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*Rev. Albert Bretschneider,  
Newly elected General Secretary, Y. P. & S. S. W. Union*



## What's Happening

At the Conference in Pittsburgh several things were found and not claimed. (A lady's gold pencil; a man's silver pencil with a Milwaukee advertisement and a lady's compact.) These articles will be sent to the owners by getting in touch with me. Address inquiries to Miss Frieda Sayenga, 2317 Almont Ave., Mt. Oliver P. O., Pa.

The new officers of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Central Conference are: Pres., Mr. E. W. Hoek; vice-pres., Mr. E. A. Bretschneider; secretary, Miss Gertrude Fetzer; treasurer, Mr. E. Glanz. Mr. W. F. Grosser of Oak Park, Student W. O. Makowsky of Rochester Seminary, Rev. E. R. Lengefeld of Chicago and Prof. L. Kaiser of Rochester were the speakers at the meetings of the Union at the recent Central Conference in Cleveland. An offering of \$143 for mission work in Siberia was made.

Rev. J. G. Draewell, pastor of the Ebenezer church, Detroit, Mich., resigned to accept the call of the church at Marion, Kans. He will close his work in Detroit the last Sunday in October and begin his new charge early in November. Bro. Draewell has been with the Ebenezer church since 1914.

Mrs. Anna Schulz, widow of the Rev. Henry Schulz, a former pastor of the Temple church, passed away at her home in Pittsburgh on Sunday evening, Aug. 30, aged 74 years, after a serious illness of about three weeks. She had looked forward to the meetings of the Conference with joy and great expectancy, but was not permitted to share in the meetings. The Lord called her to the assembly of the Firstborn in heaven. She was a faithful and sincere Christian woman and a noble pastor's wife. Interment was made in Benton Harbor where her husband was buried 10 years ago.

The General Conference was shocked to hear of the death of Mr. H. F. Mueller of Minneapolis, Minn., following an injury suffered in an auto accident while touring with his family. Bro. Mueller was a prominent member of our First church, St. Paul, and wellknown at our General Conference meetings. He was a generous giver to many causes. Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann, his pastor, and Rev. H. Kaaz, a former pastor, officiated at the funeral.

At the annual meeting of the Detroit German Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union the following officers were elected: President, Edward W. Hoek; 1. Vice-President, Edwin Strauss; 2. Vice-President, Chas. Lemke; Secretary, Celia Kose; Treasurer, Albert Wolfe; Representatives: R. E. Nast, W. Pischke and B. Wagner.

Mrs. Emma B. Meier, who has been missionary at the Second Church, Philadelphia, for the last six years, has re-

signed in order to pursue a course of study in the Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York City.

Rev. Samuel Blumhagen is the new pastor at McIntosh and Selfridge, S. D. He has an extensive field of work and many young people. He is proposing to organize two young people's societies on his field.

The Methodist Episcopal Church in Germany has just celebrated 75 years of existence. In 1849 Dr. Jakoby went to Germany from America as the first Methodist and began to hold meetings in Bremen. Today Methodism numbers 52,000 members in Germany. There are two separate conferences, the one in North Germany with 97 ministers and the other in South Germany with 104 ministers. The churches are most numerous in the southern part. The seminary in Frankfurt a. M. has 80 men at present preparing for the ministry. A Tract and Publishing house is located in Bremen.

Mr. John Borchers of Columbus, Nebr., a member of the Shell Creek church and student for the ministry at Rochester, has been the supply of his home church this summer during the illness of the pastor, Rev. H. Koch. Bro. Koch is recuperating in the Rockies in Colorado.

Our front page this month introduces the new elected additional general secretary of our Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, who will begin his new duties with January, 1926. Rev. Albert Bretschneider was born in Cleveland, O., 42 years ago. He studied in the German department of Rochester Seminary and at the University of Rochester from 1903-1912; was ordained in Cleveland in July 1912; served as pastor in Evansville, Ind., from 1912-1913 and then studied in the English Department of Rochester Seminary till 1916. In October, 1916, he became pastor of the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J., which he has served until now.

Rev. Elmer Baumgaertner and wife of the Spruce St. Church, Buffalo, N. Y., were in an auto accident on their way to the General Conference. The car of Mr. Terschliessen, one of Rev. Baumgaertner's parishioners and with whom they were riding, met with an accident and turned over twice. Mrs. Terschliessen suffered a broken collar bone and the rest of the party came off with minor injuries.

The West New York, N. J., church, Rev. John Lehnert, pastor, broke ground for their new house of worship on August 18. The edifice will be of brick and will have a basement besides the auditorium. It is to cost \$26,000. The location is on the northeast corner of 17th St. and Harrison Place.

Mr. Jacob G. Rott, one of our students of Rochester Seminary, has been supplying the church at Pleasant Valley and Carrington, N. D., during the summer. Bro. Rott has done good work with this church and also for the church. This was evidenced among other things by Bro. Rott obtaining 8 new subscribers for the "Herald." Thank you! We need more friends like that, who not only praise the "Herald," but will work for it.

On Thursday, August 27, Miss Adelia Lippard, youngest daughter of Rev. William A. Lippard, was married to Professor Ralph Hadley Bullard, Ph. D., of Geneva, N. Y. Dr. Bullard is Professor of Chemistry in Hobart College at Geneva. The ceremony was performed in the Chapel of the Clifton Springs Sanitarium, at Clifton Springs, N. Y., by the bride's father, assisted by Rev. John Q. Adams, Chaplain of the Sanitarium. After a wedding trip to the Adirondacks and the Massachusetts Coast Dr. and Mrs. Bullard will be at home at the Pulteney, Park Place, Geneva. Miss Lippard graduated from the Clifton Springs Sanitarium as a nurse and served 7 more years in that capacity in the institution and stands in high honors with all the doctors and the other nurses, proof of which were the many doctors, nurses and guests who filled the large chapel of the Sanitarium to its capacity while the ceremony took place.

During his visit to a village school a diocesan inspector of religious knowledge put this question to a class of little girls: "If all the good people were white and all the bad people were black, what color would you be?" Some answered "white" and others "black." But little Mary replied: "Please, sir, I would be streaky."

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### The General Conference at Pittsburgh

THE big meetings of the denominational representatives which occur triennially have come and gone. They have passed into our history. But old conference attendants tell us the Pittsburgh Conference was the "best ever." Prof. L. Kaiser called it "one of the most uplifting and stimulating conferences in my memory."

What made it so? It was not the largest in point of numbers. The attendance at St. Paul three years ago was larger. It was not because some great financial movement was begun in a wave of enthusiasm as in Chicago, six years ago, when the Million Dollar Offering was inaugurated. What characterized the Pittsburgh gathering in the mind of every one present as a fine conference, a notable one, one whose memory we will cherish without regret for anything which took place there?

It was a Conference in which a spiritual atmosphere was notably prevalent. The splendid meetings of the Pre-Conference on Soul-winning which began on Monday evening and continued through Tuesday, created a spiritual atmosphere and tone, which lingered with us all the week and helped us to transact the business of the kingdom in the light of the great and solemn tasks that were so forcefully brought before us in the Pre-Conference.

It was a harmonious Conference. The spirit of peace and brotherliness was in the air and permeated our deliberations. There have been some General Conferences of unhappy memory, where there was much strife and bitterness displayed and it was born of suspicion and misunderstanding. The baleful after-effects of such meetings often crippled our work. The Pittsburgh Conference was happy in the lack of the spirit of distrust. It rejoiced in the presence of the spirit of peace and harmony.

It was a conference in which the determination to go forward in our denominational work evinced itself strongly. We are not retrenching in our work but rather stretching out in many respects, both at home and abroad. In missions, in publication work, in our seminary, in our young people's and Sunday school work advance steps were decided upon. We are not facing a decline but rather the day of progress and ascendancy. The German Baptist churches are still heeding God's call to "go forward."

May the spirit of the General Conference at Pittsburgh dwell with us during the triennial period before us and inspire us in the achievement of our tasks.

### The Young People at Pittsburgh

THEY were there in goodly numbers. They brought the happy infectious spirit of youth into the gatherings. They helped to make the Conference what it came to be by the grace and blessing of God. They were co-workers, from the boy scouts in the church check-room to the force of workers in the church offices, working for the conveniences of the visitors, early and late. They were in the choir and brightened the services with song and music. All honor to the cheery, busy force of the local Pittsburgh young people who so gladly and willingly displayed the spirit of service and spent themselves to make the Conference arrangements work smoothly and for our comfort.

The young people were there in encouraging numbers from our wider field. The nearby local conferences were of course more strongly represented than the more distant, but almost every conference had some of its best young people's and Sunday school workers present. The newly elected council members were there or else had proxies present. The business meeting of the Union on Friday afternoon showed as many delegates present as at any session of the conference, as large an audience as at any day meeting and every one was keenly interested in the issues brought up for action. It was demonstrated that the members of the Union know how to conduct their matters as well as any of the other organizations of the General Conference.

The Rally and Banquet of the Union on Friday evening was one of the outstanding social gatherings of the Conference time. The attendance was only limited by the capacity of the dining hall. Many more would have been with us, but no more tickets could be sold. An informal, jolly, good spirit reigned supreme. Songs and brief "peppy" talks by representative workers made time fly all too rapidly. The Rally and Banquet was a success. It was the first of its kind but it will not be the last.

The Sunday afternoon meeting was one of the high points of the Conference. Those three afternoon addresses by Brethren Leypoldt, Hoek and Harms were of a high order and worked up to a fitting climax, leaving Christ, our Lord, our Leader, our great Example portrayed vividly before us as our closing thought and impression.

Yes, the young people made a real contribution to the success of the Bundeskonferenz. We expected to see them there. We were all glad to see them there in such inspiring numbers. We believe their presence there will count for the local work in days to come. As we think of them and their meetings, we thank God and take courage.



### Our New Officers and Council

OUR new staff of officers, under whose leadership the work of the Union will be carried on during the next three years, is not composed of novices in young people's and Sunday school work. Most of them have been tried and tested in the past, some in our general work and others in their state and conference organizations. We believe they have been placed in these high positions of honor and responsibility because they have "made good" in the past and in other positions. We believe they will give their best with God's help to the places which have now been entrusted to them.

**Our President.** Mr. Edward Walter Hoek, Detroit, Mich. He has been council member for the Central Conference and chairman of the Council for the last three years. He has been no figure-head but an active worker. He has deserved promotion to the presidency.

**Our Vice-President.** Mr. John G. Luebeck, New Britain, Conn. He has been council member for the Atlantic Conference during the past three years and has been president of the Atlantic Conference Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. He has been an energetic booster for the "Herald."

**Our Recording Secretary.** Miss Gertrude Fetzter, Cleveland, O. Miss Fetzter is the daughter of the well known editor of the "Sendbote," Rev. G. Fetzter. Our day is woman's day in almost every sphere of life. Our Union recognizes this in electing a young lady to the staff of officers. Miss Fetzter has been active in Guild work among young women. We welcome her in the wider group of our national work.

**Our Council Chairman.** Mr. Adam V. Zuber, Fessenden, N. D. Mr. Zuber is a talented lawyer, a rising young man in his profession and also an active Christian worker. The combination is possible. He is also a ready speaker with much wit and repartee. He has been in the front in young people's work and Sunday school promotion in North Dakota and the Dakota Conference elected him Council member to the Union last June.

Our other Council members are as follows: Atlantic Conference, Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel, Hoboken, N. J. Eastern Conference, Rev. F. H. Willkens, Buffalo, N. Y. Central Conference, Rev. Theo. W. Dons, Cleveland, O. Northwestern Conference, Rev. Wm. E. Schmitt, St. Paul, Minn. Southwestern Conference, Rev. Chas. Wagner, Ellinwood, Kans. Texas Conference, Rev. J. Pfeiffer, Dallas, Tex. Pacific Conference, Mr. C. E. Panke, Spokane, Wash. Northern Conference, Rev. Niels Christensen, Leader, Sask., Can.

To the above, of course, the two general secretaries are included. They are the active agents of the Union, devoting all their time to the furthering of the objectives of the Union.

Concerning our officers, let us recall the first point in the closing address of Moderator von Berge at the General Conference and apply it specifically to them. He said: "Let us trust our lead-

ers. If they are to serve well, they must know that we believe in them. Let us believe in their judgment. We need not only good leaders but good sportsman-like followers." We will loyally support our officers and follow where they lead. May the three-year period just before us witness great achievements and record great victories!

### Important Action at Pittsburgh

1. It was decided to publish the "Baptist Herald" semi-monthly, beginning with Jan. 1, 1926. The subscription price is to be \$1.25 per year. Our subscribers will get twice as much as at present with only an advance of 25 cents in price. This step was taken because of the past success of the "Herald" and to meet the repeated request from various conferences and young people's organizations for a more frequent appearance. The goal for 1926 is 6000 subscribers. We ought to reach it with a semi-monthly "Herald" at such a reasonable price. The low price is really a concession to the young people and Sunday school workers, so that everybody will be able to subscribe without excessive cost.

2. The Young People's and Sunday school work was given a definite place in the General Denominational Budget. The sum designated for our work is \$30,000—or \$10,000 per year for the three years. Our work is recognized in a definite and dignified manner as belonging to the great and distinctive denominational aims for which we are all striving and as one of the component parts which help to build up the kingdom of God in our midst. This entire sum will be needed in order to carry out our promotional plans. To obtain it all, the present budget of the denomination must be obtained. If our churches only raise 70% of the budget, our work will only get 70% of the \$30,000. This should be a strong incentive for our societies and schools to work hard for the general budget. Its success is our success.

3. In addition to the re-election of the present Executive Secretary, A. P. Mihm, as one of the salaried general secretaries of the Union, the Union also elected the Rev. Albert Bretschneider, pastor of the Clinton Hill Baptist church of Newark, N. J., as general secretary of the Union. He has announced his acceptance of the position. With the new term of office, Jan. 1, 1926, the terms executive and associate secretaries fall away and henceforth the two secretaries are known as "general secretaries" of the Union, whose duties shall be assigned to them from time to time by the Council, to whom they are responsible. Secretary Bretschneider will devote most of his time to field work. Secretary Mihm will devote the greater part of his time to the editing of the "Baptist Herald" and participate in field work as much as his other duties will permit. We greet our new fellow-worker in the work of the Union. He is well equipped in the field of religious paedogogy and Christian education. He has been active in Assembly and Young People's

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work in the Atlantic Conference and enjoys their confidence. The Editor pledges himself to work in harmony with Bro. Bretschneider and believes he will co-operate with the Editor in every whole-hearted endeavor to achieve the goals of the Union.

4. The Constitution of the Union was revised in a number of important particulars. The revised constitution will be published in another number of the "Herald" soon.

### Report of the Resolutions Committee of the Y. P. & S. S. Workers' Union

(Adopted at Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 28, 1925)

1. In view of the growing need of carrying on the work of training and developing our Young People's and Sunday school work and in view of repeated requests for another worker from various sections of our wide field, we recommend to the Union the election of another Secretary.

2. As some sections of the field where the German language is still used to a great extent, wish our Union to provide for suitable material on Young People's and Sunday school work, we would suggest to the Publication Committee that one or more pages of the "Sendbote" be devoted to supplying this need and that Bro. Theo. W. Dons be requested to supply this material for the "Sendbote."

3. The Council recommends that the Union express in a vote of thanks to Bro. A. P. Mihm its appreciation of his untiring efforts during the past three years in the interests of the Young People's and Sunday school work through his efficient work in the field and his capable editorship of the "Baptist Herald."

4. The practical working of our Constitution during the past three years has revealed some omissions in its provisions and also the fact that some changes should be made for the better practical working of our organization. The Council appointed a committee of three on revision of the Constitution. The revisions will be presented and we recommend the adoption of the revised Constitution by the Union.

5. We express our great satisfaction that the Conference has adopted the recommendation of our Council to issue the "Herald" semi-monthly. We recommend a new goal of 6000 subscribers for the "Baptist Herald" for 1926. With the "Herald" appearing semi-monthly in 1926 at \$1.25 per year subscription price this goal should be attainable and worked for with faith and assurance of success.

6. We greatly regret the continued illness of our former Associate Secretary of the Union, Rev. F. A. Bloedow, and hereby express to him and his family our deepfelt sympathy and wish for his recovery and recommend that the greetings and good wishes of the Union be sent to him through our Recording Secretary.

7. We recommend that the Union again adopt the goals formulated by our Council with regard to Bible study, Stewardship and Tithing, the improvement of our Sunday schools, the study and support of Missions, as well as extending our organization wherever possible.

8. Realizing the great importance of assemblies and institutes for the training of our Young People's and Sunday school workers in Christian life and service, we recommend that the Council and Secretaries of our Union be instructed to plan and arrange and co-operate for the founding and holding of such assemblies and institutes in all of our conferences during the next three years.

9. We express ourselves as heartily in accord with the prayerful desire throughout the denomination for a revival of soul-winning and evangelism and pledge our active co-operation. We urge our Young People and Sunday school workers to occupy fully their great evangelistic field and to exert a great evangelistic force.

### Editorial Jottings

DO NOT OVERLOOK the message of President Henry Marks to the Union at Pittsburgh on page 14. It contains some telling points for Sunday school workers.

"THE GIST OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE" in this number of the "Herald" does not purport to be a detailed or complete report, but rather a condensed resume of the things and impressions that struck us as important and valuable for our readers.

THIS NUMBER of the "Herald" might really be called a "General Conference number." It features our doings at Pittsburgh. Naturally some other articles and regular departments had to give way. But this may be pardoned once in three years.

THE "HERALD" is to appear semi-monthly, twice as often as at present, in 1926. The subscription price is raised only 25 cents. This is a bargain rate for our young people and Sunday school workers. We hope our boosters everywhere will note this and lay early plans for a big campaign to reach the 6000 goal in 1926.

WE HAVE REFRAINED from publishing our own report as Executive Secretary and Editor to the Union at Pittsburgh in this number, either in whole or in part, on account of lack of space. The printed report was distributed in Pittsburgh. We have a number of copies still on hand and will be glad to mail a copy to all who are interested and apply. Address Box 4, Forest Park, Ill.





Dormitory, Keswick Grove, N. J.

### The Gist of the General Conference

¶ The Pre-Conference on Personal Evangelism and Soul-winning was a notable success in point of attendance as well as in every other way. As some one said: "The program was splendidly planned, the subjects were vital, the speakers were persuasive and the Spirit was present." Mr. Reuben Windisch and Miss Lydia Mihm furnished special music, which was highly appreciated. Bro. Windisch composed a song, "Some Soul I Might Have Won," especially for the conference and it was sung over and over again.

¶ The United Choir of the Pittsburgh German Baptist churches was under the direction of Mr. Justus Kase of the Temple Church. They gave a great feast of song and lifted our hearts again and again in worship and praise. Mr. Kase closed his long and honored term of choir leader for 31 years at the Temple Church with the conference period. His voluntary services during all this time have been highly appreciated by all. Many are the singers whom he has trained.

¶ The new members of the School Committee for our Rochester Seminary are W. S. Argow, P. C. A. Menard, C. Dippel, J. G. Draewell, F. Niebuhr, J. Leypoldt und A. A. Schade.

¶ The new Board of the Publication Society is an amalgamation of the former Trustee Board and Publication Committee and consists of 9 members. The members of the newly elected Board are O. E. Krueger, G. H. Schneck, D. Hamel, Prof. H. von Berge, E. B. Horne, J. W. Herschelmann, W. J. Zirbes, O. Warga and P. H. Brandt.

¶ The Housing Committee at Pittsburgh reported having taken care of 502 people, delegates and visitors, who registered and were lodged in the dormitories and private homes. There were a few in hotels and some visitors who did not register. The total number of delegates and visitors was probably 525. 110 lodged in homes, the remainder in

the dormitories. About half were delegates. The General Conference did not convene so far east since 1907 when it met in Buffalo.

¶ A comparison of delegates and visitors with the two preceding General Conferences is of interest. Pittsburgh, 1925—525; St. Paul, 1922—849; Chicago, 1919—694.

¶ Constitution making and revision was much in evidence. The Publication Society and the General Missionary Society presented new constitutions, which were adopted. The Orphanage Societies and the Young People's Union recommended revisions of their present constitutions, which were also adopted.

¶ A recommendation was passed that the Publication Board and the General Missionary Committee confer on the practicability of the housing of both societies in a new building, possibly in Chicago or vicinity. At the meeting of the two boards there was no sentiment for the proposal and it was declared not feasible.

¶ Bro. G. Fetzer, Editor of the "Sendbote," and Bro. H. P. Donner, Manager of the Publication Society in Cleveland, were unanimously reelected to their respective offices.

¶ Letters and Greetings were read from missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Speicher, China; Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Geis, Burma; Rev. G. R. Kampfer, Assam; Rev. J. Wiens, Far Eastern Mission, Manchuria, and from Rev. H. Koch, who is in Colorado on account of his health.

¶ The General Conference voted to guarantee \$16,500 annually for the Seminary at Rochester to take care of the running expenses of the institution. The proposed renovation of the "Student's Home" building was authorized as well as the building of a two-story annex to the "Home." This will entail an expenditure of \$50,000. It is planned to have the re-dedication of the renovated and enlarged building in 1927, at the 75th jubilee anniversary of the Seminary. A special committee was appointed to look after the raising of the necessary funds.

¶ The Committee on the Amalgamation of our various Denominational Benevolent organizations, which has been wrestling with this question for several triennial periods, reported through Mr. H. Marks, Mr. H. Th. Sorg and Judge N. B. Neelen that it was inadvisable and not feasible to form such a corporation at the present time. This ought to dispose of this question.

¶ It was voted that the Publication Society provide loan libraries for Sunday school and young people's workers.

¶ Prof. Lewis Kaiser was reelected as our representative to the Foreign Speaking Bodies affiliated with the Northern Baptist Convention.

¶ The Board of the Publication Society was authorized to proceed with the erection of a new building to provide for a printing plant which will enable the society to print its own papers and publications. All commercial job work is to be eliminated. The new building will cost \$25,000 and the installment of new presses will involve about \$11,000. Funds for this expenditure are on hand. The present building on Payne Ave. will be entirely leased to other concerns and eventually sold after a few years. Property value on Payne Ave. are increasing steadily. The Board was instructed by the Conference to sell as soon as feasible.

¶ Mr. John Ehrlich of Rochester, N. Y., was re-elected treasurer of the Seminary.

¶ The next General Conference is to convene in Chicago, Ill., in the last full week of August, 1928. The sessions are to begin on Monday evening and close on Sunday night.

¶ Prof. H. von Berge proved a calm, cautious and capable moderator of the Conference and was re-elected for another term by a large majority. Rev. F. Kaiser was chosen as vice-moderator and Rev. H. Steiger und Rev. E. Mueller were again elected as recording secretaries.

¶ A resolution thanking Rev. H. Schwendener, former General Evangelist, for his devoted services to our denomination, was adopted and the secretary of the General Conference was instructed to inform Bro. Schwendener of the above resolution.

¶ The General Secretary of the Missionary Society, Rev. Wm. Kuhn, and the General Treasurer, Wm. F. Grosser, were re-elected to the offices they have ably filled in the past.

¶ The new committee on the Minister's Pension Fund consists of E. Elmer Staub, J. E. Rocho, H. Theodore Sorg, Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann and Rev. F. Kaiser.

¶ The report of the Committee on Obituaries for the triennium told of about 1000 members of our churches, who fulfilled their earthly course and entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God. 16 of them were ministers. The reader of the report, Rev.

E. Mueller, struggled with his emotions while giving it, he being one of the grief-stricken ones, who mourned the loss of his wife. The moderator mourned the loss of his mother. The roll call of those prominent in the work whom we missed, awakened many tearful memories. It was one of the most touching and deeply impressive moments of the Conference. Prof. A. J. Ramaker gave a brief eulogy and Brethren R. Hoefflin and F. H. Heineman led us in prayer.

¶ The Committee on Resolutions for thanks covered the ground very nicely and reported through Rev. S. Blum.

¶ Rev. George W. Pust of Dillon, Kans., brought a strong, helpful message at the devotional introduction to the business meeting of the Y. P. Union on "Co-Workers with God."

¶ The Denominational Finance Committee for the three-year period ahead consists of 29 members. In future it will consist of 25 members. The status and function of the committee were defined by additions to the constitution of the General Conference. The committee will henceforth be a regular part of the denominational organization.

¶ The Conference endorsed the recommendation of the General Missionary Committee that General Secretary Wm. Kuhn make a trip of inspection to the countries of Southeastern Europe with special reference to Baptist work among the German speaking populations of these countries, and in order to confer with representatives of other Baptist organization over there concerning our status in this mission work. Bro. Kuhn sailed from New York Sept. 5 on the "Leviathan," accompanied by Mr. Christian Schmidt of Newark and Mr. Joseph Conrad of Clifton, N. J. Bro. Schmidt is defraying the expenses of the General Secretary on this trip.

¶ Mr. W. A. Staub, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the proposed budget of the Missionary and Benevolent Offering for 1925-1928. The total amount is \$875,000, about \$80,000 less than 3 years ago. It also represents a quarter of a million more than was actually received in the past triennium. The main items are \$220,000 for Home Missions; \$200,000 for Foreign Missions; \$80,000 for Rochester; \$60,000 for Ministers Pension; \$40,000 for Support Aged Ministers; \$50,000 for Chapel Building Fund and \$30,000 for Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. The Budget was adopted. The Finance Committee will be the Denominational Promotion Committee.

¶ The Conference went on record through the adoption of a recommendation by a self-elected committee of laymen, that the minimum salary of our pastors be \$1500 per year with free parsonage.

¶ The Outing on Saturday afternoon was a sightseeing tour of Pittsburgh.

About 70 machines were in the parade which was escorted by several motor-held in the Carnegie Music Hall, the cycle traffic officers. The new Liberty Tunnels, Mt. Washington, Point Bridge, North Side, Beechwood Boulevard and Shenley Park were some of the places included in the trip.

¶ The Alumni Banquet of the Ministers and their wives at the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday night was a gala night and an enthusiastic expression of loyalty to our Rochester Alma Mater. The banquet was choice and well served. The speakers were Prof. L. Kaiser and Prof. A. J. Ramaker; the oldest alumnus, Rev. R. Hoefflin; the longest, W. S. Argow; the youngest, Rev. G. C. Schwandt. Rev. C. E. Cramer, A. J. Harms, J. Lübeck and W. P. Rueckheim were received in our circle. Best of all \$4360 were pledged by the pastors for the Rochester building project. Now, let the laymen step up!

¶ The service on Sunday morning was First Baptist church being engaged by another service. It was an agreeable variation in the meetings. Mr. Fred Staib brought out the qualities of the splendid organ. Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke of Tacoma, Wash., preached a forceful sermon on "The Great Task of the Church Toward a Hungry World." His text was Mark 6:37: "Give ye them to eat." Rev. C. E. Cramer of New Kensington presided at this service.

¶ The Conference meetings were held with one exception in the magnificent edifice of the First Baptist Church. It is a replica of a Gothic church in France and cathedral like in its space and appointments. Apart from the main auditorium which was filled at most of the sessions, sometimes galleries included, there were splendid lobby facilities, committee rooms, etc. Bro. H. P. Donner had a fine book display. It was gracious hospitality and brotherhood to place this wonderful building at the disposal of the General Conference for the meetings.

¶ The daily bulletins which Rev. A. A. Schade issued were a welcome innovation and much appreciated by the delegates and visitors. Everybody was convinced that the Pittsburgh committee with Bro. Schade as chairman planned carefully and worked hard for the success of the Conference. They attained their goal and we congratulate them on the happy outcome of all.

¶ Over 200 ladies attended the banquet given in the dining room of the First church at 6 P. M. following the meeting of the women in the auditorium. Mrs. N. B. Neelen of Milwaukee, Wis., was re-elected President of the National Federation of Women's Societies (Allgemeiner Schwesternbund), Mrs. R. E. Hoefflin of New York, Secretary, and Mrs. Julius Kaaz of New Haven, Conn., Treasurer. Mrs. Louise Brandt will again edit the "Missions-Perle." Mrs. O. R. Judd of New York and others spoke at the Banquet.

### Sparkles From Some of the Speeches

*Prof. A. J. Ramaker:*

I have been a Christian for 51 years. I always feel myself inwardly exalted when I am permitted to pray for others.

*Rev. H. Kaaz:*

God would give us his gifts through prayer. We must bring ourselves into harmony with his arrangement.

*Bro. Kreutter of Folsomdale, N. Y.:*

This is one of the chief aims of a Christian,—to tell what God has done for him.

*E. E. Staub:*

We must do more than enjoy the faith. We must communicate it. And we must know and understand what we communicate. We must be sure of our personal faith in Jesus.

*Walter Grosser:*

Perhaps the hardest place for us to witness for the Lord is right in our own home. But there are opportunities for us laymen right in our own home. If we have no time for the Lord in the home, we will have little time for him outside. Witness in the home for the children's sake.

"The world is a neighborhood. Make it a brotherhood." (Y. M. C. A. slogan.)

Let us look into the face of God before we look into the face of man.

*David Hamel:*

In Isaiah, chap. 6 we find consecrated enlistment. Here we find a vision, a voice and a volunteer.

*Prof. L. Kaiser:*

"Lord, give me the grace of kindness." What we need is a baptism of kindness.

*Prof. H. von Berge:*

We wish to be as efficient as possible. But also as democratic as possible.

*Rev. G. H. Schneck:*

To honor our father and mother also means to honor our history.

Our Publication work prevented the dismemberment of our denomination.

If we profit as much from the modern principles of religious training as our fathers gained from theirs, we shall gain much.

*Rev. A. Bretschneider:*

What is the function of the Publication Society? It is educational. Not to make money but to make life; not to produce dollars but character.

*Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke:*

"Sirs, we would like to see Jesus." Not Jesus, the ethical teacher, or the mere prophet, but the Son of God. This Jesus has been entrusted to the church and she must give him to the world.

*Prof. L. Kaiser:*

There can be no release of God's power unless there is a willing people at his disposal. God cannot accomplish the purposes of his kingdom except through and by willing people.

*Prof. H. von Berge:*

Let us trust our leaders. Let us trust one another. Let us trust in our God. Are we all united on that? If so, let us say, Amen!



# The Enchanted Barn

Grace Livingston Hill

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(Continuation)  
CHAPTER XIII

It was beautiful to wake the next morning with the birds singing a matin in the trees, and a wonderful Sabbath quiet over everything. Tired out as she was and worn with excitement and care, Shirley was the first to waken, and she lay there quiet beside Carol for a little while, with her eyes closed, listening, and saying a prayer of thanksgiving for the peace of the place, and the wonder that it had come into her life. Then suddenly a strange luminousness about her simply forced her to open her eyes.

The eastern window was across the room from her bed, and the sky was rosy, with the dawn, and flooding the room. It was the first time in years she had watched the sun rise. She had almost forgotten, in the little dark house, that there was a sun to rise and make things glorious. The sun had seemed an enemy to burn and wilt and stifle.

But now here was a friend, a radiant new friend, to be waited for and enjoyed, to give glory to all their lives. She raised herself on one elbow and watched until the red ball had risen and burst into the brightness of day. Then she lay down softly again and listened to the birds. They seemed to be mad with joy over the new day. Presently the chorus grew less and less. The birds had gone about their morning tasks, and only a single bright song now and then from some soloist in the big tree overhead marked the sweet-scented silence of the morning.

In the quiet Shirley lay and went over events since she had first seen this spot and taken the idea of living in the barn. Her heart gave thanks anew that her mother had not disliked it as she had feared. There was no sense that it was a stable, no odor of living creatures having occupied it before, only sweet dusty clover like a lingering of past things put away carefully. It was like a great camping expedition. And then all those flowers! The scent of the lilies was on the air. How lovely of the young girl out of her luxury to think to pass on some of the sweet things of life! And the gracious, chivalrous man, her brother! She must not let him think she would presume upon his kindness. She must not let even her thoughts cross the line and dwell on the ground of social equality. She knew where he belonged, and there he should stay for all her. She was heart-free and happy, and only too glad to have such a kind landlord.

She drifted off to sleep again, and it was late when she awoke the next time. A silvery bell from the little white church in the valley was ringing and echoing distantly. Sabbath, real Sabbath, seemed brooding happily in the very air. Shirley got up and dressed

oldest daughter was fair to look upon, and that her winning ways, sweet, unspoiled face and wistful eyes had somewhat to do with the price of their summer's abode, it would be no wonder. But she did not mean to trouble her child further. She would investigate for herself when opportunity offered. So she quieted all anxieties Shirley might have had about her sanction of their selection of a home, kissed Shirley, and told her she felt it in her bones she was going to get well right away.

And, indeed, there was much in the fact of the lifting of the burden of anxiety concerning where they should live that went to brighten the eyes of the invalid and strengthen her heart.

When the children came home from church Shirley was putting dinner on the table, and her mother was arrayed in a pretty kimono, a relic of better days, and ready to be helped to the couch and wheeled out to the dining-room. It had been pleasant to see the children coming across the green meadow in the distance, and get things all ready for them when they rushed in hungry. Shirley was so happy she felt like crying.

After the dinner things were washed they shoved the couch into the living-room among the flowers, where George had built up a beautiful fire, for it was still chilly. The children gathered around their mother and talked, making plans for the summer, telling about the service they had attended, chattering like so many magpies. The mother lay and watched them and was content. Sometimes her eyes would search the dim, mellow rafters overhead, and glance along the stone walls, and she would say to herself: "This is a barn! I am living in a barn! My husband's children have come to this, that they have no place to live but a barn!" She was testing herself to see if the thought hurt her. But, looking on their happy faces, somehow she could not feel sad.

"Children," she said suddenly in one of the little lulls of conversation, "do you realize that Christ was born in a stable? It isn't so bad to live in a barn. We ought to be very thankful for this great splendid one!"

"Oh mother, dear! It is so beautiful of you to take it that way!" cried Shirley with tears in her eyes.

"Doris, you sing your little song about Jesus in the stable," said Carol. "I'll play it for you."

Doris, nothing loath, got a little stool, stood up beside her mother's couch, folded her small hands demurely, and began to sing without waiting for accompaniment:

*"Away in a manger,  
No crib for his head,  
The little Lord Jesus  
Lay down his sweet head.  
The tans in heaven  
Look down where 'e lay—  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep in the hay.*

*"The catta are lowing,  
The poor baby wates;*

*But the litta Lord Jesus  
No cwyin' he mates.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus;  
Look down fum the sky,  
An' stay by my trib,  
Watching my lul-la-by!"*

Shirley kissed Doris, and then they began to sing other things, all standing around the piano. By and by that distant bell from the valley, called again.

"There's vesper service at five o'clock. Why don't you go, Shirley? You and George and Harley," said Carol.

"Me 'ant do too!" declared Doris earnestly, and it was finally decided that the walk would not be too long; so the boys, Shirley and the baby started off across the fields, while Carol stayed with her mother. And this time Mrs. Hollister heard all about Elizabeth and how she wanted Carol to come and see her sometime. Heard, too, about the proposed dance, and its quiet squelching by the brother. Heard, and looked thoughtful, and wondered more.

"Mother is afraid they are not quite our kind of people, dear!" she said gently. "You mustn't get your heart bound up in that girl. She may be very nice, but she's a society girl, and you are not, you know. It stands to reason she will have other interests pretty soon, and then you will be disappointed when she forgets all about you."

"She won't forget, mother, I know she won't!" declared Carol stoutly. "She's not that kind. She loves me; she told me so. She wanted to put one of her rings on my finger to 'bind our friendship,' only I wouldn't let her till I had asked you, because I didn't have any but grandmother's to give her, and I couldn't give her that."

"That was right, dear. You can't begin things like that. You would find a great many of them, and we haven't the money to keep up with a little girl who has been used to everything."

Carol's face went down. Tears began to come in her eyes.

"Can't we have even friends?" she said, turning her face away to hide her quiver in her lip, and the tears that were rolling down her cheeks.

"Yes, dear," said the mother sorrowfully, "but don't choose them from among another people. People who can't possibly have much in common with us. It is sure to hurt hard when there are differences in station like that."

"But I didn't choose them. They chose us!" declared Carol. "Elizabeth just went wild over us the first time she saw us, and her brother told Shirley he was glad, that it would do Elizabeth a lot of good to know us. He said, 'We've learned a lot of things from you already,' just like that, he said it! I was coming down the stairs behind them when they stood here talking one day, and I couldn't help hearing them."

"Yes?" said Mrs. Hollister thoughtfully. "Well, perhaps, but, dear, go slow and don't pin your heart to a friendship like that, for it will most likely be disappointing. Just be happy in what she has done for us already, and don't expect anything more. She

may never come again. It may just have been a passing whim. And I don't want you to be always looking for her and always disappointed."

"I shall not be disappointed, mamma," said Carol decidedly. "You'll see!" and her face brightened.

Then as if to make good her words a big car came whirring up the road and stopped in front of the barn, and almost before she could get to the window to look out Carol heard Elizabeth's voice calling softly:

"Carol! Car-roll! Are you there?" and she flung the door open and rushed into her new friend's arms.

Graham came more slowly up the incline, smiling apologetically and hoping he didn't intrude, coming so soon.

Carol led them over to the invalid and introduced her friend, and the young man came after them.

"I'm afraid this is rather soon to obey your summons, Mrs. Hollister," he said engagingly, "but Elizabeth couldn't stand it without coming over to see if you really found the ice-cream freezer, so I thought we'd just drop in for a minute and see whether you were quite comfortable."

Somehow, suddenly, Mrs. Hollister's fears and conclusions concerning these two young people began to vanish, and in spite of her she felt just as Shirley had done, that they were genuine in their kindness and friendship. Carol, watching her, was satisfied, and a glow of triumph shone in her eyes. Nevertheless, Mrs. Hollister gathered her caution about her as a garment, and in dignified and pleasant phrases thanked the two in such a way that they must see that neither she nor her children would ever presume upon what had been done for them, nor take it for more than a passing kindness.

But to her surprise the young man did not seem to be more than half listening to her words. He seemed to be studying her face with deep intention that was almost embarrassing. The soft color stole into her thin cheeks, and she stopped speaking and looked at him in dismay.

"I beg your pardon," he said, seeing her bewilderment, "but you can't understand perhaps how interested I am in you. I am afraid I have been guilty of staring. You see it is simply amazing to me to find a woman of your refinement and evident culture and education who is content—I might even say joyful—to live in a barn! I don't know another woman who would be satisfied. And you seem to have brought up all your children with just such happy, adaptable natures, that it is a great puzzle to me. I—I—why, I feel sort of rebuked! I feel that you and your children are among the great of the earth. Don't thank me and Elizabeth for the little we have been able to do toward making this barn habitable. It was a sort of—I might say homage, due to you, that we were rendering. And now please don't think anything more about it. Let's just talk as if we were friends—that is, if you are willing to accept a

couple of humble strangers among your list of friends."

"Why, surely, if you put it that way!" smiled the little woman. "Although I'm sure I don't know what else we could do but be glad and happy over it that we had a barn like this to come to under a sweet blue sky, with a bird and a tree thrown in, when we literally didn't know where we could afford to lay our heads. You know beggars shouldn't be choosers, but I'm sure one would choose a spacious place like this any day in preference to most of the ordinary city houses, with their tiny dark rooms, and small breathless windows."

"Even if 'twas called a barn?"

"Even if 'twas called a barn!" said the woman with a fitting dance in her eyes that reminded him of the girl Shirley.

"Well, I'm learning a lot, I tell you!" said the young man. "The more I see of you all, the more I learn. It's opened my eyes to a number of things in my life that I'm going to set right. By the way, is Miss Hollister here? I brought over a book I was telling her about the other day. I thought she might like to see it."

"She went over to the vesper service at the little church across the fields. They'll be coming home soon, I think. It must be nearly over."

He looked at his watch. "Suppose I take the car and bring them back. You stay here, Elizabeth. I'll soon be back. I think I can catch them around by the road if I put on speed."

He was off, and the mother lay on the couch watching the two girls and wishing with all her heart that it were so that her children might have these two fine young people for friends. But of course such things could not very well be in this world of stern realities and multitudinous conventionalities. What, for instance, would be said in the social set to which the Grahams belonged if it were known that some of their intimate friends lived in a barn? No, such things did not happen even in books, and the mother lay still and sighed. She heard the chatter of the two girls.

"You're coming home with me to stay over Sunday pretty soon. Sidney said he would fix it up with your mother pretty soon. We'll sleep together and have the grandest times. Mother likes me to have friends stay with me, but most of the girls I know are off at boarding-school now, and I'm dreadfully lonesome. We have tennis-courts and golf links and a bowling ally. Do you play tennis? And we can go out in the car whenever we like. It's going to be grand. I'll show you my dog and my pony I used to ride. He's getting old now, and I'm getting too big for him, but I love him just the same. I have a saddle-horse, but I don't ride much. I'd rather go motoring with Sid—"

And so she rattled on, and the mother sighed for her little girl who was being tempted by a new and beautiful world, and had not the wherewithal to enter it, even if it were possible for her to do so.



Out in the sunset the car was speeding back again with the seats full, Doris chirping gleefully at the ride, for her fat legs had grown very weary with the long walk through the meadow and Shirley had almost been sorry she had taken her along.

The boys were shouting all sorts of questions about dogs and chickens and cars and a garden, and Graham was answering them all good-humoredly, now and then turning around to throw back a pleasant sentence and a smile at the quiet girl with the happy eyes sitting in the back seat with her arm around her little sister.

There was nothing notable about the ride to remember. It was just one of those beautiful bits of pleasantness that fit into the mosaic of any growing friendship, a bit of color without which the whole is not perfect. Shirley's part in it was small. She said little and sat listening happily to the boys' conversation with Graham. She had settled it with her heart that morning that she and the young man on that front seat had nothing in future to do with each other, but it was pleasant to see him sitting there talking with her brothers. There was no reason why she should not be glad for that, and glad he was not a snob. For every time she looked on his clean, frank face, and saw his nice gray eyes upon her, she was sure that he was not a snob.

The guests stayed a little while after they all got back, and accepted quite as a matter of course the dainty little lunch that Carol and Elizabeth, slipping away unobserved, prepared and brought in on trays,—some of the salad left from dinner, some round rolls that Shirley had brought out with her Saturday, cut in two and crisply toasted, cups of delicious cocoa, and little cakes. That was all, but it tasted fine, and the two self-invited guests enjoyed it hugely. Then they ranged themselves around the piano and sang hymns, and it is safe to say that the guests at least had not spend as "Sabbath" a Sabbath in all their lives. Elizabeth was quite astonished when she suggested that they sing a popular song to have Carol answer in a polite but gently reproving tone, "Oh, not today, you know."

"Why not? Doesn't your mother like it?" whispered Elizabeth.

"Why, we don't any of us usually sing things like that on Sunday, you know. It doesn't seem like Sunday. It doesn't seem quite respectful to God." Carol was terribly embarrassed and was struggling to make her idea plain.

"Oh!" Elizabeth said, and stood looking wistfully, wondering at her friend, and finally stole out a soft hand and slipped it into Carol's, pressing her fingers as if to make her know she understood. Then they lifted up their voices again over the same hymn-book:

*"Thine earthly Sabbaths, Lord, we love,  
But there's a nobler rest above;  
To that our longing souls aspire  
With cheerful hope and strong desire."*

Graham looked about on the group as they sang, his own fine tenor joining in

the words, his eyes lingering on the earnest face of his little sister as she stood arm in arm with the other girl, and was suddenly thrilled with the thought of what a Sabbath might be, kept in this way. It had never appealed to him quite like that before. Sabbath-keeping had seemed a dry, thankless task for a few fanatics; now a new possibility loomed vaguely in his mind. He could see that people like this could really make the Sabbath something to love, not just a day to loll through and pass the time away.

When they finally went away there was just a streak of dull red left in the western horizon where the day had disappeared, and all the air was seething with sweet night sounds and odors, the dampness of swamps striking coolly in their faces as the car sped along.

"Sidney," said Elizabeth after a long time, "did you ever feel as if God were real?"

"Why, how do you mean, kid?" asked the brother, rather embarrassed. These subjects were not discussed at all in the Graham household.

"Did you ever feel as if there really was a God somewhere, like a person, that could see and hear you and know what you did and how you felt to him? Because they do. Carol said they didn't sing 'Tipperary' on Sunday because it didn't seem quite respectful to God, and I could see she really meant it. It wasn't because her mother said she had to or anything like that. She thought so herself."

"H'm!" said Graham thoughtfully. "Well, they're rather remarkable people, I think."

"Well, I think so too, and I think it's about time you fixed it up with mamma to let Carol come and visit me."

"I'm going to get mother to go out there and call this week if I can," said Graham after another longer pause, and then added: "I think she will go and I think she will like them. After that we'll see, kid. Don't you worry. They're nice, all right." He was thinking of a look on Shirley's face as she sat at the piano playing for them all to sing.

(To be continued)

### Young People at Northwestern Conference

The Young People of the Northwestern Conference had a fine meeting on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 23, the last day of the Conference, held at Baileyville, Ill. After enjoying a one hour concert by the Sunday school Orchestra of the local church, the meeting was opened by Rev. W. J. Appel of La Crosse, Wis., who presided as chairman.

Rev. H. Palfenier read the scripture lesson. After prayer by Rev. A. Foll the nominating committee gave its report. The committee, consisting of Rev. H. W. Wedel, Miss Hattie Tholen and Rev. Palfenier, submitted the following names which were accepted as officers for the coming year: President, Rev. W. J. Appel, La Crosse, Wis.; Vice-President, L. Johnson, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; Secretary-Treasurer, Benj. Zimmerman, Baileyville, Ill. The meeting was continued

by a solo by Mrs. G. F. Ehrhorn of Parkersburg, who sang "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." After a short address of welcome by H. Zimmerman, president of the local society, Rev. A. P. Mihm, Executive Secretary, gave a very interesting address: "Growing and Guarding a Christian Personality." His text was taken from 1 Tim. 4:12, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word and conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

After Rev. Mihm's address an offering was received which was followed by an address by Rev. W. E. Schmitt of St. Paul. His topic was, "The Worth While Life." Both addresses were the means of a blessing to a large audience of both young and old. The Motto for the year is that of Rev. Mihm's text: "Let no man despise thy youth."

May all the young people of the Northwestern Conference plan and boost for a still greater and more helpful meeting next year!

BENJ. ZIMMERMAN, Sec.

### The Southwestern Conference

The College Ave. Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo., had the burden and the honor of entertaining the Southwestern Conference this year. The conference was in session from Wednesday evening, Aug. 19, to Sunday evening, Aug. 25. The attendance wasn't quite as large this year as in some of the former years, but the fine spirit that prevailed more than made up for the lack of numbers. The prayer and testimony meetings were especially inspiring. Everyone felt the presence of the Lord and Master in a very real way, and each and all solemnly resolved to do more in the coming conference year for the advancement of God's Kingdom and the salvation of immortal souls than ever before.

One new feature of the conference was the fact that about one-half of the services were conducted in the English language. Rev. H. R. Schroeder delivered the missionary sermon on Thursday evening in English. The offering on this occasion amounted to over \$65. The young people's meeting on Friday evening, the Sunday afternoon meeting and the closing meeting Sunday evening were also conducted in English. It was surprising as well as gratifying to see that even the older people took a hearty interest in these English services.

Another important feature of the conference was the organization of a Y. P. & S. S. Workers' Union. The Union had been temporarily organized in Marion last year, but now the organization was perfected and made permanent. A constitution was adopted and regular officers were elected. The young people's meeting on Friday evening was perhaps the best attended of all the conference meetings. The church was crowded to the doors and everyone enjoyed the entire program, but all were agreed that one number especially deserved unlimited praise, and that was the presentation of a missionary pageant, entitled

"Broken China," by the young people of the College Ave. church.

The following were elected as officers of the Union for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Chas. Zoschke, Junction City, Kans.; Vice-President, Mr. Frank Brueckman, Kansas City, Mo.; Secretary, Miss Esther Kaufman, Hillsboro, Kans.; Treasurer, Miss Anna Seifert, Marion, Kans.; Council member, Rev. Chas. Wagner, Ellinwood, Kans.

It would be well if all the Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U.'s in the conference would take notice of one provision of the constitution, viz, the one pertaining to the dues. The Union would like to undertake some definite missionary work either in our own conference or abroad, but such action cannot be taken until sufficient funds have been secured. All Sunday schools and young people's organizations should, therefore, as soon as possible send a contribution of at least \$5 to the treasurer of the Union. If all will comply with this request, then greater things can be undertaken when we meet again with the First church in Dillon, Kans., in 1926.

The young people of the Southwestern Conference feel that they have a responsibility toward Christ and his cause in the world; they are full of enthusiasm and eager to do their part. May God help them to go forward in the name of the Lord!

H. R. SCHROEDER.

### Keswick Summer Assembly

The Young People of the Atlantic Conference enjoyed a very versatile program at the Keswick Summer Assembly, which convened from August 1-10. Located in the heart of the Pine Groves of New Jersey, Keswick proved not only an ideal place for hiking, boating and swimming, but due to its isolation from all disturbances, an inducement to study and spiritual reconnoitering as well.

Much is being said in these days about the Four-Fold Life. Due to the splendid management of the Faculty and the Promotion Committee our Young People have the rare privilege of honestly claiming the distinction of having lived a well balanced life for one week at least.

The classes were both interesting and instructive, and from 8.20 till 12.20 offered ample opportunity for mental gymnastics. We could boast of 9 teachers. When we say "boast" we mean just that. They were great. They will never know the extent of their influence on the pupils. The great spiritual value of their teaching will only be recognized when the implanted principles begin to develop and bear fruit in daily living. The curriculum was varied and offered several accredited courses which were very popular.

The members of the faculty certainly showed their ability to excel, not only in the class-room, but in the realm of sports and recreation as well. What a good time we had, playing games, swimming, boating and hiking through the woods.

One phase of our recreation took us



Students and Faculty, Keswick Grove, N. J.

eleven miles from the Grove. However, we did not walk. Some of our more fortunate members covered that distance in no time with their machines and landed us in Lakeshurst at the U. S. Aerial Station. We had the privilege of surveying at close range the Shenandoah and the Los Angeles. It was awe-inspiring to view the results of human calculation and design, and to be reminded of the greatness of our God in creating the human intellect.

Down in the Sand-Hollow, Miss Eichsteadt, our recreational leader, built a roaring fire on Monday night, and we had a "Doggie Roast." But we were not the only ones who enjoyed the eats. The New Jersey mosquitoes had a regular banquet, and for the next few days our digits had a steady job.

Tuesday night we had a Musical Program interspersed with humorous recitations. Two of the vocal selections were original (as to words) and one of them by common consent became our Keswick Song. Stunt night was greatly appreciated by all. The "Big Sing" took place down by the lake on Friday night. We all gathered around a large campfire, and the mosquitoes sated, for once, left us in peace, while we did the singing for a change. Both English and German songs were sung, and at ten o'clock we had devotion together under a canopy of stars.

The students of Keswick were a self-governed body, under the wise direction of Rev. G. H. Schneck. Herbert Kruse of Philadelphia was elected president and Mildred Berger from the same city was elected secretary. We are not permitted to publish all the weighty matters which we considered and wisely managed. We chose as our Institute colors Green and Tan, our Emblem is a cluster of Pine Needles, and our Motto "In His Favor Is Life." We are sure that the Institute will help us to remain in His favor.

Perhaps the most enjoyable and profitable hour of the day was from 7-8 P. M. when we had our Vesper Service.

Rev. Schneck was the leader and certainly brought us face to face with some of the most vital questions of life. We were lifted into the very presence of God and there recognized more clearly than ever before our duty and responsibility as Christians. Surely the earnest words spoken and the impressions received through the working of the Holy Spirit will endure and bear fruit through time and eternity.

RUTH C. DOESCHER.

### B. Y. P. U. Bethany, Kans.

Another year, rich with blessings, has passed for the B. Y. P. U. at Bethany, Kans. Although we have accomplished nothing unusual, or increased our membership greatly, we have tried to help our members both spiritually and socially.

In our society a program committee and pianist is appointed every three months; during the past year this committee has arranged the following programs: 2 literary, 2 musical, 2 Bible contests, 1 character, 1 radio program, a Mother's Day program and 9 Bible studies.

The first Sunday in February Dr. Smith, president of the Ottawa University, was with us. His addresses, both morning and evening, inspired us to put our best into the service of our Master. Sixteen of our young people joined the Life Service League that day, promising to enter no calling of life unless it were God's leading.

On the first Sunday in March a group of our young people went to Gaylord to attend the revival meetings being held there at that time.

We are planning to celebrate our anniversary by an all-day picnic.

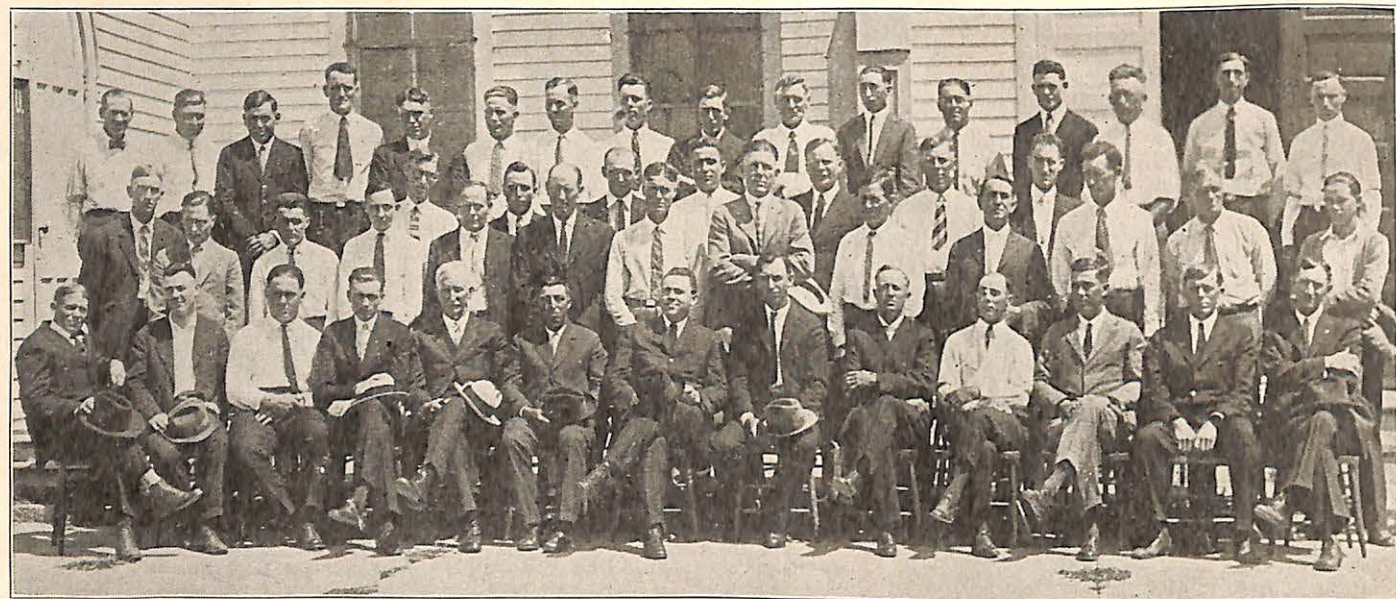
We are now looking forward to another year of work and with God's help we hope to make it better than the last.

META NITSCH, Sec.

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Mark Twain said: "One of the most striking differences between a cat and a lie is that a cat has only nine lives."





Bible Class, Lorraine, Kans.

### Men's Bible Class Lorraine

The Men's Bible class of the Lorraine Baptist church gave an outing the afternoon of Friday, July 17. The occasion was in compliment to their instructor and pastor, the Rev. Dr. A. J. Harms, who with his family were leaving our community July 28 for the pastorate of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa. The Lyons Y. M. C. A. camp, Camp Stahl, was the site chosen for the gathering and it was indeed a most enjoyable picnic ground. Cow Creek, with tall, shady cottonwood trees along its banks, borders the camp site, forming an improvised amphitheater. The members of the class and their ladies and lady friends arrived in motor cars about 2.30 in the afternoon. Mr. Walter Melchert, Mr. Henry A. Froning and Mr. Louis Rolfs led the group in the most popular out-of-door games. These included the more old-fashioned games, also some venturesome feats and culminated in dividing the crowd into groups and each group presenting a charade.

We had noticed that each arriving car stopped at the entrance to the cabin and that parcels were being carried into the kitchen. Mrs. Paul Peters, Mrs. Wm. Schmidt and Mrs. Ed. Wilkens, with the aid of their husbands, presided over the work in the kitchen. At 5.30 dinner was announced. The group was seated around the tables in the cabin. Dr. Harms gave the invocation. Mr. Paul Peters, Dr. Wm. Schmidt and Mr. Ed. Wilkens, clad in chef costumes, served the following menu to the guests: Fried chicken, buttered buns, potato salad, coffee, lemonade, ice cream, angel cake.

It was then in the cool of the evening, shadows were lengthening and one's thoughts were naturally turned to meditation. The group assembled to the benches under the trees for a song service and program. Mr. Henry Mollhagen, president of the class, presided at the meeting. He asked Miss Ruth Peters to lead in the singing of several hymns. Dr. Harms gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Mollhagen gave a few introductory remarks and then called on Mr. Harry Bronleewe for a several minute address. Following Mr. Bronleewe, Dr. Stassen, Mr. Oscar Wilkens and Mr. Henry A. Froning each gave a short address, expressing regret at the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Harms from our community and stating their appreciation of Dr. Harms as their Sunday school teacher and pastor and what he has meant to our church and our community. Dr. Harms responded with a few remarks, thanking the class for their kindness and expressions of good will extended to them. Mr. Mollhagen then asked Mrs. Harms to speak and she did so. Following her remarks, the audience arose and the Rev. H. J. Froning asked the benediction.

### Convention of the Iowa Jugendbund

The Iowa Jugendbund met in its thirtieth annual convention at "Burlington on the Mississippi" where the Jugendbund was organized thirty years ago. About 170 delegates and visitors and 6 pastors represented the eleven societies in the Jugendbund.

In the absence of the president, H. B. Wiesley of Aplington, and Secretary-treasurer L. A. Johnson of Steamboat Rock, Vice-President C. J. Spieker of George, Iowa, took charge of the convention, and a substitute was appointed to temporarily take care of Mr. Johnson's duties. However, the Jugendbund expressed its extended confidence in these two officers by re-electing them to their respective places of responsibility for next year.

The motto of the Jugendbund, "Saved to Serve," was not lost sight of in the seven sessions of the convention. All of the meetings were opened by the singing of songs of a distinctive nature, emphasizing some part of our spiritual life and service. These were followed by short devotionals, led by members of the different societies, after which business was taken up, or an in-

spirational address listened to, as the program might dictate. These were interspersed with vocal and instrumental numbers by different societies.

Mrs. C. E. Hillis, known and loved by many Christian workers in Iowa and other states, was the convention speaker. Mrs. Hillis illustrated and interpreted the Convention motto, "The Four-Square Life," in a series of four addresses in which she clearly indicated the right relationship of young people to their God and to their fellow-men in each of their four-sided natures, the physical life, the mental, the social and the religious life. Of especial interest and inspiration to personal workers and others was the "Open Conference on Personal Evangelism" in which others told how they had been won to Christ, or of experiences in bringing others; and the "Call for Consecration," just before the close of the last meeting, which was answered by about 20 young people.

Other speakers on the program were Rev. A. J. Harms of Lorraine, Kans., successor of Rev. O. E. Krueger at Burlington, Rev. Bovell of Burlington, Rev. W. H. Rogers of Muscatine and Mr. Hans Keiser of Elgin, all of whose addresses helped to make the program a successful one.

On Wednesday afternoon everybody enjoyed an outing at Burlington's beautiful "Crapo Park," a scenic spot overlooking the great "Father of Waters."

We do not want to forget to say that the work of the Burlington society was the "last word" in efficiency, entertainment and hospitality. This was evidenced in the homes, in the city, in the dining room and in general in their beautiful and practical church building.

The convention voted to give \$250 to mission work in China and \$400 to the General Mission Fund of our church. The goal in raising funds in the societies for Missions was again set at \$1000 for next year.

HERMAN L. ZIMMERMAN.

# Our Devotional Meeting

G. W. PUST

October 11

## They "First Gave Their Own Selves"

2 Cor. 8:1-15

### A Stewardship Meditation

It is both a privilege and an obligation to give to the Lord. There are many people, however, who cannot understand why they should give away anything for any purpose whatsoever. How entirely different the Macedonian Christians were! May their example stimulate our liberality, as it did that of the Corinthians!

*They gave out of deep poverty, v. 2.* Thus they showed that poverty is no reason for withholding our gifts. The widow gave two mites which was "all her living" (Mark 12:32-44). The Lord expects us to give in proportion to our income. (1 Cor. 16:2.) This, in many instances, may be very little; but, if given with the right motive, God will multiply it. (Matt. 14:18-20.) It may be easy to plead poverty; but it is not always sincere. Whether rich or poor let us all honestly ask: "How much owest thou unto my Lord?" (Luke 16:5.)

*They gave beyond their ability, v. 3.* Measured by their resources their gifts were too large. But does not all well-doing consist in straining our power? "It is in trying to do what we cannot do that we do best what we can." How these Macedonian Christians put to shame so many of us who keep well within the limits of our resources.

*They gave their own selves, v. 5.* Here lies the secret of their liberality. One that actually gives himself to the Lord does not consider his substance his own. He is like a slave whose hut and garden and furniture belong to his master. Of course, there are many Christians whose gift of themselves to the Lord is just as real as that of those who are so highly commended by Paul; but with tens of thousands it is merely sentiment. "It is useless for people to talk or sing about belonging to him, unless they verify their words by their deeds."

October 18

## What Is Expected of a Christian Citizen?

Micah 6:8; Tit. 3:1-8

(Citizenship Day)

Before the law of the land a Christian and a non-Christian citizen stand on equal terms; but before the bar of public opinion much more is expected of the Christian. Micah's pronouncement is quite inclusive.

*We should do justly.* Above all, to God. He wants our life and our love. (Mark 12:30; Rom. 12:1.) As our Creator, Overseer and Redeemer he

must receive first consideration. A natural result will then be to do justly to our fellowmen. Their person, their property, their reputation will be considered sacred. Before their face, behind their back we will deal fairly with them. We will love them and do them good. (Tit. 3:2.) We will do justly to the government. (Tit. 3:1.) Paul's admonition becomes especially impressive when we consider the government under which he lived. Think of Nero. And we will do justly to ourselves "Justice is the constant and perpetual will to render to every one that which is his own," declared Justinian.

*We should love mercy.* Perhaps we can define mercy as *justice plus*. Mercy is so named from misery. A merciful man is touched by another's misery. How that reminds us of the world's misery and Christ's coming to save! But are not all of God's gifts tokens of his mercy? He wants to see it in us. The world expects it. A Shylock demands his pound of flesh; but a Christian citizen must love mercy. "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

*Walk humbly with thy God.* This means companionship, converse with God in prayer, bringing to him our doubts, fears, trials and necessities. It means implicit obedience.

October 25

## Our New Americans

*How they Help Us and How We Can Help Them*

Deut. 10:12-22; Luke 7:1-5

*How they help us.* Frederick J. Hopkins' book, "The Immigrant," contains the following:

"I am the immigrant. I have shouldered my burden as the American man-of-all-work. I contribute eighty-five per cent of all the labor in the slaughtering and meat-packing industries. I do seven-tenths of the bituminous coal mining. I do seventy-eight per cent of all the work in the woolen-mills. I contribute nine-tenths of all the labor in the cotton-mills. I make nineteen-twentieths of all the clothing. I manufacture more than half the shoes. I build four-fifths of all the furniture. I make half of the collars, cuffs and shirts. I turn out four-fifths of all the leather. I make half the gloves. I refine nearly nineteen-twentieths of the sugar. I make half of the tobacco and cigars. And yet I am the great American problem."

*How we can help them.* The "Christian Herald" contains the following interesting suggestions:

"Teaching English to mothers in their homes. Betterment of housing conditions by pressure on selfish landlords. Backyard playgrounds . . . under American supervision. Help through the intricacies and official discourtesies of naturalization." "Preventing exploitation by shyster lawyers and quack doctors. Bringing into touch with district nurse." "Big Brother and Big Sister work." "When a fashionable church has been surrounded by an immigrant community, bringing the new-comers into church, instead of selling the structure to become a garage and building a new church 'uptown'."

*What Theodore Roosevelt said.* "If we do not see that the immigrant and the children of the immigrant are raised up, most assuredly the result will be that our children are pulled down. Either they will rise or we shall sink."

November 1

## Can We Live by the Golden Rule?

Matt. 7:12; Lev. 19:18; Gal. 6:1

(Consecration meeting)

The application of the Golden Rule means golden conduct. It does not only insist upon justice; but goes beyond it, leading us into the region of generosity or grace.

*Some test question.* Is it possible for a man to be honest and upright in all his dealings? Can we put the best, instead of the worst, construction on the deeds of others? When one must lose in a business transaction, would you rather be the one instead of the other fellow? Is it possible to "love your enemies," to "do good to them that hate you," and to "pray for them which spitefully use you"? Can we forgive "until seventy times seven"? In short, is it possible for human beings to be unselfish enough to seek their fellowmen's best? If not, what would be Christ's object in demanding it? Did he ever demand anything that he did not expect? Does it not behoove us to cease our questioning and to trust him for the necessary strength for the fulfillment of his own demands?

*The answer of Christian missions.* Why did Carey go to India? Livingstone to Africa? Paton to the New Hebrides? Why have men and women laid down their lives in service and in death in all parts of the world? Surely not for the sake of adventure; but because they desired to free men from the fetters of sin and disease and death. They did what they would have desired others to do, had they been in similar need. And the same spirit actuates thousands of men and women today.

*The effect upon the world.* If all men lived by the Golden Rule, there would be no more wars, no more strife between employer and employee.



### Report of President H. Marks

To the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union in conference assembled at Pittsburgh:

My dear Friends:

Since the organization of our Union at St. Paul, three busy years have passed. One can hardly realize that the time of our Conference is again upon us.

It is with sincere regret that I am unable to be present in person. My prayers and thoughts are with you continually. God grant a successful conference!

On account of the various duties cast upon me, both in business and in charitable work, I have been obliged to keep close to the office during many years past, and my only vacations, so called, have been spent at conferences, with the result that on two occasions, the last one this spring and summer, I have had to give some attention to my health. And during the preparation of this report, notice was served on me requiring my presence in Los Angeles on September 1 and 2 on important business affairs. So much as explanation for my absence.

It has been the endeavor of your officers to secure as large a subscription list to the "Baptist Herald" as possible, and we feel that the success of the paper is shown in the fact that in the third year we have had a larger subscription list than during the two previous years. We desire to express our sincere thanks to all for the hearty co-operation shown everywhere, and in your efforts to make this paper a success. Without your help, this would have been impossible. We feel that the paper has done much to link up and keep the young folks in various parts of our denominational field in touch with each other.

The paper should be issued twice a month. I feel that the demand for it is getting greater. Further efforts should be made to increase the subscriptions during the coming winter.

Our goal in the past has been 5000. We are near that figure. Why not set it at 6000 and plug hard to reach it? Representing as it does, the Young People and Sunday school workers, it should be enlarged and increased to give additional information concerning the promotion of Young People's and Sunday school work. I feel that if the service is given, the subscribers will gladly pay the price.

We have been handicapped to a great extent in the past by the fact that Bro. Bloedow, who was elected associate secretary, became sick and incapacitated during the first year. Our prayers have gone up to the throne of God for him and his family. Let us remember him in these days.

Steps should be taken and ways and means provided for additional help for Bro. Mihm. To him we owe a special vote of thanks for the consistent, hard and successful work he has done in the past three years. If the "Herald" is to be issued oftener, either some one else will have to take over the editorship, to permit Bro. Mihm to visit the fields, or

a plan evolved whereby the work can be divided between the two men. Something definite should be decided. We must have at least one other man for our work. We must go forward. We cannot stand still. Standing still would mean sliding backward.

The interest for the work has been shown in the fact that during the past three years a number of Assemblies and Institutes have been in session each year in various parts of our country, where young folks have gathered to study and learn of the problems confronting our Sunday schools and Young People. Additional Jugendbunds and Sunday School Unions have been organized, and not in a long time past has our work in the Sunday schools shown such upward trend.

The important thing for us to remember is this: that our great work lies in the Sunday school; that a great portion of our present church membership has come from the Sunday schools, and that from 75 to 90 per cent of the Sunday school scholars who are members of our churches, have come into the churchmembership before the 16th year.

If this is true, then it behooves us to pay special and particular attention to this branch of the work, and it will be food for deep thought, whether it will not be well to spend a little more money to promote Sunday school work more earnestly, with more vigor and with better results than in the past.

Several good pamphlets have been prepared by a number of our Council members and circulated, showing us what should be our goals and standards. Others along the same line should be prepared and circulated.

And I feel further that a missionary program could also be outlined under which we could undertake to do special missionary work in the Sunday schools at certain periods of the year, and if we did this prayerfully and unitedly, much good might be accomplished.

It is wonderful that we are in a position to do missionary work in foreign fields, and able to spend large sums of money there. But please remember, that we have a most wonderful missionary field in our Sunday schools here, which requires particular attention at the present time. Should we hesitate to go forward in this direction, and neglect the same by lack of interest, by being too penurious in this direction, and sometimes overconfident and satisfied that everything will go all right anyway, we may find some day to our great disappointment that the Home Field has been lost with the attendant and natural result that the foreign field cannot be kept up.

In fact it has so often come to our attention that the church has used the Sunday school to assist it financially, instead of the church digging down in its coffers to help the Sunday school. The expense of maintaining our Sunday schools has been only about 10 per cent of all other expenses of the church, and that in the face of the fact that the greater portion of our present church

membership has come from the Sunday school.

My dear friends, stop and think for a moment, how much would a live American business house spend for advertising and promoting a certain branch of its business from which it could draw from 50 to 75 per cent of its business and profits?

Can you look these youngsters straight in the face and say that you have treated them fairly? If not, then let's start now.

Because our Sunday schools have done such fine things, in spite of the lack of national, co-ordinate efforts, we owe a special vote of appreciation to the local workers, and thanks to our Heavenly Father, but this does not permit us to continue this course in the future. We owe it to God and to every one to devise means and ways to carry on a greater work.

Young America wants something doing all the time. And Young America is found in the Sunday school as well as everywhere else. It is up to us to offer Young America something that is good; that is sound; that will keep its mind occupied and yet lead it to live a real, true, Christian life.

Folks, I feel in my heart that you are with me in this. Then provide and give us the means to do something.

God bless you all!

Respectfully submitted by your  
humble servant,  
HENRY MARKS.

### The Young People's Banquet at Pittsburgh

It occurred on Friday, August 28, after the business session of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. It began at 6 P. M. in the lower room of the First Baptist Church. Over 300 were present. The sale of tickets was limited to the capacity of the number provided for.

It was a full hour and three-quarters. The song program provided by the local committee and the song sheet furnished by Secretary Mihm were both used to the limit. The songs were lively, apt and appropriate. The young people and Sunday school workers were grouped according to Conferences. Mr. Ralph Kuhn of Temple church acted as song leader. Executive Secretary A. P. Mihm was toast master.

After full justice had been done to the food, the president of the Temple Church Y. P. Society, Mr. Wm. H. Waugh, brought a word of greeting for the Pittsburgh churches. Mr. Earl Traver, president of the New York and Vicinity Jugendbund, spoke for the Atlantic Conference young people; Rev. F. H. Willkens for the Eastern Conference; President E. W. Hoek for the Central Conference; H. B. Wiesley, president of the Iowa Jugendbund, for the Northwestern Conference. Rev. Chas. Wagner told us what the Southwestern Conference intended to do, and Mr. A. V. Zuber of North Dakota in eloquent and witty remarks held up the achievements of the Dakota Conference. The far north had as speaker Rev. J. Leyboldt of Winnipeg and the Sunny South

spoke through Rev. J. Pfeiffer. The result of the afternoon's elections were announced. The newly elected Secretary A. Bretschneider was introduced and spoke from his heart. Mrs. E. B. Meier gave a brief speech. Our missionary leader, General Secretary Kuhn, was called upon for a closing word. Songs and quartettes and stunts of various kinds, society yells and conference slogans interspersed the speeches.

Every moment was crowded and electric. Things moved at a rapid pace and a great deal was packed into that time from 6 to 7.45 P. M. Enthusiasm, loyalty, fellowship, co-operation, love was in the air and in our hearts. With prayer by Bro. Umbach we adjourned to the evening meeting in the auditorium.

### The Young People's Rally on Sunday Afternoon

The spacious auditorium of the First church was filling rapidly when Bro. Reuben Windisch began to conduct a rousing song service at 3 P. M. The Windisch Quartet, composed of Miss Lydia Mihm, Mrs. E. B. Meier, Reuben Windisch and Robert Krogman, sang "Some Soul I Might Have Won." Vice-President A. A. Schade presided. Mr. Wm. H. Waugh read the 100th Psalm and Mr. Ralph Kuhn led in prayer.

The new officers of the society, E. W. Hoek, pres.; J. G. Luebeck, vice-pres.; Gertrude Fetzer, recording secretary, and General Secretaries Mihm and Bretschneider were introduced and inducted into office by past vice-president Schade. Brief responses were made by Mr. Luebeck, Miss Fetzer and Rev. Bretschneider.

Then followed three addresses of 20 minutes each. The first was given by Rev. J. Leyboldt of Winnipeg, Can., on "Our Young People and the Church."

He said: The church is divine in her mission and glorious in her destiny. She is preeminently a spiritual body. Her unique mission is threefold: she must win souls for Christ, build up Christian character and equip others for unselfish service. What would our life be as young people without the moral and spiritual influence of the church?

The best way for a young Christian to serve the church at large is to serve the church to which he belongs. Do not come to church for what you get out of it. Come to church to put something into it.

There are three classes of young people in our churches, the very faithful, the fairly faithful and the unfaithful. To which do you belong?

Our newly-elected president of the Union, Mr. Edward W. Hoek of Detroit, was the second speaker and his topic emphasized: "Our Young People and Soul-winning."

He brought before us a vivid picture of the appalling school fire some years ago at Collinwood, Ohio, with its terrible loss of life and how, since that time every public school in Ohio is equipped with safety devices. To learn that lesson we had to pay the price. We prize the value of a human life for time.



Young People's Society, Pleasant Valley N. D.

We labor incessantly to save a single life like Floyd Collins imprisoned in the Kentucky cave, and rightly so. But do we value an immortal soul as we ought to? Are we soul-winners?

It was an impassioned plea for consecration to this supreme task and made a deep impression coming from a layman.

The third speaker of the afternoon was comparatively unknown to many in the audience as he has not been long in our midst. He was Rev. A. J. Harms, formerly of Lorraine, Kans., now pastor of the Oak St. Church of Burlington, Ia.

He based his address, "Our Young People and Christ," on the words of Paul in Phil. 2:5: "Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus."

Not the mind of Plato, Homer, Pythagoras, Aristotle or Pericles but the mind of Jesus Christ.

Let the mind of Christ reflect in you and let the mind of the Master be master of your mind.

The content of the mind of Christ was then brought before us and defined by the speaker as a great interest in the transformation of life, a consuming passion for prayer, and the courage of his convictions.

The relationship of our life to the life and mind of Christ was persuasively and appealingly presented. This address formed a fitting climax to the afternoon. It left as the last impression on our hearts the One who should have pre-eminence in all things, our Peerless Christ.

### Pleasant Valley Young People's Society

We wish to let the readers of the "Herald" know that we are at work in Pleasant Valley (P. O. Carrington, N. D.). North Dakota is a great mission field and a state where the young folks especially are interested in the great work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We young folks of Pleasant Valley are not independent, we accept members, old and young, as long as they are

willing to work hand in hand with us and willing to accept our constitution.

We are not a society which meets only once a month and takes a vacation during the summer but we are a society which meets every Sunday evening and has charge of the Sunday evening services. Various programs are given to make the meetings interesting. The programs are as follows: The first Sunday in the month devotional meetings. In case there are five Sundays in a month we have devotional meetings the first and last Sunday evening. The other Sunday evenings are filled out with Bible study, musical programs and debates. The programs are planned in advance from three to six months and put on the bulletin so that every member knows what's coming the following Sunday evening.

The meetings are all held in the American language. On account of many workmen during the summer and school teachers in the winter who are not able to understand the German language we have our meetings in English to give our outsiders some spiritual food.

Our society is growing from time to time. We have often from ten to twelve visitors. It makes us feel happy to see visitors come into our society who are not members of any other church nor of ours, but through this work they get interested in the word of God and the harvest seems to follow naturally.

Our officers are as follows: Mr. R. B. Siebolt, president; Mr. Fred Pepple, vice-president; Miss M. C. Albus, secretary; Mr. Christ Hertel, Jr., treasurer.

It was my privilege as a student of the Rochester Seminary to be the student-pastor during my summer vacation here in Pleasant Valley. The work has been very pleasing to me and we as a society work hand in hand with the church. May God bless this society more and more as the time goes by and other societies with us! May God hear our prayers so that we soon shall get a minister who will help us to make our society a successful one. J. G. ROTR.



### Book Review

CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS FOR ACADEMY STUDENTS by A. J. Harms, M. A., Th. D. M. B. Publishing House, Hillsboro, Kans. \$1.25. 159 pages.

This book by the new pastor of the Oak St. church, Burlington, Iowa, will be greeted with wide interest in our circles.

During Rev. Harms' pastorate at Lorraine, Kans., which recently closed, he lectured on the subjects of this volume before a class of high school students. The book presents the fundamentals of the Christian religion as they were adapted to these students. The author tells us in the preface that the students brought their own Bibles and looked up the Scripture references in connection with each recitation.

The book is not a complete compendium of theology nor does it attempt to

cover all the points of Christian doctrine. It aims in a popular manner, avoiding as much as possible theological and philosophical terms, to present in four main parts, a study of the belief in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit and in the Bible. Under the first part, the existence, the spirituality, the personality of God, the doctrine of the Trinity and the attributes of God are treated. In the second part is presented the historical fact of Jesus, his incarnation, humanity, deity, death, resurrection and exaltation. In the third part the personality and activity of the Holy Spirit and his relation to the new birth and Pentecost are handled in an illuminating way. The fourth part treats of the value, the names and the inspiration of the Bible and its necessity in the home.

We have read this book through carefully and can heartily recommend it to

our readers. Its positions are scriptural, sound, sane. Its presentations are logical and lucid. The discussions are compact and clear. The illustrations, in the main, are fresh, fitting and fascinating. While it treats of the "Christian Fundamentals" of our revered religion, it is not a controversial book. It presents positive Biblical truth in a persuasive spirit.

This volume will awaken and strengthen faith. It will be read by all with interest and profit, but it is especially addressed to young people. We hope many will become acquainted with it individually. It would also make a fine text-book for Bible study classes in our societies and organized classes of the Sunday school this fall and winter. Perhaps a special price could be quoted by Mr. H. P. Donner in quantities.

The Helping Hand Society of the Oak Park church, Rev. H. Kaaz, pastor, is an organization of young women, many of whom have come from the old country of late years and which endeavors to be a social and spiritual aid to similar new arrivals in the big city of Chicago. They number about 26 members at present and meet monthly. They are splendid personal workers and through their efforts many young women have been won for Christ and the church. On Sept. 10 they held a luncheon with about 40 members and guests present. Before a good sized audience of friends later in the evening they presented in excellent manner a drama in 3 parts, "Proved by Fire," in German, by Rev. C. F. Zummach. Secretary A. P. Mihm made a brief address. The officers are Mrs. Elsie Scharf, president; Miss Martha Dallmus, vice-president; Miss M. G. Remmler, Secretary; Mrs. Edith Bauersfeld, treasurer.

The church at Kankakee, Ill., Rev. Chas. F. Zummach, pastor, had a farewell service for seven of their young people, who are leaving to resume or take up their studies in various institutions of learning. Altogether 8 young people from this church are studying in higher institutions of learning. Three are in Wheaton College, one in De Pauw University, two in University of Illinois at Champaign, one in Normal, Ill., and one, Bro. Blatt, in the English Department of Rochester Theol. Seminary.

## OUR FUTURE

Those of us who have been intimately associated with the affairs of our Association believe that the German Baptists' Life Association has enormous possibilities for future development. Our financial stability is beyond question. Our policy of paying all claims promptly and providing pensions for our aged members, together with other features, has given us the recognition and prestige that will continue to add greatly to our influence in our denomination.

The remarkable increase of our membership, when conditions were not particularly favorable, demonstrates conclusively what the possibilities are when industry, capacity and devotion to one's work are combined and intelligently applied by our representatives. The quality of our insurance, whether life, health, accident, disability or old age, is unquestionable. The demand for sound insurance is greater than ever. The business will be secured by those companies who have the most capable field representatives.

In the development of our field work only those men will be retained who demonstrate capacity, combined with industry, and who actually produce the business that may be reasonably expected from their territories.

An Association like ours must, in the last analysis, depend upon its field force for its growth and development; it is they who very largely determine the reputation and stand of our society. It is therefore of the highest importance that the individuals, composing our field force, be men of integrity and character. They must be intelligent, knowing the fundamentals of legal reserve insurance, and able to meet the business and professional men of various communities who constitute so large a part of their prospects.

In addition it is necessary that our representatives be thoroughly imbued with the spirit of our Association. Insurance is primarily a business proposition. Baptist life insurance, relief during sickness and old age pension is that and much more, because it purposes not only to meet all of its contractual obligations, but concerns itself with those who (through sickness or accident) become totally disabled, with the care of its disabled members and with the protection of its home and insuring its integrity. All these great purposes are specifically provided for in our six different forms of certificates and they are exemplified over and over again in our practice.

There is important territory to be covered by district-superintendents. As rapidly as possible one position after another will be filled. Unusual opportunities for the future await our representatives who will produce; then, with the enlargement of the Association, responsible executive positions will be opened for advancement bound to develop.

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