

# THE BAPTIST HERALD

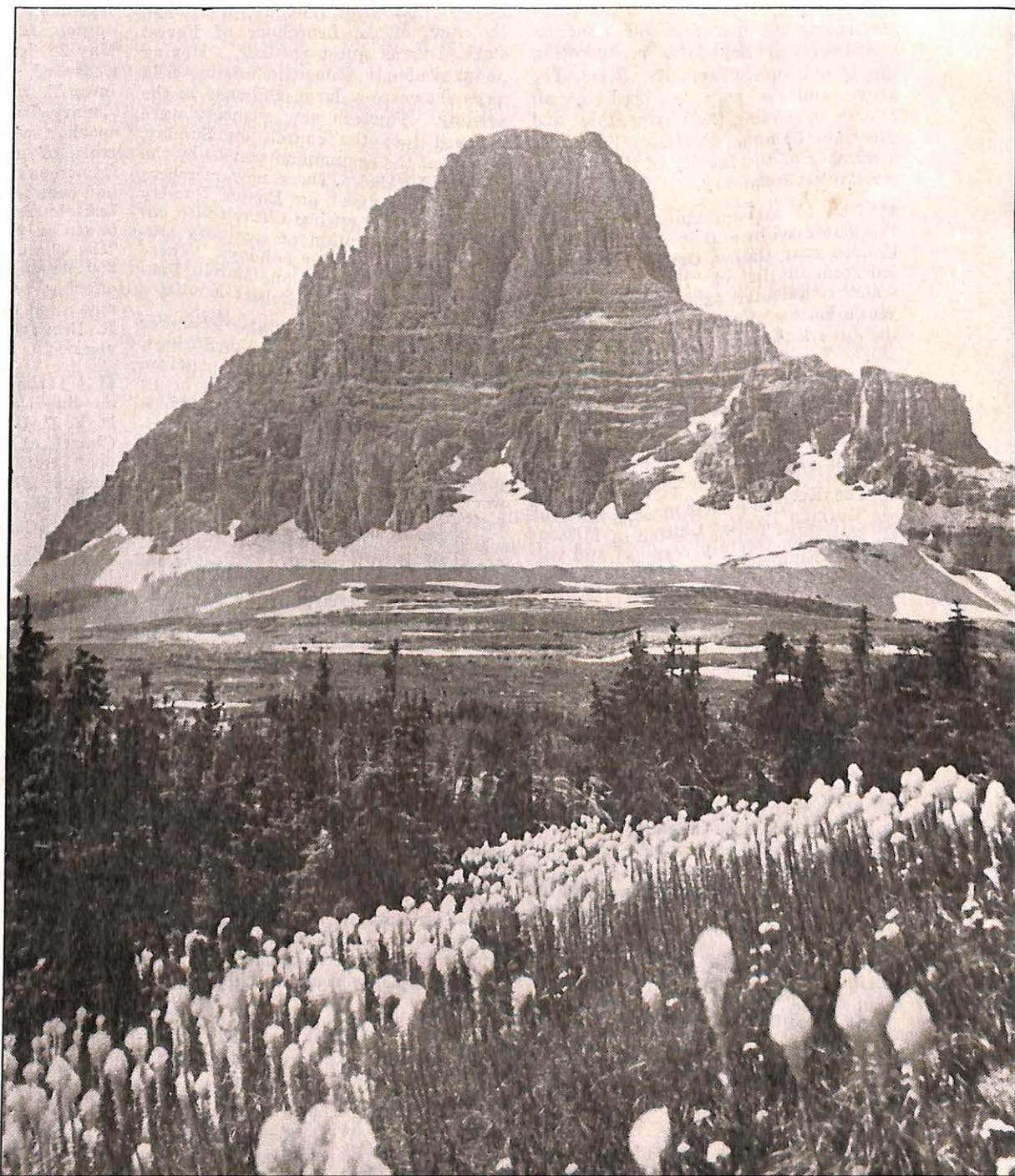
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In June  
Vacation Treks  
Begin to All Kinds of  
Wonderful Places,  
Even Like This Ideal  
Spot in Glacier  
National Park  
With  
Mount Clements  
Surrounded by Snow  
and Fields of  
Bear Grass.

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## What's Happening

Mr. Michael Kary, a graduate of this year's class of our Rochester Baptist Seminary, has been called as the director of religious education of the Baptist Temple of Rochester, N. Y. He will also serve as the assistant to the pastor, Dr. W. H. Freda. This is one of Rochester's largest Baptist churches, so that Mr. Kary will have a very important and influential ministry to perform. He began his service in the Baptist Temple immediately after graduation in May.

Prof. Arthur A. Schade of Rochester, N. Y., entered the New England Baptist Hospital at Parker Hill Ave. in Boston, Mass., on May 26 for a difficult throat operation. From the earliest reports the operation was a success and Professor Schade is recuperating slowly but surely from its effects. The above address may be used by all friends in sending their sympathies and greetings to him. Professor Schade is a member of the faculty of the Rochester Baptist Seminary.

Due to an unfortunate oversight, the name of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon, was omitted from the list of "Honor Churches" which contributed \$250 or more to this year's Easter offering that appeared in the June 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald." The Salt Creek Church contributed an Easter offering of \$325.69, which included gifts from the Sunday School amounting to \$25, and from the Ladies' Aid of \$35. The Rev. Otto Nallinger is pastor of the church.

The Rev. E. Bibelheimer, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana, recently resigned and will bring his ministry to a close on July 1. His plans for the future are still somewhat indefinite, although Mr. Bibelheimer has made tentative plans to move with his family to Seattle, Wash., and to enter some kind of secular work. We trust that God will guide otherwise so that this devoted and consecrated pastor of ours can continue to serve his Lord as the shepherd of one of our churches.

Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., the moderator of the General Conference, visited a number of the Kansas churches following his attendance at the Northern Baptist Convention in Wichita, Kansas, from May 20 to 25. From Monday evening, May 26, to Friday, May 30, he addressed congregations in the Mt. Zion, Ebenezer, Dickinson County, Strassburg and Durham churches. On Sunday, June 1, he spoke three times at the Pentecost Day services in the Baptist Church of Marion, with Rev. P. Potzner as pastor.

On Tuesday evening, April 29, the B. Y. P. U. of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, held a birthday surprise for their pastor, the Rev. R. Milbrandt. The program included several band selections, birthday recitations and musical numbers. Mr. Milbrandt was presented with a lovely pen and pencil set and letter opener and then responded with "a splendid address," as stated by the reporter. A lunch was served afterwards which included a lighted birthday cake. The Calgary church now enjoys the full time ministry of its pastor, Mr. Milbrandt.

On Sunday, June 8, the Holmes St. Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., had the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. Moving pictures of our Cameroon mission field were shown to a large audience in the evening. Thirteen new members were received into the church on Sunday, May 4, at the communion service by the Rev. J. J. Abel. These new members had been baptized on Easter Sunday evening. The Lansing Church also enjoyed the inspiration of seminary students over the Easter holidays. These were Gideon Zimmerman, Melvin Pekrul, Adam Huber and Robert Konitz.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, So. Dak., presented a musical program on Sunday evening, May 11, in honor of Mother's Day. The Sunday School attendance on that same Sunday morning totaled 103 and about 110 persons were in the morning service. The offering of that evening amounted to \$26, which enabled the young people to pay for their part in the installation of a new Delco light system in the church. The Rev. A. J. Fischer, pastor, wrote that "the church is planning a baptismal service in the near future, since there are several converts desiring to be baptized."

On Sunday evening, May 18, the Rev. F. W. Bartel, pastor of the Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak., preached the baccalaureate sermon before a class of 45 young people, graduating from the Avon High School, and their friends and relatives. The theme of the sermon was "Life At Its Best." In this largest graduating class, 12 students are members of the Baptist Church. Six other Avon Baptist young people are attending college, of whom 4 expect to teach school next year, which will bring the number of Avon young people, who are teaching school, up to 15.

The Rev. E. R. Lengefeld, superintendent of the Chicago Home for the

Aged, served as interim pastor for the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., from February 9 to June 8. His services during this period were greatly appreciated by the church. On Sunday evening, June 8, a reception was held for the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga, the new pastor and his wife. The program was in charge of Miss Marie Baudisch, the church's moderator, and included addresses of welcome by Mr. Lengefeld and Dr. Wm. Kuhn, general missionary secretary. The church has recently installed beautiful pews, which are in keeping with the attractive, worshipful edifice.

An inspiring missionary service was held in the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa, on Wednesday evening, May 28, in the interest of the "Chapel Crusade," the mission project of the Iowa Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. Missionary Paul Gebauer was the special speaker, who also interpreted the three reels of moving pictures about the Cameroons mission field, most of which had been taken by him. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, who accompanied Mr. Gebauer on this trip, spoke briefly about "the Chapel Crusade." An audience of 250 persons were in attendance and the offering for the Iowa mission project amounted to \$105.61. The Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt was in charge of the service.

A rather unusual program was held on Sunday evening, May 18, by the B. Y. P. U. of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Illinois, following an afternoon tea for the young people and guests. The entire program with Miss Irma Giegler in charge was built

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## EDITORIAL

CONVENTION THEMES, like some ministers' sermon texts, often serve as a point of departure or digression. They are placed prominently before the convention, but

### The Sufficient Christ For a Suffering World.

little attention is given to them in the convention program. As such, they fail to captivate the thinking and to direct the living of those who attend the sessions as delegates and visitors.

It was decidedly different at the recent Northern Baptist Convention in Wichita, Kansas, a full report of which appears in this issue of "The Baptist Herald." With unequivocal boldness the convention proclaimed "the Sufficiency of Christ for a Suffering World." From the opening presidential address of Judge E. J. Millington to the closing sermon by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, Mo., that theme echoed in the vast auditorium and in the hearts of all listeners. The Scripture text that served as a basic foundation for the theme were the familiar and forthright words of 2. Corinthians 4:5. "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

The world of today is in an alarming state of collapse. It is desperately ill. It is undergoing agonizing suffering, which affects every limb to the most outward extremities. That pitiful picture is too vividly real for anyone of us to have a convention or a public speaker describe it to us. And yet no speaker can address himself to vast assemblages like the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions and not have every word colored by the somber shadows of this tragic and terrible picture of a suffering world.

But that is also the recurrent theme of every radio commentator's report, of every presidential fireside chat, of every address on current world affairs. There is little hope for a world in pointing out in what "a terrible mess" it now finds it-

self. How desperately the people, who inhabit the globe, need to lift up their eyes to God and to receive the fullness of the blessings of the heavenly Father into their hearts by faith! That is the distinctive message of Christians for such a time as this, from which Baptists must never swerve for even a fleeting moment.

"The Sufficiency of Christ!" What a fountain-head of timely truths is to be found in that assertion! The gospel of Christ can save to the uttermost. Its power is attested in human lives around the world. Jesus Christ must be crowned the Lord of all, as he solves the seemingly insoluble problems of our day and gives guidance in the darkest night. God can supply all our needs according to these riches of his glory. He never fails! He is the all sufficient Christ!

It is tremendously heartening to find Baptists of the North and South united so intimately in the proclamation of this spiritual theme. The critical times have deepened the currents of religious faith and have strengthened our dependence upon God. With the darkening of the clouds over a suffering world, there has come the greater brightness of a faith in the sufficiency of Christ to give victory for the hour of conflict and struggle and to grant help in the time of need. With such a message, trumpeted around the world with firm and ringing convictions, Baptists can assume a clear cut leadership for a suffering world. It is because of this observation, that the editor feels that the reading of the convention reports in this issue will prove to be a real blessing to every sincere Baptist.

These words are much more than a convention motto. They are an exalted and eternal theme. They embody the only answer to the problems of our day. They announce "the sufficient Christ for a suffering world." Let all the world hear this message and heed its timeless truth!



# Northern Baptists at Wichita, Kansas

Convention Report by EDITOR MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER



Northern Baptists in Attendance at Their 1941 Convention in the Expansive "Forum" of Wichita, Kansas

From almost all the corners of this country, Northern Baptists converged upon the center of the United States to hold their annual convention at Wichita, Kansas, from May 20 to 25. For the state of Kansas, according to Dr. William A. Elliott of Ottawa, Kansas, as reported in "Missions," is not only "the land of the wide open spaces of the prairies, of endless wheat fields, of boundless horizons, and immeasurable blue sky," but it is also "the center of the United States."

Northern Baptists made the most of this spotlight of attention which was focused upon them. They thronged the convention hall until 4551 had registered as delegates and visitors, one of the largest convention totals for several years. Three important convention messages were broadcast to hundreds of thousands of listeners over the air. They passed momentous resolutions only after deliberate and thorough consideration. They helped to make the Wichita convention, which was the first ever to have been held in Kansas, among the first of all Northern Baptist Conventions in importance and purport.

The paramount place of Christ in the world of today was announced by the masterful theme, "The Sufficiency of Christ for a Suffering World," and the Scripture text: "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." Both that theme and text became so central in most of the addresses and sermons that the spiritual bless-

ings from heaven fell like the refreshing torrents of rain during the days of the convention.

An outstanding feature of this year's convention program were the peerless personalities, who graced the platform by their presence and stirred the assemblage by their utterances. A veritable parade of "church stars" made its appearance in Wichita. E. Stanley Jones, world renowned missionary of India, was preceded on Thursday evening, May 22, by Dr. W. O. Lewis, the executive secretary of the Baptist Alliance, who had just returned from a trip to Europe. The Honorable Harold E. Stassen, Baptist governor of Minnesota, addressed the laymen's banquet on Saturday afternoon and the convention audience on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor and pastor of the Baptist Temple of Philadelphia, and Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, Mo., one of the greatest Northern Baptist ministers, were the Sunday preachers.

Other names can only be mentioned in rapid succession. They presented such outstanding speakers as the following to the convention: Toyohiko Kagawa, Christian saint and seer of Japan; William Axling, Baptist missionary in Japan, Earl V. Pierce, former convention president; R. H. E. Espy, secretary of the Student Volunteer movement; Kenneth I. Brown, president of Dennison University; Charles W. Gilkey, dean of the University of

Chicago; and Bernard C. Clausen of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The convention allowed itself a pardonable pride in noteworthy Baptist achievements. Three panoramic pageants were presented which immortalized Baptist history and commemorated unusual anniversaries. On the opening night the American Baptist Home Mission Society told the story of "Baptists Coming to the Plains." With real Indians and a spirited pure white horse along with colorful costumes, the drama spoke its message eloquently. The 70th anniversary of the Women's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society was celebrated on Wednesday evening with the very impressive program entitled, "A Constant Pageant of Triumph in Christ." On Saturday evening the 50th anniversary of the B. Y. P. U. of America was commemorated by the young people's pageant, "The Living Lantern."

With a Pentecostal passion the convention delegates responded to the stirring messages that depicted "the fields already white to harvest," the tragic crises of our day, the unique opportunities for missionary service. Horizons were broadened and far seeing visions were clarified for those who listened to the heartfelt appeals of returned missionaries and to the glowing testimonies of those who were going to posts of service for the first time.

Dr. Pierce startled the convention by selecting as "The Supreme Beatitude" the words of Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." But he amply proved his point and fervently played on the heart strings of his listeners. (We cannot vouch for what he did to their pocketbooks!) The message on "A Coercive, Cooperative Love" by Dr. G. M. Derbyshire of Berkeley, Calif., following the inspiring presentation of missionaries, was another spiritual mountain peak in the program of the week. In spite of tremendous obstacles and serious retreats, Northern Baptists still retain much of the missionary spirit of William Carey and Adoniram Judson.

It was largely a convention of peaceful people, who as Baptists often disagreed on denominational policies and social issues, but who overlooked these differences in their united fellowship in Christ. At the afternoon "town meetings," following brief addresses on provocative subjects, there was never a dearth of questions to be fired at the speakers, but acrimonious debate was entirely absent from the convention. Even Dr. Frank Norris, of Fort Worth, Texas, who pitched his tabernacle nearby, found little to attack in his nightly addresses.

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# Southern Baptists in Birmingham, Ala.

Report of the 96th Southern Baptist Convention  
by the REV. L. L. LEININGER of St. Louis, Missouri

Into the city of Birmingham, Ala., on May 14th there moved an army of Southern Baptists to attend the ninety-sixth session of their convention. They did not possess the material weapons of the world's great armies, but with faith in God and with the sword of the Spirit they were equipped for a great victory.

Judged by many standards, the meeting at Birmingham measured up to every expectation. Ideal weather and careful preparation made it a most pleasant gathering. Thousands were in attendance on Wednesday at 2 P. M. when the meeting was called to order by President W. W. Hamilton. There had already been 4,696 messengers enrolled, and a great host were attending as visitors. There was not a single seat vacant in the large auditorium, and still the enrollment grew until it reached 5,884 registered messengers.

## Hosts of Christ's Witnesses

The singing of the grand old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," by this throng served to set the standard for the entire meeting. The former convention president, Dr. L. R. Scarborough, gave the invocation and prayed that the meeting might be completely surrendered to God's will. There was a definite call to optimistic faith in the opening devotional message.

This annual gathering of Southern Baptists is a time of praise and thanksgiving, an hour for retrospection, introspection and prospectation. There are so many things moving at one time that one needs a "mental fire truck" in order to keep in the procession.

The address of President Hamilton was a masterpiece from the standpoint of definiteness, comprehensiveness, and power. He reminded us that peace will some day come to the world again with its "pregnant opportunities." He said: "We must be true to the faith preserved and handed down to us at such a cost, both divine and human. We should endeavor to make sure that our Baptist people are not merely giving mental assent to the doctrines which we hold. Southern Baptists must remember that they are Christ's witnesses. We must expect great things from God and attempt great things for God."

## Foreign Mission Needs

The report of the Foreign Mission Board was of primary interest. Never in the history of the convention has the world been in such a turmoil. Never has the work of foreign missions faced such obstacles.

Dr. W. O. Lewis, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, gave an illuminating address on world conditions as

related to our Baptist work. He called attention to concrete examples of how sinister forces in parts of the world are silencing Christian testimony. This is seen in the case of Russia where no Bibles can be printed or sent into the country, and where many of the Lord's servants are sent into exile.

Secretary C. E. Maddry of the Foreign Mission Board reported that "we now have 527 missionaries. There were only 373 nine years ago, and the most we ever had was 546. There are 457 of our missionaries active in service.

The spontaneous spirit of giving swept over the audience and the dollars began to come in by the handful. The appeal was continued. "Let these little fairies put wings on your dollars." Boys and girls were as busy as bees. One little fellow came forward with a straw hat containing over 35 dollars. The tin collection plates were then brought into service and the response was hilarious. Assistants were called to help in the counting of the money, and later, during the regular session, it was announced that more



Guests of Honor at the Laymen's Banquet during the Northern Baptist Convention, Wichita, Kansas

(Left to Right: Dr. W. A. Elliott of Ottawa, Kansas, Newly Elected President of the Northern Baptist Convention; an Unidentified Guest; the Honorable Harold E. Stassen, Governor of Minnesota; Romain C. Hassrick, Chairman; Judge E. J. Millington, President of the Convention; and Dr. Earle V. Pierce of St. Paul, Minn.)

Nine years ago the board spent \$600,000. Last year it spent \$1,400,000. During the past nine years the amount of \$904,000 has been paid on the Board's debt which has reduced the total to \$206,000."

Following this report a large number of missionaries, now in the homeland, were presented to the convention. Twenty-two were from South and Central America; 53 from China, 6 from Europe; 4 from Japan; and 3 from Palestine. After this presentation an offering of \$1,004 was taken for China Relief.

## Wings on Dollar Bills!

An unusual and wonderful thing happened in connection with the China Relief offering. On Thursday evening Dr. John W. Lowe, a former missionary to China, went to the platform about a half hour before the time for the regular session to announce to the people that the offering the night before had reached the amount of \$1,004. He then gave others the opportunity to participate in the gift. A few dollars were brought to the platform by little girls. Dr. Lowe then said: "That's right, let these children put hands and feet on your dollars."

than \$750 had been received.

The 96th report of the Home Mission Board shows that progress is being made in every branch of service. The field secretary reports 260 workers. These individuals serve 186 churches and 498 mission stations. The churches report a membership of 16,900. The department also reports 4,932 conversions; 2,468 baptisms; 302 Sunday Schools and 256 revival meetings.

## Sunday School Anniversary

The Sunday School Board celebrated its 50th anniversary with a program entitled, "Fifty Fruitful Years." This was climaxed with a stirring message by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, the executive secretary. This board began as an agency of small proportions and has grown into a giant endeavor. The records of these years are filled with such memorable names as John A. Broadus; James Marios Frost, the first secretary; J. B. Hawthorne; J. B. Gambrell, and many others.

The convention recognized that Baptists have an important role to play in the work of a spiritual ministry to our young men serving in national defense. The superintendent of camp work, Mr.

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# Commencement Exercises at the Seminary

Reported by PROFESSOR FRANK H. WOYKE of Rochester, N. Y.

The beginning of May always heralds the coming of the end of our seminary year. Everyone becomes restless. The faculty must prepare for the coming of the Seminary Board and for the commencement exercises. The students prepare feverishly for the final examinations, at the same time keeping one eye on the opportunities for summer work of some kind, preferably in the service of some of our churches. The seniors, especially, await anxiously the time when they may go out to serve as ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our annual picnic, held on Friday, May 9, at the Churchville Park near Rochester, was a great success. The weather was ideal and almost the entire seminary family, including the retired professors and their wives, was present. After some games in the morning, we all met for a delicious lunch served by our beloved matron, Mrs. Rose Storz, and her helpers. President Albert Bretschneider and Professor O. E. Krueger addressed the seniors briefly, and Ralph Rott responded. After some more games under the leadership of Elmer Buenning, and the ball game between the preparatory and seminary groups—won, fortunately or unfortunately, by the seminary students—we all returned home, tired but happy.

The closing exercises of the seminary took place on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18. On Saturday afternoon the school board held the closing session of its annual deliberations. In the evening, the seminary group, together with a host of friends, met in the dining room of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School for the annual alumni banquet. After the delicious dinner had been served, an interesting and inspiring program was presented under the masterly direction of the Reverend George Hensel. President Bretschneider extended a hearty welcome to all guests, after which brief addresses were delivered by Dr. Paul Trudel, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Rev. Alfred Bernadt, and Mr. J. B. Klausman. Ralph Rott presented a beautiful pulpit Bible for use in our chapel services to the seminary as a parting gift from his class. Music was furnished by Walter Marchand and the student chorus.

On Sunday, May 18, the Reverend Julius Kaaz of New Haven, Conn., delivered the baccalaureate sermon on the topic, "Coworkers With God," at the morning service held at the Andrews Street Baptist Church. The service of graduation in the evening was led by President Bretschneider. The Rev. August Runtz of Peoria, Ill., delivered the commencement address on the topic, "Priests of God," and Pro-

fessor A. A. Schade spoke to the seniors, using as his topic, "The Baptism of the Spirit." Then followed the presentation of the diplomas by President Bretschneider and the recessional. After refreshments and farewells, our seminary year had ended.

Several items of interest in connection with our closing exercises might well be mentioned here. The Rev. August Runtz confided to someone that Friday, May 16, was his twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Much to his surprise, Rev. Julius Kaaz, on behalf of a group of friends, presented him with a gift at the time of the annual banquet.

The end of this school year also marked the end of Walter Marchand's

## Recent Meeting of the School Committee in Rochester, N. Y.

The Educational Committee of the Board of Trustees of our Rochester Baptist Seminary met in Rochester, N. Y., from May 15 to 18 to transact the necessary business of the school. The Rev. Peter Geissler was elected chairman and the Rev. August F. Runtz secretary of the committee.

The nine members of the graduation class appeared before the committee for interviews, and without exception they gave fine testimonies regarding their Christian experience, call to the ministry and the content of the message which they expect to bring when they enter the active ministry. Most of the men have already been placed. Mr. Elmer Buenning will become pastor of our church in Ingersoll, Okla. Mr. Adam Huber has no church as yet. Mr. Michael Kary will have charge of Christian education in the Baptist Temple in Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Rubin Kern has accepted the call of the Cottonwood Baptist church in Texas. Mr. Ralph Rott has gone to the Gross Park Immanuel Church in Chicago, Ill. Mr. Arthur Schulz will probably go to Wienthal, Alberta. Mr. Frank Veninga has become pastor of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. John Weinbender has no church as yet, and Mr. Hugo Zepik has something quite definite in view.

Thus far, only two of the other students have appointments for the summer months. It is hoped and suggested that churches avail themselves of the opportunity and secure the services of these fine young men during the next months. Messrs. Wolfgang Gerthe, Friedrich Hoffmann, Gilbert Schneider and Vincent Sprock have completed one year's work, and have been received as regular students. At least seven

men are expected to enter the school next Fall.

A question that has been debated pro and con for many years again made its appearance before the entire board of trustees at its Saturday afternoon session, and as a consequence a committee of eighteen was appointed to make a thorough investigation regarding the relocation of the seminary to some point farther west.

Your committee was well pleased both with the appearance of the school property and with the spiritual atmosphere of the institution. The building is in a fine state of repair and makes a most favorable impression, both as to its interior and exterior. The faculty and students are to be commended for the appearance of the property.

A splendid spirit prevails in the student body, and the men for the most part are active in Christian work of one kind or another in the churches of the city. They seem to be much in demand as Sunday School teachers and young people's leaders. It is certainly a fine compliment to the school that the students and faculty are asked to appear regularly over a local radio station on a devotional program.

We believe that as a whole both the intellectual and spiritual life of the school is on a high level. We urge our people to remember the young men in their prayers who are preparing for the Gospel ministry. The Lord has graciously preserved the faculty from serious illness and given them the necessary physical strength to carry their heavy load, but they too must be remembered before the throne of grace.

The following constitute the school committee: the Reverends P. Geissler, E. Baumgartner, A. Bernadt, G. Hensel, G. Lang, A. Husmann and A. F. Runtz. All the members excepting Mr. Husmann were present.

August F. Runtz, Secretary.

# Children's Page

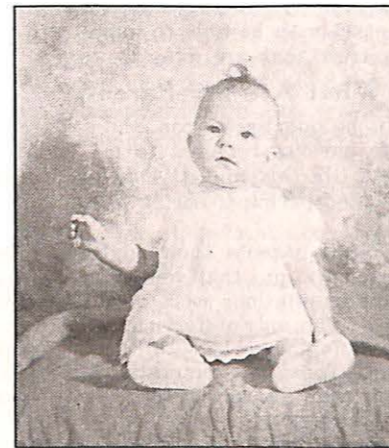
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## A LITTLE SHELL

A little shell lay on the sand  
In the nice bright sun;  
A little boy with sticky hand  
Picked it up, for fun.

He thought, "Oh, little shell, I wish  
That you could talk to me—  
Could tell me of the plants and fish  
That live deep in the sea."

—Elsie Burgstahler.



Bright Eyed Marilyn Fiesel,  
the Adopted Youngest Daughter of  
Rev. and Mrs. Otto Fiesel  
of Trochu, Alberta, Canada

## MY FRIENDS

It is my joy in life to find,  
At every turning of the road,  
The strong arm of a comrade kind  
To help me onward with my load.

And since I have no gold to give,  
And love alone must make amends,  
My only prayer is, while I live,  
God make me worthy of my friends.

—Frank Dempster Sherman.

## WHO SAT BESIDE MOTHER?

"Mother, hasn't old Miss Jones a funny voice when she sings? I 'most laughed out loud when I heard that squeaky sound."

Little Mary Marsh was tripping home from church between father and mother. She felt like a very good little girl, for she sat quietly through the long sermon (at least, it seemed long to Mary), and sang out of mother's hymn-book, and had bowed her head at prayers. Another reason that Mary was satisfied with herself was that she had on her new dress and her Sunday hat. She had looked at all the girls near her in church, and had decided that none of them had on as nice clothes as she had.

"I like to come to church," Mary said to herself, "when I've got a new dress to wear."

And then she had found Miss Jones' squeaky singing very funny, as she said on her way home.

But instead of answering her question and saying, "Oh, yes, Miss Jones' singing was very funny," Mary's mother asked the girl a question: "What were you thinking about, Mary, while you were singing so nicely off my hymn-book?"

"Why?" Mary exclaimed in surprise. "Were you thinking about the dear Lord as you sang, and how he wants to come into our hearts by his Spirit and make us love what is pure and bright?" asked Mrs. Marsh.

Mary did not answer for a minute; she was thinking. Then, as she was a truthful little person, she said, with a queer smile: "No, mamma; I was thinking that if I couldn't sing any better than Miss Jones, I wouldn't sing at all."

"And how about the prayer-time, when you bowed your head; were you trying to lift up your heart and ask God to make you his obedient child?"

"No," said Mary, her little face getting red; "I opened my eyes and counted the tacks in the carpet. Do you think God was mad at me, mother?"

"Oh, no," answered her mother, smiling. "He knows what a girl you are, but I think he was sorry you were not at church."

"Not at church!" cried Mary. "Why, mother, I was sitting beside you all the time."

"Yes; but I don't think God counts where our bodies are. He is always seeing our spirits, and when we go to

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church and don't lift up our hearts to God, the place where we sit looks empty to him."

Mary walked along very soberly for awhile, and then, brightening suddenly, she said: "I 'spect God saw Miss Jones at church today."

"Yes," Mary's father said, thinking it was time for him to have a part in the conversation; "and I have an idea that her squeaky voice made a beauti-



Three Croquet Balls Are Quite an  
Armful, Even for  
Arnold Hildebrand of Kansas!

ful sound by the time it got to God's ear."

They had reached home, and nothing more was said about church right then. But Mary made up her mind that God was going to see a whole girl, body and spirit, too, sitting beside her mother next Sunday.

## A JUNIOR PRAYER

Hanging on the wall of the junior room of the South Park Presbyterian Sunday School, Rock Island, Ill., is a prayer by William DeWitt Hyde.

Give me clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts;

Help me to stand for the hard right against the easy wrong;

Save me from the habits that harm;

Teach me to work as hard and play as fair in thy sight alone as if all the world saw;

Forgive me when I am unkind, and help me to forgive those who are unkind to me;

Keep me ready to help others at some cost to myself;

Send me chances to do a little good every day, and so grow more like Christ.



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

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## WE BUILD THE HOME TOGETHER

Scripture: Malachi 4.

Text: "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers." Mal. 4:6.

### Introduction:

The nation that neglects its homes, will soon lose its soul and decay. America's destiny is in the home of the youth of today. Our attitude toward homes will determine our future.

### 1. Marriage as a Business Merger

Every couple faces this question: "On how much can we get married?" It is not so much on the amount one earns, as on what one can do with what he earns. It is far better to start together on a small salary, well budgeted and increased, than on a goodly income, easily spent and receding.

In this business merger one might ask: Can he save money? What will she spend? These are very important questions to be pondered very seriously. Our present economic system of credit has upset many young people in buying more than they can pay for. Furthermore, What are his qualifications in business, be it in the store, shop or factory, or even on the farm? What are the chances of his succeeding in the venture he is in? Is he a visionary, building air castles and never placing foundations under them? Does he work his hands and feet to exhaustion without ever using his head?

What can she do? Is she a good home maker, or a busy body, knowing everyone's business but her own? Can she, or will she be able to learn to sew and cook? Will she be a blessing to you in your work, or only a weight?

Shall we both work? Our social and economic conditions of the present have created this problem for youth, but this is not the American way of the stability of our homes. The highest achievement a woman can have is to be a mother. Nothing compares with it.

### 2. The Romance of the Home

All of youth's love problems are not solved at the wedding altar. Each one must realize that there is a difference of opinion and these do continue after the wedding.

Disagreements can best be settled alone. Let each one tell his or her story unmolested. Having done this, get down on your knees together and seek the face of the Greatest Lover of human souls. Most differences can be settled in this way.

Make the home your school of love. Homes can be love nests for years and years by the little nice things things of every opportunity. Keep yourself tidy and clean. A kind word of praise for this or that. We need to learn the art of culture in the presence of our loved ones. Be as courteous to our wife or husband as you are to a stranger.

Quietness of residence makes a home a lover's paradise! Just this word of warning: NEVER QUARREL IN THE PRESENCE OF CHILDREN.

### 3. The Religion of the Home

Too often the unseen Guest in our home is non-present. There is a great need for a family altar. Plan to start it the very first day of your married life together. Train up the child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Teach the children by precept and practice the things of God and the Word. Many children have seen their first light of salvation at the family altar.

Bring the children to Sunday School and church! Don't send them. Make the church attractive to your youngsters. Never have "Roast Preacher" for your Sunday dinner in the presence of little ones.

Have in your home the right kind of pictures on the walls. Have the magazine rack filled with the right type of literature. There is so much fine reading and Christian literature that the trash of the press need find place in the hands and minds of your youth.

Watch your radio programs. The Word is being brought over the air every day, so that we are without excuse. If we hear and absorb killing stories over the radio, what can we expect but killers, robbers, and criminals from our youth.

But God hath promised, strength for the day  
Rest for the labor, light for the way,  
Grace for the trials, help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

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## YOUTH AND PARENTAL FRIENDSHIP

Read the Ten Commandments.

Text: "Honor thy father and thy mother"

### Introduction:

Why is there the big gap between youth and old age? Could it be that we do not understand each other in the light of each other's eyes?

### 1. Who Are My Parents?

Have you ever gone into the "family tree" to see just where you came from? Sometimes this is a very fine adventure to new faith in ourselves, and

sometimes it reminds us to remain humble when we see our background. It is well to learn somethings about these two people, called "mother" and "father," so I can know what suffering they had in order to give me what I have today.

The sum total of what I am today in mental qualities, physical characteristics, spiritual well being, actions, and my weaknesses comes from this family tree of which my parents are the nearest kin. My children will be just like this same tree with whatever improvements I may be able to make with the resources that are mine to use.

### 2. What Are My Parents?

It is not uncommon the e days to hear parents referred to as "old foggies." Is this my attitude toward my parents: perhaps, not in word, but in action?

Do our parents know anything about the temptations that youth faces today? Their temptations were very much like ours. The only difference is that they had different tools with which to fight them. Today the temptations are many more than in former days, but youth has that many more tools with which to combat the temptations. Today we have organized Sunday School, Scripture memory camps, youth assemblies, high school and college training, the radio, newspapers.

### 3. What May We Expect From Our Parents?

First, a spiritual heritage, free from all doubts. A sure foundation in the Word and a grounded faith in God.

Second, a clean body and a strong mind.

Third, a name unstained and worthy of our bearing.

### 4. What May Our Parents Expect From Us?

To uphold the family virtues, the family name, the family prestige, and the religion and spirituality they have given me.

To be honest in all my dealings, no matter what the cost.

To hold in respect the rightful dues to my parents.

To confide in their judgments and their suggestions.

To present my friends to them at the earliest convenience and not to keep secret company unfit for their approval.

That I will not withhold from them anything that will mar the virtue of the family.

# Swelling the Glorious Unison of Praise

General Conference Message on "The Conference United in Praise" by the REV. P. G. NEUMANN, Pastor of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

Ever since the morning stars sang together and the sons of God shouted for joy, praise has been the noblest expression of mind and emotion in the spiritual realm.

God has given it an eminent place among the celestial inhabitants and his redeemed people on earth. The New Testament opens with the praise of the angelic choir and closes with the Hallelujah Chorus. But it is in the Psalms, which describe the experiences of extreme sorrow and agony of God's people in the midst of a crooked and perverse world, that one is awed by the magnificent bursts of praise and gratitude to him, who giveth songs in the night.

### A Psalm of Praise

You have perhaps watched a great conductor bringing every member of his orchestra into action. You have seen him, as the music climbed higher and higher, signal one player after another, and always as he signaled, another instrument responded to the summons and added its voice to the music, until all were united in a thrilling and triumphant climax.

The 148th Psalm conveys just such a picture. Everything in God's universe is summoned to swell the glorious unison of God's praise. The signal comes to the sun in heaven, "you come in now, and praise him"; then to the myriads of stars of the night,—"now you praise him"; then to the mountains raking the clouds with their summits,—"praise him"; then to the kings of the earth and the judges of the earth,—"praise him"; then to the young manhood in strength and the maidenhood in its grace and beauty,—"praise him"; then to the multitude of saints on earth and in heaven,—"praise him"; until the wide universe is shouting with every voice of praise.

"While I live," cried the Psalmist, "will I praise the Lord!" That is the test of true religion. That is what makes Christianity different from any other religion. Down through the centuries you will find that there is more praise in Christianity than in all the religions of the world put together.

### The Bond That Unites

Praise has been and is the uniting bond of Christianity.

Praise is the central act of worship and is accompanied by a vision splendid. It is to the one who praises that the "Vision Splendid" is revealed. We admit that in this life man's vision is oftentimes blurred, but it is sin that darkens the window of the soul and an intellect without God is sightless. Only

a heart warmed by love and kindled by the Light, "that lighteth every soul that cometh into the world," will see and hear things unspeakable.

We are told that "in the year king Uzziah died, Isaiah saw the Lord." That is significant. While the king lived and Israel experienced the great tide of prosperity, Isaiah was short-sighted and had no vision. But when the king died and with him the splendor and prosperity of the nation, it was then that Isaiah saw the Lord "high and lifted up and the great host of heaven surrounding his throne saying: Holy, holy art thou Lord God!" "Isaiah lost in wonder, lost in praise of the angelic host saw the Greatness of God." That vision alone will make life meaningful.

It is in exultation of praise to God, which vibrates through every fiber of the great Apostle Paul, that he cries out challengingly: "If God be for us who shall be against us!" When the enemies of Martin Luther were certain that he and his work were doomed, Luther, coming directly from God, burst forth with songs of praise that set all Germany singing. We need to hear him today in our age of defeatism as he sings:

"And though this world with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! his doom is sure,  
One little word can fell him."

### The Church's Enthusiasm

Praise is the undying enthusiasm of the church. Praise was and still is the secret of victory of the church. With it the church will go out to conquer; without it, she is paralyzed. In Acts 2:46-47 we read: "And day by day, they continued steadfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all people."

Consider the record of history. Dr. Farmer, the organist of Harrow, used to tell how he adjudicated once a great musical festival and heard a Salvation Army band. His musical soul was offended by both drummer and the man with the French horn. He appealed to the drummer not to hit the drum so hard, to which the beaming bandsman replied: "O sir, I'm so happy I could burst that blessed drum!" When Dr. Farmer turned with a word of similar appeal to the man with the horn, the enthusiast held up the much twisted instrument and said: "I am so full of

joy I want to blow this thing quite straight!"

During the Welsh revival a miner had found Christ. Everyone in the mine knew it. To antagonize him they took his dinner away from him and he had to go hungry. And though he felt very uncomfortable, he did not fuss and fume but said: "Praise God, I still have my appetite; they can't steal that!"

Praise is the all pervading ecstasy. Look into the Book of books again. There they stand, these God-fearing men and women, at every turn of the road, facing every kind of experience that people can have. They stand over the sick beds and say: "Praise ye the Lord!" They stand by our worst disappointments and cry: "Praise ye the Lord!" They stand by our open graves and whisper, "Praise ye the Lord!" That is faith's victory!

There is a place in the scriptures, the like of which is not found in any secular writing, and in which we are shown a saint of God, visited by trouble, one terrible blow after another coming down until his whole life was reeling. And when that bitter day, that had beggared and ruined him, was closing in on him, Job with steadfast face said: "The Lord has given, the Lord has taken away." But he did not stay there. If he had, it would have revealed his soul's devastation and his cry would have been the soul's cry of desolation, but then suddenly there breaks forth half a sob and half a shout: "Blessed be the name of the Lord!"

### Crown Him Lord of All!

Jesus Christ, as he took the bread in token of his body, broke it and over that broken symbol gave thanks to God. Then he took the cup, brimming over with all the bitterness of death. Later as he and his disciples went out from the upper room to Gethsemane's bloody sweat and Calvary's horrors, they were singing a hymn. It is this Christ that gives us this fortitude, stronger than pain, and the joy that smiles through blinding tears of defeated dreams and bitter disappointments that life knows. It is this Christ that can guarantee this victory of the soul!

Look at the great host of young people in our ranks who with flying colors, youthful vigor and undying zeal are now coming in to the firing line ready to go with Christ wherever he leadeth. See them and you will praise God!

Look at the Ladies' Missionary Societies, that group of splendid women who have brought many a precious

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# The Vision

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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 church folders in the tavern. The next morning he met her again in the dental office of Dr. Thorwald. She greeted him coolly: "Good morning, Mr. Deland!"

## CHAPTER NINE

The veil was down again, he thought—No, it was lifted.

"And how is lower left molar this morning?" she smiled.

"Lower molar is still all gummed up," he said. "Is the doctor in?"

Her pussy-willow eyes glanced at a gold wristwatch, her forehead wrinkled slightly. "He should be here in fifteen minutes."

It was good to see her again, to see her rather than Shera, to know he could if he liked, say something about spiritual things and she would not freeze up as did Shera—or act bored.

She indicated a walnut-finished costumer near the alcove for his coat and hat. He slipped his coat on a hanger and deposited it on the lower horn of a bronze double hook on the costumer, set his hat on the top horn and was immediately transported in his thoughts to last night at "The Toadstool"—"Don't be a Puritan, Rodney. This is the way the world plays . . ."

The world! He did not belong to the world, he had been chosen out of it. There had been a wall of fire about him last night, protecting him from the Enemy, making him hate not only the cheap and vulgar things that grew in "The Toadstool," but the compromising things—the things that borderline Christians seemed to indulge in without qualms of conscience, that were stumbling blocks to weaker Christians. He had not slept well last night, be-

cause he knew he should have followed the little parade of inquirers into the consultation room. His faith had come again like that of a little child, and he desired more than anything else in all the world to be in the center of the Father's will, yet he was not satisfied. He wanted to be filled with all the fullness of God.

He had awakened this morning with the same heart hunger. There was still too much chaff in his life, in his thoughts, too much pride—he was too proud of his beautiful voice—there was too much selfishness in his ambition. He knew it now—God could never have used him as he was, even before he had lost his faith and his vision of service. The mantle of his father had been a beautiful garment to wear, rather than a cloak of spiritual power. And so because God could not use him, he had been set aside. . . . Was that the meaning? Had he had sifted as wheat? Delivered over to Satan as Job had been, —as Peter in the New Testament,—that he might learn life's greatest lesson—humility? . . . There was so in his heart. . . . He was not yet ready. So little that he knew and understood much of depth in the Bible's teachings, for his life work. He had trained his voice but not his heart. He knew music, but not the Book . . .

Because he was still hungry to know more, and because he believed that Le Vera Webber could explain the one problem that was troubling him, he turned to her with the question, his face sober, "Tell me," he said, "What do you know about the sifting process of which father spoke last night?"

Queer subject of conservation for a dental office, but her attitude of sympathy, her own love for the Book and its Author, had vacuumed the words from his mind.

There was no veil now. The gray-green room into which he looked was one of peace and of the deepest and purest sympathy, whose atmosphere was love, not for him, for he was not thinking of that at all now, but for the One who wore the crown of interlaced thorns. Eyes were more beautiful when there were tears about to break through, he thought. Love-tears in a woman's eyes were like cellophane wrapping about an already lovely thing.

She hesitated only a fractional instant, turned toward the office for her New Testament, discovered it was already in her hand . . .

Luke, Chapter twenty-two, and verses thirty-one to thirty-four, was the passage to which she opened the little book. They were standing near the window on the North side of the reception room. In the street below, cars whirled dizzily along, pedestrians hurried across intersections, into stores. Taxicabs threaded through morning traffic. Le Vera's eyes strayed from the book for a moment, saw in the interval, a flash of squirrel coat and knew that Shera was on her way to the office. "Oh, Father, help me to explain the problem as the Spirit would have me. Don't let Shera—"

His eyes followed the verses her polished, but untinted, finger nail pointed out to him. United, also unstained, he thought—the fingers were unstained—and he was glad. It was a symbol of her yieldedness to the Master. There was no chaff . . .

They read the verses aloud — Oh, hurry, hurry! Before Shera gets here!—

"And the Lord said, 'Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

"But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren,

"And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both to prison and to death . . ." And Rodney, reading, exclaimed to himself, "That's you, Rodney, five years ago sure, so very sure of your love for Christ—so boastful of it. . . ."

The final verse read: "And he (Jesus) said, 'I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.'"

There had been a bitter period of sifting that need not have been if he had not been too proud. Too proud to attend a humble Christian college, rather than the University.

"I don't understand it very well myself," Le Vera said. "It's a terrible thing to have happen to one—to have to be given over to Satan until the sifting process is complete. God cannot tolerate selfishness and lack of spirituality in His own children, and so because they seem to prefer the service of Satan. He allows Satan to sift them as wheat. It is a limited power, of course, that Satan is permitted. It seems also that Satan himself uses human instrumentality to help him in his work. If you read the story further, you will notice that it was a

woman, a maid, who asked the question that provoked Peter's denial . . ."

It must have been the squirrel coat, and the memories of last night that made her say the thing. It was entirely unpremeditated, though true, and it must have been unnecessarily embarrassing to him—it might cause him to think she was jealous of Shera,—but it was too late now, the thing she said:

"So many times in the case of a man, it seems to be a woman whom Satan uses —"

She did not finish the sentence, and he did not finish the thought that was forming in his mind. He had heard footsteps tap-tapping down the hall outside. He heard them stop at the vestibule door, the same footsteps that yesterday had tripped down the hall at the conservatory and stopped outside practise room number 422.

The annunciator signalled, and Shera in squirrel coat and feathered fur hat, swished into the room. She stopped abruptly when she saw them. In her lavender eyes Rodney saw an expression which was new and troubled. Was it fear? Or jealousy?

It was the old Shera again, gracious, courteous, who spoke to them: "I'm sorry," she said, and her voice faltered, "I did not mean to interrupt. I just wanted to see Daddy a minute. Tell him to call for me at noon at the conservatory." For a brief interval Shera's eyes were focused upon the New Testament in Le Vera's hand, then she turned and went out, leaving them alone.

Alone. In that moment Le Vera knew one thing for certain: Shera was very much in love with Rodney. There was a depth and a refinement in the girl's character which she had not noticed before. She was glad it was there.

Also, Le Vera knew, from her years of experience in studying the attitudes of men and women toward Christ, that Shera was being convicted by the Holy Spirit, and was therefore unhappy. She would never be happy until she yielded her life to the Lord Jesus.

A little later when Rodney was gone and Le Vera was in the business office, typing a list of the day's appointments, there came to her the melody of a new hymn chorus which they had used last night at Fayette. She thought of Shera as she sang the searching words:

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

This was the beginning of her love for Shera, which in the days to come, was to grow, and which was to cost so very much—of heartache and sacrifice and misunderstanding.

It was after dinner that night before Rodney had a chance to hear his recorded solo. He had decided to borrow Gael Schillman's ancient phonograph for the purpose, a square box affair

with a good turntable and an excellent loudspeaker. Gael had bought it at a second hand shop, along with a little book entitled "First Steps in Dancing," and had thereby let himself in for a lot of trouble. Once Rodney, exasperated, had rushed down the hall, pounded at his door and demanded, "Gael! Shut off that infernal racket! I can't soak up even one little brain-cell full!"

The student living directly below Gael's room had had his complaints too: "Hey, you! Don't you know my ceiling's right below your floor! What are you trying to do, the jitterbug?"

That was what Gael was trying to do, only he was juggling a chair instead of a so-called lady.

Gael had learned to dance, Rodney reflected, thus increasing his speed on the road to hell. A man could travel that road as fast as he wished. The highway of sin and crime and shame glittered brightly for those whose eyes could see only that kind of light—which was not light but darkness.

He knocked at Gael's door. There was a rustling within, the scraping of a chair on the floor, followed by Gael's vociferous, "Who is it?"

"Rodney. I want to borrow your phonograph."

"Just a minute!"

Gael's was a typical student's room: pennants on the wall, a blotter topped desk, a photograph of "her."

"Hello there, old Night-clubber! What you say you want? My phonograph?"

Gael was coatless and he had been in process of knotting a striking orange and purple cravat. "Look at this neck-piece will you? Won't that lay 'em out?"

Rodney liked the tie. Orange and purple was an excellent color combination, a little stronger than gray and green—but gray and green were good. In fact there were only three colors in the whole chart that were out of harmony with gray, and they were buff and tan and topaz.

Rodney's attention was concentrated on "her" on the dresser. "Her" this time was frozen-faced, brunette, Marsha Brevere, whom he had met last night at the "Toadstool." She was in her dancing costume in an autographed photo. The dancing costume itself seemed to shout fortissimo.

Gael caught his eye and said, "Clas-sy girl, this Marsha. Fell for me like hot potatoes. She's on at the Orpheum here at Hampton tonight. Boy, oh boy! This little old necktie is going places—Say, Rod, that little Thorwald number has plenty of rhythm, too. I congratulate you. What time did you get home this morning?"

Gael's face in the long mirror was the typical man-of-the-world face. Somewhere, Rodney thought, a little mother—if she knew—would spend a sleepless night.

The tie finally knotted, Gael cavorted before the mirror, then swung around for Rodney's inspection. "Think she'll like that all right?"

"Maybe. Where's the phonograph?" "Oh, the phonograph! Let me see—it's back there in the closet somewhere. Wait, I'll get it for you." In another minute, Gael had carried it out. "There's a new packet of needles and here's the book of records. Help yourself. I've been wondering when you were going to get over being a Puritan. Can't nibble on a hook like that without learning to dance, eh? Here, take this along too."

Gael tossed onto the bed a little book entitled, "First Steps in Dancing," and went back to the mirror. "Excuse me if I seem to hurry, Rod."

Rodney picked up the phonograph. "I'll just take the machine," he said. "I have my own record. Don't get me wrong, Gael, I haven't decided to take up dancing. I still think it's rotten business."

"It's the most profitable business in all society. No other business in all the world gives a fellow a chance to hug so many girls in one evening."

Without warning Rodney fired up. "I'm giving myself to only one girl, Gael. When I find her, and unless I can give my heart to her, there aren't going to be any familiarities!" His voice trembled with anger.

Gael whirled, a scowl on his handsome face. "You couldn't by any chance be preaching a sermon! Say, that reminds me. Look what I found on the counter at the "Toadstool" last night when I went out!"

Gael fumbled in the pocket of another suit and fished out a little folder. "There you are, in black and white."

There he was, on the third page, "Rodney Deland, Musical Director!" He had been at the "Toadstool" last night when nurse Webber had left the packet of folders at the desk. There and not there; in it but not of it; listening to and hating the nicker-a-jazz throbblings of the phonograph; breathing the nicotine-contaminated air; and in spite of it all, feeling the ever-present Spirit of God.

He carried the phonograph back to his little room at the end of the hall, set it on the study table, closed the transom and carefully locked the door. His pulse quickened as he anticipated the next ten minutes. Rodney, this is you, YOU! On Record!

Dilapidated little old phonograph, you have taught Gael Schillman how to dance; tonight you are going to serve the Lord God. Poor old Gael. Girls like Marsha Brevere were Satan's favorite lures for catching unwary men. There was a wicked hook plainly visible . . . but invisible to Gael.

Rodney set the record in place upon the felt-topped turntable, inserted the needle, wound up the machine.

Transom closed, door locked. This is the hour for which I have been waiting. My own voice! . . .

Gael ought to hear this too. He was one of the lost sheep.

Motor switch in place; record whirling on felt-topped turntable; needle



running smoothly in its groove. Soon it would strike the introductory piano notes. Rodney felt his heart beating rapidly, his hungry ego gasping for the water that in a moment he would be drinking . . .

Gael in orange and purple tie, on the road to hell—There were no speed cops unless Rodney should volunteer his services. . . .

There was a rippling piano introduction. That is my playing! my fingers dripping with honeyed music!

Then the voice. Clear-toned as a bell: "There are ninety and nine that safely lie

In the shelter of the fold . . ."

My Voice!  
MINE! the Presence whispered remindfully.

There was no voice like it in the conservatory, or in all the world. Mine—I—me—Rodney Deland—barefoot boy, standing on the rocky stage along Crawfish river, tone waves moving out across the swaying trees—across the river—gliding with the harvest winds over the wheat fields—golden waves rolling like a prairie fire in the wind. I! Mine! Rodney Deland!

"While millions are left outside to die . . .

For the ninety and nine are cold . . ."

"You have been cold! I cannot allow my children to stray from me. I love them too much, for that! There has been too much chaff. I have been compelled to let Satan have you until you should come to the end of yourself."

He had not heard the words. Yet he seemed to know that they were the truth. He could be delivered now, if only he would yield all. . . . "O Heavenly Lord Jesus, deliver me! Take this voice, these fingers. Cleanse them." . . .

Gael Schillman, night moth, was about to sing his wings at the world's fire, the fire kindled and kept burning by his own deceitful lusts. Gael's outstanding temptation was the unlawful desires of the flesh. Rodney Deland's "the pride of life." Concerning both these, the Word had said, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world . . . for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. . . ." 1. John 2:15-16. He knew the verses from memory, as he knew hundreds of others, taught him in the theological seminary of his home, of which his beautiful little mother was Dean and President and business manager.

His voice rose to a climax on the word "Rejoice" in the last stanza. The sleeping ninety and nine had awakened, and had gone forth to the work, so great . . .

Rodney stopped in his pacing of the floor. Tears blurred his vision. Almost—thank God, only almost, he had lost the vision, and not regained it! Almost he had yielded this voice to sing for worldly fame. Except for the keeping

power of the mighty Christ, he should have continued in Satan's employ. . . . "But I have prayed for thee," Jesus had said so Peter.

He understood now, why he had not been able to regain his faith. He had not been yielded to his Lord's will.

He decided to yield now—completely, unreservedly, holding back nothing. He had read in his father's library, of the experiences of men of old, who, upon yielding all, received deep and glorious infillings of the Spirit. But it was not experience he wanted tonight,—not first of all—but to be cleansed from self love, from unbelief, to be delivered from Satan's power.

Satan has desired to have you . . . Suddenly Rodney's fists clenched. A wave of holy anger and hatred swept over him and he cried, "Get thee behind me, Satan! You have had me long enough! You would make me all chaff!"

Then came the discord, the grating sacrilegious cacophony.

At the other end of the hall a door opened. Footsteps came hurrying toward Rodney's room. It was his turn now, Gael thought. Many a time they had knocked at his door and demanded that the phonograph be silenced.

He knocked sharply at Rodney's door. "Hey you!" his vociferous voice thundered in accompaniment to his knock, "Shut off that crying old woman!"

No words could describe what happened in Rodney's mind, the anger that leaped suddenly into white flame, the sickening pain that stabbed at his heart, the feeling of shame at the nakedness of his soul being uncovered.

He leaped to the phonograph, lifted the playing arm, shut off the motor switch, every nerve in his body trembling.

"Hey!" Gael called. "Let me in a minute!"

Gael wore a dark blue suit and black top-coat. His white shirt was immaculate and there was a jewel flashing in his orange and purple tie. He grinned good naturedly. "Thought I'd turn the tables on you, Rod. Remember how you and the other fellows used to gang up on me and almost tar-and-feather me? That time I was doing the loop-the-loop and dropped the chair I was jitterbugging with, and fell on top of it?"

Rodney remembered but said nothing, and though with revulsion of the jitterbug, a modern salacious dance, a Satanic prelude to more heinous sins.

Woman crying! His voice had sounded to Gael like that! When he was at the climax of his very life!

The dissonance was terrible!  
"What you got on the record there? None of my business, of course."

And Rodney thought, No, it is none of your business. Your business is like that of any other unwary fish: dart-

ing madly after flashing lures. Poor old sin-chained Gael!

Spurred by a sudden impulse, Rodney asked, "Want to hear the lady sing again?" He made a quick movement toward the phonograph.

Gael rattled the door-knob impatiently. "Sorry," he said breezily, "I won't have time . . . Well, wish me luck!" He turned and hurried away down the hall.

But Rodney called him back, grasped his arm with both hands. "I don't like to see you go out with wild girls, Gael. You aren't that kind of a man!"

Gael's guffaw in response was derisive. "I hope you don't think I'll be lost just because, in writing my little song of life, I happen to accent those beats you leave unaccented."

A sentence from Dr. Webber's sermon leaped to Rodney's lips: "You won't be lost because you chase after the world, but you chase after the world because you are already lost; you are lost because you leave Jesus Christ out of your life!"

For a moment Gael hesitated,—then he shrugged, and said, "Well, I'll be seeing you. I'm not as bad as you think I am." He turned and ran down the hall.

Rodney stood looking sadly after him; a young man on the road to a far country. If he did not turn back soon, he would be too far. Frozen-faced, frozen-souled Marsha was very attractive to him just now. If only he could see the hidden hook, which, ugly and vicious, lay hidden beneath the glamorous surface of sin. But he would not see it until he should feel its cruel barb, and then it would be too late. Don't let it be too late!

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## THE UNISON OF PRAISE

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ointment to the Master of their heart and life, the fragrance of which has gone up from all of their meetings into many a remote corner of the world.

And then those stalwart men, those pillars of our churches, men whom you can trust and who would rather die than be unfaithful to their Lord. There are none like them in all the world! Let us praise God for them!

Our denomination with its different agencies and branches, our leaders with compassion and vision, that grand array of pastors, especially those who with meager salaries and great sacrifice are going about doing good. Look at our unique standing among the denominations of our time, the grand history that is now behind us and the glorious future before us. And do you not see the Christ, once rejected and despised by this world, coming in his glory and sitting on the throne of eternity? Oh, let's attune our hearts as we sing:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall,  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown him Lord of all!"

# Reports from the Field

## Northwestern Conference

### The Elgin Baptist Church of Iowa Honors the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Zoschke on Their 6th Anniversary With the Church

On Thursday evening, May 1st, the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, pleasantly surprised its pastor, the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, and his wife. The occasion was the 6th anniversary of his pastorate with this church.

Having previously arranged a pantry shower, approximately 60 members gathered at the church and proceeded in a body to the parsonage. A song especially composed for the occasion was sung while entering the home as a greeting. The senior deacon of the church, Mr. John F. Miller, then took charge of the program and of the social hour which followed.

The fellowship of the evening was a demonstration of the harmonious spiritual atmosphere that has existed in the church during these six years of service.

HARRY L. JOHNSON, Clerk.

### Fifteen Converts Are Baptized by the Rev. Thomas Stoeri of North Freedom, Wisconsin

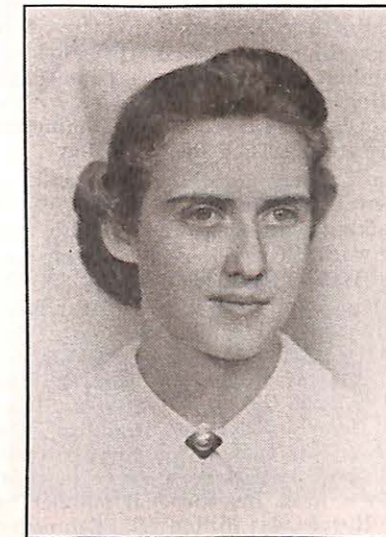
On Easter Sunday evening, April 13, and again on Sunday evening, May 11, in the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., we had the joy of baptizing some very precious souls into Christ's death: on Easter day eight persons and the next time seven. Eight of them are young men of high school age and members of our Young Men's Sunday School class, with Miss Edna Voeck as teacher. The others are a married man, four younger boys and two girls.

Late last Fall we held two weeks of very blessed meetings, at which the Rev. L. H. Broeker, pastor of our church in St. Joseph, Mich., served us very acceptably as evangelist. Those who were recently baptized confessed to have come to the saving knowledge of Christ as their Savior at these meetings. Another young lady confessed Christ at that time and we hope she will follow the Lord in complete obedience at some other time.

Our oldest deacon, Mr. John Seils, who served our church so faithfully for many years, wanted to resign because of infirmities. Instead the church elected him as Honorary Deacon and then also elected two other brethren to serve in this responsible office.

All our organizations, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., Ladies' Missionary Society, and Tabitha Society are striving earnestly to labor for Christ and his church.

THOMAS STOERI, Pastor.



Miss Ivy Gassner, an Honor Graduate of the Mounds-Midway School of Nursing, St. Paul, Minnesota

### Miss Ivy Gassner Graduates With Honors from the Mounds-Midway School of Nursing

One of the graduates of the Mounds-Midway School of Nursing of St. Paul, Minn., this year is Miss Ivy Gassner, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Leo F. Gassner, who serve our church in Gladwin, Michigan. The commencement exercises took place on Friday, May 9, in the beautifully decorated auditorium of the First Baptist Church in St. Paul, Minn. The Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Gassner and one of their twin sons attended the exercises.

Miss Gassner gave the "Class Greeting," a special honor bestowed annually upon one of the members of the graduating class by the faculty. She and her parents and friends were pleasantly surprised when, in connection with the program, Doctor George Earl, president of the Northwestern Baptist Hospital Association, presented to Miss Gassner the award of the Kirbach-Dahlby Memorial Scholarship. The fund for this scholarship has been created by the Alumnae Association in memory of the two nurses, who lost their lives during the World War. The scholarship is awarded by this fund each year to the member of the graduating class rating highest in work.

Miss Gassner returned home with her parents to enjoy a well-earned vacation. After two weeks she took up her duties in the Mounds Park Hospital of St. Paul, where she has been employed since she finished her course of training last February. Her special work is in surgery. She has always been a faithful follower of Christ and intends to serve him and his Kingdom with the abilities she has acquired. Reporter.

### The Spring Rally of the Wisconsin Young People Considers the Theme, "My Loyalty to Christ."

The spring rally of the Wisconsin German Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was held at the Kossuth Baptist Church near Manitowoc on April 26 and 27. The theme of the rally was, "My Loyalty to Christ."

The meetings were held in the Lincoln Park fieldhouse in Manitowoc, which the Kossuth Church was fortunate in being able to rent. The fine auditorium, dining hall and kitchen were well suited to our needs. The rally was well attended, the registration reaching the 100 mark on Sunday.

Our rally got off to a fine start at the evening meal on Saturday with approximately 50 young people in attendance. Choruses were sung at each meal and a fine Christian spirit was in evidence.

The evening service opened with a song service led by our vice president, Wallace A. Kehrein of the Milwaukee Bethany Church. Miss Lynda Klein of Kenosha was the pianist. Welcoming addresses were made by Roger Norman of Watertown, president of our association; Jane Specht, president of the local society; and by our dean, the Rev. Fred Schilling of Wausau.

The Rev. D. Schlueter of the Evangelical Church at Two Rivers, Wis., was the guest speaker for the evening meeting and he brought a fine challenging address for the young people.

The Sunday morning service was held at the Kossuth Church. The Rev. H. Lueck of Poland, now pastor of the Kossuth Church, spoke briefly on the Sunday School lesson and then each visiting society brought words of greeting and short messages.

The afternoon session opened with a song service led by Violet Klein with her sister, Lynda, as pianist. Then Mr. Lueck gave an informal talk on the Baptists in Poland. After the Rev. L. Berndt's address on "Loyalty," the guests were taken on a sightseeing trip of the city.

On Sunday evening, the song service was led by Harold Schielke of the Milwaukee Bethany Church. Louise Bo-rentsich of the same church sang "I Know a Name." The closing message of the rally, again with "Loyalty" as the theme, was ably brought by the Rev. Fred Schilling of Wausau.

Confident that this rally was only a foretaste of joys that our summer assembly will bring, we are all looking forward to July 16 to 20 when we can meet in the Milwaukee Bethany Church.

JANE SPECHT, Reporter.



### The Rev. Albert L. Tilner of Buffalo Center, Iowa, is Translated After a Fruitful Life

The Rev. Albert L. Tilner passed away peacefully on April 28 in the hospital at Buffalo Center, Iowa, after a lingering illness at the age of 88 years and 10 days.

He was born in Germany on April 18, 1853, and at the age of ten years came with his parents to the United States, settling at North Freedom, Wis. At the age of 12 he gave his heart to the Lord and was united with the German Baptist Church at that place. He was united in marriage to Adeline Seils on November 14, 1875.

His father was one of the pioneer preachers of Germany, and so it was no wonder that young Albert decided to dedicate his life more fully to the Lord and to prepare himself for the ministry attending our seminary in Rochester, N. Y. He served the following Baptist churches: Hepburn, Pa.; the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn.; Madison, So. Dak.; Wausau, Wis.; Muscatine, Iowa; Denver, Colo.; and Durham, Kansas.

About 1924 his health began to fail, and so he retired from active service, going to Seattle to live because of the warmer climate. In May, 1932, his first wife passed away and Mr. Tilner spent some time with his children and in June, 1934, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Hattie Albert of Buffalo Center, Iowa, and they spent nearly six happy years together.

Last Fall Mr. Tilner's health began to fail and he began to make all preparations for leaving the earthly home and entering the Home above which he had dreamed so much about. After seven weeks in bed his soul was finally released from the tired body and quietly he went to sleep.

He leaves a wife, Hattie, one brother, August, in Gibbon, Neb.; and seven children: Mrs. Ernest Krueger of Madison, So. Dak.; Mrs. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Elmer Lehman of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Ernest of Tacoma, Wash.; Herbert of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. John Johnson of Seattle, Wash.; Harold of Seattle, Wash.; 19 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren and a host of friends scattered in many communities.

PETER PETERS, Pastor.

### Atlantic Conference

The Delaware Association Holds Its 54th Annual Sessions at the Philadelphia Home for the Aged

The Old People's Home in Philadelphia, Pa., was host to the 54th annual Delaware Association from April 28 to 30. Ministers, delegates and friends enjoyed the Christian fellowship of the Home, where the association convened with representatives present from each church.

On Monday afternoon, April 28, the Rev. Herman Palfenier, the new pastor

of our Second Church in Philadelphia, struck the "keynote" of our meetings with his message, "Sir, we would see Jesus." (John 12:21) Immediately following this message, we were greatly inspired by the various reports from our churches. Although not every church showed great increases in membership, they did show an increase in the great missionary enterprise of our denomination. Ending the first day's meeting was the sermon given by the Rev. Christian Peters of Wilmington, Delaware, on "The Power of Love."

On Tuesday morning the Rev. J. G. Draewell led us in our devotions, "Walking with God," in our 20th century world. Our association theme was "We Would See Jesus," and it truly became a reality as we beheld our Master in the study and discussion of his character traits. "The Joy of Jesus" was impressed upon us anew by the Rev. Alfred Cierpke of Eastern Baptist Seminary. The Humility, the Courage, the Indignation, and the Compassion of Jesus were in turn presented in a most inspirational manner by the Reverends Milton R. Schroeder, Christian Peters, Gustav Lutz and Gustav Schmidt. Tuesday evening's message was brought by the Rev. Gustav Schmidt of Baltimore, Md.

On Wednesday morning, April 30, the Rev. Milton Schroeder of Philadelphia led us in our devotions, basing his talk on Philippians 3:12. The afternoon service was conducted by Mrs. Gustav Schmidt, vice-president of the Women's Missionary Union of this association. The Rev. Herman Palfenier

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brought the message after the reports were given by the various church societies. As a most fitting climax to our meetings, the Rev. R. Reschke of Bethlehem, Pa., spoke on Wednesday evening on the topic, "What Is a Christian?"

We are grateful to the Old People's Home for their hospitality and kindness, but above all we want to thank and praise our heavenly Father for the many blessings and for the Christian fellowship we shared during these days.

GUSTAVE T. LUTZ, Reporter.

### 75th Anniversary of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, New Jersey

The week of April 27 to May 4 will long be remembered by the members and friends of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., as a time of great rejoicing and blessing. It was during this week that we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding of our church.

After much prayer, in which we called upon the Lord for wisdom to celebrate this event in a manner that would be pleasing to him, our pastor conceived a plan that we believe was an answer to our prayer. The plan was to spend Sunday and Monday, April 27 and 28, as days of celebration and the rest of the week, including the following Sunday, as a time of casting out the gospel net for the ingathering of precious souls.

The celebration began in the Sunday School, which by the way celebrated its 80th anniversary, having been established five years prior to the church. Our pastor gave an account of the beginning of the Sunday School and former teachers and scholars gave short talks. At our morning service the Rev. E. Berger of Bridgeport, Conn., a former pastor, preached the anniversary sermon. It was during the time of Mr. Berger that our church building was enlarged to make room for the Sunday School.

In the late afternoon, members and friends gathered for a fellowship supper at which time everyone was given an opportunity to give a testimony or to tell something about the bygone days. Many interesting stories were told about the spiritual fathers and mothers who once labored here for the Lord. This service lasted four hours and was brought to a close with all present joining hands and singing, "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

Monday evening was "Community Night" at which representatives of the various churches brought greetings. The balance of the week, including the following Sunday, was devoted to evangelistic services. Dr. Albert H. Stanton, director of evangelism for the state of New Jersey, was the speaker.

Our pastor, the Rev. V. Prendinger, has been with us 17 years and under his leadership the church has grown spiritually as well as materially.

F. KLING, Reporter.

### Southern Conference

#### Dedication Services for the New Edifice of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas

Sunday, May 4th, was a great day for the German Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, recently re-named the Immanuel Baptist Church, for on that day many friends gathered with the local congregation to dedicate the new church building. The exercises of the day were presided over by the beloved pastor of the church, the Rev. M. G. Mittelstedt.

At 9:45 A. M. a large congregation met in front of the church for a short service, after which Mr. Charles H. Young, the contractor, turned the keys of the building over to the pastor for the formal opening of the doors to our new church home. While the male chorus sang the song, "Come to the Church in the Wildwood," those assembled entered the building. Two of the visiting pastors, the Rev. W. H. Bunning of Gatesville and the Rev. C. C. Gossen of Crawford, spoke to the Sunday School, and at 11:00 o'clock Dr. William Kuhn, our General Missionary Secretary, brought a great message in German to a large and appreciative audience. At noon dinner was served in the dining hall of the church basement to about 250 people by the ladies of the church.

For the afternoon service the building was filled to capacity, and a large crowd gathered under the tabernacle who "listened in" as the entire program was broadcast over a loud speaker system, installed for this occasion. The meeting was opened with a song service, after which the Rev. E. P. Crocker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kyle, read a Scripture passage. Dr. William Barsh, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lockhart, Texas, offered the dedication prayer. The choral number, "Bless this House" by Boosey, was rendered by the mixed choir.

The Rev. J. J. Lippert of Greenville, Texas, brought greetings to the church in behalf of the Southern Conference. The Rev. F. B. Sampson spoke in behalf of the San Marcos Baptist Association. The male chorus sang the song, "For God so Loved the World," by James McGranahan. Dr. William Kuhn preached a most stirring as well as inspiring dedication sermon. Congratulating the church on the fine work that it has done during the past half century of its existence, he challenged the congregation to even greater efforts in the future, reminding them of the command and the promise of Jesus: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

Our church has the unusual distinction of making Dr. Kuhn "take to the air" and come on wings to Texas to



Rev. M. G. Mittelstedt of Kyle, Texas

keep his appointment — a first experience for our General Missionary Secretary. He missed train connections at Kansas City, but he was not defeated in his purpose of getting here in time for the services. He resorted to fast travelling by air and caught up with the train at Dallas, Texas. Brother Kuhn told us confidentially that he still preferred travelling a little closer to the ground, but we are happy and



The Attractive New Edifice of the Immanuel Church of Kyle, Texas, With the Throng of Members and Friends Gathered in Front of the Church on Dedication Sunday, May 4.

grateful that he made the extra effort to be with us on this happy occasion for the church.

The report of the building committee was given by the pastor. The building is constructed of native stone. It is 64 feet long and 56 feet wide, including the wings, which are used for Sunday School rooms and overflow meetings with a seating capacity of about 375 people. The basement has a kitchen 14 by 34 feet and a dining room 24 by 56 feet. This new church property is valued at \$12,000, including equipment, but was erected at a cost of \$8,500 to the church as an organization. This saving was made possible through splendid leadership and wholehearted cooperation.

Most of the work was furnished by the men of the church who contributed 5000 hours of labor. Many individual donations were gratefully acknowledged. We are grateful to the General Missionary Society for a grant of \$500, which is secured by a gift mortgage. Due to the sacrificial giving of the church members and contributions received from friends of the church, the building could be dedicated with a debt of only \$2200 left on the church property. We trust that we shall have our new building free of debt in about two years.

Many of our visitors remained for the evening service, at which time the Rev. P. Pfeiffer of Waco, Texas, brought the message. This service brought to a close a great and memorable day for the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle.

MARGARET LENGFELD, Reporter.



### A Training School is Held by the Central Church of Waco, Texas

The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, held a very successful Training School from April 14 to 18, under the leadership of our Sunday School superintendent, Raymond E. Engelbrecht, and the president of the Baptist Training Union, Mrs. Jack Natkin.

We had two classes as follows: for adults, "Friends of Service" by Corzini, which was taught by the Rev. P. Pfeiffer; for the Intermediates, "Not Your Own" by Clare Hill Cooper, taught by Mr. J. N. Kittlitz. The young people under intermediate age were entertained by Mrs. P. Pfeiffer. The average attendance was 35, with a total of 48 individuals attending throughout the week. Seals were awarded to the students who took the examination. Let it be said, that all the Intermediates took the examination and were awarded the seals. They were also present 100% every evening.

Every night during intermission we were entertained with a special number and refreshments were also served. The annual program is still much to be desired, and so it can be said that all of us who participated as students as well as teachers were greatly blessed and strengthened.

J. N. KITTLITZ, Reporter.

### Eastern Conference

#### Inspirational Mother's Day Program at Munson, Pa.

The entire Sunday School period in the Baptist Church of Munson, Pa., on May 11th was devoted to a lovely Mother's Day program in honor of our mothers. All the young people took an active part in it and were glad to have a large audience in the service.

A pink geranium plant was given to Mrs. Rose Siebert, who is 87 years of age, the oldest mother present, and a pansy plant was given to each of the other mothers. The theme for the morning service was "Good Devoted Mothers," and the evening service was "In the Eyes of Mother."

Some of the time in the evening was spent in giving testimonials about our mothers and what they have meant to us, and in singing songs fitting for the occasion. A lovely solo was also rendered by Albert Zinz. It was really a memorable Mother's Day for all of us.

AMELIA LITKE, Reporter.

### Northern Conference

#### First Church of Leduc Holds a Mother and Daughter Banquet

On Thursday evening, May 8, the mothers of the First German Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, Canada, were honored at a banquet, prepared and arranged under the capable leadership of the Senior Girls' Class of the Sunday School and its teacher, Mrs. J. Kornalewski.

After the delicious supper, we lingered at the tables, and mothers and

daughters exchanged heartfelt testimonies. The blessings of a Christian mother were extolled repeatedly.

Following a period of song and testimony, an inspiring candle-light service was held. The memory of this Mother's and Daughter's banquet, at which there were about 65 present, will remain in our hearts as among the sweetest moments of our lives. May God bless our mothers!

MABEL RINAS, Reporter.

### Activities of the Wetaskiwin Women's Missionary Society

The Women's Mission Society of the German Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada, under the leadership of its president, Mrs. Ruth Dickau, meets once a month. We read the "Missions-Perle" and listen to reports from the different fields of missionary endeavor.

We have rendered considerable Red Cross work. The devotional periods are led by different members of the so-

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ciety or the president. We have visited the aged and remembered the sick with flowers.

Financially, we have tried to do our part by supporting a missionary, and donating money to the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta. Our prayer is that in these troublesome times, God may keep us close to the ideal things of life and give us joy in helping others.

MRS. WILLIAM C. DICKAU, Reporter.

### Inspiring Ladies' Aid Program in the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta

On Sunday evening, May 4, a large audience crowded into the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, Canada. Some visitors from the neighboring church of Wetaskiwin and other points even farther than that, as well as some from our own vicinity, attended this special occasion.

The program opened with a song service led by Mrs. J. Hickman. Scripture was read by Mrs. R. Neske. Mrs. G. Traster led in prayer and also extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. A song was sung by the ladies, which was followed by a German dialogue, "Im Dienste des Meisters." The characters were Mrs. E. Weisser, Mrs. S. Miller, Mrs. O. Lemke, Mrs. A. Schultz and Mrs. B. Link.

Mrs. H. J. Waltereit gave a recitation entitled, "Through Sunshine and Sorrow." Our pastor, the Rev. H. J. Waltereit, then brought us a challenging message.

After a generous offering had been received, the Ladies' Quartet favored us with a song. Following this, the play, "Two Masters," was presented in English. The characters were Mrs. A. Gerber, Mrs. P. Weisser, Mrs. P. Link, Mrs. G. Traster, Mrs. E. Stark, Mrs. E. Schmitz, Mrs. T. Miller and Mrs. B. Weisser.

After this dialogue a heart moving German recitation, "A Mother's Love for Her Child," was given by Mrs. S. Miller. Our program ended with another number by the Ladies' Choir.

Our Ladies' Aid Society is one of the most enthusiastic departments of the church. A great deal of interest is shown by their regular attendance. Two of our members made a record of being present at every meeting, and three members by missing only one meeting. The membership of the Ladies' Aid is 22. The time of each meeting is spent in devotions, sewing and fancy work. Some time during the course of the year the women hold a bazaar at which the handwork is sold.

During the past year the total receipts were \$198.43. Some of this money was given for the building the new parsonage, some for the Red Cross work and some for the support of our Camerons Missionary, Laura Reddig. The Ladies' Aid also bought a new range for the parsonage. They have also put drapes in the choir loft.

MRS. H. J. WALTEREIT, Reporter.



The Anthony Wayne Mission of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, on Its Second Anniversary Sunday With the Rev. E. G. Kliese (Left) Serving as Pastor

### Pacific Conference

#### Mothers' and Daughters' Banquet at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland

On Tuesday, May 6, the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, held its annual Mothers' and Daughters' banquet in the church basement. A very delicious dinner was prepared by the Ladies Aid and was served by the young men of the church, who certainly were a fine group of waiters. The tables were beautifully decorated with large bowls of flowers, and the favors, as well as the programs, were in the form of a quaint lady in lavender and silver.

Mrs. John Leyboldt was mistress of the ceremonies and Mrs. Al. Losli, song leader. At the beginning of the program a corsage was presented to the youngest and the oldest mother present. Miss Anna Kargel, representing the daughters of the church, presented a corsage to Mrs. Leyboldt, who indeed is as a "Mother" to all.

The program consisted of two after dinner addresses: "A Tribute to Mother" by Miss Ella Yakel, and "A Tribute to Daughters" by Mrs. Melvin Becker; a song, "Mother," by the Ladies' Octet; a reading, "Home," by Miss Alice Petz; and a musical play by the Upstreamers Sunday School Class directed by Mrs. Otto Boehi, the teacher. Mrs. Clara Gebauer then climaxed this very successful and memorable occasion by showing us pictures and telling us more about their experiences in Africa. MISS BETTY PFAFF, Reporter.

#### Recent Inspirational Programs of the 15th Street Church and B. Y. P. U. of Los Angeles

On Sunday evening, April 6, the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., dedicated the American and Christian flags. This service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. B. W. Krentz. Salutes to the flags were given by the congregation.

During the month of April our pastor had two pleasant birthday sur-

prises. One was given by the choir in appreciation of the fine work of our able director. The second surprise was given by the church.

Evangelistic services were held from April 13 to 23 with Dr. Harry O. Anderson as the evangelist. We were much blessed by these services, and what a joy it was to see souls accepting Christ as their personal Savior! Eleven persons followed the Lord in baptism on the evening of May 4, and were extended the hand of fellowship.

Our B. Y. P. U. has been conducting a visiting campaign which has proved to be successful in gaining back the interest of members who had become inactive. The Easter Sunrise service which seemed to have ushered in the true spirit of Easter was an inspiration to all of us as we gathered on a hill top overlooking the city. An Easter breakfast followed in the church basement.

On Sunday evening, April 20, the B. Y. P. U. of the church held a candle light service which was in charge of Dr. Harry O. Anderson, who was holding evangelistic services in our church. The topic for this service was, "Does It Pay to Live Out and Out for Christ?" This is and was, indeed, a challenge to us. The service was brought to a climax by everyone who felt the desire to rededicate their lives and to live out and out for Christ the coming year to signify this by coming to the candle lighted cross which was in the center of the room and there light his or her candle.

The Tri Union banquet on the evening of May 2, composed of our group, the B. Y. P. U. of the Ebenezer church, and the B. Y. P. U. of Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, was also a happy occasion, as we gathered together, approximately 140 in number. We were favored with musical numbers, after which followed the program of "Truth and Consequence."

Our Sunday evening meetings from 6:45 to 7:30 P. M. have all been practically of the devotional nature.

HELEN WINKELMAN, Secretary.

### Central Conference Second Anniversary at the Anthony Wayne Mission of Detroit, Michigan

The Anthony Wayne Mission, a "protege" of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., celebrated its second anniversary on Sunday, May 11. Since it was Mother's Day, we also made much of this occasion.

Our efforts for an all-time-high attendance was rewarded with 205 scholars being present. Under the direction of our superintendent, Arnold Koppin, a fine program was enjoyed by all. Our assistant superintendent, Paul Nast, had prepared musical numbers by a double quartet, mixed and male quartets, duets and soloists. An eight piece orchestra rendered able assistance in singing. Readings and declamations followed. Our pastor, the Rev. E. G. Kliese, brought a very helpful message. The Beginners and Primary departments also sang.

While others are encroaching upon our chosen field, the Lord has most wonderfully blessed us and we are shortly anticipating a harvest from the efforts to lead others to Christ Jesus. Our services and Sunday School are held in a school house. ANN LEYPOLDT KOPPIN, Church Clerk.

### Large Mother and Daughter Banquet in the Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Michigan

More than 200 women and girls attended the Mother and Daughter banquet of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., on Friday evening, May 2.

The large banquet audience was addressed by the Rev. and Mrs. Philip Lee, both native born Chinese. He is secretary of the China Christian Broadcasting association, and the son of a Christian minister in China. Mrs. Lee was Chinese nurse with Fred Snite, when he made the long journey from China to Chicago in an iron lung. Then a nurse at a hospital in Pekin, the only hospital owning an iron lung, she was chosen to make the long trip



around the globe. While in this country she met Mr. Lee and they returned to China to be married about a year ago.

The Rev. Philip Lee took as his topic a play on the name of a popular novel, speaking on "Oil from the Lamps of China." His wife spoke briefly, telling of her experiences as a nurse, and supplementing her husband's account of life and conditions in China.

The banquet was served under auspices of the Senior Service Guild at tables beautifully decorated in a color scheme of white, yellow and orchid, carried out in the bouquets, nut cups and programs.

The setting was transformed into a lovely blossomtime scene with quantities of early apple blossoms and dogwood.

Mrs. Rudolph Kovalski, president of the Service Guild, was toastmistress. The Rev. L. H. Broeker, who pronounced the invocation, also led community singing. The welcome was extended by Eileen Kovalski. The toast to the mothers was given by Joan Decker and to the daughters by Mrs. Marion Decker. Alice Marquardt and Winifred Peel sang a vocal duet. The accompanist for the evening was Mrs. Mildred Riemersma.

MRS. PAUL H. SCHMANSKI, Reporter.

#### Recent Mother and Daughter Banquet for the Women of the Forest Park Baptist Church

On Tuesday evening, May 13, the women of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., held their annual Mother and Daughter banquet at the Euclid Ave. Methodist Church of Oak Park, Ill. About 150 ladies, representing the Ye Loyal Bible, the Omicron and Amoma classes and the Helping Hand Society, their mothers and friends, enjoyed the delicious dinner and the inspiring program which followed.

Mrs. C. B. Nordland, president of the Amoma Class, welcomed the mothers and served as toastmistress during the other numbers. After two beautiful solos by Lydia Mihm, Irma Grieger read an original poem, "A Toast to Mothers," in which she compared our mothers to the various flowers in a garden. Quite apropos for the occasion was the piano duet by Mrs. Walter Grosser and her daughter, Jean. The teacher of the Amoma Class, Mrs. Fred Grosser, complimented the daughters for their loving part in the family picture.

"Planning the Husbands' Banquet," a sketch by members of the various classes afforded much amusement.

The evening ended on an inspiring note with the address of Mrs. Corinne Smith, Dean of Women at Wheaton College, who stressed the important role mothers must play in the world by affording their children a Christian home and planting in their hearts the seeds which later will blossom into a strong Christian life.

FRANCES LEUSCHNER, Reporter.



Young People of the Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio, Who Presented the Play, "Better Than Gold," at Several Cleveland Churches

#### The Missionary Play, "Better Than Gold," Is Presented Twice by the Erin Ave. Young People of Cleveland Among Other Activities

On Easter Sunday morning, April 13, the young people of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, with the kind help of their pastor, the Rev. T. W. Bender, sponsored a sunrise service. This was the first time our church had ever observed a service of this kind.

We had a fine attendance of about eighty-five. Several of our young people took part in the worship service, which was from 7 to 8 o'clock. Our guest speaker, the Rev. W. Schoeffel, pastor of the White Avenue Church, gave an inspiring Easter message.

On Sunday evening, May 4, our young people presented the missionary drama entitled, "Better Than Gold," under the direction of Mr. Herbert Gimpel. This was the same play presented at the last General Conference in Burlington, Iowa, and written by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner. It was very inspiring for a large audience.

The White Ave. Baptist Church of our city asked our young people to repeat it at their church, which we gladly did on Sunday evening, May 18. The following characters took part in the play: Adeline Horn, Evelyn Suhm, Doris Keller, Esther Pfaff, Bernice Guenther, Edward Horn, Jack Ensley and Guenther Hans.

Our young people hold their meetings every Sunday evening at 6:45 P. M. Once a month we have a social fellowship, followed by a monthly business meeting. The officers for the past year have been: president, Edward Horn; vice-president, Margaret Pfaff; secretary, Bernice Guenther; and treasurer, Max Arndt.

BERNICE GUENTHER, Secretary.

### Dakota Conference

#### Third Baptismal Service Since Last Fall is Held by the Hebron Church

During the Passion Week evangelistic meetings were held every evening in the Baptist Church of Hebron, No. Dak., under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt. Through the heartfelt messages and also through the personal work of our members, it was a joy for us to see that a number of our Sunday School pupils accepted the Lord as their personal Savior.

On Sunday, May 4, we held a baptismal service in the Bismarck German Baptist Church. This was the third time, since early last Fall, that the Bismarck church has so kindly given us the use of their church. We extend our heartiest thanks to this church for its kindness.

Among all the rainy days that we had had before and since that Sunday, May 4, was a wonderful day. Over a hundred of our people drove to Bismarck to witness the service. We regretted very much to learn that the Rev. Karl Gieser, the local pastor, could not be with us due to illness. Our prayers are that he may soon recover.

In our morning worship hour Mr. Mittelstedt brought us a message on "The Growing Church." At the afternoon service the Rev. Dan J. Rueb of the First Baptist Church of Bismarck gave us an inspiring sermon on "How May I Know Christ Better." Then our pastor had the joy of baptizing twelve young people. For both services our choirs of over forty voices rendered several numbers. At our evening service at Hebron the happy congregation reverently united in observing the Lord's Supper, when the hand of fellowship was extended to the new members.

DR. J. E. GRENZ, Reporter.

### OBITUARY

MARY S. KNOCKE  
of Parkersburg, Iowa

Mary S. Knocke, nee Van Hauen, was born September 15, 1891, at Parkersburg, Iowa, where she resided all her life.

On February 18, 1921, she was married to Fred R. Knocke with whom she lived in happy union until that union was dissolved by death.

On April 2, 1911, she was baptized on confession of her faith in Christ by the evangelist, Rev. Wm Appel, and admitted into the fellowship of the Parkersburg Baptist Church, of which she remained a faithful member since that time.

For a number of years her health had been failing, and it was her lot to bear much suffering which, however, she did patiently and cheerfully. Recently her condition became more acute until death finally released her of her sufferings.

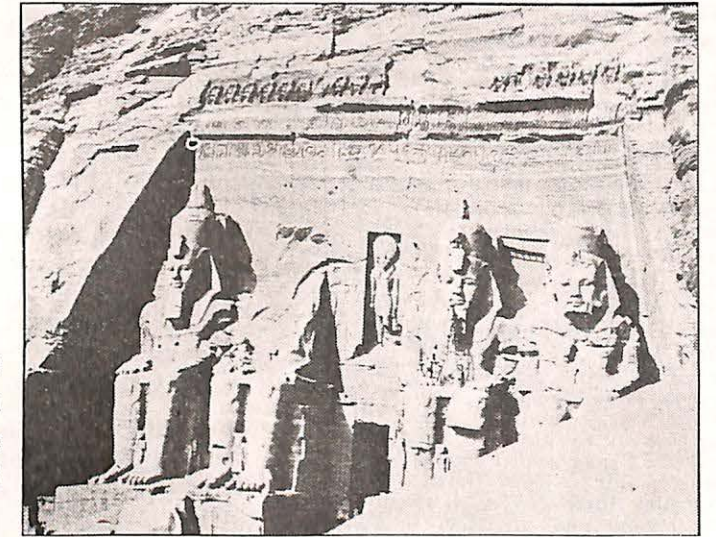
She leaves to mourn her early departure, her sorrowing husband, her aged parents, four brothers, three sisters, besides many other relatives and a host of friends. Her favorite scripture verse was Psalm 31:24, which was also used as a word of comfort at the funeral service.

Parkersburg, Iowa. H. Lohr, Pastor.

## In Memoriam

VARIOUS and strange are the devices employed in all ages by mankind to keep alive some evidence of his existence upon earth.

THE troglodyte brave carved, or drew, rude pictures on cavern walls perhaps in answer to some savage urge to leave a record of his deeds.



THE Egyptian nobleman caused his tomb to be hewn out of the solid rock of a cliff face and the record of his benevolent deeds carved in relief and set down in written records.

NEARLY all ancient peoples buried their dead in some form of enduring enclosure, whether a rock cairn or a great pyramid, and supplied them with weapons, tools and food to ensure their well being in the next world.

THE modern conception of immortality is on a higher plane, and the concern is less for the dead than for the living.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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around "Trees." Miss Elaine Adams spoke on "The Mighty Oak"; Miss Faye Schwitters on "The Lombardy Poplar," stressing the need of growing tall in Christ; and Miss Marie Louise Campbell on "Fruit Bearing Trees." Miss Jean Anderson sang Joyce Kilmer's beautiful message of "Trees." At the evening service of the church a deputation team from the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago presented a splendid program.

¶ The 74th anniversary program of the Women's Missionary Society of the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Ill., was held on Sunday evening, May 25, with the president, Mrs. Emil Seedorf, in charge. The address was brought by Miss Rose Williams, a missionary to the Mormons. At the morning service, the Women's Relief Corps of Kankakee attended in a body and listened to a patriotic sermon by the Rev. George Hensel on "Friends and Foes of Our Democracy." Mr. Albert Gernenz, a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago and the Rev. F. P. Kruse of Kankakee, preached at the services of the church on Sunday, May 18, during the absence of the pastor.

¶ On Sunday evening, May 18, the Rev. Walter C. Damrau, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., baptized 8 converts, who had made their confession of faith in Christ during the meetings before Easter Sunday by the Kraft evangelistic party. On Tuesday evening, May 6, the Men's Brotherhood held its annual election of officers with the following results: Mr. Harry Franzkeit, president; Mrs. Julius Schmidtke, vice-president; Mr. Walter Dingfield, secretary; and Mr. Marvin Dingfield, treasurer. This fine organization, now a year old, held a meeting in the Federal Prison Camp at Fort Lewis, sponsored a Father's and Son's banquet in January, and carried out several church improvement projects.

¶ The 28th anniversary program of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the German Baptist Church in Kenosha, Wis., was held on Sunday afternoon, May 18, with Mrs. Richard Kaiser, president, in charge. Musical numbers were rendered by the church choir and a duet from the Racine church composed of the Misses Eleanor Jander and Caroline Genich. The German play, "The Influence of an Example," was enthusiastically received by the large audience. Mrs. Margaret Schacht from Racine, Wis., who had helped to organize the Kenosha society, brought a brief message. The anniversary address was delivered by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald." The other officers of the society are Mrs. Dan Behr, vice-president; Mrs. Paul Kaiser, secretary; and Mrs. Sam Henke, treasurer. The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger is the pastor of the church.

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## SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

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Noble Y. Beall, gave a spirited report of the work of our chaplains in the army, navy, marine and C. C. camps.

This is a new and huge responsibility. We are aware of the need. The physical, moral and spiritual lives of these men are to be defended against vice.

### Closing Sessions

The main feature of the program of Saturday evening was the report of the Baptist Brotherhood of the south by Dr. Lawson H. Cooke, general secretary. An illustrated map was used effectively in presenting the work of the brotherhood.

On Sunday morning the messengers of the convention visited in the churches of Birmingham. In the afternoon Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas, Tex., delivered a wonderful message to the assembly on the subject, "What Think Ye of Christ."

The initial portion of the evening and final session was devoted to the young people with the Baptist Training Union in charge. Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, La., gave the closing address. His theme was, "Following the Living Christ."

## NORTHERN BAPTISTS

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To be sure, the original "peace resolution" presented by the committee on resolutions, condemning "the present wars as leading the world into moral, spiritual and economic bankruptcy" and expressing to the U. S. president that "we look with grave foreboding upon any action which might plunge our nation into violent conflict," was dropped and a substitute resolution drafted by Dr. Daniel Poling was adopted by a 5 to 3 vote. This more realistic resolution commended the president for keeping the nation at peace and "giving great aid to the democracies." It further states: "We disapprove of totalitarianism and express our sincere sympathy with the democratic peoples in their struggle against tyranny."

Dr. William A. Elliott of Ottawa, Kansas, for 35 years the pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city, was elected president, and Governor Harold E. Stassen of St. Paul, Minn., the first vice-president. Mr. H. Theodore Sorg of Newark, N. J., the general treasurer of our conference, was reelected as president of the American Baptist Publication Society. Besides the pastors and some members of our Kansas churches, the convention delegates included among others Professor O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., Rev. A. Husmann of Forest Park, Ill., Rev. V. I. Olson of Newark, N. J., Rev. Lloyd George Gibbs of Bellwood, Ill., Rev. Emil D. Gruen of Des Moines, Iowa, and Rev. C. H. Seecamp of La Salle, Colo.