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Delightful
Daphne Dunger
of the Cameroons,
Africa,
Who Will Celebrate
Her Second Birthday
on June 22nd
With the Aid of Her
Parents and Other
Missionaries

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What's Happening

☐ The Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla., has extended a call to Mr. Elmer Buenning, a member of the Senior Class of the Rochester Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y. He has accepted the call and will begin his service there on June 1st. Mr. Buenning will succeed the Rev. H. Knopf, who retired from the active ministry some time ago and is now living on his farm near Ingersoll.

☐ The Easter offering of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Ore., amounted to \$302, including the special Easter gifts of the Sunday School and Ladies' Missionary Society. Saturday, May 10, was designated by the church as "Clean Up Day" when the men cut down the nearby brush and cleaned up the church property. The sermon topic for Sunday evening's message on May 4 by the Rev. Otto Nallinger was "The Helpful Hornets."

☐ On Easter Sunday evening, April 13, the Rev. J. Kornalewski, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Ledue, Alberta, Canada, baptized 20 converts before a large audience. Six new members were also received into the church by letter and confession. At the same communion service a newly elected deacon, Mr. Ernst Kern, was installed into his position with the laying on of hands by the other church deacons and prayer by the pastor. The Easter offering of the church amounted to \$100.

☐ On Sunday, May 25, the Rev. G. Ittermann began his pastorate in the German Baptist churches of Streeter and Medina, No. Dak. He preached his last sermons in the Rosenfeld Church of Saskatchewan, Canada, on the previous Sunday, May 18. During the 6½ years of his Rosenfeld ministry he had had the privilege of baptizing 142 persons. Mr. Ittermann is looking forward to his ministry on this Dakota field with eager anticipation.

☐ The Baptist pastors and their families of our South Dakota churches met for a fellowship meeting on Tuesday, April 29, in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Braun of Parkston, So. Dak. After dinner the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Unityville spoke on "The Eternal Jew" and the Rev. A. Fischer of Wessington Springs on "The Work of a Rural Pastor." All of the ministers' wives had a share in the preparation of the appetizing dinner before the afternoon program.

☐ At a recent annual business meeting the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church of Cathay, No. Dak., elected its officers of the coming year as follows: Mrs. Paul Hunsicker, president; Fred Reddig, vice-president; Stella Schramm,

secretary; Wilmar Edinger, treasurer; Selma Neuman, librarian; Myra Edinger, reporter; Ella Edinger, Selma Neuman, Herman Neuman and Eldon Lietner, ushers. A Bible baseball game was also held after a fine song service. The Rev. Paul Hunsicker is pastor.

☐ Miss Melba Runtz of Peoria, Ill., a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz, was elected as one of the vice-presidents of the Illinois Baptist Young People's Union at its 15th annual Congress held from April 26 to 27 at Benton, Illinois. The pastor of the entertaining church is the Rev. Ralph P. Blatt, who was formerly a pastor of our German Baptist Church at Pekin, Illinois. Miss Alethea Kose of the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago was one of the conference group leaders in a discussion on "A Christian Philosophy of Life."

☐ On Tuesday, May 20, Mr. Frank Veninga, pastor-elect of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., and a graduate of our Rochester Baptist Seminary, was examined for ordination by a council of Baptist churches of Brooklyn, N. Y., called together at the request of the Second Church of Brooklyn. At the evening service Mr. Veninga was ordained into the gospel ministry in an impressive service with the message brought by a friend of Mr. Veninga. The Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga have begun their service in the Milwaukee Church with the first of June.

☐ A Mother and Daughter banquet was held in the Calvary Church of Stafford, Kansas, on Tuesday evening, May 13, under the auspices of the United Circle Group, a class for girls of high school age. The King's Daughters Class of young married women entertained their mothers and guests at a luncheon on Thursday, May 8. They plan to make bandages for the Cameroons mission field at their June meeting. The young people of the church recently presented the play, "The Net is Cast," and are using the proceeds to furnish new books for the church library. The Rev. Alfred Weisser is pastor of the church.

☐ On Sunday evening, April 20, an illustrated address on "War Clouds Over Bible Lands" was presented to a good-sized audience in the White Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio. This illustrated address was based on an article with the same title that appeared in the April 15 issue of "The Baptist Herald," which was also prepared by the Rev. Carl F. H. Henry of Chicago, Ill. On Sunday, May 6, the Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel received 18 new members

into the church, 12 of whom were recently baptized, and 6 of whom came by confession and letter. Four other new members were received a month previously into the church.

☐ A beautiful double wedding occurred at the Baptist Church of Bison, Kans., on Friday, May 2, when Miss Helen Witt of Bison became the bride of the Rev. David Zimmerman of New Kensington, Pa., and Miss Ruth Witt and Mr. Howard Stude were united in marriage. The Reverends Alfred Weisser of Stafford and R. Vassel of Bison officiated. Both of the brides were active in their local church and in the Kansas Y. P. and S. S. W. Union with Mrs. Zimmerman serving as president of the latter organization for two years. The Rev. David Zimmerman was the able pastor of two of our German Baptist Churches. They will reside at New Kensington, Pa.

☐ Dr. Wm. Kuhn, general missionary secretary, has recently received letters from all of the five Baptist missionaries from Germany who were formerly stationed in the Cameroons, Africa, and who are now interned in Jamaica for the duration of the war. The men and women are in separate camps. Dr. Kuhn has arranged for the sending of "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" to both of these internment camps in Jamaica for the benefit of these missionaries. They are enjoying good health and are able to do a great deal of reading and writing. Dr. Kuhn is also in touch with the Rev. C. Martens, who is stationed in an internment camp in Canada, and has arranged to have "Der Sendbote" sent regularly to him.

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UMMER IS AT HAND! It is the golden time of the year, when "the noontide heat" with magical power transforms the blades of green into blossoming clusters of fragrant flowers and

Remember the Rainbow! into ripening stalks of grain. Billowing

clouds parade across the skies, until they are chased from the heavenly scene by an angry, threatening storm. In the darkness that overtakes the earth, a frightful fear clutches at many a throat with every repeated crash of thunder and lightning flash. It is the amazing drama of the skies, which is being reenacted so frequently before our eyes.

But the best is yet to be! The battle is not being won by the forces of darkness. The clouds are scattered by the chariot-winds, and rifts of blue can be seen through which the sun sends its shafts of light to the earth below. The Creator seems to be eager to impart a message with great haste to the inhabitants beneath the clouds. Eyes, which were wild with fear, are scanning the heavens for a comforting, reassuring message.

There it is! There it is! The rainbow! The perfect arch of glorious color that spans the earth and speaks of the goodness and mercy of God. Every sight of that rainbow arch stirs the deepest emotions of our hearts, not only because of its phenomenal beauty but more so because of its symbolic significance for our lives and the world.

The rainbow is God's covenant of lovingkindness with man. It is a pledge of God's goodness, signed with the colors of the spectrum across the page of the skies. It is an emblem of his love, which binds earth and heaven together with scintillating grandeur. For the message of God speaks to us as mightily as it did to Noah in the days of long ago: "This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and

every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations. I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth . . . and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh." (Genesis 9:12-13, 15.)

In the dark and stormy days in which we live, how we need to remember the rainbow! God has not forgotten his own! His covenant shall abide, whatever the storms of war and tribulation may do or the forces of darkness may achieve. In the midst of the storm, when we find ourselves surrounded by ruins and havoc, God reveals the rainbow in the heavenly arch of uplifting beauty. "This is the token of the covenant between me and all flesh that is upon the earth," says the Lord God.

The entire Bible seems to repeat that utterance: "Remember the rainbow!" Dr. Charles E. Jefferson has reminded us that "when Ezekiel paints a picture of heaven, he wraps a rainbow 'round the throne of God. When the Seer on Patmos looks into heaven, he also sees a rainbow 'round God's throne. When the Angel, who is none other than the Son of God, comes down out of the clouds, he comes with a rainbow on his head. This, then, is what the rainbow means in the Scriptures—it is an emblem of God's mercy."

In the summer days that are ahead, let "the heavens declare the glory of God." The storms will come and sweep across your path. The world is facing days of tragic darkness and despair. But God has set his rainbow in the heavens to declare his covenant with mankind that truth and righteousness must prevail and that "your sorrow shall be turned into joy." In this day as in every day, open your Bible and remember the rainbow! God's covenant of love and mercy is still in the skies!



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June is the Romantic Month for Brides and Weddings

So this is Marriage!

By the REV. MILTON R. SCHROEDER of Philadelphia, Pa.

"Forasmuch as Richard and Edith have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and therefore have given and pledged their troth, each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a ring, and by joining hands; I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Sacred words, indeed! For years they have climaxed wedding ceremonies in which the hearts of happy people have been made still happier as they

were united in the bonds of marriage. Although my public ministry has extended over a comparatively short period, it has been my pleasure as well as privilege to join together a good number of couples in this sacred union.

But the marriage ceremony is not the end. It is only the beginning. It is a kind of door which two people voluntarily open and through which they pass to all the experiences of wedded life that lie beyond. When the enthusiastic days of courtship are past, when the joy and excitement of the wedding are over, when the honeymoon days

with all of their newly-found happiness have slipped into history, the "settling down" process begins.

Then marriage officially gets under way. The house must be furnished, plans must be made for living within the extent of the family income, cooking lessons must be mastered, two personalities must make their adjustments to each other. If couples looked upon marriage lightly during their courtship days, they soon come to realize the seriousness of it and the manifold experiences it entails once they have crossed its threshold.

How do newly-married people fare in the wedded state? What are their experiences? What things have they found helpful or a hindrance to married happiness? How have they solved some of their problems? What advice would they offer to others contemplating marriage? What contribution has religion made to their wedded life? To discover the answers to such questions as these was the purpose of a questionnaire which I sent recently to all the couples whom it has been my privilege to marry.

In no sense, of course, can the answers be called authoritative. An experiment carried out on a small scale cannot be used as a basis for generalizations and conclusions. But at least the survey was fascinating, and the answers it accumulated are provocative and suggestive. They give a fair cross-section of some of the attitudes that youth, particularly Christian youth, have in regard to marriage.

It is common knowledge that in the realm of personal relationships there are factors which both help and hinder close associations and friendships. Certain factors contribute much to the cultivation of genuine friendship, others are capable of undermining it and destroying it. Especially true is that in marriage where the relationships are of the most intimate kind.

Accordingly, the first two questions of the questionnaire dealt with helps and hindrances. The question, "What personality characteristics or habits have you found helpful to marriage happiness?" brought forth a variety of suggestions. Thoughtfulness, neatness, honesty, dependability, promptness, a sense of humor, fair-mindedness, mutual likes and dislikes, patience, understanding, cheerfulness, an optimistic disposition and unselfishness were a number of the things mentioned. Certainly no one would doubt the ability of these characteristics and attitudes to make marriage what it ought to be.

The second question, "What personality characteristics or habits have you found to be detrimental to marriage happiness?" also elicited an interesting response. One couple, perhaps still under the magic spell of the wedding day, idealistically replied, "We have no such habits." All others, however, pointed out dangers that needed to be overcome. Forgetfulness, over-sensitiveness, obstinacy, prejudice, impa-

tiency, temper, selfishness, dishonesty, laziness, slouchiness, lack of understanding, no regard for personal appearance, distrust and poor sportmanship were among the hindrances listed. Again all will agree that these are barriers which can inflict considerable damage upon the marriage relationship if not surmounted in time.

A young couple once said to me, "The reason we get along so well together is because . . ." That induced me to include in my survey the question, "What factors seem to be the most responsible for making marriage a success?" "True love" was the answer that headed the list. Other factors included cooperation, common interest, a steady income, overlooking the faults of each other, affection revealed in the little

courtesies of daily life, understanding, complete confidence, thoughtfulness and absolute honesty.

The problem of finance always projects itself into married life. The money question is one that cannot be avoided. And it is as serious as it is inescapable. Money often makes or breaks a marriage. More quarrels begin over money matters than over many other considerations. In numerous cases financial difficulties form the pavement that leads to the divorce court. Thus I was interested in what these young couples would say about money.

Hence the questions, "Have financial matters been a source of difficulty or have you solved them satisfactorily and happily? Do you live on a budget?"

Concerning the latter question the response was about half and half. Fifty per cent lived on a budget while fifty per cent did not. Typical answers to the first question would be the following: "We manage well and never let money interfere with our happiness." "Finances are not a problem for us. We work out all affairs together."

The religious aspects of marriage would, of course, be of interest to a minister. In ideal marriage room must be made for the exercise of things that are spiritual. Thus, I was concerned about the part that religion was taking in the lives of these people, particularly in the cases of those who were professing Christians. The question was stated, "Has religion made any worthy (Continued on Page 218)

To the Marriage Altar in Jesus' Footsteps

By the REV. HENRY HIRSCH of Minneapolis, Minnesota

"There was a marriage at Cana of Galilee; and Jesus was called to the marriage." This is a very beautiful statement. Who dies not like to read it? There was a marriage, and Jesus was there!

There is something unique about weddings. No other occasion compares with it. The house or the church or both are beautifully decorated. Everybody is in festive regalia. There are the bride, "the queen of the occasion," the center of it all, overflowing with happiness, and the groom, beaming with joy, alert to meet every wish of his bride. Truly, it is beautiful and symbolic of what marital life ought to be and will be if Jesus is invited.

"But Jesus at a wedding. How strange! I never thought of that!" Yes, some people think it strange to believe that Jesus should be at a wedding. But why should it be so strange? To many people it would be strange if he were not at a wedding. Jesus Christ is at every crossroad of life. He is in all of life's relationships—at a wedding as well as at any other gathering of his disciples.

Jesus wants to be invited. He never forces himself where he is not wanted. He was invited to the wedding at Cana, and gladly and graciously he accepted the honor to be there. How he must have rejoiced with the happy couple that was married, and, surely, he shared with them their hopes and aspirations for their marital life.

Jesus at a wedding? Why not? Where else should he be? If he is invited he surely will be there, and he will give no cause for regret or disappointment. The wedding will be the best ever, richly blessed and accompanied by genuine happiness.

At the wedding at Cana the steward was running short of provisions. This

was evident to everyone present, and therefore highly embarrassing. Just what to do under the circumstances was a problem. The host must have been of limited means, and economy had to be practiced.

This is what common sense would dictate; it is sane and sound religion. But, alas, many people forget that! Not only the world but Christian people go to extremes when entertaining, especially at weddings. Vanity plays a great part, and weddings become a real show, display of vainglory. Christian people outdo the world. This should not be so. When the wedding is planned with the thought in mind, "Jesus will be there," it will not be so.

Surely, Jesus will be there, if invited; and he will not detract but rather enhance the joys of the occasion. Should there be anything lacking he will supply all needs. No need—material, moral, or spiritual—is overlooked by him.

What he does at the wedding, he guarantees to do throughout life. Did you and do you invite him to your wedding? Is he your companion on the journey through life? Then whatever the need, and whenever his attention is called to it, he will amply supply it as he did at the wedding at Cana.

Jesus transformed the water into wine. This is to signify that he changes the common into the divine. He is the source and giver of the wine of true, deep, and lasting happiness. There is no happiness like that which comes from intimate fellowship with him. Where he is, there are the abundant life, unspeakable joy, perfect peace. "Be not filled with wine, but be ye filled with the Spirit." "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

The source of true happiness in marital life as well as in all relationships of life is Jesus Christ. He who will drink of this fountain of happiness will not only be happy himself but will also contribute to the happiness of others.

We have not forgotten our topic: "In the Footsteps of Jesus." Both contracting parties at the wedding must be interested in Christ, and they must be interested in what he is interested. They must have a common interest in love and life. Never forget that that which Jesus gives is always better than that which we or anyone else furnishes. The wedding master at Cana was surprised that the wine given at last was so much better that that served first. But with God it is always so, the last is to be the best.

When the excitement and exuberant feeling of joy of the wedding day are over, there must remain that something, or that Someone, sane and sound, which gives life a common ground and center from which the beautiful life grows. Grow old together. And all along life's highway, day by day, and unto the glorious end, the best is yet to be!

At the wedding at Cana, Jesus, by ministering to the need there, manifested his glory. All we do, whether we eat, or drink, or whatsoever we do, do all to the glory of God. Jesus wants to glorify himself through his disciples in all relationships of life. In the footsteps of Jesus there will be, either at weddings or any other gathering, no excess of show of vainglory, of drinking and carousing. But there will be genuine joy, and happiness, and merriment in which even Jesus may join. His blessings and benediction will abide down the years until the best is fully attained.

The Uplifted Cross in Mambila

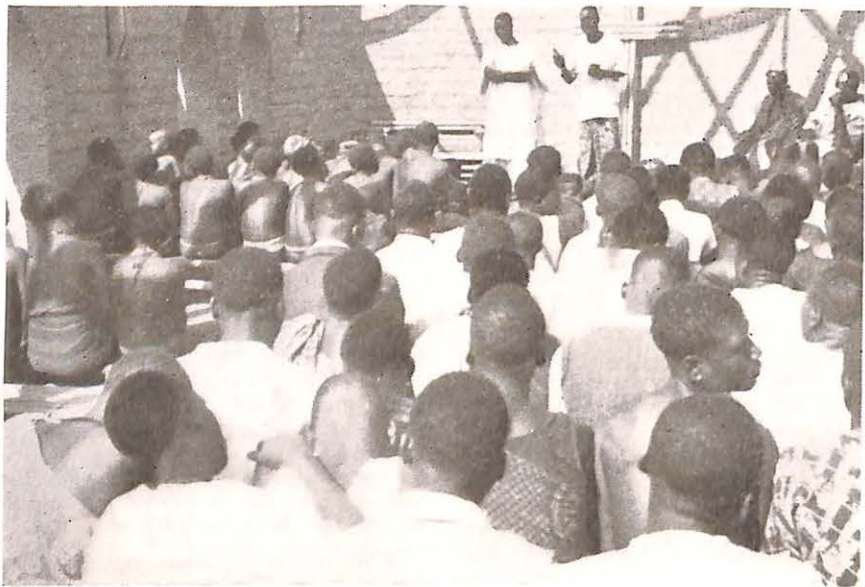
The Annual Report for 1940 About Warwar Station in the Cameroons, Africa, by Missionary George A. Dunger

It is a privilege to report that the year of 1940 was one of progress. The progress made may not have been very conspicuous. However, it is evident in many ways.

Miss Koppin's Work

Warwar Mission Station received a semi-permanent dispensary and four isolation huts, one circular shelter called, "Waiting Room," and a hut intended for the use of a medical helper. These buildings are grouped in a way that enhances the usefulness of the "Medical Unit Warwar."

Interested in medical work, I cannot refrain from saying that the service of the Station Nurse and the facilities provided had far reaching influence.



Ebony Skinned Worshippers in One of Our Cameroon Chapels, Singing Their Praises to the Glory of Christ, Their Savior

Not only Warwar people received aid, but in many cases permanent improvement in their condition was made. An appreciable number of people from other villages as well as some Moslems found help. These patients, by necessity, come in contact with Christians at the station. Their testimony is not in vain. — It should be emphasized that Warwar Station without its "Medical Unit" could not by far have rendered the service it did during the year of 1940. The "Medical Unit" should be further developed and its scope of work enhanced as the need of Mambila is staggering.

The Warwar Chapel

In the beginning of the wet season a temporary chapel was completed. It is situated with the proposed extension of the station plot and may be seen from

afar. The building of the chapel did away with prayer meetings held on the veranda of the missionary's house, in a store-room adjacent to the kitchen and in the open. It further provided opportunity for informal assemblies during which problems of the work and the needs of the people were discussed by the missionaries with the native (Kakas) Christians. It made possible also informal class meetings during which Bible subjects and basic English are presented. A very noticeable feature of the presence of the chapel is that natives (Mambilas) attend the meetings more freely.

Warwar chapel is a fact. Its realization brings much joy and courage. It is the first chapel ever built in Mam-

chief's problems to repairing stoves, doors, windows, the supervision of station laborers and giving attention to issues that simply devour time as governmental queries. Some of the manual station activities were: extensive levelling and sloping of sites of houses and paths; planting and caring for numerous eucalyptus and cola seedlings; freeing of the plot from stumps, rotting trees and grass; making of an extensive vegetable garden; extensive planting of citronella along paths; making of extensive connecting paths providing suitable access to medical buildings and quarter of native staff; extensive transplanting of eucalyptus and cola seedlings; planting of branches of rubber trees along boundaries for temporary demarkation; maintaining and improving all paths and houses.

Throughout the entire year daily prayer meetings were held before work began. The daily average of attendance amounted to about thirty people. On Sundays a morning service was conducted, the average attendance of which amounted to about forty people. Miss Koppin started a "Sunday School," which averaged about twenty boys at each meeting.

New Mission Stations

As a result of frequent visits two village heads have invited us to commence "teaching" in their respective villages. The village head of another settlement has already built a meeting house. The consent of the governmental authority has to be awaited still for one of these places. At this time the village head of Warwar and his people have completed the wall of a meeting house. The roof will be placed shortly. We feel that the commencement of meetings within the village itself will mark a big step forward. May God grant that soon people will become convicted of sin and ask after the Savior! And how great will be our joy when the first Mambila confesses Christ publicly! Pray and labor with us for that day.

As a sign of gratification for the example set on the Mission Station I should like to report that the village head of Warwar as well as the headman (elder) have made paths in their quarters similar to those at the station. The people were given small amounts of citronella which was promptly planted alongside those paths. The Touring Officer commented favorably on these unsolicited actions.

Mambila no longer remains an "Area" administratively. "Mambila Area" was changed to "Mambila Dis-

trict" with its own District Head, a Moslem. Naturally, the Moslem is opposed to Christian missionary activity. Situations have arisen—and will continue to arise—that need much grace and power from above in order to overcome them to the benefit of the work.

We came to know most of the Mambila district on treks and most of the could not be repeated often. Last year we were on such treks from February 5 to 15, March 12 to 25, August 9 to 15, and August 29 to September 9. Besides these treks a tour was made to Mayo Daga, Mambila, and Gashaka, Gashaka District at the beginning of January 1940.

An application to the Colonial Government was made for the extension of the present four acre plot of Warwar Station for nine additional acres. This application is pending acceptance sketch plans and data.

God's All Sufficiency

At the end of October we—Louise, Daphne and I—left Warwar for the conference at Mbem, partial tours of Mambila, Kaka, and Nsungli. In connection with these tours we took our monthly leave of absence. Our destination was Bafut, the central station of the Basel Mission in the Grassland. We stayed at Bafut one week. It was a great encouragement to us seeing an old established work, having fellowship with these simple, sincere missionaries (Swiss), and giving Daphne a first experience at staying and playing with white children which she thoroughly enjoyed. It was impossible for us to tour Bekom as we experienced much delay while travelling (motor transport). Also, we did not wish to delay our return to Warwar. We arrived at Warwar in the beginning of December.

Throughout the entire year the missionaries stationed at Warwar experienced God's all-sufficiency. It was a year of harmonious quiet, intense labor. As we review the work of the last year we realize your share in the progress made at Warwar and in Mambila, and a feeling of deep appreciation and sincere thanks wells up in our hearts for you all. Accept our gratitude for sharing with us the difficulties, dangers, testings and trials, the joys and sorrows that pertain to a work hardly begun in the land of Mambila. Hope with us, pray, believe and battle with us until the dawn shall break over Mambila and its people stand and rejoice in the glorious light of the gospel and the freedom of Christ!

Two Candles for a Birthday Cake

The Story of Daphne, Written by Her Parents, Rev. and Mrs. George Dunger, a Few Months Before Her Second Birthday in June

Daphne has remained well and healthy. Every evening she takes "heroically" her dose of medicine, one grain of powdered quinine. It is dissolved in a teaspoonful of water. After taking it, she "licks" the spoon.

Taking quinine in solution is extremely distasteful. Some people say that children do not object to unpleasant tastes because they, the children, have not formed unpleasant mental associations. However, medical men say that the tastes of a child are highly developed from the very beginning. Association or no association, the fact remains that dissolved quinine has an "awful" taste. Now, Daphne is even an example to her parents when it comes to taking quinine!

We have remained without music, (though not music in our hearts), for nearly three years. Last Christmas we could afford an inexpensive phonograph. There was only one suitable record to be had. The record contains a western song entitled, "My Little Buckaroo." It is played for Daphne at bedtime. You should see her eyes light up, arms moving, and going to bed while the cowboy sings, "Close your sleepy eyes . . ."

Daphne is very natural in regard to natives. She chats with them in her own language and accepts little presents with astounding freedom and speed. At times she is in the house when natives arrive. Then you hear them calling, "Fumtoa," — until she makes her appearance at the open door, climbs down the two steps and walks over to the visitors.

Someone has said that she is being used as a "drawing card for the natives. That statement betrays inexperience. Natives have an instinct for anything un-real, made-up, showy. Especially the Mambilas resent such action very much, for they are making similar experiences every day with Fulanis. On the other hand, the coming of a child into a family is a great event. The small children are pampered. Children are considered the supreme possession in life. Now, for some native village to "have" a white child in their midst is something extraordinary.

Is it a wonder that natives come frequently and sit for hours, having a good time? Should we not use the op-

portunity and tell them about Jesus, prompted by the occasion? Should we not be happy about it? Daphne most certainly is not being used as a drawing card, but she has helped to establish a much closer connection between us and the natives. She is a gift of God, and we are deeply happy!

HUNTING IN MAMBILA

By Laura Reddig
of the Cameroons, Africa

(Laura Reddig is now stationed at Warwar, Mambila, with the Dungers and Edith Koppin. This arrangement during the absence of the Gebauers on their furlough in America had to be made because of the insistence of the British officials. In a personal letter to headquarters in Forest Park, Miss Reddig describes the following incidents which will be of interest to our readers. EDITOR.)

Last week the Mambila natives went hunting, and it was a sight to behold! Early in the morning the scouts were stationed at strategic points, looking like Indians standing with their spears in readiness for whatever came.

Then the grass burning began, and people from all over the valley gathered with their spears and sticks. As the tall grass was burned, the animals such as small antelopes, had nothing to hide in, so they would have to run away from the fires. At times the whole hillsides would be just one big mass of flames and smoke.

All of a sudden, one would hear wild shouting from some scout, and then wild rushing of men would take place. They would maneuver around until they had encircled the animal, and then would throw their spears at it.

Even the dogs were turned loose to help. Edith's dog was one to help get the first small antelope of the day. It certainly is picturesque to see the fires, the running, and then the catch! They caught one antelope just down from the hill here, and we saw the whole procedure. The poor thing wailed and cried so pathetically when it saw he was cornered. There were about four catches that day right around here.

The Mambilas surely do their hunting in a thrilling way. There is no shooting an unwarned animal as hunting usually goes. Here it is matching wits and showing skill in all they do.

Reaching Our Goals

By REV. WILLIAM KUHN, D. D., of Forest Park, Illinois,
General Missionary Secretary

Our total contributions during April, including both the budget and Centenary Offering, amounted to \$15,845.03. Every day we are receiving additional remittances. Many of these contributions told their own eloquent story. Many could only be sent because of a willingness to give sacrificially. Others were the fruit of persistent systematic training of the church or certain individuals in the grace of giving.

The Rev. Albert Tilner of Buffalo Center, before his homegoing, had expressed the wish that his friends might make money contributions for missions instead of sending flowers at his funeral. Mrs. Albert Tilner sent \$15 representing such love gifts. Our Lord himself, who even today sits at the treasury as in that temple of Jerusalem, is the only One who can appraise every contribution justly. We fear that he has missed some at the treasury during the Easter month of April. "Lord, is it I?"

The list of the twenty-one churches printed on this same page is not published with the intention of unduly glorifying these churches, although we most sincerely appreciate their generous support. We, of course, are well aware that figures in themselves cannot tell whether the giving has been in proportion to the ability. We should never forget what the Lord said about the widow's mite. There are churches

Special Easter Offerings

The following list comprises such churches that have contributed \$250 or more from April 1, 1941, to May 15, 1941:

Clinton Hill, Newark, N. J.	\$1753.21
Burns Ave., Detroit, Mich.	1568.32
Trinity, Portland, Ore.	1517.20
Mädchenheim Verein Inc., New York	1000.00
Ebenezer, Detroit, Mich.	798.39
Lorraine, Kans.	692.45
Lodi, Calif.	508.36
Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa.	507.48
Second, Philadelphia, Pa.	488.49
Aplington, Iowa	469.49
Oak Street, Burlington, Iowa	417.47
Evangel, Newark, N. J.	350.00
Forest Park, Ill.	345.77
Carroll Ave., Dallas, Tex.	343.80
Bethel, Salem, Ore.	327.88
Mowata, La.	319.40
Wasco, Calif.	303.94
Laurelhurst, Portland, Ore.	293.58
St. Louis Park, St. Louis, Mo.	250.00
Erin Ave., Cleveland, O.	250.00
North Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.	250.00

in our group that do not make their special effort at Easter time. It is, of course, the aggregate of the annual contributions that tells its own story best. We are grateful to God that he has put it into the hearts of these twenty-one churches, beside many others, to give so generously to the Lord's work entrusted to us. May their giving be an incentive to others!

As this article was being dictated we received a letter from Mr. George

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A Good Suggestion to Follow

By Mr. E. Elmer Staub
of Detroit, Michigan
(Chairman of the Investment
Committee)

A strong chain is made up of many well made links. So also, sound habits by each of us, individually, and each church, will make for a strong and fruitful Christian life and ministry. Regular prayer, regular personal work, and regular giving are strong links of this kind.

Some of our churches have adopted the plan of sending for the Ministers' Pension Fund and Relief for Aged Ministers and Widows one Communion Offering annually—designating the same month each year. The General Council has also recommended this plan to all our churches.

If more churches could adopt this practice, it would represent support which would be another link toward guaranteeing the raising of the full denominational budget. With few exceptions, the economic situation has improved, so that the demands on the local churches for relief are much less than heretofore.

Quite often we read of good ideas, but we don't do anything about them. I'm going to ask our church, the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., to adopt this plan. Could you not bring it to the attention of others to do likewise?



—Photo by H. Siemund of Chicago

Several Denominational Leaders Who Enjoy a Shining Distinction of Honor, Which They Share Equally Alike

Left to Right: Prof. O. E. Krueger, General Conference Moderator; Mr. Otto Graalman of Okeene, Okla., General Council Member; Missionary Paul Gebauer of Portland, Ore.; Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., General Council Member; and Rev. A. Husmann, Promotional Secretary.

June 1, 1941

Morning Prayer

By Roland Edward Ross
of Maywood, Illinois

Another day,
So, God, to thee I pray,
That over me thy guiding hand
May rest, and keep my steps in faith
Along the straight and narrow path.

Thanks be to thee
For countless blessings, daily new;
Most humbly shall thy work I do,
To make the talent given me
Gain another, Lord, for thee.

And if weak flesh
Lead me astray on paths
Not in thy blessed way, dear Lord,
May penance soon break forth to seek
Thy loving mercy at thy feet.

A Bit of Heaven

(Tune: "Finlandia" by Sibelius)
By Professor Herman von Berge
of Dayton, Ohio

Where true love binds two hearts and
lives together
In plighted troth, to share life's weal
and woe;
Where two are one in bonds of true
devotion,
As hand in hand their way they go:
'Tis there you'll find, amid the world's
confusion,
A bit of heav'n on earth below.

Where each one seeks in love to serve
the other,
And ready each the other's load to
share;
Where highest joy is e'er the other's
gladness,
The other's good one's aim and care;
Where nobly each is ever self-forget-
ting:
You'll find a bit of heaven there.

To the Work!

By Mrs. Wm. Schindler
of Detroit, Michigan

Why stand ye idle?
The time is flying;
The sun is setting;
The day is dying.
Reapers are needed
In God's harvest so great;
Oh, why don't you heed?
'Twill soon be too late!

Forget the cares of earthly life
And work today for God!
There's a great, long call for workers;
There is no room for shirkers!
So much work to be done,
So many souls to be won!
Awake! Arise! to the work!
There's plenty for every one!

That Missionary Box

By Mrs. W. T. Edwards
of Kankakee, Illinois

I got a little mite-box
Almost a year ago;
I found a penny here and there;
It didn't overflow.



Assurance

By Ethel L. Rennison
of Elgin, Iowa

Fear not, dear one, although the billows sweep
In surging wrath across the stormy deep;
Fear not the fury of the sudden gale,
For safe into the harbor thou shalt sail;
Greater the power of Him who is with thee
Than all the mighty raging of the sea.

Though waves of doubt sweep in and fill thy heart,
They shall not stay, He bids them to depart;
And though thy sins arise on every hand,
They all shall disappear at His command;
Nothing can harm the life or wreck the soul
With Christ the living Savior in control.
Fear not, but rest securely in His will;
Hearing His blessed mandate, "Peace, be still."

—Courtesy of "Moody Monthly"

For nearly every day or so,
I found I had to take
A cent or so to buy a stamp;
It made my conscience ache.

I'd take the pennies from my purse
And put them in, and then
The paper boy would come and I
Would get them out again.

Once I had it nearly full;
The dimes and nickels ran,
But had to haul it out for change
To that insurance man!

Such lumpy feelings in my chest
When I saw that little box;

I said: "I'll fill you if it takes
A little bank that locks."

But I forgot it mostly
On its shelf behind the door
And when the opening day came round
I found it mightily poor.

Now I've resolved that every day
I'll save at least a cent
And never touch it even once
For carfare or for rent.

For if the Lord has given to me,
Shall I not save for Him,
And lay my treasures up in Heaven
Where rust can never dim?

The Vision

By Paul Hutchens

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SYNOPSIS

A few weeks before Christmas Rodney Deland, the son of a famous Christian song leader, received an invitation to direct the cantata in the Riverview Memorial Church. Although he had lost almost all faith in God in his studies at school, he needed the money and accepted the invitation. There he became acquainted with Dr. Webber, the minister, and his family, especially the daughter, Le Vera. During the day she was assistant to the dentist, Dr. Beade Thorwald, the father of Rodney's school flame, Shera. A battle was going on in Rodney's heart which one of these two girls meant most to him. One evening Shera persuaded him to enter a roadside tavern for something to eat on their way to Fayette. While there he came face to face with Le Vera Webber who was distributing tracts and folders in the tavern. She took a step toward him, turned again, laid the packet of folders on the counter and went out. . . .

CHAPTER EIGHT

The Webbers were enroute to Fayette, he decided. They had stopped at the two-pump oil station for gas, and in the interval of waiting Le Vera had entered "The Toadstool" to distribute the folders announcing the pre-Christmas services at Riverview Memorial Church; it was Christ Himself carrying on the work which, during his earthly ministry, He had begun to do. Le Vera and John Nystrom and Dr. Webber and all other soldiers of the cross were now the instruments of Christ's continued ministry on the earth. He had performed mighty miracles but he had promised His disciples that they should do a greater work—"Greater works than these shall ye do, because I go to the Father."

And it was so. East and west, north and south, in every nation and province of the earth, the "greater ministry" was going on: Greater in scope in that it reached, not local Palestine, but a world; greater in every way because Christ risen and glorified could do a mightier, more far-reaching work through His Body, the Church, than He could have done while He was imprisoned in his not-yet-glorified body of flesh and blood and bone—greater because the preaching of the gospel now looked backward to a Finished Work of Redemption.

Le Vera and John Nystrom and Dr. Webber were doing greater things, yet they were not doing them, but Christ

that dwelt within them. When, a moment ago, Le Vera had stood at "The Toadstool" entrance, asking permission to distribute invitations to God's house of worship, Jesus Himself had been there, dwelling within her, smiling through her, being grieved through her. He had gone away grieved, spurned. He was not welcome in this, the world's Hi-ho house, the world's whoopee den, Satan's sin factory.

Time agonized slowly past, and Shera and Rodney were once more in the car enroute to Fayette, where at eight o'clock Marsha Brevere and a dozen other chorus girls would cater, puppet-fashion, to the lying lusts of men; where at the same hour in the city hall, Dr. Stephen Webber would address a much smaller audience of Bible lovers on the "Grace of God."

There had been accusation in those gray-green eyes; accusation and disappointment and pain, as there had been surprise and questioning at the Y. Cafeteria at noon.

At seven-thirty as scheduled, Rodney and Shera were in the lobby of the fashionable Sar-Ben hotel. Wenda Thorwald, popular club woman, came flurrying toward them, seal coat swaggering, fur-topped boots flapping, her face penciled with pleasure.

"Rodney Deland!" she beamed, extending her hand. "What a thrill! Where's Daddy, Shera?" She was gracious, as always.

"Couldn't come. Some kind of conference at the Sheridan. Rodney was out to the house anyway, so here we are. We stopped at "The Toadstool" for lunch."

Wenda's frown was fleeting. "Should you have? Isn't it—"The Toadstool" doesn't have a very good reputation," she explained to Rodney. "But that's Shera for you, always going cross-grain with the conventional."

Generously absolving me from any blame, Rodney thought, and didn't care anyway. The audience would be gathering at the City Hall now.

"Now that you're here in such good time," Wenda suggested, "we may as well take in the city. There's a thriller on at the Egyptian, I think."

The suggestion started Shera off on a glowing account of their having met one of the dancers at "The Toadstool"—"Marsha somebody; she didn't seem at all like you'd expect—What was her name, Rodney?"

He didn't remember. It didn't matter. He was not going with them to the

theater. Too much had happened to him during the past twenty-four hours for the world to have any further claim upon him. He had reached the climax of the years. Tonight the world in its evil sense, and all its charms, was a sickening, revolting thing to him. It reeked with the sulphur of the pit. Only One—and that One, the Altogether Lovely One, held the center of the stage for him. No, not the stage, but the throne, and that throne, Rodney's heart.

"Do we go now?" Wenda's eyes were eager, solicitous. "Or shall we go straight home and have an evening of music? I do want to hear you sing again."

With that, Shera was reminded of the afternoon at the Devonshire. "What do you suppose, Mother? I almost forgot to tell you. Rodney and I made a record just before we came out; it was beautiful, the same number we played at the recital."

We made a record! They decided to go to the Egyptian. That is, mother and daughter decided.

Only for a moment Rodney considered the thing: What would John Nystrom do? What would Le Vera Webber do? What would Jesus do if He were living in me? . . . He is living in me!

"Well, here we go!" Wenda caught one arm, Shera the other.

His song was in the key of faith; theirs in the key of worldly pleasures. Could two—or three—sing together except they be in the same key? Either he must modulate into their key, or they into his. . . . He was needed tonight in the city hall, where men and women would gather to hear the gospel of salvation! Some lost one needed to hear his song.

Christ living in me, ruling me, would not approve of my going to the Egyptian tonight, or any night. He knew what would be there. Beauty, yes. Everything would be disguised in beauty. The dancers would move in rhythmic unison—semi-nude dancers. The leading actor and actress in the movie there tonight were drinking, adulterous, many-times-divorced beautiful human beings. Rodney knew the steps downward into sin. Dr. Webber had mentioned them in his talk last night: "First we condemn; then we condone; then we conform." But "be ye not conformed to this age. . . .!"

Squirrel and seal and sheep! What a threesome! Shera in gay squirrel, Wenda in luxurious, silken seal, and Rodney in gray, full-belted wool!

"My sheep hear my voice and they follow Me!" They were at the revolving door exit now. Squirrel first, then seal, then sheep. A stinging, snow-spattered wind swept up the avenue. Across the street above the Egyptian entrance, jiggling, vari-colored lights screamed:

"VAUDEVILLE! 16 BANG SMASH GIRLS IN GLAMOROUS FOLLIES!"

All up and down the avenue, the city lights played: "Red, Green, White, Blue, — on and off. Racing, whirling, rotating, zigzagging, shimmering, dancing; arrows, circles, tri-angles, wings, peacock fans with blinking, iridescent, eye-like spots: Red eyes, blue eyes, green—"What are you doing here at "The Toadstool?"

He knew the answer now: He had been a sheep in a pigsty! Watching others glittering their souls with the husks that the swine did eat! Doing the things that were attractive to them—because they were lost!

And then, temptation jabbed him with its sword. It was getting colder. The roads might be drifted full in a few hours. Perhaps they could all three modulate into a compromising key and go neither to the theater nor to Dr. Webber's meeting.

But with the temptation came also a way of escape. Rodney stopped suddenly. His body stiffened. "I neglected to tell you," he said to Shera, "that I have been asked to sing tonight at—at the City Hall."

He felt their gloved hands clasp and tighten on his arm, heard an excited gasp from Wenda and an echoing gasp from her daughter.

"Really?" Wenda cried, trying to read his facial expression.

"I was never more serious in my life," he said, "We'll have to hurry now or we'll be late."

They were incredulous. Shera exclaimed, "Why, Rodney Deland! You never said a word to me about it this afternoon! Why didn't you tell me!"

"I didn't know I was coming," he said, "My music is in my brief case in the car. I almost forgot it," he added, grinning. This, he told himself, was going to be good. He laughed a low, triumphant laugh while he turned and ran down the street to the garage where the car was parked.

Ten minutes later the three of them were at the old city hall entrance. A spotlight located in a nearby tree shone upon a large A-shaped bulletin board near the lighted double-door entrance. The lettering said, "Hear Dr. Webber tonight on the theme, 'WHAT IS JESUS DOING NOW?'"

Shera stopped abruptly. "Rodney!" Her eyes met his in a painful clash of wills. "You aren't going to sing—here! Why this—this is a revival meeting!"

"I am!" he said. His face was grim. His body tense. Crucify me, Lord. All the old Rodney. Let me die to what men think. To what the world calls fame and success. . . . to Shera's opinion. . . . Shera drew back, her lips set in a

firm hard line. Suddenly she whirled, angry. "I—I'll wait for you at the hotel," she said. "I don't care for Dr. Webber's type of preaching at all. I—"

"Sh!" Wenda cautioned, "let's not make a scene!"

And Rodney said, "This can't be any worse for you than 'The Toadstool' was for me." Tears glistened between her dark lashes, and he knew he had hurt her, yet how could he have helped it?

People were going in, not in large crowds as they had been at the Egyptian, but going in nevertheless. Many were carrying Bibles, and many, Shera noticed, were young people. She stood for a moment, biting her lips, the cold wind blowing hard against her, then she said, "All right, if we have to, let's go!"

They followed her inside.

Rodney was sitting on an improvised platform in front of the stage in the old City Hall. With him sat two pastors whose churches were sponsoring the series of meetings. The audience was composed of not more than five hundred people.

Dr. Stephen Webber was speaking: "Let no one confuse this series of meetings with the insipid 'Religious Emphasis' programs now being sponsored in America by certain religious groups and in many of our colleges and universities, the keynote of which religious emphasis is a social gospel rather than personal soul relationship to a Living Christ."

"We are not presenting a Christ who merely founded another religion, but One who is the very Son of God and the only Savior. We know that all men must believe in Him as He is revealed in the Bible or be eternally lost. Christ is not, as these religious educators teach, 'a great teacher and radical' of the past, but a precious Savior with whom every believer may have intimate fellowship today!"

A printed announcement handed to Rodney when he came in explained: "In these days when the ministry of so many churches has been diverted to an impotent social gospel, when literally millions in America have never had impressed upon them the fact of their lost condition apart from the grace of God, the Lord has raised up, to meet the need, a Bible teaching ministry. Thousands of church members as well as millions of unchurched do not know what the Bible teaches; they have never heard the simple gospel. . . ."

It had taken only a moment for Rodney, when he came in, to explain things to Dr. Webber who, with a smile, had said, "The Lord wanted you here tonight, Rodney. He knew how to get you here."

Le Vera's eyes still carried that hurt expression which he had seen at "The Toadstool." Behind that gray-green veil she was thinking—what? He wished he knew. He wanted her to think well of him, to believe that he was sincere, that Shera Thorwald meant nothing to him, that he was looking with her "unto the Hills." To-

morrow morning, perhaps, if he went early enough to the dental office, he would find her alone and would explain.

She was to accompany his solo tonight, which he had decided was to be "He Loves Even Me." She had said "Thank you" when he had handed her a copy, and had added, "I think I know it from memory. I like it very much."

Shera and her mother were sitting near the center aisle in one of the back rows. What were they thinking? It did not seem to matter quite so much, except for their own sakes.

The hastily scribbled notes on a card in his hand contained the outline of a brief talk which he had planned to give before he sang. The emotion throbbing within him was more than ordinary "stage fright." He knew it was the moving of the Spirit Himself.

There was congregational singing, prayer by the pastor of one of the sponsoring churches, a special musical number, the offering; and now it was time for Rodney's solo.

He arose, black, leather-bound, loose-leafed solo book in his hands. He laid the opened book on the pulpit desk. His eyes swept out across the audience, saw the faces of five hundred people, saw especially Shera and her mother; and at the piano, Le Vera Webber. He felt himself under the pendulous arm of a great spiritual unit, the Word of God was cutting, chiselling, reaming out all the decay of his soul. . . .

His speaking voice carried little of the beauty of his singing voice tonight. He heard himself saying not what he had planned, but instead a humble, faltering confession of his own need for the Lord Jesus Christ. "All last night," he said, "and all day today, I have felt Him near, very, very near. . ."

He wanted to tell them more, of his loss of faith and of the vision of service, that last night and today Faith had come again and he had been able to believe once more. Instead he stood speechless, spiritually numb.

And then he saw the gray-green veil lift, saw behind it a kindled fire of sympathy. He nodded to indicate he was ready to sing.

Quickly she established for him the rhythm: "When I think of my Savior's great love. . ."

Again as it had been when he was making the record, the Spirit came upon him, tone waves moved out across the trees and the river and the fields of corn and wheat moved with the harvest winds—for the fields were white already to harvest. The tone waves soared, dipped and tossed like sea gulls in flight—above a sea of faces, hundreds, thousands. . . .

"When I think of the thorns on His brow. . ."

He saw the sin-tipped thorns that composed the crown of the Son of God. He was making the audience see them; making Wenda Thorwald see them; making sophisticated, dawn-haired, callous-hearted Shera see them. Making her see the sin of her own heart which had helped to drive the nails.

How the piano sustained him! Never had he had accompaniment like this. A man could break the heart of an audience if he could have such accompaniment—O God, break their hearts!—and mine! 'For a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise . . .'

While he sang, he knew, knew as he had known years ago, standing on the rocky ledge of Crawfish river, that he was a man of destiny, knew also that he was God's chosen—fore-ordained to take his father's mantle . . .

When he finished the last stanza and sat down, every doubt was gone. The miracles of the Bible were all true; an omnipotent God Who had made the laws of nature, could, at His own discretion, set in operation a higher law; He had done so in the Resurrection of His Son from the grave . . . Like a lightning flash—like a bolt striking at the unbelief in his heart, he knew as Paul of old had known, Now is Christ risen! His experience confirmed the written Word, that it was so. The Living Word had come alive within Him!

Shera's face was a painted blank as she stared at the platform. Her mother held a whisp of handkerchief to her lips, and was leafing through a hymn book.

"What is Jesus Doing Now?"

During the address, Rodney sat on the front seat, facing the platform. All his life he had needed to hear such a sermon. How very much he needed it tonight! The Sovereign God, superintending His work, choosing and training His workers, had known of his need and had sent—brought—him here.

While he listened and understood, and while doubt lay quivering and bleeding and dying in the road behind him, he thought of lovely, black-eyed Norda at home, who that night—that last night at home, had come to him with her own unbelief, seeking an answer, and he, in the very slough of doubt, had been unable to help. In an unguarded moment he had exclaimed, "Don't ask me! I'm a heathen myself!" And Norda, standing with him under the grape arbor, had gasped, and fled from him into the house.

If only Norda were here tonight. Gay little Norda, so sunny on the surface—how long had she suffered within her heart the anguish of unbelief? . . . Oh how subtle the Enemy!

"What is Jesus Doing Now?"

Dr. Webber's face was the face of a man of power. Shaggy eyebrows overhung the gray fire that burned beneath them . . . His heavy auburn hair was remindful of pictures of some old musical genius. He gestured to emphasize his climaxes, not with the shaking of a fist or the painting of a finger, but by the shaking of his leonine head and with the fiery arrows that leaped from his eyes.

"What is Jesus Doing Now?"

"He is continuing to do and to teach that which He began to do and to teach in the days when he lived and walked

by Galilee; only now His ministry is not confined to Palestine, but is everywhere—everywhere you are! Everywhere His followers carry the message. . .

"He is seeking the lost NOW! You, dear sinner friend, will not find Him by seeking for Him, for He is not lost—you are the one who is lost. He will find you and save you, the very moment you stop running away. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost.

"Let us not forget that in the seeking and the saving of lost souls, He uses chosen men to carry the message. He not only chooses his messengers but He trains them . . . He may even use the Devil's sifting process to bring out the wheat in those whom He calls . . ."

It was this last statement that sent Rodney to his knees that night in his room, that made him wonder at the mystery of his calling, the strange things that had happened to him during the past year. He did not understand it. He resolved to seek an interview with Dr. Webber at the earliest moment; and as the sermon proceeded and he came to see the world and the church from the eternal sight-seeing place of God Himself, saw the lethargy and the worldliness of the great mass of Christian workers, their ambitions for self glorification, he saw also himself, and was humbled to the dust. He resolved to seek that interview tonight in the inquiry room, at the close of the service.

Other things in the sermon were for other listeners, but this one thing was for him . . . and for Norda.

It was morning in Dr. Thorwald's dental suite. Le Vera emerged from the retiring room in fresh, crackling whites, ready for the day. The melody that sang in her heart today was not frolicsome. It was deeply spiritual, yet its rhythm was irregular, complementing the mood of a tenor's impassioned singing; it moved in consonance with that tenor's will.

She saw as she had seen last night, crimson-tipped thorns piercing her Savior's brow, and her heart was warm for the One Who wore for her that bloody crown—that some day she might wear a crown be-jewelled with glory.

There had been a look of distress in Rodney's eyes last night while he had stood fumbling for words with which to express his thoughts . . . "When I think . . ."

She made the rounds quickly: Retiring room, reception room, business office, laboratory, operating rooms one and two. The temperature was right—73 degrees—ventilation good—the expediency of a modern ventilating system.

Across the street there was the grind and roar and scoop and pound and drone of heavy machinery, excavating for civilization's new molar. On the farther side of the excavation, a great wall of dirt trembled, crumbled, caved in. Two men working below leaped

back in time to avert being buried alive. Rodney must not play too near the walls of sin—Shera and her mother . . .

Le Vera typed a list of the day's appointments. Rodney's name was the first on the list. She could visualize him now, after the meeting had closed last night, while others were moving toward the inquiry room for consultation. He had started to go in, and would have gone, she thought, if Wenda had not clutched his arm and said, "Hurry, Rodney. Shera has a frightful headache!"

There had been an SOS in his eyes when, with Wenda on one arm and Shera on the other, he had looked longingly at the inquiry room—and at her. She had wirelessed to him sympathy, and then because she was needed in the inquiry room herself, she had not seen him again—except when she had given him a final backward look from the inquiry room door . . . There he goes, policed on either side by the world's secret agents, the wife and daughter of Beade Thorwald, my employer!

He might come early this morning as he had done yesterday. If so and if the opportunity afforded, she would answer his SOS.

She always carried two mirrors in her hand bag—one a tiny mirror on her book-style compact, and the other a dainty, French Morocco, ultra-thin New Testament,—the one for cosmetic purposes and the other in which to behold as in a glass the glory of the Lord, and in beholding, be 'changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.' Father's sermon last night!

"What is Jesus Doing Now?"

He is indwelling all who are truly His own . . .

Precious!

Le Vera opened the drawer in the office desk where she kept her hand-bag during office hours, and read once more from her New Testament the verse which had been her companion all the way down-town on the street car: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."—Gal. 2:20.

"Christ liveth in me!" That was for Christians only; true Christians. Rodney had looked so pathetic, so restless and unhappy and so out-of-place in the smoke-laden "Toadstool" . . .

The annunciator sounded. Was it Rodney, perhaps? One . . . two . . . three . . . four . . . five . . . It took a long time to count to ten. . . In her thoughts he was haloed with the love of Christ of which he had been singing last night . . . eight . . . nine . . . ten.

With white uniform crackling, her breath a little spasmodic she appeared in the doorway. "Good morning, Mr. Deland!"

(To be continued)

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CHOOSING MY FRIENDS

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for a friend." John 15:13.

Read Proverbs 27:1-17.

Introduction:

Read very carefully the portion of Scripture given for this topic. Has the world changed much since the time of its writing? Do you believe that the things written herein are true? From this part of the Bible we conclude four things:

I. The Marks of a True Friend

1. A true friend is one who can lift you mentally, morally, and spiritually. Never establish a friendship with one who is apt to lead you downward. If this thought is carried out our highest Friendship would be found in Jesus Christ.

2. A friend is one who can overlook our weaknesses. Friendship will not linger long where forgiveness is lacking. No one can expect to find a human friend without faults. It was Calvin who said, "The man who looks for a perfect church, finally looks only at himself."

3. A friend is one who loves us more than admires us. We admire those who achieve success, and our admiration is to the thing succeeded in; but we love those, who, not being as great as we, love us just as we are.

4. A friend is one who can share with us in our circumstances. A friend is one who will feel at home with us in all our poverty, riches, strength, weakness, as well as in our homes, with our people, and with our friends.

5. The three marks of a true friend:

- A friend will be upright.
- A friend will be sincere.
- A friend will be observing.

6. Marks of an untrue companion:

False friends are like our shadows when the sun is high, they are close by; but when darkness comes they are gone. False friends will get all they can without giving. (See the story of the Prodigal Son and his worthless friends.)

II. How to Acquire Friendship

1. How did Jesus make friends? The disciples saw in Christ a life that was worthy of following. They saw the work that meant for upbuilding. They heard the purity of language, a living message, and a friend.

2. Friendship is a two-way street. If you want friends, you must be a friend, you must be friendly. Friends are what one makes them, your mental attitude toward them while you are away

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from them will determine your friendship to them.

3. Common interests, common virtue, and common weaknesses make friendship. Friendship will come with our shifting interests. If we love the things of God, we will make friends with the friends of God. The opposite is also true.

4. Some warning about hasty friendships:

a) Make not friends with a melancholy soul, nor will others make you a friend if you are always melancholy.

b) Let friendship creep gently to a height; if it rushes into it, it may soon run out of breath.

c) A friend, whom you have to buy, will not be worth what you paid for him.

III. How to Retain Your Friends

1. Be genuine yourself. Be sure that your being a friend is to your mutual advantage. Be real, be yourself; be frank and earnest in matters of mutual interests.

2. Keep your friendship with God always sweet. Keep your life pure that your friends will not be ashamed of you. Keep your tongue pure that your friends be not offended. Keep your interests pure that your friends can assist you.

3. Make your friendships slowly. Friendship is a plant of tender growth, when real it ever grows stronger with the years.

4. Mutual adversity will knit friendship. Real friendships are continued in mutual adversity as iron is most strongly united by the fiercest flame. Real friendship will need constant repair.

IV. The Value of True Friendship

1. There will be mutual benefit in brotherliness. One of the surest evidences of friendship one can display to another, is telling him gently of his faults. Be sure it is GENTLY! This is the greatest work of a true friend. It will be told only in the spirit of love.

2. It assures us a pleasant life journey. Life must be fortified by fine friendships for a joyous journey. One of the greatest securities a man can have is a true friend. Life has no blessing like a prudent friend.

3. It gives us eternal brotherhood. Friendship does not cease at the grave. It will never forsake us. (See the story of David and Jonathan in 1. Samuel.)

Sunday, July 13, 1941

CHOOSING LIFE'S COMPANION

"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor with the Lord." Prov. 18:22.

Read Proverbs 18

Introduction:

Next to salvation, the Christian's greatest desire should be to have God's choice for his or her life's companion.

To the Christian, this must be a permanent union; therefore, it must not be entered into hastily, unadvisedly, or without much prayer.

I. Where to Look for Life's Companions

In seeking the choice for clothing, one does not go to the worst retailer in the city, nor to a junk dealer. To find the food to be eaten, one does not go to the city dump. Then why should we seek life's great choices in the foul and sinful places?

The best companions are found in the Church, in our B. Y. P. U.'s, in the summer assemblies, in schools and colleges holding the highest Christian standards.

We may find life's companions in the homes of our friends, or in the homes of our family friendships, such friendships as our parents may have.

"God has his best things for the few That dare to stand the test He has his second choice for those Who will not have his best."

II. What Shall We Know About Their Past

Does physical, spiritual, moral, mental heredity have any place in choosing my companion for life? We should ponder over this question very thoroughly before we enter the marriage contract.

There are great and lasting implications, not only for us, but also for our children's children in this matter.

True love always demands a single standard of virtue from both parties.

The farmer, in buying livestock, desires to know something about the past history of the animals he is to secure. Is the farm animal of more value than the human?

It might be well to know how the other party reacts to parental discipline, for as he or she reacts to old age now, it is a good indication how he or she will act toward you when you are old.

Don't expect to make a man over after you are married! If he or she will not be made over before you approach the wedding altar, it is rather sure you will never do it afterwards.

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Reports from the Field

Pacific Conference

Answers to Prayer in the Immanuel Church of Portland, Oregon

Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, believes more firmly than ever that "prayer changes things," for we have again seen what the Lord will do if we ask with believing faith.

In March the Kraft Evangelistic Party was with us for two weeks. Much time was spent in prayer before and during the meetings. Our prayers were answered, and we thank God for the blessings received and for his servants who so untiringly, clearly and earnestly brought the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. Each evening the church auditorium was filled with eager listeners.

The Holy Spirit worked mightily in the hearts of men and women and as a result, on Palm Sunday, April 6, four men and women were accepted into our church membership through confession, and on Easter Sunday, April 13, eight followed the Lord in baptism. Several more will be baptized soon.

Faithful work is being done by our beloved pastor, the Rev. Otto Roth, who spares no effort in making plain the way of salvation and in seeking to deepen the spiritual life of his flock. All meetings are well attended and all branches of the church are functioning in a normal way. We have been richly blessed the past year and our prayer continues to be that God may prosper his Kingdom in our midst!

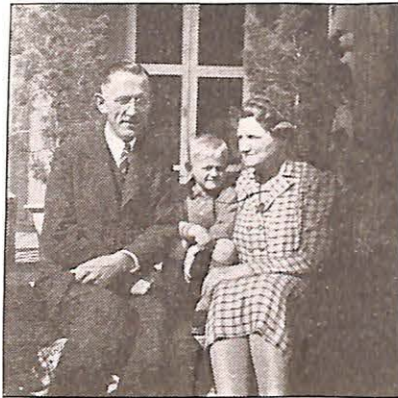
MRS. J. A. HOELZER.

Central Conference

The East Side Church of Chicago Holds a Memorial Service for the Late Rev. Bruno Luebeck

In the fall of 1931 the Rev. Bruno Luebeck was commissioned for foreign mission service in the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. He had served our church as pastor since September 1930. His friendly, enthusiastic and sacrificial spirit had won him many loyal friends, who remembered him in prayer and sent him letters containing love gifts after he began his greater ministry in China.

During his ministry on the East Side fifteen persons were added to the church by baptism, a major building project was undertaken, and money was raised for the purchase and installation of a pipe organ. During his pastorate he was able to complete a course at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, receiving a Master of Arts degree.



A Snapshot of Missionary Bruno Luebeck With His Family Taken Shortly Before His Death

On Sunday, April 20, our church held a memorial service to honor the memory of Bruno Luebeck, our most distinguished member. The Rev. William Kuhn, D. D., gave the memorial address and mentioned that he had been instrumental in helping Brother Luebeck reach a decision to respond to the call of China. Several special musical numbers, favorites of the departed one, were rendered. Mrs. Arthur Zimmerman played Handel's Largo, a number he had enjoyed on his last visit with us. Mrs. George Riddle sang, "Thy Will Be Done," the choir sang, "The Day is Gently Sinking" and Mr. Freiwald rendered another favorite, "When Peace Like a River." During the singing of this number a slide-picture made from a photograph taken by Mr. Carl J. Schroeder was projected on the front wall of the church auditorium, vividly reminding us of Brother Luebeck's last visit with us in 1938.

In a letter dated March 1, 1941, written a little over three weeks before his death, he closes with these words: "We don't know what the future holds in store for us, neither do any of you, with the international war hysteria paralyzing the whole world. Our thoughts and prayers are more concerned with the opportunities of today. Therefore we would join Eben Rexford in his song as he pleads for,

"Strength for each trial and each task,
What more, my Father, should I ask?
Just as I need it, day by day,
Strength for my weakness this I pray."

This prayer song was rendered as a solo by Mrs. Donald Ferguson who had been baptized by Mr. Luebeck. Two burning candles symbolizing the brevity of life, a plant with red blossoms symbolizing our love for him who lives in our memories, added to the reverence and solemnity of this simple yet impressive memorial service. The writer of this report briefly spoke words of appreciation on behalf of the members of the East Side Baptist Church.

In closing, we add a few lines of tribute in verse.

In him we saw reflected
The beauty of our Lord,
His passing unexpected
Is by us all deplored.

Yet we are not dejected
For, Lord, thy plans are wise,
Thine own by love protected
Live on beyond the skies.

There in the realms of glory
They see Christ face to face,
And sing the old, old story
Of God's redeeming grace.

HERBERT L. KOCH, Pastor.

Atlantic Conference

Red Letter Days in the Program of the Walnut Street Church of Newark, N. J.

The Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., has recently been the scene of a number of inspiring and well attended meetings. On Sunday evening, March 30, Rev. Percy Crawford of Philadelphia, nationwide radio gospel preacher, was in our midst with a talented group of young people witnessing and testifying for the Lord before an overflow meeting.

Easter Sunday dawned gloriously for us with the brightness of the resurrected Lord inspiring 10 candidates who followed Christ in baptism at our evening service. Our morning worship was a never to be forgotten service bringing the Easter message more vividly than ever to the hearts of a large audience assembled as our pastor, the Rev. John P. Kuehl, brought the Easter story to us, assisted by inspiring music from our choir and golden voiced canaries witnessing joyfully to the Lord in song.

Sunday, April 27, was another red letter day. We had the pleasure of listening to the large men's chorus which journeyed from our sister church, the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., and rendered a number of beautiful testimonies in song before a large congregation at our morning service. The Rev. Herman Palfenier, pastor of the Philadelphia Church, came with his men's choir and brought an inspiring message. At our evening worship the Brotherhood of the church celebrated "Men's Brotherhood Night" and another capacity audience was present to listen to a number of musical selections and a challenging message delivered by Dr. Hans Evans.

With the coming of the annual May conference of the Atlantic Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union that was held at our church from May 16 to 18, we experienced the continued outpouring of the Lord's blessings upon us.

JOHN SCHMIDT, Church Clerk.

The Ridgewood Baptist B. Y. P. U. Loses Its President, Arnold Schrof, Through Death

While it is the usual custom to report our gains in these pages in order to share them with others, the Young People's Society of the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Ridgewood, Long Island, N. Y. regrets to report a serious loss from within our ranks. On April 24 God saw fit to take from this life our president, Arnold Schrof. He had assumed his office last Fall with much enthusiasm. The young people had rallied around him, and we faced the future hopefully.

Only a few weeks after this fine beginning Arnold was stricken with a sickness, the seriousness of which it was difficult for us to realize. But as the weeks lengthened into months and his condition became gradually worse, the possibility of losing him became more apparent.

Although Arnold was only nineteen years old and a member of the church for only three years, his faith in the eternal goodness of God remained strong until the end. By this unwavering faith, and cheerful disposition he was a living testimony to all who knew him.

While we do not understand the wisdom of God's way in taking Arnold from his parents, whose only child he was, and from the church in which he served his Master gladly, we do not doubt that wisdom, for, as the heaven is high above the earth, so are God's thoughts above our thoughts and his ways above our ways.

For the Ridgewood Baptist Church and Young People's Society,

A. E. KANNWISCHER, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

Active B. Y. P. U. in the Baptist Church of McLaughlin, South Dakota

The German Baptist Church of McLaughlin, So. Dak., held revival meetings from March 30 to April 13 with the assistance of the Rev. John Borchers of Chancellor, So. Dak. Through God's grace and the earnest efforts of Mr. Borchers and of our pastor, the Rev. G. Palfenier, twelve persons surrendered their hearts to the Lord. The church was very thankful for the spiritual blessings which it received. We are looking forward to a baptismal service soon.

The B. Y. P. U. has been quite active. We have two meetings every month. Recently we had a "Confectionary Sale" which helped to increase our treasury. We now have \$71.00 on hand which is the most we have ever had at one time in the treasury.

Our young people presented a Mother's Day program on May 11 consisting of songs, recitations, a reading, and a talk by the Rev. G. Palfenier. We are thankful for God's blessings and it is our aim to do more for his Kingdom.

VERNA SCHWEIGERT, Reporter.

An Interesting News Letter from the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, North Dakota

Here's a line from your fellow-Christians in one of the North Dakota churches at Gackle, No. Dak. We are busy and happy in the Lord and we would like to call out with the Psalmist, "Oh, magnify the Lord with us and let us exalt his name together."

We enjoyed special blessings from the Lord during the Easter season. The three weeks of protracted meetings

of baptism administered to 16 candidates, one of whom was from Cathay who had come with Mr. Hunsicker to be baptized along with the rest. Extending the hand of fellowship to the new members at the observance of the Lord's Supper was also a very effective service at the close of a full day, but no one seemed to be eager to go home and all lingered in the church until way past the regular church closing time.

MRS. G. W. RUTSCH, Reporter.



Baptismal Candidates of Gackle, North Dakota, With the Reverends G. W. Rutsch (Right) and Paul Hunsicker (Left)

with the Rev. Paul Hunsicker of Cathay as our evangelist was, indeed, a revival for our church. The church was filled with eager listeners every night, and souls came to the altar, so that at the close of the meetings, there were 22 persons who were happy to confess the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior.

Good Friday was also a memorable day, as we were brought very close to the Lord in our morning service and in the "Candle Light Service" sponsored by the B. Y. P. U. in the evening.

But greater blessings were still in store for us. We arose early on Easter Sunday and met in the church for a sunrise service at 6 A. M. A goodly number turned out and it was most impressive to meet in church, which was beautifully decorated with lilies and ferns. Mrs. Rutsch brought us the Easter message and special music was rendered. Mr. Rutsch then sent the familiar strains of "Christ Arose" out over the little town of Gackle on his trumpet, which called people to awaken, to arise and to worship the risen King. It then seemed as though they responded to his call, for at the hour of 10 A. M. our fine church was again filled to capacity for Sunday School, followed by the regular Sunday morning service. The male chorus consisting of 16 voices rendered several numbers at both the Good Friday and Easter services.

People were not too tired though to come to church again in the evening. For at 7 P. M. the church was already overflowed to hear another message, which was brought to us by the Rev. Paul Hunsicker and to observe the or-

South Dakota Young People Gather at Chancellor for an Inspirational Rally

A banquet, with an attendance of more than one hundred, began the second annual spring rally of the South Dakota German Baptist Young People's Union which was held in Chancellor, So. Dak., on Friday evening, April 25. Societies were given the opportunity to learn what others had been accomplishing during the winter months by reports, which were given by a member of each society.

The evening meeting opened with a song service led by the Rev. William Sturhahn, followed by Scripture. Readings were the contributions made by the Tyndall, Spring Valley and Corona societies, and the Emery and Chancellor societies sang very inspirational numbers.

Evangeline Anderson gave those attending a pep talk on "Why We Should Attend the Assembly," after which the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, the assembly dean, gave an outline of the assembly program.

Martha Wiese of the Corona society spoke on the "Importance of Soul Winning." What does a man profit if he gains the whole world but loses his own soul? The main speaker of the evening was the Rev. Arthur Ittermann. "Forward March," in correlation with the motto adopted by the National Union, was his topic for discussion. Youth must dare to be good soldiers!

The rally was highly successful, engendered with inspiration possible only from united efforts of each society.

EVELYN LUBBERS, Reporter.

South Dakota Young People's Convention at Chancellor from June 10 to 13

The South Dakota Young People's Convention is to be held from June 10 to 13, inclusive, at Chancellor, So. Dak. Our guest speakers are to be Rev. R. R. Brown of Omaha, Neb., who conducts services over the radio station WOW every Sunday morning, and the Rev. Paul Gebauer, our missionary to the Camerouns.

Our courses and their instructors are as follows:

"Scripture Memorizing and Successful Personal Work" to be taught by the Rev. F. W. Bartel of Avon, So. Dak. This is a course to be taken for credit.

"Public Worship" to be taught by the Rev. Arthur Fischer of Wessington Springs, So. Dak. This is a general course.

"The Planning of Your Life" to be taught by the Rev. H. R. Schroder of Madison, So. Dak. This, too, is a general course. Mr. Schroder's sub-topics on this subject are (1) Planning to be a Christian, (2) Planning to Enter Some Form of Christian Service, (3) Planning a Christian Home, and (4) Planning to Build a Better World.

EVELYN LUBBERS, Secretary.

Central Association Young People's Assembly From June 10 to 14 at Jamestown, North Dakota

THEME—"On to Victory"
THEME SONG—"On to Victory"

Tuesday, June 10

2:00 to 6:00 P. M. Registration.
6:00 P. M. Supper.
7:30 P. M. Evening Service—Speaker, Prof. A. Bretschneider.
Special Music by Gackle and Eureka.
8:30 P. M. Get Acquainted Hour.

Wednesday, June 11

Program of Classes for Seniors, Juniors and Intermediates during the day, besides "Open Forum" sessions and "Supervised Recreation."

7:30 P. M. Evening Service—Speaker, Rev. Charles Wagner.
Special Music by Lehr and Herreid.

8:30 P. M. Music Night, with contributions by societies.

Thursday, June 12

Program of Classes, Open Forum and Recreation Continued.

7:30 P. M. Evening Service—Speaker, Rev. David Littke.
Special Music by McLaughlin and Wishek.

8:30 P. M. Social Hour, under direction of Recreation Committee.

Friday, June 13

Class Schedule Continued from Previous Day.

3:20 to 4:00 P. M. Business Meeting,

Election of officers, etc.
4:00 to 5:00 P. M. Supervised Recreation.
6:00 P. M. Banquet.
8:00 P. M. Program Play by Ventura, Music by Assembly Chorus.
Followed by Bon Fire Meeting.

Saturday, June 14

7:00 A. M. Breakfast.
7:30 A. M. Devotions at breakfast table, led by Napoleon. Class schedule same as on previous days, followed by picnic, vesper service, and installation of officers.

Northern Conference

Musical Talents are Discovered and Trained in the East Ebenezzer Church of Saskatchewan

We, as the choir members of the Baptist Church of East Ebenezzer, Saskatchewan, Canada, had the great privilege of having Mr. Kornelius Neufeld of Winkler, Manitoba, with us for two weeks during the month of March. He is the representative of the Manitoba Musical Festival and is well known as a choir director. He coached our local church choir during the evenings and gave vocal training to a number of ambitious students during the day.

On Thursday afternoon, March 20, the Rev. W. Stein, Mr. Neufeld and the choir members gathered in our church basement after a short and interesting recital, where refreshments and a delicious birthday cake were enjoyed by all. This was the occasion of the birthday of Mr. Fred Batke, our choir director. Mr. Batke, who has been directing our choir for some time, is well loved by all and the choir under his efficient leadership is making splendid progress.

Several short talks were then given by the Rev. W. Stein, Mr. F. Batke and other members of the choir. Mr. Neufeld gave his farewell message by saying that he had found some outstanding singing talent in this district and promised to return at a later date. On Thursday evening the choir under Mr. Neufeld's direction rendered a splendid concert of anthems and vocal selections.

GLADYS ZIMMERS, Secretary.

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Northwestern Conference

Program of Iowa Young People's Convention to Be Held at Buffalo Center, Iowa

CONFERENCE THEME:
CRUSADING WITH CHRIST

Tuesday, June 10

7:30 P. M. Song Service.
Welcome by President of Home Society.
Response by State President.
Address: Rev. Paul Gebauer, Missionary.
Social Hour.

Wednesday, June 11

9:00 A. M. Devotions by Parkersburg Society.
Special Musical Number, Steamboat Rock Society.
9:30 A. M. Classes
Rev. John Walkup, "Christian Living."
Rev. Alfred Bernadt, "Denominational Backgrounds and Beliefs."
10:30 A. M. Address by Rev. Paul Gebauer.
11:30 A. M. Recess.

1:15 P. M. Devotions, George, First Church Society.
Special Number by Baileyville Society.
1:30 P. M. Classes.
2:30 P. M. Address by Rev. Paul Gebauer.
7:30 P. M. Song Service.
Mission Offering.
Special Number by Elgin Society.
Address by Rev. Paul Gebauer.

Thursday, June 12

9:00 A. M. Devotions by Aplington Society.
Special Number by Victor Society.
9:30 A. M. Business Meeting.
Balance of period to 11:30 A. M. Address by Rev. A. Husmann, Promotional Secretary.
1:15 P. M. Devotions by Sheffield Society.
Special Number by George, Second Church Society.
2:00 P. M. Outing.
7:30 P. M. Song Service, Rev. John Walkup, Leader.
Special Number by Burlington Society.
Address by Rev. Assaf Husmann.
Mission Offering.

Days of Blessing and Joy in the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul

Days of blessing and joy have been experienced and are also being anticipated in the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn. Palm Sunday was the first of these days when our choir, directed by Miss Sarah Bienhoff, gave an inspiring musical concert before a large evening audience. Two instrumental numbers by two of our young people were also appreciated.

On Easter Sunday we again greatly rejoiced when during the evening ser-

vice thirteen persons were baptized, eight of whom were Sunday School scholars and five adults.

The planning took place in our business meeting when it was decided to have the church and parsonage painted. It was also decided to make plans for the observance of the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the church building and the 68th of the organization of the church from June 15 to 17. All business having been transacted, the pastor asked for a motion to adjourn, feeling that a good day's work had been done. It was then that our church clerk, Mr. Paul Stanke, arose and revealed that some more planning had been going on of which the minister and his wife had not been aware.

Mr. Stanke began by stating that the evening was not nearly over and that in view of the fact that three years had passed since the present pastor came to the church, the members had felt a program and social hour in recognition of the occasion would be fitting and proper. A fine program consisting of several musical numbers and remarks by a number of the members followed. Then the minister's family was presented with a very fine patch-work quilt which the ladies of the church had made and also with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Coffee and cake were served after the program. The pastor and his wife were completely taken by surprise but deeply appreciated the happy hour spent together in this way.
EMANUEL WOLFF, Pastor.

Iowa Ministers and Their Wives Organize an "M and W Club"

A number of pastors of churches in the Iowa German Baptist Association, together with their wives and small children, met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. Fred Lehr on Monday, May 5. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Wedel of Victor; Rev. and Mrs. Paul F. Zoschke of Elgin; Rev. and Mrs. John Walkup and Phyllis of Sheffield; Rev. and Mrs. Herman Lohr and Ronald of Parkersburg; Rev. and Mrs. George Ehrhorn, also of Parkersburg; and Rev. Peter Peters of Buffalo Center.

During the informal gathering it was decided to hold such a get-together every other month for the purpose of promoting social fellowship among the ministers' families of Iowa. It was also decided to suggest an annual Tri-State Ministerial Retreat, lasting the greater part of a week, to our pastors of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

Those present at this get-together organized themselves into a club, to be known as the "M and W," (Ministers and Wives) Club. The Rev. Henry W. Wedel was asked to serve as permanent chairman, while the Rev. John Walkup was appointed to serve as the scribe. The next get-together is to be held on Tuesday, July 2, at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul F. Zoschke of Elgin, Iowa.

—"Aplington News."



Young People of Neustadt, Ontario, Who Presented the Play, "As Easter Dawns"

Standing from Left to Right: Patricia Weinert, Marion Derbecker, Pauline Weinert, Rodney Helwig, Leslie Helwig, Harry Helwig, Moody Derbecker, and Rev. R. A. Grenz.
Seated from Left to Right: Elsie Helwig, Ruth Hahn, Phyllis Voelkel, Inez Derbecker.
Seated in Front Row: Lynn Helwig, Jr., Dolores Helwig.

Eastern Conference

The Neustadt B. Y. P. U. Presents an Easter Program

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church in Neustadt, Ontario, presented an Easter program on Sunday evening, April 13. The program was opened by the president, Norman Diebel. The vice-president, Orlando Helwig, read the Scripture and led in prayer. The program consisted of several musical numbers by the male chorus, choir, and mixed quartet. The play, "As Easter Dawns," was then presented by the young people, with Rev. R. A. Grenz as director.

The theme of the play was faith, which was vividly portrayed. The faithful members of the church in the play emphasized strongly that everything was too easy and what the church needed was a spiritual awakening. Owing to their consistency and faith, they were successful. Marion Derbecker, organist, played very sweetly and softly, "Beneath the Cross" and "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" which fitted in very appropriately between scenes. The choir concluded the play by the singing of the beautiful hymn, "Hallelujah for the Cross." The program

ended with prayer and benediction by the pastor.

A picture of the cast of characters accompanies this report in addition to the names of those who took part.

PAULINE M. WEINERT, Reporter.

The Andrews Street Young People's Union of Rochester, N. Y., Reviews Its Activities of the Past Year

The B. Y. P. U. of the Andrews Street Baptist Church in Rochester, N. Y., has enjoyed a year of service and fellowship. The Psalmist said, "Blessed are all they that put their trust in the Lord." Under the capable leadership of our president, Adam Huber, we have experienced the truth of the Psalmist's wisdom.

To stimulate greater interest in the Sunday evening services the Young People's Union was asked to participate in these services. The response on the part of the group has been favorable. Attendance at the evening services has improved and participation by the young people is now possible.

A new project undertaken by the Union was the visiting and entertaining of sick and aged individuals who are unable to take part in our regular church services. "The Soldier of the Cross" was an entertaining and spiritually significant play presented recently by the young people.

Of all the undertakings of the Union during the past months, none has been more successful and of greater benefit than our regular Sunday evening services. The programs included devotional, educational, musical, poetic and artistic presentations. For these splendid programs we are indebted to our committee chairmen.

A fitting climax to this year, spent in the care and service of our Lord, was reached through attendance at the Young People's and Sunday School Worker's Conference held at Pittsburgh, Pa., from May 2 to 4.

ROBERT F. ZIMBELMAN, Secretary.

CHILDREN'S DAY Sunday, June 8th

Most of our churches will observe Children's Day on Sunday, June 8th. Attractive programs for this festival were sent to our churches early in May. The Children's Day songs include a new young people's song, "Forward With Christ," extra copies of which are available on request from the young people's secretary. A smaller picture of Daphne Dunger, as seen on the front cover of this issue of "The Herald," appears on the program.

The Children's Day offering designated for the Chapel Building fund are to be sent to the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Send your offerings as promptly as possible.

SO THIS IS MARRIAGE!

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contribution to your marriage? If so, how?" The following answers are representative of the response. "Yes, it has. We sought God's guidance before we took the step, and we still seek his guidance in all things. We are always eager to do his will." "We have received great guidance through prayer. We have a more home-like atmosphere because we practice Christian principles." "A practical, healthy influence of religion sets apart the Christian married couple from others, giving them the cherished secrets to the highest plane of bliss any two people can ever reach."

Some concluding questions in the survey aimed to discover the general attitude toward marriage and its meaning. "What does marriage mean to you? Has it fulfilled your expectations? What are your hopes? How do you intend to make your marriage what you would like it to be?" Replies to these questions were lengthy and also illuminating.

Only a few excerpts can be quoted. "Marriage has meant happiness and contentment in fullest measure. We hope with God's help it will continue throughout our life." "Marriage to us means a happy union of two people in love and who will work together as well as live together. Our marriage has been wonderful and we are both trying hard to keep it so. We won't always have sunshine, but we hope we are strong enough for trouble, too. Our hopes are for children who will add happiness to our home."

Another answer follows: "To us marriage means the sharing of our lives together. It is a natural fulfillment of human needs for companionship and happiness. Having been ordained by God and approved by Christ, it is a Christian experience."

That is marriage—in the estimation of those participating in the questionnaire. While the number of those sharing in the survey was not significantly large, their answers indicate that there is ample reason for hope on the part of those who are seriously concerned about the status of marriage and home life in our day. The home is the foundation stone of society.

Although the home today is being attacked and in many cases being overwhelmed by the sinister forces opposing it, there are still vast numbers of sincere and devoted young people here and there who are doing their best to safeguard the sanctity of the home. Their homes are places that glow with the radiance of Christian faith and character. Edgar A. Guest in his familiar poem suggests that "it takes a heap of livin' in a house to make it a home." Many young people everywhere are living in such a way as to transform the houses where they dwell into genuine Christian homes.

B. Y. P. U. TOPICS

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III. What to Expect from the Future

Should the matter of religion be discussed before the marriage takes place? The Word says, "Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers." Our youth should reexamine this bit of advice. Many homes are wrecked, many children receive no religious training because this problem was unsolved before the marriage.

Should we be concerned about the temperament of our partner? Someone has said, "Make not a friend with a melancholy soul; he will be sure to aggravate thee."

As to personal ambitions—Be sure they are Christian in the outlook on life. Expect to have a family altar in the home. Have the highest regard for the Church of God. A man must be erect in Christian principles, not be kept erect by others.

What's Wrong

First, WITH THE MOVIES?
Second, WITH THE DANCE?

Young people who are under the spell of either of these indulgences should, by all means, read the one pointing out the extreme exposure to the one who is enamoured of that particular pastime. It is the mission of the Publication Society to help our young people to live a clean and consistent life.

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By Dr. John R. Rice

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REACHING OUR GOALS

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Thole of the Stafford church in Kansas, enclosing a personal contribution of \$100 from himself and another contribution amounting to \$46.16, representing offerings taken at the communion services of that church. These offerings were designated for our foreign missions. Our church at Stafford, Kansas, has thereby endorsed the suggestion made by Mr. E. Elmer Staub and printed on this page. We like to think of the Stafford church as leading a host of other churches that will take at least one offering annually at a communion service for some department of our own denominational enterprise. We have other churches that have observed this good custom heretofore. May their number increase!

Speaking of REACHING OUR GOALS, we naturally think of those ten goals set for us by the General Conference during this triennium, 1940 to 1943. There is no prospect that we can reach these goals unless we strive to win with all intelligence, earnestness and persistence. These goals must be impressed upon the consciousness of every member and of every church.

Since adopting these goals, nine months of this triennium have already passed. What progress have we made? During the Fall of 1940 many of our pastors preached a series of sermons on the goals. Thousands of pamphlets, "For Christ and Our Churches," in both German and English, have been distributed. The General Council has suggested to our staff of general workers who are to visit associations, conferences, young people's assemblies and local churches during this coming summer that they give a major emphasis in all their promotional addresses on these ten goals.

At all summer gatherings, a sufficient supply of two new promotional leaflets, attractively printed and entitled, "Striving to Win" and "We Must Advance Or . . . ?," will be distributed. We should take advantage of the many opportunities offered in those diversified denominational gatherings during this summer. Let us work while this day lasts! Before we are aware, it will have quietly glided into the past. This summer presents to us the most wonderful opportunity given us by God to set before our people these ten goals, and have them all according to the measure of their ability "strive to win."

As the Centenary Offering of \$100,000 is one of our goals, it will be of general interest to have this composite report of the present status of the Centenary Offering:

	Total	
	Sept. 1,	
	1940, to	
	During April 30,	
	April 1941	
	1941 from	
Pledges made	79	627
Amount of Pledges	\$1,540.22	\$26,281.76
Payments made	1,524.72	12,036.65

WHAT'S HAPPENING

(Continued from Page 202)

A baptismal service was held in the Baptist Church of Fessenden, No. Dak., on Sunday evening, May 4, in which the churches of Fessenden, Germantown and Harvey participated. The Rev. Daniel Klein baptized three young men, two of whom were received into the fellowship of the Germantown Church and one into the Harvey Church, and the Rev. G. W. Pust of Fessenden baptized a young lady. A large audience of members and friends of these three churches witnessed the baptism.

On May 15th the Rev. and Mrs. Christian Dippel of Baraboo, Wis., were in a serious automobile accident. Mr. Dippel was especially severely injured, suffering several broken bones, a fractured and spinal injuries. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dippel were taken to the Baraboo Hospital, where they are resting as comfortably as can be expected. Their many friends everywhere will want to remember them in their prayers that God in his healing power might soon restore them to health. They can be addressed at the Baraboo Hospital, Baraboo, Wisconsin.

The Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., has called the Rev. Ray Schlader, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mauston, Wis., as its minister. Mr. Schlader has responded favorably and will begin his service in Racine on July 20. He is a graduate of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., in the class of 1935 and for several years taught a Sunday School class in the Bellwood Mission of the Forest Park Baptist Church. His present pastorate is in a Northern Baptist Convention church. On Mother's Day, May 11, the Sunday School of the Racine Church held a special program in honor of mothers with the superintendent, Mr. Roman, in charge.

The German Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., celebrated its 84th anniversary on Thursday evening, April 10. The speakers were Mrs. Otto Koenig, Dr. E. E. Gates, secretary of the Connecticut Baptist Convention, and Dr. S. B. Humphrey of the New Haven Council of Churches. During March the Reverends Milton R. Schroeder of Philadelphia, Pa., and John Kuehl of Newark, N. J., were the guest preachers in a series of evangelistic meetings. Six Sunday School pupils followed the Lord in baptism on Sunday, April 27. On Wednesday evening, May 7, the New England churches met in the New Haven Church for a great missionary rally, at which the Rev. Paul Gebauer was the honored speaker.

On Sunday afternoon, May 4, the editor of "The Herald" in company with the Rev. Thomas Stoeri of North Freedom, Wis., called on the Rev. C. F. Stoeckman of Ableman, Wis. It happened to be his birthday, so that the visit with him and his sister, Mrs. Bertha Sproul, was a very happy occasion. Hatley, vice-president; Miss Evelyn

Mr. Stoeckman has been serving as the full time pastor of the small Ableman Church, numbering about 40 in membership, since June 23, 1940. Sunday School is held every Sunday morning with a preaching service in the evening. On Easter Sunday, April 13, a special Easter program of recitations and musical numbers was held with Mrs. Margaret Schulze in charge. The church was well filled for this fine program.

On Sunday evening, May 4, the adult choir of the Immanuel Church in Kankakee, Ill., presented the oratorio, "David, King of Israel," under the direction of Miss Alma Salzman with Miss Lulu Krueger at the organ and Miss Ruby Salzman at the piano. The offering was designated for the purchase of choir robes. Some of the new officers for the Ladies' Missionary Society are as follows: Mrs. Emil Seedorf, president; Mrs. W. T. Edwards, vice-president; Miss Minnie Woodrich, secretary; Mrs. Fred P. Kruse, treasurer. The World Wide Guild also elected its officers recently as follows: Miss Lois Blatt, president; Mrs. Earl

Woodrich, secretary; and Mrs. Warden Elam, treasurer. The Rev. George Hensel is pastor of the church.

On Sunday evening, May 11, the World Wide Guild of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis., presented the play, "The New Minister's Wife," with about 10 girls taking part. Miss Esther Kielish directed the play. Miss Marguerita Hass is president of the guild. The interior of the church and parsonage are being redecorated and improved at an approximate cost of \$1500 before the arrival of the new pastor, the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender of Cleveland, Ohio, on July 1st. On Tuesday evening, June 13, the annual Mother's and Daughter's banquet was held with about 100 women in attendance. Mr. Ewald Lehr was recently elected as church deacon in addition to several others who were reelected. From April 20 to June 29, following the successful interim pastorate of Prof. F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., the pulpit was supplied on most of the Sundays by the Reverends A. Husmann, William Kuhn and M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois.

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THE CORRECT USE OF "REVEREND"

BY FRANK COLBY

This week's slip o' the tongue: "May I present Reverend Jones?" No, emphatically. Reverend should never be used as a noun. It is not a title like doctor, captain, mayor. Better say, "May I present my pastor, Mr. (or Doctor, if he has a degree) Jones?"

Wrong: "Yours sincerely, Rev. John Jones." It is not good form for a minister to speak of himself as "Reverend," or to sign himself as "Rev." It should be kept in mind the reverend denotes "worthy of reverence, honor, or respect." It is merely an adjective like courteous, portly, handsome. A minister should sign himself: "Yours sincerely, John Jones, Pastor, First Methodist Church."

Very wrong: "I'm glad to see you, Reverend." Would one say to the mayor: "I'm glad to see you, Honorable," or say to a justice of the Supreme Court: "How do you do, Dignified?"

What title, then, should one use in speaking to a Protestant minister? If he is a doctor of divinity, call him Doctor Jones. Otherwise, address him as Mr. Jones.

The Wayside Pulpit

By Rev. Reuben P. Jeschke
of Dayton, Ohio

DIVINE DISCONTENT

Luke 17:5-10

Admiral Nelson, dying below deck in his battleship, is to have said: "Thank God, I have done my duty." That seems the height of noble conduct. Did not Christ, however, have an even higher attitude for us to adopt when he said: "When ye shall have done all things that are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which it was our duty to do."? We shall not be satisfied with duty. In his Kingdom one must go beyond!

In a large area of life we do well not

In addressing a letter to a minister, or in referring to or introducing a minister, use either of these correct forms:

The Reverend Mr. John Jones.

The Reverend Dr. John Jones.

But never, let it be emphasized, "Reverend Jones," or, worse still, "Rev. Jones, D. D."

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to rail against facts as they are, for we cannot change them. But we can enter into a creative relationship with them. There is the fact of the world in its cosmic aspects. He who will not be satisfied with it can only become embittered. We may mention God, whom many would like to change, and cannot. One's background can be mentioned. It also is an accomplished fact. Discontent with it will have no effect but to narrow and embitter one's own life.

In complete contrast—with ourselves we should never be satisfied, not in the sense of having nothing further to do. Rather, let us feel the divine discontent which tells me that as a child of Christ duty is not enough; I must go beyond. Let me not be satisfied with the service I am rendering God. Let me not be satisfied with the knowledge I possess, or the state of my character. Let me never be satisfied with low aims or the evil in the world which I can change. And so I shall avoid the tragic error of those who rail against God and the universe—which they cannot change—while they are completely satisfied with themselves, where can be opened the springs to abundant life.



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"Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God which is in thee . . . For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2. Timothy 1:6-7.

Take note of the accompanying picture of Jesus and the young ruler. We can see how the Master, "looking upon him, loved him." Christ always loves young people, for He knows what they might be if they were fully consecrated to do God's will.

The training of Christian youth for leadership in our churches and denomination is a very important goal. The future of our work in the second century will depend on gifted young people who are investing their talents for "Christ and Our Churches."

Leadership training courses, young people's assemblies, Vacation Bible Schools, special rallies, and the inspiring touch of pastors and parents can help to build the lives of young people in our churches for greatness of service in the tomorrow. This training of our youth must be paramount in the program of our churches.

**THE SIXTH OF TEN DENOMINATIONAL GOALS TO BE ACHIEVED IN OUR
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