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The Shepherd Psalm

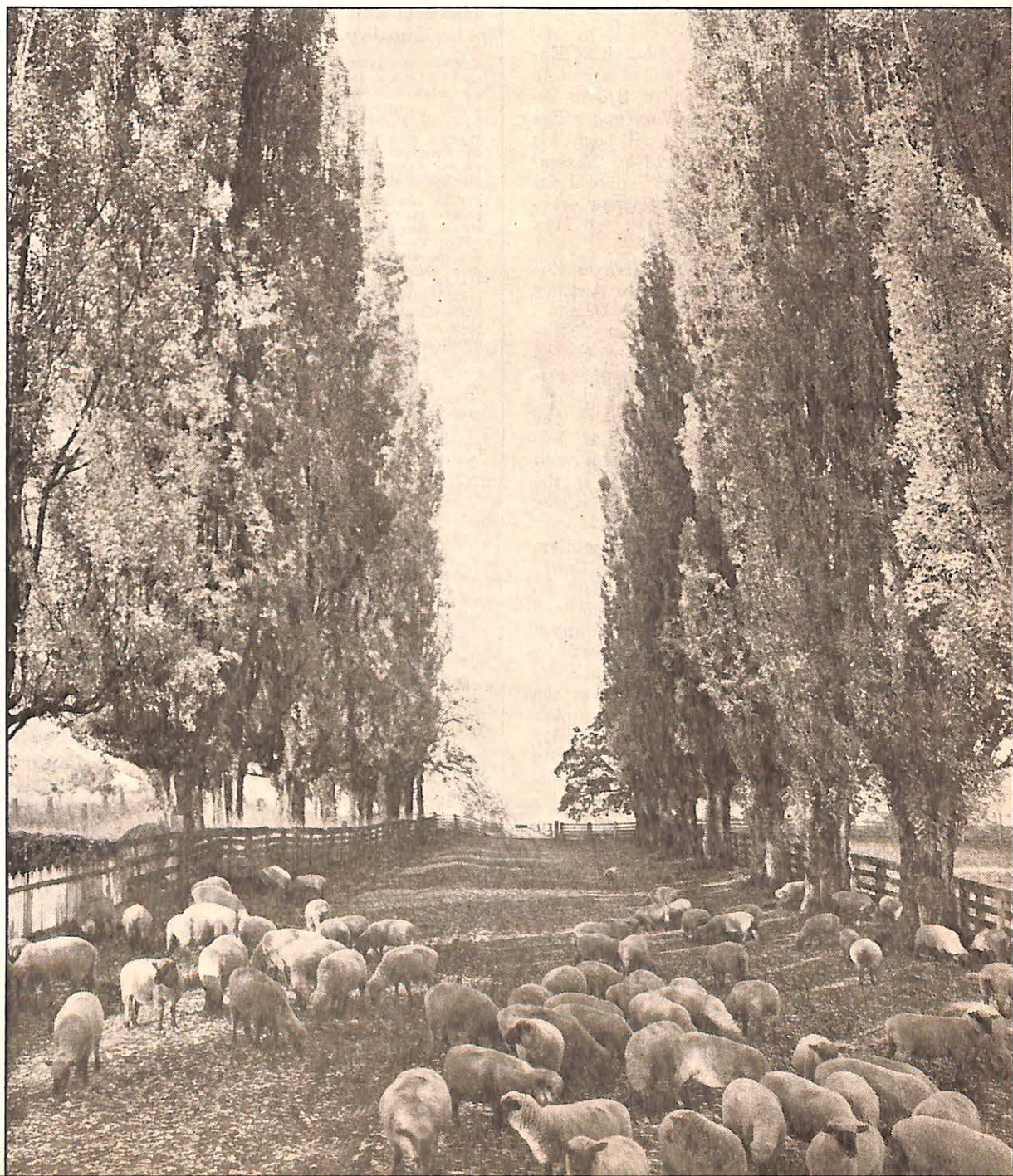
By
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Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

John 10:27-28.

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What's Happening

¶ Since September 1st the Rev. Alfred Weisser has been serving as the new pastor of the Baptist Churches of Carington and Pleasant Valley, No. Dak. He was formerly pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas. On this new field he has become the successor to the Rev. Erich Bonikowsky, who passed away some time ago.

¶ The Rev. William Sturhahn of Unityville, So. Dak., pastor of the Baptist Churches of Unityville and Spring Balley, has resigned in order to accept the call extended to him by the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Oklahoma. He will begin his services on the new field on December 1st, succeeding the Rev. R. A. Klein, now of Corona, South Dakota.

¶ The German Baptist Church of Eureka, So. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. John Weinbender, Sr., to become its pastor. Mr. Weinbender has responded favorably, and will begin his pastorate on the new field on November 1st. In Eureka he will succeed the Rev. Fred Trautner, who is now serving as pastor of the Sawyer and Max Churches in North Dakota.

¶ The Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, has recently appointed Miss Myrtle Hein of Leduc, Alta., as the church missionary. She will begin her ministry in the church on October 1st. She has been a student at the Bible School of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and for two years in the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. She will make her home with the Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Wahl in the institute building. Mr. Wahl is the pastor of the Edmonton Church.

¶ At a business meeting of the German Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., held on Wednesday evening, September 3, the name of the church was changed to that of the First Baptist Church, by which it will henceforth be known. The pastor of the church is the Rev. A. Felberg. A report about the presentation of the young people's pageant, "The Birth of the Sunday School," in the Lodi and Franklin Churches appears elsewhere in this issue of "The Herald."

¶ On Sunday, September 14, the Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., began his interim pastorate in the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill. Mrs. Schroeder accompanied her husband on the trip, which included a brief stopover in Lorraine, Kansas, the birthplace of Mr. Schroeder. A lovely bouquet of flowers was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder by the Forest Park Church with the best wishes for a happy ministry. Mr. Schroeder will serve the church until a new pastor has been successfully called.

¶ Mr. Charles Kuenne of Philadelphia, Pa., a nephew of Dr. William Kuhn, general missionary secretary, has accepted the invitation to join the staff of Christ's Home for Children at Warminster, Pa. He will begin his services at the Home on October 1st. Mr. Kuenne, while he was associated with the Dreers Seed Company of Philadelphia, was instrumental in providing Cameroon missionaries in Africa as well as other missionaries with ample supplies of seeds and plants for their vegetable and flower gardens. We wish him God's blessing in this new service of his.

Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, October 12th

The programs for the Harvest and Mission Festival to be held on or about Sunday, October 12, in many of our churches were sent out by our Publication Society several weeks ago. A variety of material in English and German for recitations, dialogues and short dramatic sketches was included.

The programs feature songs by Prof. Herman von Berge entitled, "The Lord is Good," a new song, "We Thank Thee, O Father," for which the music was composed by Mr. Edward Stabbert of Tacoma, Wash., a song, "The Summons," by Dr. William B. Lippard, editor of "Missions," and an English translation of a familiar German song. The back page of the program brings a few excerpts of one of Miss Edith Koppin's last letters before returning to America on her furlough.

The offering of the Harvest and Mission Festival program is to be designated by our churches and Sunday Schools for our foreign missionary enterprise.

¶ The B. Y. P. U. of the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich., discontinued its regular meetings during the summer months but held evangelistic services in Pingree Park, a public park three blocks away from the church. During the past summer the Bible Temple Church and Beulah Baptist Church helped the Burns Ave. Church to conduct these meetings. The reporter stated: "What a blessed time we had together, singing, praying and praising Him who means more than everything to us! Many strangers, who were in the park, were attracted by the meetings, came closer, listened, heard the gospel for the first time, and some of them were saved."

¶ The Cottonwood Baptist Church of Lorena, Tex., held its annual revival from August 17 to 29 with the Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Forest Park, Ill., our general evangelist, bringing the messages. During the first week of the services a Daily Vacation Bible School was also held, of which a report and picture are given elsewhere in this issue. There were nine persons who professed faith in Christ as Savior, and

the larger part of the church rededicated their lives to greater service in God's Kingdom. The Rev. Harold Ekert, now a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Illinois, served as the interim pastor of the church during the summer months.

¶ The First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., honored Mr. Herbert Pankratz, the church organist and choir director since May 1938, at a supper and program on Sunday evening, September 14. Mr. Pankratz has accepted a position as teacher of mathematics of the Todd School for Boys in Woodstock, Ill. The program consisted of selections by the male chorus, mixed choir and individuals and an address by the pastor, the Rev. John Schmidt. A brief organ recital by Mr. Pankratz followed. The choir presented him with a candid camera. Many of the General Conference visitors at Burlington, Ia., last year will remember Herbert Pankratz as the energetic director of the Christian Fellowship Men's Chorus that sang with such inspirational effectiveness. Mrs. Walter Pankratz has assumed the position as temporary organist and choir director.

¶ The Bellwood Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill., of which the Rev. Lloyd George Gibbs is pastor, was recognized and received into our denominational circle at the recent Central Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. From Saturday, August 30, to Monday, September 1, a young people's retreat was held by the Bellwood Church at the cabin home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Patterson at Sawyer, Mich. Twenty young people were in attendance. Plans for the Fall program were discussed and an inspirational talk was given by Mr. Ralph Brink of the Northern Baptist Seminary. Miss Gladys Shiner is president (Continued on Page 368)

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EDITORIAL

LET no one say that the old-fashioned type of hospitality is a thing of the past. Such a person is not acquainted with the true spirit of our churches in this day. For any visitation trip among our conferences offers one an adventure of enjoyment, largely because of the royal hospitality of our charitable and friendly homes.

Christian Hospitality at Its Best.

The parsonage stands out supremely in almost every church community for its warm radiance and sincere evidences of welcome. With Martha's hands the minister's wife makes frenzied preparations for the arrival of the guests, hoping that everything will be in perfect readiness at the scheduled hour. She deserves much praise for her faithful devotion to the arduous tasks of entertainment.

In such homes, where the coffers are never full, it is always a thing of great amazement to this traveller that such sumptuous meals can be provided by the thrifty housewife. Surely, the minister's family must live on rations for weeks at a time in order to provide such banquet dinners for their guests!

At present, we have quite a number of general workers who are making the rounds of our churches in intensified promotional efforts. The young people's secretary has had the privilege of visiting for a few hours or a few days in almost every church and parsonage of the denomination during the past six years, and now he is beginning to make his appearance for the second or third time. These reflections have come to him through the years with surging forcefulness.

Everywhere the best is offered with genuine delight. The guest treads upon the rosy path of comfort. The finest bedroom is put at his disposal. A fragrant bouquet of flowers or a dish of fresh fruit in his room are evidences of the

love which is lavished upon him. "The fatted calf" is prepared in order to appease his hunger. The German dinners of marvelously spiced wurst, so often served one in the Dakotas and in Canada, leave happy memories that haunt one in leaner days. How can one ever forget the platters heaped with delicious chicken and pheasant meat, which is just the right prescription for a ravenous appetite!

This is the colorful picture, not only of the parsonage in many of our communities, but also of most of our church homes. At conferences and young people's rallies, during the visits of the general workers, and at all times when guests are to be entertained, there are ministering angels among our church members who open their homes with the best of hospitality. That is proof, indeed, of the sincerity of their Christian faith as they hold a cup of cold water to the parched lips of another in the name of Jesus Christ!

It is one of life's most delightful joys to be the recipient of such regal hospitality in a Christian home. The hours of such fellowship are transformed into a time of sweet and sacred communion, in which Jesus Christ is glorified. Sleep in such a home is a soothing balm that strengthens and refreshes one for every task of life, however difficult that might be. Even with the changing conditions and circumstances that the years have brought with them, such homes of hospitality are legion in number among the churches of our denomination.

God bless you bountifully, dear friends, for the Christlike service you have rendered to these tired pilgrims in your midst! The sweet touch of your hospitality will add its radiant glow to life's abiding memories. Your humble homes have become for us, who have spent some time therein as guests, the finest palaces of contentment in which you have showered your gifts of hospitality upon us in Christ's name.

The Shepherd Psalm

The Personal Note

The first is the personal note in the Psalm. David uses the personal pronoun relating to himself seventeen times in the six verses of the poem. In this manner he shows the close relationship between God and himself. This relationship is one of the reproducible experiences of God's Word. No doubt, we think quite differently about the Lord from the way the shepherd youth pictured him, for we have seen Christ, as he had not. But we must not permit anything to rob us of that sense of personal fellowship with the Lord that we find in this Psalm.

Had David been on a train, he might have said, "The Lord is my Engineer." Had he sailed through the air on wings of a plane, he might have said, "The Lord is my Pilot." In either case he would have expressed the same nearness and relationship to God.

The Nearness of God

The world needs a reapplication of this principle of the nearness of God in all walks of life. We pass from one stage to another, but God is in them all. David's life offers us an excellent illustration of this fact. He was not always a shepherd youth. He was also a fugitive, a court-favorite, a minstrel, a warrior, a king, and yet no part of his experience was so useless that God was forced to depart from him.

How easy it is to think that God is not as near to those engaged in the rather unpleasant occupations as he is to the rest of mankind! We seem to feel that we can enjoy God only when we can do what we naturally and instinctively love to do. The fact of the matter is that we become unbalanced and God grows more remote to us when we constantly do the things we like to do and avoid the activities we dislike.

In his book, "The Return to Religion," Henry C. Link says: "I go to church because I would rather lie in bed late on Sunday mornings, the only chance for a good sleep I have during the week. I go because I shall meet and shall have to shake hands with people, many of whom do not interest me in the least. I go because some of my best friends, who know the details of my life, consider me a hypocrite." In this striking way Henry C. Link claims to have come nearer to religion and to God.

Our Sufficiency

I presume that David had higher ambitions than that of being a mere shepherd boy. No doubt, he did as much wishful thinking as we do, hoping some day to be a great man. He was an aspiring young man who desired to get out of the "present rut," in which many spend a lifetime. Yet all of David's unfulfilled desires did not rob him of the beauty of divine fellowship. Perhaps he reached such a high degree of success because of his union with God, for the words of this Psalm come from the maturer life of the Psalm-

A Beautiful Exposition of the Twenty-third Psalm, as Applied to Daily Life, in a Series of Studies on the Psalms, Prepared by the
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MUCH of the practical beauty and significance of David's Shepherd Psalm has been lost through our artificial and somewhat false familiarity with it. We have ceased enjoying its truth because we know it so well. We have memorized its phrases, but we have not remembered its facts. We know the Psalm, but the Shepherd is a stranger to us.

The Shepherd

A minister tells of handing a Bible to a friend, asking him to read the twenty-third Psalm, whereupon the friend replied, pushing aside the Bible: "I don't need that; I can repeat it without thinking." To be sure, most of us have repeated this Psalm again and again without its making even the slightest impression upon our minds. There is great need of making this song of David a living one for our day.

Perhaps, it needs a practical reinterpretation for those to whom shepherd life has little meaning. The shepherd, in his coarse garb, surrounded by his sheep, is far too common and uninteresting an object for the average American. This Psalm, however, carries us far beyond this crude picture of a shepherd. Beneath its surface lies an experience that can be reproduced by anyone, be he a sophisticated New Yorker or a plain shepherd youth.

Several factors will aid in making this Psalm bubble over with life and meaning.



A Musical Shepherd With His Sheep on a Palestinian Field

ist. He remembered, as king, that God was in his life when he was out caring for the sheep.

No, we need not drift away from God on account of the meanness of our daily task. By learning to do the things that are naturally hard to enjoy, we move closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It was not a pleasant task for Christ to walk upon the road of sacrifice to be made sin for us, and to die for us. It was not easy for him, but we read that "he was made perfect through suffering."

It was that personal oneness with God, experienced by the Psalmist, that also enabled Paul to "glory in tribulation." This consciousness will enable anyone to convert woe into pleasure, to reap joy from pain. It is sufficient to be able to join the poet in saying:

"Oh, 'tis enough, whate'er befall,
To know that God is all in all."

The servant of God finds his sufficiency in God. He lacks nothing so long as he has the assurance of a close relationship to him. The possession of God is to him the possession of all. With the consciousness of divine presence, a man can not be robbed of his supply of necessities.

The Present Tense

Another thing that adds vitality to this song is the use of the present tense. The writer, though thinking of experiences both past and present, uses the present tense without a single exception. He says, "The Lord IS my shepherd," not, "The Lord WAS my shepherd." He was not satisfied to build entirely upon the past.

We are all in danger of living in the past and thereby losing our usefulness for the present. By doting on "the good old days," we curse the time in which we now live. All the good we have ever known and all of God we have ever experienced are piled up in the archives of the past. We approach a man concerning his Christian life and all he can give us is this: "I experienced God at

my conversion years ago, but since then God has meant nothing to me."

Such a man should study the Shepherd Psalm of King David. There he can find a man who enjoyed God as much in the present as he ever had in the past. That is the mark of true Christianity. If we have to turn about and look far back into the past to find God, there is something wrong. We must find our evidence for the reality of God in our present experiences. It is not enough to see God in the history of Israel, performing miracles and guiding the people. We must also see him breaking through the dark clouds of our days, performing wonders comparable to any of the past.

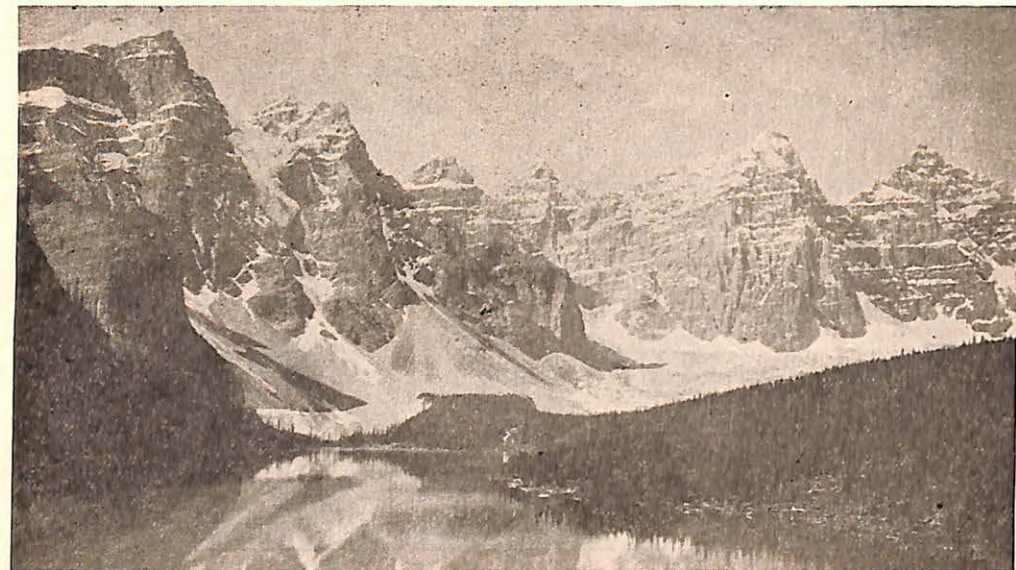
The Shepherd of Today

What do we expect God to do today? Is God as efficient as he used to be? Perhaps, we believe only, as is said of Carlyle, "in a God who died in the days of Oliver Cromwell." Let us get back to the living Christ! Let us say again, "God is alive!"

Paul also brings us this thought of the Psalm. He says that Christ has delivered him, yes, and he does now deliver him. That is the kind of religion we want. We need something that will save us today. Many make no more than just a beginning in the Christian life. A good beginning is important, but it loses its value in a chaotic end.

We do well in bringing our young people to Christ. They deserve a good start in life, but what are they doing when they have passed on into manhood and womanhood? Is Christianity merely a memory to them, or is it still a fact? Does their Christian life consist only of their childhood experiences?

With David it was not so. When he became king, God was still his shepherd. We, too, must take God with us into all walks of life. Then we, too, can say, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."



An Inspiring View of the Canadian Rockies

A Trip That Preached a Sermon

Reflections on a Vacation Trip by Mr. Walter Pankratz of Chicago, Ill.,
the Vice-President of the National Young People's and
Sunday School Workers' Union

Upon being assigned the task of contributing an article on our denominational motto, "Forward With Christ," I did not find it necessary to engage in lengthy reflection upon a theme, as this was supplied by impressions received on a vacation trip to our great Northwest, which my wife and I were privileged to make during May. Indeed, suggestions crowded in upon my mind even while driving, and these I shall now endeavor to set down with some degree of coherency while likening the trip to our life's journey.

Where Are You Going?

In order to make any kind of a journey, we must, first of all, have a destination in mind. The destination in our case was the city of Edmonton, Alta., some 2000 miles from Chicago by auto, which may be considered quite a goal for a fifteen day round trip! To achieve this goal in our limited time meant pushing ahead, energetically and tirelessly, in every kind of weather and over all kinds of roads. While reflecting upon this fact, I thought of the millions of people who are going through life without any particular goal or destination, since they have no definite faith or conviction concerning the hereafter.

In turn, I thought of the many professing Christians who hope some day to reach their heavenly home; yet, by backsliding or straying from the straight and narrow path into the broad and winding paths of unprofitable and harmful pastimes and pursuits, they seem to be going in every other direc-

tion but the one they should be following.

How, thought I, could we ever have reached Edmonton by pointing our car toward that city, and then shifting in to reverse and continuing to go backwards? Or by taking highways leading in every other direction except northwest? This truth seems so obvious as to need no elaboration; yet, countless millions blindly follow such a course, expecting ultimately to arrive at the hoped-for destination.

The True Guide-Book

Although choosing our destination in advance, and starting forward in the right direction, would have given us a proper start on our trip, this would by no means have proved sufficient. To cover so many miles in so short a time made it imperative to make every hour and every mile count. So we armed ourselves with maps and folders describing the regions to be visited. It might be noted, in passing, that in spite of so much helpful material, we depended for our guidance mainly upon our "Touraide," a most compact but complete collection of maps and travel information in book form.

Similarly, although we find much valuable and worthwhile guidance for our daily living from many and varied sources, the best and only complete guide is to be found in one compact volume, the Word of God. Again I thought, how many Christians do not seem to need the guidance of God's Word in their daily lives. Had we discarded our maps even for a day, we

should doubtlessly have become confused and should have wandered off our course. How much less, then, can we expect to steer a true Christian course during a whole lifetime without this only true guide!

Filled With God's Spirit

Continuing this comparison, I contemplated the need for fuel. It was not enough to fill up our gas tank and make the trip on one filling. No, we needed to refuel several times a day, and Christians, too, need constant refueling. It is not enough to have become converted, baptized and joined the church, and then expect to coast along through life on the merits of these initial acts. We need a daily cleansing and a daily indwelling of the Holy Spirit through prayer and the reading of the Scriptures.

A further essential while traveling at high speed or on dangerous curves, I found, was to keep my eye on the road and a firm grip on the wheel. May we, as Christians, continually have an eye singled to God's glory, and with the hymn writer say: "Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine," assured that he will hold us fast.

Joys Without End

Despite the need for strict attention to our course and schedule, as well as the duties of driving, our trip was by no means devoid of pleasures, as many people imagine the Christian life to be. On the contrary, we had many delightful experiences. Without straying from our main course, we were privi-

leged to explore many by-paths, leading to shady bowers or to beautiful, quiet mountain lakes, and here I was reminded of the verse from the Shepherd Psalm: "He leadeth me beside the still waters."

High up in the snow-capped mountains, I could not help but think of the many "mountain-top" experiences we so often have as Christians, and again the fruitful valleys and fields suggested the joys and rewards we already receive in this life.

Upon arriving at our destination, it was our joy to experience a reunion with loved ones, for my wife's relatives reside in this vicinity. How much greater the joys of reunion will be some day when we reach our heavenly home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Pankratz
of Chicago, Illinois

"Friends will be there we have loved long ago," but the greatest joy will be that of seeing our Savior face to face.

Forward With Christ

Christians, young and old! May we resolve anew, as we continue our life's journey, to choose a course that will lead directly and surely to our heavenly home, charting our lives by God's Holy Word, and drawing upon him for our daily strength through prayer. Though the way may sometimes seem rough and dreary, there will be many times of quiet refreshing as well as "mountain-top" experiences.

Through it all, may our lives through individual loyal service and good works, and united participation in the worthy projects of our own denomination, yield rich fruit to the honor and glory of God's name and the furtherance of his kingdom, until he shall call us to our reward and to a blessed reunion. May nothing hinder, deter or distract us, but may we resolutely and unitedly go "Forward With Christ."

My First Impressions

The Initial Report of the Promotional Secretary, the Rev. Assaf
Husmann of Forest Park, Ill., After His Summer's Trips to
Churches in 15 States

Today I shall act on a principle which repeatedly prompted one of the very fine ladies of our Second Church in Philadelphia, Pa., to say: "Pastor, I believe in giving the flowers to people while they live." She knew how to give them, too, nor were they always grown in florists' gardens. At this time, in all sincerity, I am going to try to "say it with flowers."

"First impressions are lasting ones," so the saying goes. This surely does not mean that they are never corrected or revised. It rather means that they are not easily changed; and that they go a long way. It makes me, therefore, exceedingly happy to be able to say that my first impressions, gathered from my contacts with our pastors, churches, and conference groups, are good ones. To be sure, they are not exclusively favorable, but they are overwhelmingly so. Being very much subordinate, the unfavorable impressions shall receive little, if any, consideration in this article. To be fair, however, I shall take the liberty to treat them separately in some future issue.

Fifteen States

My trips of the past summer took me to our people in the states of Louisiana, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois, and, unofficially, also to New York. The reception given to me everywhere was most cordial, not only among old friends, but among new acquaintances as well. Our pastors and their families are easy to get acquainted with. Their hospitality is as informal as it is genuine. They go out of their way to put a new worker among them at ease. The same can be said about all the entertaining families among our church members. They emulate the spirit of the parsonage. It is still true: "Like priest, like people."

Our audiences are most responsive. Their heart-strings vibrate to the humorous and to the serious. For healthy humor they have a quick smile and a hearty laugh, while the serious reflections evoke in them expressions of sympathy and understanding. They "laugh with the laughing and weep with the weeping." They are neither dull nor apathetic listeners.

Loyal to Our Household

Our people are spiritually alive and awake. They thrill to the Bible message. They are eager for the evangelis-

tic appeal. They embrace the challenge of missions. They can be moved to great depths of indignation against all evils and to lofty heights of enthusiasm for all forms of goodness. They are people endowed with common sense. They are, moreover, spiritually discerning, and their minds cannot be easily diverted from the truth.

Generally speaking, our people (pastors and members) are denominationally minded. Those divided in their loyalties seem to constitute a small minority. Just why they should be disloyal to their Christian family and fail to support their own household cannot be easily explained. A good many considerations enter in. Some are idealistic, others doctrinal, and a few purely selfish. It is doubtful whether any are motivated by ill will. Let us hope not! Over against these few stand the many who enthusiastically subscribe to the denominational program and wholeheartedly support the missionary and benevolent budget. Not only that, but they readily respond to such special appeals for consecrated living as outlined in the ten Centenary Goals in general and for sacrificial giving as presented in the Centenary Offering in particular.

Enthusiastic Young People

Special mention should be made of our young people. Not only did I meet them in all churches and special gatherings which I attended, but I had the great privilege to observe them at close range on their own ground at the Oklahoma Institute in Ingersoll, at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga near Junction City, Kansas, at their conference in Buffalo Center, Iowa, at the Northern North Dakota Assembly in Fessenden, and at the Lake States Assembly in Linwood Park, Ohio.

Our young people inspire me with optimism. They are intelligent, educated, spiritual, and willing. Properly trained and directed today, they will form the backbone of a locally and denominationally loyal and Christ-devoted membership tomorrow. Many of our pastors, young people's leaders, and Sunday School workers realize it and bend every effort in that direction. Programs of all kinds are designated to attract the young people and to be helpful to them. And the response is most encouraging.

Subsequent impressions will probably revise first ones, but I dare hope that the revision will not need to be so very far-reaching. I would like to see these first impressions go a long way!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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of the B. Y. P. U. A Vacation Bible School was held by the church from July 7 to 18 with an enrollment of 40 children. Teachers on the staff were Mrs. Edmund Kassner, Mrs. Boyd Wise, Mrs. Harry Holman, Miss Gladys Shiner and the pastor, the Rev. Lloyd George Gibbs.

¶ The Rev. Paul Gebauer of Portland, Ore., one of our Cameroon missionaries who is at home at present on furlough, has completely recovered from his illness of last summer that necessitated the cancellation of a number of engagements. In October he hopes to visit several churches in Oregon and Washington with Mrs. Gebauer usually accompanying him. On Sunday, October 5, he will speak in the services of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon. From October 9 to 12 the Gebauers will have a share in the 50th anniversary of the Trinity Church of Portland, of which Mrs. Gebauer is a member. From Thursday evening, October 16, to Sunday, October 19, they will participate in a series of missionary programs in the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash. On Sunday,

October 26, they will be the guests of the Salt Creek Church near Dallas, Ore., at both services. Early in November Missionary Paul Gebauer hopes to visit all of the California churches of our conference.

¶ The Rev. Frederick Alf of Carbon, Alberta, Canada, recently resigned his pastorate of the Freudental and Zion Churches near Carbon, Alta., to accept the call from the Missoula and Pablo Churches in Montana, where he will succeed the Rev. E. Bibelheimer. On Sunday, August 24, the two churches of Zion and Freudental held a union meeting. In the afternoon, Mr. Alf had

the joy of baptizing a married couple and a 15 year old girl. Before the baptism, he gave the address on "Why I Am a Baptist" before a large gathering. On Sunday, September 14, the two churches held a combined farewell program for one of their spiritual daughters, Miss Ida Forsch, who at present is a member of the Calgary Baptist Church. Miss Forsch expects to take missionary training and has enrolled in the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill. After a full evening of song and music and an address by Miss Forsch, an offering of \$58 was received for her.

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The Bible is the world's best seller. Annually more than 27,000,000 volumes of literature are published and distributed. But this does not mean that the Bible is the world's most read book. There are probably some Bibles in our homes that have been neglected. Too often we fail to open its pages to follow its guidance and to walk in its light.

This denominational goal ought to be very important to everyone of us. For Baptists have been called "the people of one Book!" The Bible is the gateway that shows us the way of eternal life. It is the standard by which we are to be judged of God. It is the source of all spiritual power for victorious living.

Do you feel your inadequacy to meet the heavy demands of these times? Are there questions in your life that cry out for an answer? Do you feel a yearning for more Christlike attainments? Then turn to your Bible. Read it each day without fail. Discipline yourself in this blessed practice. Make it the daily habit of your life!

THE SEVENTH OF TEN DENOMINATIONAL GOALS TO BE ACHIEVED IN OUR
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By the REV. CARL F. H. HENRY, Pastor of the Humboldt Park
Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois

The old-fashioned gospel tract, in a streamlined dress, has begun a campaign of double duty.

Metal tract boxes, automobile holders, tract shooters, cellophane rollers, soul-saving kits and a score of other accessories have sprung to usefulness with the renewed popularity of the printed leaflets. Almost a hundred tract publishers offer free samples of their stock, and in some sections of the country whole cities are being covered in systematic tract distributions.

The American's proverbial "short story temperament" provides a psychological advantage for tract reading. The man in our streets likes his literature, even religious comment, short and snappy—as witness *Time* and *News-Week*. In past years this advance

has been offset by the lack of "tract appeal": antiquated type, a tactless approach, a poor printing job.

But the twentieth century tract tells the same story in a new dress: color, new type and design, superb printing. Sometimes added timeliness is given the message by a "news peg" beginning, the lead paragraph making reference to some world event from which a religious truth or moral is drawn.

To Clyde H. Dennis, a Minneapolis printer in his twenties, goes much of the credit for the revolution now taking place in religious printing. Dennis, whose "Good News Publishing Co." has been transplanted to Chicago, Ill., set the pace for attractive tracts with such success that his presses now print more than any other firm.

Skill is required in making the correct approach—so that the non-Christian will be eager for more information concerning the plan of salvation.

Most important in an effective program of tract distribution is the sequel to the actual presentation of the tract—the follow through. Cultivate the friendship of the individual.

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Cutting across denominational bounds, a national tract week was sponsored for the first time this year by hundreds of churches throughout the nation. Pastors found excellent precedent for encouraging tract distribution in the ministries of Wesley, Whitefield, Moody and other evangelists. No Christian worker need apologize for presenting a twentieth century gospel tract. In technique and writing it compares favorably with the best promotional efforts of our day. The message is the story supreme, the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. The presentation has been improved; no man has been able to improve the message. Men need, and they will read, the old-fashioned gospel tract in its streamlined dress.

"Echoes of Heaven"

The Marvelous Story of the Weekly Radio Broadcasts
of the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Michigan,
Over Station C K L W at Windsor, Ontario,

Written by

MR. GORDON ERNST of Detroit, Michigan

expedient to broadcast this half hour of "salvation joys" on a week night, so that at present our time is on Thursday evening at 9:00 P. M. Each broadcast originates in our own church auditorium by remote control.

An Attractive Program

The program is diversified in character in order to keep the listener's interest. The radio chorus, consisting of approximately thirty voices, generally sings three or four hymns, rendering them in a thrilling way. Our male quartet serves with two songs at every broadcast, while either one of the soloists or a duet supplement the other songs. Every week we feature the organ in a number, which is used also as background for the announcements as well as the opening theme.

Arthur Carkeek, the organist, has contributed much through his gracious efforts in adding stirring numbers to the program that touch the hearts of the listeners with the pealing forth of the tones out of the mighty organ. Too much cannot be said about the pianist, Eleanor Knopf, who with her nimble fingers runs up and down the key board as she accompanies the various numbers.

The program is under the capable supervision of two directors who alternate each week as they lead the chorus and select the songs. These two young brethren are Stanley Ernst and Howard Ziehl. Their efforts have been largely instrumental in making the musical appeal of the

Mr. Gordon Ernst, the Talented Announcer of the Radio Broadcasts, "Echoes of Heaven."

broadcasts what it is. Upon the latter young man's shoulder has rested the burden of the correspondence and of all contact with listeners. He has done a marvelous piece of work in answering the fan mail and taking care of the technical and managerial work behind the scenes.

The Radio Preacher

The Rev. P. G. Neumann, who is introduced and known to the listening audience as their "radio preacher," in his own unique way brings such timely sermonettes in seven and one-half minutes that broken hearts are mended, afflicted sick friends in homes and hospitals are refreshed in the Lord and look forward with a new hope, while the backslidden listeners renew their acquaintance with Jesus, their Savior. The unsaved loved ones come under the convicting power of the message and

spirit while some yield their hearts to Christ, making him King of their lives. The continuity between numbers is made up of Bible verses and of comments leading up to the songs that follow.

We trust that we may be obedient to the heavenly commission, even in this radio undertaking, to go into all the world preaching the gospel to all peoples as far as our voices can carry. In the near or distant future, our endeavor and desire will become a reality in that an even large scope of reception may be attained and the proclamation of his gospel love and mercy may reach to many more needy communities.

Letters From Listeners

To our own members much of the credit is due for financing this great project. They have given with real zeal as they have perceived the need and as Christian friends have received the vision and contributed as their Savior bade them to do.

Many, many letters are coming from different states expressing the joy and appreciation of listeners for the blessings received. In addition, however, the letters contain requests for prayers as they relate the various disappointments and heartaches, that add to life's heavy burdens. Through a ministry of this nature it can readily be perceived how a humanity without Christ suffers through the pains and distresses often caused by sin.

The following excerpts in a small way will picture the joys and sorrows expressed in our fan mail.

Back to God!

"I enjoy your programs very much, for I was saved by Jesus' blood one night about three months ago after lis-



The Melodious Voices of This Male Quartet Go Out Over the Air to Thousands of Radio Listeners

(Left to Right: Helmut Bekowies, Alfred Bekowies, Walter Pieschke, and Fred Holzimmer.)

From a Blind Listener

"I praise God for my spiritual acquaintance with you through the medium of radio. I wish to say that your program, which you are sponsoring for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is what both the saints of God and the sinner need more of. I want you to know that I pray God's blessings upon you and the success of the work that you are doing. I am blind but not spiritually—thank God! Pray for me that I may accomplish that which God intends for me to do. And my prayer is that God's blessings may rest upon you all and Brother Neumann as you endeavor to carry on Christ's work. May our work continue through the medium of the radio and your church!"—Hendersonville, North Carolina.

My heart was thrilled with your lovely program and sermon. I have a sick daughter, a strange condition. Will you not breathe a prayer that God may be interested in her case and especially save her. Probably the praying members of your congregation would pray much for her salvation. Trusting this will give you information on how much hungry folk enjoy this spiritual food. And may God richly bless you, that is my humble prayer!"—Walkerville, Ont.

A Family of Fourteen

"I am writing to let you know that we love 'Echoes of Heaven.' It used to be I who listened; now it's we! Our whole family of fourteen! From the start, it has been a sacred half-hour of the week to hear Rev. G. P. Neumann and the songs, and the pre-song words spoken so graciously. Tonight we were all singing and listening. I have wanted to write before, but I must be of the kind who thinks, 'Well, it's only me.' But tonight, when I heard my boys singing and my wife also, I was compelled to express and show our appreciation on so (well, I cannot give a



Rev. P. G. Neumann, Pastor of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., the Radio Preacher of "Echoes of Heaven"

"Their sound went out into all the earth and their words unto the ends of the world." Romans 10:18.

"Echoes of Heaven" is again on the air! These are familiar opening words of the broadcasts as presented every Thursday evening at 9:00 P. M. by the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, over station CKLW at Windsor, Ontario, and Detroit, Michigan, (800 cycles).

About three years ago our heavenly Father saw fit to designate a radio ministry for our Burns Avenue Church of Detroit. Through his wonderful guidance and leading he has made the ways and means possible, especially in the carrying of the heavy financial burden.

We bring adoration and honor to our Christ and Redeemer for choosing this group of his humble children to proclaim this glorious gospel of his salvation and grace over the air to a part of a dying, sin-burdened world.

Possibly a Network of Stations

Our responsibility is especially great in consideration of the proximity of our Lord's return. The time is imminent and there is so much to tell the multitudes outside of the fold. Our prayers and desires point to an even wider scope of coverage for the broadcast, so that thousands upon thousands of additional listeners may be reached by the salvation message. Even now arrangements are in the offing to take on a small network covering the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota. This project, however, is entirely in our Father's hands, and as he guides, we will follow.

The program was originally called "Happy Half Hour of Heaven and Home" and went on every Sunday evening at 9:30 P. M. Subsequently, the Lord determined that it would be more



The Radio Chorus of the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Michigan, That Sings Regularly for "Echoes of Heaven."

(Center, front row: George Funke, Radio Engineer.)

great name) beautiful inspirations of soul. I know there are many more who feel the same as I do. They used to dislike to see me turn the dial from some other program, but now I think they all know, too. Hope your program goes on and on, and touches many as it has me!"—Detroit, Mich.

From a Sanitorium

"I feel obliged to tell you how much it means to me to be able to hear your mid-week service on the radio. I am a patient in the sanitorium here at Northville, Mich., and being unable to get out to church, I must depend on the radio for my 'attendance.' Without the normal activities and interests, it seems a long time from one Sunday to the next, and your Thursday night service



Rev. P. G. Neumann,
Pastor of the Burns Ave. Church

of song and message is most welcome and comforting. The dance music and pointless monotonous serial stories don't mean very much to a person in these sober surroundings, and I feel safe in saying that a good many besides myself are grateful for a program with something vital and personally significant. My sincere appreciation; and may God maintain and bless your noble work!"—Maybury Sanitorium, Northville, Mich.

From Distant Places in Canada

"Dear sisters and brothers in Christ: Every Thursday night we gather around our radio in the living room to listen to 'Echoes of Heaven.' Sometimes we have a very hard time separating CKLW from Calgary. Last night I had to put my head real close to the loud speaker as our battery is going low, but I felt the nearness of God. That dear old song, 'That Beautiful Land,' just lifted me. Would it be possible for you to sing, 'Shadows,' for me? Your broadcasts are enjoyed in this community by several families

Tune In!

"Echoes of Heaven," the radio program of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., is now presented on Thursday evenings from 8:30 to 9:00 P. M. over Station CKLW of Windsor, Ontario, across the river from the city of Detroit. Tune in to these programs at your earliest opportunity!

that I know of, so may God be with you to continue the good work which you have started."—Whitemouth, Manitoba, Canada. (Approximately 1200 miles away.)

"Just heard your lovely program over CKLW and I certainly enjoyed every bit of it. So I am just going to write you and tell you how much it has cheered and helped me. This is the first time I have heard your program, but I certainly will be listening in next Thursday evening for 'Echoes of Heaven.' I belong to the Salvation Army in the City of Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick, Canada, and it certainly is a privilege to be a child of God in these days of sin and wickedness when there is so much to take one's attention away from the right way. Your congregation sang tonight one of my favorite songs and that was 'Count Your Blessings.'"—South Devon, New Brunswick.

From a Soldier

"I listened to your fine program on Thursday night, and I must say it did me heaps of good. You don't know how much this broadcast means to a fellow at night, with the lights out, and everything peaceful and quiet. I'm up here from Florida and your program helps me to get hold of myself, when I get to feeling all the world's against me. Lights go out at 9 P. M. and then I switch on the radio to your program to just where I may hear it, and it does me a world of good. I would surely appreciate your little emblem of Christian faith very much. I am a Baptist also, and I've turned more to Jesus Christ since January, as my best buddy passed on then. That was before I joined the army. If it wasn't for the Bible and your fine program, I'd have lost faith because of it long ago. Thanks a lot!"—Service Battery, 17th Field Artillery, Fort Bragg, N. C.

Almost a Tragic Suicide

"Dear Friends of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church: My problem is, I am just a young girl who is discouraged with life. I am really not a bad girl, but I have a sick mother and I am not well myself. I have thought of doing things I know I shouldn't even think of doing. I am so discouraged that I am liable to do anything. I think of only doing something to myself and then I think of sick mother, who, as the doctors say, is incurable, and she would be left alone in this world. Then I think of doing something to end both of our troubles. I am asking that you please pray for me, because I really don't want to do such a terrible thing, but sometimes I think it is the only way

cut. I am a steady listener of your program and I would appreciate it very much if you would give me some advice."

The Flaming Cross

"I received the beautiful cross a few days ago and I cannot explain what it means to me. I thank you and wish you much power in putting forth the gospel. My cross hangs beside my bed and often in the dark hours of night my eyes behold the cross, there to remind me of One who died that we might live. I am a very poor woman, but rich in his saving blood."—Peck, Michigan.

Some of listeners are very talented in writing verses. Here is one that I

Tract Distribution in Revival

The importance of Tract Distribution is receiving new emphasis just at this time.

The Good News Publishing Co. of Chicago deserves much credit for launching a renewed effort in this much-neglected field. This company has rejuvenated the style of the tract by modernizing it, making a brief appeal printed in colors and in high class typography.

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am sure "Echoes of Heaven" will greatly enjoy having the readers of "The Baptist Herald" share with us.

Echoes of Heaven

The day as a whole had been weary,
A day that was mostly in prayer;
I'd seen, oh, so many, so needy
Who knew not a kindness nor care.
The toils of the day were all over;
Alone, as I sat in my room
I chanced to hear "Echoes of Heaven"
Which drove away all of the gloom.

The words were inviting, consoling,
The songs were inspiring as well
It seemed my whole heart was uplifted.
The blessings, like snowflakes, they fell.

Indeed, I shall always be grateful
No more for home will I search;
I found it through "Echoes of Heaven"
The "Burns Ave. Baptist Church."
—Fay King.

Annual Session of the Publication Board

Report by the Rev. T. W. Bender of Milwaukee, Wis., Secretary

The members of the Publication Board met for their annual meeting in the Publication House in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 20th. The Rev. Paul Wengel, president of the board, opened the session with prayer. All members, excepting the Rev. Theo. Dons, who has entered the general work, were in attendance. Following are the other members of the board: Helmut Wobig, Buffalo; H. von Berge, Dayton; Harold Johns, Oak Park; Reuben Jeschke, Dayton; Frank Woyke, Rochester; Chas. Zummach, Trenton; and T. W. Bender, Milwaukee.

Mr. H. P. Donner and the Rev. S. Blum submitted their respective reports. Since the Rev. M. L. Leuschner could not be present, his report was read by the secretary. Mr. A. D. Schantz, our colporteur, had also sent a communication to the board. All these reports were favorably received and most of the discussions of the session hinged on the various items and recommendations included in these reports. All of our workers were voted special resolutions of appreciation for their services of the last year.

The Rev. W. Luebeck of Ashley, No. Dak., was again elected to write the Sunday School lessons for the SENDBOTE. Mr. Schantz was elected to continue his work as colporteur. The Bible Day Program material is to be arranged by the Rev. Adolf Kannwischer.

Two of our Publication House employees will soon terminate long and outstanding terms of service. Mr. John Ries, who will retire on the first of October, has served our House and denomination in the capacity of typesetter and printer for the last sixty years. Mr. C. Voth, who has been an assistant to our editors, will have completed a term of 52 years upon his retirement on the first of January. These men have not merely held their positions in the House, but have rendered faithful service to the denomination at large. Both are also members of our White Ave. Church in Cleveland. The board recognized the splendid record of these men by special resolutions of appreciation and best wishes.

All reports and comments on them indicated that the service of our German publications is becoming more limited year by year. The WEGWEISER and MUNTRE SAEMANN, and even the VOLKSKALENDER, have come to the place where further publication may soon have to be stopped. The hope was expressed by some that these papers might be kept alive until the Centenary in 1943. The VOLKSKALEN-

DER was instructed to emphasize the Centenary in its 1943 issue. The question of substituting an English tract in place of the WEGWEISER and the SAEMANN was also considered.

The decline of the subscriptions to the SENDBOTE also continues. However, we feel that the Club Plan has greatly reduced and checked the rate of decline of the time previous to the Club Plan. The advisability of setting a minimum subscription figure at which the SENDBOTE would automatically be made a semi-monthly paper was



Members of the Publication Board With Mr. H. P. Donner,
Business Manager, (Left—Front)

seriously considered. However, the only definite action taken was the following resolution, "that if DER SENDBOTE continues to decline through further shrinking of subscriptions, it will be necessary to give serious consideration to making it a semi-monthly publication."

The possibility of making the HERALD a weekly publication at the same time that a change in the schedule of the SENDBOTE might occur also received attention. Many aspects of these problems and possibilities are too vague at present for specific adjustment. But the Board feels that adjustments to the present needs and trends of our denomination will have to be made and that our people ought to be prepared for action along that line.

The SENDBOTE had 4366 subscribers the last year with a decline of 247 subscriptions from the previous year. The BAPTIST HERALD has 6013 subscribers, an increase of 263 over the

previous year. The LEKTIONS-BLAETTER, which have been our only profitable publication in the last years, shows a decrease of 646 during the past year.

Our people, no doubt, realize that due to world conditions, it is becoming very difficult for our House to procure German literature. For that reason it is more important than ever that our churches order all their Sunday School and church supplies from our Book Department. All Sunday School and Young People's materials, regardless by what house they are published, can be procured through our own Publication Society.

When our church people receive our colporteur, Brother Schantz, with Christian hospitality and secure worthwhile books through him, they are giving direct support to the missionary task of our Publication House. We were happy to hear of the splendid support our people have given our colporteur.

Since the Central Conference opened in the White Ave. Church on the evening of the day of the board's meeting, we were happy to be entertained for dinner by this church. During the afternoon we enjoyed the presence of the Secretary of Promotion, the Rev. A. Husmann. The board was appreciative of the opportunity of discussing with him how the interests of the Publication Society might best be represented through his office.

May God grant the Publication Board and all the directing bodies of our various organizations the necessary vision and the devotion to the Kingdom enterprise at large, which will enable our churches to continue to meet the demands for the Christian witness in each respective community, throughout our beloved nation, whether it be America or Canada. As we maintain our usefulness at home, we shall be enabled to carry on our missionary work abroad.

Reports from the Field

Northwestern Conference

Ten Meetings Are Held by the Lebanon Ladies' Aid of Wisconsin During the Past Year

During the fiscal year, which was recently closed, the Baptist Ladies' Aid of Lebanon, Wis., held ten meetings with an average attendance of six of our nine members.

Our White Cross quota included only a small amount of handwork, and so we did some work for German Baptist mission fields and Red Cross. Instead of work at one of our regular meetings, we had the local Red Cross work chairman as a speaker and we heard some interesting facts about that work.

For the coming year the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. H. J. Krueger; vice-president, Mrs. V. Wolff; secretary, Mrs. A. H. Krueger; and treasurer, Mrs. Raymond Rabenhorst.

The accompanying picture shows the nine faithful members of our Ladies Aid Society. The names of the members are: Front row, (left to right), Mrs. J. Braatz, Mrs. V. Wolff, Mrs. C. Braatz, Mrs. Mary Rabenhorst; (Back row), Mrs. R. Rabenhorst, Mrs. I. G. Rabenhorst, Mrs. L. Rabenhorst, Mrs. H. J. Krueger and Mrs. A. H. Krueger.

MRS. A. H. KRUEGER, Secretary.

Young People's Sessions of the Northwestern Conference at Racine, Wisconsin

From August 6 to 10 the Northwestern Conference was entertained by the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis. On Saturday night the young people met at the Y. M. C. A. for their banquet. The theme of the banquet was "Send Forth Thy Light." Toastmaster for the night was the president, Ted Hirsch of Minneapolis. Song leader was Myron Dudek, and pianist Adeline Jander, both of the Racine Church.

The program was as follows: A welcome by the local president, Evelyn Platt; trumpet solo by Russell Griep; three toasts on the subject, "The Light Shined," given by Robert Kuechmann of Iowa; Roger Norman of Wisconsin; and Theresa Glewwe of Minnesota. Reports were read and the election of officers followed. A trio consisting of Eleanor Jander, Caroline Genich, and Myron Dudek sang, "Let Thy Light Shine." The main speaker was the Rev. Ralph Brink of Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill. There was a large crowd in attendance and every one went home greatly inspired.

At the Sunday afternoon young people's rally service we were fortunate in having as main speaker the honorable



The Women's Missionary Society of the Lebanon Baptist Church of Wisconsin

Harold E. Stassen, Governor of Minnesota. The program of the afternoon was as follows: song service led by the Rev. John Walkup of Sheffield, Ia.; opening prayer by the Rev. J. Johnston of Jeffers, Minn.; devotions led by R. Norman of Wisconsin; Auggie Jensen sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Alfred R. Hilker, both of the local church; Arthur Klein of Kenosha played a Xylophone solo and Louise Borenisch of Milwaukee sang a solo.

The new officers for the coming year were then introduced as follows: president, Ted Hirsch, Minneapolis, Minn.; vice-president, Roger Norman, Wis.; secretary, Adeline Jander, Racine, Wis.; treasurer, Theresa Glewwe, St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Wobig introduced the governor as main speaker. The service was closed with prayer by the Rev. T. W. Bender of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ADELINE JANDER, Secretary.

Pacific Conference

The Lodi Young People Present the Pageant, "The Birth of the Sunday School"

"The Birth of Sunday Schools," a costumed pageant was presented in the main auditorium of the Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., in July by the young people's society. The pageant depicted the struggles and hardships which confronted Robert Raikes, the Sunday School founder. Mr. Calvin Lohr played this part.

The opening scene was in the street of Gloucester, England, in 1780, where a group of nine ragged, barefoot boys and girls were playing roughly and fighting. Raikes, after quieting the group, suggested organizing a Sunday School and the ragamuffins agreed to attend.

Supporting Mr. Lohr were three young women: Frieda Melcher, Ruth Grieser and Margurite Shank. Mrs.

Hannah Ball was taken by Thelma Forsch; Rev. Joseph Alleine by Harry Nuss, and Sally by Esther Felberg. Some of the others who took part were La Vonné Walters, Donna Meidinger, Burdette Forsch, Milliard and Mailin Stroh, Harris Seidel, Mrs. Ted Reimche, Elton Burgstahler, Howard Leicht, Hiller Goehring and Leonard Sawatzky.

Vocal selections were "Mountains" by Frieda Burgstahler; "Just for Today" by Irene Weigum; "There's a Savior Up Above" by Esther Felberg; "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior," by Virginia Schmiedt; and "Were You There?" by Calvin Lohr. A flute solo, "The Lost Chord," was played by Milo Mehlhoff accompanied by Elton Burgstahler at the piano. Stanley Hust gave a trombone solo. Mrs. Aimee Goehring Sawatzky was the organist for the evening. The Rev. A. Felberg pronounced the benediction.

Mr. Milton Grieser, president of the B. Y. P. U., presented Miss Bertha Meyers in behalf of the cast with a white Bible and corsage of red rosebuds for directing this pageant. The pageant was again presented in the Baptist Church at Franklin, Calif., of which Rev. G. Rauser is the pastor, at a later date.

Reporter.

Dakota Conference

The Philathea Class of the Avon Baptist Sunday School Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary

The Philathea Class of the Avon Baptist Sunday School celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on Thursday evening, August 21. The Men's Bible Class was also invited to the program.

The Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Bartel sang a duet and Mr. Arthur Voigt, organizer of the class, gave a talk. The secretary was in charge of the roll call, and all members who were present responded. Those who had passed on were remembered by the placing of a flower for each one. The treasurer then gave a report on the class's finances.

A talk on "The Value of Attending Both Church and Sunday School" was given by Mrs. Bartel, the teacher of the class. Letters of response from former members who were unable to attend, were read by the secretary. There were 100 guests and members present, and 86 invitations had been sent out to former members.

The president, Mrs. Gertie Pritzhau, presented a gift to Mrs. Bartel, the teacher, in behalf of the class, due to the impending departure of Mr. and Mrs. Bartel to Jamestown, No. Dak.

MRS. ROSA JOHNSON, Secretary.

October 1, 1941

A Survey of the Work of the Bible Circle of the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, No. Dak.

The new year for the Bible Circle of the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, No. Dak., began on May 1st of this year. During the first 3 months we held six meetings at the homes of members and at the church parlors. Since the first part of June we have been without a pastor in our meetings, but the members of our group of women have continued the Bible chapter study among themselves. We have been studying the book of Genesis.

The members are active in making calls and sending cards of good cheer to sick friends in hospitals and homes. The ladies have also undertaken the large burden of cleaning the church this Spring, contributing towards the expenses of the work. Our new pastor, the Rev. E. P. Fosmarck, has arrived and we are praying to work together with him in a greater spirit and to be faithful in our Master's service during the remainder of the year.

MRS. A. D. KLEIN, Secretary.

Southern Conference

Farewell Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Klein is Held by the Hurnville Church of Texas

On Sunday, August 17, the Rev. R. A. Klein closed four months of successful service at the Hurnville Baptist Church near Henrietta, Texas. When the Klein family came into our midst on the first of April, we were truly thankful that the Lord had sent us "a shepherd." Although much rain and muddy roads often hindered our coming together during the spring months and early summer, came together when it was possible and always had a worthwhile meeting.

On Sunday, August 10, a group of young people in the Sunday School Class taught by Mrs. Leon Moser met on the bank of the Red River for a picnic. The Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Klein joined us, bringing their folding organ. We all enjoyed a sumptuous meal and afterwards we had group singing and a quartet and duet numbers.

After spending an enjoyable afternoon, we gathered at the church again for our B. Y. P. U. meeting. It was on this day that Mr. Klein brought us the startling news that he had accepted the call from the Baptist Church at Corona, So. Dak.

On the following Friday evening, August 15, a group of 85 gathered at the church basement to bid farewell to the Kleins. Although we find it hard to understand why they should leave us so soon, we would not ask Mr. Klein to refuse God's call elsewhere.

In appreciation for their services here and in recognition of the love we have for them, the B. Y. P. U. presented the Kleins with a gift blanket. May God bless them on their new field of labor!

LILY WUEST, Secretary.

The Cottonwood Vacation Bible School Has an Enrollment of 115 Children

During the days of August 18 to 22 the Sunday School of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School. Due to its success, we know that God was with us and that he poured his blessings upon us.

We had an enrollment of 115 children in our Bible School. They came

Communion glass holders were made for our church by the boys. Some of our men helped our boys, especially our superintendent, Mr. Ed. Gummelt. The Intermediate girls made handkerchief aprons, and the Junior girls did embroidery work. Posters were made by the Primary Class and the little Beginners made "Helping Hands," bunny rabbits and worked on colored books.

At 10:30 A. M. each morning the Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Forest Park,



The Sunday School of the Hurnville Baptist Church near Henrietta, Texas

from all parts of the community. One morning as our superintendent's car drove up, we noticed that it was well loaded with 18 children who rode in that car. We had an average attendance of 95. Fifty-three of our boys and girls had perfect attendance.

The school was divided into four classes. The Beginners were taught by Mrs. Ed. Gummelt; the Primary department by Mrs. Hillary Wittner; the Juniors by Mrs. A. W. Guderian; and Intermediates by the Rev. Harold Ekert. We are thankful for the faithful work of our teachers.

Each morning was started with the school march, a worship period, pledges to the flags and a Bible character story, song period and prayer. After the class periods, 30 minutes were set aside for handwork.

Ill., our evangelist, gave us a Bible story, which was a great blessing to all of us. We held our Bible School during our revival campaign. We are indebted to Brother Dons for many blessings and are praying that God will be with him in his work of bringing the gospel to the lost.

On Sunday morning, August 23, we held our communion service. Certificates were presented to 113 pupils of the school by the principal, Miss Viola Hansen. Our daily assembly program was given and each class gave a demonstration or summary of its work. Many came out to witness this service.

We are thankful to God for the 4 boys and girls who were converted during this time. May our Lord lead and guide us in all that we do!

VIOLA HANSEN, Reporter.



Children and Teachers of the Cottonwood Church's Vacation Bible School of Texas With Miss Viola Hansen, Principal, Second from Left

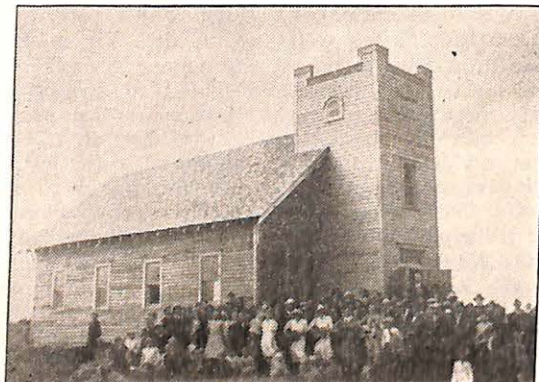
Northern Conference

Dedication of the German Baptist Church of Valley View, Alberta

With praises and thanksgiving we of the German Baptist Church of Valley View, Alberta, Canada, come again before the Lord to thank him for all of his goodness. After much waiting we had the privilege on Sunday, June 8, of dedicating our newly built church.

The church was decorated with flowers, mottoes and a big streamer across the platform with the words, "Praise Ye the Lord," made by Christina Hufnagel. After a short service at 10 o'clock, the doors were unlocked by the deacon of the church. The Revs. F. W. Benke of Edmonton and H. Waltereit of Camrose led the way for the procession into the church, followed by the church officers, children and congregation.

Sunday School was led by the superintendent, Mr. C. Hufnagel. The Rev. H. Waltereit spoke at the German service on Mark 11:7. "My house shall be a house of prayer." The Rev. F. W. Benke brought the message at the Eng-



The Newly Built Baptist Church of Valley View, Alberta, Canada

lish afternoon service on 1. Kings 8:43. "That all people may know that this house is called by God's name."

Many other numbers helped to brighten the services of the day. A German recitation was given by Mrs. Ruth Lehman which had been composed by her mother, Mrs. Christina Heizelman of Golden Prairie, Sask. Greetings were brought from neighboring churches.

The first settlement in Valley View by Baptists was made in 1927. But the times were hard, and all of these left except for Mr. John Lehman. In later years he was joined by others. In 1932 a church was organized with 11 members. The foundation for a church building was laid in 1939, but the actual construction of the church was not begun until the Fall of 1940.

The present church building, which is only 20 by 36 feet, cost \$331, on which we still owe the sum of \$11.00. The work was contributed free by members of the church, especially by Mr. Duerksen and Mr. Slapianka. A gift of \$150 from the General Missionary Society was also received.

MRS. RUTH LEHMAN, Reporter.



A Quintet of Canadian Young Women Who Made a Deputation Trip Recently in the Interest of the Edmonton Institute

Young Women's Quintet From the Edmonton Institute Visits Twelve Churches on a Deputation Tour

At the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, last winter, five of us young women were chosen to tour through Southeastern Alberta and Southwestern Saskatchewan during the

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ing his children. The following young women composed our deputation team: Rose Weiss of Hilda, Sadie Benke of Leduc, Beatrice Link of Camrose, Barbara Hermann of Hilda and Ruth Unger of Olds.

It was a privilege as a ladies' quintet of the Christian Training Institute, with Mr. Reinhold Schmidt of Wiesen-tal, Alberta, as our capable and willing chauffeur, to visit the following 12 churches: Trochu, Freudental, Bethel, Friedensfeld, Hilda, Irwin, Rosenfeld, Medicine Hat of Alberta, and Annental, Leader, Glidden and Burstall of Saskatchewan.

At some churches we conducted meetings for two consecutive evenings, as well as enjoying and inspiring children's meetings during the morning hours. We visited numerous aged brethren and also the sick and crippled in the districts of the churches, in which we rendered our programs. The programs consisted of numerous quartet and trio numbers, duet and solo numbers and personal testimonies. The entire program was based on the theme, "What Will You Do With Jesus?" After the program the leader of the quintet gave the altar call. God gave us the privilege of leading three souls into his fold.

We want again to express our gratitude to all who showed us such kind hospitality in their homes.

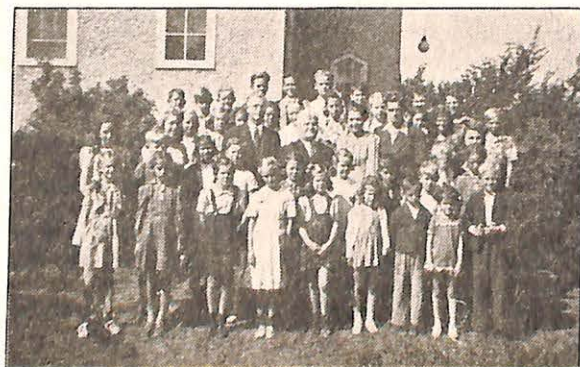
BEATRICE LINK, Reporter.

A Fine Vacation Bible School is Held by the Victoria Avenue Church of Regina, Sask.

With much eagerness the children of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., Canada, looked forward to the Daily Vacation Bible School held from August 11 to 21. Registrations reached a total of 44 with ages ranging from 5 to 16 years.

The four teachers were the Rev. F. W. Benke of Edmonton, Alta., the Rev. A. Kujath, pastor, Mr. Art Pudlas and Miss Violet Peters of Regina. The Bible study of Old Testament stories was given by Violet Peter. The class on Old Testament stories was taken by the Rev. A. Kujath and Class 4 on "The Life of Paul" was taught by the Rev. F. W. Benke.

During the memory period the classes learned the "I Am's of Christ," the



The Fine Vacation Bible School Group of the Victoria Ave. Church of Regina, Saskatchewan, With the Teachers in the Center



—Photograph by Herman Siemund

The Handsome Group of Baptist Ministers in Attendance at the Central Conference That Recently Convened in the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio

23rd Psalm, the Beatitudes, and the names of the books of the Bible. Handwork periods were instructed by Art Pudlas and Violet Peter, in which mottoes, posters, chorus books and sewing cards with Bible verses were made.

Chorus singing was directed by Mr. Benke and songs in motion by Violet Peter. Each morning the boys and girls marched into the church to the music of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The devotional period was conducted by Mr. Benke after which the pupils went to their classes.

On Saturday evening, August 21, the closing program was held with a fine group attending who were pleased to hear and see the progress which the children had made during the time of the school. The four classes, led by Mr. Benke, sang the new songs which they had learned. One student from each class told one of the stories they had learned, and the memory work was recited by each class. A summary of the devotional talks was given by one of the students. Recitations were also brought and handwork was displayed, after which each of the teachers gave a short talk.

Each evening during the school term evangelistic services were conducted by the Rev. F. W. Benke, in which 11 of our students and one adult woman accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Our Bible School has come all too quickly to an end but its memories will remain with us. We are looking forward to another school next year.

VIOLET PETER, Reporter.

Central Conference

The Central Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, Centered Its Thought on "Jesus, the Hope of the World."

The Central Conference met from August 20 to 24 for its 61st session with the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, of which the Rev. W. L. Schoeffel is pastor. Very appropriately the conference opened with a song service led by Mr. Ernest Black.

Mr. Schoeffel presided and brought words of welcome in behalf of the entertaining church. Dr. D. R. Sharp, executive secretary of the Cleveland Baptist Association, brought greetings in behalf of the Baptists of the city. The Rev. John Schmidt of Chicago, Ill., delivered the opening sermon on the theme, "Jesus, the Hope of the World." And this, by the way, was the theme of the entire conference.

The Thursday morning session opened with a Bible Conference led by Prof. O. E. Krueger on the theme, "The Living Christ." On this and the following mornings he showed how Christ not only "lives on high" but lives and has been present and active here on earth all through the centuries.

In a resume of the church letters the following facts were disclosed. There were 234 baptisms, and a total gain of 384 members. However, the losses exceeded the gains by 47. The heavenly Father called 66 persons to their eternal reward, of whom the youngest was 14 and the oldest 102 years. The total reported for local purposes amounted to \$113,067.556; for missions and benevolences \$40,517.42, making a grand total of \$153,584.98. A most encouraging fact was the reception of a new church into our conference, namely, the Bellwood Baptist Church of Illinois, which was formerly a mission of the Forest Park Church. Prof. H. von Berge spoke words of welcome and extended the hand of fellowship to its pastor, the Rev. L. G. Gibbs.

We were happy to have our promotional secretary, the Rev. A. Husmann, in our midst who told us of the hindrances to our missionary endeavor in Europe, but also of the glorious opportunities and open doors in the Cameroons. He urged us to undertake the opening of a leper colony there. Miss Alethea Kose spoke on "The Crisis in Foreign Missions." The Rev. George Lang gave an address on "Our Benevolences in the Light of Recent Social Legislation." There was a panel discussion in which quite a number participated on the

theme, "Vital Problems of Our Churches and Denomination." Daily from 12 to 12:15 P. M. the Rev. A. F. Runtz led a quiet devotional period of meditation and prayer. On Friday evening two simultaneous banquets were held, one for the men and another for the ladies. Splendid programs were presented in both groups.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: moderator, Rev. C. F. Zummach; recording secretary, Rev. Herbert Koch; statistical secretary, Rev. Benj. Schlipf; and Rev. W. L. Schoeffel as secretary of the mission committee.

The Saturday evening banquet of the Y. P. and S. S. W. U. was a splendid affair. Besides the enthusiastic group singing a little business was transacted, officers were elected, and Prof. O. E. Krueger gave a short talk on "Torch Bearers." (See the separate report that follows.)

Sunday was a great day. The Rev. A. Husmann brought the message in the Erin Ave. Church, and the Rev. E. G. Kiese a German sermon in the conference church. The regular morning worship service was one long to be remembered for its beauty and worshipful atmosphere and for the thought provoking sermon by the Rev. Paul Wengel. At the afternoon rally the Rev. L. G. Gibbs spoke on "A Sacred Trust," and in the evening the Rev. R. Jeschke brought the closing message on "Christ In Us, the World's Salvation," after a beautiful memorial service conducted by the Rev. John Knechtel.

The members of the entertaining church deserve much praise for the wonderful way in which they entertained the conference. The church choir and other groups and individuals stirred our hearts with fine vocal and instrumental numbers. And thanks be unto God for the fine Christian spirit which prevailed throughout the entire conference. Truly, the Holy Spirit was in our midst!

A. F. RUNTZ, Reporter.

Young People of the Central Conference Union Adopt a Mission Project Amounting to \$1000

The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Central Conference met in connection with the conference sessions at Cleveland, Ohio, from August 20 to 24. The Saturday evening banquet at Anders Cafeteria was very well attended, the actual number present going well beyond the 260 reservations. The banquet speaker, Professor Otto Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., gave a most attractive presentation of his subject, "Torch Bearers."

Elections were held at this time. Since the term of office is for two years, only half the offices had to be filled, the rest carrying over. However, the entire group for the year 1941-1942 includes: president, Harold Johns, Oak Park, Ill.; 1st vice-president, Rev. Reuben Jeschke, Dayton, Ohio; 2nd vice-president, Dorothy Abele, Peoria, Ill.; 3rd vice-president, Walter Pankratz, Chicago, Ill.; secretary, Bernice Lindenbaum, Cleveland, Ohio; treasurer, Harry Kugler, Cleveland, Ohio; national council member, Harold Gieseke, Trenton, Ill.; and chairman of nominating committee, Rev. Ralph Rott, Chicago, Ill.

A project was launched that evening which requires special mention. For

Bazaar at the Chicago Home for the Aged on Thursday, October 16

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Aid Societies of the German Baptist Churches of Chicago and vicinity for the benefit of the Western Old People's Home will be held on Thursday, October 16, 1941, at the Home, 1851 N. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

The hearty cooperation of all interested friends in the form of financial or material gifts will be greatly appreciated. They may be delivered personally or sent by mail. Many useful articles will be on sale at the bazaar.

Meals will be served at 12 noon and at 6 o'clock in the evening for a reasonable price.

Mrs. Julia W. Deutschman,
Reporter.

some years our Union has been rather inactive. It was therefore voted that we take as our special responsibility this year the work of Miss Edith Koppin in the Cameroons. She is a member of one of our Central Conference churches. The project involves raising about \$1000 and is to be called "the Edith Koppin Medical Unit." Here will be a task sufficient to challenge the support of every Young People's So-

ciety and Sunday School in our conference.

The usual rally was held on Sunday afternoon, meeting in the White Ave. Baptist Church. Very appropriate to the decision of the previous evening, the Rev. L. G. Gibbs of the Bellwood Baptist Church of Illinois spoke on the subject, "A Sacred Trust." The offering received at that time amounted to \$28.56, a start toward our goal.

REUBEN JESCHKE, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference Annual Report of the B. Y. P. U. of Gotebo, Oklahoma

The German Baptist Church in Gotebo, Okla., held its annual business meeting some time ago. The meeting was opened with singing, scripture reading by the president and prayer. The new officers elected were as follows: president, Mervin Greb; vice-president, Lloyd Schantz; secretary, Dale Geis; corresponding secretary, Lenora Schantz; treasurer, Beatrice Schantz; chorister, Lloyd Schantz; and pianist, Helen Laufer.

The B. Y. P. U. has had only 36 meetings this year because of the bad weather. We have 23 members enrolled, with an average attendance of 20 members, and an average grade of 85%. We have a special program every fourth Sunday evening of the month, and a social gathering every quarter, which has gained the interest of the young people.

We have recently changed quarters and are now using the "Young People's Witness" published by the Union Gospel Press of Cleveland, Ohio. These lessons have been enjoyed very much by all.

The B. Y. P. U. won the banner at the Southwestern Conference held at Okeene, Okla., this year. May the Lord's blessing be upon us!

LENORA SCHANTZ, Reporter.

The Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kary Are Given a Surprise Shower by the Durham Church

It is always with a great deal of pleasure that we look forward to our vacation experiences. It is then that one has opportunities of visiting again with parents, brothers and sisters and seeing many old friends again.

This summer the Baptist Church at Durham, Kansas, graciously permitted us to be absent from our church duties for several Sundays, so that we might make the lengthy journey to western Canada to visit with parents and friends.

We arrived home safely and on the following Sunday morning the members assured us that they were glad to see us back again. On the next Wednesday evening, as we sat visiting with the Rev. and Mrs. L. Hoeffner, who were passing through on their way to Texas, the church bell began to ring. In astonishment we looked at each other and said: "What could that be for?" A few moments later some-

one appeared at the door and asked us to come to the church.

When we arrived, we found that the church was already full. Mrs. Ben Frick, president of the Ladies' Aid, took over the leadership and declared to us they were celebrating our return with a "pound shower." After a few stammering words of thanks by the much surprised pastor, he called on Mr. Hoeffner to give a short address. We were then all invited to go to the basement where the women had laid out the gifts. On a table there was to be found the finest array of foodstuffs, such as sugar, coffee, bread, flour, garden vegetables, and all kinds of canned goods, enough to fill the cupboard to overflowing.

Then the Ladies' Aid presented the pastor's wife with a beautiful handmade woolen comforter. All of us were then served with coffee and cake and sandwiches, which was a fine introduction to an hour of blessed fellowship.

EDWARD KARY, Pastor.

Days of Rich Blessings Are Enjoyed at the Southwestern Conference Held in Okeene, Oklahoma

It was with hearts filled with anticipation that about 200 delegates and visitors from the Southwestern Conference churches turned their faces to Okeene, Okla., for the days from August 6 to 10 for the sessions of the conference.

The conference opened on Wednesday evening with the local pastor, the Rev. H. Pfeifer, in charge. After a hearty welcome by the city mayor and the pastor, the Rev. P. Potzner responded for the conference. The Rev. A. G. Rietdorf brought the opening address on the theme, "Warnings from the Watchtower."

The general theme of the conference was, "Following Our Savior." All the devotional periods and messages were built about this topic. The devotionals were in charge of the Rev. J. Broeder, who spoke on "Following Him in Worship"; the Rev. P. Potzner whose message was, "Following Him in Effectual, Fervent Prayer"; and the Rev. M. DeBoer whose topic was, "Following Him in Sacrificial Service." The song services were led by the Revs. J. Reimer, J. Kornelsen, and B. Fadenrecht.

We were privileged to listen to several fine addresses, after which discussions followed. The addresses were as follows: "Following Him in Newness of Life" by the Rev. R. Seibel; "Following Him as Soul-Winning Witnesses" by the Rev. T. Lutz; "Following Him in Stewardship," by the Rev. C. Seecamp; and "Following Him to Immortality" by the Rev. A. Weisser. The Rev. W. Helwig brought the doctrinal message centering on the Holy Spirit. The quiet half hour on Saturday was in charge of the Rev. T. Frey. Sunday afternoon during the young people's meeting, a German service was held in the church in charge of the Revs. R. Vassel and F. Socolofsky. The Rev. P.

Smit, D. D., brought the closing message on Sunday evening using the thought, "Fine Clothes and Hard Times."

We were glad to have Dr. Wm. Kuhn in our midst to help us in many ways and to bring us several inspirational messages. In the two quiet half hours on Thursday and Friday he spoke on "The Gate to the Unknown Land" and "Heirs of God." He also brought the message on Thursday evening, speaking on "Our Denominational Goals," and on Sunday morning he spoke on the theme, "Such as I Have Give I."

The report of the churches showed a slight gain in membership for the conference in the past year. The officers elected for the coming year are: vice-moderator, Rev. H. Pfeifer; secretary, Rev. W. Helwig; statistician, Rev. J. Kornelsen; mission secretary, Rev. Martin DeBoer; and representative for the Children's Home, Rev. F. Socolofsky.

It was decided to reduce the Mission Committee from seven to five members, and to have a gospel team visit our churches.

JOHN BROEDER, Reporter.

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Sessions of the Southwestern Y. P. and S. S. W. Union at Okeene, Oklahoma

The Southwestern Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union convened with the Baptist Church at Okeene, Okla., from August 8 to 10. On Friday afternoon, August 8, the young people of the Okeene Church entertained the conference young people with an outing to the Roman Nose State Park, about 25 miles southwest of Okeene. A good time and plenty of watermelon were enjoyed by all who attended.

The business meeting of the Southwestern Conference Y. P. and S. S. W. Union was held on Saturday afternoon. The results of the election were as follows: president, Ruth Socolofsky of Shattuck, Okla.; vice-president, Harold Weigand of Okeene, Okla.; secretary, Lois Lichte of Stafford, Kans.; treasurer, Betty Wood of Beloit, Kansas.

It was also decided during the business meeting to undertake a mission project of \$500. It was suggested that this money be used on the Cameroon mission field.

The young people of the Okeene Church entertained the conference young people with a very beautiful and

inspirational banquet on Saturday evening, the theme of which was "Stars in the Heavens." Mr. Robert Graalman acted as toastmaster. Miss Ernestine Weigand was song leader with Mrs. Harve Fritzemeyer as accompanist. The program consisted of a welcome by Mrs. Allen Fielder, the installation of the new officers with Mrs. Will Wirth in charge, several musical numbers by the Rev. and Mrs. B. Fadenrecht and instrumental music by the Elmo Church. Inspirational talks were given by Leora Dobrinski, Florence Meschberger and Ruth Socolofsky. The address, "Stars in My Crown," was given by Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill.

A song service led by Edna Schroeder opened the Sunday afternoon session. Devotions were given by the Gotebo Church.

The Award Committee with the Rev. J. H. Kornelson as chairman gave the following report:

B. Y. P. U. awards: La Salle, Colo.; Lorraine, Kans.; Okeene, Okla.; Gotebo, Okla.; Ellinwood, Kans.; Bethany, Kans.; Strassburg, Kans.; and Ingersoll, Okla.

Sunday School awards: Ellinwood, Kans.; Bethany, Kans.; Lorraine, Kans.; Okeene, Okla.; La Salle, Colo.; Immanuel, Okla.; Mt. Zion, Kans.; and Beatrice, Nebraska.

The mileage banner was awarded to the church at Stafford, Kans., and the excellence banner to the church at Ellinwood, Kans. Following this report we enjoyed a panel discussion, "Youth's College Problems," led by Rev. J. H. Kornelson. LOIS LICHTER, Secretary.

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Lieutenant Crisman attended the University of Minnesota for three years before going on active duty with the Marine Corps Reserve. He was graduated from the Pensacola, Fla., training station in July, 1940, when he was transferred to Quantico for training as a flight master.

In the year 1931 he was converted and baptized under the ministry of the Rev. E. Hanley and became a member of the Park Baptist Church in St. Paul. Later he transferred his membership to the Riverview Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until his death. For several years he served as secretary of the Sunday School and also rendered some very fine service in the ministry of music. He was obedient to the call of service and now has answered the call for service in the Kingdom above. The undersigned spoke words of comfort based upon Rev. 2:10. The Rev. H. R. Schroeder also assisted in the service. Burial took place in the National Cemetery at Fort Snelling.

He leaves to mourn his sudden departure his now sorrowing mother, Mrs. Mildred Crisman, his grandmother, Mrs. Tillie Platt, besides a large host of relatives and friends. May the bereaved find comfort and consolation in the abiding God who can bind up the hearts that are wounded!

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