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A Life-Like
Marble Statue
in Minneapolis,
Minnesota,
Dedicated to the
Undying Memory
of the Pioneers
of Yesterday.

—Photograph by
M. L. Leuschner.

What's Happening

¶ The Baptist Church of Elberta, Ala., of which the Rev. G. Sprock is pastor, recently enjoyed a wonderful revival. In answer to their prayers 15 persons were added to the church, 11 of whom had been baptized on confession of their faith on Sunday, August 24. Mr. Sprock wrote: "Such blessings of the Lord bring joy and courage to faithful workers. Therefore, let us witness for Jesus in our daily life and walk."

¶ The Rev. Otto Fiesel has resigned his charge as pastor of the German Baptist Church of Trochu, Alta., Canada, and he has accepted the call from the Baptist Churches of Vida and Lambert, Mont. His appointment has been approved by the Dakota Conference and General Missionary Committee. The change of residence and fields of service for the Rev. and Mrs. Otto Fiesel will be made before November 1st.

¶ Since October 1st the Rev. M. Johnson of Chicago, Ill., is serving as the new pastor of the Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa. He is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago and in recent years, as reported to the editor, has been engaged in business in Chicago. He is a son-in-law of the Rev. and Mrs. George Ehrhorn of Parkersburg, Iowa. We wish the Steamboat Rock Church and the new pastor God's blessings in the days to come. Mr. Johnson has succeeded the Rev. H. Palfenier of Philadelphia, Pa.

¶ The Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kans., is located in the vicinity of Fort Riley of the United States government. The pastor of that church, the Rev. Thomas Lutz, would like to provide entertainment and hospitality for any young men from our churches who are in training at Fort Riley. If parents or friends will write to him at the address, Route No. 1, Junction City, Kansas, giving the name of the young man, troop, company, or squadron to which he belongs at Fort Riley, he will get in touch with him for a spiritual and friendly ministry.

¶ The German Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak., held its reception for its new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. A. Krombein, on Sunday evening, September 7. In the morning service, Mr. Krombein brought his first message on the text, "We would see Jesus." (John 12:21.) The guest speakers at the reception were the Revs. Karl Gieser and H. G. Bens of Bismarck. Messages of hearty greeting were brought by the following representatives of the church: Mr. B. C. Helwig as church deacon; Mr. Klein as Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Karl Gieser for the Ladies' Aid; and Mrs. R. Neuharth for the B. Y. P. U.

¶ The Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, has called the Rev. Henry Hirsch, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., as its new minister. Mr. Hirsch has accepted the call extended to him and will begin his services in the Cleveland Church on November 19th, succeeding the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, now pastor of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis. During the past summer months the Rev. Alfred Cierpke preached in most of the German services and, as he wrote, "enjoyed a wonderful fellowship with the families of the church." He and his wife have returned to Philadelphia, Pa., to continue their studies in the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

¶ The Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Krentz of Los Angeles, Calif., made a hurried visit to North Dakota with some friends early in September. On Wednesday evening, September 10, Mr. Krentz, who is now pastor of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, spoke in a service held in the Baptist Church of Gackle, No. Dak., with members of the Alfred Church also present. On Friday evening, September 12, he spoke in the Baptist Church of Napoleon, No. Dak. On Sunday, September 14, he preached in the morning service of the Baptist church of Wishek, No. Dak., with the Beaver Creek Church people also present, and in the evening in the Baptist Church of Ashley, No. Dak.

¶ The new pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, No. Dak., is the Rev. E. P. Fosmark, formerly minister of the Grace Baptist Church of Great Falls, Mont. He began his ministry on August 1st, succeeding the Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch. In response to a query of the editor, the Rev. F. W. Bartel wrote as follows concerning Mr. Fosmark: "He is of Norwegian stock, a young man of charming personality and splendid gifts. He was trained at the Northwestern Bible Institute of Minneapolis and the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Having served as evangelist for 7 years throughout North Dakota and Montana, he is acquainted with a number of our Dakota pastors and with some of our work."

¶ On Friday evening, September 19, the members of the Kossuth Baptist Church near Manitowoc, Wis., surprised their pastor, Prof. Hugo Lueck, on his birthday at a wiener roast which was held on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Steuer. On September 28 Professor Lueck completed a full year of service as pastor of the Kossuth Church. He is in great demand as guest speaker to varied groups. Recently he ad-

ressed the Green Bay Baptist Association at Green Bay, Wis., on "The Baptist Situation in Europe." On Sunday, September 28, he was the special speaker at a service in the Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., sponsored by the Men's Club. A statement of his on the Bible was featured on the front cover of the "Watchman-Examiner" in its issue of September 25th. On Sunday, September 22, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, young people's secretary, spoke in the morning service and showed missionary pictures in the evening before good sized congregations.

¶ The Rev. A. Husmann of Forest Park, Ill., promotional secretary, has been leading a very busy life during recent weeks. In September he spoke at services of the churches, women's missionary societies and young people's rallies in the following towns of Iowa: Elgin, Buffalo Center, First and Second Church of George, Baileyville, (Illinois), Aplington, Parkersburg, Steamboat Rock, Muscatine and Victor. On Sunday afternoon, September 14, he addressed the young people's rally at Aplington, Iowa, attended by young people from Aplington, Steamboat Rock, Sheffield and Parkersburg churches in the interest of the Iowa mission project. The offering was \$48.32. From September 28 to October 19 his schedule included the following churches in the Dakota Conference: McClusky, Turtle Lake, Goodrich, Anamoose, and Fessenden, North Dakota; Madison, Wessington, Avon, Hettinger, McLaughlin, Venturia, and Herreid, South Dakota. On Friday evening, October 10, he addressed the South Dakota young people's rally at Tyndall, So. Dak. From October 15 to 17 he will be the guest speaker at the Central Dakota Sunday School Association at Venturia, No. Dak.

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EDITORIAL

WE need not make any apologies for dedicating this issue of "The Baptist Herald" to the memory of our pioneers. How pitiful it is that the stirring story of their privations and achievements has largely become a closed chapter to the greater part of the young people of our day! Life, for most of us, is such a mad bustle and so superficial in its quality that the past is largely forgotten.

There is an overpowering challenge in the records of yesterday that can make us stronger and more stalwart men and women for the tomorrow. We can still put our hand to the plow with clear-eyed vision, not as we look back, but as we contemplate "the rock from whence we were hewn." We cannot forget that "others have labored and we have entered into their labors." We must acknowledge the grace of God and the heritage of our forefathers in our achievements of today.

There was a moral and spiritual fiber in the life of the pioneers that has largely disappeared from modern life. The luxuries of yesterday have become the commonplace necessities of today, for which we show little gratitude and sometimes little understanding. Even our religious concepts have not been tempered in the crucible of fire of hard-won efforts and persecution. The meaning of the word, "sacrifice," is largely foreign to us.

We cannot recall the past. No one of us would want a recapitulation of yesterday. But we ought to cherish the values that have been handed down to us by our pioneer fathers. We ought to be intimately acquainted with the history of our denomination and with the spiritual forces that brought the Baptist movement into birth. We ought to "take our hats off to the past even as we take off our coats to the future"—ready for work and action!

These meditations will help to introduce the reader to one of the most outstanding issues of "The Baptist Herald" which we have published during the past seven years. From the striking front cover picture of immigrant pioneers to the recital of God's guidance in the life of our general missionary secretary, there is one dominant theme in all of the pages expressed in the words: "It is the Lord!"

Professor Ramaker, who has already observed his diamond jubilee in birthday anniversaries, is at his best in the article, "Our Spiritual Heritage." This profound study of the past, points in the direction of our Centenary Jubilee in 1943, which we should be able to observe with God's blessing, only as we embody these spiritual values of the pioneer days in our lives of today. Peter Wedel and Emil Suevern should be more than names of the early Cameroon history after reading the heartwarming sketches about these missionaries by the Rev. Christian Dippel. What valiant heroes of yesterday march before our eyes!

Such reading material will serve as a spiritual exhilaration in the accomplishment of present tasks. Missionary heroism does not belong exclusively to the past. Miss Koppin's article in this issue and several articles and pictures by Paul Gebauer in the next number of "The Herald" will depict the stirring missionary victories in Africa of today. The report about the seminary opening by Professor Bretschneider, the successor to Professor Ramaker, is likewise heartening. This is good news, indeed!

In this way we are opening the portals to our renewed observance as churches to the Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week from Sunday, November 23, to Sunday, November 30. Pioneers have gone before us who risked much for their faith. Dare we follow in their train?



Statue Honoring the Pioneers of the Pacific Northwest in Salem, Oregon, With the Words, "Valiant Men Have Thrust Our Frontiers to the Setting Sun."

Our Spiritual Heritage

A Remarkable Spiritual Interpretation of the History of Our Churches During the Past Century by PROFESSOR ALBERT J. RAMAKER of Rochester, New York

The theme and its formulation are not of my own choosing. They were given me by the editor of "The Baptist Herald" with the request that I write a short sketch in which the spiritual side of the work, in which our churches have been engaged for nearly a century, receive some special mention.

The subject seems somewhat ambitious for a newspaper article, yet I find myself in sympathy with the request at a time when in our planning for the coming centennial celebration in 1943 our attention may be drawn to other accomplishments which may be of only secondary importance. I shall also be pardoned if I add that I have some understanding of our churches' history in my own right, because I have held membership in a German-speaking Baptist Church from my early youth, and through grandparents and parents became connected with the earliest beginnings of our churches in the forties of the last century in Milwaukee, the city of my birth.

Spirituality Defined

Does it seem needful to define the adjective, "spiritual," in our theme? Perhaps, it may not be out of place. If it seems farfetched it is because we forget that God has endowed man with rational gifts as well as with material in order that we may live fully as a creature of flesh and blood with the rest of the animal creation here, and likewise on a higher plane of close and intelligent communion with our

Maker. If man ignores all thought of the "spiritual," he makes himself a materialist, and cuts himself off thereby from this great God-given endowment as "crown of the creation." "Speak to Him for He hears and spirit with spirit can meet" can never be experienced by any mortal who lives only by materialistic thinking. This we often forget.

There are immaterial riches in the life of our souls in song, praise, prayer and selfless living, which are as real as sunshine and rain are in the physical world. It may be called "otherworldly" and "dreamy," or, by a trick of language in our day, as "mystical," but it is of the essence of the life of man's soul. It is not fanatical emotionalism either, but an attitude of the soul to God and human life, and the crown of all thinking on the highest reaches of our lives. This, at least, is the writer's conception of "spiritual" and "spirituality" to which we are now to give some further attention by way of appreciation of the work of our German-speaking churches in our country.

The Foundation in Christ

In ordinary speech we confine the use of the word, "spirituality," to persons, and this is both logical and correct. Dare we make use of this quality of soul in characterizing a larger body of Christians? I think we may do so, providing the basis of their religious beliefs and practices are spiritual. We

claim this in this paper of ours on the ground that the religion they profess and contend for originated with God, and not with man.

In the last analysis the Christian religion is God's self-revelation in the person of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. In the terse description of the Apostle Paul, (Galatians 4:4) "When the proper time came God sent his Son, born of a woman." His conception of Christianity was that of a historic movement; something went before; other things would naturally follow. His belief was, that back of all religious activity of God's people there stands this tremendous fact of God's revealing himself, and that this fact had found its final record in our New Testament Scriptures.

These will ever remain the basis of all evangelical preaching and teaching of salvation for man. Our religious hopes are founded on God, and not on man. In the Apostle's words: (1. Cor. 3:11) "No one can lay any other foundation than the one that is laid, that is Jesus Christ himself." That is the "spirituality" of our Christian religion.

Historical Developments

All revelation of God to man must, of necessity, be embodied in a historical movement, and that is what some of the Puritan divines evidently meant when they affirmed their conviction that there is yet more light that will break forth from the Scriptures than we now possess. The interpretation of

God's message has not always been uniform. There have been wide digressions from the pattern we find in the New Testament in the dark ages of European history, but God's Spirit has always compelled a return to this early primitive pattern.

There have been three historical movements in which our day is especially interested for our present conception of Christian truth, and in general for the message that our day has for its time. We regret that the space at our command allows us only a very short allusion to these: the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century, Pietism in the century following, and the final repudiation of infant baptism and the substitutes of adult baptism by immersion by radical English Puritans, who on this account were ridiculed and termed "Baptizers" or "Re-baptizers" until this stigma of the name lost its force.

Reformation Blessings

The first of these mentioned movements restored to Christianity in Germany, England, Scandinavia, the Low Countries and Switzerland, what has been called the "Evangelical" pattern of our gospels, as opposed to the Catholic type, which had been developed from the eighth century onward in Europe, and had resulted in the establishment of a totalitarian, universal church with a closed hierarchy, a subservient priesthood, and a series of religious deliverances, upon the acceptance of all of which the salvation of an individual was dependent. There was no salvation for any apart from this institution. That system was simply semi-pagan, an inheritance of Greek and Roman religious types and at great variance with the type of spiritual thinking and living which Jesus has brought to this world of ours.

We shall always be most grateful for the Reformation of the sixteenth century, and for the emergence of "Evangelicalism" in our Western World. And yet there was one obstacle which this movement did not, yea, could not, do away with—the influence of the State of the Church, an inheritance of the Roman civilization of the early centuries. At the Peace of Westphalia in 1648, it was still lawful for the head of a feudal principality to compel his subjects to accept his own beliefs or to betake themselves out of his domains. This, of course, became intolerable, and another religious movement was due to correct it.

Pietism

That movement went under the name of "Pietism." We can scarcely say too much in commendation of the spiritual benefits which came to the Protestant world from this new conception of religion, for the emphasis was now on the individual and not on church forms, yea, not even on the "church" as such, but on personal faith in the person of Christ and his gospel that should be an outward expression of a new life.

It was a democratic movement as well as an expression of the age-long religious fact uttered by our Lord that a changed life, moral as well as religious, must be at the basis, and prior to an experienced faith such as Jesus taught. That was the "new birth," "the birth from above," that had been so materialized and covered by ecclesiastic ceremonies that it had lost its ethical quality. It now became something really "from above," a new spiritual impact that gave the new freedom a biblical direction and Christian life its divine background.

Of the great influence of Pietism upon thousands of smaller circles throughout Northern Europe, and in smaller circles throughout Northern Europe, and in Southern Europe and even Russia as well, there is no space in this paper. These circles remained with the Evangelical State Churches, but in addition they upheld their own meetings for Scripture study and prayer, and cared little when they were called "Pietists." In the course of time, largely outside of Germany, its real home, a number of denominations arose which carried forward the great principles for which smaller groups were earlier contending.

The Baptist Pattern

There is a third historical movement to which our century is greatly indebted for more correct biblical teaching—the break with infant baptism and the substitution for it of Believers' baptism. That is the Baptist pattern!

It was an evil day for Scriptural Christianity when in the formative days of the early centuries the baptism of infants emerged and decidedly changed the pattern of salvation found in the New Testament. It is not the form in which that ordinance is administered, which is of transcendent account, but the fact that an infant is substituted for an adult who is surrendering his life to God, and is on the point of joining himself to a circle of believers. That this substitution, which is an ecclesiastical device, should have survived to our day offers an abundant proof that, even in the sphere of religion, shifts can be introduced which it will be almost impossible later to change.

The "baptism" of the New Testament has real meaning for a candidate asking for the ordinance, for he is coming by the way of genuine repentance of his past sinful life, and a newly found personal faith in his Lord. The ordinance does not produce his forgiveness, but it is of symbolic value. The Apostle Paul, who is at times "long" in symbolic utterances, writes in Romans 6:4, that even in the form of immersion the ordinance symbolizes the new union of the baptized with his Lord.

Puritan Forefathers

There were many and prolonged protests against the baptism of infants during the pre-reformation years, but

the combined forces of church and state prevented by energetic persecution their further spread. In the Age of the Reformation with a far better understanding of the New Testament Scripture, these protests became more numerous and more pronounced, and issued about 1525 in Switzerland in a church-party of considerable strength which, in spite of intense persecution, spread over southern, middle and northern parts of Germany, and has come down to us under the name of Mennonites. In the days of their sufferings they went under the name of "Anabaptists."

Another repudiation of infant baptism on a large scale arose in England among the more radical Puritans, giving rise to the denomination of English Baptists, whose newly founded churches adopted about the middle of the seventeenth century in their Confessions of Faith, adult baptism by immersion. That has remained the prevailing form of the ordinance among them. German-speaking churches have known no other form throughout their history in Germany, in the United States and Canada, and on the mission field in foreign lands.

This is the historical background of the churches which we are having in mind in this paper.

One Dominant Theme

We come now to an application of our theme, which of necessity must be as short as the development of the theme has been. The question before us is whether our churches developed principles and practices in accord with the spiritual heritage just outlined.

What was the message they had for the world? Here they stood on Scriptural ground and emphasized, first of all, the necessity of a changed life through repentance, personal faith and baptism. There was no word more often spoken in their circles than "conversion." That was the door among them of admission to their churches. They stood for a converted church membership.

A candidate for baptism had an experience to relate; how he broke consciously with his former life of indifference and occasional lapses to sin; how he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and was willing, through God's help, to follow him through life. His entrance into the church was also an entrance into union with his Lord and the brethren for the purpose of spreading the gospel. That was memorable language, so full of meaning for the ensuing years.

From the earliest days of the German Baptist movement the pulpit of our churches had no other message. Mr. Fleischmann, to whom we look as our first preacher, was really an evangelist until later when he became a pastor with added responsibilities. His great model was the Apostle Paul, as he tells us, He preached the Word and left results to God's spirit, and that

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Dr. Wm. Kuhn's Silver Jubilee

Report by the Editor of "The Baptist Herald"



Dr. and Mrs. William Kuhn at the Testimonial Banquet Held in Honor of Dr. Kuhn's Silver Jubilee as General Missionary Secretary

On Wednesday evening, September 17, about 300 friends and associates of Dr. William Kuhn showered their tributes of love and esteem upon him at a colorful banquet in Oak Park, Ill., on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as General Missionary Secretary. Congratulatory telegrams and cards arrived by the score as evidence of the widespread participation of the entire denomination in these festivities.

Mr. H. Theodore Sorg of Newark, N. J., our General Treasurer, served as toastmaster and fittingly introduced the procession of speakers. The Rev. John Leyboldt of Portland, Ore., spoke

for the General Missionary Committee; Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., for the Seminary; Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, for the Publication Society; Mr. Arthur Schweerin of Burlington, Iowa, for the General Council; Dr. Charles W. Koller of the Northern Baptist Seminary for the Baptists at large; the Rev. Theodore W. Dons for the Forest Park Baptist Church; Mr. E. Elmer Staub of Detroit, Mich., for the large circle of friends; and the Rev. A. Husmann for our churches. Prof. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, brought the addresses to an inspirational climax by his de-

lightful and intimate word picture of his friendship with Brother Kuhn through the years.

The banquet joys were also heightened by the musical numbers rendered by Miss Lydia Mihm of River Forest, Ill., the choir of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, and Mr. Helmut Steinke of Chicago. The Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., the interim pastor of the Forest Park Church, offered the invocation prayer, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa.

Miss Flora Schulte was also honored at the banquet by being given a gift of money from the Missionary Society for her loyal service during more than 20 years as bookkeeper in the office. A coffee service set was presented to Mrs. Kuhn by Mrs. Theodore W. Dons in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary and of her ceaseless labors with Dr. Kuhn in behalf of the denomination. The testimonial volume with the personal messages of tribute by the ministers was presented to Dr. Kuhn by Mr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the BAPTIST HERALD. The sentiment of Dr. Kuhn's response is expressed in the words of his which appear on this page of the BAPTIST HERALD.

Ministers and friends of Dr. Kuhn came from such places beyond Chicago as Detroit and St. Joseph, Mich.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Aplington, Victor, Parkersburg, Elgin, Iowa; Kankakee, Ill.; Milwaukee and Kenosha, Wis. It was much more than a gathering to honor a man, for throughout the memorable evening we felt that the work of our denomination was being magnified and denominational ties were being strengthened even as Jesus Christ, our Savior, was glorified. In this spirit the banquet was one never to be forgotten by those who were present and by all those, who, though living at a distance, had a share in the festivities by their letters and messages of tribute to one of God's most gifted servants.

Reviewing My Twenty-five Years

By the REV. WILLIAM KUHN, D. D., General Missionary Secretary

During the past summer it was my privilege to attend the sessions of the Pacific, Southern, Southwestern, Eastern and Atlantic Conferences. Each conference group recognized my 25th anniversary as General Missionary Secretary with heartily appreciated expressions of good will.

The climax of these festivities was reached at a memorable banquet held in Oak Park, Ill., which was attended by almost 300 friends from near and far. Every message and tribute brought by the speakers touched me deeply and even overwhelmed me emotionally. I appreciated especially the testimonial volume, beautifully bound in leather and with title pages en-

grossed and decorated with illuminated type, which was presented to me. It contains about 225 personal letters of greeting from our ministers and denominational leaders.

In all of these congratulatory messages, which have come to me personally and in writing, I have learned that our people have been able to pass a decisive and quite appropriate judgment concerning my service as Missionary Secretary during the past 25 years. But in all of this they have allowed the spirit of love to dominate so that no one even mentioned my weaknesses and omissions.

As I sat in the banquet hall on that Wednesday evening with all of these

friends, it became very clear to me that on some future day I shall have to stand before the judgment seat of Christ. At that time it will not have to be determined whether I shall be placed among the saved or the lost, for that has been irrevocably determined for me for all time and eternity. But on that day of judgment, which will burn like fire, it will be revealed what I have put into my service of these 25 years, whether it has been gold, silver and precious stones, or only wood, hay and stubble. To be sure, we have this comfort that we shall be in the presence of a righteous and merciful judge. If He speaks his approval over us, then

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"It's Just Like a Little Heaven!"

A Timely Article on the Sunday School by MISS MARIE BAUDISCH of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

It is timely that early in the Fall we as a church think in a special way of our department of Christian education, the Sunday School, and see in how far we can more fully cooperate together to bring about the greatest results.

A Fish Story

A story is told of the fish who were holding a convention, Father Shark presiding. They decided it would be nice to invite the little crabs to attend the next meeting. Accordingly the next Sunday all the little crabs, delighted with the invitation, came scrambling into the convention. But how they came!! Backwards, sideways, scrambling, tumbling, wiggling; in fact, every way but the right way.

"We must teach them how to walk straight," said Father Shark.

The lesson was so well taught that when the little crabs passed out, they went much straighter than when they came in, and their teachers were delighted. But the next Sunday when they came again, sideways, backwards, it was just as bad as before.

"We'll have to repeat the lesson," said Father Shark; and after the second lesson the little crabs went out walking so much better than after the first lesson that hopes were high.

But alas! the next Sunday how their hopes were shattered! Scrambling, tumbling, backwards, sideways came the little crabs, just as bad as on the first Sunday.

"Something is wrong," said Father Shark. "We will have to investigate."

So the teachers called on the little crabs in their homes to find why they still walked as crooked as ever, and they found that that was the way the old crabs walked.

A Christian Home

It's only a funny little story, yet it teaches a great lesson to both Sunday School workers and parents in suggesting that a closer cooperation is necessary between the two great institutions, namely, Christian character and moulding the plastic life of a child into noble manhood and womanhood.

First, I should like to ask, how can the home help the church school? Is the home accepting its rightful share of responsibility for religious training and at the same time giving the much needed help and cooperation to the church school? The average home provides for the physical and educational life of the child but expects the church to take care of the spiritual life. If the church fails sometimes, it is criticised for its weakness and lack of influence. There are, however, certain things which the home cannot delegate to the church.

The atmosphere of the home does more for the child than any other agency.

The first tiny prayer is learned at mother's knee.

Blessing at mealtime teaches him to be thankful. You are perhaps familiar with the story of the little boy who went to a restaurant with his father, who, when he bowed his head to return thanks, heard his little son say, "Pa, we paid for this food."

Happy the home where the family altar is still held sacred and where children are taught to fellowship with God and seek His guidance in all their endeavors!

All these things weave themselves into the religious life of the child. Home training and the atmosphere of the home lay the firm foundation on which the church school builds. In the light of the importance of home training just what may the church rightfully expect from the home?

Parents' Responsibilities

1. Parents can help in securing regular and prompt attendance. "I guess Sunday School doesn't amount to much," said Johnny to his mother, "you never want me to be absent from day-school and you say I must never be late, but you don't say a word if I stay away from Sunday School." There are many such Johnnies and such mothers, but fortunately there are also mothers who say, "Of course, we always go somewhere on Sunday, but we always wait until after Sunday School." Perhaps, the church school is to blame that it has not talked over the situation with the parents at home.

2. Parents should encourage their children to do their home work. Every Sunday School teacher has been confronted with this problem. But listen to what one mother said: "I have learned so much of the Bible since helping Helen and Donald with their Sunday School lessons"; and again a father who said: "I have to do some work on the sly, for I do not know some of these things. He thinks I know everything about his Sunday School lesson and I do not want to disappoint him."

3. Parents should teach their children the art of tithing and instil into their minds the importance of helping to support the work of the church school.

Not To Be Overlooked

Our second question is, How can the church school help the home?

First of all, it is to provide adequate Bible instruction. Our country has a great diversity of religious beliefs and

a complete separation of church and state, so it is impossible to teach religion in public schools. In many cities, however, the school has released time when children can go for religious instruction and churches are responding.

Our primary aim should be to meet the spiritual needs and interests of the pupils in each stage of their development. To do this there should be graded lessons, graded orders of worship, graded activities, and graded missionary instruction.

2. The church may also have parent training classes during the Sunday School period or any other opportune time. Helpful subjects on the religious aspects of home building and the rearing of children would give untold benefits to parents whose interest is in the welfare of their children. Books like "Mother's Problems" by Harriet Clarke; "Training of Children in the Christian Home" by Weigle; and "Parents and their Children" by Moxcey are among the many fine books available for helpful study.

3. The home can be helped by the extension work of the Cradle Roll and Home departments. In every city there are hundreds of homes that remain untouched by religious instruction, and unless these departments reach out and carry the message to the home, they may never hear.

4. A friendly letter often goes a long way in winning the interest of parents when sent by the teacher or an officer of the Sunday School.

A Little Bit of Heaven

5. Last but not least, personal contacts in the home are an essential and vital duty as well as privilege of every worker in the church school. How it warms one's heart to hear a mother say, "My Johnny loves to come to Sunday School because he says, 'It's just like a little heaven,'" and after that that Sunday School was often referred to as "little heaven." We too want to make our Sunday School so attractive to the children that they feel that a little bit of heaven surrounds them when they come to worship there.

In closing, may I challenge you, parents, teachers, friends of little children with a thought so beautifully expressed in the following poem written by Ruth Insoho Wolschlegel:

"I want that every life that touches mine
 Shall feel a hidden strength that is divine;
 Shall see in every moment that I live
 The victory that only God can give;
 Shall sense a fragrance and a quiet place,
 Oh, may I show the light, which is a part
 Of that great love within my heart."

Children's Page

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The Many, Many Children

*The many, many children
Throughout the world so fair,
Are children of our Father,
Who keeps them in His care.*

*No matter what their color
He loves them one and all;
No matter where they're living,
He hears them when they call.*

Mary. "I do not seem to belong here. Perhaps I had better look around for John, Alice and Jean and the other friends in my class." So Mary stood up and looked around only to find that in her very own Sunday School were black, red, brown and yellow boys and girls, but not one glimpse could she find of Jean or John or any of her friends.

Feeling very strange, indeed, and

But that was as far as Mary went, for Miss Alice nodded to the other children and then the Burmese children were singing:

*"Oh, chit dau mu mi,
Oh, chit dau mu mi,
Oh, chit dau mu mi,
Chan-za so kmum bey the."*

And the Puerto Rican children were singing in glad clear voices:



A SONG FOR GOD'S FAMILY

One night, when Mary was all tucked into her nice, white bed, her mother came and read from Mary's own little Bible the story of Jesus and the children. Then mother kissed her "good-night", and soon Mary was fast asleep and off to the land of dreams, and this is what she dreamed.

It was a sunshiny Sunday morning. Bright and early Mary started out for Sunday School. She was very happy, and she walked along humming the tune, "Jesus Loves Me." When she reached the door of the church, she went straight to her own class and sat down. Then she started up in surprise, for, lo, and behold, all of the boys and girls in her class had yellow faces. All of them were talking to each other in the strangest words she had ever heard. "Surely, I have made a mistake," Mary said to herself. "This must be my class back here." But no sooner had she settled herself there and looked around, than she saw that her companions were looking at her strangely, as if she were in some way different or odd, and sure enough, their faces were brown as could be!

"Why, whatever shall I do?" said

rather lonesome, Mary went back to her usual place and quietly sat down beside a sweet-faced little yellow girl. Just then the piano began to play. Mary straightened up proudly as she heard the notes of "Jesus loves me, this I know." Why, Miss Alice, her own teacher at the front of the room, must expect her to sing that song for these boys and girls. But Miss Alice was saying: "Wouldn't you like our little foreign sister to sing this song for us first?"

All the little brown and yellow and red faces and black faces smiled happily and nodded their heads, but Mary's face was puzzled. Which of the little foreign girls did Miss Alice mean? There were so many of them, and then to her great surprise Mary heard Miss Alice saying, "Mary, will you sing this song for us?"

Mary's face turned red. Little foreign sister, indeed! Well, she would show them who were the foreign children when she sang her song to them! Very proudly Mary stood up and sang:

*"Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong."*

*"Chris-ti me a-mi
Chris-ti me a-mi."*

At first Mary wanted to shout: "Stop! How dare you sing my song?" But all the brown and yellow and black faces were singing so happily that Mary began to sing right along with the others, "Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so."

Then she remembered the picture of Jesus and the world's children that hung right there in the front of their room. Didn't Jesus have the little red child on his lap? Did he not have his arms thrown about the little brown and white girls? And was he not talking to the little black and yellow children as though he loved them? Why, of course! Jesus loved them just as he loved Mary and John, and all the boys and girls.

And right out loud Mary said: "Isn't it perfectly lovely that Jesus loves you and me, and that we are all a part of God's great world family? You are really all my brothers and sisters."

And then—and then, Mary woke up to see the sun shining in her own room. She dressed in a hurry and ran downstairs to tell her mother about her beautiful dream.

In Christ's Service at Warwar

In this Comprehensive Report Miss Edith A. Koppin, Our Missionary-Nurse of Mambila, Africa, Describes Her Experiences in "Darkest Africa" Shortly Before Her Return to the United States on Furlough

The medical work at Warwar, Mambila, began officially in December, 1939. I had come to Warwar at the beginning of October of that year, but, since the medical quarters were not yet completed, I could not carry on any extensive medical work. But I did take care of many who needed attention. After I had moved down to the station, the caring of sick people began in earnest. And what an opening it was! The work began almost phenomenally. I had never experienced anything like this before nor was it to be expected.

I did not know to what to attribute this unusual response. I know that the natives had been waiting for a long time for the mission to be established. I know also that they were promised a nurse who would help them in their sicknesses and they had been waiting for her, (so they told me when I arrived), so that when we did come they were glad. Was it the fame of the medical work at Mbem that caused this welcome, because I had taken care of a number of Mambilas while doing medical work at Mbem, before I came to Warwar?

58 Patients in One Day!

Usually you have to establish yourself first, slowly, one by one, until confidence is gained. But here they came as an avalanche,—12 natives—then 20 or more—up to 30 and 40, until one day there were 58 in one day. And for new work this was marvelous! Yes, we know it is wonderful and we give God the praise for having prepared the hearts of these peoples for our coming. I heard other missionaries who talked of people waiting for the missionary but before this, I had not experienced it. But these people were really waiting for us!

We have had patients from almost every town in Mambila, even from the French Cameroons, and the diseases have been many and varied. Many we could help; many are now walking about carrying on their work who otherwise would perhaps not be here or would still be in the throes of the sickness.

Pitiful Lepers

There are many lepers in Mambila and they hold out their hands (some without fingers) to us for help. They have no one to turn to but us. We have come saying we want to help them and we are handicapped. And can you see the disappointment and discouragement as one by one they turn away, seeing only a doomed life before them? They come with such hope and they go in such despair!

Jesus Christ healed the body as well as the soul. What shall we do for them? I, for one, am ready to give my full time and abilities for this work, as it is a special work and must be handled apart from other medical work. You may think I am bold to make such statements but it is only fair that you know about what we see and hear and experience.

The Spirit of Christ

I could give you many statistics about the number of people treated and the kind of diseases treated which would need no further comment. But figures are not people, and in our humanitarian work we do not want to think of so many people treated but of so many people contacted and reached and helped. We want them to leave with the impression that they have been in contact with something real—the spirit and influence of Jesus.

We try to teach our helpers and they to each others. I have had, helping me in the dispensary, a young Christian woman from Mbem and she has been my best seller and also the kindest to the Mambilas. They are fond of her and she is popular with them. This woman and I have been together since I first came to Mbem. She learns readily and is intelligent. We have been through much together and I think that she and her husband will be used much of God in Mambila.

She has been my main help throughout the year even though not regularly. I have had others helping at intervals, but for a good part of the year I have been quite alone in the dispensary. I cannot take those who are not Christians, nor those who have no understanding of our medicines, and so the greater part of the work has been left to me. But that is to be expected in new work. The ways to perfection are always uphill, and we have to be willing to lay the foundations.

So it is with Christian love that we try to contact those who come to us for medical help. We never will be able to tell or measure the extent of this influence.

"A Child Shall Lead."

Let me illustrate. Some months ago a small boy was brought to us for treatment, and I thought he was afflicted with tuberculosis. Explaining that this would need lengthy treatment, the parents arranged to leave the boy at a nearby town and he was to come every day for treatment. But soon it became evident that this was too much for the boy. And so he came to live at the station.

We are taking care of him, supplying his food and anything he needs, yet keeping him on the same level as the other Mambila boys. He is somewhat better but progressing slowly. Every Sunday he is in Sunday School and is eager to learn, and I believe that some day he will declare himself in his heart for Jesus.

But that isn't all. He comes from a distant town and occasionally some come to visit him. They were so afraid of us at first that they did not venture near us. Gradually, however, they became more confident and we became friendly. They come from a town from which few people have come as yet, and have been very shy of the white man. Mr. Dunger experienced that some time ago when he visited that district. But just recently I was there, and what a reception I received! Later, the mother of that boy came with a gift of native food for me and my help.

This contact paved the way for an entry into this town. The chief was very solicitous and repeatedly asked if I could not come to stay in his town. His people needed me so and there were so many sick there. Couldn't we come to stay? He would put up the houses, if only we would come. I stayed there two days and he was loath to let us go. On the morning of our departure, he escorted me way up to the top of a hill outside of his town on the road to the next town. That, to me, showed the sincerity of his words.

And all this because we helped a small boy. That is the part our medical work plays in mission work, and that is what I want it to do. May God help us to reach hearts directly and indirectly through this service.

My Gratitude!

I want to thank the mission society which through its treasury supplied this dispensary and those who have equipped it with the necessary drugs and equipment to carry on the work. I also want to thank the many friends who have made all the dressings and bandages to use in our work in caring for the sick.

I am writing this while I on trek in one of the last corners of Mambila that I had not as yet visited. All through the year I've made different treks, meeting the people, helping them whenever I could from my box of medicines and dressings and bandages. I have had blessed experiences while on this trek and, although I am very tired out, I seem to have been borne on wings from place to place.



Bosom Friends and Seminary Classmates of 1891 in One of the Students Rooms at the Seminary, Rochester, New York

(Left to Right: Christian Dippel, Peter Wedel, Friedrich Buermann, August Steffens)

Early Missionary Heroes of the Cameroons

Graphic Sketches About the Missionaries, Emil R. Suevern and Peter Wedel, Prepared by the Rev. Christian Dippel of Baraboo, Wisconsin

Of the early heroes in the Baptist mission work in the Cameroons of Africa, the three names of August Steffens, Emil Suevern and Peter Wedel are most conspicuous. While all had the spirit and qualifications of true missionaries, these three men in a wonderful and providential way supplemented each other.

It was my privilege to know them all, not only in a passing acquaintance, but in an intimate friendship, which was only interrupted by their early departure, but which was never dissolved. This cordial relationship was formed in Rochester, N. Y., during our student days and by mutual inclination, and it was fostered by our common interest in the Wilder Street Mission of that city. That work helped to nourish the missionary spirit at home and to prepare those young men for the larger service on the other side of the ocean.

Seminary Friendships

The pioneer of this daring enterprise in the Cameroons, who first heard and heeded the Master's call, was August Steffens. For three years he, Mr. F. Buermann and I camped in our study room, slept in one bedroom and attended the same classes. This gave me the opportunity at close range to observe him and, as a consequence, to learn to respect and to love him.

Mutual confidence and love and common interest in the Wilder Street mission work also caused a lasting friendship to be established between Steffens and Suevern and Wedel which became a contributing factor that they also followed Steffens' trail to the Cameroons. This has been a work by which ever since thousands of Africa's sons and daughters were brought to the gospel light, a work which forms a bright spot in our denominational history.

Since the Rev. C. F. Zummach has excellently given us the story of the Trenton son, August Steffens, in both of our periodicals, (See "Baptist Herald," March 15, 1941), I was asked to add a few sketches of the other foundation workers on the mission field, as I knew them.

Suevern's Conversion

Emil Suevern was born at Langenholzhäusen, Lippe-Detmold in Germany, on June 6, 1865. His grandfather, Mr. Hoffman, was a public school teacher. His father was the owner of a dye-house. His mother was the sister of the mother of our Prof. F. W. C. Meyer.

Emil was sent to a business college in Dortmund and after graduation entered a business as an apprentice. His aunt, Mrs. Meyer, encouraged him to come to America. In 1883 he emigrated to this country. In Cincinnati he found

a position in the bookstore, R. Clark and Company.

Under the Rev. L. Donner's ministry he became converted and was baptized by him. Soon afterwards he was instrumental in leading the late Rev. J. Kratt to Christ and the Church. He was one of Father Donner's favorite sons.

The Rev. L. Donner of sacred memory not only knew the art of winning men to Christ, but also knew how to inculcate the missionary zeal into his converts. He would have them join the missionary band, that held the open air meetings on Sunday afternoons in the Cincinnati market hall, where they would testify with David of old: "Come and hear all ye that fear God and we will declare what he hath done for our soul" (Psalm 66:16).

There in a special way that missionary urge, started in this conversion, was nourished and in time made them responsive to the Master's call: "I will make you fishers of men." In 1888 he followed this call by coming to Rochester to prepare for the gospel ministry.

Seminary Activities

Naturally, he longed for the opportunity in Rochester to do some practical missionary work. Such he found in joining the band of Wilder Street mission workers. This work was super-

vised by the Andrew Street Baptist Church, but during the school year it was almost exclusively carried on by the students.

Suevern became a faithful Sunday School teacher and an untiring worker in every enterprise of the mission. Whenever he conducted the Friday night meeting, he would base his message on, "Thus said the Lord," while his prayers clearly indicated that he had been with Jesus.

As he was specially gifted with a clear voice and also knew music, the student choir, "Philharmonia," elected him as director. Besides this he also formed and sang in a student's quartet. The cooperation of both was called for in ever widening circles. In spite of his generous services, which his superior talents enabled him to render, he was very modest and never looked for honors.

He might easily have adorned a teacher's chair in the academy. In fact, he was offered one after the World War. He was also well qualified to serve one of our larger churches, but he looked less for prominence than for real service.

Studying the Duala Language

Possibly his relation to his friend, Missionary A. Steffens, first focused his attention on the Cameroons field. In the letter to the German Cameroons Mission Board, dated July, 1893, he states that since the departure of his friend in 1891 he had felt the call to follow him. About the time Steffens

succumbed to the fever, Suevern offered his services to the board.

In later years, he had his room across the hall from mine. Often we would visit back and forth, since to know him meant to love him and to enjoy his congenial company.

After he had been accepted by the Mission Board, he secured a Duala grammar book and started to study the Duala language. To facilitate this work, he posted a big blackboard (classroom style) in his room and wrote upon it, and exercised his lessons before it. When the transoms above his and my doors were open, I often heard him exercise the unspeakable words and sentences of the Duala language. Whenever I entered his room, invariably he would have a Duala speech ready for me, at times asking questions and pausing for an answer. What kind of "pet" names he called me, I could only infer from his occasional grin.

One day when he was again practicing his Duala on me, I turned a bombardment of words and sentences on him. They sounded something like the following: "Brrlog ewkrr Ueklfgrus? kultowoo—Nee?" Receiving no reply from the flabbergasted student, I concluded that he did not understand my "Duala"!

Bound For Africa

In 1894 he graduated from the German department and I from the English department of our Rochester seminary. God called him East to "Darkest Africa" to bring the gospel light to the benighted heathen tribes, where for 15

years he held the fort. God called me West, where for 15 years I was to spread the same true light in dark Chicago.

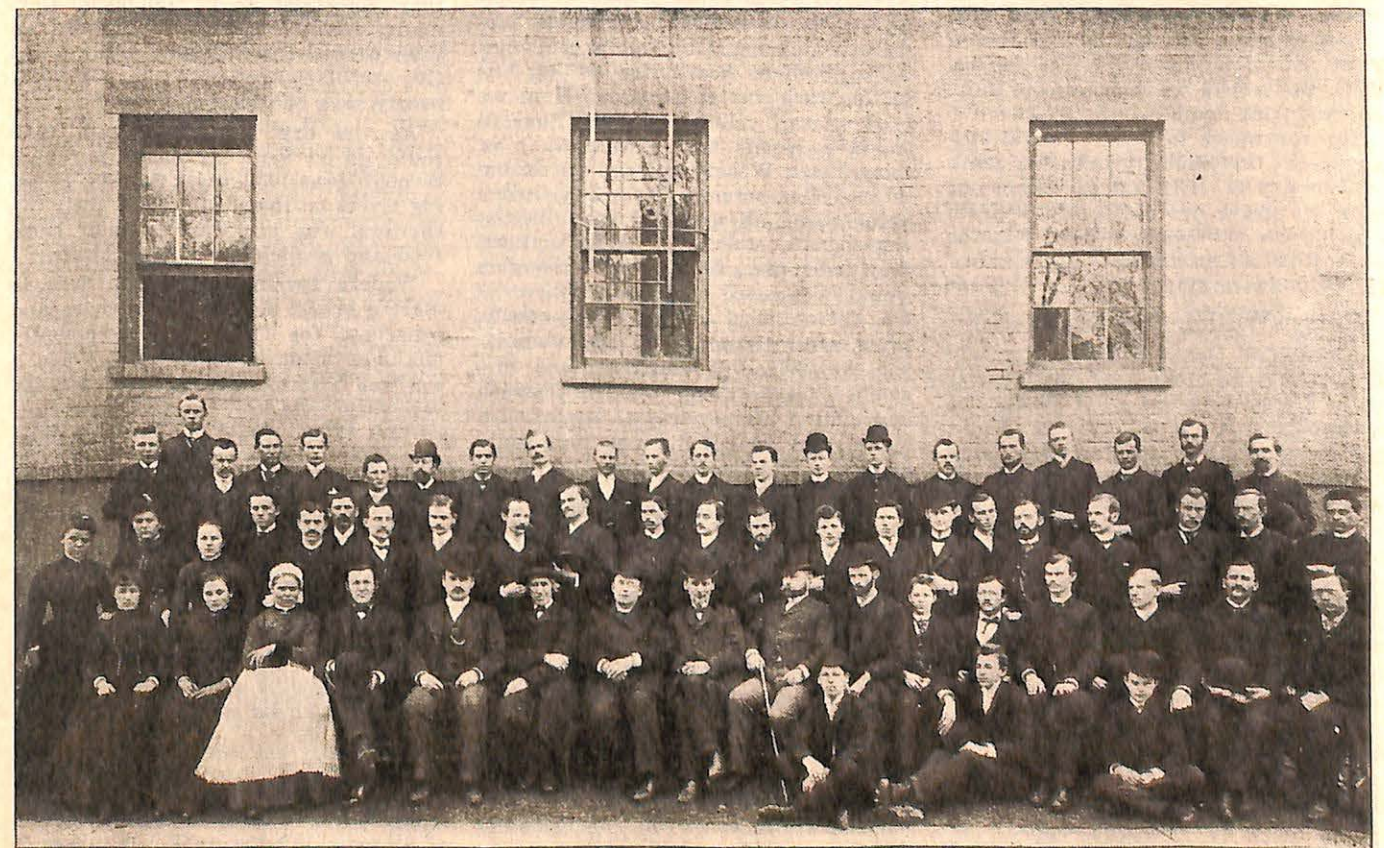
In January, 1894, he was ordained in his Cincinnati church. Soon afterwards he was united in marriage to his beloved Pauline Daniel. A few days after these memorable events, he stopped at Rochester to say farewell. The Philharmonia members, the coworkers from Wilder Street, and other friends went to the depot to see him off. When the train was about to leave, he stood on the rear platform. In a mighty chorus we sang, "God be with you till we meet again . . . at Jesus' feet." Train in motion, some of our voices would not respond any more. Handkerchiefs were seen, used by some of us for a twofold purpose, "Farewell!"

On April 19, 1894, in the capital of Germany in a large meeting he and his Pauline were dedicated and committed to God's care and protection. On the 13th of June they landed at the Cameroons coast, the day I was ordained in Chicago.

In 1897 all alone he made a trip to the inland mission stations. On his return missionary Wedel had to break the sad news to him, that his dear Pauline had died and was already in her grave.

Strenuous Years

In spite of the deprivations and hard work, he was able with God's help to remain at his post for four years. In 1898 he took his much needed rest by coming to America, and for two years he served the Bethany Baptist Church



Seminary Professors, Students and the Students' Home Personnel of Our Seminary in the Good Old Days of 1890!

in Oregon. Before his return to Africa he had joined hands with the widowed Mrs. Steffens in partnership for life, but in 1901 after his return to the Cameroons she too succumbed to the fever and again he was alone in a strange and foreign land.

In his strenuous work he carried on for another eleven years. In a letter, dated June 4, 1902, he wrote: "I did not even have my so much needed, annual rest of 4 weeks and I feel very weak." He thanked me for my sympathy in the bereavement of his beloved wife and continued: "Sometimes I can hardly believe that she is not here for me any more in this life. . . . God be praised for the comfort he gives me through my dear child. I am sorry that so early in her life every five days she must take two grains of quinine. I contemplate to send her with her nurse, our deaconess, to Berlin in September."

Dwelling on the work he stated: "The longer one is here and learns to know the character of the people, the more one sighs about the power of darkness. But behind the dark cloud there is also light and when it penetrates the darkness it shines with even more lustre. What a joy to enter with souls, rescued from the power of darkness, into the baptismal waters." During these years he wrote in the Duala language a synopsis of Christian doctrines, and compiled and published a hymn book.

His Life's Text

In 1911 he was called to Berlin as superintendent of the Cameroons mission, and later he served as treasurer of the society. On January 5, 1927, he wrote: "On January 3 our first missionaries again left for the Cameroons. That was a happy experience for us. With God's help we now have to build up this work again."

He continued to render a faithful service in this capacity until his death on January 15, 1931. On the tombstone over his grave are the words of faith which were so precious to him. "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21).

Peter Wedel, the Evangelist

Another of the immediate successors of the Rev. A. Steffens as missionaries in the Cameroons was Peter Wedel, the evangelist. He was born in South Russia on April 7, 1865, of Mennonite Brethren parents. His father was the school teacher of the colony. When Peter was 9 years of age in 1874 the family emigrated to Kansas. At 18 years of age he was converted and baptized. He had a brilliant mind as a student and a warm heart as a Christian.

When 20 years of age, he entered our Rochester Seminary. After a few years, he returned to his home, where for several years he taught in a public district school. During vacations he worked as an evangelist among Mennonite and Baptist churches, for which work he was eminently qualified.

As a consequence, the General Conference of the Mennonite Brethren

electd him as their permanent evangelist. This service was to begin after he had finished his theological course.

The Ries Park Chapel

Returning to Rochester, he became one of our loyal workers in the Wilder Street Mission. How we all enjoyed to hear him preach and pray! There were no sleepers in his meetings. We met in an English Baptist chapel when it was not used by our English brethren. Inconvenient hours hampered our work.

At the end of a private prayer meeting of the Mission workers in a student's room Mr. Wedel remarked: "We have been praying for God's blessing on our Wilder Street work. Why not go to work and build our own chapel? I subscribe \$10 to start a building fund and promise to ask others for contributions during my vacation travels." In two minutes we had seven other ten dollar subscriptions. That gave the impetus for the building of Ries Park Chapel, which, with the help of the members of the mission society and of the Andrew Street Church, in due time was dedicated almost free of debt.

The Cameroon Call

The Cameroons had come under German domination. The English Baptists had withdrawn, selling the church property to the Basel Missionary Society. Some of the churches remained loyal to the Baptist banner. Providentially, Mr. Scheve of Berlin came in touch with them and through Baptist publications in Germany and America made known their helpless condition. Their situation often formed the topic of the conversation among us as students. To some it became a challenge.

Mr. Steffens heard God calling him to the work and responded: "Here am I, send me!" Later, Mr. E. Suevern followed in his trail. With both of these Peter Wedel had been on cordial terms. One summer he even visited a number of Mennonite and Baptist churches together. It seems natural that under these influences his thoughts would be focused on the Cameroons as his future field of labor, especially, when, after 18 months of strenuous labor, his friend A. Steffens, had succumbed to the fever and E. Suevern had offered his services to the mission board. But what if Suevern also should become a victim of the fever?

Romance With Miss Liebig

One summer day our door bell in Chicago rang. Our dear friend, Peter Wedel, greeted us with a hearty welcome. Knowing him as I did, I noticed that something special was on his mind. Travelling in the Dakotas, as he related to us, some of the good brethren had reminded him that God once said that it was not good for man to be alone and had provided a helpmate for him. He had been open for such conviction, but felt at sea as to who should be his companion. They had their answer: "Why, Miss Martha Liebig, now pre-

paring in the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago for missionary work, is just the girl for you!"

From my own acquaintance with her I felt the forcefulness of their words. "Can you take me there and introduce me to her?" he asked. Of course I knew that before talking to me, he had talked with the infallible Guide. We went to the Training School and asked for Miss Liebig. I introduced them to each other and then suddenly became interested in reading some papers in a distant corner of the reception room. Not having listened in, I cannot report the contents of their conversation, but it had far reaching results.

In the fall of 1894 he made a trip to South Russia as evangelist. In Berlin he met the mission director, Mr. Scheve, and from him learned much of the dangers, joys and prospects of the Cameroon work. In January, 1895, I received from him a long letter in which he relates that on a certain night, while travelling on a train in Russia, he had had a long season of communion with the Lord in which he became convinced that God had called him to the Cameroons, and that he had transmitted his decision to Mr. Scheve.

Missionary in Africa

In May, 1895, in company with pastor Scheve, he returned to America. On June 27 of the same year, in Bridge-water, So. Dak., he was united in marriage with Miss Martha Liebig. In anticipation of their future career, Mr. Scheve gave an inspiring address on: "They saw no man save Jesus only." (Matt. 17:8). On September 11, 1895, they embarked from Hamburg, Germany, for the Cameroons, where on their arrival the Sueverns with 70 native scholars greeted them with a hearty song of welcome.

As the dry season was on, they could go to work at once, marching through grassland, thick forests, crossing rivers on the shoulders of their ten carriers, who also carried their beds, food and medicines on their heads.

Wedel's specific assignment was to start a school for native teachers and preachers, for which he was eminently qualified. But in April 1896, when a son was born to them, his wife had severe fever attacks. The physician stated that if she would not leave at once, she could not live. A sad parting, indeed!

Mr. and Mrs. Enns soon arrived to assist him in the school work, but by the end of June he died of the fever. One year later Mrs. Enns also followed him in death. Peter Wedel took new hope when the Rev. B. Graf and wife arrived. Brother Graf was to supervise the building of schools and chapels, for which he was especially qualified.

His Untimely Death

His school already had 200 scholars of all ages. But the work was too much

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Rochester Baptist Seminary Opening

Report by PROFESSOR ALBERT BRETSCHEIDER, President

The Rochester Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., has had a very good beginning. Ten young men enrolled in this year's class, but thus far only eight have arrived. The Canadian students have had great difficulty getting across the border, and two are still detained. We do not know whether they will be permitted to enter the United States, but we hope so.

Orientation Day was on Wednesday, September 17. Although three of the entering group were missing, nevertheless, we had a most profitable day with the young men beginning with an automobile trip through our beautiful city and parks and ending with a dinner at one of the nearby apartments. There in a choice private dining room we not only dined but also faced our responsibilities in a day fraught with uncertainties and momentous changes. The faculty held up a very high ideal of the ministry to the young men and showed them also how they can best profit by their studies while in Rochester.

Thursday was registration day. At 10:30 A. M. we had one of the most inspiring chapel services that we have ever had. We were all stirred by the recital of the wonderful way God has led these young men into the ministry. Of one thing they are all sure: that GOD has called them and that they are where God wants them to be! And we of the faculty feel convinced that they give great promise for the ministry.

On Friday night we had our formal opening. It was a large gathering with many friends of the church and of the institution attending. Prof. Frank H. Woyke gave a very timely address on "The Christian Church and the Present Moral Crisis." Mr. Fred Schmidt of the senior class welcomed the young men in the name of the students and the Rev. Daniel Fuchs in behalf of the Andrews Street Baptist Church.

On Wednesday night, September 24, the Andrews Street Baptist Church gave the former and the new students a reception of welcome. It was a very enjoyable occasion. All of the men made brief responses when they were introduced by older members of the student group. We were pleased to have Mrs. Ben Zimmerman also respond as one of those beginning a new period of life in Rochester and of cooperation in the work of the Andrews Street Church. Mr. Robert Kuechmann, a student of the Divinity School, was also present and responded when called on by the pastor.

The names of the new men are as follows: Alex Sootzman, New York; Bruno Schreiber and Edward Wamser of Bethlehem, Pa.; Edwin Miller, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Ben Zimmerman

and wife, Wishek, No. Dak.; William Jeschke, Nokomis, Sask.; Vernon Link, Olds, Alberta; Otto Reinhold Schmidt, Leduc, Alberta.

We are pleased to report, too, that Prof. Ernest Krueger, brother of Prof. Otto Krueger, is assisting us in teaching and is acting as superintendent of our building. Mr. Irvin Voth of Dallas, Ore., a medical student in the University of Rochester, is also assisting in teaching and in supervising the recreational work of the seminary. Mr. Ruff, formerly of Gackle, No. Dak., and now student for the Master's degree in Eastman School of Music, will direct our student chorus and will also teach a course in Leadership in Singing. We are certain that these additions to our teaching staff will be of great benefit to our student group.

We are all looking forward with eagerness to the work of the new year. The times make us serious, indeed. Faculty and students will do their utmost to buy up every opportunity for winning men to Christ and for building the church in these troublous times.

AN URGENT REQUEST

As has been announced, our denomination is preparing a history of our denomination for the past one hundred years. The writer is engaged in the task of preparing a series of articles on that subject for "The Baptist Herald" during the next two years. Our greatest difficulty is getting information on the early years and the beginnings of our work. It would be a great help if churches, whose history goes back to nearly one hundred years, would send us souvenir programs, together with any old photographs that might prove valuable, from which we might be able to get the needed information. Besides Jubilee programs, any other information on the early history of our older churches would be greatly appreciated. Photographs should be sent to Rev. Martin Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., and literature to the undersigned.

We also have a partly complete file of old "Konferenz Verhandlungen," but we lack the following numbers: For the Eastern Conference: 1858, 60, 61, 1863, 69, 72, 75. Also the two first numbers: 1851 and 1852. For the Western Conference missing: 1858, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, 67, 69, 1870, 72, 73, 75, 76 and 1883. If any person can supply any of these numbers, we would appreciate it.

Missing from our later files are Conference Verhandlung 1887, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1905, 1910, and 1914. After these files are completed they will become the property of the Denomination. So PLEASE!

Chas. F. Zummach, Trenton, Ill.

OUR SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

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was genuine faith. If more space were at our command we could enumerate hundreds of examples from the lists of our ministers whose outstanding message was the necessity of a new spiritual life.

Pioneering Days

The new life needed additional meetings for its expressions and thus there came into being the weekly prayer meeting, where the rank and file of the membership could make itself heard, and the custom of having protracted meetings, generally at the beginning of the New Year, which extended at times through several months. These were practically revival meetings, largely, however, confined to adults, for the Sunday School and the young people's fields came later to be introduced.

We are thinking largely of the days of pioneering when we affirm that those were strenuous days and called for special heroism and a robust faith. Our ministry was largely strengthened since 1852 when the German department could send helpers into the field. There were no vacant churches then, nor could a minister readily find a new parsonage. The churches were small and the membership was not "long" on shekels for the Lord's treasury. All this called for a spiritual venture such as our day hardly can comprehend.

Do we need a recapitulation in order to get a true picture of the spiritual forces which were of necessity at work in our churches?

Saints of Yesterday

Our churches had a positive message founded on God's revelation of himself, and given us in the New Testament. This was largely a message for adults, an inheritance from Pietism, which was changed later when youth made its just claim for recognition.

Our churches did not multiply very rapidly during the first twenty-five years. They were excessively conservative. The smaller circles had their "ups and downs" and many disappeared. The churches planted in larger centers were on the whole more prosperous. We had no great divisions in our ranks. A few contentious brethren wisely betook themselves elsewhere when they found the "signs" were against them. They lacked balance.

And we had our "Saints." Perhaps we underestimated their influence, because they never appealed to that side of their lives. Our denominational papers carried the story of their "works" among us in appropriate obituaries. They upheld the spiritual fires on our altars for the coming of future days. We have such today. We are indebted to a passage in the Old Testament (Psalm 116:15) for a conception not often found: "Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of his saints."

Reports from the Field

Pacific Conference

News Notes from the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Oregon

Thirteen members of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Ore., attended the Oregon Assembly at Silver Creek Falls this summer. Of these, five dedicated their lives to Christ for full time service. We thank the Lord for touching the hearts of these young people, so that they, too, feel the need of telling others of his great love.

On the Sunday evening following the assembly the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., gave an inspirational message to the young people of our church.

On Sunday evening, August 31, the young people had a farewell for Gilbert Schneider and Carl Weisser, who are students at the Rochester Baptist Seminary, and for Irvin Voth, who is attending the medical school at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York.

The Lord has truly blessed the young people of our church during this summer. MILDRED MAY, Reporter.

Kelowna Young People Bid Farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Krombein

The German Baptist Young People's Society of Kelowna, B. C., Canada, experienced a sad day when we gathered in our church on Sunday, August 31, for the last time with our beloved minister, the Rev. A. Krombein, and his family. We had a full attendance, including visitors from Osoyoos, as we gave a farewell program to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all they have done for us.

The young people especially were very sorry to see Mrs. Krombein leave us. She was our president and loving friend for the entire three years that she was with us, and she was always active in the work of the Lord.

Mr. Krombein was the teacher of the Young People's Sunday School Class, and his talks to us were so earnest and interesting that he was a great favorite with us all. We shall certainly miss him in our class on Sunday mornings.

Our vice-president, Magdalena Paschold, is our leader now, and we are striving to go "Forward with Christ" in the work that Mrs. Krombein has built up.

Our loss is the gain of the Bismarck young people, and we sincerely hope that Mr. and Mrs. Krombein will be to them the blessing that they have been to us. ANNE PASCHOLD, Secretary.

Vacation Bible School of the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Washington

The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., held a Daily Vacation Bible School from August 18 to 29. There was a total registration of 57 children; and an average attendance of 46.

Not only were interesting lessons from the Bible presented by the teachers, but opportunity was given the pupils to hear and know about Christ and salvation. A number accepted the Lord as their Savior.

The closing exercises with display of handwork and memory work, as well as songs with and without motions were well received by a large audience.

We were privileged to have the Rev. Martin Leuschner, general secretary of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, with us for the closing day. He gave us an address followed by pictures of our missionary work in the Cameroons. The mission offering amounted to \$12.24.

The teaching staff consisted of Mesdames E. Stabbert, E. Helmrich, J. Klapstein, W. C. Damrau, A. Tokarsyck and Misses A. Enroth, El Hughes, (K. Wellman) and H. Riepe, under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Damrau.

MISS HAZEL RIEPE, Secretary.

Fourth Anniversary of the Laurelhurst Church of Portland Is Observed With Fitting Exercises

On Sunday, September 14, the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., observed "Anniversary Sunday." On that day we were four years old. During this short period many have been added to the church so that our membership is now over 300. Out of gratitude to the Lord for his blessings the church raised \$372.00 for our denominational missionary program on that Sunday. Our Women's Missionary Society also appropriated \$75.00 for missions in their last meeting.

The anniversary was marked with a large attendance in both the services. Beautiful flowers and four burning candles graced the platform. Professor Walter Bacon, prominent violinist, was present and rendered selections. Miss Ruth Reibick has placed her vibratory in the church auditorium and plays it in all the services. The pastor spoke on "The Primary Task of the Church" on this anniversary occasion in the morning service.

New interest is being manifested in all departments of the church since the opening of the Fall work.

FRED W. MUELLER, Pastor.

Southern Conference

Annual Rally Day of the Southern Conference at Mother Neff Park on Sunday, Sept. 21

On Sunday, September 21, approximately 350 members of the various Sunday Schools and training unions of the Southern Conference gathered at Mother Neff's Park near McGregor, Texas, for a day of blessing and Christian fellowship.

The Sunday School was in charge of the president, Mr. Milton Lippert. The Rev. W. H. Buening of Gatesville and the Rev. P. Pfeiffer of Waco discussed the S. S. lesson with the Seniors, while Miss Frieda Koch of Gatesville taught the Intermediates, and Mrs. J. Lippert taught the Juniors.

A Mass Choir composed of singers of the various Church Choirs rendered a beautiful song under the capable direction of the Rev. M. G. Mittelstedt of Kyle. The morning sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. Lippert of Greenville in an effective manner on "Sowing Wild Oats."

After refreshing our bodies physically with lunch, we again gathered in the pavilion for some more spiritual refreshing. A special program was rendered composed of numbers from the various churches, and an offering, amounting to the sum of \$22.42, was taken for the Centenary project. The Rev. C. C. Gossen of Crawford delivered a very impressive talk based on Philemon 1:7 which will long be remembered. A vocal solo, "Does Jesus Care?" by Mrs. P. Pfeiffer of Waco and Mr. Gossen's benediction brought the services of the day to a close.

TILLIE MAE SPROSS, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference

Tenth Anniversary of the Tabitha Society at Elgin, Iowa

On the evening of September 2 the Tabitha Society of the Baptist Church at Elgin, Iowa, celebrated its tenth anniversary with special services at the church. The president, Mrs. Clarence Muehlethaler, led the meeting.

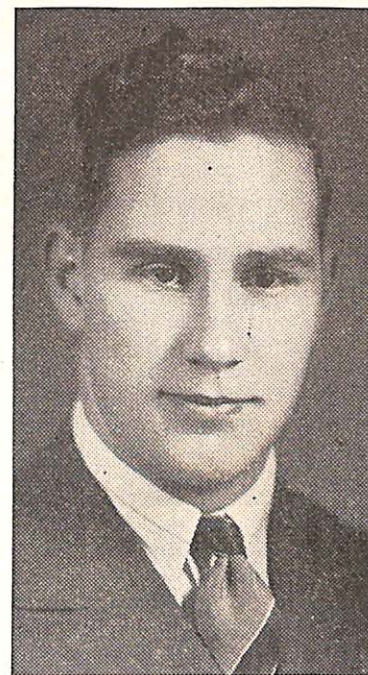
The program consisted of a special musical number by Mr. and Mrs. Karl Miller, a historical sketch of the society by Mrs. Guy Probert, the honoring of the past presidents, and a talk by the Rev. Assaf Husmann. The topic of his talk was "Fellowship Through Service." A large birthday cake was baked for the occasion. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

The Lord has greatly blessed the society in the past ten years. The membership has grown from 27 to 52 women.

MRS. GUY PROBERT, Reporter.

Burlington Twins Prepare for the Christian Ministry

When we hear of one young man's decision to go into the ministry, it is good news, but when twins decide to make this their life's work, it is doubly good news! The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, is very happy to proclaim this good news at this time.



William Kuechmann of Burlington, Iowa

Robert and William (better known as Bob and Bill) Kuechmann left in September to begin their training, Bob at the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School of Rochester, N. Y., and Bill at the Northern Baptist Seminary at Chicago, Ill. These young men have completed their studies together in the Burlington schools and at the State University of Iowa, but because they are specializing in different fields of Christian service, they have decided to attend different seminaries. We believe this is the first time in the history of Burlington that twins have chosen the ministry as their vocation.

On Sunday evening, September 7, the Oak Street Baptist Church held a farewell service for Bob and Bill, at which time, after brief and inspiring messages from the boys, the church presented them with lovely Bibles and the Service Guild envelopes containing the wherewithal. The Live Wire Class of the Sunday School presented them with brief cases, and the B. Y. P. U. tendered them a farewell banquet. These boys have been very active in their church and Sunday School, as well as faithful members of the B. Y. P. U. and church choir. We shall miss them, but we will expect to hear great things of them in the future.

RUTH LOHMANN, Reporter.

The Northwestern Conference at Racine Earnestly Considers the Subject of Evangelism

The sixty-first annual session of the Northwestern Conference was held in the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., from August 6 to 10. The Grace Church proved to be an ideal meeting-place and provided for every comfort of the delegates and visitors. The attendance was the largest in years and the program was presented with spiritual warmth and keenly enjoyed by all. The theme of the conference was "The Task of the Christian Church in Days Like These," based on Matt. 28: 19, 20. The opening message was brought by the Rev. Thos. Stoeri. The inspiring song service and the special music furnished by the entertaining church, proved to be an excellent background for the evening messages. The devotional services were conducted by the brethren H. Lohr, H. Bothner, J. R. Matz, and H. C. Wedel.

The first day of the conference was given over to evangelization in its preaching aspects with addresses on "Evangelism, the Supreme Reason for Preaching," and "New Testament Evangelism," by the Revs. P. Zoschke and L. B. Berndt, respectively. The Rev. W. Schobert preached the evangelistic sermon on Thursday evening with great enthusiasm. A series of addresses were given on indoctrination by the Revs. E. Wolff and E. Lehr.

A dialogue on promotion, written by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, minister of the North Avenue Church at Milwaukee, was presented by the young people of the Racine church on Friday evening. The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger delivered an address, "The Voice of the Bible in Days Like These." The Rev. G. Wetter presented a "Graphic Lecture Showing Educational and Spiritual Needs of Our Churches" and the Rev. A. Bernadt conducted an Open Forum: "How Can We Improve Church Attendance and Church School Attendance." The Rev. Mr. MacFarland was the guest speaker at the women's meeting on Friday afternoon.

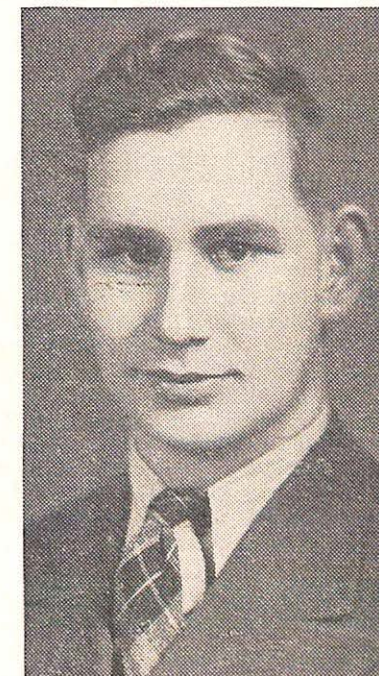
The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner was elected to serve the conference as vice-moderator, automatically becoming moderator of the next conference. The Revs. E. J. Stoeri and E. J. Baumgartner were elected to serve on the mission committee for a term of three years each. The Rev. H. Hirsch was elected to serve the committee as secretary and the Rev. J. Wobig as chairman. Other elections included Rev. H. W. Wedel as "Waisenvater," E. J. Baumgartner as representative and J. Wobig as alternate in the general missionary committee, L. B. Berndt as clerk, and E. Wolff as statistician. Prof. O. E. Krueger, representative of the general council, submitted his reports on the Seminary and the Publication Society.

The Rev. J. Wobig brought the annual missionary sermon on Sunday morning. The honorable Harold Stassen, governor of Minnesota, was the

guest speaker at the young people's meeting on Sunday afternoon. The conference was brought to a conclusion and climax by an inspiring message on, "The Voice of the Cross in Times Like These," by Prof. O. E. Krueger.

Every one spoke appreciatively of the program. The spirit that dominated the conference was supreme. More earnestness of purpose, more unanimity of conviction, more evidences of the presence of God's Holy Spirit have rarely been manifested in any conference. This conference on evangelism, great in attendance, great in enthusiasm, great in unity, was most inspiring and encouraging.

LEWIS B. BERNDT, Reporter.



Robert Kuechmann of Burlington, Iowa

Southwestern Conference La Salle and Scottsbluff Young People Hold a Rally Together

On Sunday, September 14, the Sunday School group and young people of the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., met with a similar group of Scottsbluff, Neb., for a rally. They arrived at Scottsbluff on Saturday evening and a "Get Acquainted Hour" was held in which games and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

On Sunday morning during the Sunday School period "The Christian Sunday" was discussed as follows: "Worship and Prayer" by Fred Hamburger; "Teaching" by Mr. Reineke of La Salle; "Making People Happy" by Mr. Mehring of Scottsbluff; and "Rest and Christian Fellowship" by the Rev. C. H. Secamp. The sermon at the morning service was delivered by Mr. Geis, our former colporteur of Okeene, Okla.

The afternoon session was opened with songs led by Mr. Hamburger and prayer by Bertha Mehling. The meet-

ing was then turned over to Lloyd Geis of La Salle. His group first presented a choir song and two guitar selections by Wesley Moser besides an accordin selection by Mr. Reineke. Charlotte and Dorothy Meier sang, after which the play, "The Fifty Dollar Check," was presented. Mr. Geis gave a short address after which Mr. Seecamp added a few words.

Rich blessings were received and a very inspiring time was had by all. May God bless us further in such fellowship and work!

FRED HAMBURGER, Reporter.

Program of the Oklahoma State Association from October 23 to 26 at Gotebo

Theme: "Wanted—An Awakening."
Theme Song: "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve."

THURSDAY, October 23:

7:30 P. M.: Opening Service Speaker, F. W. Socolofsky.

FRIDAY, October 24:

9-9:30 A. M.: Devotional service—Bessie Church. 9:30-10 A. M.: Business meeting. 10:15-11:30 A. M.: Reports of Churches. 11:30-11:55 A. M.: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

2-2:30 P. M.: Devotional service—Emanuel Church. 2:30-3:05 P. M.: Election and report of mission committee. 3:05-3:45 P. M.: "Awakening to the Present Crisis"—Henry Pfeifer. 3:45-4 P. M.: Discussion. 7:30 P. M.: Speaker, E. A. Buenning.

SATURDAY, October 25:

9-9:30 A. M.: Devotional by the Ingersoll Church. 9:30-9:50 A. M.: Unfinished business. 9:50-10:30 A. M.: "Awakening to Battle for Righteousness," E. A. Buenning. 11-11:40 A. M.: "Awakening to Obedience to God's Call," F. W. Socolofsky in charge.

2-2:30 P. M.: Devotional by Okeene church. 2:30-3 P. M.: Question Box, F. W. Socolofsky in charge. 3-3:20 P. M.: Business. 3:20-4 P. M.: "Awakening to Praise, Prayer and the Glory of God." 7:30 P. M.: Speaker, Henry Pfeifer.

Donation Day at the Philadelphia Home on October 25

The Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., will observe Donation Day on Saturday, October 25. As usual, there will be a special chapel program with the Rev. H. Palfenier, pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, as the speaker.

Meals will be served in the dining room, and all kinds of donations will be welcomed from the many friends of the Home everywhere. We trust that many of our friends will visit the Home at 7023 Rising Sun Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., on that day.

Milton R. Schroeder, Pastor.

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SUNDAY, October 26:

10 A. M.: Sunday School as guests of Gotebo School. 11 A. M.: Morning Worship, Sermon by Henry Pfeifer. Missionary Offering.

2 P. M.: Young People's Program.

7:30 P. M.: Closing Service. Speaker, Elmer A. Buenning.

INVITATION!

The Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., wishes to extend a hearty invitation to the Oklahoma Convention and to all others who wish to attend.

LLOYD SCHANTZ, Church Clerk.

Annual Report of the La Salle Ladies' Missionary Society

We of the Ladies Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., indeed, can praise our blessed Lord and Redeemer, for wonderful is his help at all times, and marvelous is his grace, and many are our opportunities to serve him who gave his life for us. Sorrows and trials come and go but Christ never fails us. He abides with us forever.

Our meetings are held monthly with an average attendance of 20. These meetings are very helpful to all of us, for we are drawn closer to our Lord, and we receive greater visions of the work of the Lord at home and abroad. The "Missions-Perle," (mission leaflet), keeps us informed of the activities and sacrifices of our missionaries. This leaflet is read at every meeting. An important part in our monthly meetings is our devotional period in which we bring our petitions to God and intercede for those in trouble and sin. Mrs. Ford, missionary to Jamaica, spoke to us at one meeting last winter in which we vowed to the Lord to help carry the gospel to those in darkness and sin even in foreign fields. We also observed our annual prayer day in February.

We have a membership of 27. We made 209 sick calls in the past year, trying to cheer up those in sickness or bereavement with flowers and cards of remembrance.

As to our financial activities, we gave \$20 to missions and redecored the interior of the parsonage. More plans are being made and greater things will be done in the year to come with the Lord's help. Our total income for the past year was \$211.87; the total expenditure was \$167.49.

On the 31st of August we gave our annual program. We had a full house and the program was well accepted. Our text for the evening was Matt. 25: 31-46: "What ye have done to one of the least of these, ye have done unto me." The program consisted of group song, solos, duets, instrumental numbers, octet and trio numbers, and a dialogue: "The Singer's Reward." The mission offering of the evening amounted to \$16.50.

MRS. DAN BOHLENDER, Secretary.

Dakota Conference

Central Dakota Young People Hold a Rousing Rally at Linton, North Dakota

Weather conditions cannot stop us Central Dakota young people! Although the sky was threatening on Sunday morning, September 14, the sun, together with many eager young people, began to show their faces at our annual rally which was held on that day in Linton, No. Dak. The following societies were represented: Lehr, Linton, Venturia, Wishek, Herreid, Artas, Ashley, Fredonia, Medina.

Our main speaker for the day was the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner. In the

morning his message was based on Psalm 34, and showed that God is good and very near to us. In the afternoon message, we were led to see the need of having a genuine interest in and caring about those with whom we come in contact. The pictures of the Camerons and General Conference at Burlington, shown in the evening, aroused anew our interest in both the foreign and local work.

Each of the societies represented came well prepared with musical selections. As always, the mass choir also played its part, and under the direction of the Rev. A. Ittermann sang "Master, the Tempest is Raging" and the "Awakening Chorus."

Mrs. Viola Kiemele, editor of our "Assembly Journal," announced that the next issue would be sent out in December. Even though it is "our" paper, much of the credit for its success goes to Mrs. Kiemele and her associate editor, Laverne Kremer.

With some of the strains of our 1941 assembly theme, "On to Victory," still ringing in our ears, we parted with the hope that we will all see each other again at our 1942 assembly to be held at Jamestown, No. Dak.

ELEANORE WEISENBURGER, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Leon Pugsley of Jamestown, North Dakota

A council was called by the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, No. Dak., to consider the ordination of Mr. L. Pugsley into the ministry of the gospel. Delegates from Linton, Lehr, Wishek, Jamestown and visiting pastors were added to this council, including the Rev. B. W. Krentz of Los Angeles, Calif., the Rev. N. E. McCoy, radio pastor of Jamestown.

The Rev. Albert Ittermann was elected moderator and the Rev. Chas. Wagner, secretary. The candidate was introduced by the Rev. E. P. Fosmark. Mr. Pugsley gave his testimony as to his conversion, his call into the ministry, and his beliefs concerning the doctrine.

The ordination service was in charge of the moderator, the Rev. Albert Ittermann. The ordination sermon was delivered by the Rev. E. Broeckel. The text and topic were: "The Calling of God's Messenger," Jer. 1:17-19. The ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. E. P. Fosmark. The charge to the church was given by the Rev. Chas. Wagner. He spoke on "Encouraging the Messenger" Acts 28:15. The Rev. P. Hunsicker gave the charge to the ordained minister, and Mr. Pugsley was welcomed into the circle of fellow-ministers by the Rev. B. W. Krentz. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. L. Pugsley.

Mr. L. Pugsley is a member of the Jamestown church. He is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. He expects to enter the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago to continue his studies and later to enter the field of labor in the English circle.

CHARLES WAGNER, Clerk.

Northern Conference

Silver Jubilee and Baptismal Service in Prince George, B. C.

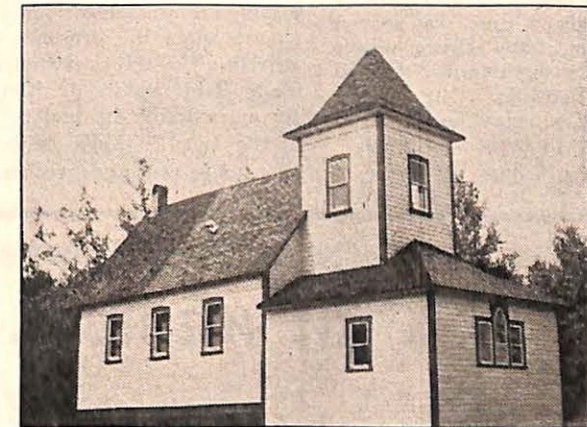
Prince George is an important city in Central British Columbia. It has a passenger and freight divisional point, midway between Prince Rupert and Edmonton, and at the junction of the Fraser and Nechaco rivers. Within it is confined a large and most fertile area of virgin agricultural land and timbered forests.

The Rev. Abraham Hager, our veteran pioneer of the Christian faith, had the vision and saw the possibilities of establishing a mission work for the Lord in this district. With undaunted zeal he devoted himself wholeheartedly in organizing the First Baptist Church of Prince George in 1916.

best to the Lord's work: A. Hager, Philip Daum, John Broeder, C. A. Gruhn, H. Rumpel, Adam Huber, and since December 1, 1940, Fred W. Benke.

The days of September 14 to 16 were notable and blessed in the history of the church. In a fitting way the silver jubilee was observed. The newly-organized band under the leadership of the Rev. Fred W. Benke began the meetings by playing several melodies. The Rev. Philip Daum of Winnipeg, Man., came for this festival and officiated at the baptismal service. Consecration services were held and the Lord's Supper was celebrated. Mr. Daum brought a heart-searching message to the church and spoke challenging words to the new converts.

At the jubilee service reports were given by the officials of the church, in



The Hager Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George, British Columbia

Those were trying days in this growing town with its changing population. He and his devoted wife gave themselves in the spirit of Christ to promote the Kingdom of God in this far flung mission field of our Canadian West.

The church membership has changed considerably throughout the years. Many have moved away and some have been called to their eternal rewards. For a time the church work had to be delayed, and the cause suffered severe losses. Then in 1931 the Rev. Philip Daum visited this group of believers and encouraged them to carry on the work of the Lord. He re-organized the church, and the name was changed to the Hager Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George in commemoration of the first founder, the Rev. A. Hager.

On Monday evening, September 15, the silver jubilee of the church was celebrated and many recollections of the past were recalled: mingled hardships, disappointments, joys and triumphs. Throughout this period Mr. Hager carried on to the best of his ability, until his voice gave way and he was denied the joy of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ in an audible way, which in former years he had carried on with great vigor and delight. The following men of God served the church during the 25 years for a longer or shorter period and each gave his

which they made mention of God's leading hand throughout the varied experiences of the last years. The mixed choir, male trio and children's choir as well as the band rendered appropriate music. A recitation depicted the stages of God's blessing in the past and future. Then Mr. Benke spoke words of encouragement on Revelation 3:8. Greetings of goodwill from the Rev. E. P. Wahl, secretary of the Northern Conference, were read.

ADOLF STEINKEY, Clerk.

The Olds Church Holds a Farewell Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler

A farewell service was held for the Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler and family in the Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta, Canada, on Sunday evening, August 31.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and we know that many a loving thought went into the preparation of these bouquets. The Beutlers delight in beautiful things, and every effort to help beautify the services was amply rewarded by our pastor voicing his appreciation from the pulpit.

Our deacon, Mr. R. C. Link, led the meeting. The deacons spoke in behalf of the church, while the church committee, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., the choir and the Women's Missionary Society were represented by their leaders who spoke words of appreciation.

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The Order of The Day

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Mrs. Beutler had every reason to be proud while listening to the vice-president, Mrs. Albert Unger, speaking for the Women's Missionary Society. It was difficult to tell in a few sentences all that was in their minds in high esteem for the president. A lace table cloth, fruit bowl and a lovely bouquet of flowers were presented to Mrs. Beutler with every good wish for the future.

Mrs. C. B. Thole, teacher of the Beginners' Class, presented the daughter, Anita, with a gift in behalf of the class. Mr. R. Link, in behalf of the members, presented our former pastor with an envelope of money. The Rev. F. Alf from Carbon and Rev. O. Fiesel from Trochu brought fitting messages for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Beutler responded to the tributes and good wishes, and expressed their gratitude.

To bring this lovely evening to a right close, a delicious lunch was served in the dining room of the church, where everyone had the opportunity to bid farewell to the Beutlers. Our sincere prayer is that God may continue to bless them richly in their new field.

WILLIAM WORM, Reporter.

REVIEWING 25 YEARS

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we shall rejoice with "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

Every child of God, having been received into the eternal covenant, can declare this word with profound humility and also with undaunted conviction as the secret of his entire pilgrimage of life: "For God was with him!" This word was spoken about Joseph and also about the Lord Jesus Christ. There isn't a single Christian life, however insignificant it may have been, which has not been affected by this providential guidance of God even in the most unpretentious events of each day.

If one reviews the past, then one is vividly reminded of those memorable events when the presence of God with startling and overwhelming power made itself known to him, so that in joyous worship he had to declare: "It is the Lord!" God's guidance becomes even more real and precious to us when

we can describe it in actual experiences in our own lives.

In 1892 soon after I went to Rochester, N. Y., as a student at our seminary, there began an intimate friendship with Herman von Berge which had a profound bearing on both of our lives. That friendship has continued with unabated intimacy even to this day.

It was only by the grace of God that I was called in 1897 as the pastor of the Second Church in Philadelphia, Pa. That period of seventeen years of my ministry in that church, to which I owe a great deal more than I can ever express in words, served as a preparatory school for my later ministry as Missionary Secretary.

While I was still pastor in Philadelphia, the bonds of friendship were established between the brethren Walter Staub, E. Elmer Staub and Theodore Sorg and me, which nothing has been able to break asunder. From the human point of view, these laymen would never have been able to have rendered this invaluable service to our denomination during these years if it had not been for this friendship that has bound us together.

I also regard it as the benevolent guidance of God that he has given me so many friends among our people in all parts of our widely scattered denominational territory. They have brought much sunshine and satisfaction to my heart.

The harmonious spirit and fine cooperation that exist between my colleagues and myself here at the office in Forest Park is another evidence to me of God's boundless grace. For many years this relationship existed between Brother A. P. Mihm and myself. During the past six years it has also been true of the relationship between Brother Leuschner and myself, and this has continued into the past year of service with Brother Husmann. Even though we may have differences of viewpoint, nevertheless, we maintain the unity of the spirit in Christ. In all of our deliberations we enrich each other's life and thereby find it easier to reach the solution of many an intricate problem. We maintain this loyalty to each other, whether we are in the office or on trips to our various churches.

In reviewing the past 25 years, I can say that these have been inexpressibly happy years for me. To be sure, there were frustrated plans. But even in such experiences, I found that peace of mind whenever I could say with the Lord Jesus Christ: "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, . . . for so it seemed good in thy sight." Whenever the mountainous difficulties upon my way were removed, even beyond my highest expectations, then I could declare with jubilant joy because of the revelation of the glory of God which strengthened my faith: "This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes."

EARLY MISSIONARY HEROES

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for any one man. His health failed. The other missionaries advised that he leave at once. On July 22, 1906, he left on the steamer "S. S. Lothar Bohlen." But he had waited too long. On August 9th, thirty-three years of age, he died and was buried at sea.

Brother Wedel was a capable, humble and well equipped servant of his Lord, with a keen intellect, warm heart, wide horizon, and evangelistic zeal. I deemed it a privilege to enjoy his loyal friendship.

Did his choice for the Cameroon work satisfy him? I can let him answer that question by citing some quotations from his letters:

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"December 31, 1895: I can assure you that I am very happy and daily thank the Lord that he led us here. . . During the 7 weeks I am here, I was only home one Sunday, because of a mild fever attack; the rest of the time we were on our various missions. During these weeks we had 9 baptismal services, baptizing 94 converts. It is a joy to be engaged in a work, in which you have the sure conviction that it is God's work, bears his seal and testifies of the power of his saving grace. Here in heathendom one has the feeling that one is at the front in the battleline where every stroke counts double, while at home so much powder is wasted in vain."

A Passion to Preach Christ

"March 10, 1896. I am giving 3 hours instruction daily in our boys school, . . . am also busy in the study of Duala; . . . the longing to bring the gospel to these poor benighted tribes is growing in our hearts."

But it came to a sudden stop! Humanly speaking it was too soon. Why? "Some day we'll understand!"

The spirit of the Wedel family is still with us. Two of his brothers, Henry W. and Herman C., are pastors of our churches in Victor, Iowa, and Holloway, Minnesota. Another brother, Dan Wedel, is prominent in the activities of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California, and still another brother, John Wedel, is the Sunday School superintendent of the Baptist Church in Wasco, California. How these Wedel brothers have helped to make our denominational history!

These have been incomplete sketches of our early missionary heroes on the Cameroon mission field. But the memory of their labors will always be fragrant in our midst and the service of their lives will always challenge us to greater things.

OBITUARY

GERALD WAYNE STEINDAM of Dallas, Texas

Gerald Wayne Steindam, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Steindam, Jr., passed out of this life on the 14th of September as a result of an automobile accident. The baby was born on June 11, 1941, thus reaching the age of only three months and three days.

Very short was the joy of the young parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Steindam, Sr., of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grinke of Henrietta, Texas. Their hearts are bleeding now over the loss of their little one, but they are comforted with the thought that he now is safe in the arms of Jesus.

The sympathy for the loss of the parents was expressed in the large attendance at the funeral service and the very numerous floral offerings. The undersigned, assisted by the Rev. Rudolph Woyke of Washburn, No. Dak., spoke words of comfort based on Job 1:21 and Isa 55:8 and 9.

"My baby in the arms of Jesus, With never a fear, and never a tear; With soul expanding in heaven's bliss, And face uplifted to Heaven's kiss! Ah, who could you wish back from this? My baby in the arms of Jesus." Dallas, Texas.

J. E. Ehrhorn.

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Recently several members of the executive committee of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union besides a number of invited guests met in Portland, Oregon, to consider many plans for the future. Tentative arrangements for a startlingly new and fascinating program for young people at the General Conference in Philadelphia in 1943 and fascinating program for young people at the General Conference in Philadelphia in 1943 were made. Our part in the Centenary Offering and our participation in the 10 Denominational Goals were considered. A definite plan whereby every Sunday School scholar and young person can share in the Centenary Offering will be announced later. The improvement of these important branches of the church was also discussed.

Especially important were the deliberations affecting "The Baptist Herald." On January 1, 1942, this publication will begin its 20th volume with radical changes in setup, type and content, all of which should make "The Herald" more interesting than ever. Every effort will be made by those associated with the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union and the editor to make 1942 a real Jubilee Year for our paper!

In order to arouse more interest, the following contests are being announced. They will run from October 15, 1941, to January 1, 1942. All contest winners will be announced in the January 15th issue. You can send contributions for one or for all three of the contests. Submit them to the editor at Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Judges will be Rev. Carl F. H. Henry, Mr. Walter Pankratz, and Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

CONTEST No. 1

Submit snapshots of scenic views, churches, ministers, conferences, human interest scenes or animals.

Send only the snapshots. You can submit as many pictures as you like.

The 10 best pictures selected will appear in an early issue of "The Herald" in 1942, and each prize-winning contestant will receive \$1.00. Send your pictures at once!

CONTEST No. 2

Write an essay of 300-400 words on "WHAT I WOULD DO IF I WERE EDITOR OF 'THE BAPTIST HERALD.'" Submit your constructive criticisms for improving "The Herald."

The three best essays will be published, and each of these contestants will receive a prize of \$2.50. The essays will be judged on their merit of practical and novel suggestions

CONTEST No. 3

Prepare cartoons on religious, political or social subjects. These should be original with the cartoonist.

The cartoons should appear on heavy paper of about 8x10 inches.

Those cartoons which are judged as having merit for publication will be announced as winners and the entrants will receive prizes of \$2.50 for each cartoon submitted.

Of Special Interest to Men in Service

In 1942 each issue of "The Baptist Herald" will include a department of special interest to the young men in the service of the United States or Canadian governments. This will be edited by Chaplain Edwin Kraemer of the Aviation Post Lerdo near Bakersfield, California.

**WATCH FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GREAT THINGS TO COME
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