

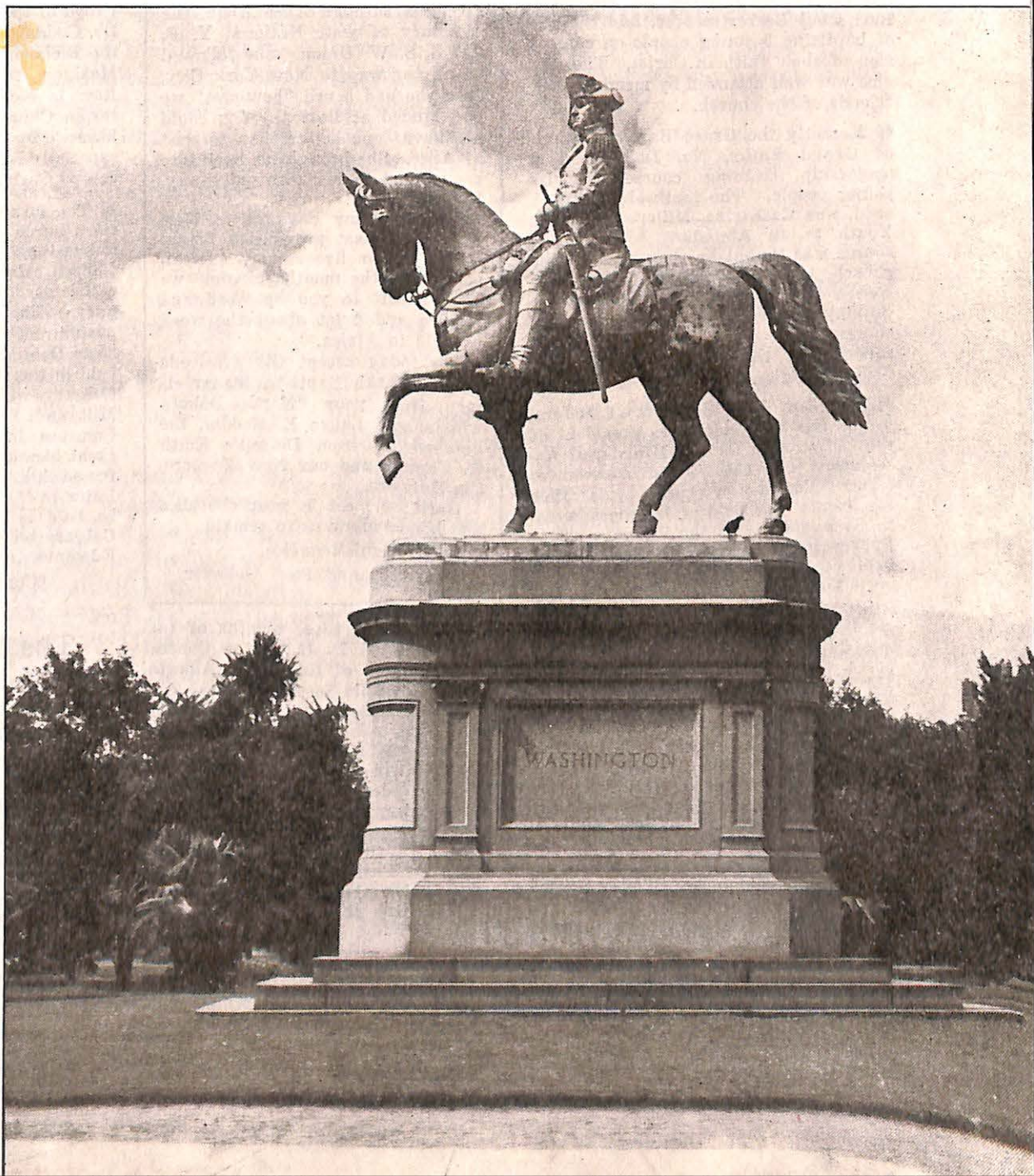
# THE BAPTIST HERALD

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An Equestrian Statue  
of  
George Washington,  
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Whose Birthday Will  
Be Celebrated on  
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# What's Happening

¶ The editorial in this issue of "The Baptist Herald" was delivered as a four minute message during the radio program of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, on Sunday morning, January 26. The message was first recorded by the Rev. E. P. Wahl, dean of the school and leader of this radio program, and then brought as a recorded address over radio station CJCA of Edmonton. The rest of the half hour broadcast was devoted to musical numbers by student groups of the institute.

¶ On New Year's Eve at a Watch Night service held in the German Baptist Church of Herreid, So. Dak., the Rev. Emil Becker, pastor, had the joy of baptizing 5 young people on confession of their faith in Christ. The service was well attended by members and friends of the church.

¶ Recently the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak., held a leadership training course for its young people. The textbook that was used was Catharine Miller's "Leading Youth to an Abundant Life." The course was taught by the pastor of the church, the Rev. J. C. Gunst. There were twelve teachers and officers of the Sunday School who completed the course and who received the credit cards from the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union.

¶ The Rev. Wm. Schobert of Jeffers, Minn., has been elected as president of the Cottonwood County Ministerial Association for the second consecutive term. Recently a county wide Bible conference was held under the association's auspices. From January 26 to February 2 an inspiring program was held in the nearby town of Windom with Dr. Dan Gilbert, noted Bible lecturer and author, as speaker. These meetings were also sponsored by the ministerial association.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Schillinger, members of long standing of the Central Baptist Church in Erie, Pa., recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. A group of members and friends of the church surprised them on this occasion with an anniversary dinner party. Mr. Schillinger has been the church clerk for a good many years and has also loyally served in the capacity of teacher in the Sunday School. Mrs. Schillinger has been faithful and active in several of the women's organizations of the church.

¶ The former German Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., of which the Rev. H. Hirsch is pastor, has recently changed its name to the Faith Baptist Church. The Week of Prayer services

in January were exceptionally well attended. During the Fall season of last year the church bought a new organ costing \$450 and replastered with cement the entire church basement. The pastor reported that the church "spent over \$800 extra in 1940 and closed its books with a balance in the treasury. It was a good and blessed year!"

## Greetings from the Gebauers!

To Our Youth and Sunday School Workers:—

Greetings and our thanks for the friendly and personal welcome given us through Alice Kaaz, the secretary of your National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. She followed us all the way to New York City, once she had heard "how wet" we had landed at Boston. You could not have done better than to send us Alice. She brought us back into your midst in her own quiet way. We thank you!

Those stormy days along New England's coast provided a fitting close for our five stormy African years. In the months to come we shall report to you by word and picture and print about the work you did in Africa.

For today accept the gratitude of your Kaka Baptists, the greetings from your "North Dakota whirlwind," Laura E. Reddig, the best wishes from Detroit's Edith A. Koppin, and our New Yorkers, the Dungers.

Until we meet in your churches and homes allow us to remain,

Your missionaries,

Clara and Paul Gebauer.

¶ For the first three months of this year the B. Y. P. U. of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, held its meetings from 9:15 to 10 o'clock after the evening services. Recently the society held its election of officers with the following results: Edith Wollenberger, president; Henry Schroeder, vice-president; Kurt Jeschke, secretary; and Martha Wollenberger, treasurer. On Sunday evening, January 19, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker. Mr. Cornelius Schroeder was the leader at the devotional meeting held on Sunday, January 26.

¶ The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., baptized 4 young people at a very impressive Watch Night service and received them into the fellowship of the church. Evangelistic meet-

ings had been held towards the close of last year by the Reverends John Schmidt of Chicago, Ill., and H. W. Wedel of Milwaukee, Wis. A large young people's choir is assisting the pastor. Mr. Schlesinger wrote: "The Sunday night services in our church are now especially well attended and many young people are present."

¶ The Second Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., of which the Rev. W. J. Appel is pastor, observed the Week of Prayer from January 7 to 10 with guest speakers at all of the inspirational services. These speakers included Rev. J. Troy of the Brooklyn Gospel Church, Rev. B. Floyd of the Bushwick Baptist Church, Dr. Goddard, missionary to China from the Richmond Hill Church, Mr. Walter Marklein from the local church, and Rev. L. Neitzer of the Grace Presbyterian Church. The church was richly blessed by these meetings and was especially happy when 3 young men accepted Christ as their Savior.

¶ The former Riverview German Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, is now known as the Bridgeland Baptist Church. It is worshipping in its new edifice at 8th and Second Ave., in Calgary. The Rev. R. Milbrandt is the pastor of the church. From November 25 to December 6 revival meetings were held in the Bethel Baptist Church near Calgary which is also served by Mr. Milbrandt. The Rev. H. Waltereit of Camrose brought the messages with great blessing, and one young man confessed his faith in Christ as Savior. Later in the year similar meetings will be held in the Bridgeland Church of Calgary with the Rev. F. W. Benke of Edmonton assisting the pastor.

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## EDITORIAL

SEVERAL years ago it was my privilege to hear a Baptist minister of Philadelphia, Pa., tell about a trip of his to Africa. There he had talked with one of the three African natives who had carried the body of David Livingstone, the missionary, from the jungle interior, where he had died, to the sea. The traveller was eager to learn what this native, now old and weather beaten, had remembered about the renowned missionary. Over and over again the black man repeated this one answer to all of the questions: "My master wanted all of the slaves to be free and happy." That was the secret of Livingstone's life as he toiled with burning zeal and preached with ardent devotion in the very heart of the dark continent.

David Livingstone had learned that truth of his Master, whose he was, and whom he served. "My Master wants all people to be free and happy." He had opened his heart to the One who had said: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3) There is the gospel in a nutshell, the invitation to life eternal in clear, unmistakable terms, the secret of all enduring freedom and true happiness.

How many and how heavy are the burdens of life! Like the pilgrim in John Bunyan's immortal book, there are so many people who carry a heavy load around with them and know not how to get rid of it. Their pitiful cry echoes the words of the apostle: "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" They bemoan their lot in life, shackled as they are by the fetters of sin and evil habits, bereft of all joy and contentment.

If only they would open their hearts to these

words of the Master, even as a housewife opens the windows to the sunshine on a bright Spring day. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." In Christ we have received all knowledge about God and have found the Way, the only true Way, that leads to God. He is our Immanuel, for he has become "God With Us."

"Take that name of Jesus ever  
As a shield from every snare;  
If temptations round you gather,  
Breathe that holy name in prayer!"

Such a life that is lived in the presence of God and that has known all release from bondage to sin must be a life of inexpressible happiness. The greatest boon to mankind—the gift of eternal life—belongs to those who believe on his Name. They walk in the light of God's truths. They are more than conquerors through him who loved them and gave himself for them. They enjoy a peace that passes all understanding.

The story is told of "a big strapping fellow at a testimony meeting. His face glowed with happiness. He loved to tell of the joy that he had found in knowing the Lord. Squaring his shoulders, stretching out his arms, smiling broadly, he looked around the room and said: 'Boys, I don't believe I could be any happier unless I was bigger.'"

Are you among those who yearn for freedom and happiness? Are you struggling with burdens of life that oppress you and bring anguish to your soul? This is the testimony of all who love the Lord Jesus Christ: "My Master wants all people to be free and happy." The way to that kind of a life is stated in the Master's own words: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Choose this day the way upon which you will go!



# In Defense of the Minister's Wife

By MRS. BERTHA KEPL  
of Martin, North Dakota

There is hardly another person in many of our communities today who is so much the center of attraction and interest than the minister's wife. She is being observed in practically every move she makes. She is either admired or criticized in everything she does.

If she dresses up-to-date, she is considered to be stuck up. If she dresses plain, she is old-fashioned.

If she is lively and sociable, she is one of the giddy kind. If she is quiet and reserved, she is too stiff and cold.

If she is a poor cook or a poor manager, it is just too bad for her. But if she is a good cook, she is accused of being extravagant and elaborate.

And so one could go on and on!

## An Ideal Minister's Wife

What are some of the qualifications and characteristics of an ideal minister's wife?

I shall try to mention some of these qualifications and duties as I see them. She must be a genuine, consecrated Christian. A devoted love to her husband is not sufficient. His interests and concerns must also be hers. His love for his cause and the people with whom he has to deal must, to a great extent, also be hers. She must share his problems with him as well as with the people whom they are shepherding. She must not only be a companion to her husband, but also a share-holder in his interests and enterprise.

She must be a friend to every one and, at the same time, she must not be an intimate friend with any one. Much trouble and heartache can be avoided, if she can maintain a happy medium and be kind to every one, but not too kind to any one.

At all times she must be willing to serve according to her ability, and often beyond her ability!

She must always be ready to entertain and to be hospitable, especially so, if she lives in the city. A minister must never turn down a stranger or guest, no matter what the circumstances might be. That is a Christian vir-

tue, which must be especially observed by the minister and his family.

She must be able to discipline her children in a perfect way. Minister's children are expected to be an example to the children of the community.

## Requirements Without End

She must be able to acclimate herself to all sorts of circumstances in life. Since most pastors do not reside in one place any too long, she has to be able to fit herself into all sorts of conveniences and inconveniences.

She dare never say "No" to any duty or obligation that may be required of her. That would be giving a bad example to others!

She must attend all the services and church activities.

She must be a good manager, in order to keep up the pace with her husband, and at the same time not to neglect her household duties.

And if she is a German Baptist minister's wife, she has to be able to economize in order to make the budget meet.

She must have a good education, since she is often called upon to present herself and to take part in public. She must also be able to take up the leadership of various organizations in the church.

She should be able to play the piano and to sing, since these services are often required of a minister's wife.

## Her Husband's Sermons

One of the misfortunes or tragedies of a minister's wife is that practically all her life she has to listen to one and the same minister preach. Often she has to listen to the same sermon over and over again.

If she ever happens to have the pleasure of going on a vacation trip, even then she has to listen to her husband preaching. For in many instances, the visiting pastor is called upon to preach.

Considering the above mentioned points, one might ask: "Who is capable of filling the gap?" I do believe that

every young pastor should put the proposition to his intended wife, as did the Master to the two disciples who asked to be seated at his right hand and at his left, when he would set up his throne, and he said:—"Are ye able to drink of the cup that I must drink, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am to be baptized?"

Judging by the many candidates that most young ministers encounter when they as single young men take up their first charge, one would get the impression that they too would answer, as did the disciples, "Lord, we are able." The idea of being a minister's wife seems to have somewhat of a charm for many a young girl. Yet we know only too well the importance of such a choice. I truly believe that it means what the Lord said to his disciples: "If any one will follow me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

## Privileges and Advantages

If I should stop here, it would seem as though I am drawing a rather dark or discouraging picture of the life of a minister's wife. But judging from the faces of the ministers' wives seen in the accompanying picture, that would not be doing them justice. For I must admit that there is not a happier and more cheerful group of women than that of the ministers' wives. So I would like to turn over another leaf and try to picture some of the privileges and advantages of a minister's wife.

First of all, I might say that, in most cases, she is sure of getting a good husband. Since a pastor must practice what he preaches, therefore he has to be kind and good to his wife.

She has the opportunity to share with her husband in the greatest cause in the world. There is no other profession so worthwhile as that of winning souls for Christ and shepherding his flock. All other professions are only temporal and for this world, but winning souls means to win treasures for heaven and for eternity.



A Group of Ministers' Wives at the General Conference  
in Burlington, Iowa

She has the privilege of using her influence for good over a great many people, both young and old.

## Sharing Life's Joys and Sorrows

She has the privilege of sharing with the people, with whom she comes in contact, their joys as well as their sorrows. And I might say, that that is truly a deep joy and a great satisfaction to share with others their joys, their sorrows and their cares.

She has the opportunity to lead others in doing good and in serving the Lord. By taking a definite part in the various organizations in the church, she has the joy of reaping, already in this life, many a fruit of love and appreciation from the people with whom she is working.

In most cases, she has the privilege of attending more conferences, conventions and other religious gatherings for spiritual uplift and edification than the average women, where she can enjoy the best possible fellowship and inspiration.

Even though it is a life of sacrifice and self-denial, that does not mean that it is a life of drudgery or unhappiness. For we know only too well, that true happiness comes through self-denial and sacrifice.

## — WANTED — A MINISTER'S WIFE

Author Unknown

At length we have settled a pastor;  
I am sure I can't tell why  
The people should grow so restless,  
Or candidates grow so shy;  
But after a two years searching  
For the "smartest" man in the land,  
In a fit of desperation  
We took the nearest at hand.

And really he answers nicely  
To "fill the gap," you know,  
To run the machine and "bring up arrears"

And make things generally go;  
He has a few little failings,  
His sermons are commonplace quite;  
But his manner is very charming  
And his teeth are perfectly white.

And so for all the "dear people"  
Not one in a hundred complained,  
For beauty and grace of manner  
Are so much better than brains;  
But the parish have all concluded  
He needs "a partner for wife,"  
Please notice our advertisement:  
"Wanted—A Minister's Wife."

Wanted—a perfect lady,  
Delicate, gentle, refined,  
With every beauty of person  
And every endowment of mind;  
Fitted by early culture  
To move in fashionable life,  
To shine a gem in the parlor;  
Wanted—a Minister's Wife.

Wanted—a thoroughbred worker  
Who well to her household looks;  
(Shall we see our money wasted  
By extravagant, ignorant cooks?)  
Who cuts the daily expenses  
With economy sharp as a knife

## A Sacred and High Calling

Since the life of a minister's wife is such a high calling with so many responsibilities, duties, and obligations, as well as opportunities and joys, the young minister, in making his choice for a life companion, should seek for someone with at least some of these qualifications as well as human affection, love and beauty. Every young girl, who is contemplating on becoming a minister's wife, should not only consider her love and devotion to the young man, but should also be conscious of her calling to this profession in the same manner as the minister is conscious of his calling for the ministry. She should try to prepare herself for this calling and service, if in any way possible, by getting an education, which will to a certain extent qualify her for the position.

May we, who are serving in this cause as ministers' wives, at all times and under all circumstances be so devoted and consecrated to our Lord and the cause, to which we are called to serve, that we may continue in doing our part, knowing that in due time, we shall reap and faint not.

And washes and scrubs in the kitchen:  
Wanted—a Minister's Wife.

A very "domestic person,"  
To callers she must not be "out,"  
It has such a bad appearance  
For her to be gadding about;  
Only to visit the parish  
Every year of her life  
And attend the funerals and weddings:  
Wanted—a Minister's Wife.

To conduct the "ladies' meetings,"  
The "sewing circles" attend,  
And when the "work" for the soldiers  
Her ready assistance lend;  
To clothe the destitute children  
Where sorrow and want are rife,  
And look up Sunday School scholars;  
Wanted—a Minister's Wife.

Careful to entertain strangers,  
Traveling agents and "such,"  
Of this kind of "angel visits"  
The deacons have had so much  
As to prove a perfect nuisance  
And "hope these plagues of their life  
Can be sent to the parson's":  
Wanted—a Ministers Wife.

A perfect pattern of prudence,  
Than all others spending less,  
But never disgracing the parish  
By looking shabby in dress;  
Playing the organ on Sunday  
Would aid our laudable strife,  
To save the society money;  
Wanted—a Minister's Wife.

And when we have found the person,  
We hope by working the two  
To lift our debt and build a new church,  
Then we shall know what to do,  
For they will be worn and weary,  
Needing a change of life,  
And we shall advertise—  
"Wanted—A Minister and His Wife."

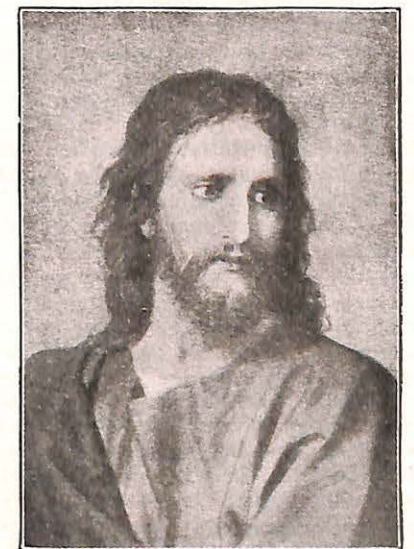
## The Wayside Pulpit

By Rev. Reuben P. Jeschke  
of Dayton, Ohio

### A Trust

John 19:23-30

An awe-inspiring drama of life was enacted by Jesus on the cross. "Woman, behold thy son!" — "Behold, thy mother!" With this he had entrusted his mother into the keeping of the disciple nearest his heart, and that disciple into the loving care of his mother. A conscientious person will consider his talents and goods a sacred trust from God, to be used for the welfare of all. To every Christian all that Jesus was and stood for, must be a sacred trust. We hold it to pass it on. If we fail, it suffers.



Hofmann's Picture of Christ

Think of his teaching. The world has not witnessed its like. It centered on God as love, to be experienced with a personal intimacy, and looked upon all men as brothers. Those truths are a cherished possession. They are also a trust.

A certain spirit lived in all his deeds. Even good teachings can fail if there be no radiant life to sustain them. Jesus taught kindness and lived it. He taught forgiveness and extended it. If this thought is less easy to grasp, it is still no less important a part of our trust. Let us exemplify his spirit. With a spirit so loving and a mankind so sinful there can be but one way, that of the cross. Jesus walked it also.

The Christ has left his followers an unforgettable vision. It too belongs to their trust. He looked upon man not as a child of the devil but as the new being he would become when remade through the power of God. The world was to him not only a place of heartache and destruction. In human hearts here and there he could see the heavenly Kingdom growing as the expanding seed or penetrating leaven. In the end God's purposes shall still prevail. That he could see—and more. That vision the world needs. Let us make it known.



The Moravian revival at Herrnhut, Germany, in 1727 stands out among the great spiritual awakenings of history because of its striking resemblance to the Pentecostal power and results in the day of the apostles. As at Jerusalem, so the congregation of believers at Herrnhut numbered but few, and were, humanly speaking, totally devoid of worldly influence, wisdom, wealth and power. But on both these small and weak congregations God poured out his Holy Spirit and endued them with power from on high. At once these believers, naturally timid and fearful, were transformed into flaming evangelists and missionaries, who carried the gospel to the ends of the earth.

### The Blood of the Martyrs

Sprung from the labors and martyr-death of the great Bohemian reformer, John Huss, "the Brethren" had passed through centuries of persecution. Many had sealed their testimony with their blood. Imprisonment, torture and banishment had caused them to forsake the homes of their fathers and flee for refuge to Germany, where the young Christian nobleman, Count Zinzendorf, offered them an asylum on his estates in Saxony.

The first part of the year 1727 did not seem at all promising at Herrnhut. While the majority were members of the ancient Moravian Church of the Brethren, other believers had also been attracted to Herrnhut, and Lutherans, Reformed, Baptists and others had joined the community. Soon differences of opinion and heated controversy on doctrinal questions threatened to disrupt the community. But the more earnest and spiritual among them began to cry mightily unto God for deliverance. God graciously answered with a marvelous outpouring upon them of "the spirit of grace and supplication."

### Count Zinzendorf

When God intends great mercies for his people, the first thing he does is to start them praying. He also sent them a leader and deliverer in the person of Count Zinzendorf, only 27 years of age. This talented and godly youth, who so kindly offered this persecuted church a place of refuge on his own estates, had been divinely prepared for his great work of spiritual leadership.

Converted in early childhood, he composed and signed at four years of age the following covenant: "Dear Savior, do thou be mine, and I will be thine." He had chosen as his life-motto the now famous confession: "I have one passion: it is Jesus, Jesus only."

After earnest and persevering prayer he was led to call upon his pious but disputatious congregation "to seek out and emphasize the points in which they were agreed," rather than to stress their differences. By means of an individual interview with every adult resident in Herrnhut, he persuaded them on May 12, 1727, to enter into a solemn covenant with him, actually to

# The Great Moravian Revival at Herrnhut

Third of a Series  
of Articles  
by REV. F. W. BARTEL  
of Avon, South Dakota

dedicate their lives, as he dedicated his, to the services of the Lord Jesus, each one in his own particular calling and position. He made provision for regular Bible study and for frequent gathering of bands for prayer.

But, as the day of Pentecost, and every great revival, so the Moravian revival of 1727 was preceded and followed by most extraordinary prayer.

### Fervent Prayers

We quote the historian: "July 16. The Count poured forth his soul in a heart-affecting prayer, accompanied with a flood of tears; this prayer produced an extraordinary effect, and was the beginning of the subsequent operation of the life-giving and energetic Spirit of God." On July 22 a number of brethren covenanted together of their own accord to meet often on the prayer and hymns.

On August 5 the Count spent the whole night in prayer in company of about twelve brethren, and at midnight there was held on the Hutherg a large meeting for the purpose of prayer, at which great emotion prevailed. Again on Sunday, August 10, about noon, while pastor Rothe led the meeting at

Herrnhut, he felt himself overwhelmed by a wonderful and irresistible power of the Lord, and sank down in the dust before God, and with him sank down the whole assembled congregation in an ecstasy of feeling.

### Outpouring of God's Spirit

The Moravian revival reached its great climax on August 13, 1727, as the congregation of Herrnhut was assembled at the Berthelsdorf church, where, "when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Exactly what happened that forenoon, none of the participants of that specially called communion service could fully describe. They left the church, "hardly knowing whether they belonged to earth or had already gone to heaven."

Immediately the thought took hold of them, that as in the days of the Old Testament the sacred fire was never permitted to go out on the altar, so in a congregation, as a temple of the living God, wherein he has his altar and fire, the intercession of his saints should rise up unto him like holy incense. Accordingly on August 26, twenty-four brethren and the same number of sisters met and covenanted together by relays of prayer-groups to make prayer to God without ceasing for all the work and needs of the church, dividing for that purpose the twenty-four hours among them by lot. This new plan was put into practice the next day, and the revival spread as they kept "the Lord's watch."

### A Prayer Meeting for 100 Years

Thus, began the unique and revival inspired prayer-meeting, which by "hourly intercession" continued for one hundred years. Such prayer may be expected to lead to great and far-reaching results. Nor are we disappointed. The revival produced the same joyful unity of spirit and victorious assurance of salvation as in apostolic times, and stamped the Moravians at once with a deep spirituality, a fervent evangelistic passion and an unquenchable zeal.

They became the world's evangelists and missionaries. From that one small village community more than one hundred missionaries went out in twenty-five years. Within three decades the Moravian missionaries carried the gospel, not only to nearly every country in Europe, but also to many pagan races in America, North and South, Asia, and Africa. And fifty years later these furnished the example and the inspiration to William Carey for the inauguration of the modern foreign mission movement.

The Moravian revival not only produced a great floodtide of sacred song, which has enriched the Christian Church through the centuries, but by the grace of God also led directly to the conversion of the Wesleys, thus furnishing the divine spark for the glorious spiritual awakenings in England and America of a later day.

# B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

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## BAPTIST BELIEFS ABOUT DEMOCRACY IN RELIGION

Luke 18:9-13.

### 1. The Emphasis of Baptists

Baptists as a denomination have always enjoyed the distinction of being champions of the cause for democracy in religion as well as in other phases of our daily living. Democracy's very existence is again the concern of men throughout the world, and we as Baptists have a perfect right to become champions again of this form of life by virtue of our denominational history and background.

Baptists have always maintained that every man is his own priest and can have direct access to God through the only begotten Son Jesus. As a denomination Baptists have never attributed forgiveness of sin to a liturgy or Church as such, but have maintained this emphasis upon the value of the individual in the sight of God, and the inalienable right of the individual to have his sins forgiven through Jesus by the loving Father.

### 2. Democracy of Church Life

Baptists trace this emphasis on democracy in religion back to the practices of the early Christian Churches and their teachings; such as Paul maintaining that in the sight of God, slave and master were equals—God alone was considered the head of the Church, hence, the title, "Church of God,"—assistance being granted to the poor and destitute of their fellowship, which indicated a real democratic spirit within the Church. These principles are still found in their entirety in the Baptist Churches of today.

Baptist practice of democracy in church life is nothing short of amazing for some people who marvel that we are unified even though we lack unity on many things. Therefore, we have a right to be real champions of this democratic way of life. Look at some of the democratic practices: each member is required to meet the same membership requirements of personal conversion, confession of faith, and baptism, without any exceptions being made for rich or poor—each member has one vote in church matters, the same as the pastor has—each member may be elected to offices of the church on the prevailing principles of democracy as practiced by our own nation—each member has an equal voice in determining the policies of the local church—each member is an equal entity in "the Church," because the church is not a building, but a group of believers doing God's will.

### 3. Difficulties and Shortcomings

Baptists are paying a price for all this democratic way of doing things; but they are willing to pay this price to maintain what has proved to be the best way in the last analysis. When Baptists compare their own practices with the ways of doing things in the more dictatorial forms of denominational procedures, they find that some of the prices are slowness in getting things done because the pastor must educate a majority before action can be obtained, pastoral placements are haphazard and often carried out in an inefficient way, a lack of disciplinary control is evident where there is a church group that will not conform to the Baptist democratic way, a general "muddling through" things is experienced when details in a project require intricate organization, but even so, we feel that all this creates a stronger and more rugged individual in our churches who knows the true meaning of democracy in practice.

### 4. Baptist Responsibilities

Baptists should realize their responsibility to the world in these days, for men are seeking for examples of democracy really working out. Look for yourself at those church groups that often claim to be champions of the democratic way. Do they practice it in their own church organization? Baptists are as qualified as any group to extol the virtues of democracy, for we are numbered among the few who have actually practiced it through the centuries.

Baptists have a worthy heritage, in fact, the issues that form the foundation of Baptist history are the very principles that underly the gigantic struggle taking place among the major nations today. For example; separation of church and state—the right to freedom of worship—the right of the individual to be free and equal in the sight of God and fellowmen, these are all statements that we hear often today, and they are the principles that Baptists have stood for during the centuries.

Sunday, March 30, 1941

## WHAT AMOS WOULD SAY TODAY

Amos 5:14, 15.

### 1. The Shepherd of Tekoa

Amos was a shepherd of Tekoa who lived near the great Christian center known as Bethlehem. Like his ancestors, Amos visited the great nearby market centers of Bethel, Gilgal, Hebron, Bethlehem and Jerusalem, and

noticed the contrast offered by the superficial gayety of these places as compared to the deeper experiences of the shepherd on the hillsides where he was close to God and nature. It is little wonder that God chose Amos to bring a particular message to these people.

### 2. The Prophet of God

Amos spoke out against the evils of his day. Men were enjoying peace and prosperity, and, as they always did under those conditions, they drifted away from God and felt self-sufficient. Wealthy merchants lived in pomp and state and maintained homes for pleasures and luxuries in places and cities where their indulgences might best be satisfied. The rich were growing richer, and conversely, as is always true, the poor were becoming poorer. Greed, dishonesty, love of wealth, slavery, lawlessness, privileges for the wealthy and chosen few, were all the order of the day. The religious life of the people had degraded to a meaningless ritual.

### 3. An Unpopular Message

Amos brought what must have been an unpopular message to the crowd at Bethel. They might have been pleased when he prophesied against their enemies of Syria, Philistia, Edom, Moab, and Judah, but Amos also went on to regale them for their own sins, the greatest of which was their foolish delusion of being exempt from judgment because they were a chosen people. For that very reason they were doubly responsible, said this man of God, for they had God's special revelation and yet they had sinned.

Amos, nevertheless, was a man of vision and called upon them to repent, clean up their own lives, hate evil and love good, and let judgment run down as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream.

### 4. Amos in Our Day

Amos might well come again and speak to the nations in the same vein today. The same sins of greed, dishonesty, love of wealth, and slavery in its many ramifications are besetting the nations. But Amos would go on to point out that the same cure is still needed by men everywhere, for they must turn from their sins and turn toward God if they would be truly repentant. By so doing, they would save their people, their nation, and their civilization from the same destruction that God still seems to visit upon those people who do not his will, and who ought to know better because they are his chosen people, having received his revelation.



## What's Happening News

(Continued from Page 62)

¶ On Wednesday evening, January 15, the Baptist Church of McClusky, No. Dak., surprised its minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Kaiser, with a pantry shower. The reporter stated that "the event was so quietly arranged that it was the first time that Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser were genuinely surprised." After the regular prayer meeting everyone was invited to the basement where the bounteous gifts were exhibited and a short program was held. In addition to the words of gratitude spoken by Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser, the older people testified and sang their old German folk songs with 8 and more stanzas.

¶ Evangelistic meetings were held in the Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., Canada, from January 6 to 17 with the Rev. Arthur Weisser of Edenwold, Sask., bringing the messages. During the two weeks of services 15 persons made their confession of faith in Christ and 3 others re-dedicated their lives to the Master. The pastor, Rev. E. M. Wegner, wrote: "May God keep every one of these converts and also richly bless Mr. and Mrs. Wegner of Edenwold, who have been instrumental in the saving of these souls." On Sunday morning, January 12, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker at the Nokomis Church.

¶ The members of this year's graduating class of the Rochester Baptist Seminary spent part of their Christmas vacation in the parsonage of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, with the Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Bender. Mr. Michael Kary, who served the church so acceptably last August, preached at the church services on Sunday, December 29. Messrs. John Weinbender and Rubin Kern spoke to the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. and also spoke at the evening service of the White Ave. Church of Cleveland on December 29. Mr. Bender's comment follows: "These men were a real blessing to us and it was a joy to entertain them."

¶ At the annual election of officers held by the Holmes St. Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., on January 1st, the following Sunday School officers were elected; Reinhard Kwast, superintendent; Emil Dachtler, ass't superintendent; Walter Kuhn, treasurer; and A. Zilz, secretary. The young people's society rendered an impressive Christmas program on Sunday evening, December 22, under the direction of the president, Albert Jeschke. Among other items in the program were a dialogue, "The Other Side of Christmas," a reading by Mrs. F. W. Pletz, and an address by Rev. J. J. Abel, pastor. The church is enjoying very attractively printed weekly bulletins which are also presenting some historical facts about our denomination besides the announcements.

### An Important Notice To Our Subscribers

It will become the duty of our Circulation Department to remove the address plates for BAPTIST HERALD subscribers of the past year who have

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their subscriptions for 1941.

This will not be done before the end of February which indicates that the service has been continued without interruption fully two months after the expiration period.

It is natural that we do not desire to cancel a single subscription if the magazine is wanted, but, on the other hand, we cannot continue the mailings indefinitely.

Please give this your attention.

THE PUBLISHERS.

Cleveland, Ohio

¶ The ordination into the Christian ministry of Mr. Carl F. H. Henry, pastor of the Humboldt Park Church of Chicago, Ill., was held on Sunday evening, January 19, in a very well attended service. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Charles W. Koller, Th. D., president of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago. The charges to the candidate and church were given by Dr. Henry C. Thiessen of Wheaton College and by Dr. Peder Stianson of the Northern Seminary, respectively. The ordination prayer was offered by Dr. William E. Powers of the seminary faculty. Dr. A. M. McDonald, superintendent of the Chicago Baptist Association, brought a welcome to the association. The Rev. Carl F. H. Henry has been serving the church since October 1, 1940, with marked success.

¶ The German Baptist churches of Hudson County, N. J., across the river from New York City, held a very successful series of meetings during the Week of Prayer, January 6 to 10, in their respective churches. On Monday evening, January 6, the service was held in the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., with Mr. Herbert Freeman, student at the National Bible Institute, speaking. Rev. Wm. A. Kahler spoke at the First German Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., on Tuesday evening. The Wednesday evening service was held at the Hoboken Church and Rev. Herman G. Kuhl was the guest speaker. At the Second Church of Union City, N. J., on Thursday evening, the Rev. Frank Orthner was the speaker. The closing message on Friday evening was brought by the Rev. Victor H. Prendinger at the Ebenezer Church of West New York, N. J.

¶ On Wednesday evening, February 19, Mr. J. Kornalewski, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Ledue,

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Alberta, Canada, will be ordained at a service to be held in the church. The ordination sermon will be preached by the Rev. Otto Patzia of Winnipeg, and Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., will also have an important part in the program. From January 12 to 26 evangelistic meetings were conducted in the church with Mr. Kornalewski bringing the messages. There were about 20 persons who confessed the Lord as Savior during the meetings. On Thursday evening, January 23, Mr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," was the guest speaker. The Women's Missionary Society of the church held its 18th anniversary program before a large audience on Sunday evening, January 19, with Mrs. Rudolph Grunwald, president, in charge. A dialogue, musical numbers and an address by the pastor were features of the program. The mission offering amounted to \$40.

¶ On New Year's Eve the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa, voted to purchase a pipe organ for the church to be installed in the near future. The cost of the Kimball organ with 1450 pipes will be about \$8000, of which \$2200 was on hand at the beginning of the year. From January 13 to 18 the church held a drive to secure cash gifts and pledges to cover the cost of the organ. Mr. Paul Gerdes is chairman of the organ committee. The church hopes to dedicate the organ on Easter Sunday or Mother's Day. Beginning with Thursday evening, February 1, and continuing for 6 successive weeks the Protestant churches of Burlington are holding a Leadership Training School in the Oak Street Church. About 200 people have already enrolled in the 9 accredited courses, according to the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, pastor of the church, who is also serving as dean of the school.

¶ Mr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Herald," was able to visit quite a number of the churches of Alberta during his service on the teaching staff of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Canada, from January 13 to February 7. On Wednesday evening, January 15, he spoke in the Second Church of Ledue with the Rev. E. P. Wahl and the student quartet also rendering a service in song and word. On Sunday, January 19, Mr. Leuschner spoke in the Camrose Church in the morning and in the Edmonton Church in the evening. On Thursday evening, January 23, he served the First Church of Ledue at the close of a series of revival meetings. On Sunday, January 26, he was the guest speaker in services held in the churches of Olds and Knee Hill Creek, Alberta, and on the following Sunday in Trochu. On Sunday, February 9, he spoke in the Bridge-land Church of Calgary, taking part in a young people's rally in the afternoon for neighboring churches and bringing an English message in the evening.

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# Children's Page

By MRS. MARGOT WOYKE of Washburn, North Dakota

### The Blessed Story

Ethel L. Rennison  
of Elgin, Iowa

I love the blessed story  
Of that day long ago  
When Christ came down from glory  
To live with us below.

I love the blessed story  
Of the day Christ died for me  
That I might be forgiven  
And his disciple be.

I love the blessed story  
Of that day to come, when I  
Shall see him in his glory  
In his home beyond the sky.

### Helping Hands

Grandfather was growing very old and grey, but he had not forgotten his childhood days. He remembered the many things that had made him happy as a youngster. In fact, he thought of these things so often that they still brought him much joy in his old age.

All the children in the neighborhood called him "grandfather." He was continually planning something for their enjoyment. In the winter time he frequently invited them over for parties. He recalled how it had pleased him to be the leader or to assist in making plans, so he always let some of the children make plans for the party and appoint a leader of the evening's games. Grandfather would sit off toward the side and just simply bubble over with joy when the children played together and shared with each other their imaginary experiences.

Grandfather appointed a different committee for each party. These committees tried to bring as much variety as possible into their gatherings. For one particular evening the committee had planned a Bible party. Each one present was telling what interested him most in the Bible. One told the story of creation, making it plain with his own actions. Another one showed what happened to Samson when he began to fall into sin and disobedience. Each one found something in the Bible that was full of life and action.

When they had all finished their tales, they looked around for another one to tell a story. They didn't want to stop so soon. Tears began to roll down some cheeks when it seemed there was no one left. Suddenly, one of the girls spotted grandfather, sitting in the corner of the room with a look of heavenly bliss on his face.

"What about grandfather?" she cried out. "He must know loads of Bible stories. Let's have him tell one."

"That's right!" yelled the others, and soon grandfather was in the middle of the room. With all eyes focused on him, he told his story.

He began by saying that on one beautiful summer day an interesting bit of news came to the sleepy village of Capernaum. He explained that we are not told how the men of this story met, but that they most likely were fishermen who worked side by side every day. On this day they had not been talking about fish.

"Someone told me that the Great Teacher from Nazareth is in town today," the first said.

door into the open. As soon as they came to Simon's house they heard the Master's touching voice, but they could not push their way through the crowd. The thought of the top of the house came to one, so they climbed to the flat mud-roof of the house. They used pointed sticks to break up the clay.

The people below looked up in surprise as the dust and dirt fell into their faces. Before the people knew what was going on, the four friends had lowered the poor man into the room where the Lord Jesus was speaking. Jesus had seen what the men had done, so he knew that they believed in him.



"Mother" and "Baby" Deer Are Startled by a Strange Sound in the Nearby Brush

"Where is he?" the second friend asked. "He is in Simon's house. This morning I saw a crowd of people standing outside the door. I was ready to stop, but I wanted to tell you the news first," said the third.

The fourth friend finally spoke up, "Did you hear how he healed a leper in Galilee? Let's take our friend who is sick with the palsy to him. I'm sure Jesus can cure him."

They soon agreed and hurried to their friend's home. When they had entered and gathered around the bed of the poor man, the third friend said, "The Master is at Simon's house. We shall carry you to him to be cured."

The shaky man could hardly talk, but at last he said, "My dear friends, you are too kind to me. My legs have been paralyzed for many years, yet what I have heard about this Man has made me long to see him."

The four friends put their kind hands on the corners of the mat on which the thin body was lying and walked slowly and carefully out of the

He turned to the sick man, and said, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."

Certain wise men in the group began to chuckle and say, "Why this Man claims to be equal with God. Only God can forgive sins."

Jesus knew what was in their cruel hearts, so he asked them, "Which is easier to say, 'Thy sins be forgiven thee,' or 'Take up thy bed and walk?'" In order to show that he had power to forgive sins, Jesus spoke once more to the sick man, "I say unto thee, Arise, take up thy bed and go thy way into thine house."

At once the man stood up, placed his mat under his arms, and walked out in the presence of all the people. Everyone in Capernaum was thankful that day and talked of what had happened. They all said that Jesus was indeed God's Son, because they had never seen anyone else do such wonderful things.

When grandfather finished telling his story, the children too, were happy and thankful. They returned to their homes with a prayer in their hearts.





# The Vision

By Paul Hutchens

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## CHAPTER ONE

A lone and lonely man stood on a moon sprayed ledge of rock on the shore of the river, a singing little river whose song tonight was in the minor; for the river's song was the same mournful melody that wailed within the man.

Tomorrow he was going back for his final year at the conservatory, to find and polish away every remaining flaw in a voice that men said was as nearly perfect as a singer's voice could be, more beautiful than any man's voice had a right to be.

Tomorrow! The thought was a word; the word, a sigh. All during the summer vacation the same mournful melody had cried within him, leading him—driving him—toward the decision at which he was about to arrive.

He watched the silver playing among the wavelets in the riffle below him—the riffle, a narrow moon-waved path bordered on either side with pickerel-weed and water plantain. His mind waved him back to boyhood days, when, barefoot, he had raced from the wingless old six-room house that was called home, following the foot paths through the woods, to pick for Mother's table a bouquet of the purple-blue flower clusters of the pickerel weed, which, arranged by his beautiful mother's hands in the yellow vase with the curled blue lips, looked more beautiful than any bouquet of tame flowers...

Little-boy days had been happy days, free from the disillusionment that comes when a man discovers that dreams do not come true and that faith can lose its glow, and die away to ashes—"Ashes to ashes, dust to dust." Ambition too, had died and been buried in the same grave as his faith—for these were twins, and lived or died together.

"Thank you, Rodney-boy," his mother would say, when his little hand with its long angular fingers extended the flowers to her. Often he would receive a cookie and a glass of milk in exchange for the bouquet. O there was no mother like his mother, no singing voice in all the world like hers audible above all others in the little snow white church in the grove upon the hill, where the family attended—all the family except Father...

There was no face like Mother's face, soft and smooth and the color of ripe peaches in the old orchard. It was still soft and smooth in spite of the lines that the years had stencilled there—

years and responsibilities and heart-aches. If he should tell her of the awful thing that had happened to him, there would be another more unbearable heartache. The terrible thing that had happened to his faith, and consequently to the things in which a man believed. He knew that eventually he would have to tell her. Honesty demanded that he do so, and yet—

He lifted his eyes to the stars. Here so many times in the past he had come to dream and to commune with God and with the world of nature He had made. The river and the wild birds were his intimates. He dialogued with them and with the stars. He listened to the Record of the night, playing back the music only a personal God could have recorded—a tangible God.

Tonight, however, Rodney listened and was not satisfied. There was a vacuum within which would not be filled. Once these stars were like the stars that Abram saw—a million souls that some day should be blessed through him, through the voice that would sing to them of saving grace. Tonight these stars were only stars.

A flash of light shot swiftly across the sky to disappear near the horizon, a tiny body of stone or metal, falling and burning itself out in the fall, the biography of the temporary faith of a million men and women the world over. Had his own faith been no more than that? A mere temporary faith? And was it now burned out forever?

Tomorrow he was going back! With a life-ambition entombed within his breast sealed with a seal that could not break! That ambition, he reflected, had been planted early in his life by his refined and cultured little mother; planted, and watered by her tears. With what skill and jealousy she had guarded that tiny plant, so that even in his earliest boyhood he had known what his life work was to be.

The shadow of the man on the rock stage moved. He sighed heavily, seated himself on the weathered old stone bench that had been carved there many years ago...

"Some day, Rodney-boy, you will be a great singer like your father—and you will sing the gospel to thousands, to millions, perhaps.

"Like your father!" Rodney had been so very young when Douglas Deland, famous evangelistic singer, had died—when he had been killed!

"We won't talk about it," was Mother Deland's way of dismissing the

subject whenever the children had asked questions. It had been an accident, that was all, and there were thousands of them every month on the highways of America. The driver of the other car was a good man, although a "drinking" man, and on that fatal night he had taken only a few glasses of beer, not enough, the coroner had decided, to make him drunk. Perhaps his "reaction time" was slow, but that was all.

The story had come to Rodney in fragments through the years, and he had pieced it together until it was complete in his mind. In those days, many a good man drank—just a little. Many who professed to be Christians found what they believed to be Biblical sanction for drinking "just a little."

Today, enlightened Christians knew better. They knew also that alcohol was only momentarily a stimulant, that soon after drinking, it began its insidious work, slowing up normal reaction time, dulling the victim's sense of danger, numbing the conscience.

Neither Rodney nor his sister Norda knew the name of the driver of the "other car," the one that had crashed head-on in the car their father was driving. They only knew that he was a good man, a kind man, and that the accident had broken his heart. Yes, he was living somewhere today, but "We won't talk about it."

There was a weathered marble stone in the graveyard behind the church now, on which were carved the words:

DOUGLAS DELAND

"Still Singing"

Chiselled below in smaller letters was the Bible verse: "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood..."

"Some day, Rodney, you will be a great singer. You will take your father's place. You will show the church the way to gain and hold the young people. You will carry on the work your father began."

Began! Rodney allowed himself to rethink the whole horrible scene once more: A good man driving through the night, feeling a little more gay than usual, kind thoughts playing in his mind. "Drive faster," the awakening demon within him cries, "Faster."

A careening automobile hurtles wildly down the road. A head-on crash. Spattered blood; and crushed and splintered bones, piercing like lancets through quivering flesh. Broken glass slashing through throbbing arteries...

"STILL SINGING!" the marble marker declared. Beautiful thought. It was a beautiful faith that had inspired his little mother to have it chiselled there. It was true,—if the Bible were true!...

The willows that bordered the river's shore tonight were like fire-sprinkled shadows, made so by the flash and dim and flash of a thousand fireflies—mate calling unto mate...

Tomorrow he was going to Shera Thorwald, the dainty little violinist who during the past year, had occupied more and more of his time and thoughts. Shera with her dancing blue eyes, her cold indifference to the Faith that Rodney had once known and loved. Shera, who was another link in the long chain of things that had been forged by the Enemy of Faith to enslave him. Doubt had first come when he was in the university, where he had studied four years prior to his enrollment in the conservatory. There, unbelieving professors, barricaded behind glass-topped desks, had sprayed their poisoned gas over the class rooms, presenting to Rodney or to his classmates an entirely new God, one who was ethereally impersonal and impotent. No man was lost except as he was astray from his better self. There was a better self in every man, the professors said, a self that was struggling upward in the long evolutionary trail toward God—or toward some kind of goal that men called God.

At first, Rodney had been immune. Childhood training had been a wall about him that was impervious to the virus of "heathenism," as his mother had called it. "Modernism" it was dubbed by Bible believers. There was no music in Modernism, for there was no Key Note, no Lord Jesus Christ—and there was no Key Note in the weird music in Rodney's breast tonight.

Grimly he faced the bewildering fact: He had become an unbeliever. He had lost the once-precious consciousness of God—The One who had promised, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the age," had left him—Or have I left HIM! There was a command attached to that promise, and that was: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." And he had not gone. He was not going because he had no gospel to preach!

He knew he was not an atheist, for he did not deny the existence of God; nor was he an agnostic to deny that it was possible to know Him; but he, Rodney Deland, had lost Him.

Oh I wish I could believe again! Where are You, God? Where are you!—Where am I? What is this terrible thing that has happened to me!

The song within the man on the rock droned gloomily on. Across the river in the rushes, a bull frog bellowed a dismal accompaniment to his thoughts: The Christian scriptures were only man's best literary expression of his search for God, not the medium of communication of His will and of Himself

to man. The story of the coming of the Son to seek and to save that which was lost, had become to the man on the rock—the man who had fallen from the Rock—the story of a good man, a perfect Teacher, who had died as a martyr for his cause and not as was claimed by others a Savior sent from God...

Rodney turned, sat tense. He had heard the snap of a twig, a loosened pebble slithering down the bank and splashing into the stream below. It was his mother coming, his always-neat, always-beautiful, always-understanding little mother. His believing mother.

He sprang to his feet, embarrassed by the nakedness of his thoughts. Gay little, gray little mother! She was as beautiful as ever, there under the moon. To reveal to her his unbelief would be cruelty of the worst kind.

"It's getting cool," she said. "I thought you might need your sweater."

He took her hand, and a moment later she was standing beside him on the rock, her arm linked through his. So many times throughout the years they had done this, watching and listening to the night; God's night. God's recording of His love and grace, of His own love of beauty and harmony. God must have loved trees and flowers and the wild things that grew, the flash of fireflies in the willows, the singing of little rivers, the love of a mother for her son.

Softly she quoted to him from the Book: "Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge."

He put his strong arm around her and drew her closer to him. She was a precious little mother. He would not hurt her for all the world, for all the wealth of the universe. Yet there was in his breast tonight a coiled serpent that would, if it could strike a death blow to her joy.

In that moment he knew he could not tell her: for the strange unbelief that had come to master all his thinking, seemed utterly unworthy in her presence. Shera, too, with her fragile beauty, her ambitions for his worldly glory, was like a beautiful weed growing in a lovely flower garden, but a weed nevertheless. He knew now that it was Shera's own love of the beautiful that had attracted him to her from the first.

His mother held the sweater she had brought, while he slipped his arms into it.

"As thoughtful as ever, aren't you?" he said appreciatively.

"Only a mother's love for her boy who is going away tomorrow to be gone a long time," she said.

"I'll be home for Christmas."

"They stood and talked and watched the river and the saucered moon. He knew she was waiting for the moment

when she could talk to him of the thing nearest to her heart. At length the moment arrived.

"I visited your father's grave today, Rodney. The grass had grown high and a part of the verse was hidden—" She stopped so suddenly that he wondered if she had felt the tremor that ran through him. Did she know his thoughts? That the grass of unbelief had hidden from his heart's vision the song that only redeemed can sing—"Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood?"

He would have tried to change the subject but he saw her face in the moonlight and instead he waited for her to say more. He did not have long to wait.

"It is only when one has loved, and lost, that he knows how deeply he has loved," she said, and there was a little catch in her voice. "Ours was a beautiful love, Rodney." He knew she was thinking more of him than of herself, that she was opening the door to his own thoughts.

"Naturally," she went on, "there were little frictions, as there must be when two imperfect personalities live together, but God uses frictions to polish personality, to make it shine so we may mirror His image to others."

His hand found a pebble and he tossed it at the mirrored moon in the smooth water above the riffle. He watched the new waves distort the moon's image. Neither of them spoke until the water was quiet again and the moon was mirrored as perfectly as before.

He seated her beside him on the bench and for a moment held her hand in his. It was a mother's hand. It revealed in its touch the story of a life of work and care which was the lot of a true mother. Her hands were not like Shera's that were soft and dainty, the tips of each finger on Shera's left hand slightly calloused from pressing on her violin strings. He had held that left hand once momentarily, when in a playful mood she had extended it to him and complained petulantly, "See my poor work-worn fingers?" Playfully he had touched each calloused finger tip with a corresponding finger on his own right hand. On that night, he recalled now, he had thought of his mother, and in his thoughts she had warned him with her eyes, saying, "Be careful, Rodney. Be very sure before you are serious. You are to be an ambassador for Christ, and she must be that, too."

Rodney's thoughts telescoped Shera to his side, and he placed her on the stone bench to his left, and measured her personality and her worth with that of his all-gold little mother on the other side. He was the fulcrum of the scale that weighed them both. The one, in spite of culture and charming personality, was weighed in the balances and found wanting; the other was as gold tried in the fire of which he himself had been a part, and was still all gold.

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Again the mother spoke, "It is the privilege of mothers, is it not, to give advice to sons without being asked for it? So, if I may—"

She stopped abruptly and gestured toward the river where a muskrat plowed a triangular trail of silver all the way across to the other side.

She was looking at the stars a little later when she said,—and they were the same stars that Abram saw—"In another year, you will be through school and ready for your great work."

He felt as he thought Mary must have felt that morning at the resurrection tomb, when she sobbed, "They have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid Him!" His Lord, too, was gone, and he knew not where . . .

His thoughts came back to the words his mother was saying, "Whatever you do, Rodney-boy, do not allow yourself to fall in love with any girl who does not love our Lord, no matter how lovely or attractive she may be to you; for her very loveliness will entice you away from our Lord and from the life work for which he has called and equipped you." It was natural that they should discuss his "work" for they had done so many times before, and it had been always a happy theme to him.

She was speaking earnestly now, "Never lose the vision, Rodney of a lost world, perishing without Christ. Never forget that His only way of reaching and saving the lost, is through the preaching of the gospel to them. And next to the actual preaching of the Word, is the singing of the Word. There is nothing that can take the place of spirit-filled singing."

"I have seen your father rise at the close of a meeting that had otherwise been fruitless, and by the power of his voice, move the audience to tears, and the inquiry room was quickly filled with repentant sinners seeking the Lord. Oh I know it was not his power or personality or his voice alone, that brought these souls to Christ, but the power of the risen Christ using a Spirit-filled man, chosen by Him for the purpose."

"There is one thing your father used to say, Rodney, which I hope will always be a part of your heart's philosophy, and that is 'God never saves souls mechanically.' He used men, chosen by Himself, as the vehicle for His truth, and when those men are spirit-filled and trained, His work prospers . . ."

The muskrat, having finished its errand on the other side of the river, plowed its way back again, while the little ruffle below shimmered on, and Rodney wished desperately that he could believe as his mother believed, wished he had been more wise in his choice of a college, and that he had not become entangled in Shera's web, wished vainly that he could disgorge the heathenish philosophies that now had been digested and become a very part of himself.

"Now, Rodney, as never before, when

## Bible Day, March Ninth

the spirit of war is upon the world, the church needs to awaken, ministers need to stir themselves out of their lethargy and begin to preach with apostolic power and vision, and always there must be music, the very best music—and that reminds me, there was a letter—I—it was the last letter your father wrote to me before—You know he had been away in a series of gospel meetings, leaving me alone with you and—Norda. Today, I was re-reading some of those old letters, and I—I thought maybe you'd like to read the last one, so I brought it with me. Here it is!"

She was seldom emotional, but she was on the verge of tears now. He was strangely stirred. He looked at the old letter which she had thrust into his hands, and knew that it was a precious thing to her. Today must have been a hard day,—a reliving of old memories, a resuffering of old heartaches. She had visited the grave, she had re-read old letters. How terrible if he had exploded the bomb of his unbelief tonight!

At that moment the beams of a powerful flashlight swept in a wide arch through the woods, lighted up the ledge of rock, and the old hewed-out stone bench on which they sat, then left them in the dark again, with only the moonlight.

A girl's gay voice called, "Yoo-hoo, Mother! . . . Rodney!"

It was twenty-one year old Norda, the only other member of the family. This fall Norda would be teaching in the rural school a mile up the river.

Rodney gave a shrill whistle in reply to her call, and Norda cried, "Wait till I get there. I've something important for you."

Waiting, Rodney asked, "Anything serious between her and Jim, I wonder? She's pretty young."

"Too young, and too terribly attractive. Jim's all right, of course, and she could do a lot worse, but he's too utterly lacking in ambition—I mean as far as wanting to improve his spiritual life is concerned. He's a Christian, I suppose, but not out-and-out for Christ. I remember when he was younger, he seemed to want to become a Christian worker, but I'm afraid he has lost the vision. I am sure his influence over her is not the best."

Rodney winced, and looked at the stars that were only stars.

And while they waited for Norda to come, Eloise, the mother, watched the bobbing flashlight, and loved her dark-haired, dark-eyed daughter with a love as great as was her love for Rodney.

It was for Rodney her heart ached most tonight. Was there some great soul-battle raging within him? During the summer, there had been letters from a girl named Shera, as there had always been letters through the years from school friends. This time, however, he had been shy and secretive

about them, at least he had not confided in her.

As she watched the flashlight moving pendulum fashion down the path, she remembered fleetingly her brief visit to the grave today, the blue-grass grown tall around it, obscuring the words that were the theme of Heaven's hymns—"Unto Him that loved us and washed us." Should anyone be permitted entrance into heaven who had not first been washed in the precious crimson drops from Calvary, he would have no song!

Today had been one of her lonely days. They seemed to come more often as the years increased their pace, flying, while the church slept—Oh don't let him lose the vision, Father, Don't!

In another moment Norda was there, gay as always. Laughingly she said, "Sorry to break into your privacy,"—And immediately she swung into a lilting bit of verse which Rodney recognized as belonging to Byron:

*"I saw two beings in the hues of youth,  
Standing upon a hill, a gentle hill . . ."*

"Actually," Norda interrupted herself to say, "One would think you two were lovers, the way you sit out under the moon. I hope I am not intruding?"

"Apology accepted," Rodney turned and swung her up unto the ledge beside them—to take the place that Shera had occupied a few moments ago, and his thoughts, Now there is gold on either side of the balance . . .

"I ought not to give you this," Norda said mysteriously, "but Jim and I stopped in town a moment to get a tire changed. That's why I'm late," she explained.

And Rodney said, in big-brother style, "I suppose Jim had the flat tire arranged for ahead of time in order to kill time. Better a flat tire on a car than a flat tire in it, though. I'm not insinuating that you—"

"Don't interrupt me," she cut in playfully, "I've something really important to tell you—or maybe you won't think it is. Of course if you don't want to hear—"

"Out with it!"

"Well,"—teasingly—"while we were waiting for the tire to get punctured and repaired, Boyd Tronnis came walking past, and seeing me, he was reminded that there had been a special delivery letter for you on the late afternoon train that brings mail from—Hampton, I believe, and—"

"Hurry up, will you!"

"Well, anyway, he took it to church tonight and would have given it to you there, but you were so busy shaking hands with all the girls that he couldn't get near you, then when he did get through the wall or girls, you weren't there—or some such excuse. Anyway, here's the precious epistle unopened." She extended it to him, then withdrew her hand, but he caught her in his arms and captured the letter—the letter he had been looking for yesterday, but which had not arrived.

(To be continued)

# Reports from the Field

## Atlantic Conference Paul and Clara Gebauer, Our Missionaries, Arrive in Boston, Mass., on Wednesday, Jan. 15

On Sunday, January 12, the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, our general missionary secretary, spoke at the morning and evening services of the Rock Hill Baptist Church, Boston, Mass., of which the Rev. Earl S. Kalland is pastor. The general theme of his messages was, "God will supply all our needs," a very timely word in these troublesome times.

Dr. Kuhn also spoke at a special meeting held on Tuesday, January 14, on our Danubian Missions, especially stressing the needs of the Gypsy work. We were to have our missionary friends, the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer speak to us at this meeting but they were still on the high seas.

An offering was taken that will be sent to Forest Park to be used in the printing of a hymnal in the Gypsy language.

Safe at last after a hazardous journey our missionary friends, the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer set foot on "terra firma" on Wednesday evening, January 15, at the Army Base in Boston, Mass.

Anxiously awaiting their arrival were the pastor and members of the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, for they felt it was to be a great privilege to extend them the first greetings from our denomination and to be the first church to entertain them on their return to these shores.

However, anticipated plans do not always materialize for on the day of their expected arrival Sunday, January 12, the S. S. West Kebar, on which they were returning home, was caught in a hurricane gale of the Atlantic coast. For three days they lived in life belts awaiting the order to abandon ship. An S O S had been sent out on Monday as the ship was listing and on Monday as the ship was listing and taking in water faster than it could be pumped out. The call was answered and, as help reached them, the storm had subsided somewhat and the great danger had passed, although it was necessary, due to a broken compass, for the ship to be escorted to Boston by two coast guard boats, the Chelan and Champlain.

The Rev. Earl S. Kalland, pastor of the Boston Church, and Dr. Wm. Kuhn, who came to Boston to greet Mr. and Mrs. Gebauer, were on hand as the boat limped in to her berth. They were taken immediately to the Hotel Bellevue for a short and much needed rest from the ordeal of the past few days.

After a day of shopping in Boston to supply their material needs, they



Sunday School Leaders in the  
Second Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

(Left to Right: Mr. Herman Zachay,  
Former Superintendent; Mr. R. Widmaier,  
Teacher for 50 Years; Mr. John Vorgity,  
New S. S. Superintendent)

visited Newark, N. J. From there they went to Detroit, Mich., and to Forest Park, Ill., to our missionary headquarters and then to Portland, Oregon. Their plans, while here on their furlough, are not definite at the time but news of their speaking engagements will appear in "The Baptist Herald" from time to time.

It was the privilege of this writer to say a few words over the telephone to Paul Gebauer and to extend sincere Christian greetings to him and Mrs. Gebauer. They wish to extend to all their heartfelt gratitude and thanks for the many thoughts and prayers offered in their behalf, especially during the last few days of their trip. They are glad to be home again and are feeling well and want to say "Hello" to one and all.

FRED SCHLICHTING, Reporter.

## Sunday School of the Second Church of Philadelphia Honors Mr. R. Widmaier on 50 Years of Service as Teacher

A record of fifty years of continuous service in the Sunday School is a distinction not often attained and which merits special recognition. Mr. Richard Widmaier has served the Sunday School of the Second Church in Philadelphia, Pa., as teacher of a young men's class without interruption since 1891. In addition, he led the school as superintendent for a number of years and has always been ready to give advice and counsel for bettering the Sunday School's program.

The teachers and officers of the school honored Mr. Widmaier at their annual business meeting in December

and, when on January 5th he officially resigned as teacher of the class, special attention was again called to this enviable record in connection with the installation service for teachers and officers held on that day. Mr. Widmaier has been a punctual, devoted, Scripture-founded teacher, giving much time and effort to the visiting of his pupils in their homes. Especially in the past few years he has been true to his duty in spite of serious handicaps.

On the accompanying picture, Mr. Widmaier stands in the center with Mr. Herman Zachay on the left and Mr. John Vorgity on his right. Mr. Zachay, because of pressure of other church duties, terminated seven years of service as superintendent of the Sunday School on January 5th and Mr. Vorgity was installed as his successor. We are grateful for these and the other faithful teachers and officers who are serving or who have served the Lord in their particular "corner" in this important part of the church program.

IDA DRAEGER, Reporter.

## Holiday Services and Programs of the Baptist Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey

On Sunday, December 22, the regular Christmas exercises of the Sunday School of the Baptist Church in Jamesburg, N. J., were carried out in a very able manner. The program was somewhat different from what we had had in former years. The program included a sketch by the young people and a pantomime by Mr. George Gardner.

On Sunday, December 29, the regular church program was under the direction of the Y. P. of the congregation who, under the able direction of Mr. Harry Schroeder, rendered a musical pageant, which brought out very well the advancement of our new choir.

On December 31, following the usual custom of more than fifty years, the congregation of the church held a Watch Night service. The meeting consisted of a service of song and prayer, following which refreshments were served with the advent of the New Year.

Starting on January 6 a Week of Prayer was held with the pastors of nearby churches assisting with the services. The Presbyterian and Methodist churches of the borough joined us in these services, which were very interesting and of much value to all who attended. Our pastor, the Rev. G. T. Lutz, is doing splendid work in our small church, and we pray that he will be able to continue to render this service.

JAMES MARTIN, Reporter.



### The Meriden Church Holds Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Koester

The Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Koester were tendered a farewell on Monday evening, January 6, by the members and friends of the Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn. Mr. Vincent Nold acted as chairman and introduced the speakers.

The Rev. Julius Kaaz of New Haven and the pastors of the local Baptist churches spoke of the fine work which Mr. Koester had done while in Meriden and extended to him and his wife their best wishes for success on their new field of service. During the evening's program Mr. Arthur McCarthy and Mrs. Viola Korn sang several selections. Mr. Julius Kamens, senior deacon, presented Mr. and Mrs. Koester with a mahogany serving table and an electric coffee set. Refreshments were served by the S. O. Club.

LYDIA STOCKBURGER, Reporter.

### Great Accomplishments by the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware

"The Sempre Fidis Class" of the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Del., held a very attractive "Mother and Daughter" banquet on Tuesday evening, December 3. Mrs. Thelma Wilson, president of the class, presided. The beautifully decorated tables placed in the Sunday School room were a sufficient attraction to bring out 30 mothers and daughters who gathered around the festive board with the pastor, Rev. Christian Peters, to partake of the tastefully prepared meal. Mrs. Miriam Shoemith, teacher and former president of the class, introduced the speaker, Miss Katherine Thompson, who brought a very interesting message on "The Virtuous Woman."

On Sunday, December 8, the East Baptist Church held a memorable dedication service. We thank God for the blessings received and for the work which could be accomplished since the Spring of the year 1940, when an extensive work of renovation was begun. The interior of the church was redecorated, new carpets were laid and a beautiful silk United States flag was presented by "the Daughters of Liberty." The young people of the church who would not be outdone, presented a fine Christian flag. The outside walls received a thorough steam cleaning, a new coat of paint and pointing. A new bulletin board was furnished at a nominal cost by a Christian young man from the County Workhouse.

Dr. Willard G. Purdy of Wilmington gave an inspiring address on "God's Challenge to America" on Sunday afternoon, December 8. At this meeting an offering was raised and a number of pledges were received for our denominational Centenary Offering. So we have every reason to believe that, with God's grace, our church has a fine opportunity to be a beacon light to this city and community for the future.

CHRISTIAN PETERS, Pastor.

### Northern Conference The Wiesenthal B. Y. P. U. Reviews the Past Year

What a blessed and inspiring year 1940 has been for the members of the Wiesenthal B. Y. P. U. of Alberta, Canada! Many interesting as well as helpful meetings were held by the young people, such as a Band Concert, a New Year's, Easter and Mother's Day programs. Then several evenings were spent in the study of the book of Peter under the leadership of the Rev. F. W. Benke. We also had a Bible question contest and a few mission evenings.

With four young people joining our society in the past year, we now have an enrollment of 64 members. On December 3 we held our annual meeting. Officers elected were as follows: president, Arthur Smith; vice-president, Reinhold Schmidt; secretary, Lydia Tiede; assistant secretary, Leona Scheeler; and treasurer, Ralph Smith. With the above officers in charge and the usual cooperation of our members, we are looking forward to a year in which we can give more service and be in closer fellowship with God.

LEONA R. SCHEELER, Reporter.

### Success and Joy in the Ministry of the Freudenthal Baptist Church of Alberta

The Watch Night service will long be remembered by us in the Freudenthal Baptist Church of Alta., Canada. In our church, taxed to its capacity, we witnessed the burning of the last notes of our new \$7000 church which was finished and dedicated a little over a year ago. We are thankful to God for this accomplishment. Included in the evening's program, our young people rendered a beautiful as well as inspiring dialogue, "The Ten Virgins," under the direction of Miss Lorene Ohlhauser and Mrs. F. Alf, followed by a candle-light service led by Miss Ohlhauser.

In the Fall of 1940 we held devotion and revival meetings in both languages for three weeks, the officiating ministers being the Rev. A. Cornell from Calgary, Alta., and the Rev. A. Krombein from Kelowna, B. C. Under the direction of the Rev. F. Alf, our pastor, we have now begun a Teachers' Training Course with the young people of both of our churches, the Freudenthal Church with its station at Zion.

VERNON ALF, Reporter.

### Sunday School Teachers' Union in the Victoria Ave. Church, Regina, Saskatchewan

Young and old come to Sunday School in the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., every Sunday morning from 10 to 11 A. M. Here Bible studies and the International S. S. Lessons are studied in the different classes. Our beloved and capable superintendent is Mr. Carl Pudlas. To bring the message of God's Word

and to sow good seed into young hearts, capable and faithful teachers, who have consecrated their lives to the Lord and to his work, are needed. For this purpose our beloved pastor, the Rev. A. Kujath, organized a Sunday School Teachers' Union a number of years ago. This Union consists of the teachers and officers of the Sunday School.

Many a blessed hour has been spent at our meetings which are held once a month in the private homes of the different members. We are praying for the great work of the Lord and the portion thereof entrusted to us.

ELIZABETH LOCH, Reporter.

### The Impressive Watch Night Service of the Baptist Church in Southey, Saskatchewan

The Watch Night service at Southey, Sask., Canada, was held in a unique way. Beginning at 9 P. M. we commenced with a regular worship service, which was well attended. During this the pastor's wife spoke to us on "Pantry Shelves," stressing the necessity of repairing to "the Great Storehouse" in order to be well stocked to meet the emergencies of the new year. Then Rev. K. Korella brought the evening message, "Making Inventory."

At 10 o'clock we joined in fellowship for a birthday supper, Mother Lung being responsible for the excellent arrangements. This occasion was sponsored for the purpose of replenishing our church and Sunday School treasury with each member and friend present contributing one cent for every year of life.

At the hour of eleven we resumed our places in the church auditorium for the play, "The Lost Church," ably presented by the Young People's Society. At its conclusion every member of the society took part in a candlelight service, expressing a resolution for the New Year as they lit their candles. This occasion was a very solemn one and quite appropriately the hour of twelve came and we ushered in the New Year in prayer and meditation. Mr. Korella recited the poem, "A New Leaf," and brought our candlelight service to a close with benediction.

In tune with the resolutions, the young people welcome with enthusiasm the opportunities for service in this year. Their services are held every second Sunday evening. As a continuation of our denominational services at the decline of the old year the B. Y. P. U. have lined up a further program for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with our denomination. Individual branches are under study, that is, the Seminary, Publication Society, foreign missions, etc. Certain committees are responsible for each subject and for its presentation and the research work connected with it.

In knowing more about our denomination, we will be better equipped to further its interests and, ultimately, the interests of the Kingdom of God.

LILLIAN KORELLA, Reporter.

### Yuletide Festivities of the Morris German Baptist Church

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, was the first of the church organizations to celebrate Christmas with an inspiring program, which was held at the home of our pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. H. Schatz. After the program the officers for the coming year were elected. They are as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. M. Lohr; president, Mrs. H. Schatz; Vice-president, Mrs. A. M. Edel; secretary, Mrs. J. Dyck; general treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Janzen; mission treasurer, Mrs. Ed. Paschke. Serving on the executive committee are Mrs. J. J. Janzen, Mrs. R. Rapske and Mrs. E. Paschke.

"White Christmas," the second of our Yuletide celebrations, followed and over 40 children were remembered with gifts.

Our annual box social was a joint young people's and choir affair. An interesting program was presided over by our young people's president, Mr. F. Zielke. Cards with beautiful inscriptions were signed and sent to invalid members. Mrs. Della Zozman gave a short but splendid discourse. More than 60 young people enjoyed the luncheon and social which followed.

Christmas Eve was "Children's Night," when through the united efforts of the junior Sunday School classes a beautiful program was delivered. The offering on this occasion amounted to \$35, which was sent to our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan.

The church family night, held at the close of the year, was the high point in our festivities. Every church organization gave a brief report of the past year's activities and of its aspirations for the coming year.

A beautiful, leatherbound Bible Concordance was presented to the retiring president of our choir, Mr. A. Rapske, in recognition of his six years faithful service in this organization. Mrs. Ed. Paschke, the pianist, was also presented with a suitable gift. Mr. William Buss is the new president and Miss Frances Hoffman the new pianist. The Rev. and Mrs. Schatz, whose fine work in this their new field has already endeared them to their congregation, were presented with an envelope which enabled them to fulfill a special wish of theirs.

IDA J. HOFFMAN, Reporter.

### Pacific Conference Evangelistic Services in the Bethel Church of Anaheim, California

From November 17 to December 1 the Rev. Fred W. Mueller of the Lighthouse Church of Portland, Ore., preached in our midst in the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., the glorious news of Christ Jesus, the Crucified. How our church thrilled to the messages! How they read their Bibles—altogether, more than 1900 chapters!

How they testified and sang the gospel choruses! Cottage prayer meetings accompanied the season.

We were immeasurably enriched and cheered and rooted in Christ. Not all of them that were under conviction followed the Lord in baptism, but some there are who will. Mr. Mueller was a delightful companion and appreciative guest at the parsonage.

H. G. DYMMEL, Pastor.

### Many Activities During 1940 Held by the King's Daughters Society of Anaheim, California

With God's help we as the King's Daughters class of the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., can look back with joy upon the past year.

Our membership is 24. We hold our class meetings quarterly and usually meet in the homes of our ladies. Every month we held a "Come As You Are Breakfast," to which all members were invited and for which each pays 25 cents. In September we surprised Mrs. Dan Wedel, our teacher, with a towel shower on her birthday.

We held a church dinner in the basement, the proceeds of which were \$45.67. Four of our women prepared a dinner for the Y. M. C. A. for which \$14 was received for our treasury. In June five of the women served a dinner in the beautiful garden of Mr. and Mrs. O. Eymann from which \$20 were realized. From the sale of a sack of dried prunes we were able to add another five dollars to the treasury.

In July we held our annual picnic with our husbands in the City Park. We bought a lovely Christian flag and contributed it to the church. We made contributions for the Easter offering and relief. Our class gave \$141.65 for the White Christmas offering.

Just before Christmas we held a Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Quast, at which gifts were exchanged and Christmas carols were sung. At this occasion we also surprised Mrs. H. G. Dymmel on her birthday and presented to her a large cake in the form of a bell, which had been baked by Mrs. M. Remland.

MRS. M. STRANDT, Secretary.

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### Oregon-Washington Pastor's Retreat from February 25 to 27, at the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland Oregon

TUESDAY, February 25

8 P. M.—Opening Message by Dr. William Kuhn.

WEDNESDAY, February 26

9:00-9:45 A. M.—Devotions by Rev. R. M. Klingbeil.

9:45-10:30 A. M.—Message by Dr. Kuhn.

10:30-11:15 A. M.—"News from our African Mission Field," Rev. P. Gebauer.

11:15-12:00 A. M.—Dr. J. F. Olthoff, "The Minister's Besetting Sins."

A Symposium of the First Epistle of John:

2:00-2:40 P. M.—"The Meaning and Message of Light," Rev. W. Damrau.

2:40-3:20 P. M.—"The Meaning and Message of Life," Rev. O. Nallinger.

3:20-4:00 P. M.—"The Meaning and Message of Love," Rev. C. Schoenleber. (20 Minute Discussion period)

8 P. M.—Message by Rev. P. Gebauer, Missionary to the Cameroons.

THURSDAY, February 27

9:00-9:45 A. M.—Devotions by Rev. J. G. Rott.

9:45-10:30 A. M.—Rev. Otto Roth, "How Can We Build Up Our Evening Services?"

10:30-11:15 A. M.—Rev. F. W. Mueller, "A Pastor's Compensation and Dividends."

11:15-12:00 A. M.—Message by Dr. Kuhn.

2:00-2:40 P. M.—Devotions by Rev. Niels Christensen.

2:40-3:20—Rev. T. A. Leger, "How the Pastor May Continue His Growth."

3:20-4:00 P. M.—Rev. B. J. Friesen, "The Problem of the Midweek Prayer Meeting." (20 Minutes for Discussion)

8 P. M.—Closing Message by Dr. Wm. Kuhn.

Kindly announce your arrival by February 21 to Rev. J. Leyppoldt, 2615 N. E. 37th Ave., Portland, Ore.

The Committee.

### Southwestern Conference Spiritual Advancement in the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas

An impressive baptismal service was conducted at the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kans., on Sunday morning, January 5, when the pastor, Rev. Alfred Weisser, had the joy of baptizing six children who had experienced the saving power of Jesus Christ during the meetings conducted by Pat Malone in November.

In the evening of the same day the right hand of fellowship was extended to these young people at the communion service. The presence of Christ was deeply felt by all, as these began the New Year with their Savior. May he



bless them abundantly that their lives might bear much fruit for him!

A Junior Choir was recently organized, which we feel will be a fine opportunity for service for the Juniors and greatly enhance our evening services. Mr. Henry Schimpf is the able director of the Junior as well as of the adult choirs.

Preparations have been made for both Teachers' Training Classes for teachers and Leadership Training Classes for the young people of the church, which are to begin in the near future.

ALFRED WEISSER, Pastor.

## Southern Conference

### Watch Night Service Until 2 A. M. Is Held by the Waco Church

On New Year's Eve the Baptist Training Union of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Tex., celebrated its 28th anniversary in connection with the Watch Night service. Beginning at 8:45 P. M., we had a program consisting of the following numbers: song service led by our pastor, the Rev. P. Pfeiffer, the devotional led by Mrs. Jack Matkin, a number by the recently organized ladies' choir, the secretary's and treasurer's reports, and a solo by Mrs. Pfeiffer.

These numbers were rendered between the showing of the different young people's assembly pictures, and pictures of our missionaries at work in Africa, the pictures being the high light of the program. An offering was taken for the Denominational Centenary fund.

About 10:30 P. M. we adjourned to the church annex for a delightful fellowship dinner. We were privileged to have our council member, Vernon Ek-rut, and our former council member, Walter Schaible, in our midst.

After the dinner our pastor took charge. He led us in a number of songs and in a very inspiring testimonial service. Just before midnight, we returned to the auditorium for a communion service, and after the communion service we all remained to see more of the Cameroon activities. It was about 2:00 A. M. when we adjourned, but we all enjoyed being in "the House of the Lord" at the arrival of the New Year.

LOUISE STORMER, Secretary.

### Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society of the North Donna Church of Texas

The women's missionary society of the North Donna Baptist Church of Donna, Tex., has not been idle in the vineyard of our Lord during the past year. Through the able and splendid leadership of our president, Mrs. L. Hoeffner, we are trying to glorify our Master in word and deed.

Our programs were of a varied nature during the year. In April, 1940, we celebrated our 10th anniversary with a fine program, featuring the

play, "Thanksgiving Ann." In November we held a special Thanksgiving program, at which time we opened our special mission banks. This offering amounted to \$32.

Recently the society decided to beautify our church by placing runners in the church aisles and by redecorating the windows. In December at our annual business session the following officers were elected for 1941: Mrs. L. Hoeffner, president; Mrs. Ira Brown, vice-president; Mrs. Dick Terveen, secretary; and Mrs. Bert Schroeder, treasurer.

MRS. DICK TERVEEN, Secretary.

## Northwestern Conference

### The Wausau B. Y. P. U. Reviews Its Activities of the Past Year

The Young People's Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau, Wis., has just completed another year of service. We have a membership of 24 active members and 5 honorary members.

Our regular meetings are held every Sunday evening, just before our evening worship service, except during the summer months. Last summer we held our meetings out-of-doors in the form of "Sunset Services." We conducted a Christmas vesper service, took charge of the entire set of services one whole Sunday, calling it "All Youth's Day," and we also acted as host to the Protestant Young People's Union of the City of Wausau.

Five of our members attended the German Young People's Institute held at North Freedom, Wis., last summer, and ten of us attended the state young people's convention, which was held in a neighboring city. Our mission pledge was ten dollars and we completed this pledge also.

This past Christmas we went caroling at the homes of our aged and shut-in members of our church. We are now looking forward to another successful year, and are already making plans for an Easter sunrise service next April.

Secretary.

### The Watertown B. Y. P. U. Gives a Good Account of Itself

The young people's society of the Baptist Church in Watertown, Wis., has been very successful in its program during the past year. We have closely followed the needs of the church and its mission activities and likewise have given to our utmost.

Every Sunday evening we hold our devotional meeting, in which two or three members have charge of the program. We are fortunate to have the president of the Wisconsin Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, Roger Norman, in our group. Quite obviously we are kept well informed on state as well as local events.

At our January meeting we held our annual election of officers with the following results: Harold Senn, president; Roger Norman, vice-president; Elayne Bender, secretary; and Betty Krueger, treasurer. With the advice of our con-

genial and conscientious pastor, the Rev. G. Wetter, with the full cooperation of our members and with God's richest blessing, we hope to be a valuable asset to our church and community during this year.

ELAYNE BENDER, Secretary.

### The Immanuel Church of Milwaukee Bids Farewell to Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Wedel

More than 300 members and friends of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis., were present at the service on Sunday evening, January 19, when the church bade farewell to its pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Wedel.

Prof. F. W. C. Meyer, who at present is our interim pastor, opened the meeting. The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of the North Ave. Church spoke of the deep affection he has for Mr. and Mrs. Wedel. After a vocal solo the Rev. Herbert Hiller of the Bethany Church spoke about what the church expects of the pastor and of his great admiration for Mr. and Mrs. Wedel. This was followed by a violin solo by Frederick Erbach.

The different representatives of the church were asked to come forward to their organizations. Mrs. E. Loehr, bade the pastor farewell on behalf of president of the Ladies' Aid, Robert Lembeck, B. Y. P. U. representative, and Mr. H. E. Wichtel for the deacons and church, expressed their love to Mr. and Mrs. Wedel and spoke of the blessings they have received during the past 10 years from a pastor, who will always be a blessing wherever he goes.

The Immanuel Church wishes Mr. and Mrs. Wedel God's richest blessings in their service at Victor, Iowa.

H. E. WICHTEL, Reporter.

### Dakota Conference

#### The Plum Creek Church Holds Evangelistic Services and a Study Course for Young People

Special evangelistic services were held at the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, So. Dak., from December 1 to 13 with the Rev. F. W. Bartel of Avon, So. Dak., serving as evangelist. Mr. Bartel's messages were Scriptural and inspirational. The hearts of the believers were rekindled and sinners were led to take a stand for Christ. In spite of the inclement weather the meetings were well attended and a fine spirit prevailed.

Recently a rug costing over \$100 was purchased for the church platform. This amount was raised by the various branches of the church by giving special programs when offerings were received for this project.

Members of our Senior B. Y. P. U. are again taking a study course entitled, "How to Win to Christ," which is taught by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler. An award will be granted to those meeting the requirements. Last year a course on "Outline of Bible History" was studied and 14 young people received an award for this course.

J. C. KRAENZLER, Pastor.

### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Braun and Family by the Parkston Church

The Baptist Church of Parkston, So. Dak., and its station at Tripp held a reception for their new minister, Rev. H. G. Braun, and his family on Wednesday evening, January 8. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler was invited to be the guest speaker for the occasion and to lead the program, which was arranged by the church.

In his message Mr. Kraenzler spoke words of welcome and encouragement to the new pastor. He said that in spite of the adverse conditions confronting us, we need not fear when God is on our side. He reminded the church of their obligations toward their pastor in order to go "Forward with Christ."

The representatives of the various branches of the church expressed their gladness again to have a leader and also promised their wholehearted cooperation to the new minister's family in all Christian activities to foster the Lord's work. A male quartet helped to beautify the services with their songs.

Mr. and Mrs. Braun expressed their gratitude to the church for the good wishes of anticipated blessings and for its promises of loyal cooperation. After the close of the program in the church auditorium all those present were invited to the basement where the women served refreshments. May God's richest blessing rest upon this union, in order that the church and pastor may exercise many spiritual victories!

J. C. KRAENZLER, Reporter.

### Memorable Watch Night Service Held by the Emery Baptist Church

The Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak., thanks God for his tender mercies showered upon her in the past year, and looks up in faith and hope to him for 1941, who is the giver of all good and perfect gifts. Beginning with the middle of November our church had special meetings led by the pastor, Rev. A. Ittermann. The Holy Spirit gave his blessing to his Word and 15 souls expressed definitely their willingness to unite with the church, either through baptism or confession. The church arranged to have a baptismal service on New Year's Eve.

In the past year the church showed a good spirit in missionary giving, which was manifested in the usual way for the Thanksgiving offering and our other missionary projects. Also, when our church expressed the desire to get rid of its old church building to get rid of its old church building as debt in the old year, young and old, as well as societies and members gave liberally to make it possible for us to look forward toward burning the note at the Watch Night Service, and have the church building stand without debt in the New Year.

A large audience participated in the

Watch Night service which promised to be a joyous festival. First, our faithful men's chorus gave a full musical program. Between the songs, members of the choir read fitting Bible passages; quartet and solo numbers were also sung. Then followed a baptism message, whereupon 13 converts were led into the baptismal waters.

We praised our Lord that in the short time God had given us 21 new members through this and the previous baptism, through confession, and by letter. Songs of praise and joyous testimonies were heard when after this the \$1700 note was burned and then all thought and remembered in this last night of the year what blessed benefits had come to our individual and collective lives. Refreshments awaited us, later on, in the church basement.

A. ITTERMANN, Pastor.



Young Women and the Pastor, Rev. R. G. Kaiser, of the Baptist Church, McClusky, No. Dak., Who Took Part in a Candlelight Pageant at the Watch Night Service

### Baptist Young People of McClusky, No. Dak., Present Inspirational Programs

We are happy to submit a report of the holiday activities of the German Baptist Church of McClusky, No. Dak., and we thank God for his unceasing goodness toward us in giving us so many channels of service. Although our pastor, the Rev. R. G. Kaiser, was unexpectedly called to the Bethany Church in Kansas to be present at the funeral of his mother-in-law, we united our efforts diligently to carry on our plans for a Christmas program.

On Christmas Eve the Junior Sunday School department presented a novel and well received playlet entitled, "Christmas Visitors," and written by our department superintendent, Esther Kaiser. It was great just to watch the various classes with their teachers call at the Christian home of an aged grandmother and grandfather to pay their respects in the form of a little program of recitations, vocal solos and piano selection and at the same time to impress the significance of the Christ-child's birth in a sincere manner.

Upon this occasion, our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Adam Rott,

was pleasantly surprised with a small money gift from the Sunday School classes, and although the gift was small, it carried thoughts of appreciation and gratitude for his faithful service over a period of years. On the same evening the minister's daughters, Lydia, Ruth, Esther and Wanda Kaiser gave a half hour play entitled, "The Golden Candle."

Our Watch Night service was arranged for old and young alike, and we spent the last hours of the old year in devotion, testimony and fellowship. The young people's program included numerous musical numbers, splendid prayer and testimony participation and a climatic candlelight pageant. A large candle, representing Christ, was placed upon an open Bible with the pastor, who arrived home just in time, standing at the head of the table. Girls,

representing the twelve months of the New Year, told how each month can be kept pure for Christ. Having taken their light from Christ, the Light of the world, the candles were placed in a cross formation. The accompanying picture shows the final scene with the director, Esther Kaiser, at the extreme left.

For several months we have had a Girl's Choir which serves the church regularly with a selection at each Sunday morning worship service. Every member of the choir is a Christian, and we pray that our songs will be a blessing to many.

### Eastern Conference

#### Outstanding Accomplishments of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania

Plans and preparations are very much under way at the Central Baptist Church in Erie, Pa., to make this year one which we will all remember.

On Wednesday evening, January 8, the ladies of the church prepared a delicious chicken dinner preceding our annual business meeting. The Rev. Geo. Zinz, Jr., opened the meeting with several songs, and the reading of the minutes by our church clerk, Mr. Fred G. Schillinger, served to refresh our



memories of the many things which we have to be thankful for as far as accomplishment is concerned during the year of 1940. Tribute was paid to Prof. A. B. Mehnert for his faithfulness in the past years in serving us so well and so expertly as organist and musical director. The treasurer's report of each organization was presented and it was estimated that nearly \$5000 were contributed in 1940 to the various funds. This is, indeed, remarkable, inasmuch as our current membership is just over one hundred.

The debt which was incurred by our beautification project three years ago, which included the laying of a new carpet in the church auditorium, the cleaning and renovating of the church proper, etc., has been almost depleted. Now, rather than accepting this opportunity to relax and enjoy these accomplishments, our people are most anxious to delve into another project to improve our church and the services.

We are proud, not only of the financial standing of our church, but also of the spiritual growth and prevailing good will which have been predominant throughout the year. Several new members were accepted into our fellowship, including one entire family: wife, husband and three children.

The Ladies' Aid Society and the Philathea Class recently purchased a new sink and dishwasher for our kitchen. What would we do without these two live-wire organizations?

Mr. Zinz, our pastor, has reorganized the Boy Scout Troop of our church and they were introduced into duty on Christmas night when they served as ushers for the Christmas services. They play an important part, not only as a growing and lively organization in our

church, but in the city of Erie as well. They were one of the three troops selected to be in charge of the "Twelfth Night" services and pageant which was held Monday night, January 6, under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of Erie. They are rapidly becoming known as one of the best troops in our city. We are also privileged to announce that all but three of the boys in the troop attend our Sunday School.

On Monday evening, January 13, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Zurn were host and hostess to the teachers, officers, and Sunday School workers at a dinner served in the Venetian Tea Room. Thirty-three workers of our Sunday School were present and, inasmuch as our Sunday School is growing rapidly, many plans were discussed for the coming months, among which will be a Sunday set aside and to be known as "Decision Sunday," details of which will be noted in our next report.

LOIS MEUSER, Reporter.

### Central Conference Impressive Watch Night Service is Held by the Peoria Church

At the Watch Night service of the State Park Baptist Church in Peoria, Ill., both of the ordinances, which the Lord gave his church, were observed. The service opened at 8:30 P. M. with a song service led by Miss Dorothy Abele, who so efficiently leads a song service every Sunday night. The pastor, Rev. August F. Runtz, brought a timely message and then stepped into the baptismal waters with 12 converts, 8 of whom were adults and 4 children. Several of the adults were young married people; 3 were young men. The most of these who were baptized ac-

cepted Christ as their Savior when the Rev. R. P. Bronleewe held two weeks of evangelistic services in the church.

After a fellowship hour in which refreshments were served, the congregation again convened in the sanctuary for the closing service. With the aid of vocal numbers a midnight candle-light communion service was held which was most impressive. At this service the hand of fellowship was extended to the 12 persons who had been baptized and to one other who came in by statement. It was a service long to be remembered.

The work in Peoria is progressing steadily, and the Lord is blessing our efforts for him. During the last six months of 1940 there were 24 who were received into the fellowship of the church, and at least 6 more will be received in the next few months. We are hopeful of the future.

The church school did a rather unique thing at its Christmas program when the superintendent, Mr. Virgil Grant, introduced 13 members of the cradle roll of whom all but two were less than one year old. The others were unable to be present. All were presented with a certificate and a little gift.

We would like to add a few words of commendation here for the Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Bronleewe who so ably assisted us during our meetings. We found them sincere, sane and sensible. There were not a lot of extra frills to draw the crowd, nor a lot of high-pressure methods used. His messages were clear and Christ-centered, and he rode no hobbies.

AUGUST F. RUNTZ, Pastor.

### Ebenezer Church of Detroit Observes Its Eighth White Christmas Program

For eight consecutive years the Sunday School of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has been observing a "White Christmas program." It usually takes place on the Second Sunday preceding Christmas. This unique service has proved a real blessing to all. The church platform, which has been completely covered with white cloth, has for its background a group of Christmas trees which are covered with white cotton.

After the usual opening exercises the various departments present their gifts which have been wrapped in white paper. From the Cradle Roll through the last class of the Adult Department and the Sunday School officers, each group brings its gifts to the platform. These gifts include the various staple groceries such as canned vegetables, fruits, milk, cereals, flour and sugar. One of the men's classes presented 7 bushels of potatoes. The smaller children bring money for oranges and apples. Other groups bring gifts of money for meat, butter and other perishables. These items are purchased later.

This year 30 bushels of "Christmas Cheer" were packed and delivered to families of the church and neighbor-

hood who could use them to very good advantage. The approximate value of the food presented this year was \$75 and the cash contributions were \$52.45.

The ladies' classes of the Adult Department also brought other gifts such as blankets, aprons, ties, handkerchiefs, dresser scarfs, towels, gloves, mittens, baby clothes and dressed dolls. Many of these items required many hours of handwork which these women gladly did. These items were then sent to the Old People's Homes which sell them at their bazaars. The baby clothes were sent to a home mission field.

Our regular Christmas program was given on Christmas afternoon at which time an offering of \$132.15 was received. This was divided among our Children's Homes in St. Joseph and Detroit, and the Old People's Homes in Philadelphia and Chicago. On the Sunday before Christmas we had a very interesting program at our Anthony Wayne Mission. They collected \$60 which was designated for the church building fund.

ELLEN E. NITSCH, Secretary.

### The Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland Reviews the Past Year of Growth and Progress

After hearing reports of the annual business meeting of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, early

in January, we cannot help but "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Another year of his grace and loving kindness has been ours as a church. Although we were able to add only two new members by baptism during that year, it has been a year of great internal growth and progress.

In accordance with a resolution adopted a year ago, a special committee went to work on a new constitution for the church. This constitution was presented to the church in October and went into force the first of this year.

During the past year we had our first Daily Vacation Bible School and were happy to be able to consider it a definite success. The Club Plan also was introduced during the last year. It proved so satisfactory that the church unhesitatingly adopted it for this year.

Our young people's work, which had been more or less limited to splendid work on the part of the World Wide Guild Girls, has broadened out considerably during the past few months and looks more promising at this time than it did formerly. Regular devotional meetings are conducted by the B. Y. P. U. on Sunday evenings and once a month a business and social meeting is carried out. Work for the dramatization of "Better Than Gold" has also begun.

The Ladies' Aid also saw a broadening out in work and influence.

Through a new arrangement of the meetings and the use of the English language alternately with the use of German at the meetings, we have been able to bring a greater percentage of our women into the work.

Several hundred dollars were again expended on the improvement and upkeep of the physical property. Nevertheless, at the end of the year we were able to show a balance in the current funds as well as a new high in the mission contributions.

By a special resolution at our annual meeting our church has decided to introduce a brief English devotion every Sunday morning between the Sunday School and the German worship service. This will place the German service a little later than formerly. This program is to be on trial for six months. A fine spirit of unity prevailed in the adoption of this change. We plan to conduct evangelistic meetings this spring.

We would not like to give the impression that our work was without problems and difficulties. There were many of those in every phase of the work. But as we look back on the year we wish to rejoice in the triumphs, and, since we have not reported for about a year, we want to share these joys with our friends and co-workers.

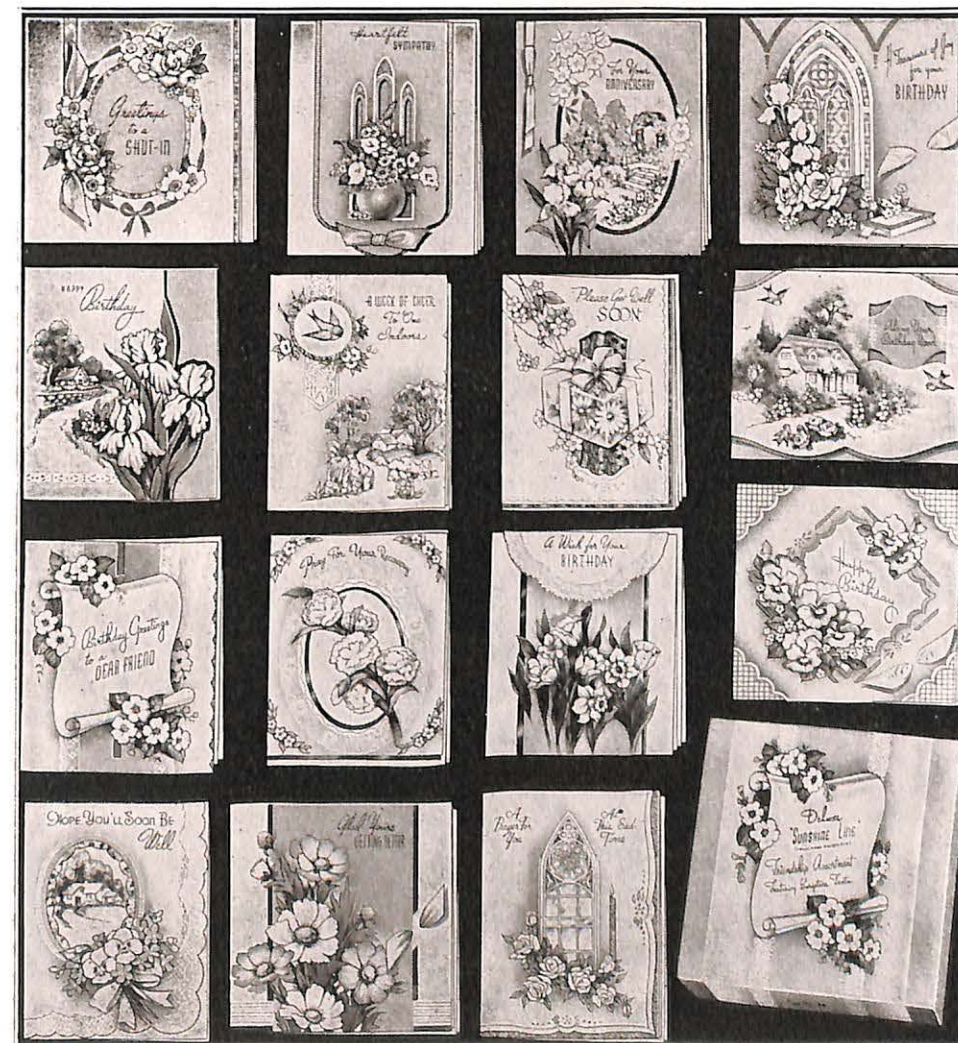
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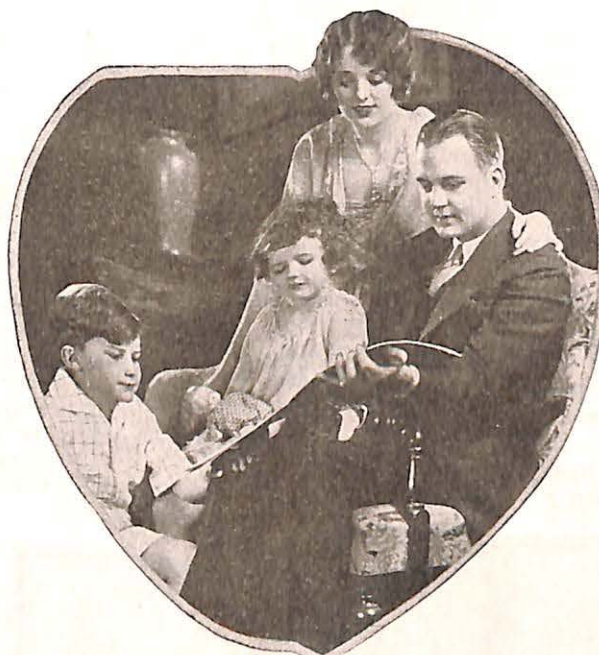


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