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What's Happening

¶ The Rev. J. A. Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., is serving the Immanuel Church of Chicago as interim pastor since the departure of its minister, the Rev. John Mueller to Pennsylvania. This ministry of Brother Pankratz began on Sunday, December 1, and will continue until the church has been successful in calling a new pastor.

¶ The Rev. C. E. Cramer of Arnold, Pa., the pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., passed away unexpectedly on December 26. The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, December 29, in which several ministers of neighboring churches took part. His untimely death is being mourned by the members of the church and by the large host of his friends.

¶ Friends of the Rev. Harvey Koester, a graduate of our seminary in 1939, will be glad to know about his successful pastorate during the past 7 months in the Baptist Church of Dundee, N. Y., a church with a membership of almost 200. Following extensive Christmas programs, the first annual roll call was held on December 31. A "Youth Temperance Council" was recently organized in the church.

¶ The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, with a membership of about 86 has reported a record breaking total of subscriptions to our publications as a result of a special drive recently. For 1941 the church has 23 "Baptist Herald" and 12 "Sendbote" subscriptions. The Waco Church always seems to be in the vanguard of service! The pastor, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, is also enrolled in several courses of study at Baylor University in Waco.

¶ Since December 23, Mr. Walter Kohrs of Burlington, Iowa, has been working on the newspaper staff of "the Peoria Star" of Peoria, Ill. Mr. Kohrs was the very efficient director of publicity for the General Conference in Burlington because of his position on the local "Hawkeye Gazette." His splendid service will be remembered by many conference delegates. His wife is the only daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Zummach of Trenton, Ill.

¶ Sunday, October 13, was a day of special joy for the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich. The occasion was the dedication of a new baptistry, which was followed by the baptism of 7 converts, all of whom were young people and adults. Six of these received the hand of fellowship at the communion service on November 3. At a previous communion service, a woman of 85 years was reunited with the church and received by the Rev. W. W. Knauf.

¶ The Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., presented its pastor, the Rev. G. Neumann, with a new Dodge car as a Christmas gift. The church is continuing its Thursday evening radio programs, "Echoes from Heaven," over a broadcasting station in Windsor, Canada. We hope to publish an article about this ministry in a later issue of "The Baptist Herald." The Burns Ave. Church recently sent a gift of \$2000 to Dr. Kuhn for our foreign mission enterprise, which represents its Thanksgiving Day offering.

¶ On Sunday evening, December 22, the choir of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., rendered the cantata, "The Story of Christmas," before a large and appreciative audience. The choir was directed by Mrs. Emma D. Meier and Margaret Passarge was at the organ. At the morning service on December 22, Dr. J. Leyboldt, pastor, preached on the theme, "An Unique Christ," and Dr. Jacob Kratt on "Der Weihnachtstag." On Wednesday evening, December 25, the Sunday School presented its program, including the pageant, "The Shining Window."

¶ The Rev. C. B. Nordland of Oak Park, Ill., discontinued his services as director of promotion for the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago with January 1st. At the same time he became director of the Christian Laymen's Crusade with headquarters at 120 So. La Salle St., Room 1111, Chicago, Ill. The purpose of the crusade will be "to capitalize the witness of Christian laymen to laymen throughout the country." Mr. Nordland is the teacher of the Men's Baraca Class of the Forest Park Baptist Church, of which the Rev. Theo. W. Dons is pastor.

¶ On Sunday evening, November 10, the Junior B. Y. P. U. of the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Elmo, Kans., held an interesting program at the regular church service. Two plays were presented, one depicting the story of Samuel in the temple, and the other giving a version of the prodigal son. The program was repeated on Sunday evening, December 1, since the weather on the first evening was so adverse. The officers are as follows: president, Wayne Fick; vice-president, Lyle Strome; secretary, Donald Guthals; and treasurer, Lloyd Riekeman. The Rev. John Broeder is pastor of the church.

¶ During the week of November 4 to 8 a study course was held for Sunday School officers, teachers and workers of the Bethel Heights Church (formerly German Bethel) near Gatesville, Tex. Using the book, "Outlines of Bible History," the Rev. C. C. Gossen of Crawford, Tex., taught this course in

an interesting and inspiring way. In spite of bad weather and numerous cases of illness among the workers, an average of 12 people attended the classes regularly and 8 took the examination and received the award, according to the reporter, Albert Koch. The Rev. W. H. Buenning is pastor of the church.

¶ Special meetings for 2 weeks were held by the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., from November 3 to 15 with the Rev. L. B. Berndt of Sheboygan bringing the messages. The pastor, Rev. John Wobig, reported that "Brother Berndt's messages were fervent and inspirational so that hearts of saints and sinners were touched. We are looking forward to a baptismal service in the near future." On Sunday evening, December 1, the Junior B. Y. P. U. sponsored its annual candle-light service in connection with which it presented the play, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus." On Friday evening, December 13, the annual Father's-Son's banquet was held, at which the special speaker was Dr. Sidney W. Powell of the First Baptist Church of St. Paul.

¶ On Sunday evening, December 8, the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, pastor of the Unityville and Spring Valley Churches of South Dakota, had the joy of baptizing 7 young converts. A large congregation gathered to witness the service in the Sun Prairie Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. A. Frederickson, assisting. Both church choirs rendered appropriate anthems. Mr. Sturhahn spoke on "The White Raiment of God's Saints." After the baptism both congregations united around "the Lord's Table" for an impressive observance

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EVEN as the nation must be prepared for every emergency, so the Christian must be ready for every crisis that strikes into his life. Fundamental to the Christian faith are those foundations that

Christian Preparedness. are built upon a rock, which neither floods

nor winds can dislodge. They enable him to withstand every storm of adversity and every onslaught of evil. With remarkable courage such a Christian can say: "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

There is another kind of preparedness of which we must also speak. Most of the crises of life are not of the stormy, tempestuous nature. They come upon us gradually and almost imperceptibly. They assume definite shape in our lives while we are unaware of what is happening. They might be called "the Fifth Columnists" in our Christian lives. They are the subtle, hidden influences that make for compromise with evil, for self-grandeur and display, for gratification of personal desires.

Christian preparedness calls for an alert awareness that stands on guard against these hostile influences. We need to have such an abundance of spiritual resources that will help us to face victoriously the enemies of our faith. We need to be "wide awake Christians" or sentinels that are tingling in every nerve fiber with consecrated eagerness to be of service to our Lord.

But we must continue and speak of another phase of this important business of Christian preparedness. Every provision should be made in the Christian's life that will enable him to live abundantly, happily and whole heartedly for Christ from day to day. Even bodily cleanliness and daily exercise belong to this spiritual disciplining of life. For we must "present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." We must fill the years of life to overflowing with

deeds of service and consecrated talents for Christ's Kingdom. Every Christian, who has heard this summons for preparedness, will be intent on securing the best possible advantages of an education and of secular and spiritual training. There can be no slackening nor waste of effort in the warfare for Christ's cause.

The Christian's entire life should be regulated by foresight and concern for any unexpected turn of events in the future. This does not mean worry or anxiety over the morrow. Jesus pointed out that such a fretfulness had no place in the Christian life. But it does mean keeping one's business accounts in order, not living beyond one's means, wisely investing any savings one may have, and thoughtfully preparing for "the rainy day."

Such a ministry is being rendered by the Baptist Life Association whose advertisement appears on the last page of this issue of "The Baptist Herald." There was a time when life insurance policies were frowned upon and considered to be contrary to the will of God. That deluded day has happily "gone with the wind." It behooves every Christian to make some provision for himself and for those who may be dependents in some later emergency by a wise and thrifty setting aside of a small annual sum.

This Baptist Life Association is a fraternal organization which is historically and intimately associated with our denomination. Its officers and representatives are members of our churches. Its policies of leadership are Christian. Its business foundations are secure and sound. It can help you in this day when "preparedness" ought to be the watchword of every Christian life.

"Christian Preparedness" must then be item No. 1 in the agenda of every disciple of Christ. And with the apostle Paul we would like to add: "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things."

The Revivals of Bible Times



"O, Lord, Revive Thy Work!"

It is an amazing fact that God at various times has visited his people with great spiritual awakenings. Usually these have come in the midst of spiritual declension as a direct and gracious intervention of God in answer to earnest and importunate prayer. And, invariably, they have renewed vital faith and promoted spiritual religion.

Awakenings of History

Spiritual revivals, whether in Bible or in modern times, have vitally influenced nations and have changed the course of civilization. They have come as a mighty tide of new spiritual life and power, sweeping sin and ungodliness before them. After reaching a certain high point, they have receded, to be followed by some degree of spiritual declension, only to be caught again in due time by another rising tide of revival, and then they have swept on to ever greater power and blessing.

The story of vital faith, spiritual religion, the preparation and spread of Christianity and the story of the Kingdom of God on earth are all bound together with the story of the great recurring spiritual awakenings of history. Every great spiritual forward movement of Christian and missionary endeavor has originated directly or indirectly in a revival. It is our purpose to trace these truths through the pivotal revivals of Bible times.

God, the First Evangelist

The first revival on record occurred immediately after the fall of man. God himself became the first evangelist when he came seeking the fallen ones, and called, "Adam, where art thou?" Certainly, it seems only reasonable to suppose, that God fully explained to both of them the principle and the necessity of the blood atonement, that "without shedding of blood is no remission," for, "unto Adam also and his

wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them."

It has always been the divine rule, that when God wishes to lead his people in a great forward movement to richer blessings, he begins with the leader.

Thus, when the separation between the godly line of Seth and the godless line of Cain was broken down, and the wickedness of man was great in the earth, Noah walked with God, and through the revival he led as a "preacher of righteousness," the knowledge of the true God and the blessings of spiritual religion were preserved from the flood for the post-diluvian civilization.

When God promised Abraham, "In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed," only one individual was immediately concerned. But it was undeniably one of the great pivotal revivals of history, for it led directly to the separation of God's chosen people to bear a most vital message to the whole world, and it imparted visions and impulses which have enriched and blessed countless generations and which have changed the course of the world.

Prayer Brings a Revival

Again, when God appeared to Moses at the burning bush, it was only the prelude to the mighty revival, which delivered them from the bondage of Egypt, gave them "the Law," and made Israel the peculiar covenant people of God, and brought them into the promised land. But when this highly favored people forgot the mighty works of the Lord and drifted into idolatry, God delivered them into the hands of their enemies to oppress and afflict them. And when they cried to God in their distress, the Lord raised up judges to deliver them. Thus, the book of Judges records seven different periods of oppression, and seven distinct deliverances. But it is significant, that

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REV. F. W. BARTEL
of Avon, South Dakota

in every case repentance and revival preceded deliverance.

Earnest prayer is the key that unlocks the floodgates of blessing. There is no other way. A revival must be prayed down!

The burden and prayer of every true prophet and priest has always been "revival." Samuel reached the zenith of his great career when by passionate preaching and fervent intercession he led his people in a great revival, which resulted in nation-wide acceptance and in the solemn renewal of their covenant with God. Likewise, when Elijah challenged the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, his fervent prayer was marvelously answered. The fire of the Lord fell in the sight of all, and all Israel fell on their faces, crying, "The Lord, he is God!" The prophets of Baal were immediately slain, and with one stroke the power of idolatry was broken, and the people were turned again to the worship and service of the true God.

Blessings of a Revival

The practical value of revivals is strikingly demonstrated by the fact that, although gracious revivals occurred in both kingdoms, yet Judah continued for 135 years longer than Israel. For, while the kingdom of Israel was ruled by 19 kings of 9 dynasties, every one of whom was disposed more or less toward idolatry, and therefore unfavorably toward revival, the kingdom of Judah was ruled by 20 sovereigns who were all of the Davidic line (except a usurping queen), a number of whom were godly men, who gave ready cooperation to prophet and priest towards revival of Israel's ancient faith and worship. Thus, the nation-wide revivals in Judah during the reigns of Asa, Joash, Josiah and Hezekiah became vital factors in preserving the southern kingdom for 135 years after

the moral and political disintegration of the northern kingdom.

The gracious revival led by the exilic prophets, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel, during the Babylonian captivity, delivered the Jews from their inveterate tendency to idolatry and prepared the godly remnant for the restoration of Jerusalem and the temple. Still another revival of no small significance was given of God in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah under the co-laboration of the restoration prophets, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi, which restored the lost separation of the returned Jews and led to the solemn renewal of their covenant. This prepared the godly remnant to nurture and preserve the vital faith of Israel during the long years of silence between the Testaments.

The Age of the Gospel

Then, in the providence of God, the age of the gospel was ushered in through the mighty revival led by John the Baptist, which became the effective means to announce the "Lamb of God" and to "make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Jesus immediately identified himself with this great revival, and it was on the very crest of this mighty tide of spiritual fervor that Jesus launched his ministry of redemption. Though the common people heard him gladly, the envious leaders of the Jews rejected and crucified him. But he, being delivered by the determinate counsel and fore-knowledge of God, gave his life on the cross for the redemption of the world.



Rev. F. W. Bartel
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During his earthly ministry our Lord Jesus constituted his church out of the material prepared by John the Baptist, and at his ascension the baptized believers already possessed all the essentials of a New Testament church, namely, a church roll, a rule of discipline, a gospel, an ordinary ministry, a commission to preach, authority to baptize and the Lord's Supper. They lacked only the promised "power from on high." And this lack was gloriously

supplied at Pentecost, following the ten-day prayer meeting, when God graciously gave the world's greatest revival.

The Power of Pentecost

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, . . . and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." This great outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost not only equipped the church with divine power for its world-wide task, but also enabled the church to launch its God-given program on the crest of a marvelous tide of spiritual fervor and power.

Pentecost became at once the glorious promise, the heavenly earnest and the divine pattern of all revivals. While there is but one Pentecost, by the grace of God, there have been many gracious awakenings at various times and in various places in all essentials like that of Pentecost. All true spiritual revivals have been characterized by great and unusual manifestations of the Holy Spirit, working sudden and deep conviction of sin and distress of soul, and turning multitudes to God in repentance and prayer, resulting in many wonderful conversions.

Revivals are the divine means of renewing the spiritual life of the church, and of spreading her in her God-given task of world evangelization. Thus, revival is seen as the only hope of the church and of the world. May the fervent prayers of the prophet also become our prayer, "O LORD, REVIVE THY WORK!"

The Supreme Task of the Church

General Conference Sermon by the REV. JOHN WOBIG, Pastor of the
Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota

The daily task for every Christian is to bring people into "the life in Christ." Never was the world in such need of religion pure and undefiled as now. That need is not met as it should be, because the church, you and I, have lacked the evangelistic spirit.

The World is Our Field

Two scenes open up before us. In the Upper Room Jesus is meeting with his disciples following his resurrection. There is no escaping the words of our Lord to them, "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you."

Again, at Olivet, overlooking the city, in the presence of his disciples, his hands outstretched in benediction, the summit sinking beneath him, and the disciples gazing in adoring awe while angels watch his ascent, the final and inexpressibly important command from the Captain of our salvation is given to the soldiers of the cross: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them

in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Those are omnipotent words: "Go ye! Preach, teach, baptize!"

The field is the world, all nations, every creature. May the Holy Spirit impress upon every conscience the abiding conviction that there can be no intelligent Christianity without evangelism. The salvation of the world now awaits our action. The work is committed to us. We are his partners. Christ died and rose again. He has poured forth his Spirit. The Bible is complete and the church has its doctrines and experiences. God now says, "GO!" Our business is to tell "the Good News" to every creature, either in person or through a representative.

New Testament Evangelism

Evangelism is the very heart and mind of the Master." The Great Com-

mission" leaves an unmistakable and plain command to all who claim to be his followers that they are to be evangelistic if they intend to be his true followers.

Evangelism is the Bible word for "Good News." It means to quicken life. A fuller, freer life on the part of those already possessing it, and the telling of good tidings to those who do not possess "the Life." It is to propagate the gospel among the peoples of the world. It embraces every agency that turns the thought and heart to Christ, from the first word of religious instruction spoken to the little child, to the last message of gospel hope and encouragement whispered to the aged man or woman.

We may call it personal work, or one individual leading another into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Suppose I stand in a path of imminent danger. People call to me, but I do not give heed. Then a person comes and drags me away from the danger. That was personal work. One may call it

service, or the outward expression of the inward experience. For example, I experience hunger and work for food. I experience a love for Christ and tell others about it. Or, it may be termed as witnessing, the giving evidence of a fact or event. In our case it is the telling to others of the saving experience of Christ in our own lives. Such was the witnessing of the disciples and early Christians. Jesus said, "Ye shall be my witnesses."

This is New Testament evangelism. It is the earnest effort to win men for Christ and helping them to become Christian as to their own character and in their relation with God and their fellowmen. It is teaching them to apply the principles of Christ to all organized life of mankind, whether that be political, social, industrial, racial, or international. It includes everything that is done to bring the gospel to men and men to the gospel and Christ.

Christ's Commissions

When Jesus gave his commission, he gave it to the church. There is no escape from it. It is a perpetual commission. No man can deny that the disciples were acting representatively. Paul says, "God set them in the church." The commission calls for the "moving" on the part of the commissioned—the people of God. They are to go! Wherever there are lost souls, anywhere from the center of the earth to its remotest bounds, they are to go!

We have seven commissions that Christ gave after his resurrection. 1) To the ten in the Upper Room. (John 20:19-25.) They are sent, as the Father sent Jesus, to all the world, inspired and with authority. 2) To Peter. (John 21:15-17.) He was to shepherd the sheep or the experienced Christians, to feed the lambs or the young converts, to shepherd the little sheep or the Christians in a state of arrested development. 3) The great and perpetual commission to the church. (Matt. 28:16-20.) We are to go to all the world with authority and make disciples. 4) The one recorded by Luke. (Luke 24:44-49.) It promises the illumination of the Scriptures with the command to go and preach, witness, and announce the coming of the Holy Spirit. 5) At Jesus' ascension. (Acts 1:6-12.) We are to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the world. 6) Paul's commission. (Acts 9:15; 22:10; 26:15. Gal. 1:15.) To preach to the Gentiles. 7) Special commission of John. Rev. 1:1; 2:9. Not to speak, but to write!

These great commissions include us all. We are stewards of the glorious gospel of the Son of God. It has been committed to us as a trust. We are debtors to a lost world, and each must render an account of how he handled "the Pearl of Great Price." The charge of duty to engage earnestly in personal soul winning is upon us.

Spiritual Requirements

The great stimulus will ever remain the urge of the indwelling Spirit. Without it all methods of organization are

but machinery, and all work but patch-work on the souls of men. The disciples were charged to wait at Jerusalem until that they were endued with the Spirit for their great commission of soul winning for the Master.

Another requirement is prayer. Without it we soon lose interest in the affairs of the Kingdom. Without it we lose the warmth of our Christian experience and soon are chilled to indifference. We recall how Israel was saved from Amalek by the upraised hands of Moses. As long as Moses' hands were up, Israel prevailed. When they came down Amalek was victorious. Aaron and Hur held up the faltering hands of Moses. How much do we pray to support the soul winner? Prayer links us with God, breaks down difficulties, opens fast-closed doors, calls forth workers, and brings victory in the hour of crisis.

There must also be certain fundamental convictions. The conviction to declare the truths of Scripture as authoritative! To stress the importance of repentance and the new birth! To emphasize the deity of Christ and to stress the reconciliation of the cross, and to point out the deadly effect of sin upon the soul!

Certain qualifications are also essential. We must have boldness to proclaim the gospel and denounce sin in face of persecution. There must be faith to believe that men will accept our gospel and that Christ can save. We need a humility that always gives God glory, tact that meets the moods, makeups, peculiarities and temperaments of those dealt with, and a willingness to sacrifice for the Master's cause.

Methods For the Task

The best method depends upon the man, the church, and the situation at hand. No one fast method may be used. There is the pastor as his own evangelist. He is the true and natural leader of the church. He holds the key to evangelism. If the evangelistic spirit is to be revived, we must begin with the minister. Ralph S. Centiman in his poem, "A Preacher's Prayer" very fittingly declares what the constant prayer and aim of a pastor ought ever to be.

I do not ask
That crowds may throng the temple,
That standing room be at a price;
I only ask, that as I voice the message
Men may see Christ.

I do not ask
For earthly pomp or pageant,
Or music such as wealth alone can buy;
I only ask, that as I voice the message
He may be nigh.

Then there are the parents as evangelists. Their instruction and example should ever be before their children. Certainly, no parent should turn over to another the sacred task of leading his child to Christ. Thinking of my own conversion, perhaps the greatest factor that led me to a decision for Christ were the prayers and consistent living of my parents. That was an argument which I could not override.

We also think of the whole church as

evangelists. Evangelism is the normal task of every church. It should be Christ's drawing magnet in any given community. One great need of today is not a tidal wave of evangelism brought on by some great leader, but the awakening of individual churches and their members to this sacred duty. The personal work of individual members has its distinct advantages, since it can be done at any time and place, reaches all classes, hits the mark, and meets the specific need of the individual dealt with. Mass evangelism also has its definite merits.

Lessons From Christ

Jesus always began at the point of immediate interest when dealing with sinners and led on from there to matters of deep concern. To the woman at Jacob's well he began with the matter at hand and then led to speaking to her of the "Water of Life." To the fishermen on the Sea of Galilee he ended by leading them to become fishers of men. To the five thousand whom he fed with the natural bread he spoke of the "Bread of Life." Frequently, he referred to on Old Testament Scripture. At another time he made a contact by a story or parable. Again it was be a direct call or striking sentence, or through the use of an object lesson. Let us make him our pattern and leader. With him as our model evangelist we also can do wonders.

I remember reading about a discovered wreck in the Southern Sea. The crew of the vessel, which discovered the hull, wondered if someone might yet be on board. A party of sailors volunteered to go and see. Silence walked noiselessly back and forth on deck. Death patiently held the helm. But down in the cabin, on the floor, wrapped in garments that once covered a stalwart frame, they found the shrunken, shriveled remnant of a man, still alive. As they took him away to their own vessel, gave him a stimulant, and stood around him, they saw his shrunken lips trying to move and caught the words that came hissing through his bare teeth: "There is another man down there."

It is that spirit, which the evangelistic spirit must always beget, speaking first and last and all the while: "There is another man there," which makes its resources exhaustless and its success certain.

Soul Winning, Our Task

Fellow Christians! I have faith in you to believe that you were sincere and true when you first surrendered to the Master and took your vow as such at the altar where you first confessed him. Furthermore, I have the same faith in you to believe that you will act upon our Great Commission and supreme task and will go back to your churches as soul winners for him. In this triennium may we gladly and wholeheartedly enter upon this great task of soul winning in allegiance to the Master and devotion to our churches. Win some soul for Christ!

The Gypsies Need a New Hymnal

Interesting News from Our Gypsy Baptist Church at Golinzi, Bulgaria,
Reported by the Pastor, REV. GEORGI STEFANOFF

The life of my people, the Gypsies, is becoming much more difficult these days. Because of the European War everything has become very expensive. Many of the Gypsy men have had to leave their large families in order to enter military service in the Bulgarian army as sentries at the boundaries. This makes the lot of the Gypsy children without their fathers at home more pitiful.

Gypsy Mission Gifts

Mission gifts for the new Gypsy hymnal may be sent to Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. All such monies received will be definitely used in the publication of this sorely needed hymnal by our Gypsy Church in Golinzi, Bulgaria.

who were scattered in the nearby villages for work, have returned to their huts in Golinzi.



Members of the Young People's Society in the
Gypsy Baptist Chapel, Golinzi, Bulgaria

Even Mohammedan Gypsies are feeling the effects of the wave of Anti-Semitism sweeping over this country. There are now laws, which have been passed by the government, making it impossible to employ anyone who is not a full-blooded Bulgarian. Among the porters and carriers at the Danube River docks there have been many Gypsies, some of whom are even our church members, who have lost their jobs because of these laws.

On October 13 the Gypsy Baptist Church in Golinzi had the great joy of witnessing the baptism of four precious souls. It was a very large meeting before which the new converts gave their testimony of faith in Christ. God granted us a blessed hour, in which he again showed his wonderful grace and love to my "despised people." After the baptism we as a church observed the Lord's Supper.

Many of my Gypsy friends expect me to help them with the building of their new huts. In past year I have built 15 Gypsy houses in the nearby village of Humata, which Dr. Kuhn and Mr. Leuschner visited on their trip to Bulgaria several years ago. God has given me the gift and also the strength for this work, which I am very happy to use in helping my fellow Gypsies. In September of this year (1940) I was busier than ever and helped to build 9 other Gypsy houses in Golinzi.

The weather has become very cold here in Bulgaria. Most of the Gypsies,

small Gypsy hymnal is no longer satisfactory for our purposes.

We have exhausted the few songs in the hymnal, and only 18 copies of the song book are left in our chapel. Now we are ready to publish our new hymnal of these revised and new Gypsy songs. The only Gypsy literature in all Bulgaria has been and continues to be until the present day the old Gypsy hymnal which we have used so much in past years. Often as we sang these hymns or as I read the stanzas of a song, I have noticed how tears would come into the eyes of the Gypsies as they listened. How much this hymnal has meant to my people! Next to the Word of God it is their most precious book.

Everyone knows that Gypsies have no culture of their own. They are the most despised and inferior of all races. They are the poorest of all mankind. But in one regard Gypsies are superior to all others and that is in their singing! It is even known that a Gypsy woman will sing while she is quarrelling with a neighbor. Gypsies are always singing at work and at play. They live Biblically according to Jesus words of Matthew 6:34—"Take therefore no thought for the morrow." Many of the peoples of the world are rich in many things but they are not truly happy. But my people show in their singing and play that they are truly content and thankful. Therefore we do not want to be without a Gypsy hymnal.

We believe that the Lord will show us ways how we can secure this new



Rev. and Mrs. Georgi Stefanoff, (Front Row, Center),
Gypsy Missionaries, and Their Family of Children,
Sons-in-law and Grandchildren

to revise about 65 Gypsy hymns and to write them down in note books. Then I also translated about 45 other hymns from German into the Gypsy language, so that we now have a collection of more than 100 songs and hymns in three different Gypsy dialects. Our

hymn book. It will cost us several hundred dollars to have it published with words and music. We are hoping and praying that you as our friends in America will come to our rescue and give us the help that we need so badly to publish this Gypsy hymnal.

Daphne Dunger Banks Are Returning!

The Story of Children's Adventures in Missionary Giving

A few days before Christmas the first Daphne Dunger Mission Bank to be returned by a Sunday School scholar was given to Dr. William Kuhn by Lois Grosser, aged 8, of Oak Park, Illinois, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grosser and a granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Otto Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif. To Dr. Kuhn's great delight and surprise the bank contained \$5.22.

Since then several other Daphne Dunger banks have also been received by the office, showing how the Sunday School children have been busy saving their pennies and nickels and dimes for our Cameroon missionaries and especially for little Daphne. Carolyn and Evelyn Koller, the daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Koller of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., brought their banks to Dr. Kuhn with mission gifts of \$2.72 and \$3.21, respectively. Ronald Leuschner, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., also returned his Daphne Dunger bank with personal savings in it totalling \$4.01.

On Sunday morning, December 29, quite a number of children of the Forest Park Sunday School in Forest Park, Ill., returned their banks with offerings totalling \$42. More Daphne Dunger banks were returned on Sunday, January 5. About 100 banks were distributed in the Sunday School.

The interesting correspondence between Dr. Kuhn and Lois Grosser follows. It tells its own fascinating story. "The Baptist Herald" will be happy to publish any other incidents or stories about the return of the Daphne Dunger banks by Sunday School children.

Dr. Kuhn's Letter

Dear Lois:—

Although I understand that some Daphne Dunger banks have been returned to the office of our own Sunday School, your bank is the first to be returned to this office. How we did open our eyes, when we saw the number of dollar bills and half dollar silver pieces. . . .

What you have done will stimulate other children to do their share. Whether you will be a foreign missionary or not, when you are grown up, you can even now be a little handmaiden for the Lord Jesus Christ, serving with these Daphne Dunger banks and in various other ways.

Sincerely,

William Kuhn.

Little Lois' Letter

Dear Dr. Kuhn:—

Thank you for your letter. I was surprised that I had \$5.22 in my Daphne Dunger bank. It was easy to save that money. I did it for Jesus.



Lois Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., Who Was the First Child to Return "the Daphne Dunger Bank"

Grandfather Schroeder gave me the first dollar I ever owned. I put that in my bank. It gave me a good start. Then I got a dollar for my birthday. That went in too.

I dried the lunch dishes every day, kept my desk clean and ran errands. For this I got my allowance. I put it in my mission bank.

I love little Daphne. We heard about her in the Primary class at Sunday School.

Some day I hope I may be a missionary. I like your idea of my being a little handmaiden to serve the Lord Jesus. I can practice being a missionary now. Thank you for the receipt from Mr. Sorg. It is the first receipt I ever got.

From a little handmaiden,

Lois Grosser.

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By Rev. Reuben P. Jeschke
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A Peculiar People

John 15:9-21

Should a Christian be "different"? In the 15th chapter of John Jesus tells his disciples that they are not of the world; therefore, the world does hate them. In his letter to Titus the apostle Paul says that Jesus sought a "peculiar people, zealous of good works." About them there is to be something individual and unique.

Often this truth has been so largely applied to less important things: types of clothes, wagons, places, and what not. To be sure, a Christian will not want to frequent certain places, or perhaps wear certain things, but the thought is much bigger than that.

How was Jesus different from the world? Not by being "queer." He practiced communion with the loving heavenly Father, who supplied him with wisdom, strength and joy. His being was filled with such goodness and love that it ever sought to serve. No selfishness was there. His view of the world made it a place to bring in the heavenly Kingdom, not a place to suppress one's fellow man. It goes almost without saying that this is not the spirit of the world. If we would be "different" in the higher sense, let us follow his example. Above all, ours must then be a life of sacred purposefulness, whose only goal is to exemplify that lofty spirit.

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The Conversion of Chiang Kai-Shek

By SAM LEE (K. S. Lee)

(The author of the following article is a Chinese business man who left a prosperous career to develop a plan to bring the gospel to his countrymen by radio. See the last paragraph of his article. The plan is wholly Chinese, being originated and supported by them. This article is reproduced from "The Watchman-Examiner" by special permission. —EDITOR.)

Studying the Bible

Although I have lived in China for the past twenty-five years, having been present at the wedding of Chiang Kai-Shek thirteen years ago, and also having dined as his guest, I had only a hazy idea of how this great leader of China became a Christian until recently in New York City I had the good fortune to learn from Rev. Kiang Chen Chun, the pastor who baptized Chiang, the actual story of his conversion.

Remarkable conversions of remarkable people have been recorded down through the ages, but the story of the acceptance of Christ by a real ruler of five hundred million Chinese souls, at a time when their homes and country were being devastated, shows in a remarkable way the mighty hand of God in human history. In such time as the present, that God provided such a leader for the people of China to lead them through the valley of death can be no coincidence, but a clear revelation of divine Providence in a day of spiritual revolt. Someone has said that the conversion of Chiang is the most important event in the Christian annual since the time of the Emperor Constantine; only time can reveal the importance of this crucial historical event.

Pastor Kiang's Story

"One night in 1928," said Rev. Kiang Chen Chun, "I dreamed a dream. Chiang Kai-Shek sat at my right hand and his wife at my left as we motored along a broad boulevard. Over our laps was spread a single steamer rug of a deep green color to protect us from the wind. Suddenly I awoke and found that I had only been dreaming. Later when I told my wife of the incident, I disavowed my belief in any actual significance of dreams.

"About three months afterward, I received an urgent telegram from Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, asking me to come to Nanking immediately. I arrived there early the next morning to learn that Madame wanted me, as a good friend of the family, to talk to her husband about his personal salvation and, if possible, to arrange for him to be baptized into the Christian church. He was unable to see me until about four in the afternoon because of his many official duties, and even then there were so many distractions that Madame suggested we might go out for a ride as we talked. Three motor calls were called, the center car for us and the first and the third for his bodyguards.

"As we entered the car, the Generalissimo insisted that I sit in the middle, placing his wife at my left, and himself at my right. Up to this time I had forgotten entirely about the dream. But just before closing the door, the servant spread a steamer rug over our laps; its same exact deep green color caught my attention, and then at once I recalled my dream of three months before.

"As we motored along, Madame Chiang urged her husband to accept Christ and to be formally baptized into the Christian faith, saying, 'Our friend pastor Kiang is going to America soon and will be gone for many months.' The Generalissimo refused to be pressed into the Christian church so hurriedly, replying, 'I have just finished reading the New Testament for the second time, and am now going to begin to read the Old Testament. I want to learn more about this Christian faith before I publicly accept Jesus Christ as my Savior.' After we had conversed further, I finally agreed with him and suggested that he study the Bible faithfully while I was gone and that I would be glad to receive him into the church upon my return. I then took my leave, returning to Shanghai and continuing to America for the Methodist Conference.

Answered Prayers

While I was in America, a civil war broke out in China between a certain war-lord and the Central Government. During the fighting one day, Chiang was trapped by his enemies near Kai-feng, being almost completely surrounded. In this desperate situation, he prayed to God for deliverance, pledging that he would publicly acknowledge Jesus Christ as his Lord after the Lord had delivered him. God did answer his prayer by sending a very heavy snow storm which was unusual in this time of year, so that his enemies could not advance any nearer. In the meantime his reinforcements came from Nanking by rail, thereby not only sparing his own life, but turning certain defeat into a victory.

"Upon my return from America, I was asked to baptize this leader of China into the Christian faith. This was in the fall of 1928. His subsequent growth in Christian grace is well known to the world. Of all the people who have influenced this man's life for Christ, it is without any doubt his mother-in-law, Madame Soong, who

has been most helpful. He has followed her advice to read the Bible and to pray every morning; his constant morning devotion has changed him from being a Chinese politician to a Christian statesman of the world. Upon his leadership hung the destiny of 500,000,000 Chinese people, one fourth of the human race; and through his inspiring, godly sacrificial work, China has unflinchingly resisted this ruthless invasion for more than three years."

The Kidnapping of Chiang Kai-Shek

In December, 1936, Chiang was kidnapped by one of his friends and political enemies. At that time he had lost every personal belonging and from his captors he asked only one thing—a copy of the Bible. The following is a portion of the message he sent to the Methodist Conference which met in China in 1937.

"I have been a Christian for nearly ten years, and during that time I have been a constant reader of the Bible. Never before had this sacred book been so interesting to me as during my two weeks captivity in Sian. This unfortunate affair took place all of a sudden and I found myself placed under detention without having a single earthly belonging. From my captors I asked but one thing—a copy of the Bible. In my solitude I had ample opportunity for reading and meditation. The greatness of the love of Christ burst upon me with new inspiration, increasing my strength to struggle against evil, to overcome temptation, and to uphold righteousness."

Recent Prayer by Chiang Kai-Shek

Recently this leader of China has shown a marvelous prayer life. One evening Chiang and a Canadian friend were together during a terrible air raid in Chungking. When the raid had passed Chiang asked the Canadian to join him and his wife for the evening devotion. In his great amazement, this Canadian friend wrote to the newspapers in Canada as follows:

"The Generalissimo first began by reading some Scripture, then prayed with a simple expression of thanks for their safety. Then he added thanks for the courage of the nation under fire. Then he prayed for

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The Boy from Hogan's Alley

By Eleanor Kees

SYNOPSIS

One cold and stormy night Jimmy and his dog, Toby, ran away from "Hogan's Alley." The ragged urchin had never known the love of a home or of parents. Because of a desperate hunger gnawing within him, Jimmy and his dog entered a house and helped themselves to a hot dinner on the table. They were caught in the act by the master of the house, Mr. Howard Ormsby, who took a strange fancy to the boy. James grew up in the Ormsby home, learning about God from the cook, Mrs. Bartholomew, who became a real "mother" for him. When he became older, he even brought new joy into the home by teaching Mrs. Ormsby some of the truths of the Christian religion. Years passed by, and high school graduation day came for both James and the Ormsby daughter, Jean. James began to notice Jean, who was growing lovelier every day, but he realized sadly that a great barrier lay between them. She was the rich man's daughter, and he was only a poor orphan boy from Hogan's alley.

CHAPTER TEN

"Mr. Ormsby, it seems to me your wife is failing. I am sure her body is thinner. Can you notice it?"

Howard Ormsby jumped to his feet and faced Miss Childs. "No," he said hoarsely, "I had not noticed! Call Dr. Huntley at once while I go to her room! Tell him what you have told me, and instruct him to make a pretense at this being a social call. We must not excite her in the least, or make her feel that she is ill!"

He hastened to Julia's room and found her reading her Testament. She laid it down with a smile. "You look tired, Howard," she said.

"Do I?" he asked. "I guess I'm just lonesome—that's all." And he sat down on the edge of the bed.

"What would we do without James?" she asked. "Just think—three months since we have seen Jean!"

"You miss her a great deal, don't you, dear?"

Julia sighed. She missed Jean more than she admitted to anyone. The summer had slipped away so rapidly that from the day of graduation to the time for her to go away to school had seemed only a few days. At the advice of her minister Jean had selected a school where she could begin training for her life work. She had received no opposition whatever from Howard, and although Julia had shed tears over it when she was alone, never by word or

sign did she make it hard for Jean to go away. It had been such a long journey—across three states—that Jean had not attempted to come home at Thanksgiving time, but they were looking forward to her coming for the Christmas holidays.

James spent as much time with Julia as possible, but his time was well taken up with work at the office outside of school hours. He was in his Junior year at college, and was working almost beyond his strength to make good.

"Strange, isn't it, how we bring children into the world; then life claims them and takes them from us? But I'm glad Jean is not wasting her life as I wasted mine," said Julia.

"Your life wasn't wasted. You brought cheer into mine," said Howard.

"My life has been just like that of a butterfly. It was all for show at first. I flitted from flower to flower. Only the bright things of life attracted me. Then one day I came too close to the flame, and my beauty was gone," she said sadly.

"You will always be beautiful to me," he said tenderly.

"Yes, no doubt I will be. I'm glad for that, too. But how empty it has all been! It was hard giving Jean up, but how much different her life will be. Tell me, Howard, aren't you glad Jean has chosen to make her life useful instead of wasting it like I did mine?"

"How can a bitter heart rejoice over anything?" he replied, then added: "Listen, I believe we have callers."

"Why, Dr. Huntley—and Mrs. Huntley!" exclaimed Julia in surprise, while Howard greeted them warmly.

"How are you, Julia?" asked the doctor. He and his wife had known her since her girlhood, and were the only friends who were ever allowed to see her. Mrs. Huntley, sat down by the bed and took Julia's hand in both of hers.

"So glad to see you, Julia, dear," she said, "And how is Jean?"

"Jean is well and happy, which means much to me," replied Julia.

"You don't grieve for her, I'm sure, since you know she is doing something worth while with her life," ventured Mrs. Huntley.

"No, I don't grieve for her at all. I miss her, oh, so much, but I resolved never to grieve for her. How are you, Mrs. Huntley?"

"Getting too fat, entirely," declared the good woman, "but the doctor says I can't reduce!"

"She's too old to reduce," put in the doctor. "If she reduces she'll get wrinkled, and who wants to live with a wrinkled old lady? She looks sweet to me the way she is."

The doctor and his wife spent a pleasant hour with Julia, who was not conscious at all that she was being observed. She did not realize that for several moments Mrs. Huntley, who for many years had been a nurse, had held her pulse and followed the minute hand on her wrist watch. She was not aware that the doctor was studying every move she made, and noting the change that had taken place in her since he had last seen her. When they arose to go Howard excused himself from Julia to usher them downstairs, and Julia sank back in her pillows and sighed.

"I'm so tired, Miss Childs," she said. "Arrange my bed for the night. I think I shall go right to sleep. If I'm asleep when Howard comes up, tell him not to disturb me."

Howard Ormsby shut himself in the library with the doctor and his wife. "Well?" he asked huskily.

"She is slowly, but surely slipping away," said the doctor unsteadily. "I wish I could tell you otherwise, Howard, but to do so would be to deceive you. How about her pulse, wife?" he asked, turning to Mrs. Huntley.

"It is just as Miss Childs said—weak and wavering. It indicates a heart weakness."

"What can I do for her? Should I remove her to the hospital?" asked Howard, his voice full of agony.

"That would only hasten the end. She doesn't realize now she's slipping away. If we took her there she'd know there was a reason, and she would go all the quicker."

"Do you think Jean's absence is hastening the end?" asked Howard. "If it is I will send for her at once. She owes Julia something. It should be as important as fitting herself to serve others."

"She is not grieving for Jean," declared the doctor. "You heard what she told Mrs. Huntley tonight. On the contrary I think it would only worry her to know Jean was losing time from her preparation for her life work. We will not send for Jean until it is necessary."

"But what if she should slip away suddenly?" asked Howard.

"She won't do that," declared the doctor. "She'll just fade away gradually. She'll be with you a number of

months yet. She's going just as I always thought she would. Only the passing isn't going to worry her as I feared at one time it would. She's ready for it now. Come, wife, we must go. She will wonder why we are keeping Howard so long."

Jean came home at Christmas time. She had wanted to leave school immediately when Howard wrote her that Julia seemed to be failing, but Howard had convinced her that it was unnecessary, and that it would only worry the invalid if she did.

James met her at the train. Through the months when he had been separated from her he had steeled himself against thoughts of her, trying to convince himself he had been victorious over his feelings regarding her, when he knew he was not.

When the train came in his heart was beating so wildly that he was sure those about him could have heard it had it not been for the noise of the engine. It seemed that it almost leaped up in his throat as Jean alighted and grasped his hand.

"James, you old dear!" she exclaimed. "You look good to me! How is mamma?"

Unconsciously James assumed a reserved air. It was the only thing he could do to hide his feelings. Jean noticed it at once, and attributed it to the fact that mother must be worse.

"James, tell me the truth!" she demanded. "Is mamma worse? You act so strangely about it."

"No, she is the same, apparently. You will notice a change in her, of course, but she is no worse than when your father wrote you last."

"You seem so different, James. Aren't you glad to see me?" she asked as he helped her into the waiting car.

"Of course I'm glad to see you, Jean. I—I—guess I'm just grown up—that's all."

"I'll—I'll wager you're in love," she teased. "Who is the lucky girl friend?"

"I haven't any girl friend, Jean," he answered soberly.

"Honest?" asked Jean. "What happened to Ruth Cameron?"

"Oh, she threw me over for another guy."

"And left you with a broken heart, yes? Say, I think that was mean!"

"On the contrary, my heart was not at all involved. Honest, Jean, I didn't even miss her. I was really glad to be rid of her. I'd been wanting to drop her for some time, but didn't have the heart to do so for fear of hurting her. Isn't that an awful state for a fellow to be in?"

Jean laughed heartily. "Never mind, the right one will come along some day," she comforted. "Oh, by the way, how is Toby?"

"Oh, poor old Toby, he's so fat, and has rheumatism so badly he can hardly go up and down the basement steps any more. As near as I can remember he is about fourteen years old now. Jean, it's going to be kind of hard giving up old Toby. When a fellow loves a dog,

and when that dog was all he had in the world for a while it—it's kind of hard to think of giving him up," he said mournfully, with a catch in his voice. "And even though it's only a dog you feel like God must have had a plan in letting it come into your life," he added, thoughtfully.

Jean laid her hand tenderly on James' arm. "James, I like you best when you're in such moods," she said. "You've never let me look into your soul many times, but what few times you did—well, it just drew me very near to you. I wish you'd do it oftener."

James was glad they were home by this time, and that he did not have to answer her. Drew her nearer to him! Drew her nearer to him! The words rang in his ears as he helped her carry her baggage into the house. And that was just what he must avoid—had been trying all along to avoid—yet was what she wanted. Oh, was she beginning to care, too, and did not know it? If she was he must not let her. She must not learn to care, and must never know he cared for her. No use to ruin two lives, and leave two hearts desolate because of the great barrier between them.

Jean saw at once the change in Julia, but was too wise to show her surprise. She stayed with her until dinner was served then went downstairs, feeling very sad when she was informed that the invalid had been unable to go down to the dining room for her meals for over two weeks. She and Howard and James ate almost in silence, each realizing that a shadow was slowly but surely coming over the home.

She stayed with Julia again until Miss Childs came to arrange the invalid for the night, then went in search of James. She found him reading in the library, with Toby at his feet.

"Oh, Toby!" she exclaimed, dropping onto the floor and putting her arms about his fat body. Toby got to his feet, joyously wagging his tail, and tried to lick her hands and face.

James dropped his book and looked at Jean, all the hunger in his soul showing in his eyes, yet unconscious of what he was revealing. Suddenly Jean looked up. Their eyes met, and she read in his what she had been trying to read all evening—in fact, for months before she went away.

"James!" she cried, and springing to her feet threw herself into his arms.

"Jean!" He eagerly drew her to him, while his lips sought hers.

"Oh, James, I've cared for so long, and despaired of you ever caring," whispered Jean.

"Of course I cared, but, oh, Jean!" he cried, suddenly releasing her. "What are we doing?"

"Doing?" echoed Jean.

"Oh, don't you see it's impossible?" he cried. "We can't think of each other in any other terms but just friends!"

"I'd like to know why," she answered.

"Because you are the daughter of a

rich man, while I am a nothing—a nobody—without even a name. I've nothing to offer you."

"I don't want anything but just you."

"Jean, you don't know what you're saying. You don't realize what it would mean. Besides, there's your life work—your mission to others. What would you do about that?"

"We'd work together, James. You know the homes of the slum people, you know their condition. You could take me to visit them. You have a marvelous voice—you could sing to them. You could pray with them. I've stood at your door and listened to you pray many times. You don't know how many rough places you've helped me over just by hearing you pray. And when you prayed for me—well, that is where I learned to love you. James, we'll work together."

"Oh, Jean, we can't! Think what unfair advantage it would be taking of your father. He took me—a common alley-rat—into his home and gave me an education, then I presume to marry his daughter! He would hate me, and he would have every right to do so. No, Jean, I couldn't do it. I have too much honor to do it."

Jean moved over to him again, and laying her hands on his arms looked into his face.

"James," she said, "you are noble! You're—you're just all that's fine and grand! I know that although you came from among the alley dwellers you are not one of them, nor never were. A bad tree cannot bring forth good fruit. But I know that until you have proven to yourself that you are not one of them that you will abide by your decision."

"I'm going to ask one thing of you, though. If you ever find out who you are, and can give me a name, such as you want to be able to give, even though you are still with little or nothing of this world's goods, will you come to me?"

"I—I will—that is—if you're not—" "I won't be. I'll never belong to anybody else. I'll wait for you, James."

She reached up and kissed him. He placed his arms about her, and held her for a long moment. At length he released her.

"I must go now," she said, and moved away, and outside in the hall a dark form hurriedly withdrew. Howard Ormsby had not meant to listen in on this sacred conversation, but he had come upon them by mistake. But he resolved that as soon as possible he would visit Hogan's alley and find Hank and Barb if they were to be found.

Just a week after Jean had gone back to her school a somewhat battered looking car, from which a "For Hire" sign had been removed, nosed its way into the traffic on River Street. The driver was clad in a very shabby business suit, and had a four days' growth of beard on his face.

He drove past fairly respectable

looking business houses and dwellings, and made his way to the less prosperous looking part of the street. At last he drew up in front of an unattractive grocery store, in whose window hung a stalk of half spoiled bananas above an assorted array of wilting vegetables, withered oranges, and spotted apples. He parked the car and went inside.

A sleepy-looking individual, wearing a badly soiled apron over an untidy suit approached him as he entered. "What'll yuh have today?" he asked lazily, scarcely moving his lips, between which hung a cigarette almost touching his chin.

"Can you tell me if there is a place located near here which is called 'Hogan's alley?'" asked Howard Ormsby.

"Hogan's alley. Huh, I dunno. Seems to me like mebbe I heard of it once. I don't exactly recollect. It ain't 'round hereabouts, no way. Must be down further where them tough guys live. I reckon mebbe it is."

"How far down does this street run?" asked Howard.

"Oh, I dunno. Mile er two, mebbe. Reckon it might be three. Follers the river down to where it turns off. Reckon you'll find the place you want, as I said, where them tough guys live. This here's a 'respectable' section, this is, but further down 'tain't so good."

"Thank you," said Howard, and went back to his car. So this was a respectable portion of River Street! Well, if this man was a representative of the respectable people he wondered what the "tough guys" were really like, and what he was letting himself in for. He wondered if it wouldn't have been wise for him to have taken an officer with him. He was glad he had made himself look as "seedy" as possible, otherwise he might have been slugged and robbed. He headed the car into the traffic and drove on.

He left the so-called respectable part of the city far behind, noting the change in his surroundings as he drove on, from fairly well-built structures to almost tumble-down homes and business houses. There were tenement houses which certainly should have been condemned years before, but which were still housing hundreds of people.

The pedestrians changed, too, as he drove on, from that of the common class to that of the very low. Ragged and dirty bearded men, coarse, dirty women, cheaply but flashily dressed young girls in their teens, whose painted faces invited the attention of both old and young, and small children in ragged clothing, with pinched and starved faces, passed back and forth. About a mile and a half down Howard stopped again, this time accosting a man who was idly leaning against a lamp post.

"Do you know anything about a place called Hogan's alley?" he asked. "Hogan's alley?" repeated the man.

"Let me think. Yeah, I believe I do. There's a feller named Hogan runs an eatin' house an' soft drink parlor," wrinkling up his face, and winking

slyly, "about two blocks down. Think he lives back o' the eatin' house, er owns the alley, er somethin' like that. Last week a kid was knocked down some steps, er fell down, er somethin' like that, an' was killed, an' my woman was sayin' it was in Hogan's alley—how come I heerd about it."

"Thanks," said Howard, and started on again, watching for a sign of some kind to tell him where Hogan's "soft drink parlor" was.

He sighted it on the left hand side of the street when he was in the second block. He parked the car, got out, and strolled across toward the building. As he stepped up onto the sidewalk he saw, painted on the side of the time and weather-blackened brick building, a gruesome imitation of a hand pointing into a dark passage, and at the end of the long finger the words, "HOGAN'S ALLEY. APARTMENTS FOR RENT."

He stepped into the shadowy passage which was just about wide enough for a horse and cart to pass through until it widened out into something like a court, from which other passages and outside stairs led. Sounds of childrens' voices, babies' cries, womens' voices, some in song, some in conversation, and others in loud rebuke, mingled with the clatter of dishes or pans, the patter of feet, and the general din of the city. A number of children played on the rickety stairways or on the brick pavement of the alley, and at sight of the stranger scurried away under cover, or peered curiously at him as he passed. Near the end of the alley, which seemed to open into another street, he sighted a man leaning heavily against a door which apparently led to some living rooms on the ground floor. Howard walked up to him and spoke.

"Good afternoon," he said.

"Howdy," answered the loafer.

"I'm trying to locate some people who lived here a number of years ago," began Howard. "Do you live here?"

"Yeah," answered the man.

"How long have you lived here?" asked Howard.

"Ever since I was a kid. I'm thirty now."

"Then perhaps you can tell me about these people I want to find. Do you happen to know anybody by the name of Hank and Barb Skooge?"

"What you wantin' ter look 'em up for?" asked the fellow insolently. "I ain't no information beaurey."

"See here," said Howard, "there's five dollars in it for you if you can help me locate these people."

The fellow looked at Howard through narrowing eyes. "Make it ten an' I'll talk," he said.

"Can't do it," said Howard. "Five's all I've got. See?" And he drew a five-dollar note from his pocket, then turned all his pockets inside out. "I hate to part with this, but I must find these people."

The fellow eyed Howard critically, and Howard was glad his suit and

shoes were shabby. It would never have done to come into this part of the city in respectable clothing. However, he was willing, if necessary, to make terms with the man.

"Well," drawled the fellow, "a five won't be bad. Pass 'er over." And he extended a grimy hand on which were a number of scars which were evidently the marks of a knifing he had received at some time.

Howard handed over the money. He was not at all certain he would receive the correct information, but he did not wish to parley with the fellow.

The man put the money into his pocket, drew a cigarette from his coat, lighted it, blew the smoke meditatively above his head, then turned to Howard.

"Hank an' Barb lived here 'bout ten years ago," he said.

"Have they been gone from here that long?" asked Howard.

"Just about, I guess."

"Didn't they have a boy who lived with them at one time?"

"Yea, a little brat they called—called—gosh, if I ain't forgot 'is name!"

"Jimmy," prompted Howard.

"That's it—that's it," said the fellow, snapping his fingers. "But the little devil up an' run away—er somethin' happened to 'im. They never knowed what. Hank hunted, but he never found 'im, I guess."

"Well, where has this Hank and his wife gone to? That's what I want to know," said Howard.

"They moved over acrost the river purty soon after the kid cleared out, an' Hank opened up an eatin' shop of some kind, I guess."

"Do you know just where his place was located, and if he still operates it?" asked Howard anxiously.

"Well, I uster know. I was over there 'bout a year ago an' Hank was still holdin' forth."

"Can you go with me and show me the place?"

"Reckon I kin," answered the man. "That is—if you've got a car. It's too fur to walk, an' the street cars don't run out to that part."

"I have a car. It's parked on the other side of the street."

They moved toward the street, the fellow shuffling lazily beside Howard, in whose innermost soul arose a terrible loathing for the sights, sounds, and odors of this dark, shadowy place which had once been James' home.

They reached the parked car, got in, and Howard headed it in the direction the man told him. They followed the street for a block, then turned, and presently came to the river bridge.

Howard's eyes took in his surroundings as he drove. Squat little houses, built right on the banks of the river, which, in a time of high water could be easily swept away. Mere hovels, where extreme poverty was all that had ever been known.

They drove on, through the switch yards, where countless railroad tracks stretched away on both sides of the

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B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

Sunday, February 16, 1941 THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS COUNTRY

Scripture: Luke 20:19-25; Matthew 5:43-48.

"Obedience to God and Country" is one of the watchwords of every true Christian life. Jesus recognized the claims of one's own country upon one's life. "Render unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's." The apostle Paul called upon the early Christians to be loyal citizens of their government. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers." (Rom. 13:1). As a Christian patriot every disciple of Christ has a fourfold ministry to render.

1. Evaluating Our Heritage

We who live in the United States or in Canada have received a noble heritage from the pioneers who built the foundation of our government. Those foundation stones represent trust in God, freedom of worship, the inestimable worth of every soul and individual initiative. "Other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors." (John 4:38). We ought to appreciate this spiritual heritage and to recognize its rightful place in American history.

FOR DISCUSSION—What great events in the history of your country clearly demonstrate God's guidance in the lives of your country's leaders? What prompted the early settlers to come to these shores? Have we pushed God out of the picture of our national life? In your own words describe the things in your country for which you are indebted to those who have gone before you.

2. Praying for Our Leaders

Every Christian should remember his country's leaders daily in prayer. Paul exhorted young Timothy to make intercession for kings and for all that are in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Through prayer we can bring God's power to bear upon the activities of those who are in political authority. That is the privilege and imperative of every Christian.

FOR DISCUSSION—Interpret the message of the hymn, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and of the national anthem, "God Save the King," in the light of this truth. For what should we pray in our intercession for the president of the republic or for the king of our empire?

3. Enjoying Our Country's Glory

Every Christian thinks of his own land as "God's country." Dr. Dakin has said: "Love of country is as natural as breathing. No matter where a person is born, the thought of his homeland inspires songs of appreciation." This legitimate pride in the glory of loyalty to our land. These are God's gifts to us for which we should be thankful.

TOPIC

The new young people's quarterly, TOPIC, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, 1701-1703 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa., costs only 60 cents a year. It contains a thorough and very practical treatment of these same young people's topics, which are now presented in abbreviated form in "The Baptist Herald."

Any one, who cannot subscribe for TOPIC, can secure a free copy by writing to Mr. M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Subscribe or call for your copy at once!

FOR DISCUSSION—Describe some of the beauty spots in United States and Canada which you have visited on your vacation trips. List the ten most beautiful places in your country which depict God's glory in your land. Consider the stanzas of the hymn, "America, the Beautiful."

4. Helping Our Land to Serve God

The Christian also has obligations to help his country always to follow after God. There are times when national action may not be according to the teachings of Christ nor according to the will of God. The Christian should be ready to say with the apostle Peter, "We ought to obey God rather than men," (Acts 5:29), if thereby he can help to bring this country back to God's ways. His loyalty will always be to the best interest of the people as a whole because as a Christian he is acting in conformity to God's will.

FOR DISCUSSION—What should one do when a patriotic duty conflicts with our loyalty to Christ? Was Jesus a patriot? What must happen in our country if we are to return to God?

Sunday, February 23, 1941 MISSIONS—THEN AND NOW

Scripture: John 21:15-17.

1. Missions—Then!

Peter's great missionary message on the day of Pentecost emphasized this truth as the corner stone of his new faith in Christ: "This Jesus has God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses." (Acts 3:32). His experience on the shores of the sea of Tiberias (John 21) had brought him irrefutable proof, not only that Jesus was alive, but that he had also commissioned him to "feed Christ's sheep" and to love him by his dynamic witness for the gospel. In the hearts of all the disciples there was this news that was shouted abroad: "Jesus is alive! We have seen him!"

Welthy Fisher in "Topic," the B. Y. one's own country should deepen our P. U. quarterly, aptly says: "In that wonderful moment the Christian move-

ment was born. This news was startling. Nothing could stop it from spreading. It was as imperishable as Jesus himself. The disciples took new courage. Then suddenly Jesus appeared in the midst of the group. After convincing him of his identity he explained that what has happened was merely in accordance with the Scriptures, that they were to be witnesses to these amazing events, preaching repentance and remission of sins in his name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem. That was their commission, and they considered it a glorious privilege."

FOR DISCUSSION—Describe some of the ways in which the early missionaries, especially the apostle Paul, carried on their mission activities and made contacts for Christ and his gospel. How far did the gospel witness spread during the first century after Christ?

2. Missions—Today!

FOR DISCUSSION—You may refer to mission articles in earlier issues of the BAPTIST HERALD about our Danubian and Cameroon fields in describing some of the tasks of the present day mission field. Other material may be secured from Mr. M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. A further study discussion is given by Welthy Fisher in "Topic."

"For many years now it has been easy to be a missionary; that is, physically easy. The pioneer heroes and heroines have paved the way so thoroughly that all we have to do is follow in their footsteps and carry on. But today the whole situation is changed again. Formidable obstacles face our Christian missionaries. It was never more difficult to be a missionary than it is today—and never more challenging.

"In most countries of the world the missionary finds himself surrounded with undernourished or half-starved people. In some countries, like China, missionaries have to carry on their work under constant threat of bombing and other forms of military violence. Intellectually, much more is demanded of the missionary today than in previous ages; he must be a keen student of international affairs and must be familiar with all of the world's great religions. He must be prepared to answer a host of embarrassing questions about the so-called Christian methods of his own countrymen and his home government. Often he learns through bitter experience what our neighbor nations really think of us. Is it unreasonable for the missionary's hearers to expect the people who sent him to live according to the gospel that he preaches. The road to the Kingdom is one that requires real Christian living—love translated into action."

Fiftieth Anniversary of Unityville Church

Report by REV. WILLIAM STURHAHN, Pastor of the Baptist Churches at Unityville and Spring Valley, South Dakota

On Sunday, November 24, the Baptist Church of Unityville, So. Dak., celebrated its fiftieth birthday. Thanksgiving and praise were the keynotes for the festivities, since we realize that it has been God's grace which has carried us during many a stormy and calm period. A large streamer above the pulpit suggested the leitmotiv of the day in bold letters: "LET US GIVE THANKS." The pastor, Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, gave the festival sermon in the forenoon, on a word from Heb. 13, "Since we are receiving a kingdom which is unshakable, let us give thanks."

Golden Festivities

In the afternoon, Rev. A. Itterman, pastor of the Emery Baptist Church, brought the best wishes and a stirring challenge from the mother church. Two charter members and pillars of the church, Messrs. Karl and William Wobig, gave us some interesting reminiscences of the early life and work of the church. Mr. J. E. Johnson brought the greetings of the sister church in Spring Valley. Many congratulatory telegrams and letters from former pastors, members and friends of the church were read.

In the evening service the pastor of the Sun Prairie Swedish Baptist Church and a representative of the Swedish Mission Covenant Church brought greetings from two neighboring congregations. The highlight of the day were the messages by our General Missionary Secretary, the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, who, both in the afternoon and evening, spoke words of spiritual depth and challenge to the church.

On Monday evening, November 25, church members and friends gathered in the basement for a fellowship supper. Through song and word we continued in our thanksgiving to the Lord for his wonderful leadership. Representatives of the groups within the church brought words of greetings. Mrs. Edwin Wobig spoke for the Ladies' Missionary Circle, and Vernon Wobig spoke in behalf of the young people. Mr. Ernest Wobig, who at the same time can look back upon 20 years of fruitful work as Sunday School superintendent, brought a brief message of encouragement. Mr. Edwin Wobig, one of our deacons, gave us a view of the future of the church under God's leadership.

Early Beginnings

The beginnings of the Unityville Church date back as far as 1882 or 1883. Among the first settlers in this entire community were several Baptists from Germany. Mr. J. F. Stark, August Stark and Ernest Feske were

converted and baptized by Rev. J. G. Oncken in Germany. These men with some other families seem to have organized a Sunday School in connection with the English Baptist Church north of Spencer, So. Dak.

It was J. F. Stark who got in touch with a German Baptist minister at Emery, asking him to come into this community and to hold meetings. The minister was Rev. Otto Olthoff, pioneer settler and preacher in South Dakota. Meetings were held regularly in different homes. Whenever possible Mr. Olthoff came from Emery, crossing the endless prairies by horse and buggy.

In 1887 the first converts were baptized as the fruit of these early years. Eight people were convinced that they needed to follow the Lord into the water grave. Among these eight were three of our charter members, who are still in our midst: Mr. and Mrs. William Wobig and Mr. Carl Wobig. The baptismal service, conducted by Rev. O. Olthoff, took place about a mile north of the present site of Unityville in the creek where there was much water. All believers became members of the German Baptist Church of Emery.

In 1890 the mother church of Emery recommended that this group organize an independent church. A meeting was called in the home of David Feske. The Rev. Otto Olthoff presided. Twenty-four members were present. After the letters were duly read and accepted it was resolved to organize the "Deutsche Baptisten Gemeinde zu Salem, South Dakota." Mr. Carl Wobig was elected deacon. We are happy that our brother is still in our midst, having served for 49 years as active deacon, and the past year as "Deacon Emeritus."

Eight Pastors

The first church building was erected in 1901. It was located about one and one-half miles northwest of Unityville. The building, according to a report, was set up for the sum of \$877. For 18 years the church worshipped in this building. In 1919 it was decided to move the church into the town of Unityville. But misfortune came. During the last night in the year 1919 the building burned to the ground on its new location. It was not a very happy beginning for the year 1920. However, the small group was not disheartened. Within a short time enough money was pledged for a new building. In October, 1920, the present edifice was dedicated into service. At that time the name of the church was officially changed to "First German Baptist Church of Unityville, South Dakota."

Of the 8 pastors who have served the church during these 50 years, first

mention must be made of Rev. Otto Olthoff. He served the church in the pinches and in the years when it had no pastor of its own. For almost 20 years he journeyed through the heat and cold of the Dakota prairies in his buggy, drawn by his little fleet-footed Indian pony, in order to preach and minister to the spiritual needs of our Unityville church. He baptized 32 persons in Unityville on the confession of their faith.

Besides Mr. Olthoff, seven pastors served the church during these 50 years. Rev. E. Wolff served from 1892 to 1893; Rev. A. Marquard from 1893 to 1894; Rev. M. Domke from 1905 to 1907. The year 1917 began the combined pastorates between Unityville and its sister church at Spring Valley. Rev. E. Bibelheimer was the first pastor of the two churches. Rev. E. Lohr succeeded him in 1922. Then followed Rev. J. G. Rott in 1927, who served until 1936, when the present pastor came to the field.

Large Contributions

Although not large in numbers, our church has made definite contributions to the building of God's Kingdom. During these 50 years 84 persons were baptized. Since the anniversary, we had the joy of adding seven more souls to the church through baptism. Two young men went out of its ranks into the ministry, namely, the Rev. John Wobig, now pastor at St. Paul, and the Rev. William Knauf, now serving the Alpena, Mich., church. At the present time there is a total membership of fifty-four.

The activities of the church are carried on through different channels. The Sunday School is doing splendid work in the community. It has an enrollment of sixty-one, with a better than 90% attendance record. The women work in their quiet but effective way through the Women's Missionary Circle. Two young people's groups, the Senior and the Junior Unions, hold their regular meetings and give enthusiastic support to the pastor.

The services are well attended. The pastor serves on every second and fourth Sunday, both morning and evening in the English language. On the first and third Sundays our two senior brethren, Carl and William Wobig, conduct the forenoon service in the German language.

Thus, by the grace of God and with the whole-hearted cooperation of everyone, our church has completed fifty fruitful years. "Since we are receiving an unshakable kingdom, let us give thanks, and so offer acceptable worship to God, with holy awe and fear." Heb. 12:28.

Reports from the Field

Atlantic Conference

Success and Joy in the Ministry of the Baptist Church in Jamesburg, N. J.

Wonderful Christian times are being experienced in the Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J. On July 1, 1940, we were more than pleased to welcome from the Rochester Baptist Seminary our new pastor, the Rev. Gustav T. Lutz, who is a native of North Dakota.

Interest seemed to rise immediately in all the organizations of the church. During the month of August Mr. Lutz left us for a short vacation, during which time he was ordained on September 1 at his home-town church in Carlington, No. Dak. He returned to his charge on September 6th, when a splendid reception was tendered him by the congregation.

Following this, his real work began, and he made a wonderful success of it. On Sunday evening, December 1, it was his great joy to baptize and bring into the church five of the young people of our group. After the baptism service a communion service was held for the members of our congregation.

During the second week of December the King's Daughters Society of our church held a very successful Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Epp. We are looking forward to better and fuller times in the service of Christ than ever before.

JAMES MARTIN, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

The Baptist People of Emery, South Dakota, Have a Mind to Work

The Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak., has been forging ahead with much joy and gladness in the work of the Lord. The pastor's family enjoys the fine fellowship of God's people here in Emery. We are happy that the people have a mind to work, showing a fine spirit of willingness and cooperation on the part of young and old. The Sunday School and church services through their good attendance and enthusiastic participation are a source of inspiration.

We had the happy privilege of baptizing 3 members of the William Vetter family, the 2 sons, David and Herbert, and daughter, Helen, and also Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vetter. It was a joy to hear the confessions of these people, some of whom had been waiting to fulfill Christ's command of baptism for some time. May they be a source of inspiration to our church and the church be an encouragement to them in their earthly pilgrimage! Since we had three weeks of special services led by the pastor, others have expressed their

desire to follow the Savior and we look forward to another baptism soon.

Our hearts as God's people are filled with gratitude for God's wonderful ways revealed to us and we would say with the Psalmist: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life, and we will abide in the house of the Lord, forever."

ARTHUR ITTERMANN, Pastor.

The Ladies' Aid of the Turtle Lake Church Presents Its Anniversary Program

On the evening of November 3 the Ladies' Aid of Turtle Lake, No. Dak., had the pleasure of rendering its annual program before a large audience.

Our president, Mrs. Aug. Rosner, opened the program with scripture reading. The vice-president, Mrs. C. Lang, led in prayer. Reports followed about the work of our Ladies' Aid during the past year by the secretary, Mrs. K. Schlafmann, and about the receipts and expenditures by the treasurer, Mrs. D. Bauer.

Our program followed with recitations by several of our older members, who did their share in making the program interesting. The entire group sang two German songs. We rendered a German dialogue, "Die Missionskollekte," after which some of the members favored us with a song by a double trio.

Then the pageant, "Christ In America," was presented. How much more we as Christian people ought to be wide awake for every opportunity to spread the gospel and to give Christ to the people of all races in America and foreign countries was brought out very clearly in the pageant.

A double quartet consisting of members of the Ladies' Aid sang two songs.

Then, as the last number, the offering was taken, which amounted to \$17.62. To this amount we agreed to add sufficient money to make the total sum \$25, which was sent to Dr. Kuhn to be used for foreign missions.

MRS. K. SCHLAFMANN, Secretary.

First Baptist Church of Hebron, North Dakota, Holds Its Second Baptismal Service in Two Months

"O, give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works. (Ps. 105:1-2.) With the Psalmist we of the Baptist Church of Hebron, No. Dak., proclaim our thanks for the wondrous works which the Lord has wrought in our midst. We give praise and honor unto him to whom we called, for he manifested himself to us.

As a church we enjoyed the great privilege, within two months to wit-

ness 17 persons confessing Christ, as their Lord and Redeemer, and following him in baptism. On Sunday, November 17, our neighboring church in Bismarck, No. Dak., graciously granted us permission to use their baptistry for the second time.

For two weeks, from October 20 to November 1, we held evangelistic meetings at the Antelope country church. The message each evening was brought by our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt. The very fine weather helped in filling the church to its capacity night after night. The inspiring messages created in us a desire to consecrate ourselves anew to the greatest work, the Lord's work. In prayer and supplication we came before the throne of grace with those who go in and out among us and are undecided. The Lord heard and answered our prayers and we were happy to have seven young people decide for the Lord.

Our continued prayers shall be that the Lord may use us as a church and as individuals so that many others may be brought into his fold.

J. E. GRENZ, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

The First Church of St. Paul, Minnesota, Conducts Meetings With Rev. John Walkup as Evangelist in Word and Song

Beginning with November 25 and continuing through December 8 the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., conducted a series of evangelistic meetings. The Rev. John Walkup of Sheffield, Iowa, brought the messages each evening, both in word and song, including two Sunday services. The attendance was gratifying, in spite of somewhat inclement weather on several nights.

The inspiring and heart searching messages have been the means to prepare the hearts of this people to receive the "King" anew, whose birthday we will again have observed by the time this is printed. May He more fully dominate our lives! Not only were the members edified but several Sunday School scholars came forward when the invitations were given in word and song.

The last evening proved to be a great climax in song, sermon and attendance over and above the many blessings already received. The Riverview church worshipped with us at this service, which helped to fill the church auditorium to capacity. An outstanding rendition of "The Holy City" was given by the Rev. John Walkup with both piano and organ accompaniment. A number of adults came forward.

PAUL H. STANKE, Church Clerk.

Northern Conference

The Unique Ministry of the Baptist Mission Rest Home in Minitonas, Canada

A unique missionary service is being rendered by one of our outstanding retired ministers in Minitonas, Manitoba, which deserves special attention in the BAPTIST HERALD. The Rev. John Luebeck, the father of Bruno H. Luebeck, missionary in Ungkung, China, and the Rev. Willy Luebeck, pastor in Ashley, No. Dak., has recently opened "the Baptist Mission Rest Home," a picture of which accompanies this report.

Minitonas is a little pioneer town, about 300 miles north of Winnipeg, situated in the beautiful Swan River valley. It is "a jumping off place" for the vast mining and hunting country of the Hudson Bay region. In December the sun rises after 9 A. M. and sets shortly before 4 P. M. In June the sun shines far into the night. There we have a large settlement of German Baptist people, who came to Canada some years ago as immigrants and refugees.

The Baptist Mission Rest Home is the largest residential building in this interesting town. Its three massive stories contain 18 rooms, including large living and dining rooms. There are 14 beds in the Home, all of which are to be found in attractive, well furnished rooms. Violet ray machines and long shelves, stocked amply with medicine bottles, herb packages, testify of the specialized practice of this homeopathic doctor and preacher of the gospel.

Mr. Luebeck was one of Europe's



Rev. John Luebeck of Minitonas, Manitoba

Canada and served our churches at Ebenezer, Whitemouth, Winnipeg and Minitonas from 1924 to 1938.

Mr. Luebeck has always been interested in ministering to the bodies of sick people as well as to their souls. At the time that he served as pastor of the Lodz church in Poland, he had more than 2000 patients who came to him for counsel and help. For many years he has been a chiropractor, an electrohomeopathic agent, an herb specialist and a masseur. Mrs. Luebeck is a graduate of the Bethel Deaconess

cine and herbs. His "Rejuvenator Tea" is well known in Canada.

Mr. Luebeck is beyond the proverbial "three score years and ten" in age, but he is still in great demand as a preacher. He and his wife are endeavoring with God's help to minister to people without many funds of their own, who are in need of medical treatment. Because of their faith and ministry, they can be aptly described as "the medical missionaries of Minitonas." M. L. LEUSCHNER, Reporter.

Young Girls of the Trochu Church Form a Christian Club

Under the leadership of our pastor's wife, Mrs. Otto Fiesel, nine of the young girls of the Baptist Church in Trochu, Alta., Canada, formed a club on October 9, 1939. Since then we have had the privilege of welcoming 12 new members. In the past year we have held 11 meetings.

The girls rendered a special Mothers' Day program in which each of their mothers was honored with a rose.

An inspiring evening was spent some time ago around a bonfire. After refreshing our minds in good fun and by wholesome games, we had a wiener roast. Under God's wonderful heaven, our souls were uplifted in fellowship with Christ. Each of the girls took part in the choruses and testimonies that followed.

In the future we hope to bring our aim nearer to fulfillment, namely, to help bring a ray of sunshine and love to others and to become better Christians. ELMA WEIGUM, Secretary.

The B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta, Reviews Its Activities of the Past Year

When we, as a Young People's Society of Olds, Alta., Canada, look back over the past year we can truthfully say: "Great is our Lord and of great power; his understanding is infinite." (Psalms 147:5)

We held our regular meetings at which our pastor, the Rev. G. Beutler, or one of our members would give a short talk on a topic chosen from the theme, "Growing Spiritually," and then we would have a discussion on the same. Besides this we had meetings for the study of prayer in our lives, a Bible verse contest, and a study of parliamentary law.

We as young people experienced many blessings by visiting and rendering short programs of cheer to some sick people in our community. We also visited and gave short testimonial services for families who can not attend church. During the course of the year we gave several special programs in our church. They were for New Year's, Easter, Father's and Mother's days and our anniversary program.

Most successful was the work done this Fall in planning for a special program to be used on a visitation trip to several of our southern Alberta churches. It consisted of two plays, "The Un-

happy Baron," and "The Lost Church." Other items were two recitations, numbers by a trio and soloist, a piano solo, three selections by the choir, and a short talk by our pastor.

This program was given six times in the following churches: Bridgeland Church of Calgary, Bethel Church near Carbon, First German Baptist Church of Trochu, English Baptist Church of Olds, Knee Hill Baptist Church and our own church. We greatly praise the Lord for the blessings he bestowed upon us through rendering these programs.

On November 27 we had our young people's election of officers for the coming year at which the following were elected: president, Vernon Link; vice-president, William Warm; secretary, Ruth Haerle; pianist, Ruth Unger; and secretary-treasurer, August Weiss. May the Lord continue to bless us throughout this year 1941.

RUTH HAERLE, Reporter.

Central Conference

Annual Report of the King's Daughters Society of Lansing, Michigan

At the close of our third year of activity, the King's Daughters Society of the Holmes St. Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., can say with the Psalmist, "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." The blessings received at our monthly meetings and in the projects undertaken were manifold.

Our first undertaking was the distribution of Christmas packages to the sick, aged, and bereaved. The touching carol, "Silent Night," was sung as we entered the various homes. A word of explanation was offered. Before our departure, a package was presented by one of the members.

Much merriment and excitement prevailed at our February meeting when candy was packed for the students at the Rochester Baptist Seminary and for two relatives of some of our members, who are attending Moody Bible Institute.

One of our most enjoyable evenings was spent when we colored Easter eggs for our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich. We again contributed \$50 toward the salary of Sister Lydia Doellefeld, missionary to the Gypsies in Bulgaria. The money for this project was raised by each one placing a dime on a paper plate on the birthday of each member.

During the winter months, after our regular business sessions, we embroidered twenty-one dresser scarfs for our Old People's Home in Chicago, Illinois. By sending flowers to one of our members during her illness and to another, bereaved at the loss of her father, we endeavored to express our love and sympathy. A beautiful gift was also presented to Mrs. Abel, our advisor, on her birthday.

On Sunday, November 24, we presented our annual program before a



The B. Y. P. U. of Olds, Alberta, With Rev. G. Beutler, Pastor (Second from Left—Front Row)

large audience. The church was beautifully decorated with several baskets of pink roses interspersed with palms. The King's Daughters, dressed in white uniforms and each carrying a burning candle, marched up the center aisle singing, "Send the Light," and then took her place in the choir loft. Our theme song, "Saved to Serve," followed. The story and song service entitled, "The Pink Rose," was the main feature of our program.

In the ensuing year, we would ever be mindful of our motto, "Saved to Serve" and of our Bible verse: "Therefore, my beloved sisters, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

MARGURITE PLETZ, Secretary.

Southwestern Conference

Recent Sessions of the Nebraska Association Held in the Beatrice Church

The autumn association of the German Baptist Churches of Nebraska met with the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice from November 7 to 10. The sessions of the association were postponed about one month on account of an epidemic. The weather was beautiful, but before all the visitors had returned home, rain, sleet and a snow-storm had been the order of the day.

The cordial welcome was given by the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf, the local pastor, and was graciously responded to by Rev. Martin DeBoer. The theme, "Called to Be Saints," was carried out through all the sermons and addresses. The opening sermon on "A Heavenly Calling" was delivered by Rev. Theo. Frey. Rev. J. H. Kornelsen, our guest speaker, preached on Friday evening on "Peace, Poise, Power," and on Sunday morning, "Watchman, What of the Night?" The closing sermon on "The Security of the Saints" was delivered by Rev. Martin DeBoer.

The various papers of the pastors were a continuation of the theme. Mr. DeBoer had the first paper, "How Saints Differ from the World," and in a "Quiet Half Hour" he spoke on "Christ Intercedes for his Saints." Mr. Frey in a "Quiet Half Hour" spoke on "The Perfecting of the Saints," and Mr. Kornelsen "The Glorification of the Saints." The devotional hours were conducted by Mr. Wm. Nieman, Rev. M. DeBoer, Miss Edna Janssen and Rev. Theo. Frey.

Dr. Wm. Kuhn was to be our guest speaker but because of unpreventable circumstances was not able to be with us, which we regretted very much. We were happy to have the Rev. J. H. Kornelsen of Vesper, Kans., with us, especially so in our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. sessions on Saturday. Mr. Kornelsen spoke on the questions, "Functions of the Sunday School" and "Leadership Training," and Mr. Rietdorf spoke on "Functions of the Training Union" and "The B. Y. P. U. System and Organization."

The four latest reels of moving pictures of our missionaries in Africa were shown on Saturday evening. They were not only interesting but instructive and stimulated our missionary spirit. The total missionary offering was \$22.00.

Sunday afternoon our B. Y. P. U. and S. S. W. rendered a fine program including numbers by a mass Choir, Junior Guild, sextette, and a debate, "Resolved that the spiritual life of Christians would be more effective without modern scientific inventions." The Rev. E. R. Dugger, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Beatrice, delivered a fine message at the close of the young people's program on "The Unforgettable Christ."

MARION PRANG, Reporter.

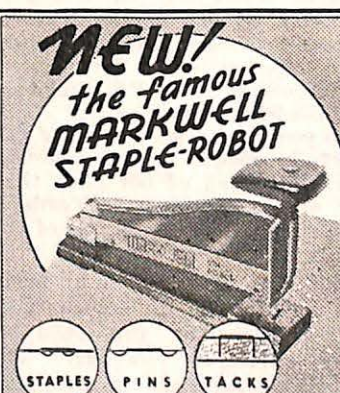


The Baptist Mission Rest Home of Minitonas, Canada, of Which Rev. and Mrs. J. Luebeck Have Charge

noted German Baptist preachers some decades ago. At one time he was pastor of the Baptist church of Lodz, Poland, which had a membership of 1600 people. Later he was owner and manager of the large publishing house in Odessa, Russia, which published religious calendars, Sunday School literature, a paper called, "Hausfreund," etc. Exiled to Siberia by the atheistic Russian government, he later fled to

Home of Berlin, Germany, and for 13 years she served as a graduate nurse.

The Minitonas Rest Home was opened on July 1, 1938. At one time last year the Home was filled to capacity with patients. Since then "hard times" have hit Canada and the number of patients has fallen off, but there are always some in the Home. Mr. Luebeck is enjoying a growing practice by correspondence with his medi-



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What's Happening News

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of the communion service. The Unityville church is now beginning its second fifty years of history most auspiciously. A full page report of its golden anniversary festivities appears elsewhere in this issue of "The Herald."

¶ The Rev. Eric Priestly, a son-in-law of the Rev. D. Koester of Canton, O., died recently in his home near Belfast, Ireland. He was a graduate of the Jewish Missions course in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., and for some time thereafter served as one of the missionaries of the American Board of Missions to the Jews. Later he became pastor of a Baptist Church in Ireland. He continued his membership in the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., of which he was still a member at the time of his death. The circumstances of the untimely passing of this young minister of about 37 years of age are not known. His widow and two children have moved to Belfast and are hoping to find some way to return to the United States at once.

¶ On Saturday afternoon, November 23, the Rev. Paul T. Hunsicker, pastor of the Baptist Church in Cathay, No. Dak., and Miss Rose Schneider of Irvine, Alta., Canada, who at the time was a student of the Mission Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn., were united in marriage in Cathay, No. Dak. The Baptist Church there was beautifully decorated for the ceremony. Mrs. Albert Reddig played the wedding march. Three pastors from neighboring churches assisted in the rites. Rev. D. Klein of the Germantown Church read the Scripture passage and spoke briefly. Rev. G. W. Pust of Fessenden also delivered a short talk to the bridal couple, after which Rev. J. Kepl of Martin officiated at the wedding ceremony.

¶ The Men's Bible Class of the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., held its annual meeting on Tuesday evening, December 11, in the parlors of the church. At this meeting they had their election which resulted as follows: Henry Schacht, teacher; Frank Schlick, president; and Wm. Byers, secretary-treasurer. Pictures of our work in Bulgaria and Africa were shown, besides the pictures of the 1938 trip to Europe of Dr. Kuhn and Mr. Leuschner. These were shown by Mr. Hildebrand of Stafford. He also showed pictures of the General Conference and our churches. Devotions were led by Mr. Schacht, opening remarks by the past president, Mr. Wilkens, and a few remarks by the pastor, Dr. P. Smit, concerning our mission work among the Gypsies. The men brought their wives and sweethearts to the meeting, and after the program served doughnuts and coffee. About 100 were present for the meeting.

¶ From October 21 to November 3 revival meetings were held in Alta, a

mission field of the Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, No. Dak. The messages were brought during the first week in German by the pastor, Rev. August Rosner, and in English during the second week by the Rev. Rudolph Woyke of Washburn, No. Dak. Besides the deepening of the spiritual life, there were 5 converts as a result of the services. Evangelistic meetings were then held, beginning with November 3, in the Baptist Church of Tabor, another mission station of the Turtle Lake Church, with the Rev. Adolph Reeh of Goodrich, No. Dak., serving as evangelist. The meetings were continued for a week after a short interruption because of a snow storm. A total of 12 persons made their confession of faith in Christ. Earlier in October the Rev. August Rosner had conducted the Harvest and Mission Festivals at the three mission fields of the church, at which a total of \$227.17 was received for missions.

¶ A surprise party in honor of Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., director of the Gypsy religious play, "Better Than Gold," was given by the cast at the home of Mr. William Appleborn, president of the Crusaders Bible Class, which recently sponsored the play at the Second German Baptist Church in Brooklyn, of which the Rev.

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The person submitting the title that is selected for the book will receive a free copy of the book and \$5.00. The three next best entries will each receive a free copy of the book as prizes.

M. L. LEUSCHNER.

W. J. Appel is the pastor. Mr. Marklein expected to attend an executive committee meeting to hand in his report, acknowledging the comments of an appreciative audience and a profit for the benefit of the 1943 Centenary Fund. He was agreeably surprised, instead of meeting his class colleagues, to find the members of the cast with whom he had labored so many weeks in their efforts to present this play in the best possible manner. He was presented with two useful remembrances made of gold.

¶ On Sunday evening, December 8, the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Ore., was crowded for the program of missionary moving pictures of the Cameroon field and of "Our Seminary in Action." The mission offering amounted to \$210, to which the Ladies' Missionary Society added \$50 and the Junior B. Y. P. U. seven dollars, making a total of \$257. The young people of the church have recently organized a choir, dramatic club and journalistic club. A monthly twelve page paper is being published by this young people's club with church news and religious articles. The paper is to render missionary service by being also placed in nearby hospitals and non-church homes. The B. Y. P. U. held a Christmas party on Thursday evening, December 12, at the Rickreall Grange Hall honoring the B. Y. P. U. of the Salem Church. Fifty-four people were present, including the Rev. and Mrs. Otto Nallinger of the Salt Creek Church and Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Olthoff of Salem.

¶ The Christmas season was exceedingly bright for the Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., according to the Rev. E. R. Lengefeld, superintendent. On December 12 the Amoma Young Women's Class of the Forest Park Church rendered a fine program, featuring the play, "The Boy on the Meadow," and distributed gifts. On December 17 the Philathea Class of the Humboldt Park Church of Chicago sang carols and presented gifts to the Home's guests. Christmas gifts were also given by Ye Loyal Bible Class of the Forest Park Church. On December 24 following a sumptuous Christmas dinner, at which some of the members and friends of the Board of Directors were special guests, a program was rendered with Rev. Theo. W. Dons in charge. Dr. Wm. Kuhn was the principal speaker and served as "Santa Claus" in distributing several gifts to the superintendent and others. Carollers from the First German Baptist Church and the Moody Bible Institute brought joy to the 83 Home's guests and 10 staff members on Christmas Eve. The Men's Christian Fellowship Chorus of the First Church had also rendered a musical program on December 23. Miss Gladys Brunken, formerly of Creston, Neb., is serving as the efficient cook of the Home. The Home's library of 2000 volumes is being catalogued by Mr. Paul Schroeder and Mr. R. Zihrl and a friend will later publish a printed catalogue of the library.

THE BOY FROM HOGAN'S ALLEY

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street, then into another district of shacks and hovels, and from there into another business section similar to that surrounding Hogan's alley.

"Stop here," said Howard's companion at last, indicating a parking space in front of a dilapidated wooden structure, above which swung a sign: "EAT HERE."

They got out and went into the building, where a number of loafers lounged and smoked, some apparently much the worse off for having obtained something quite strong to drink. On the shelves back of the counter were bottles of so-called soft drinks. Several men and women sat at unattractive tables, eating food which did not look at all tasty. A girl, whose painted and rouged cheeks and lips, and plucked and darkened eyebrows made a marked contrast to her chalk-like face, approached them.

"What can I do for you, gentlemen?" she asked, with a coquettish smile.

"Where's Hank?" asked Howard's companion.

The girl lifted her eyebrows. "I dunno who you're talking about," she said.

"Hank Skooge, the feller that runs this joint," replied the fellow.

"Ain'tya got into the wrong place?" she asked sweetly. "Hank Skooge don't run this place."

"No, I ain't in the wrong place. A feller named Skooge uster run this. Ain't he here no more?"

"Guess he ain't," she answered, tossing her head, and flashing them a smile. "Bill Smoot runs this place."

"Where'd Hank go?"

"I dunno nothin' about him," she replied.

"Where's your boss? Mebbe he'll he'll know."

"He's sleepin' an' don't want to be disturbed."

"You'll have to disturb 'im. This here is important bizness! It ain't gonna cause him no trouble, but if he ain't called there'll be trouble. This ge'lman," indicating Howard, "has got to find Hank Skooge. If you're afraid ter call 'im let me do it fer you. I ain't afraid of 'im!"

The girl surveyed Howard an instant, and satisfying herself he was a man of some importance, turned away, saying, "I'll call 'im. Just set down an' wait."

It was fully five minutes before the proprietor appeared. He came in a little uncertainly, his eyes red from sleep. He looked about to see who wanted him. Howard and his companion arose. He eyed Howard a little fearfully.

"I'm looking for a man named Hank Skooge," said Howard. "This man with me says Skooge used to run this place. Can you tell me where his is?"

"I dunno where he is now," answered

visible in his face. "I bought this place o' him six months ago, an' he cleared out. Federal agents after 'im, I guess. He give 'em the slip, an' I ain't heerd of 'im since."

"Do you suppose anyone here in the neighborhood would be familiar with his whereabouts?" asked Howard.

"I dunno. Somebody might know where his woman is. They separated while he was here, so I've been told. Might go see Mrs. Purdy."

"Where does she live?"

"Third house down from the first corner west. Turn to the right at the corner. Faded out pink house."

"Thank you," said Howard, and once more he and his companion went on.

They came away from their interview with Mrs. Purdy, over her wash tub, with no results whatever. Mrs. Purdy had known Mrs. Skooge, but did not know what had become of her. She believed, however, that a Salvation Army woman was responsible for the separation. She kept visiting Mrs. Skooge, and finally Skooge had driven his wife from home, and she was heard of no more. All the women in the neighborhood were glad when Skooge sold out and left, for he took too much of their husband's money.

Howard was truly discouraged as he drove back to River Street again. It was as though the earth had opened up and swallowed Hank Skooge and his wife.

His companion tried to comfort him in his ignorant, untamed way. He was sure there must be something important in the man's quest for Hank Skooge. Maybe he was a brother or close relative. He didn't look at all like Skooge's kind, but then, he reflected, he might have risen above Skooge as brothers sometimes do.

"It's too bad," he said. "Wish we coulda located 'im. You ain't no way related to 'im are you—mebbe a brother or somethin'."

"No, he is not a relative," replied Howard. He could not help being amused at the suggestion. "I'll tell you what I'll do," he added as he stopped the car to let the fellow out at Hogan's alley. "Here is a telephone number on this card. If you should ever hear of this Skooge, and be able to locate him, telephone that number and I'll give you twenty-five dollars if—if—I have to sell my car to raise the money."

"That's mighty white o' you. It shore is, an' thanks," answered the fellow, taking the card. "I'll keep a-lookin' for this Skooge. I wouldn't mind earnin' 25 bucks right now."

Howard drove back to the garage where he had rented the car, turned it over to the owner, visited a barber shop, went back to the office and changed into his business suit, then plunged into the work which was piled on his desk in order to forget what he had seen in the River Street vicinity. He did not want to even remember that it had once been James' home.

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CHIANG KAI-SHEK

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strength for the men in the field and along the firing lines; and he prayed for strength for himself, and added a most earnest plea for guidance and wisdom, that he should not fail the people.

"But the most amazing thing in his prayer was the plea that God would help him, and help China not to hate the Japanese people. He prayed for the Japanese Christians and all the suffering multitudes of Japanese whose impoverishment was making this war on China possible. He prayed, too, for the people who were bombed and for the forgiveness for those who dropped the bombs.

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