

"So Teach Us to Number Our Days". Psalm 90:12

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. John Weinbender, Sr., pastor of the Baptist Church of Eureka, So. Dak., resigned a few weeks ago and announced that his resignation would be effective on Dec. 31st. His plans for the immediate future are not known at the time of going to press with this issue of "The

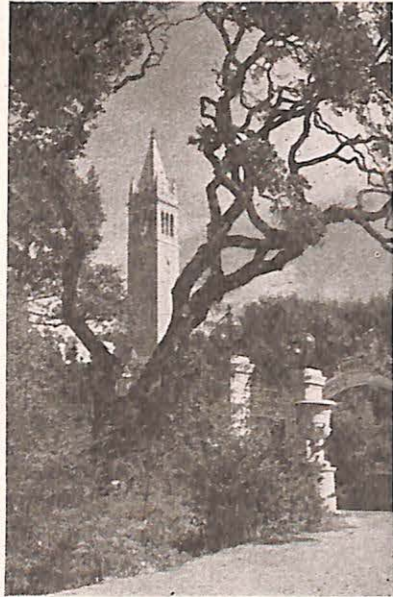
● The Rev. Carl F. H. Henry, pastor of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., announced his resignation early in December to take effect on Dec. 31st. The church has accepted his resignation with regrets. Mr. Henry will devote all of his time to teaching at the Northern Baptist Seminary and to writing. His latest book, "The Pacific Garden Mission," is receiving widespread attention and acclaim.

● The Fellowship Baptist Church of Passaic, N. J., has recently called the Rev. Bernard Morris as its new pastor. Mr. Morris is a graduate of the Philadelphia School of the Bible. He succeeded the Rev. William Stroh. The installation service for Mr. Morris as the pastor of the Passaic Church was held on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, with pastors and representatives from nearby churches also in attendance.

● On Wednesday evening, Nov. 25, the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., held a Thanksgiving Day service at which a special offering was received to reduce the mortgage on the church property. To the great joy of the pastor, the Rev. Victor H. Prendergast, and of the congregation the offering amounted to \$561 which, added to the sum already in the fund, totalled \$761. The church hopes to make the sum \$1000 by the first of the year.

● On Sunday morning, Dec. 6, Mr. Henry G. Geis of Okeene, Okla., who served for 10 years in colportage work for our Publication Society, and Mrs. G. Bierig were married in the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene with the pastor, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, officiating. The ceremony was held in the presence of the entire congregation at the close of the morning service. The former Mrs. Bierig is a member of the Okeene Church.

● The Rev. Emil Riemer of Forestburg, Alta., Canada, recently resigned as pastor of the Forestburg Church and accepted the call of the Bethel Baptist Church near Carbon, Alta. He is beginning his pastorate there on Jan. 1, 1943. The Bethel Church was formerly served by the Rev. Rudolf Milbrandt in connection with another



LOOK TO THIS DAY!

Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life.
In its brief course lie all the varieties and realities of your existence:
The bliss of growth;
The glory of action;
The splendor of beauty;
For yesterday is already a dream,
and tomorrow is only a vision;
But today, well lived, makes every yesterday
A dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore, to this day!
Such is the salutation of the dawn!

field at Calgary. Mr. Riemer was recently ordained, a report of which appeared in the last issue of "The Baptist Herald."

● A Bible School was held recently for the young people of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Golden Prairie, Sask., Canada, for a period of two weeks. An average of 30 young people attended the sessions. The Revs. Fred W. Benke of Edmonton, August Kraemer of Medicine Hat and G. Beutler, the pastor, served as the teachers. In the evenings revival meetings were held with the Rev. F. W. Benke preaching God's Word and proclaiming his gospel. A group of 11 persons found peace in the Lord and accepted him as Savior.

● On Tuesday evening, Dec. 2, an informal reception was held at Moore's Restaurant in Winnipeg, Manitoba, for the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Schilke, who were on their honeymoon trip bound for their church at Minitonas, Man. The occasion was planned by the Revs. Otto Patzia, Fred Schmidt, Phil. Daum, H. Schatz, who attended with their wives and families. The Rev. A. Husmann, promotional secretary, served as toastmaster at the informal program held after the dinner. The

group of 17 persons also presented a gift to the honored couple.

● The young people's society of the Baptist Church of Beausejour, Man., Canada, held a mission program recently, which was the first program ever attempted by this small and newly organized group. The program was very well received, according to the secretary, Miss Alma Best. The offering of \$2.45 was designated for foreign missions. Although the society numbers only nine members, it is actively engaged in the work of God's Kingdom. The Rev. Fred Schmidt is pastor of the Whitemouth and Beausejour churches of Manitoba.

● The Baptist Church of Pablo, Mont., is making splendid strides in its work for the Lord, according to Mr. Arnold Schmautz, secretary. Since its minister, the Rev. Frederick Alf, began his services in the Pablo and Missoula churches, improvements have been made on the Pablo Church building and a piano has been secured. On Sunday, Nov. 8, the small congregation contributed a sum of \$50 towards the Centenary Offering. The B. Y. P. U. has been reorganized and Miss Clara Bartel and Mr. Walter Haak are the new leaders.

● On Sunday, Dec. 6, the Rev. George Hensel read his resignation to the members of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the Kings Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn. He hopes to begin his pastorate in Bridgeport on April 1, 1943, where he will succeed the Rev. Albert Hahn. Mr. Hensel has been pastor of the Kankakee Church for 10 years. Miss Marie Hensel, a sister of the Rev. George Hensel, will accompany him to Bridgeport.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has extended a call to Miss Ruth C. Doescher of Chicago, Ill., as church missionary and visitor. She is giving the call her prayerful consideration. The Christmas program of the Immanuel Church was held on the afternoon of Dec. 25 with Mr. E. C. Quade, superintendent, in charge. The program was featured by the presentation, "Good Will on Earth." On Wednesday evening, Dec. 2, missionary moving pictures of the denomination were shown by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., at a well attended church fellowship dinner. The Rev. Thorwald Bender is pastor of the church.

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Coming!

SPECIAL SERVICE MEN'S ISSUE
The larger part of the next issue will be devoted to our Service Men, of whom more than 500 receive "The Baptist Herald" regularly. Several articles by a number of chaplains and Service Men, who are members of our churches, as well as numerous letters from our Boys will be of great interest to our "Herald" family.

OUR ARMY GOES TO CHURCH!
A great many unusual pictures will transform the next issue of "The Baptist Herald" into a pictorial account of Uncle Sam's Army going to church, of a soldier's interpretation of Christ in a chapel painting, and of Service Men on duty for their country and their God. These pictures will tell their own impressive story!

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE FOR 1943
We are happy to announce the return of Mrs. Bertha Johnson of Chicago, Ill., as the editor of the very popular Children's Page for the first six months in 1943. Her fascinating stories and interesting riddles and games will be anticipated eagerly by the young readers of this page. She will have many new prizes for her "good children" as well.

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EDITORIAL

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Milestones Are Stepping-stones

DURING THE COURSE of this year 1943 the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will celebrate its centennial jubilee. That will be a memorable milestone for the Philadelphia Church, the significance of which will be sensed by all of her sister churches. It is therefore of more than local interest to know that the Atlantic Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union has adopted this motto for the Centenary Year: "Milestones Are Stepping-stones."

How weighty these words are with treasures of truth! Any pause in the pilgrimage of life, in which we look back over past achievements with festive spirit, that does not lead to the firm resolve to strive towards greater heights of moral grandeur, spiritual insight and Christian service is not worthy of the name of Christian! Such milestones become stumbling-blocks to the pilgrim on his way to the Promised Land!

Every anniversary has potentialities of inspiring us to do better than we have ever done before. Every New Year should bring to us a richer experience when "faith has caught the joyful sound" with this aim: "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground." Such were the milestones in the life of the people of Israel as they marked the anniversaries of their exodus from Egypt and recounted the words of Moses: "Remember this day, in which ye came out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand, the Lord brought you out from this place."

This anniversary year of our denomination ought to be a time of rejoicing for us as churches as well as individuals. The milestones testify of the truth that it has been "With Christ Throughout the Years." If we begin the year in blessed fellowship with Christ and in conformity to God's will and continue to walk in that light throughout the year, then this milestone will be the stepping-stone to a glorious, hopeful, purposeful second century in our denominational enterprise.

It is true, as Lucy Larcom has expressed it, "beautiful is the year in its closing and in its going—most beautiful and blessed because it is always the 'year of our Lord.'" May all the milestones of our lives and of our churches, including this New Year's Day, merit the fullest blessings of God that they might become stepping-stones to greater blessings from above and to greater heights of Christian service! Then in this year of our Lord, 1943, we shall all grow more "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."



—Harold M. Lambert Photo.
The Winter's Snows Are Swept by Blizzard Winds to Form Billowy, White Dunes Against the Picket Fence in a Lovely January Scene.

The Race Before Us

New Year's Sermon by the REV. HENRY R. SCHROEDER
of Madison, South Dakota

"Let us run with patience the race that is set before us."
Hebrews 12:1.

NEW YEAR'S DAY has an added significance this year. Formerly we were always quite sure that every New Year would be ever so much better than the one that had just ended. But this time we are not quite so sure. We stand on the threshold of this year, looking wistfully into the future, and we almost dread to think of what it may have in store for us.

Ominous Signs and Questions

"Coming events cast their shadows before." And there are ominous signs that this year will be a year that will try our mettle in more ways than one. We may have to pass through some rather grim experiences. Sacrifices, such as we have never known before, may be required of us. Burdens may be placed upon us that will be heavier than we have ever borne before.

So a shallow optimistic mood should give place to a more realistic facing of facts as they actually are. We are not living in a "fool's paradise" but in a world of grim realities, and the sooner we realize that the better it will be.

What will this year bring us? Will it be a year of health and prosperity?

Will some of our cherished hopes come true? Or will it be a year of trials and losses and disappointments? Will the ghastly war come to an end before this year has run its course? Will the new year witness the establishment of a just and durable peace, or will this titanic struggle go on until the whole world has destroyed itself?

Will the Lord come before another New Year's Day has dawned, or will he tarry till the nations are at peace again and no one expects his coming? Will there be a great forward movement in our own churches, or will the critical world situation make it impossible to undertake any new denominational tasks? Great changes will take place in the near future, but what will these changes be like?

Walking by Faith

Wouldn't you like to lift the veil a bit and peer into the darkness ahead to see what surprises might come over us as we journey on from day to day? If we did know, would it help us any? Could we then face each day with a great courage?

Personally I have always detested fortune tellers, mainly because they are nothing but frauds. But even if they could make accurate predictions, I would not think of patronizing them.

I would much rather prefer to journey on into an unknown future.

Life is far more interesting when you do not know what may be awaiting you just around the corner. That is the way God has planned it. We are to walk by faith and not by sight. Abraham, when he was called, went out not knowing whither he went. His whole life was a venture of faith.

What was true of him is true, too, of each one of us to a certain extent. We enter upon this new year without any clear and definite knowledge as to where our path will take us. It may be that we will always walk in the sunshine of his love, but there is the probability, too, that we may have to walk through many a dark and dreadful valley. But we need not fear for we have an infallible guide who has been over the same road before us, and who can bring us safely to our desired destination.

A Good Beginning

We usually say, "Well begun is half done." So also if you get a bad start, it will handicap and hinder you all along the way. Then why not begin the new year aright? Why not, from the very outset, seek God's guidance and ask the Lord to be your constant companion and friend?

Rededicate yourself to him who loved you and gave himself for you. Place yourself and all that you have at his disposal. Say to him: "Here am I, send me." "Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee . . . Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise." And if you present yourself to him in some such way in all sincerity, then he will surely fulfill to you his promise that you shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.

The unknown author of this little poem had the right idea of a good beginning for the new year:

"I asked the New Year for some message sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet;
I asked and paused: He answered soft and low,
'God's will to know.'
'Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?' I cried,
And 'ere the question into silence died
The answer came, 'Nay, but remember, too, God's will to do.'
Once more I asked, 'Is there no more to tell?'
And once again the answer sweetly fell:
'Yes, this one thing, all others above,
God's will to love!'"

God's Will for My Life

Just try to discover God's will for yourself. Say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Each one has a definite place to fill, and some real work to do that no one else can do. Each one has received his own peculiar talent, and he will be held responsible for the right use of his gift.

Then after you have discovered God's will for your life, you should lose no time in doing it. The years pass so quickly that it almost startles us.

An old sundial had this inscription: "It is later than you think." And if you could read the dial on God's time-piece for the universe, or if you could learn what time it is in your own life, you would probably be surprised, too, to discover that it is actually much later than you think.

That should startle you wide awake and make you work harder than ever before. We cannot afford to be idle nor to fritter away the precious moments of the quickly passing days. We have but one life to live, and that must be the very best.

"Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

Love for God's Commandments

And as we bend every effort to fulfill the will of God for us, we must also learn to love that will more than our own. Love will make the most difficult things seem easy; love will brighten the darkest days and fill them with a glory all their own; love will make even costly sacrifices seem a delight. Love will enable us to say that God's commandments are never grievous, his yoke is always easy and his burden is light.

It will help us, too, to heed the words of our text and to run with patience

New Year's Greeting
Mr. H. P. Donner, the Business
Manager of the Publication Society,
and Mr. Martin L. Leuschner, Editor
of "The Baptist Herald," Wish All
of Our Readers a Happy New Year
With a Bounty of God's Blessings
From Day to Day!

the race that is set before us. The object of life's race is not to see who can reach the goal first, nor who can outdistance any and all rivals, but rather to endure unto the end. We must run with patience or steadfastness, with a determination that never wavers nor falters.

In an ordinary race, the failure of other contestants may enable you to win, but in real life, that isn't so. No matter how many others fall by the wayside, that will not make you a winner. We are not running in competition with others. Our aim is not to beat others, but we are running to win a crown. And the only way to win it is to become worthy of it, and that has to be done by self discipline.

Winning Life's Race

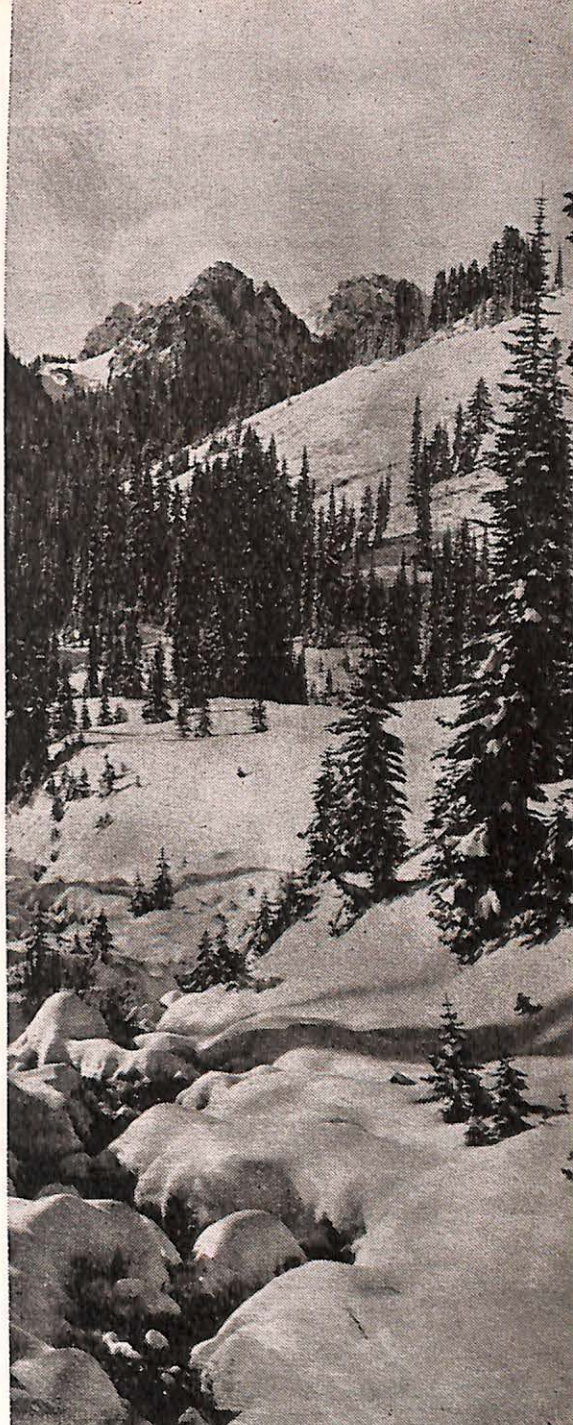
That is why the apostle said that we must lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us or trip us up, and which causes us to stumble and fall. There are a lot of things that hinder us in our running. Some of these things may not be evil in themselves, but they are unnecessary weights. Get rid of them and travel light.

But there are positive evils, too. There are sins that seem to cling even to the very best among us. They will most assuredly disqualify us from winning the prize, so we must free ourselves from them. But how is that to be done? Haven't you tried it often enough and failed? Here is how it can be done. "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." If you keep your eyes on Christ, it will not seem hard to lay aside the hampering weights, nor will it be impossible to break the stranglehold of all sin. When you see what sin did to Jesus, when you see him on the cross, then all sin will become so repulsive to you that even the thought of it will die in your heart.

Jesus Christ, Our Example

If you keep your eyes on Jesus, you will not have any time to observe others in their running. You will have but one concern, namely, to run as patiently and as successfully as Jesus did. His triumph was not an easy triumph. No victory ever is easy. Jesus had to endure the cross, but he knew that on the farther side of the cross there would be an indescribable glory and an unspeakable joy.

So for the joy that is also set before you, run your race with an unswerving loyalty and an enduring faith that will

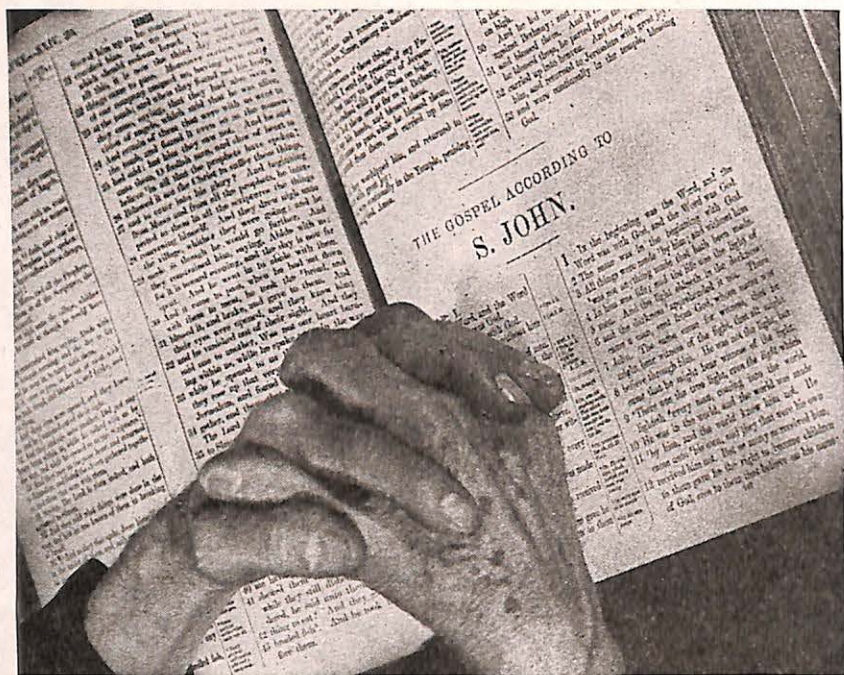


never admit defeat. You may have failed more than once in the past, but this added year of grace is given you that you may do better now than ever before.

He came to my desk with a quivering lip . . .
The lesson was done.
"Dear teacher, I want a new leaf," he said,
"I have spoiled this one."
I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave him a new one all unspotted,
And into his sad eyes smiled,
"Do better, now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul . . .
The old year was done.
"Dear Father, hast thou a new leaf for me?"
I have spoiled this one."
He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave me a new one all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled,
"Do better, now, my child."

And that is what your Master and mine says to each one of us on this New Year's Day: "Do better, now, my child."



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The Folded Hands of a Rugged and Faithful Pioneer Upon a Favorite Passage in God's Word Is a Cherished Memory to Inspire Succeeding Generations to Serve Jesus Christ More Devotedly

A Rugged Pioneer of the West

The Story of William E. Grimm and of Other Early Pioneers by the REV. CHARLES F. ZUMMACH of Trenton, Illinois

THE MOST RUGGED of all the characters among the early pioneers and to whom we owe the beginning of our work in Wisconsin and St. Joseph, Michigan, is William E. Grimm. It is to be regretted that so little is known about his early work and that none of his contemporaries undertook the task of evaluating this remarkable man.

Most of what is known about him we owe to Prof. A. J. Ramaker, who says of him: "Grimm's life illustrates more than does the life of any other man among the 'fathers' the viewpoint of Protestant separation with its venturesome daring on the one hand, and its conscientious regard of Scriptures on the other. Persons of that stamp are fast disappearing from contemporary history."

Joining "the Separatist Group"

Born in Memel in 1806 he came to Switzerland as a carpenter journeyman. Here he became acquainted and united with a "separatist" group and received adult baptism by affusion (pouring). Returning to his native city and feeling he ought to share his experience with his fellow countrymen, he began inviting some friends into his home for Bible study and private prayer meetings. These meetings resulted in the conversion of several persons and within a year he baptized eleven persons by affusion, the only

form of adult baptism with which he was acquainted.

Since Grimm was not an ordained minister, the authorities forbade such "irregularities" and he was ordered to cease conducting his meetings. When he refused, persecution followed. Fines were imposed, his property was seized, and repeatedly he was thrown into a common jail. He continued, however, as soon as he was released.

Egged on by the Lutheran authorities, mob fury now was added to governmental persecution. The saloons gave away barrels of whiskey to inflame the mob. Drunken crowds broke up the meetings and destroyed the furniture. Finally they resolved to kill him. A drunken mob broke in the door and stormed into the house. Only the courage of one of the women who threw scalding water into their faces, gave him time to escape through a rear door. His life now in danger, he took refuge on an English ship lying in the harbor. Here he made the acquaintance of the captain, who happened to be a Baptist, and who directed his attention to New Testament baptism.

Sailing for America

After his return from England he sought to secure religious liberty by appealing directly to the Emperor in Berlin. In this he was unsuccessful, but he was granted permission to remain in Germany on the condition that he

refrain from preaching. This he would not and could not do.

Convinced of believer's baptism while in England, he invited Oncken to come to Memel and baptize him and his followers. Oncken came and baptized Grimm and twenty-nine others at night. With these he organized a Baptist Church and Grimm became its pastor. When news of this leaked out, persecution took on an added fury, for the name "Ana-Baptist" was a hated one in Germany.

In 1846 he and his little group of followers decided to leave the "Fatherland" and sail for America where conscience was free. They arrived in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1847. Here he took the uncompromising attitude toward the Lutherans that he had taken in Germany, incurring their bitter hatred.

Owing to the hard times then prevailing in this country and widespread unemployment, only a portion of the group were able to remain in Milwaukee. The majority moved farther West into territory known as "the bush," where they sought to make a living on the "free land" granted them. These settlements formed the nucleus of several mission stations, which later became flourishing churches, some of which are still in our conference, while others have ceased to exist.

The Milwaukee group organized themselves into a church, and for a time had a steady growth. Unfortunately dissension broke out among them over the question of "predestination." It disrupted the church which finally ceased to exist. The present churches in Milwaukee are the result of a later organization.

Churches in the "bush country"

Grimm now devoted his attention to the churches in "the bush." By 1852 Grimm's churches had a membership of 145 persons. Characteristic of their belief is the confession of faith adopted by the church at Mayville, Wis., in 1854. It states: "Man was created innocent, but having been deceived by Satan, has corrupted the whole human race. Christ's death is an expiation for our sins. Salvation is for all; only those who reject it are under condemnation." (This latter statement is important, since it reflects Grimm's view regarding "predestination" and had a very definite bearing on the future history of our denomination.)

The Gospel must be preached to all. It makes a sharp distinction between "justification" and "sanctification"; the first is an immediate act, the latter a continuing process. Baptism is both a public confession and the assurance of forgiveness for the believer. It asserts the right of every church to order its own internal affairs and exercise discipline, but urges caution in doing so. No unbaptized person was to be admitted to the communion. It affirms their faith in the return of the Lord and the last judgment, but makes no mention of "a premillennial reign."

Grimm was an uncompromising foe of "Calvinism" (predestination) and refused to be reconciled to even such moderate views on Calvinism as were held by some of the other early leaders. In this his churches followed him, and for a number of years they persistently refused to affiliate with the conference, and his followers came to be known as the "Grimm group." Only after they were assured that Calvinism was not to be the dominating doctrine of the denomination did they consent to unite.

He refused to accept a stated salary and earned his living by making wash boards, wooden shoes, and other wooden household utensils, which he sold while on his preaching tours. These tours he made on foot, carrying his wares upon his back. He was typical of the frontier preacher, sturdy in body and character, and uncompromising in his views. "He was aggressive to a fault."

Views of the "Preacher Factory"

Never having had the opportunity of an academic or a seminary training, he looked askance upon those who had. Rochester he called the "crazy house institution," and the Seminary a "preacher factory." It is to be regretted that while he demanded for himself the right to interpret the Scriptures as he understood them, he was unwilling to concede that right to others who might differ with him. In this he shared the weakness of many others in that day and in later days. While a limited knowledge may produce a stubborn faith, it also has its dangers and tends to bigotry and intolerance.

One marvels how even a rugged constitution such as his was able to endure the strenuous life he led. He speaks of traveling thirteen days from New York to Racine, Wis., on the occasion of his return from the conference in 1853, and of having been shipwrecked on Lake Erie. But finally these hardships and privations began to tell on even his rugged constitution. A number of his former members from Milwaukee had settled in St. Joseph, Mich., and he decided to move there, where he founded the present church in 1860.

Here again he revealed a far flung missionary activity, preaching and organizing several groups in a number of places, some of which were mentioned in our records for a number of years, but have since passed out of existence or have amalgamated with English-speaking groups. He died in St. Joseph in 1874, beloved and cherished by all, who knew him best, for his undivided loyalty to his Master and his devotion to a cause which was dearer to him than life itself.

An Unrecorded Chapter

We must now turn our attention to that group of workers who were instrumental in founding our work in what was then known as the "far

West." As early as 1847 there were a few German Baptists in St. Louis, Missouri, but they were not organized and were probably affiliated with an English church. As early as 1850 mention is made of a group of German Baptists in Chicago, led by a Mr. Lester (or Leppe), who met for prayer and worship in their respective homes and later in a rented hall. They appear to have come from New York. Little is known about them, and they made little progress. In 1855 Eschman visited them several times and his reports on their prospects are rather discouraging.

In 1845 a group of German Baptists from Oldenburg settled in Springfield, Ill., and united with the English Baptist church there. They organized themselves into a church in 1849. In 1851 a German Baptist missionary named J. H. Krueger came to Peoria, Ill., and established a church there in 1852. In the same year a German Baptist colporteur named Carl Kresse established a German Baptist church in Concordia, Missouri.

But the real beginning of our work in this part of the country must be traced to an organization which is not even mentioned in our denominational annals.

John Mason Peck

In 1848 John Mason Peck, pioneer Baptist missionary of the middle West, organized "The German Baptist Missionary Society of the Mississippi Valley." Unfortunately only the minutes and reports of the annual meetings of 1851 and 1853 are at our disposal at this time. But they throw a volume of light upon the early beginnings of our work in this territory. In them we find such names as Schoemaker, Kresse, Gladfeldt, Kuepfer, Zamke, West, Ustick, Nabring, Deppe, Krueger, and Tschirsch, all of whom received more or less financial support from this organization at one time or another.

The purpose of this society is stated in the preamble of the constitution: "To diffuse evangelism, truth, and distinctive principles held by Baptists among German immigrants in this great valley." As early as 1836 Peck made urgent appeals to the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society to undertake missionary work among the German immigrants who were streaming into the Mississippi Valley region.

But he met with no response. So concerned was he about their spiritual needs that he invited Joseph Rieger, a missionary of the Evangelical "Kirchen-Verein" to preach to them in his church at Lebanon, Ill. Receiving no encouragement from the American Baptist Home Mission Society, he himself set about organizing a society for that purpose. The first annual meeting was held in Bellville, Ill. The field embraced a vast area on both sides of the Mississippi River from Bellville,

St. Louis and Alton on the South; to Quincy, Keokuk, Burlington, Muscatine, Davenport, Rock Island, and Wisconsin to the North. It also included all the territory in Missouri, west of the Mississippi. The minutes state that "in this vast territory there are upward of two million foreign born immigrants, most of them of German stock."

Records of Devoted Missionaries

Most of the names of the workers are unknown. They died unsung and for the most part lie in unmarked graves. Yet each in his turn made some contribution to the work in this part of the country.

Just how long this society continued to function, we have no means of ascertaining at present. Interesting, however, are some of the reports recorded of the work done by these men during these years. They clearly reveal the difficulties encountered by these workers. "A German mission requires a process quite different from the mere preaching of the Gospel to our own people. Germans must be taught to unlearn many of their former religious tenets before the missionary can have access to their hearts. They hold tenaciously to the creed of their fathers, will listen to the new theories till convinced that their former views are erroneous. They came to this country committed to baptismal regeneration and other errors peculiar to state church establishments."

However, in spite of these difficulties, they report success and progress. Schoemaker, who was supported with \$200 during his first year, organized a church in St. Louis in 1849, although meeting with plenty of opposition from both Lutheran and Catholic quarters. He was even threatened with arrest for having offered a public prayer in a cemetery. Nor did he always escape with verbal abuse. On one occasion his home was broken into and his books and other valuables thrown into the street. On another occasion he was assaulted and beaten by a band of ruffians. "This treatment," we are told, "he endured with Christian meekness."

Intolerant Persecutions

Such intolerance does not seem strange when we remember that only fifty years previous, in 1798, the law of that state decreed: "No preacher of any religion shall be allowed in this province except the Catholic," and "liberty of conscience is not to be extended beyond the first generation; the children of the immigrants must be Catholic." The first Baptist preachers in St. Louis had to be ferried across the Mississippi from Illinois at night and were compelled to hold their meeting during the hours of the night and be ferried back again into Illinois before daylight to escape the fury of the intolerant mob. It was not until the

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Miss Wanda Kaiser of McClusky, North Dakota, Showing How She Distributes Tracts to People in Their Cars When They Come to Town

Tracts Are God's "Minute Men"

By MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER of Forest Park, Illinois

TRACTS are God's "Minute Men" which battle for the Lord and subdue the forces of evil in strange places and under the most unusual circumstances. These leaflets have been carried on the wings of adventure to the most remote corners of the globe where they have served as messengers of the truth that men everywhere must be reconciled to God. Their sensational titles can disarm the most self-confident skeptic, as God's truths are flashed into the minds of those who need them most.

These tracts are almost as old as the hills. During the evangelistic labors of Dwight L. Moody they went from hand to hand as often as coins or paper bills were passed. Is there a BAPTIST HERALD reader who has never heard the story of "The Dying Drummer Boy"? From the earliest days of printing some of the most heart-searching sermons with a convicting punch have been preached by these innocent looking leaflets.

If anyone is looking for exciting adventures, tract distribution can offer bundle loads of them. That is the enthusiastic testimony of Wanda Kaiser, a very attractive Junior High School student of McClusky, No. Dak. She is the fourth daughter in the large family of the Rev. and Mrs. Rudolf Kaiser and one of the heirs of the father's determined disposition to get things done for Christ and his cause.

Saturday night is "the big night" of the week in all the small towns of the Dakotas. Hundreds of cars line the streets for dozens of blocks and a carnival spirit takes possession of the town. The farmers take care of their shopping and the men folk get a hair cut or shave but, in addition, some of

the people carouse in the local tavern or saloon and gossip upon the streets until the wee hours of the morning. Here are crowds of souls without a knowledge of God's saving power in Christ Jesus!

For more than a year Wanda Kaiser has never missed a Saturday night in the crowded district of McClusky to distribute her tracts. Armed with 150 to 200 tracts she goes forth in the name of the Lord between the hours of 10:30 and 11:00 P. M. to make contact with the teeming crowds. A tract is left in every open car or under the windshield wiper with a prayer that God may bless its ministry. Other tracts are placed with a smile into the big, calloused hands of the farmers. Wanda has learned to select the tracts with care and to give the appropriate message to the person in question.

It takes a lot of courage for a girl of Wanda's disposition to stand in front of the pool hall that is next to the saloon, which goes by the descriptive name of "Bloody Bucket," and hand the tracts to the men who are going inside. Once in a while a man will curse her with a blue streak when he learns what has been given to him. At the funeral parlor she has left several tracts entitled, "The Undertaker Who Came to Life." The McClusky policeman has thanked her for the tracts which she has given to him.

Wanda received the inspiration several years ago from a Watkins Products salesman who is known to the Kaiser family as "Sam." He came to the McClusky parsonage with his many products and with a fund of interesting stories about his distribution of tracts. His Christian joy was contagious, and Wanda determined to ex-

perience this for herself. Now Sam has gone to the army and is continuing his service as a soldier of Jesus Christ besides that of Uncle Sam.

This bright-eyed girl of McClusky, whose favorite color of blue is seen in her eyes and clothes, believes in "all-out consecration" for Jesus Christ. She has distributed about 3000 tracts during the course of the past year. Her hobby is to collect one of the many tracts in existence and to put these into a tract album. She sings in the Girls' Sextette of the Baptist Church and plays a little folding organ that sometimes accompanies the piano in church

TWO FRIENDS OF TRACT DISTRIBUTION

Mrs. Hannah Lippard of Los Angeles, Calif., a member of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, never misses a Sunday morning to distribute tracts at a certain busy corner near the railroad station before church services. She always speaks a friendly word with the giving of each tract. She is the widow of the Rev. Wm. Lippard, former evangelist of the denomination, and for many years she travelled with her husband in this work.

Mr. Elmer Strauss has sent this interesting letter, introducing himself and relating a few things about his interest in tract distribution.

"I am a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., and up to the 15th of September I had charge of purchasing and distributing of tracts for my church. I am now a student at Northern Seminary here in Chicago, but I am still active in this work. During the month of September I gave out over 1000 tracts on my vacation, and over 200 this past month. I have a tract file with over 900 different tracts which I file according to appearance, content, and for different age groups."

and the Bells-xylophone. At eleven years of age she was baptized by her father in the nearby Brush Lake, and she has been giving wonderful evidence of her love for Christ ever since.

Wanda Kaiser would like to encourage other young people to experience these same joys in tract distribution for themselves. Our denomination through the General Council and Publication Society is eager to enlist hundreds of our youth in this service.

Thousands of the best available tracts in colorful leaflets and captivating stories have already been sent to the ministers of our churches who have requested them for their churches. See your pastor if he has neglected to write for them. They are free for distribution as one of the Centenary Offering goals set before ourselves as churches.

There is an indescribable power in the printed page, especially when the power of God's Holy Spirit is behind the printed page of the tract. That is the experience of Wanda Kaiser attested by her Saturday night tract trips to town. That joy is within reach of everyone who will help these sentinels of light, God's Minute Men, to speak out to a lost world the tidings of his Gospel.

Strange Friends

The Amazing Story of God's Grace and Guidance
Which Won a Prize of \$1000
in "True Story Magazine" As Told by
MISS BERTHA LODER
of Pittsford, New York

LIZABETH, the sun is shining brightly this morning. Will you please put the prism in the east window? I want to watch the rainbow."

Weeks before a friend, who is a great nature lover, had brought me this beautiful prism, thinking it would be an unusual diversion and might prove interesting.

How little I thought when that small piece of crystal was handed me, that it would be the means of releasing a mysterious something within which was to open up a whole new aspect of life; a life with vision, life with activity.

My strength seemed to be steadily waning. It had been decided to exclude all visitors, hoping absolute rest would be of benefit. No one but my faithful physician, nurse, and father could pass through those closed doors for a period of weeks.

An older friend seemed to feel it a great mistake for me to be thus secluded, fearing it would be depressing to be shut in alone, and protested strongly.

I recall saying, "But I am not shutting God out."

Here lies the secret.

Too weak to read, day after day, week after week, I lay with folded hands. When the sun shone I watched the rainbow as it traveled up the side wall and over the ceiling. When the sun left the east window, the prism was hung in a south window.

The same thoughtful friend who had given me the prism, when it became known my door was closed to all visitors, brought case after case of his wonderful collection of foreign butterflies. The nurse would stand these cases filled with gorgeous, exotic creatures of the air, at the foot of the bed. I never tired of looking at them. Each day gave me some fresh revelation of their beauty.

To the ancient Greeks, these winged messengers were the symbol of immortality. They came to have a deep significance for me. There were days of weakness, when it seemed I could not keep a hold on life much longer, days when I felt cowardly. Was not the price of living too great to pay?

A Wonderful Picture of Contentment Showing Miss Loder of Pittsford, N. Y., an Invalid for More Than Thirty-five Years With a Radiant Faith in God and the Power of Prayer.

—Story Copyrighted by "True Story Magazine."



But always there was the dear father to think of, for me to give up would mean to leave him alone. No, I could not do this, the fight must go on for his sake.

It was at these times of greatest weakness and cowardice, that the rainbow and the butterflies helped most. Their marvelous beauty held me spellbound. Little by little the weakness and pain were forgotten, they were lifting my thoughts Godward, and I forgot myself.

Too exhausted to offer more than a sentence prayer, it was then the rainbow became God's messenger. To those who saw it in olden times it was the symbol of God's watchful care, and it was to become to me the revelation of His love and presence.

Each color carried its own message—The red in the iris was the first to speak to me. It whispered, "I am love, love that found expression in sacrifice. I gave my life for you. Fear not, I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine."

It seemed quite natural that cheerful, smiling yellow should say "I am hope."

These messages did not come all at once; weeks passed before each one had spoken in its own way.

At the spot where red and blue meet, lavender is born, if you observe closely you will find the line of demarcation.

Lavender does something to me which is hard to explain, it has a fascination all its own. Yellow fairly sprang to meet me, but lavender was harder to understand. I called it the "unknown quantity." Looking, watching, waiting one day lavender seemed to say "You do not seem to understand. I am faith." How dull! Hope naturally merges into faith.

What message would green bring? Green so dispassionate and restful. Why should it be reluctant to carry its message. Or perhaps it was my dullness of understanding.

It did have a message, a most important one. Patience! God knew how much I needed to have this thought emphasized; it must be kept ever in mind.

There still was blue. Stimulating, forceful, impersonal blue. Like green it withheld its message as if to impress the value of its revelation upon my conscious thought. It came. Blue symbolized—Truth!

Love, hope, faith, patience—truth, each color a revelation of Himself, yet great as these attributes of Divinity are, they are useless to the one who does not believe they are true. In the stress of life, the structure we are building will crumble unless we build on the impregnable rock of truth. This is the message the rainbow brought me; a challenge and a promise.

I was learning valuable lessons—grasping the reality of His love and care; radiant hope found its fruition in faith, the kind of faith which is able to put to rout mountains of fear and unbelief; can remove the stones from the sepulchers that entomb the weak and handicapped, using their very impotence as a means to victory.

When I came to the place where I believed "that the exercise of patience involves the continual practice of the presence of God," it put a new meaning into the mind, for patience takes the sting out of real trials, is an antidote for the irritating nothings so hard to bear, and gives buoyancy of spirit with which to meet the test of long waiting.

To look at that small piece of crystal, who would imagine its possibilities? It was not until the sun shone upon it that its true self was revealed.

The rainbow brought me cheer and a deep spiritual uplift. But it did more than this. It is only when I consider the weeks and months of waiting in the light of the lessons it taught am I able to understand what followed.

The glorious colorings of the rainbow seemed to have sunk into my very soul. God used the opportunities at hand, and made of them the stepping stones on which to rise above the weakness of the body; the color visions of hope, faith and patience seemed to find expression, through the medium of untrained finger tips, that later on were to fulfill God's purpose.

Behind those nine years of prayer, was the insatiable longing and cry to be permitted to work, to help lift the heavy burdens from the uncomplaining shoulders of devoted parents who had borne them so long. There were trips to the hospital, incurring heavy expense. Serious operations, consultations, special nurses there and at home. A steady drain on the resources of the loved ones who so willingly supplied the demands made on them.

Harder to bear than pain is the headache that comes from knowing you are the cause of bringing hardships upon those you love.

Is it any wonder I could not keep from crying out? But what could a bedridden person do? It was not possible to be propped up with pillows, my right arm was of little use, not because it was paralyzed, but for the serious effect using it had on the ever offending right side, which harbored a tubercular colon bacillus abscess, which had literally been draining the life out of me for years.

As I grew weaker, it became imperative to avoid these serious aggravations.

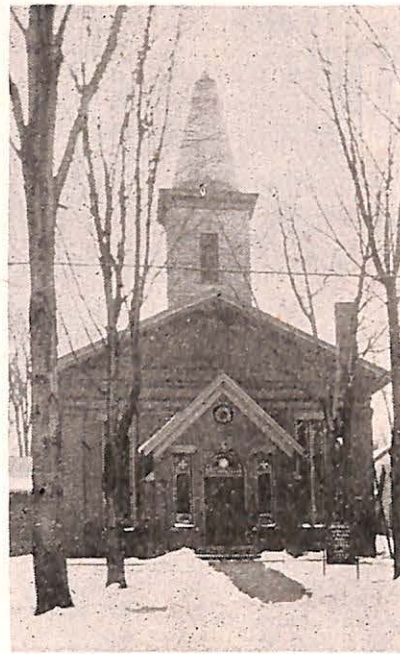
How true it is that we see the handicaps. God sees how He can make use of these handicaps to bring out the best there is in the one who is bound by them.

Without cognizance on my part, God was preparing me through the inspiration the rainbow and the butterflies had given, to put to practical use these messages of hope, faith and patience.

They had helped to make me God-conscious, and had also aroused in me a sensitivity and response to beauty's call that I had not realized I possessed to such a degree.

The day came when the door was again opened! The period of rest had given me renewed courage and a grim determination to fight on. One friend a day was permitted to call for fifteen minutes. Fifteen minutes is such a short time when two persons have so much to say.

Not one lonely moment had been experienced through the rest period, yet how welcome the dear, faithful friends were. Through all the years they have



The Baptist Church of Pittsford, New York, of which Miss Loder has been a faithful member for many years and of which her father was a deacon until his death.

done more than they can realize, to help make life seem worth living. It would seem that the secret of happiness depends upon our own appraisal of what constitutes life's true values.

These dear friends were as eager to hear of my new experiences as I was to tell of them. Even the solicitous elderly friend seemed convinced no harm had come to me on that joyous journey of discovery.

There was one more lesson to be learned, an important one: I did not realize I needed to learn it. God is kind and teaches us in ways that are mysterious and wise.

The first dear friend admitted when the doors were opened sat by my bedside. The lovely colors in an opal ring she wore made me exclaim. She took the ring off, saying, "Wear it," slipping the ring on my finger as she spoke.

The morning sun shone over the head of the bed striking the ring. I spent hours enjoying the lovely tints and shades the opal reflected. There were thirteen in all, blending into one another.

Editor's Note

During his seminary days in Rochester, N. Y., the editor of "The Baptist Herald" served as student pastor of the Baptist Church of Pittsford, New York, and had the honor of being the minister of Miss Loder. He was also the pastor who officiated at the impressive funeral service of Miss Loder's father. With this inspiring friendship with Miss Loder over a period of many years, he can attest to the radiant spirit of Miss Loder's Christian faith and to God's wondrous answers to prayer.

Mrs. Walter Rauschenbusch and Prof. and Mrs. A. A. Schade of Rochester, N. Y., besides others of our North American Baptist Conference have made her acquaintance and love to call on her, not only to bestow their gifts of friendship upon her, but also to receive an inspiration from her sweet witness for Christ.

When the friend returned, an excited discoverer told of the pleasure she had given. I really never had cared about an opal before, but it was only because I had not taken time to discover what it had to give.

This kind friend was pleased to have given happiness. Taking off a very lovely diamond, an engagement ring, she handed it to me.

I accepted it under protest, but she was so sincere in her desire to give pleasure, it was difficult to refuse.

From the diamond I was to learn a needed lesson.

Alone in the quiet hours, eyes partly closed and the sun shining on the diamond, it revealed its glory and told its secret—a stone of the first water.

Years have passed, yet never can I go back to those quiet hours without bowing in reverence before its beauty.

There are no words that adequately describe the scintillating flashes of light that radiated from that diamond—tongues of flame color, vivid blues, greens, purples, yellows, orange, lavender. Its radiance was overpowering. I caught my breath awed and speechless before the majesty of a presence that permeated every part of my being.

Reverently, with bowed head, I had learned the meaning of humility, without which life is incomplete.

What is beauty but the essence and expression of boundless love, a magnet to draw, through which we may better understand the quality of God's love for his children?

It helps to lift us out of ourselves, above weakness and suffering, where fear cannot harm.

When friends heard of the pleasure and inspiration the opal and diamond had given, other stones began to arrive. The ruby, emerald, sapphire. An amethyst, topaz and many other semi-precious stones; rings, brooches, buckles, mementos and souvenirs all claimed attention. Counting up, we found twenty-six different kinds of precious and semi-precious stones in that collection.

It was quite natural to want to know something of their formation and history. The friend who lent me the opal, and the diamond, went to the public library, returning with Julius Wodeski's "Story of Precious Stones." Even more wonderful they seemed when I knew their story.

A piece of black coal hidden deep in the dark earth—transformed into a scintillating diamond! Fascinating indeed, and all true!

Winter had slipped into spring. May with its glorious sunshine, was here, and with it came the annual migration from winter's snug quarters to summer's screened porch. This porch-room faced east and south, and the sun shone into it most of the day. How I loved those happy days spent here! The air and sunshine always seemed to give me added strength.

The "butterfly man" brought many an offering of wild flowers, mosses,

grasses, lichens and milkweed—anything he thought would be of interest. Many of the things were lovely, it seemed too bad to let them go to waste. One day I said, "How I should love to press these things!"

The suggestion met with his approval, and forthwith he appeared with a press made for this very purpose. The specimens were pressed and removed, and others took their places. By this time there was quite a collection.

Then the question arose—what to do with them, now that I had them.

Which one of us thought of the idea is not clear now, but I began taking small pieces of flowers, grasses and mosses and putting them between two oblong glasses, to hang in the window. They made quite attractive transparencies.

The butterfly man had been catching the native butterflies, and had taught me how to mount them ready for use. A "fly" or two was added to succeeding pictures and greatly increased their beauty.

It was very slow work, as I could do only a wee bit at a time; but this was another step in my training which was to lead to something greater.

The moment was fast approaching when I was to discover the real adventure that God had so long and patiently been preparing me for.

It was the last of September, and I was lying quietly one day—looking, thinking, waiting, with the ever-present longing to be of service, when the answer came.

Like a flash out of a clear sky with such vividness that it had the effect of a human voice came the suggestion, "Why not make butterfly pendants to sell?"

I had heard that some one, somewhere, made this kind of jewelry, but I had never seen anything of the kind. Naturally many questions arose. "What did they look like? How were they made? Where could one buy the unfilled pendants?"

While still bewildered, pondering how it could be done—I had not mentioned the suggestion that came with such force to any one—a friend, knowing I had been working with the native butterflies and flowers that made the transparencies sent over an unfilled pendant—a band of gold holding two crystal disks together. It was a gift to her daughter, and she asked, "Will you put a butterfly in it?" Here was the answer to one question: at last I had found out what the unfilled pendants looked like.

Having used milkweed, flowers and moss in the transparencies, it was quite natural to think they should find a place in the pendant's makeup. But how could one make a picture in such small space?

After much thought and effort, working for several days as my strength permitted, I sent the finished product home. The friend kindly praised the work. She will never know



A Picture of Miss Loder of Some Years Ago Showing One of the Large Butterflies Used in Making Her Lovely Butterfly Pendants

what that praise, ill deserved though it was, meant to me.

Looking back, after having made several thousand pendants, I cannot repress a smile at the crudeness of that first piece of work.

I had shown the unfilled pendant to a friend who made frequent trips to the big city. She went to a wholesale jewelry house, was able to get the information desired, and reported.

Taking enough money from a very small bank account to buy one dozen pendants, I began work in earnest. The dozen were made up, and sold almost as fast as they were finished. They began to improve in appearance, too. Another dozen was purchased; those also sold.

Can you picture my excitement, and the joy and thankfulness that welled from a humble heart? That prayer of nine long years was being answered.

Christmas came. From October to January, I had made one hundred and twenty-nine butterfly pendants.

It pains me to write this, and I am ashamed, after all God did for me, to admit that my faith wavered.

Many of the pendants had sold for Christmas gifts. My heart sank, for the thought persisted that there would be little call now for the pendants. I had been so gloriously happy at work, that the thought of not working seemed more than I could bear; even the suggestion brought a sickening fear.

Why is it so easy to doubt, even when we have proved God's goodness? The January sale of pendants outnumbered the December sales. It seemed every one who had received one as a Christmas gift wished to give a pendant to a friend.

The work grew and the pendants were traveling miles. Over and over I had said, "Lord, I can make them, but

I cannot sell them."

This is said recently, the Lord was taking care of His share in this partnership in more ways than one.

The pendants were made lying on my back. My body was the work bench; my arms lay close to my sides with only my wrists and fingers moving as I worked. Even this slight movement was hard on the afflicted side and hip.

It took all day at first, working slowly, to make one pendant, and I would break into perspiration from head to feet. Often, at the close of a day, it would seem I never could make another pendant. But with a new day, fresh strength had come.

As the work went on, the pendants assumed a personality of their own, they lost the crude look. There were delicately tinted backgrounds—some were pink, others blue, yellow, orchid, green and orange, covered with silvery milkweed floss. There were delicate bits of moss that came from hidden dells. Only nature loving friends knew where it grew. The mountains contributed another lovely moss that grows in the forest depths.

I learned to color the tiny blossoms of wild carrot, until these dainty white flowers did not recognize themselves.

Lace-like seaweed from Catalina Island, wee bits of nodding grasses, brightly colored flowers, some vivid red, blue, pink—all the colors of the rainbow made up that gay miniature garden. Over it hovered the tiny exilis, the smallest butterfly known, giving the final touch of beauty to the scene.

On the reverse side of the pendant, I placed the wing of a gorgeous tropical butterfly. These exotic butterflies never failed to draw exclamations of delight from those who saw them.

I began collecting and mounting the rare specimens. When it seemed wise,

Results of Recent "Serial Story" Questionnaire

Sixty-six Answers Were Sent.

- 1) Do you like to read the serial story?
Yes, 62 — No, 4
- 2) Have you read most of the recent stories?
Yes, 54 — No, 12
- 3) Are you reading the present serial story?
Yes, 50 — No, 16
- 4) Would you prefer short stories?
Yes, 20 — No, 46
- 5) Would you prefer stories of great Christian lives?
Yes, 21 — No, 45
- 6) Would you prefer articles and B. Y. P. U. helps?
Yes, 11 — No, 55

The popularity of the serial story in "The Baptist Herald" is conclusively demonstrated by the above results. The new serial story will begin on February 15, 1943, an announcement of which appears in another part of this issue.

because of their value, to have these mounts insured, application to an insurance company was made.

A representative was sent to see "why butterflies should be insured for so large an amount." The request was readily granted by proudly displaying them before his wondering eyes.

After more than a year, it occurred to me to figure up what the profits had been from one January to the next January.

My physician naturally was interested in what I was doing, and when he came to make a professional call, as was frequently necessary I handed him the paper with the year's figures, thinking he would be pleased at the result.

He studied the figures carefully and, looking down at me, said with a smile, "Hester, do you know you will have to pay an income tax?"

Busy man that he is, he offered to help me make out the bewildering tax, and I doubt if Uncle Sam ever received an income tax check that was more joyfully and thankfully sent.

The pendants were traveling far and wide, and it had seemed for some time that they should have a trade name. But the names that came to mind did not seem appealing.

One Sunday morning, when Aunt Elizabeth was making me comfortable, and the rainbow was creeping over the ceiling, my eyes following it lovingly, quite suddenly the right name came to me, "Rainbow Brand." Of course that must be the name. Why had I not thought of this before?

There was a sincere desire that as these butterfly pendant children, created through faith and patience, went out into the world, they might carry a message, and prove to be a blessing to those who received them.

Through the kindness of a friendly minister and his wife, we held a consecration service at my bedside.

The February snow glistened brilliantly in the sunlight, and the ever faithful symbol of promise was moving up the side wall, then over the ceiling.

These friends had been of such inspiration and help in times past, that

it seemed fitting this minister should hold the little service.

We talked for a while. Then opening the Bible, he read from the book of Revelations. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. . . . The foundations of the walls of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones—jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald . . . topaz, amethyst . . . The glory of God did lighten it."

Kneeling by my bed, my friend besought God's blessing on my work, asking that the butterflies and pendants might carry a message of love and faith.

During this time the rainbow had been drawing nearer and nearer. When he rose, it stood directly over my head, paused there a few seconds, and vanished from sight. The sun had reached the tower of the little church across the street, and had sunk behind it.

To me its presence was a benediction.

As my fingers became better trained and the demand for my work increased, I began making brooches, fobs, bangles, trays, butterfly mirrors and coasters.

The butterfly man was sailing in Southern waters. On board ship he made the acquaintance of a delightful couple from India. The husband was a member of an old and time-honored business firm. His wife was an Indian princess.

After their return to India, wishing to send them a token of remembrance, the butterfly man asked me to make a pendant and a fob from the choicest most dazzling butterflies to be had. They went on their long trip to India, receiving a cordial welcome.

Another child of mine went to Northern China; another to Australia.

When a noted Swiss yodeler was making a tour of this country, giving a recital in the Town Hall, he brought me some pieces of edelweiss, asking to have it put on a background of brilliant blue morpheo and made into a pendant. The velvety white of the flowers was lovely on this blue setting. It went to Switzerland.

One after another they found their

way into England, Ireland, Spain and Canada.

In this country they have gone from Maine to California; as far north as Fairbanks, Alaska, and south to Florida.

The First Lady of the Land has used them as Christmas gifts. One carried a message of good-will to a Persian lady. Guests at Old Faithful Inn bought them as mementos of their stay in Yellowstone Park.

Into homes of the rich and the poor, they have carried their message of cheer.

The marvel of it is that strength has come day by day to do the work. I have never advertised.

My products have found their way quietly and unobtrusively, at home, and to distant lands, always with the hope they would carry their own message of love.

Butterfly craft work is the last thing I should have thought of doing. The months spent with the rainbow as a training school, its beautiful colors sinking deeply into my very being, is the answer.

I was led each step of the way. He it was who found work for untrained fingers, that the ever painful right side could endure. God answered the longing and the question, "What could a bedridden invalid do?" in His own best way.

I had the joy of seeing the burden drop from the dear father's shoulders. Eleven years after my devoted mother died, he joined her. Fearlessly, and with a smile on his face, he met the Great Adventure.

Again figures are speaking for themselves, even more amazingly than before. In deepest humility, and with gratitude too deep to find expression in words, the results are made known. While still lying horizontally, the credit sheet shows the butterfly craft and the little shop brought in thirty-five thousand dollars.

Whatever measure of success I have attained is largely due to the loyalty and faithfulness of many friends, both old and new, whose co-operation has indeed been wonderful. These friends have helped to make life seem worth living. I am no longer useless; if there are any who have waited through long years for an answer they will understand what words fail to convey.

Behind this story is another longing. So much has been given me that not to wish to be of service to others would be fatal to my own happiness. I have tried to share the joy, and the lessons of hope, faith and patience that the rainbow brought me. Perhaps some one who is discouraged or disheartened, who has not yet learned that the God of beauty is a God of love and wisdom, may take heart.

Giving God a chance to answer our prayers in His own best way, we are able to say with praise, in deepest humility, "What God hath wrought!"

(THE END)

What's Happening

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● On Sunday evening, Nov. 29, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker in the Baptist Church of Tabor, No. Dak. The church was well filled for the occasion. The Rev. A. Rosner serves the church once a month. In Turtle Lake, No. Dak., another charge of Mr. Rosner's, a Junior Church was recently organized which meets every Sunday morning in the church basement. Mrs. A. Rosner is in charge of the Junior Church, assisted by the Misses Dorothy Wolitarsky and Betty Klein. The officers of the Junior Church are Lillian Schlaht, president; Arnold Miller, secretary; and Violet Wacker, treasurer.

● On Sunday, Dec. 6, the Rev. George A. Lang, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., baptized 5 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The annual Thanksgiving service of the church was held on Nov. 26 with the message brought by Dr. Albert Hughes of Toronto, Can. More than \$19,000 were given in gifts and pledges for the Thanksgiving offering, of which \$1000 was designated for the missionary enterprise of the denomination and the rest for the church's new building fund. The Christmas program was presented by the Sunday School on the evening of Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

● On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, the Rev. Christian Peters, pastor of the East Side Church of Wilmington, Del., and Mrs. Marie Pfeiffer of Philadelphia, Pa., were united in the bonds of holy matrimony in the Wilmington Church. The Rev. Herman G. Kuhl of the Grace Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., a brother-in-law of the bride, officiated. Mrs. Braun of Philadelphia was the bride's attendant, and Mr. Carl Braun served as best man. A reception was held in the church parlors afterwards. Following a honeymoon trip to Rochester and Niagara Falls, N. Y., the Rev. and Mrs. Christian Peters returned to serve the East Side Church of Wilmington.

● A special day of festivities was held by the Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., on Sunday, Nov. 29, which reached its climax in the evening service with the burning of the church mortgage papers, formerly held by the General Missionary Society and a local bank. The pastor, the Rev. J. J. Abel, was in charge of the services. Guest speakers were the Rev. William Kuhn, D. D., general missionary secretary, and the Revs. A. G. Schlesinger of Kenosha, Wis., and H. Sellhorn of Lansing, Mich., former pastors of the church. The seminary students, Earl Abel and Gideon Zimmerman, were also in attendance and took part in the day's program.

● Evangelistic meetings were held in the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleve-

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land, Ohio, for several weeks in November with the Rev. William Hoover of Detroit, Mich., as evangelist. Four Sunday School scholars confessed faith in Christ as Savior, and the spiritual life of the church was deepened, according to the pastor, the Rev. Henry Hirsch. On Sunday, Dec. 13, Mr. Hirsch preached at all the services of the Conners Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich., while the pastor, the Rev. William Hoover, supplied the pulpit of the Forest Park Baptist Church in Forest Park, Ill. The Thanksgiving Day missionary offering of the Erin Avenue Church amounted to approximately \$325.

● More than 1000 friends from many Detroit churches and church organizations were at the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., on Sunday evening, Nov. 30, to bid an affectionate farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wengel who left soon thereafter to serve the First Baptist Church of Adrian, Mich. Mr. C. J. Netting presided and introduced the numerous speakers who paid tribute to Mr. Wengel's "friendly warmth, Christian courage and thoughtful conviction." Many gifts of remembrance were presented to them by the various organizations as well as by the church. Mr. Wengel responded briefly for his wife and himself and stated that "these tributes have been a very blessed and happy experience for us."

● From Nov. 16 to 29 the First Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak., arranged for special evangelistic meetings at which the Rev. John P. Epp, pastor of the Chancellor Baptist Church, served as evangelist. Mr. Epp gave clear, powerful, and inspiring messages in which he appealed to God's people to surrender wholly to God and lost souls to accept Christ as Savior. Through messages and personal contacts a number of persons made their decision for Christ. The pastor, the Rev. Arthur

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Ittermann, and his people wish to express their appreciation to Mr. Epp and his church for their kind-hearted cooperation and service. Their prayer is that God may grant our churches, nation, and world a great revival.

● The Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, has four members who celebrated the 60th anniversary of their baptism in 1942. The anniversary of Mr. Frank Bartels, a deacon of the church, was observed by the church early in December. Other members of the church, whose 60th anniversary of their baptism was also celebrated during the year, are Mr. John Dornbusch, also a deacon, Mrs. Marie Schulze and Mrs. Anna Pollack, all of whom were baptized by the Rev. Heinrich A. Griep of Dayton, Ohio. "The Baptist Herald" family is happy to extend its best wishes to these celebrants and to congratulate the Dayton Church and its pastor, the Rev. R. P. Jeschke, on such loyal and devoted members over a period of six decades.

● The Men's Brotherhood of the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., observed its fifth anniversary with a banquet on Nov. 17. The menu was prepared by the men and served by the younger men and women of the church. At the program the pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf, was toastmaster. Vocal selections were rendered by Reinhold Behnke, and Doris Ross, respectively. There were also a trio and quartet. The speakers were Mr. Edward Ratzloff, president of the Brotherhood; Mrs. John Timm, president of the Ladies' Missionary Society; Miss Dorothy Thacker, pastor of Catho Church; and the Rev. Paul Dean, missionary of the American Sunday School Union. The main speaker of the evening was the Rev. Robert Derby of the Lincoln Baptist Church of Lincoln, Mich. There were more than 80 persons present, who spent a delightful evening in a Christian way.

● In a recent issue of "The Baptist Herald" several reports were incorrect in citing the name of the Rev. Robert J. Schmidt as pastor of the Baptist Church of Whitemouth, Manitoba. These reports should have read, the Rev. Fred Schmidt. The other member of the 1942 graduating class of the seminary, the Rev. Robert J. Schmidt, is still awaiting a call from one of our churches. From November, 1941, to June of last year Mr. Schmidt served the East Penfield Baptist Church near Rochester, N. Y., with much encouraging success. During that time the Sunday School was completely reorganized and a men's Bible class and young people's groups were begun. The Sunday morning attendance was doubled. The Rev. Robert Schmidt was ordained in Munson, Pa., on May 21, 1942. His is prayerfully awaiting God's guidance in this important matter of his life-work. He can be reached at 124 Meigo St., Rochester, New York.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Evangelist Theo. W. Dons Reports About Services in Pennsylvania, Kansas, Oklahoma

My last evangelistic tour included the Pilgrim Church in Philadelphia, Pa.; the Calvary Church, Stafford, Kansas; the First Church of Ellinwood, Kans.; and the Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Oklahoma.

It is both a great privilege and a joy to carry on this work among our churches, and I pray that the Lord may ever bless this ministry. The joyous work of the evangelist is to proclaim the Good News and to proclaim it with sympathetic understanding so that the message will meet the needs of the individual churches.

My constant prayer is that I may present Christ as a living Savior, who is able to save unto the uttermost, and that I may carry the consciousness of Christ into the lives of the churches where I serve. The fact that the sun is shining is not sufficient; we must move into the sunlight and be warmed and healed by it.

To make known the salvation of our God with all the passion of a redeemed heart and with all the loveliness of the mind of Christ, to exhort sinners, to encourage saints, to restore the fallen, to inspire the servants of God is a work to which only the Master can enable us. However, it is the most glorious task in all the world. There is one observation which the evangelist makes as he goes up and down the land, namely, that there are loyal and earnest children of God everywhere who are used by the Lord in marvelous ways.

It was my privilege to spend two weeks in my home church, the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa. This is a missionary-minded church that has an evangelistic emphasis. To meet and to greet old friends, to work with them and to fellowship with them and to lead souls to Christ is a compensation which the Lord has for all who serve him. This church has a wonderful choir with a real mission of making the Gospel known through song.

Here I met among many friends an honored teacher of mine, Dr. G. B. M. Clouser, the author of many books, whom the Lord used to mould my basic theological conceptions and whose grand personality always deeply impressed me. Although the Pilgrim Church had sent \$1000 to the mission office just before my coming, another \$100 was sent. The Rev. H. Palfenier is the able pastor of this church. In his home I received entertainment and the kindest consideration.

From Philadelphia we made a trip halfway across the country to Stafford, Kansas, where the Rev. F. E. Klein is the beloved pastor. Here as elsewhere the reception was hearty and warm and the word of God was gladly received. God's redeeming grace was manifested in our midst and several accepted salvation. An evidence that the blessings of God were appreciated was the grand mission offering of over \$422. Of course, the winning of souls

Rev. Theo W. Dons' Engagements

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Jan. 31 to Feb. 12 — Plevna, Mont.
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is most important of all. The Klein family made me feel at home and showed me every consideration.

Ellinwood was my next stop, being only 20 miles from Stafford. It stands to reason that in this church I received an unusually warm reception, since I was pastor of this church many years ago. We had a blessed time together and a number of people accepted Christ as their Savior. Under the leadership of their pastor, the Rev. Harold Ekrut, work is progressing nicely. Over \$450 were given as a thankoffering. In Ellinwood I was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Koch who were very kind.

My last stop was in Ingersoll, Okla., where the Rev. and Mrs. E. Buenning are leading God's people. Four girls accepted Christ and about \$256 were placed upon the altar. Another \$50 will be sent later. Ingersoll has a loyal group of people but the possibilities are limited. However, the outlook is encouraging. We had the pleasure of meeting two servants of God who are members of this church, the Rev. H. Meyer and the Rev. Albert Knopf. Mr. Knopf has been put aside from the active ministry due to physical disability, but his mind is keen and he is vitally interested in the work of the denomination. Pray for him.

It is always nice to be remembered in special ways. While in Ingersoll, the pastor, the ladies' missionary society and the children pleasantly remembered my birthday in various ways.

But why a report? That we all may share in the grace of God, as manifested in the churches of our denomination, and that we may share in the fellowship of prayer in this respect!

Thanks to all the members of the various churches for the many kindnesses shown me, to the pastors for their loyal support and kind and considerate entertainment and, above all, to the Lord who has given grace and strength for the task.

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NORTHERN CONFERENCE

The Springside Church Holds Its Annual Birthday Party Sponsored by the Ladies' Aid

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, the Baptist Church of Springside, Sask., Canada, held its annual birthday party, sponsored by the Ladies' Aid. The church was filled to capacity. The program, which was led by our minister, the Rev. E. M. Wegner, consisted of one number from each family.

The names were called according to the alphabet and everyone had to be prepared. To be sure, the program was quite varied and interesting. The birthday offering amounted to \$57.39 after each person contributed the amount of his age in pennies.

A delightful lunch was served and, while the candles on the birthday cake were burning, all joined in singing, "Happy Birthday to You," and then each received a piece of the delicious three-tiered birthday cake.

MRS. M. NEHRING, Secretary.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Brown of Kelowna, British Columbia

This is the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, B. C., Canada, bringing you news of a happy event celebrated recently. (You may not recognize us under this new name, for we were formerly called the First German Baptist Church of Kelowna, B. C. Don't you agree with us that the name is fitting? For as Paul writes, "By grace are ye saved through our Lord Jesus Christ.")

It was our privilege to honor Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Brown with a program on their golden wedding anniversary on Nov. 20. The surprise was planned by our minister, the Rev. A. Kujath, who also used great strategy in getting the couple to church without their suspecting the real reason.

The program opened as Mr. Kujath entered the church, followed by the bride, supported by a niece, Mrs. Martha Gretzinger, and the groom, supported by our first deacon, Mr. A. Bredin. Then followed a short service with messages by the minister and deacons, with verses, and with selections from the choir. A bouquet of golden crysanthemums was presented to Dorothea Brown by the president of the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. C. Wientz.

After the service, an informal wedding supper was served downstairs. During the meal, congratulatory speeches were given by the representatives of the Church, Sunday School, Young People's Society, Ladies' Aid, and Choir, also by relatives and other friends. The honored couple replied by rejoicing over God's many blessings.

May God continue to give them this peace and gladness, that they may be shining witnesses for him, even in their sunset years.

ANNE PASCHOLD, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of the Ladies' Aid of Nokomis, Sask., Is Attended by Many

On Sunday evening, Nov. 29, the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., gave a program in place of its annual supper, with a large audience, including visitors from Drake and Lockwood, in attendance.

The program under the leadership of our president, Mrs. E. Keeler, consisted of several recitations, songs, instrumental selections, numbers by a trio and duet, an address by Mr. Sauer and a dialogue.

The offering for the evening amounted to \$73.00. After the program an hour of fellowship with refreshments was enjoyed in the basement of the church.

MRS. OSCAR LITWIN, Reporter.

Northern Alberta Song Festival at the First Church of Leduc Is Most Successful

With joyful spirit we of the Northern Alberta Churches looked forward to our song festival, held on Nov. 8th at the First Baptist Church of Leduc. Now that it is over, we are praising God for the blessings of the day, in that it is believed to have been the finest song festival we ever held in our Northern Alberta Churches.

The church auditorium was already well filled for our Sunday School session. A hearty song service was followed by a warm welcome to all, making us feel very much at home. The lesson was presented by Mr. H. Bohlman of Leduc, Mr. G. Rinas of Edmonton and Mrs. J. Kornalewski of Leduc.

The morning church service was in charge of the Rev. J. Kornalewski of Leduc. The Revs. A. Huber and A. Kern brought inspiring messages in the English and German languages. The mass choir, under the leadership of Mr. Huber, added beauty and blessing to the service.

Music rendered by the Wiesenthal orchestra marked the opening of our afternoon meeting.

It was a privilege to have in our midst Dr. A. Sturnagel of Oakland, Calif., now assisting at the Christian Training Institute, who brought us a pleasing, little message. The Rev. Robert Schreiber brought a musical talk depicting "The Life of Man" through music. The message was given very beautifully and touchingly, blessing the hearts of the congregation. The offering of the afternoon amounted to \$65.22.

This day will be long remembered, and it is our desire further to use our talents to the glorification of Christ's name.

MYRTLE HEIN, Reporter.

The Saskatchewan Association at Edenwold Considers the Theme, "Spiritual Equipment"

Due to much unfavorable weather, which delayed harvesting and threshing operations to an unusual degree, it seemed for a while as if the Saskatchewan Association would not be able to meet this fall. However, with faith and courage plans were made and invitations sent out by the church of Edenwold and its pastor, the Rev.



Rev. M. A. Darroch of Newark, New Jersey, the Newly Installed Pastor of the Evangelical Baptist Church.

A. R. Weisser. So on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 12, the opening service was held.

The local pastor gave us a very cordial welcome based on 1. Pet. 1:2, "Grace and peace be with you," to which the Rev. Phil. Daum of Winnipeg responded just as heartily. Mr. Daum also brought the opening message.

All sermons and talks were grouped around the motto, "Ye Are a Chosen Generation" (1. Pet. 2:9), as well as the theme "Spiritual Equipment." Very fittingly for our day, the program committee had chosen the first epistle of Peter as the basis of all studies and devotional meetings. Mr. Wm. Sauer of Nokomis led the morning devotions on Friday as well as Saturday, speaking on "Be of a sober mind" (1. Pet. 1:13) and "Watch Unto Prayer" (1. Pet. 4:8), respectively. The Rev. Phil. Daum spoke on "Be Ye Holy in All Manner of Conversation" (1. Pet. 1:15) on Friday noon, and in the evening service of the same day on "Bought With a Price" (1. Pet. 1:18, 19). The Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Fenwood brought us three messages, "Be Desirous of Growth" (1. Pet. 2:1, 2); "Rejoice" (Luke 10:20); and "Kept Unto Salvation" (1. Pet. 1:5). The Rev. W. Stein of Ebenezer East reminded us of our duty to "Be pitiful, be courteous, love as brethren" (1. Pet. 3:8, 9), while the Rev. K. Korella of Southey called to our attention to "Be ready always to give an answer" (1. Pet. 3:15, 16).

On account of the lateness of the season and the threat of winter coming on, only 22 delegates were present for the business sessions. However, a very hopeful spirit prevailed throughout. All our churches are looking ahead to achieve greater victories for Christ during the coming year. The following officers were elected: A. R. Weisser, president; K. Korella, secretary; H. J. Waltereit, vice-secretary; W. Stein, treasurer; Revs. A. R. Weisser and R.

Milbrandt were lected to the mission committee of the association.

Sunday was the crowning day, when our people came from near and far to crowd the Edenwold church beyond capacity. The brethren Ed. Fenske of Nokomis and H. Rosom of Davin spoke to the Sunday School, while the Rev. K. Korella brought an inspiring missionary sermon on Matt. 28:18-20. The offering amounted to \$120.15. In the afternoon, we enjoyed a fine testimonial meeting, following which the Rev. A. R. Weisser brought the closing message on "Be hospitable without grudging" (1. Pet. 4:9, 10). A special feature of the Saturday night as well as Sunday evening services was the contribution made by the orchestra of the Fenwood Church.

H. J. WALTEREIT, Reporter.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Reception for Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Darroch by the Evangelical Baptist Church of Newark, N. J.

At 3 P. M. on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29, the Evangelical Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., held the installation service in honor of its new pastor, Dr. M. A. Darroch. Dr. J. Medd as Moderator presided over this gathering.

Dr. H. W. Marson, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, gave the charge to the church, choosing Heb. 13:1, 7 and 17 as the text for his address. Dr. E. P. Kehler of Jersey City gave the charge to Dr. Darroch.

Greetings from the Ministerial Board of North Jersey were brought by Dr. G. E. Dawkins of the Peddie Memorial Church, and the Rev. W. W. Appel brought greetings from the Atlantic Conference. The Rev. Chas. Anderson of the Brookdale Baptist Church of Bloomfield, N. J., represented the neighboring churches in bringing greetings, and our church was represented by Mr. Henry Lauterwasser, our charter member.

Dr. Darroch chose 2. Cor. 3:5 and 8 for the text of his response, after which letters and telegrams of greetings from neighboring pastors and their churches and various organizations were read. We closed by singing, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

On Dec. 2, in place of our customary prayer service, we held a reception for our new pastor and his family. Mr. A. Niebuhr, chairman of the program committee for this occasion, welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Darroch. The children, Maureen and Bobbie, were welcomed in a special way by the Primary children's choir which sang a special welcome chorus and the children's hymn, "Jesus Loves Me."

Representatives of every organization and of the official boards of the church brought a royal welcome and greetings to this fine family who have already won the hearts of all by their warm, genuine sincerity and gracious friendliness.

Dr. Medd's resignation as moderator was also accepted with a special vote of thanks and Dr. F. Dinger, chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented him with a watch in appreciation of his faithful and unselfish services during our pastorless days.

ELSE F. NITSCHKE, Clerk.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Recent Programs and Activities of the Lethel Sunday School of Buffalo, N. Y.

The Bethel Baptist Sunday School of Buffalo, N. Y., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on the evening of Nov. 8th. An evening of recitations and songs from our own denominational program was observed. Donations of fruits and vegetables were distributed after the close of the meeting. The offering, which amounted to \$21.32, was put aside for foreign mission work.

A released time Bible School is being held on Mondays with an enrollment of 50 persons. This is the third year of the school. A Vacation Bible School was conducted for a period of two weeks in the early summer. A number of scholars from these two ventures have been gained for the Sunday School.

At the last business meeting of the Sunday School, the following officers were elected for 1943: superintendent, Mr. J. O. Distler; ass't superintendent, Gordon Tobig; secretary, Ruth Besell; and treasurer, Corrine Hendershott.

LILLIAN COOK, Reporter.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Flag Dedication Service With Public and Sunday School Children Participating at Baileyville

On Sunday evening, Nov. 8, a special patriotic and sacred program was given at the Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., during which two beautiful flags, one the United States and the other Christian flag, were dedicated. These large silken flags, standing nine feet high with gold colored fringe and tassels, were presented to the church by one of its members.

As a special feature on the program, the services of Mr. Herman Voss of Chicago were secured. He was formerly staff pianist on radio station W. M. B. I., but at present is an assistant to the chaplain at the Naval Air Base at Glen View, Ill. He not only gave several piano solos but was the guest speaker for the occasion.

One of the most impressive parts of the service was the processional. The choir followed the Christian flag carried by a young lady dressed in white up one aisle of the church as the children of the public and Sunday Schools followed the American flag carried by a Boy Scout in uniform up the other aisle. Both processions sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" as they marched together. Several service men present stood at salute while the American flag was carried. The children marched to their place in front opposite the choir.

In his address, Mr. Voss spoke of what true loyalty means. Opening remarks were also given by our pastor, the Rev. Herman Renkema. The service was well attended and many said it was one of the most impressive services they had ever attended.

LOUISE ZIMMERMAN, Secretary.

Wisconsin Young People Hold a Fall Rally in the Interest of the Centenary Offering

The Fall Rally of the Wisconsin Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union took place on Nov. 21 and 22 at the North Ave. Church of Milwaukee.

On Saturday evening the young people gathered to hear the Rev. R. Woyke bring a message based on our rally theme, "Jesus Saves." Mr. Woyke's fine evangelistic sermon stirred the hearts of all those present.

Following the evening service our hosts prepared enjoyable entertainment during which an air of Christian joy and fellowship prevailed.

On Sunday afternoon the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner spoke to us on "The Three Good Cheers of Jesus." As usual, Mr. Leuschner brought to us new enthusiasm, and at the close of the afternoon session all felt refreshed and spiritually revived.

In connection with that service a recent letter to our association from Miss Laura Reddig was read. We were happy to hear that Miss Reddig was appreciative of the work we are doing for her and our mission field.

On Sunday evening the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner's new play, "Give These Their Daily Bread," was presented. Our hearts rejoiced to behold such a large number of young people and friends in attendance. The play is, indeed, an impressive illustration of how and for what purpose our Centenary Offering is used.

Those who took part in the play were members of our three Milwaukee churches, and are to be highly commended for their excellent work.

Throughout our rally sessions we were favored with musical numbers from members of our various churches. We were grateful for the music since it aided in beautifying our services as well as proving a blessing to all.

Mr. Leuschner brought our rally to a close with a brief talk concerning our Centenary Offering.

As we turned homeward we were resolved to renew our efforts to take a greater part in our 1943 Centenary goal.

LYNDA KLEIN, Secretary.

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Gospel Preaching Mission and Other Memorable Events in the Grace Church of Racine

Each Tuesday evening, beginning Nov. 3rd and continuing through Dec. 8th, special meetings were held in the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., known as the "Gospel Preaching Mission." The first meeting was conducted by representatives from the Christian Business Men's Committee of Chicago, who told of their work in and around the Chicago area, as well as in the newly organized Club for Service Men which has opened in Waukegan, Ill., under their leadership. Other speakers at these meetings were the Rev. A. P. White of Freeport, Ill., Dr. William McCarrell of Cicero, Ill., the Revs. Torrey Johnson, A. Diman, We believe all who attended the services received a spiritual blessing.

At the present time a new heating system is being installed. We also expect to renovate the entire basement which will provide extra rooms for services. The men have cooperated splendidly in the preliminary work.

In honor of the 12 young men of our congregation now in camps throughout the U. S. and on foreign soil, the King's Daughters Society presented a Service Flag to the Church. A dedication service was held on Nov. 22nd.

Members of the American Legion in Racine participated in the dedication of an American Flag and a Christian Flag during our Rally Day program early in October. These flags, which now have a permanent place on our pulpit, were presented to the church by the Sunday School.

Expositions on the book of Revelation are now being given by our pastor, the Rev. Ray Schlader, at the Sunday evening services, and these have proven to be very profitable.

Several women of the church are conducting a "Child Evangelism Class" each week in their homes and they are doing a splendid work in instructing the children to know their Bible.

VIOLA GOEDEKE, Reporter.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

The Ladies' Missionary Circle of Spring Valley, So. Dak., Presents Mission Program

The Baptist Missionary Circle of the Spring Valley Baptist Church of South Dakota presented an interesting and spiritually uplifting program to a full church on Sunday evening, Nov. 15.

In the play, "The Challenge of the Cross," we were shown how we as Christians must be willing to take up the Cross, not the one we would choose but the one Christ gives us to bear, and to bear it not to be seen of men and to boast of it but to bear it with humility and for service.

After the program was given a special missionary offering was held. To our joy, the offering totaled \$48.49, which was much more than we had anticipated.

We, as a Ladies' Aid group, are thankful to God for his supremely rich and abundant blessings. Our membership is only nine, but we find great joy in serving him in this manner.

MRS. ARTHUR SCHULZ, Reporter.



—Picture by Herman Siemund.
The Sunday School of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago Ill., With Rev. Herbert Koch, Pastor, at Extreme Right and Mr. Vander Hoogt, Superintendent, Fourth from Right.

Unusually Large Attendance at the South Dakota Young People's Rally at Madison

When plans for the annual fall rally of the South Dakota Baptist Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union were being discussed at the convention held at Chancellor last spring, there were many who doubted the possibility of having a rally because of tire shortage, gas rationing, etc. However, on Nov. 6, when the time for the rally arrived we were all pleasantly surprised to see the large number of delegates and friends from every society with the exception of one. Perhaps the thought that this might be the last gathering of this kind for some time made it a special blessing.

The rally was held in the beautiful Baptist Church of Madison, So. Dak. A luncheon, which preceded the evening service, was held in the spacious dining hall. The Rev. Arthur Ittermann, dean of the association, presided at the short program following the luncheon.

After chorus singing led by the Rev. A. Schulz of Unityville and musical numbers by the Emery, Wessington Springs, and Parkston societies, and a talk by Charles Voigt of Avon on "Christian Youth in the Armed Service," we had the privilege of listening to the testimony of a soldier in our midst. Private Dick Harl, instructor in Radio School at the Sioux Falls Air Base, spoke to us about "What a Christian in the Armed Forces Expects of the Christian Civilian."

The evening service was opened with a spirited song service led by the Rev. John Epp of Chancellor. Miss Helen Kolashofski of Madison extended hearty words of welcome. The president of the assembly, Mr. Harold Lippert of Tripp, responded. Scripture was read by Laverna Mehlhoff of Parkston, followed by a solo from a member of the Spring Valley Society. A report on our state paper, "The Voice of Our Union," was given by the editor, Esther Smit of Corona. Doris Braun, secretary of the assembly, read a letter from Helen Heitzman, chairman of the "Bender Memorial Trek."

The Rev. Arthur Ittermann dealt with "Christian Youth Active in Evangelism." A vocal solo was rendered by the Rev. J. E. Epp. Melba Jucht, treasurer of the union, played the offertory.

The inspirational address of the evening "Youth and the Future," was brought by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

Promotional Secretary, the Rev. Assaf Husmann, Visits at Hebron, North Dakota

Again we of the First Baptist Church of Hebron, No. Dak., have had the pleasure of getting a little better acquainted with another of the leaders of our denomination and with the work they do, when our congenial promotion secretary, the Rev. Assaf Husmann, spent the week of Oct. 18 to 25 in our churches of Hebron and Antelope.

We found Mr. Husmann a very interesting and inspirational leader, and during his stay with us we became a little better acquainted with our home and foreign mission work. Each morning, from 10 to 12 A. M. Mr. Husmann lectured in our Antelope Station Church, and each evening from 7 to 9 P. M. in our Hebron city church. Topics of these lectures were "The Beginning of the Christian Church," "Great Sunday School Movement," "The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit," and "Laborers Together With God." Several illustrated lectures on the foreign and home mission work of our denomination were also given.

While the attendance in our Antelope Church was not so large, due to late threshing of crops, we always had a full house in the City Church.

On Sunday, Oct. 25, Mr. Husmann had the joy and privilege of speaking to a large and attentive audience in the Antelope Church at the forenoon and afternoon services, and in the City Church in the evening. The choir helped to create the proper spirit and atmosphere at the services, and an offering was held for our Centenary Offering. We had the pleasure of presenting Mr. Husmann with a check for \$200 to be remitted to Dr. Wm. Kuhn for the Centenary Offering.

I. E. GIEDT, Correspondent.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Memorable Events in the Recent Program of the East Side Church of Chicago

Since the observance of our sixtieth anniversary in April, 1942, the East Side Church of Chicago, Ill., has continued its ministry in this growing community.

Since September Mr. Frank Crawford of the Northern Baptist Seminary and Miss Margaret Kittlitz of the Missionary Training School are assisting in the church work. Contributions and attendance in our Sunday School are about 10 per cent above last year.

Several members of our Men's Club contributed one day's pay and made a one dollar birthday contribution during the first half of the year to make possible the painting of the parsonage. They provided both the paint and the painters to complete a long pending repair job.

On Friday evening, Nov. 13, our church and Sunday School recognized the twenty-five year faithful service of Mr. Vander Hoogt as superintendent of our Sunday School. The short but impressive program of recognition was in charge of Mr. Carl J. Schroeder, assistant superintendent. Two vocal selections, brief talks by visiting superintendents and the reading of the pastor's poem written for the occasion preceded the presentation of a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Vander Hoogt and an electric Westminster chime clock to Mr. Vander Hoogt.

Then Messrs. Herman and Herbert Siemund added to the enjoyment of the occasion by showing their beautiful colored movies depicting our Chicago Sunday Schools at work.

We are hard at work resolved to liquidate an old building debt and have every reason to believe that we shall close the year of 1942 debt-free. Pastor and people praise God for this achievement!

HERBERT KOCH, Pastor.

Evangelistic Meetings Are Conducted by Rev. Wm. Hoover in Chicago's First Church

"Our Hearts Were Stirred Within Us . . ." Truly, that is the thought that lingers on in our hearts as we look back upon our revival services conducted at the First Church in Chicago, Ill., from Oct. 25 to Nov. 6 by the Rev. Wm. Hoover of Detroit, Ill.

"First, let the Christians go down on their knees and confess their sins, then the unconverted will do likewise."

"A contrite heart, a humble thought, Are mine accepted sacrifice."

The first week of meetings were presented in the German language. The parents and members of the church and friends were greatly blessed and helped by them.

The "after" prayer room became a place loved by many. There the Lord must have rejoiced as Christians bowed heart and knee before him and confessed their sins with tears of joy and repentance.

The second week's meetings were given in English. Ten souls were definitely born again and many rededicated their lives to the Lord.

Friends from Kenosha, Wis., came and we shared our blessings with them. Many friends from our sister churches also came and the Forest Park Male Chorus, First Church Choir and the Christian Fellowship Chorus sang.

RUTH LEUSCHNER, Reporter.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Harvest and Mission Festival at Shattuck, Okla., With Rev. Wm. Sturhahn as Guest Speaker

On Sunday, Nov. 8, the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Shattuck, Okla., held its annual harvest and mission festival. It was a day that will long be remembered by everyone present.

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We have many reasons to be thankful unto our Lord this year. Not only has he blessed us spiritually, but he sent rain abundantly to give us a fine wheat crop. This has been the best harvest which many of our members have had for several years.

Since we have been without a minister for several months, we were indeed happy and grateful to have the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn from Loyal, Okla., accept our invitation to be with us. During the day he brought us three messages of thanksgiving and inspiration.

At noon we enjoyed a basket dinner. In the afternoon the Sunday School presented a program; and in the evening the B. Y. P. U. brought a short program before the evening service.

Mr. Sturhahn remained during the week and brought us inspiring messages every evening. He encouraged us as a church, and we are prayerfully making plans to call a minister in the near future.

Mrs. Wm. Schoenhals, Reporter.

Many Spiritual Activities and Programs of the Lorraine Baptist Church of Kansas

The Children's Prayer Hour of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., has taken well with the children of the church and community. It is under the direction of Mrs. Pieter Smit. At this service the children are taught "How to Pray in Private and Public," "The Value of Christian Testimony," "Reverence for Church and Home Worship" and "The Use of Church Hymns." At this service the children have a small project upon which they report. This project is some kind deed done during the week.

Dr. A. J. Harms was with us from Nov. 11 to 22 for evangelistic meetings. Souls were saved during these meetings and others reclaimed. Dr. Harms was pastor of this church some 17 years ago.

Thanksgiving Day Services were held at the church on Thanksgiving

night. The pastor set a goal of \$1000 for an offering. The people responded so well that the offering totaled \$2796.49, of which \$1537.00 were sent as a missionary gift to our headquarters in Forest Park, Ill.

On Thursday night, Dec. 3, we began our radio program to be called, "The Evening Prayer Hour." This program will be for an half hour each Thursday night, coming directly from the sanctuary of the church, then by leased wire to Salina, Kans., where it will be broadcast over Station K S A L (1150 kc.) The program will be that of evening worship, rather than the emphasis on evangelism, although evangelism will be brought out. There will be organ, piano, vocal solo, ladies' chorus, mixed quartet, ladies trio, and male trio music, besides the reading of the Bible, prayer, and a ten minute message by Dr. Smit.

Dr. Pieter Smit will soon close eight years of ministry at the Lorraine Church. It is now debt free and has the largest membership in the history of the church. Fourteen boys from the church are in the Armed Forces. There are about 50 young people now away from us in college, teaching, or in the U. S. Service.

PIETER SMIT, Pastor.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Dedication of Hammond Gift Organ at the Laurelhurst Church of Portland, Oregon

On Sunday evening, Nov. 29, the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., dedicated a Gift Hammond Electric Organ, which some generous, unknown person had presented to the church. The Rev. John Schweitzer of the Bethany Church brought the message of dedication before a crowded church. A fine program of music and songs was rendered that same evening by our choir and visiting friends.

The following poem was composed for this occasion and read at the service:

Give thanks for what and what about? Is a poem you have heard me say. But I'll tell you what we folks at Laurelhurst

Are thankful for this day. Surprised, amazed, and overjoyed Was the entire congregation, When they came to church a week ago And saw the organ installation. We all looked once, we all looked twice, And thought our eyes deceiving, But after looking once again, Seeing was believing.

Give thanks for what and what about? At Laurelhurst there's a reason, For everyone to thank the Lord At this Thanksgiving season. This brand new Hammond organ

Is a gift we all do treasure; God bless the donor of this gift For bringing us this pleasure. The showers of blessing in this past year

Have surely been our reward; And in return, we dedicate this organ to the Lord.

MARIAN ROACH, Reporter.

Do You Know That...?

Column Edited by the REV. A. R. BERNADT of Burlington, Iowa

100 Years Ago—1843—Our entire denomination consisted of but one Church located at Philadelphia, Pa., with a membership of 19 baptized Christians. This was way back in the year when the only telegraph line in the United States was erected between Washington and Baltimore.

One of our great National Drug Manufacturers (Squibbs) reports they spent \$100,000 last year for salaries of those workers who were added to the payroll to fill out the various government forms and questionnaires that they received during those months.

90 Years Ago—1853—Our denomination was composed of 25 churches which were located mostly in the East with a few scattered throughout the middle west and some in Canada, having a total membership of 864. In this same year United States and Japan opened commercial relations with each other.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker as well as each of his companions testified recently that their personal religion was greatly strengthened and deepened because of their 21 days adrift on a life-raft.

80 Years Ago—1863—Our denomination consisted of 73 churches who struggled through the trials of Civil War days and reported a total membership of 3,139 baptized believers. It was during this same year that Lincoln delivered his immortal Gettysburg address.

Dr. William H. Leach, editor of "Church Management," claims that the sermons of today deal less with telling people where to get off and more with telling people how to get on.

70 Years Ago—1873—Our denomination had approximately 110 churches with a total of 6,679 members. It was in this same year that the great financial panic began its sweep across the country.

Bernard Montgomery, the British General who has met with such success in North Africa, is the son of a Bishop and has a grandfather who wrote a "Life of Christ."

60 Years Ago—1883—Our denomination reported having 138 churches scattered throughout the United States and Canada with a total of 10,809 members. It was in this year that the Brooklyn Bridge was opened with a ceremony that was

marred by the death of 12 crushed in the panic created when some one cried out the bridge was falling.

The Vatican Radio broadcasts several times each week the names of war prisoners.

50 Years Ago—1893—Our denominational group had grown to 179 churches with 14,960 members. It was in this year that America's first gasoline-buggy had its initial pulling test at Springfield, Mass.

40 Years Ago—1903—264 churches counted themselves as members of our denomination with a total of 24,012 baptized believers on their membership rolls. It was at this time that the Wright brothers made their immortal airplane flight near Kittyhawk.

You cannot black out the stars, and they still guide wise men.

30 Years Ago—1913—Our General Conference reported 285 churches in our denomination with a total of 30,785 members. In this year the famous Peace Palace at the Hague was dedicated.

Some say it should be sung, "Pass the Lord and Praise the Ammunition!"

20 Years Ago—1923—296 churches, the largest number in our history, were reported as being affiliated with our denomination having a total membership of 32,766. It was in this year that Tokio and Yokohama were visited with the great earthquake killing 99,331 persons.

The custom of sending Christmas card greetings originated in England and is also exactly 100 years old for the first cards were sent as greetings in 1842.

10 Years Ago—1933—272 churches reported, a smaller number than reported a decade previously, but the denominational membership had reached the 36,078 figure. Roosevelt and Hitler both came into power in this same year.

A newspaper correspondent reports that conscientious objectors as a rule are thin men. He interviewed many of them and there wasn't a "bay window" in the lot.

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American flag was raised over that territory in 1803 that the spiritual monopoly of the church was ended.

Kresse is reported working in Central Missouri and reports baptisms and the organization of a church in Fayette County in 1851. He reports having travelled 2412 miles in one year, mostly on foot. Often he had to wait for his meager salary, which, as Peck reports, was even then in arrears. His repeated appeals for German hymnals could not be met, for there were none.

Gladfeldt, who had been appointed to help Schoemaker in St. Louis, was transferred to Quincy, where he organized a church in 1853. Kuepfer and Deppe were working as colporteurs in central Illinois. West was supported in Springfield, and Krueger in Peoria. The others were engaged in various parts of this vast territory.

In 1853 Oncken addressed the society on the occasion of its fourth annual meeting in St. Louis, Mo. He was warmly received, and his address created renewed interest in the work among the Germans. Karl West reporting on the meeting states: "There is now no lack of money, since the English Baptists are willing to support the work; what we need now is workers." The report of the society for that year states: "The society now has ample funds, but lacks the men to extend the

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work. From every city and town come appeals for laborers, which the Board has been unable to meet." It suggests that St. Louis be made the center for work among the Germans in America.

Notice is taken, in the report, of the launching of the "Sendbote." "We are fully aware," it states, "of the importance with which this subject is invested. In the formative state of these churches and in the absence of thoroughly trained pastors, it is indispensably necessary they should enjoy through a religious journal the counsel of such a man as Konrad Fleischmann." In reply to the request from the brethren in the "West" that a similar paper be published in St. Louis, the report states: "We consider such a step inadvisable at this time," adding, however, that it considers St. Louis the proper location for the publication of a German denominational paper, and recommends that it be published there, and that Fleischmann be secured as editor.

The report concludes by saying that the work has grown beyond the scope of the present society, and suggests that it either be taken over by the State Associations or the Baptist Home Mission Society. Since no mention is made of this society in any of our annuals, we are led to believe that its work was merged with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the only English society ever mentioned in our reports.

Outstanding Features in "The Herald" for the Jubilee Year 1943

Stories of Hymns and Hymn Writers

- 1) B. D. Ackley, the Hymn Writer
- 2) "Abide With Me"
- 3) "The Ninety and Nine"
- 4) "O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling"
- 5) Fanny Crosby and Her Hymn, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus"
- 6) "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"
- 7) "I Would Be True"

Notable Series of Several Articles on "What the War Is Doing to Our Churches and Life" by the Denominational Secretaries.

The New Serial Story for 1943 Will Begin in the February 15th Issue of "The Baptist Herald."

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SPECIAL FEATURES WILL APPEAR ON THE "EDITORIAL PAGE" OF EACH ISSUE

Several Chapters from Carl F. H. Henry's Book "The Pacific Garden Mission" Will Be Published in the February 1st Number.

"Children's Page" Editors for 1943

Mrs. Louise Johnson, Who Endeared Herself to All the Children Last Year, Will Edit the Page for the First Six Months of 1943.

Mrs. Carol Ebertshaeuser of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., Will Edit the Page for the Rest of 1943.

The Best Sermons by Our Ministers Will Appear from Time to Time.

Special Issues of "The Baptist Herald"

- Jan. 15 — Service Men's Number.
- March 1 — Youth Evangelism.
- April 15 — The Easter Festival.
- May 1 — Centenary Jubilee of Our Oldest Church.
- June 15 — Sunday School Teachers.
- Nov. 1 — Missionary Number.
- Dec. 15 — Christmas Issue.

Historical Articles About Our Denominational Story Will Be Brought by the Rev. Charles F. Zummach and Others.

The Popular Column, "Do You Know That . . .?", Has Been Enlarged for This Jubilee Year by Its Editor, the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt.