories he had passed on to his own children, telling them of the way God's chosen people had come up out of Egyptian bondage, escaped the hands of their cruel taskmasters, followed the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, crossed the Red Sea by miracle, and wandered for forty long years in the wilderness. He had described to them the way the children of Israel had worshiped a golden calf when Moses was on the mountain called Sinai, where Jehovah spake to him amidst thunder and light-

### Author's Foreword to This Unusually Fine Story About Jesus' Familiar Parable

For a number of years I have had in mind the main outline of this story, but never until now have I found time to put it down in written form. It is a story that is as old as the race itself; indeed it was once told nearly two thousand years ago by a master story-teller in a scant 505 words. Yet it is ever new with each new generation. It is concerned with all those mysterious early forces which strive for outward physical expression, with all those dreams of youth which struggle to become realized. It is a parable of life, for underneath the stirring narrative is an imperishable truth.

Whence springs this eager quest of youth for freedom and pleasure and happiness, perhaps no one can tell; but that it is a universal instinct no one will attempt to deny. These inner urges for untrammelled liberty, these vagrant desires to get physical thrills and social joy out of life are perfectly natural and, therefore, to be expected; they lie deep-seated in each personality. Even when the opportunity for gratifying them does not present itself, the longing is nevertheless always there.

What finally happens when one gives oneself up unrestrainedly to these inner impulses is not hard to predict, for the laws of nature are inexorable and certain. It is still true, as it was said of old, that what a man soweth, that shall he also reap. It is equally true, however, that the great, forgiving heart of the Eternal Father gladly welcomes back every wanderer into the far country who, having discovered his grievous mistake, turns his penitent steps homeward.

ning and smoke. He had told them of their final journey into Canaan, the Land of Promise, the very land in which he and his two grown sons now lived. All this was ancient history to them, their own history.

Ezra ben Israel was wearied with the day's work. He had gone apart to rest and meditate, though the gathering in of the harvest of barley and wheat and the fruit of the autumn vines gave him scant time to do either. His brown hands were hard and sinewy with incessant oil; his cheeks were burned dark with the hot rays of the Palestine sun. His short grizzled beard was rough and unkempt. There he sat, leaning forward, with his hands clasped tightly about his knees.

"How good Jehovah has been to me all these years," he reflected. "Hard work has brought its reward. Well-to-do, respected by those who know me, the father of two virile, stout-muscled sons, the possessor of a house much better than most of those in these Idumean hills, with wide acres bring-

ing me increasing wealth from year to year, with enough menservants and maidservants, I should be happy—and I am! Jehovah has bountifully blessed me."

Presently, tired of his bending position, he moved over a little, then lay down on the hard, graveled soil, putting his bronzed right arm under his head for a pillow.

"I hope I may have a score of years yet in which to enjoy home and kindred," he said to himself, "perhaps much longer before I am gathered to my fathers, for I have descended from an ancient line of ancestors who have, almost without exception, lived upwards of fourscore years. Jehovah be praised for His goodness! I am indeed happy. If I were to ask myself for what I am most grateful, I am sure it would not be for my inherited wealth or broad and fruitful acres but for my two sons—so supremely happy and contented with their lot in life. What more could a father wish for?"

That day had been an unusually busy and tiresome one—even amid days that were always busy—for Ezra ben Israel had been working in the fields and on the lower hillsides from the earliest morning hours. The years were beginning to take their toll of him. His face was seamed; his skin had lost its freshness; his shoulders were not straight as they used to be, for when heavy loads are carried through the years, they inevitably leave their mark behind. No longer did he feel so strong and lusty and vigorous as he did a score of years ago, the summer that Rachel, his beloved, had been taken from him. That was the saddest day he had ever experienced.

What a tragic thing it had been to lose the wife of his bosom at the very time that he needed her most, and to be left alone with two man-children! They needed a mother's loving care, but had had to get along with only his—and the hand of a father is never so soft and tender as that of a mother. Of course, the maidservant Ishua, the "quiet one," had done what she could to care for the two growing boys, so that they gradually came to look upon her as almost a second mother. That was only natural. But there was a difference. There invariably is. It must be so.

But they had developed into fine sons of whom any Hebrew father might well be proud. There is no other joy that comes to parenthood comparable to that which springs from a knowledge that worthy children have been brought into the world—children who bring credit

rather than reproach upon those who gave them birth.

How vividly Ezra ben Israel remembered the day that his first child was born. Rachel had lain on her couch all day long, waiting, waiting for the time that never seemed to come. On that very afternoon he had been called to the hills to drive off some marauders who had swooped down from their mountain caves to steal his sheep. It is strange that thieves should come at so inopportune a time; so often things seem to happen at precisely the wrong moment. When he returned and opened the door of his stone cottage an hour before sundown, the first thing that greeted him was the faint cry of his new-born son. It was music to his ears.

What a joy was hers—even in her physical pain and weakness—to know that she had borne him a son who would grow up to help Ezra ben Israel to till their broad acres, harvest their grain, nurture their vineyard and olive trees, and press out for them the sweet juices of their luscious grapes!

Rachel beckoned Ezra gently to her couch, near which sat the midwife.

"O husband of my bosom," she whispered with what strength she could summon up, "it's a son, it's a son!" Joy was in her voice—and pride.

Gently he bent over her, his heart bursting with happiness that he was the father of a son who should carry his name after him, a son whom he would train in the habits and customs of their Hebrew religion, with its sacred rites and peace offerings, a son who should in later years share the life of the father and of the tribe of Manasseh to which he himself belonged.

"What a pretty little fellow!" were the first words the proud father uttered as he turned back the coverlet and revealed his firstborn, still red and sleeping soundly. "I am sorry, my beloved, to have been called away just at the moment when thou mightest have needed me most, but these desert bandits cannot be tolerated. I always fear them. We had difficulty in driving them off, but they are gone now. How art thou, Rachel?"

Those were happy days—long past now—and seen only with the eye of memory.

"Chislon" they named the child, Chislon meaning "strength"; for "he shall be strength to us," said Ezra, "in the hour of need, strength to help us in our daily work, strength to console us in our times of sadness and trouble."

How happy the three years which followed! Ezra ben Israel's acres were productive; his vineyards yielded well; there were figs and olives and pomegranates enough and to spare. His flocks and herds had increased, so that he soon found himself growing ever wealthier and more respected by all who came to know him. But unfortunately disaster was dogging his footsteps, and he knew it not.

When Rachel was brought to bed with her second child, she contracted a fever, one of those against which all

the arts of the midwife and neighbors were unable to fight successfully. There, for two long weeks, she lay with dull eye and ever weakening body. Daily her strength diminished. Ben Israel saw with increasing uneasiness that she was fighting a losing battle with that dread disease that often follows childbirth.

How tenderly he watched over her, tempting her fading appetite with new wine and with ass's milk. But she lay restless, and tossed and tossed upon her bed of pain. Night brought intermittent sleep, but without refreshment of either body or mind. Morning came, but the bright rays of sunshine were not potent enough to revive her spirits or give her back her strength or color. She was facing the valley of the shadow; she knew it in her inmost heart. Death was becoming a grim reality.

"What can I do for thee, Rachel, light of my life?" said Ezra, as he eagerly bent over her feverish and wasted body, anxious to stay the dread hand that kept reaching toward her, nearer and ever nearer.

"Nothing, dear husband," she whispered feebly. "I feel that I am being called—and must go. Would that I could stay with my new babe—I love him so. He will need me, and I shall need him. How I have wanted and prayed for another son! And now why must this be? But the ways of the Lord are past finding out."

"Be of good courage, Rachel," said he, endeavoring to bring her a cheery word. "Tomorrow thou shalt feel better, and by and by we shall be happy again."

It was hard for him to speak with a tone of hope or assurance in his voice, for there was none in his heart. He, too, knew that she must obey the summons of the beckoning hand that drew a black shadow across all the house and darkened his future like a pall.

It was on the thirteenth day of Nisan that the end came. For Ezra it was the saddest of all days. The sun rose brightly. Its morning rays flooded with an almost celestial light the sloping hillsides and vineyards, and warmed his flocks and herds and cattle, but they brought no light or warmth to his own grief-stricken soul. The dear wife of his bosom had slipped away into the Eternal Beyond a little before the early shafts of sunrise began to tip the hilltops with their regal splendor. The dark angel had spread his wings and gathered Rachel to her fathers. No wonder Ezra ben Israel's heart was broken. He was inexpressibly sad and inconsolable.

Nevertheless the child lived—that was something to be thankful for—for he seemed a lusty little fellow. He was at once given over to the care of Ishua, one of the three handmaids, whose first child had been born scarcely two months before. Fortunate indeed was it that a foster mother could be found so near at hand to nourish him and give him what care she could command. It was almost as if twins had been

born to "the quiet one," so carefully and lovingly did she mother both the younglings.

Late one afternoon Ezra ben Israel came in weary from his olive orchard and threw himself upon his couch to rest his tired limbs. Ishua sat near, holding his baby in her strong arms, while her own child Zohar—"brightness"—lay snuggled under a warm covering woven from fine goats' hair. Suddenly she turned and addressed Ezra.

"What shall the child be called?" she asked.

Ezra opened his eyes without answering at once. Presently he sat up on the edge of his couch as though immersed in thought. A moment later his face lighted up as when a thought strikes boldly across one's brain.

"Many times, Ishua," said he at last, "have I tried to think of what to call my son, but so far I have not been able to find a suitable name. I have thought of Rezon, a prince; Shemer, to watch; Elizur, my God is a rock; Baruch, blessed, and many another good Hebrew name; but I have liked none of them. Now at last I know what I shall call him. The name has just come to me. I think it has come divinely."

"What shall it be, then?" she asked again eagerly.

"He shall be named Benoni, which means 'the son of my sorrow,'" replied Ezra ben Israel.

So Benoni he was called. Rachel had paid for his life with her own death and had left Ezra ben Israel a lonely heart.

As the years passed, however, there was nothing even remotely suggestive of sorrow about the growing boy. On the contrary, he was a gay and sprightly child, full of frolic and good humor. Just as two figs on the same tree may grow unlike in size and color, in outward appearance as well as in inner quality, so these two boys, Chislon and Benoni, sons of a common father and mother, grew with characters and mental qualities and even bodily physiques quite dissimilar. The good God alone knows the causes that develop such differences from the same original stock.

Chislon was indeed strength to his father, as Ezra had fondly hoped; on him he could depend at all times. In the years that followed, when extra work was suddenly forced upon him, Chislon sought to help with it; when difficulty came, he voluntarily took even more than his share of the father's load. He was indeed a good son, keen of mind and stout of heart, the worthy son of a worthy sire, though he sometimes thought that Benoni, being the younger, was his father's favorite.

Early morning found him working in the fields or tending his father's flock or cultivating the ancestral olive trees and vines. His slightly curving nose, strong even teeth showing between his dark eyes, his well muscled, dark-skinned arms and sturdily built figure—all these betokened intelligence, strength, and dependability.



Benoni, on the other hand, showed a much greater gaiety of spirit, even from his earliest years. Rollicking, happy, care-free—that was Benoni. His black, piercing eyes twinkled merrily as if reflecting and symbolizing the blithe spirit that inhabited the temple within. Thick and dark lustrous curls clustered about his shapely forehead; his teeth glistened like a row of pearls gathered from the depths of the far-off waters of the Persian Gulf.

He was not exactly a dreamer, though at night he often lay on his back on some hillside near their stone cottage, looking at the infinite host of shining stars, wondering whether they were mere dazzling points of light with which to decorate the earth, or were the homes of departed spirits; wondering whether he would like to take the wings of the morning and fly to the outermost rim of God's universe as he saw it brilliantly canopied above him. What a glorious vault of darkened blue, pin-pricked by a million points of light, shading down through bright yellows into orange, and, as he sometimes thought, into red itself!

To speak truly, however, Benoni was not really fond of work. He was quite willing to do his share—if it were not too large and he felt in the mood. But that mood was rather rare. Down in his heart he somehow felt that he was born for other and better things. Work he often found dull and corroding to his spirit.

One winter great floods had swept down over the hills of southern Palestine like a veritable return of the deluge from which Noah and his sons had escaped as if by miracle, according to their own Hebrew history. That was the first time there was born in Benoni a burning desire to escape from such perils and from the hard and dangerous labor that such floods entailed. Why should he, he asked himself, the young son of a well-to-do man, have to labor like a common servant, almost like a swineherd—have to rescue sheep and cattle from the raging torrents and drive or carry them up to a place of safety?

"Run, Benoni," his father had shouted to him amid the torrents of rain intermingled with hailstones. "Run, and drive the cattle up the hillside to the lee of the sheltering oaks. There they will be safe from the fury of the storm. Carry the smaller lambs; the others you and the good dog can drive up into the old, unused sheepfold. It will yield them at least some kind of protection till the storm abates. Chislon is there now—look at that boy!—piling up those huge stones at the gate to keep the animals in. He never needs any urging at such a time as this. Run, be off with you, Benoni!"

"Yes, 'Chislon!'" retorted Benoni, with evident hot-tempered irritation. "It's always 'Chislon' this, and 'Chislon' that! Let Chislon do it then. I'm tired out now, I tell you, and drenched to the skin. Get some of the menservants to go over. The floods will soon

let up anyway. And what if we do lose a few sheep! A few, more or less, won't make much difference."

"My son," said his father, in surprise mingled with excitement, as he turned a reproachful eye upon the boy. "This is not for me alone but for you too—for all of us. We must not lose our sheep and cattle. They are our very life. We must save them, if quick hard work will do it. Run on now, Benoni. Hurry—look, several of the young lambs down there have lost their footing and are already being carried down by the foaming stream." But Benoni was slow getting started. "Hurry," his father repeated. "I'm going in the other direction to see what has become of the cattle on the flooded plain just around the south hill. I'll warrant neighbor Cheran across the next ridge of mountains is suffering even worse than we, for he has no sons to help him."

So saying, Ezra ben Israel rushed through the doorway, his shaggy hair and grizzled beard adrip and his rain-drenched clothing clinging close to his muscular form like a face-cloth to the dead.

That had all happened many months ago and was now only a memory. The recollection of it came to Benoni one starlit night as he sat on the housetop gazing up into the blue vault above him. The urge to get away to a new kind of life swept like a flood over his soul. It was not that he disliked his home, but rather that he had an irresistible desire to be free, to be away from parental restraint and from the necessities and duties of home, to feel that he was his own master and could follow the desires and impulses that came upsurging within him. These it was that seized him and held him in thrall.

Benoni began to imagine what it would be like to visit flourishing cities, with their gay, teeming life; to yield himself up wholly to his own vagrant pleasures, to lead a new kind of existence, one full of jollity and ease among boon companions of like mind, intent only on their own enjoyment. The thing seemed good to him. Life was a flagon of wine! he would drink it to the lees. Life was a luscious orange; he would squeeze it until it yielded its last drop.

While his imagination was thus engaged, he heard Chislon's step on the stairway leading up to the flat roof. So enamored was he of the dream-life that he had just been visualizing to himself that he was seized with the idea of telling Chislon his thoughts to see what he would say.

"What? You here?" said Chislon. "Well, I was wondering where you were. It was so quiet that I thought you must be off for a stroll down the main highway."

"Quiet?" repeated Benoni, picking up the keyword of his remark. "That's just what I have been thinking, Chislon. It is quiet here—too quiet, at least for me. Do you ever feel that way about it?"

"What do you mean?" asked Chislon. "I mean," Benoni explained, "that the life we lead here is too cramped, too monotonous. Every day is the same: we get up early, eat our meals, work all day, and then go to bed again. It's the same old routine all the time: eat, work, sleep. No play! Don't you ever get tired of it?"

"Tired of it?" Chislon repeated. "Well, to tell the truth, I haven't thought much about it. That's what life is anyway—work mostly. That's what we have been brought up to do, that's what father does, that's what we have always done, and I guess that's what we ought to expect to do. In fact, when I come to think of it, I rather like it. What would become of a man if he had nothing to do? Tell me that."

"Yes, I know," replied Benoni, without answering his question, "but sometimes, you know, a man may . . ."

"Get too much of a good thing?" suggested Chislon, reading easily his brother's mind.

"Yes, that's what I mean, exactly," continued Benoni. "We are young and shouldn't have to work so hard all the time. We ought to be able to get away—at least once in a while—get out from under the load, as it were. Don't you ever have any inward desire to get away—to go to new places, make new friends, and have a good time—just for the fun of it?"

"Oh, yes, I guess I've thought of it sometimes; but then we couldn't leave our father—and, anyway, on the whole, I have been quite well satisfied," said Chislon. "We have a good home, lots to do, of course; but then you know the old saying, 'If a man won't work, neither let him eat!'" As he spoke, he smiled at bit and motioned outwardly with his hands, a gesture that was characteristic of him, as if he had spoken with an oracular finality.

Benoni moved a little uneasily on his seat.

"You know, Chislon," he said after a moment's silence, "I've been thinking a lot lately. The past few months I have been getting more and more of a distaste for the life we lead here. Perhaps I oughtn't to. Father is very kind, to be sure, but he really belongs to a different generation. A young fellow is interested in new things, the uncommon, in thrills and adventures. Quite likely father felt the same way when he was young, though he might not admit it now, for age grows forgetful."

"Perhaps so," agreed Chislon, "and yet ever since I can remember, he has always seemed to be the same as he is now—hard working, honest, upright, not specially interested in the light pleasures of life, in frivolity and all of that."

"That's just it. You know—I'm beginning to feel like an old man already. Youth, though, is a time for joy and happiness and gaiety. We don't get that here. Here there's nothing but work, work, work!"

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# Reports from the Field

## Southwestern Conference Fall Session of the Nebraska Convention at the Creston Church

The Fall session of the Nebraska Convention was held at Creston, Neb., from October 9 to 12. The opening services were in charge of the Rev. Theo. Frey, local pastor and moderator, who also extended a hearty welcome to all visitors and delegates, to which the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf of Beatrice gave the response. The opening sermon, "The New Covenant," was given by the Rev. M. DeBoer of the Shell Creek Church.

On Friday morning the devotions were led by Mr. DeBoer. The reports of the various branches of the three churches were given. The quiet half hour was led by the Rev. Theo. Frey.

On Friday afternoon the devotions were led by Mr. John Husmann of Creston. This was followed by papers by the ministers of the association. The sermon on Friday evening was given by Mr. DeBoer on "New Friends."

Saturday was reserved for the young people's institute. The devotions were led by Elmer Husmann of Creston and by Miss Lois Mohrman of Shell Creek on the theme, "Jesus, Our Friend." The classes for the B. Y. P. U. were led by the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf on "Tools for the B. Y. P. U." and "What's in a Study Class?" The Rev. A. Itterman of Emery, So. Dak., our guest speaker, led the Sunday School classes on "Why Pupils Like Sunday School," and "What Should Teachers Teach?"

On Sunday morning the visiting superintendents and pastors spoke to the school. The mission sermon by the Rev. A. Itterman was followed by a short sermon by the Rev. M. DeBoer. On Sunday afternoon a young people's service was held with special numbers and an address by the Rev. A. Itterman on 2. Chron. 1:7-12.

The closing sermon on Sunday evening on "The Blessedness of a New Life" was given by the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf. The missionary offering of Sunday morning and afternoon amounted to \$88.70. We wish to thank the Rev. George Bornschlegel of Omaha, Nebr., for the words of encouragement given us and also the Rev. A. Itterman, our guest speaker. We are looking forward to the sessions at Beatrice next Spring.

ANNA BRUNKEN, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference Fall Activities at the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa.

The Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., has entered into the Fall activities with much enthusiasm. On Sunday,

October 5, a large audience of members and friends worshipped together in the church auditorium in response to a special invitation issued by our pastor, the Rev. Geo. W. Zinz, Jr., for the occasion of "Church Loyalty Sunday." A nursery was established that day in an effort to permit parents to attend the services, who heretofore felt that their children caused too much disturbance and so remained home.

Inasmuch as our Boy Scout Troop has progressed so rapidly, it was suggested that a Girl Scout Troop be organized. On Tuesday evening, October 7, the first step was taken in that direction. Possibilities were discussed and initial plans were made for training the potential scout leaders for the work which will be carried on. We have every reason to believe that the Girl Scout Troop will prove as successful as that for the boys.

Among the prospective new organizations in our church, we are looking forward to one more, which we are confident will prove to be one of the strongest we have ever had. The men, who have previously taken no active part in our social activities, planned a surprise banquet in honor of the ladies on Friday night, October 10. A delicious dinner was prepared and an excellent program was arranged.

Mr. Zinz served as toastmaster. Mr. Fred G. Schillinger gave an interesting talk on his experiences as an immigrant to this country. Mr. Zinz and Mr. Henry Schildt rendered a vocal selection, and Bob Eichler played two trombone solos. Dr. S. J. Arthur was the guest speaker for the evening. The excellent team work which they displayed created the desire for a continuation of their fellowship through a new organization.

On October 12 our Sunday School celebrated "Rally Day" at which several pupils were presented with diplomas and Bibles and promoted from the Primary to the Junior departments. The young people heartily enjoyed their Fall outing on October 18 which was held in a log cabin on the Peninsula. Mr. Zinz planned a series of unique games and wieners were roasted in a huge fireplace.

Our annual Harvest and Mission Festival was held on Sunday, October 26, at which time 37 baskets of food were presented as an offering to be distributed to the needy. A fine program was presented and the church was filled to capacity.

Two important weeks were spent recently in a very active visitation campaign, during which members and friends of the church visited each other. Perhaps, the most important reason for this visitation campaign was to stimulate the interest of all the mem-

bers to take part in our celebration of our church's 80th anniversary which was observed on Sunday, November 16, at which Prof. Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y., was the guest speaker.

LOIS MEUSER, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Fall Rally of the South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union is Held in Tyndall

The Fall Rally of the South Dakota Y. P. and S. S. W. Union was held in Tyndall on the evening of October 10. Supper in the basement of the church gave the opportunity for Christian fellowship. Melba Jucht led the group in singing favorite choruses, and a representative from each society gave a report on the activities of their groups during the summer months and their plans for future programs. The meeting in the auditorium of the church began with the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Unityville leading the song service. The Rev. A. W. Lang of Tyndall read Psalm 119 and led in prayer. Evelyn Voigt, president of the Tyndall B. Y. P. U., welcomed the Unions, to which Charles Voigt responded.

Two girls from the Danzig society sang a duet after which we listened to a reading by a member of the Madison group entitled, "I Know Not Whence I Came." "Who Will Open Mercy's Door" was sung by two members of the Avon Society. "The Fool Hath Said in His Heart" was the title of a reading by a member from the Plum Creek Church.

Evangeline Anderson, editor of "The Voice of Our Union," spoke on cooperation with the editors of the state paper. The Rev. A. Itterman of Emery spoke on "Christian Youth Active in Evangelism." We must study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

The main speaker of the evening was the Rev. A. Husmann who spoke on "Youth in Christian Service." Fishers of men are followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ makes fishers of men of his followers. We are all to be such fishers of men. We are not to expect the Sunday School teachers, superintendents, B. Y. P. U. officers and the ministers to do our part in this work for us.

Charles Voigt read a letter from Helen Heitzman, chairman for the Bender Memorial Trek Committee, asking those present to give generously to an offering to be taken. The offering of \$16.00 was applied on the Bender Memorial Trek.

EVELYN LUBBERS, Secretary.



### Mission Festival in the Turtle Lake Church and Stations of North Dakota

On Sunday, October 5, the Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, No. Dak., held its annual Mission Festival. In the afternoon the Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer of Anamoose, No. Dak., was our guest speaker, and he brought a mission sermon in the English language. In the morning the pastor of the church, the Rev. A. Rosner, preached in German. The mission offering amounted to \$165.

The Sunday School held its Harvest and Mission program on October 19. Over \$22 was given for missions on that occasion. On September 29 the Rev. A. Husmann, our promotional secretary, visited our church in the interest of our denominational work. An offering amounting to \$19 was given to our Centenary Offering in that meeting.

Our mission station Alta had a special mission service on October 19. The Rev. R. Woyke of Washburn was the guest speaker. An offering of \$56 was given to missions by that faithful, small group. In the Tabor Church we had our mission festival on October 12. The minister, the Rev. A. Rosner, preached a mission sermon in the morning and afternoon services. Lunch was served at the noon hour. This small but active congregation offered \$72 for missions. In all, we received over \$334 in mission offerings this Fall from our fields of labor.

AUGUST ROSNER, Reporter.

### The Western Dakota and Montana Sunday School Convention at the Hettinger Church

The annual meeting of the Western Dakota and Montana Sunday School Convention was held from October 24 to 26 with the church of Hettinger, No. Dak., where Rev. R. Sigmund is the aggressive and successful pastor.

On Friday evening a hearty song service, special numbers and a welcome greeted the guests and visitors and the Rev. G. Palfenier brought an inspiring message. The next day found us meditating on the work of our Sunday School. Topics like "Qualifications of a Successful Superintendent," "How Can We Increase Our S. S. Membership" and "The Work of the Sunday School" were discussed by the Rev. D. Littke, the Rev. R. Sigmund and Mr. Schweigert, respectively. Special selections were rendered by the different churches and with an inspiring devotional address by the Rev. J. J. Renz of Plevna this meeting came to a close.

The afternoon, after a devotional by our president, Mr. Renz, was given over to the election of officers, reading of the minutes and reports from the fields of our various young people's societies, which showed that they were all active. The church of Plevna invited the convention for next year which was gladly accepted. The rest of the time was given to our promotional secretary, the Rev. A. Husmann, which he used

### One Hundred Club

On page 447 of this issue of "The Baptist Herald" you will find an article by Mr. Walter S. Schaible about the "One Hundred Club" to be started in your church in the interest of the Centenary Offering. More particulars about this club will appear in the next number of "The Herald."

The names of those churches which have organized "One Hundred Clubs" will appear from time to time in "The Herald." Blank lists on which the names of club members can be posted will soon be available from headquarters. Mr. Schaible will direct the promotion of this club in the interest of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

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to discuss our general missionary work, especially emphasizing the Centenary Offering. That he found his way into the hearts of our people proved itself in that they requested him to speak over-time.

The evening service was evangelistic and the message was brought by the Rev. D. Littke of New Leipzig, No. Dak. On Sunday morning the Sunday School was conducted by Mr. Renz and with words of encouragement different brethren addressed the gathering. During the morning service, in the interest of missions, we enjoyed listening to "The Call of the Disciples" by Mr. Husmann, and a mission offering amounting to \$148.02 was taken.

In the afternoon the various young people's societies of the convention shared the program with musical numbers. Then the dedication of the recently moved and remodeled church was held at which occasion the local pastor, the Rev. R. Sigmund, gave the history and the Rev. J. J. Renz of Plevna spoke the dedication prayer. Mr. Husmann brought the message, which was a fitting climax to our well filled and rounded program. Memories of the pleasant times, good meals and hospitality will long linger in our minds. MRS. D. LITKE, Reporter.

### Sessions of the Northern North Dakota Sunday School Association at Washburn

The Northern North Dakota Sunday School Convention met with the Washburn Church from October 22 to 23. The convention theme was, "The Sunday School Scholar," which through the various addresses proved to be very thought-provoking and stimulating.

The Rev. F. Trautner was in charge of the first devotional period and spoke to us about the efficacy of prayer, stressing especially intercessory prayer. Miss Kaiser delivered an address on "The Beginners," followed by an address on the theme, "The Primary Children" by Mrs. A. Reeh, both of which gave us many fine thoughts and helpful advice about these age groups.

We were very happy to have had the Rev. A. Husmann with us who spoke to us of the important denominational goals in a most inspiring way. Again in the evening we were privileged to listen to a sermon by him in which he ably reminded us of the many fine

things to be found in the Scriptures if we seek after them.

On Thursday morning the Rev. A. Rosner led the devotionals giving us some pointers on how to be of help to the children, and cautioning us to give them a more prominent place in our programs. Then followed an address by the Rev. A. Reeh in which he ably spoke of the work with Junior pupils, and an address by the Rev. Alfred Weisser on "The Intermediates." The Rev. A. Husmann followed with a very fine address on "The Qualifications of a Sunday School Teacher."

The afternoon devotions were led by the local superintendent, and the Rev. G. Pust followed with a fine discussion of the theme, "The Young People." The Rev. P. F. Schilling gave us a very informative address on "The Adult Class." These inspiring meetings came to a close with a sermon delivered by Mr. Husmann on the theme, "The Tragedy of a Divided Heart."

All of us felt that it was good to be there, and we look forward to many more such meetings!

ALFRED WEISSER, Reporter.

### Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. F. Alf and Family in Missoula, Montana

On Sunday, November 2, the Rev. F. Alf began his ministry as pastor of the German Baptist Church in Missoula, Mont. He served us with two inspiring sermons. He and Mrs. Alf spoke words of encouragement to the Sunday School before the preaching service.

On Monday evening, November 3, the church gave a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Alf and their son, Vernon. The undersigned had charge of the proceedings and spoke words of welcome to the new pastor and his family on behalf of the church. The Rev. E. Niemann gave the main address of the evening for the church.

Our deacons, Henry Klein and John Maier, brought shorter addresses. The Sunday School was represented by its superintendent, John Bentz, who commended this department to the new pastor's care. The brethren Herbert Schmautz and Emil Hochhalter spoke for the young people's society. Mr. Jacob Weber spoke for the trustees. Our church treasurer, Louis Magstadt, spoke appropriate words in the interest of the "treasury department." Then the "better half" of the church came into its rights by being represented by Mrs. Jacob Weber.

Interwoven with these speeches we were refreshed by several musical numbers. The choir sang two songs, besides the men's quartet. Miss Lydia Junkert and Mrs. Edna Edinger rendered a piano duet. After the church had done its share of talking, opportunity was given to the new minister and his family to reply. Vernon also did his part very efficiently by singing a well selected solo, playing the piano accompaniment himself. The words of Brother Alf were well chosen and made a good impression on the audience.

C. A. GRUHN, Reporter.

### First Bible School Held at Hebron, North Dakota, in the Town Church

Showers of blessings were ours in the First Baptist Church of Hebron, No. Dak., as we held our Mission and Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 28th. We truly had many reasons to be thankful for the bountiful crop that God had given us. The women had the church beautifully decorated with flowers and vegetables.

The Rev. Chas. Wagner from the Linton Church was our guest speaker. He preached three inspiring messages, which filled us with new enthusiasm to work for Christ, as individuals as well as a church.

Under the direction of our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, our mixed chorus rendered special numbers for each one of the three services. Thus, with the splendid messages and the singing the Lord blessed us beyond expectations.

From October 26 to November 2, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, our young people's secretary, was with us. This being his first visit in our midst, we had looked forward to his coming. Upon his arrival Sunday at noon he was taken out to the Antelope station where he began his services. On the evening we heard him for the first time in our church in town.

From Monday, October 27, to Friday, October 31, were busy days, as Mr. Leuschner conducted the Bible School. Each meeting was opened with a short devotional meeting. The first period always was on the "Principles of the Baptist Faith." After a forty minute period, we had some singing by the congregation. For the second period Mr. Leuschner lectured on "Our Missionary Work in the Cameroons."

Each evening before packed audiences, the Bible School was continued. On Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings we were shown pictures of our mission field in Kakaland, in Mambila, and also our home missionary work. After listening to our young people's secretary evening after evening we learned what splendid work we as a denomination are able to do.

On Sunday morning, November 2, our meetings reached their climax, when we were again privileged to hear Mr. Leuschner with a message that reached the very depths of our hearts and souls. At this service a special offering was taken for our centenary fund.

At this impressive service, our missionary treasurer, Mr. I. E. Giedt, presented Mr. Leuschner with a \$100 check as our Centenary Offering contribution, this offering including the gifts of both our churches.

And so the showers of blessings continued, but only too soon our honored guest, Mr. Leuschner, had to leave us to continue his work in other fields. Our prayer is that he may continue to be an inspiration to the young and old, as he was in our midst.

J. E. GRENZ, Reporter.



Students and Teachers of the First Bible School Held by the Antelope Station of the First Baptist Church of Hebron, No. Dak.  
(Rev. E. Mittelstedt, Pastor, and Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Young People's Secretary, in Front, Center)

### Bible School and Harvest Festival in the Antelope Station of the Hebron Church, No. Dak.

An eagerly awaited Bible School was recently held for the first time for a period of one week in the Antelope station of the First Baptist Church of Hebron, North Dakota.

We were privileged to have the Rev. Martin Leuschner, general secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, with us from October 26 to November 2. Every morning our sessions began with a short period of devotion which was led by one of our students.

Our school was arranged in three class periods. The first lesson was taught by Mr. Leuschner in German on the history of our denomination. The second period was conducted by our pastor, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, also in German on the topic, "Introduction to the Old Testament." Our third lesson was again given by Mr. M. Leuschner in the English language on "When Do Teachers Teach?" He also gave us an address followed by pictures of our missionary work in the Cameroons which was very interesting. Our average attendance was 22 students.

Our students enjoyed this Bible School immensely and they are eagerly looking forward to another school next Fall. Our church is grateful to our pastor and Mr. Leuschner for holding this school in our midst.

On the first Sunday in October we had our annual mission festival. We were privileged to have the Rev. David Littke and family from our neighboring town, New Leipzig, No. Dak., as our guest speaker for the day! His first message in the morning, which inspired his hearers and brought them closer to the Father of the harvest, was based on Luke 12:21.

Several appropriate hymns of praise were sung by the church choir under the direction of our pastor, Mr. Mittelstedt. The offering amounted to \$440. We are looking forward to another year of blessing in our church.

ANNA KRENTZ, Reporter.

### Birthday Surprise for the Rev. E. Becker of Herreid, South Dakota

On Tuesday evening, October 28, many friends attended the Baptist Church of Herreid, So. Dak., to enjoy the meetings conducted by the Rev. R. Kaiser of McClusky, No. Dak., and to surprise the Rev. Emil Becker of the Herreid Church on his birthday.

At the close of the meeting led by Mr. Kaiser, the audience burst into song, singing, "Happy Birthday To You." The president of the Herreid B. Y. P. U. society welcomed the people and announced the program. Scripture was read by Mr. J. Schuetzle and prayer was offered by Mr. J. Quenzer. A mixed quartet, composed of Henrietta Bens, Loretta Berreth, LuVern Quaschnik, and Warren Ackerman, sang a song. A reading was given by Estelline Huber. Mr. Kaiser extended his congratulations at this time. The Rev. Emil Becker's daughters, Virginia and Elaine, sang his favorite song, "God Will Take Care of You." Romona Adolph read the reading, "Glueckwunsch." "Geburtstag zum Vater" was read by Virginia Becker.

After this short program best wishes were extended to the minister by the deacons, Mr. F. Adolph, Mr. R. Fischer, and Mr. J. Quenzer.

Mr. Becker finally had his part in the program and he expressed his thanks to everyone. The meeting was closed with a hymn during which an offering was taken which was presented to Mr. Becker as a gift.

All friends gathered, after this meeting, in the basement of the church to enjoy a lunch served by members of the church. The gift of \$33.50 was presented at the table where the honored person sat. The center piece of the table was a three-decked cake with the inscription, "Happy Birthday," on it and also forty-five candles.

All the people attending enjoyed the evening and wished Brother Becker God's blessing and many more happy birthdays as they left for home.

HENRIETTA BENS, Reporter.



## Pacific Conference

### Special Speakers Address the Salt Creek B. Y. P. U. of Oregon

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer were in the Salt Creek Church near Dallas, Oregon, on October 26, and took charge of the services. The evening was for the young people and Paul Gebauer showed pictures of their work in the Cameroons and also the conditions prevailing in Africa.

We have seen Mr. and Mrs. Gebauer on the screen many times but only a few times in person. We were very happy to have had them with us.

Mr. Carl Greider, athletic instructor of the Y. M. C. A. in Salem, was the B. Y. P. U.'s speaker on Sunday evening, November 9th. Mr. Greider explained the purpose of the Y. M. C. A. and what it already has accomplished. Y. M. C. A. organizations have been established all over the world and they seek to help every young man that enters the Y. M. C. A. spiritually, mentally and physically.

MILDRED MAY, Reporter.

### The Wasco B. Y. P. U. Presents a Splendid Program in Supporting the California Mission Project

In order to support the splendid project that the California Young People's and S. S. W. Union has decided to sponsor, the young people's society of the First Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., presented its initial "Laura Reddig Home and Hospital Missionary Program" before the church on Sunday evening, November 2.

From the opening songs by the congregation through the benediction, the unity of spirit in silent prayer gave each participant the assurance that it was a service unto the Lord. The success was not due to the work of any one individual, but to every one who ministered unto us in song and dialogue. A very attentive audience seemed to add something to that blessed atmosphere wherein the Holy Spirit seemed to have sway.

The dialogue, "Converting Dad to Missions," was presented by seven young people. Musical numbers were given as follows: trumpet solo by Donald Homfeld; duet by Adeline Thiesen and Marjorie Villegas; baritone solo by Mr. Turner; piano solo by Joyce Unruh; and cornet solo by Verlin Unruh. Several numbers were also sung by the men's chorus, a trio and a mixed quartet.

The offering at the program was \$33.95 which will go toward the California mission project.

MRS. G. A. VILLEGAS, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### The Rev. A. Husmann Visits With Northwestern Bible School Students at Minneapolis, Minn.

Students at Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn., who came

from our German Baptist churches throughout the country, had long looked forward to October 30, for it was on that day that the Rev. Assaf Husmann, our promotional secretary, had promised us a visit. It was with vivid recollections of his work in our summer assemblies and conferences that we looked for his coming to us. During the forenoon Miss Lula Gerlitz had an interesting program arranged for Mr. Husmann as he visited as many classes as possible in the company of some of our young people. Mr. Husmann remarked afterwards that he had memories brought back to him of his own school days. We also found him to be a very attentive student.

At 12:45 P. M. we gathered at Russell Hall, our school dormitory, for dinner which was specially arranged by Miss Lydia Swyter. A blessed time of fellowship was enjoyed by all and we left our tables filled with many blessings.

Afterwards we made our way to the apartment of Misses Elma and Marie Fischer where we spent the afternoon in singing and fellowship. Mr. Husmann told us of the many experiences which he had enjoyed on his Dakota itinerary.

After the fellowship period a fine lunch was enjoyed which was prepared by the Misses Ruth Fischer, Florence Fischer and Alma Suckert. Our fellowship at this point had to be cut short and we had to hurry Mr. Husmann off to meet his train. We are happy to know that he has proven himself an ambassador of the gospel in our midst.

Those in attendance were Miss Orpha Brenner, Miss Betty Zoschke and Mr. Warren Brenner of Junction City, Kansas; Miss Viola Schulz of Washburn, N. Dak.; Miss Lula Gerlitz of Goodrich, So. Dak.; Miss Ruth Fischer, Miss Elma Fischer and Miss Florence Fischer of McClusky, No. Dak.; Miss Elma Suckert of Bismarck, No. Dak.; Miss Lydia Swyter of George, Iowa; Mr. Marvin Boston of Max, No. Dak.; and Miss Verna Rust and Mr. Fred Knelson of Martin, No. Dak.

FRED J. KNELSEN, Reporter.

### Wisconsin Young People Consider "Youth and Missions" at Their Fall Rally

The young people of the Wisconsin Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union spent two happy days of fellowship and glorious blessing at their annual Fall Rally which was held at the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound on November 1 and 2.

The evening meal on Saturday marked the opening of the rally. At this time the young people had an opportunity to get better acquainted through social singing.

A song service led by our Union's president, Roger Norman, preceded our evening worship service. Prior to the evening message, Wilmer Specht of the Kossuth Baptist Church read the scripture lesson. We were also favored

with several musical selections, such as a vocal solo by Marion Norman of Watertown and a piano duet by Inez Krause and Herbert Suchalla, members of the Pound society.

The customary roll call was taken by our state secretary at which time the Kenosha society led with the largest representation, having a delegation of fourteen. The message for the evening was brought by the Rev. Frank MacDowell.

The theme we chose for our rally was "Youth and Missions." This theme was appropriate as our union has adopted a plan to maintain the dispensary of Miss Laura Reddig in Africa, and a rally based on missions gave our young people an opportunity to learn more about our denominational foreign mission work.

The Sunday morning services proved to be a blessing to all who were privileged to attend. Our dean, the Rev. Frank Veninga of the Milwaukee Bethany Baptist Church preached the German sermon and the Rev. E. Baumgartner of the Milwaukee North Ave. Church delivered the English sermon. The morning services were brought to a close with an impressive communion service at which the Rev. H. P. Bothner, pastor of the home church, and the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner officiated.

Our state vice-president, Wallace Kehrein, opened the afternoon service with a season of songs and choruses. The scripture lesson was read by Wilbert Yungton of Kenosha, Wis. Elsie Jahnke of North Freedom offered a vocal solo, and Ellis Hoffman of Pound led in prayers.

Following the devotional period of the service, Mr. Baumgartner conducted an informal discussion. He began with a summary of the history of the German Baptist denomination in America and a summary of our home and foreign missionary enterprise. He also told us about our present situation in Africa with our own missionaries and our missionary budget. Very helpful information was given how our gifts would be used in our dispensary.

The recreation for the afternoon consisted of a ride to nearby camp-grounds which we examined and considered for our 1942 assembly camp.

The Sunday evening service, led by our president, was made up of the closing message by Dean Veninga, the scripture reading by Alice Obermiller, singing conducted by Erna Konitz, and musical selections by the Gillett society, Louise Borenitsch, Marcella Myers, and Gertrude and Lynda Klein. The inspiring message brought by Mr. Veninga brought our Fall rally to a beautiful climax.

As we bade farewell to our friends and fellow workers in Christ, we took with us new zeal and an earnest desire to do more for missions. Through our prayers we are asking God to bless those who are laboring for his cause.

LYNDA KLEIN, Reporter.

## Northern Conference

### Activities in the Baptist Churches of Southey and Serath, Saskatchewan

In a time of intellectual enlightenment, new findings, and improved methods in the remotest parts of this continent, we are often confused as to the approach we as Christian workers should make in the winning of souls for God's Kingdom. Fortunately, however, the basic needs of mankind remain essentially the same. And God can use both our faculties and our faults for the furtherance of his cause.

We do rejoice that God has given our Baptist churches of Southey and Serath in Saskatchewan, Canada, this "increase" and especially the love of Jesus in the hearts of a number of searching people. For two weeks in October we enjoyed the influence of a local Bible School and inspiring evangelistic services in connection with it. Although we had an enrollment of only seventeen students and a modest attendance in the evening services, the interest and the activities, nevertheless, increased with every day, climaxing in the form of a baptism on Sunday morning, October 26, and in a song recital and commencement exercises in the evening. Twenty-one young men and young women followed Christ in the solemn and holy act of baptism.

On Sunday for the "grand finale" we welcomed numerous visitors from the neighboring churches. The Rev. A. R. Weisser from Edenwold brought an inspiring baptismal message in the morning and conducted the musical and commencement program in the evening. The local choirs rendered a repertoire of choice musical numbers. And six of our students spoke briefly on the Bible School and the various subjects taught.

The school and the evening services were such a success from the spiritual standpoint that the desire has been expressed to continue in the same way in our church at Serath. Preparations already are under way for the extension of this work.

The Revs. F. W. Benke from Edmonton, A. Kujath from Regina, and A. R. Weisser from Edenwold, who brought the messages during the evangelistic services and assisted the local pastor in Bible School, are thanked once more for their diligent and efficient service.

As we look back upon the past year of teaching and preaching, we rejoice exceedingly that the Lord has crowned our efforts with success. Since November of 1940 we witnessed 42 people make their decision for Christ. Thirty-six of these were baptized.

KARL KORELLA, Pastor.

### Thanksgiving by the Morris Church for God's Bountiful Blessings

From the depths of our hearts we of the Baptist Church in Morris, Manitoba, can sing the 100th Psalm with David when we look back upon the



The Rev. C. C. Gossen and Six Baptismal Candidates of Crawford, Texas

blessings of the past summer. Nineteen persons were saved during the two weeks of evangelistic meetings which were led by our pastor, the Rev. H. Schatz. All were baptized on confession of their faith. Twenty-one persons of whom two came by letter, were received into the church fellowship at the communion service which followed the baptism.

Willing hands and ready hearts made our annual banquet in honor of our fathers and mothers, the summer socials and the Sunday School picnic memorable events of fellowship and love.

Our Ladies' Missionary Society was able to give another fifty dollars toward the Centenary Offering and twenty-five dollars toward needed articles of service for the Edmonton Christian Training Institute.

A fitting close, however, for such a full and blessed summer came when about two hundred people, a near capacity audience, raised their voices in glad thanksgiving to God on the beautiful morning of September 28. The fruits of the field and flowers from the gardens lay on the platform of the church as a mute thanksgiving to God.

The earnest and inspiring message on "What Have We to Be Thankful For" by our pastor will long be remembered and cherished by those who heard it. The offering which amounted to \$216 on this occasion was sent to our general mission headquarters at Forest Park, Ill.

God help us always to remember that there are countless blessings to be thankful for and to be cherished as gifts from above.

IDA HOFFMAN, Reporter.

## Southern Conference

### Revival Meetings and a Baptismal Service in Crawford, Texas

As the Canaan German Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, we have much to be thankful for as we praise the Lord for his sustaining grace and the blessings that were so richly bestowed upon us during our recent revival. We were very happy to have had the privilege of having had the

Rev. Theo. W. Dons, our general evangelist, in our midst from August 29 to September 11.

Each night our evangelistic services were conducted in the English language. During these meetings six young people were converted. Much credit goes to our Sunday School teachers and Christian parents who led these young people to the recognition of their need of a Savior.

On Sunday, September 14, these young converts came before the church to be considered for baptism. On Sunday morning, September 28, after the usual examination of the candidates, arrangements were made for the baptismal service. On this day we also used our baptismal service for the first time and dedicated it to the Lord for his service.

After a short message, it was the great joy of our pastor, the Rev. C. C. Gossen, to baptize these splendid Christian young people into the fellowship as pledged partners of Jesus Christ. This service was the largest we have ever had in attendance and many visitors reported that the service was very impressive.

In the evening the hand of fellowship was extended to the new members before the observance of the communion service.

ELIZABETH FREYER, Reporter.

### Memorable Events for the Women's Missionary Union of Gatesville, Texas

During the past few months the Women's Missionary Union of the Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas, has had the privilege of observing several memorable events.

On Sunday evening, June 15, the 25th anniversary of the Union was observed. The secretary gave an interesting report, touching briefly on various outstanding happenings of the 25 years. The treasurer's report also disclosed some interesting facts. We were amazed that during the 25 years a total of \$4193 was received into the treasury. A total of \$2723 of this was given to missions. A short mission playlet, musical selections, readings and a mission offering concluded the program.

On Sunday afternoon, October 12, the occasion for special observance was the joint celebration of the 80th birthdays of 3 members, namely, the Mesdames Schloeman, Schange and Melburn. A special program was rendered in their honor with their friends of Sunday School and church as guests. A lovely bouquet of flowers was presented each of the honor guests. Our annual birthday offering was held at the conclusion of this program.

At present our organization is functioning under a two fold plan. One month is devoted entirely to missions, while each alternate month is devoted to home expenses and problems. Mrs. W. H. Bunning is serving again as our president and is untiring in her efforts to plan, so that all can be at work. MRS. G. P. SCHAUB, Reporter.



### The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas

Jesus, in his parable of the mustard seed, said that it "is the least of all the seeds, but when it is grown it is the greatest among herbs and becometh a tree so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof." So it is with regard to the history of many a church. In most instances it was only a small number of faithful believers who had the courage to organize the church. But how different it is after fifty years! That church, which began with only a few members, is then like a big tree that gives blessings to many. The history of the Canaan Baptist Church of Texas has had such a beginning!

It was in the year 1884 when Mr. H. Engelbrecht, then a middle aged and energetic farmer came to this community of Crawford, Texas, to see about some land. He found the land suitable and so bought a few hundred acres. The following year, in 1885, he and his family, William Struwe and family, Herman Grube and Karl Groth moved here from Cedar Hill near Brenham, Texas. In the course of time a few other families came from Cedar Hill, and through the influence of Mr. Engelbrecht a number of families came from Austria as few years later. At the time when Mr. Engelbrecht came to this community, the Rev. J. E. Sydow, also from Cedar Hill, moved to King



Rev. C. C. Gossen  
of Crawford, Texas

near Gatesville. Since he had been preaching at Cedar Hill, he conducted services at King two Sundays in a month and on the other Sundays he would come here and conduct services in some home.

On October 25, 1891, all the Baptists here met in a little schoolhouse on one of Mr. Engelbrecht's places near Coryell City for the purpose of organizing a church. A few delegates from the

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Cottonwood Church and a few from the church now known as Bethel Heights were present. The Rev. F. J. Gleis served as moderator and the Rev. J. E. Sydow as clerk. The name "Canaan" was given to this church, which she still bears.

In the year 1892 the Rev. Karl Ekert also came to this community. The church asked him to serve them until they would be ready to call a permanent pastor. In 1893 they called Prof. Louis Vogt, then professor in our seminary at Rochester, N. Y., who accepted the call and thereby became the first pastor of this church. In 1894 Mr. Engelbrecht gave to the church a piece of land upon which the first church was built the same year and also the parsonage. In 1928 the church was remodeled. Four Sunday School rooms were added, and early this year three more class rooms and a baptistry were added.

The following ministers have served this church during these fifty years: Rev. Karl Ekert, 1892-1893; Rev. Louis Vogt, 1893-1898; Rev. J. E. Sydow, 1899-1901; Rev. Eduard Petchke, 1902 to 1905; Rev. J. E. Sydow, 1906-1916; Rev. A. Stern, 1917-1924; Rev. G. Hege, 1925-1926; Rev. C. C. Gossen since October, 1927.

According to the church records, during these fifty years 306 persons have been received as members into this church. A great number of them have gone on before us. Mr. Engelbrecht, who was a great factor in the history of this church, died in 1929 at nearly 90 years of age. Some of these members have moved to other parts of our state or states; some have gone to cities where they are members in churches there. Our present membership is 146. There are still 10 persons living who were members when this church was organized. They are Mr. and Mrs. John Hodel, Lockney, Texas; Mr. George Hodel, Kenefic, Okla.; Mr. George Rueckrich, Krum, Texas; Mr. Fred Held, Dallas, Texas; Mr. C. D. Porth, Dallas, Texas; Mr. Martin Selzer, Dallas, Texas; Mr. Frank Massier, Dallas, Texas; Mr. N. Goettmann, Petrolia, Texas; and last but not least our own sister, Mrs. Adam Massier, who is the only living charter member of this church. She has lived here all these years.

Sunday, November 2, was a day of joy and blessing for us as a church at the time of our church anniversary. Most all of our churches in Texas were represented. During the Sunday School under the leadership of Mr. H. T. Engelbrecht, three charter members, now living in Dallas and belonging to our church there, spoke. They were Messrs. C. D. Porth, M. Selzer and Fred Held. One of our deacons, Mr. F. Jaekle, who for 14 years served as Sunday School superintendent, also spoke a few words and read some letters of congratulations. A letter from

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Mrs. Louis Vogt of Okeene, Okla., the first minister's wife of this church, also was read.

Since we observed our Harvest and Mission program in the morning, the Rev. Paul Hintze from Mowata brought an inspiring message from the text, Matt. 9:37-38. A mission offering was taken. A fine dinner was served by the ladies of our church at the nearby schoolhouse.

Quite a number of visitors from Crawford and Waco came for the jubilee program in the afternoon. Several short speeches of good wishes were given by the following: Prof. England, superintendent of our schools in Crawford; Mr. Kennedy of the Baptist Church in Crawford; Mr. Wm. Bremer of our church in Cottonwood; Mr. Walter Schaible, our former council member; the Rev. P. Pfeiffer, our mission secretary; M. H. W. Engelbrecht, our senior deacon; and last but not least, the anniversary message brought by the Rev. W. H. Bunning of Gatesville.

In the evening service our B. Y. P. U. brought the history of the union, and a few musical numbers by Waco and the Cottonwood churches besides the local choir were given, after which the Rev. P. Pfeiffer brought a timely message on "Pressing Forward." We hope that all those who came to our anniversary received a blessing. We are grateful to our faithful women and the committees who made this anniversary possible. C. C. GOSSEN, Pastor.

### THE PRODIGAL SON

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"But you ought to be happy, Benoni," urged Chislon. "You have about all that you want here—at least all that you need: a good home to live in, servants, and . . ."

"That's just where you are wrong," Benoni cut in. "All that I need but not all that I want! The one thing I want most of all I don't have—a chance to enjoy life, to have some pleasure, some fun."

Chislon thought a moment. "Well, what are you going to do about it?" he inquired.

This question gave Benoni a chance, the chance he was looking for. He would tell Chislon what was uppermost in his mind and see what he would say.

"I'm going to ask father," he blurted out boldly, "to let me have whatever

share of his property will be coming to me later, and . . ."

"Go away and leave me here alone?" broke in Chislon, sensing the situation.

"Well, yes—I suppose so," his brother admitted. "You see, you are pretty well satisfied to remain—you just said so—and I am not."

"So you just want to go off and have a good time—while I work! That's a good one!" Chislon laughed a little. "Well, you know father," he continued. "He would never consent to that; you know that as well as I do. And, furthermore, I don't think that you ought to except him to do it. It would add to my work too. I suppose you never thought of that!"

"Yes, but I have," Benoni assured him. "It would mean only the taking on of another manservant or two to do my share of the work."

"Well, father wouldn't listen to any of it, I am sure," reiterated Chislon. "It would never do. Where in the world did you get such notions, anyway? Benoni, I think that some people would call you crazy! Come on down; you had better go to bed."

So saying, Chislon turned about and walked slowly down the outside stairway, while Benoni rose and paced up and down the roof, thinking, thinking, thinking, and occasionally stopping for a few moments to gaze at the Palestinian stars that twinkled so brightly overhead.

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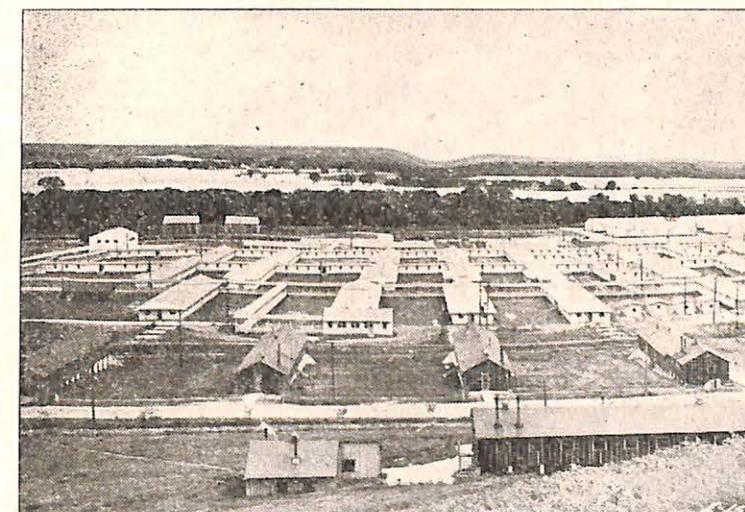
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Stanley Geis, the pastor of the Ogden Park Church. Mr. Ed. Kassner, president of the Chicago Young People's Union, was in charge. Mr. Harold Johns, president of the Central Conference Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, young people's secretary, were also in attendance. It is hoped that at future occasions for similar forum discussions all of the Chicago churches can be represented.

¶ Several paragraphs from the article, "Our Spiritual Heritage" by Professor Albert J. Ramaker, which appeared in the October 15th issue of "The Baptist Herald" were quoted by "The Watchman-Examiner" in its November 6th number in an editorial on "Baptism of Infants." The editorial stated that "so far as real Baptists are concerned, the issue concerning infant baptism will not be settled until this unscriptural practise is stopped. Ever since it was erroneously introduced into the church, it has been a divisive practise, along with all other ecclesiastical inventions. . . This issue concerning infant baptism is as lively a one now as ever. Primarily, this is so because it touches the supreme

Anabaptist principle of the competency of each soul." We are indebted to Dr. John Bradbury, editor of this fine Baptist publication, for this recognition of the excellent discussion by Professor Ramaker.

¶ A fine series of revival services was held at the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, from October 5 to 19 with the Rev. R. P. Bronleewe as evangelist. An excellent spirit prevailed throughout the services, and the operation of the Holy Spirit was felt mightily every evening. The proclamation of God's word was rich in content and fervent in spirit. The saints were filled anew with the Spirit of God. About twelve young people and children came forward seeking or professing Christ. These will be entered in a class of instruction in the essentials of faith and church membership. Mr. Bronleewe was a real blessing and inspiration to the church. His Scriptural messages, definitely reaching the heart, were the greatest inspiration. The music in the services as well as his broadcasting of sacred music over the public address system from the church tower not only refreshed the congregation but also the whole town. The Rev. Paul F. Zoschke is pastor of the church.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

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It was suggested that the pastor be the instructor. Where his work does not permit enough time for that work, other instructors have been suggested. The courses will be accredited courses and each person taking the course will receive a "certificate of credit" to show that they have met all requirements of the chosen course. These certificates will be sent out from our office at Forest Park. We have also sent out a list of courses, the books for which are available from the Braese Loan Library at Forest Park. We are encouraging leadership training for all Sunday School officers and teachers and for those interested in such work.

We sincerely hope that this plan of leadership training can be carried out at our summer assemblies, Sunday School rallies and conventions, and in part at our conference. The Revs. M. L. Leuschner, A. Husmann, and F. W. Bartel have agreed to give us their cooperation at these various gatherings if their services are required. We also trust that the mission committee of the Dakota Conference will see fit to arrange to have Mr. Bartel act as instructor for Leadership Training Courses when he is not otherwise engaged.



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