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The Jesus Way

JESUS said to Andrew, "Come and see," and he did; then Andrew brought his brother Peter to Jesus. (John 1:40-42.) Jesus found Philip and said to him, "Follow me," and he did; then Philip brought his friend Nathanael to Jesus. (John 1:43-46.)

Isn't much of the present day impotence of the church of Christ due to the fact that its members neglect the Jesus way of personal evangelism and soul-winning? Haven't we become only too content with other ways of spreading the "good news" of salvation and redemption—all of them good and proper but none of them intended to supersede the vital task of "personal work"?

Nothing would contribute so greatly to a revival and stimulating of the spiritual life in our churches as a return to the Jesus way of spreading the gospel from man to man, a way which has always been a fruitful way, a way especially pleasing to him. "Ye shall receive power, . . . and ye shall be witnesses unto me. . . ." (Acts 1:8). If we do it, we shall spiritually prosper; if we do it not, we shall spiritually wither.

WALTER A. STAUB.

Milburn, N. J.

God will give us OUR SPIRITUAL REVIVAL
Making individual Christians PERSONAL SOUL-WINNERS
If we PRAY and WITNESS

EIGHT DAYS FOR SPECIAL PRAYER

Sunday, June 7, to Sunday, June 14

Pray unitedly

Pray continuously

Pray definitely

Pray earnestly

Pray believably

SIXTEEN DAYS OF PERSONAL WITNESSING

Monday, June 15, to Tuesday, June 30

SPEAK PERSONALLY TO INDIVIDUAL PERSONS ABOUT JESUS

Gratitude must prompt us

Love must constrain us

God's Holy Spirit will direct us

Jesus will accompany us

Recommended by the General Missionary Committee

Quantity or Quality Work in Evangelism

HAS the day for personal evangelism and soul-winning passed? The modern tendency is to think in large numbers. The emphasis is on the mass rather than on the individual. One feels that soul-winning is the work of a Billy Sunday or Paul Rader. It is "quantity production" in religious life.

No doubt the ingathering of thousands of souls as the result of an evangelistic campaign is fine. Yet there are reasons why we ought not depend exclusively or even largely on such methods.

First, there are few persons who can win souls by thousands.

Secondly, a larger percentage of those who profess salvation through "mass conversions" fall by the wayside than those converted through personal work. It is frequently like the quality of a dollar watch, produced by the million, compared with a Swiss watch representing hours of individual effort.

Lastly, and most important, personal evangelism is the method which was employed and emphasized by our Master, himself. One has but to read the Gospels to note the many instances in which he personally engaged in individual soul-winning.

With such an Example, can we do better than go and do likewise?

H. THEODORE SORG.

Newark, N. J.

The Heart of Our Christian Religion

YOU ask for a few sentences on personal evangelism and soul-winning, a subject to which we gave much attention and earnest prayer at our last committee meeting.

It occurs to me to say that this personal service is after all the very heart of our Christian religion. The earliest disciples, with the counsel of our divine Lord still fresh in memory, began their mission with testifying of that which they had them-

selves experienced of salvation through Christ. A holy propaganda of soul-winning was their prime objective. That brought joy and strength to their own spiritual life, and they rightly believed themselves urged onward by the spirit of their departed Master, now on high and supporting their "efforts."

Dare we of later days do less? Has our own Christian life become empty of spiritual joy? Have we become formal and satisfied with the negative results of our church life? Then there is one way by which we can again acquire the "first love"—by seeking out our "brother," our "sister," our friends, and win them for Christ.

O that this Spirit of God might inspire all our people to undertake this personal service!

Rochester, N. Y.

A. J. RAMAKER.

A Burning Conviction

IT was my privilege to attend the meeting of the Finance Committee of our Missionary and Benevolent Offering in Chicago on April 21. The main outstanding feature of this meeting was the wonderful appeal of our Brother Kuhn to the brothers present for their co-operation in the matter of personal evangelism in our churches and the winning of souls to Christ.

How I wish I could convey to the readers of the "Herald" the full import of his splendid message and how deeply we all were touched; there was scarcely a dry eye when he finished. Everyone present, I am sure, realized as never before the need and importance of personal individual efforts for soul-winning, and the burning conviction that the duty of every child of God is to witness for Christ and to pray,—pray unceasingly that the lost might be saved.

May every one of our members be filled with a passion for winning souls and may the movement for personal evangelism be crowned with the fullest measure of success everywhere!

REUBEN WINDISCH.

Oak Lane, Philadelphia.

The Baptist Herald

Our Young People's Meeting at Pittsburgh

A GREAT program is being planned for our Young People's and Sunday School Workers' gatherings at Pittsburgh in connection with the big General Conference. Our Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union forms one of the constituent bodies of this General Conference. The general program committee, realizing the importance of the causes we represent, has assigned to us all of Friday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock for the transaction of our business and also given us Sunday afternoon. This will be devoted to a big inspirational meeting which ought to form one of the high spots of the big conference.

When we consider the limited and valuable time from Aug. 25-30 in which all the important interests and policies of our denominational work for the next triennial period are to be determined, we believe the program committee has dealt fairly and generously with us. It is now up to all of our young people and Sunday school workers to determine to be in Pittsburgh when we meet and to make this an inspiring, memorable and profitable occasion. Plan your vacation this summer to take in the conference, if possible, in its entirety; if not at least over the week-end, from Friday to Sunday night. A special luncheon on Friday evening for our group is planned by the Pittsburgh Young People and a large number of representatives from each of our nine conferences ought to be present. Let them answer with a song or a slogan. Some brief, snappy speeches will be made at this luncheon.

The Executive committee is planning the best possible program for Friday afternoon and for Sunday afternoon. We hope to publish more about this next month. In the meantime, plan and arrange now to be there, to boost and to get a blessing. No efforts will be spared to make this an outstanding, helpful time for all who come. Read the article about Pittsburgh on another page of this number and see what the Iron and Steel City offers on the side to the conference participant and visitor.

Meet me at Pittsburgh.

A Matter for Aggressive Emphasis

IN this number of the "Herald" the vital matter of personal work in soul-winning receives special emphasis. At the meeting of the Denominational Finance Committee and the General Missionary Committee in Forest Park, April 21-24, this was one of the things that loomed up large in the foreground. Finances, budgets, missionary policy, appropriations were all up for careful consideration and received it. But the thing that

deeply stirred the hearts of the brethren and echoed and re-echoed in the daily devotions and prayers and was made prominent in the public meeting in the Oak Park church, was this matter of a revival of personal witnessing for Christ and personal soul-winning. The masterly presentation of General Secretary Kuhn on the need of this revival touched sympathetic chords of prayerful approval in the heart of every committee-man present.

It was decided to bring this matter of such a needed revival, which the Spirit of the Lord seems to have laid simultaneously upon many hearts in our ranks, before all our people. In such an effort for publicity the "Herald" is a valuable helper. Our special cover page for this issue is provided for by the Finance Committee and devoted to brief special messages on this primary task for all followers of Christ.

A Pre-Conference Announcement

A call has been issued by the General Missionary Society, the Finance Committee and the Council of the Y. P. & S. S. Workers' Union

to a

CONFERENCE ON PERSONAL SOUL-WINNING

to be convened on the evening preceding the next triennial session of the Bundeskonferenz at Pittsburgh and extending through the forenoon and afternoon of the next day—**Monday, August 24, and Tuesday, August 25.**

An impressive program is being planned, details of which will be given out in due season.

This is an event of vital importance for which God's people should be given to much prayer.

WM. KUHN, Gen'l Miss. Secretary.

The Vital Demand of the Hour

THE greatest need of our churches today is a revival within through penitent, persevering, prevailing prayer by which all her members may become individual and definite workers for Christ, the winners of others to him. We are not saying too much when we say: The vital demand of the hour is an aggressive and continuous personal effort to win souls.

If the Old Book is true that tells us that our friends are lost unless they receive Jesus Christ as their personal savior, then the personal experience of Christ is a vital necessity to them, not a mere convenience.

We must make personal evangelism the center of our church activity. The conviction must burn itself deeper into our hearts that soul-winning is not a by-product of the church, not a secondary matter but rather the first and supreme mission of every Christian. No amount of giving or living or organizational activity excuses us from seeking the lost. Organization, budget, program and plan for work, sermons, teaching and society work will finally be tried and tested by the spiritual capacity and power to "make disciples." Whatever we may otherwise accomplish in life, we are missing the greatest opportunity that life offers, if we are no soul-winner for Christ.

Open Doors Again in the Cameroons

THE "Wahrheitszeuge," the organ of our Baptist brethren in Germany, in its issue of April 26 brings glad news to the hearts of many who have been praying to the Lord that he might again open the doors to our German Baptist mission work in the Cameroons. The heart-breaking story of how this work was closed during the World War and our missionaries compelled to leave the country is still fresh in our memory. While various efforts had been made since the close of the war by our Missionary Society in Neu Ruppin, Germany, and also on the part of our own General Missionary Society here to obtain permission to re-enter the Cameroons, there seemed to be insurmountable difficulties of political and other nature in the way.

By the power of the Lord they have been swept away. Our German Baptist Missionary Society in Germany is now working in co-operation with the Paris Missionary Society. One of the former missionaries, Sister Franz, has already been sent out and a call has been extended to Sister Hanna Meister of Zurich. The support of these sisters, about 6000 marks annually, is being borne by the Neu Ruppin Society. There is, however, the requirement that in the schools of the colony, instruction be given in the French language. Both of these ladies are able to fulfill this requirement.

The report in the "Wahrheitszeuge" goes on to state that the English governor of the Northern part of the Cameroons has inquired of Rev. C. J. Bender as to whether he would not like to take up the work again in Soppo, where Bro. Bender labored for many years. As the governor of the English part of the Cameroons was in London in April, the board of the Neu Ruppin Society decided to send Bro. Simoleit and if necessary Bro. E. Suevern to London to confer with the governor with the aid of the English Baptist brethren. We shall be eager to hear of further developments. In the meantime we are grateful to God for the answer to many prayers and the bright prospect of reviving a missionary work in which the German Baptist churches of North America have had such a large share in days past through men and means.

"What I Have I give Thee"

WILLIAM SCHMIDT

IN the olden days of personal evangelism Peter said: "Silver and gold have I none, but what I have I give thee." What he had was power from on high. Today we must admit that—silver and gold we have plenty but very little of the old-time power. We have demonstrated without a shadow of doubt that silver and gold will not win souls for our Lord—the only way to win them is through that power which comes from on high. Let us have a real season of prayer, and the power will follow. It is easier to pray a revival down than to work one up. Let us put first things first and all the rest will follow in their proper order. Yes—nothing more timely could possibly have been suggested than to ask God to help us do more personal work. Let us forget all else but "Thus saith the Lord" and then endeavor to do what the Lord saith. May God bless our efforts!

Newark, N. J.

FAMILY PRAYERS

You say you are busy this morning,
In the maelstrom of family cares,
And husband must rush to the office,
So there isn't a moment for prayers.

Then children are sent to the schoolroom,
And the grind of the day thus begins,
With no word from God's book to remember,
Nor the echo of strengthening hymns.

What wonder the burdens are heavy,
And the hours seem irksomely long;
What wonder that rash words are spoken,
And that life seems discordant and wrong.

Pause for a little each morning,
And again at the close of the day,
To walk with the Master who loves you—
Remember, he taught us to pray.

—Christian Workers' Magazine.

Editorial Jottings

WE WOULD LIKE to call the attention of our correspondents to the fact, that all reports, news items, pictures and articles for publication in the "Herald" are to be sent direct to the editor, Box 4, Forest Park, Ill., and not to our Publication Society in Cleveland. We have said this before but it needs to be said again, as it seems to have been overlooked by some. To do otherwise than the above simple directions, often delays publication of your contribution. Conversely, all subscriptions and advertising matter are not to be sent to the editor but to our Publication Manager, Bro. H. P. Donner, 3804 Payne Ave., Cleveland, O. Please make a note of this.

A PAGE of a life newspaper is better than a book of stale history. At present the "Herald" appears only monthly but we wish to present our news as fresh as possible with our monthly visit. Brother reporter and Sister secretary, obey that impulse and send in your chronicle of the event right after it took place. Don't put it off. We are at your service but we are not anxious to receive reports of happenings that took place two or three months before and might just as well have been forwarded at once if the reporter was on the job. Get it to us before the 15th to have it in the next issue.

BRO. ZUMMACH, pastor of our church in Kankakee, Ill., has written a drama in three acts for three young men and seven ladies, entitled, "And the Greatest of These is Love," which we would recommend to program committees of our societies looking for something good in the dialog line. There is also a German version called "Durchs Feuer geläutert oder die Treue im Kleinen." The presentation of this would fill out an evening very nicely on some literary or festival evening. Write to him for further information.

CONGREGATIONS LOOKING for a new hymn-book for their English services are requested to investigate "The Greatest Hymns," published by the Tabernacle Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill. The compilers, Geo. C. Stebbins and R. A. Torrey, are both well-known and have given us a fine selection of the best in both new and old hymns. The book contains 427 hymns, 250 of which are standard hymns, old and new, devoted to the wide range of worship and general Christian experience. The balance of the number gives the best of the newer gospel hymns, suitable for evangelistic gatherings. The strength and peculiar usefulness of this book for our churches is in the fine combination of the two classes of hymns. Our Business Manager, Bro. Donner, will be glad to answer inquiries.

"EVERY-MEMBER EVANGELISM" is the title of a book that is very timely just now in view of the emphasis and stress being made in our denomination on the work of personal soul-winning. The author is J. E. Conant, D. D., a Baptist Evangelist and Bible teacher. It puts the responsibility for soul-winning where it belongs—on every Christian. It also supplies practical methods for putting this program into operation. A prayerful study of this book ought to kindle the heart for this great work. The price is \$1.50 and our Publication Society will gladly take care of your order.

REV. O. E. KRUEGER'S article and some interesting reports from foreign mission fields must lay over till next month. The special soul-winning

campaign and the Pittsburgh Conference publicity matter has crowded our columns.

Common-Sense "Hows"

IV—How to Get On in Business

JOHN F. COWAN

HAVING a business position, or capital, beware of settling down with a self-satisfied smirk on your face. To get on in business one must rack his brain to keep one jump ahead of his job. Whenever his job catches up with him, he falls into a rut that is likely to become his grave. The head of a chain of groceries said, "I have to keep thinking one lap ahead of my rivals. Before my competitors saw it, I figured out that a cash business was best. Some of my competitors are now as dead as King Tut—killed by credit, and the smug satisfaction that they knew it all."

"Service" is the biggest idea in business today. No man can climb unless he is helping all the others up. If you have dreamed of mounting to success over other men's backs, forget it! That's why men call an oil-filling business a "Service Station." The chain-store man said, "I have to feel responsibility for all my patrons, and even the children they send to my stores. My salesmen must wrap their purchases more securely, and tuck in sales slips telling parents how much change to expect, so that the children may not be tempted to spend part of it for themselves. 'Service!'"

Courtesy is another big business asset. The Bell Telephone Company requires its "hello!" girls to practice before a mirror on, "Number, please," or "Waiting," so as get the pleasant tone that goes with the pleasant face. A sour-faced, grouchy business man is like vinegar to honeybees. Business success is 25 per cent courtesy.

Character is 50 per cent of business success. It is what the concrete foundation is to the rest of the building—always there, if not always in sight. "My biggest captial," said the chain-store man, "is the confidence and esteem in which the community holds me." His goods have a golden thread of character running through them.

Hard work is another 25 per cent of getting on in business. Forget to watch the clock, because you are so interested in your job. The fellow who loaf because he's afraid of doing more than he's paid for, never earns his wage. "Getting by" is the shame and sham of our day. Pride in one's work, the sweetness of accomplishment, is more than what's in the pay envelope.

What's Happening

Rev. P. Geissler, pastor of the Okeene, Okla., church, has accepted the call of the church at Sheffield, Iowa.

Miss Elizabeth A. Heide, formerly missionary in Edmonton, Alberta, who has been making her home in Forest Park, Ill., of late, begins her new work as nurse in the Old Folks Home in Philadelphia, Pa., on July 1.

Student A. Husmann of the seminary in Rochester will be the supply of our church in Scottsbluff, Nebr., during the summer.

Rev. August Becker, for many years State Missionary in Texas, has resigned to accept the call of the Waco and Elgin churches. He begins his new pastorate the first of September.

Rev. A. Kujath is the new district missionary of the Northern Conference, which embraces the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta in western Canada. Bro. Kujath was pastor of the Trochu and Freudental churches in Alberta for the past 11 years.

Rev. R. M. Klingbeil has resigned his pastorate at Startup, Wash.

Rev. S. Blumhagen, who has been pastor at Beulah, N. D., for the last 12 years, has resigned and closed his work there with the end of May.

There have been quite a number of pastoral changes in North Dakota churches during the last few months. One of the latest to be reported is the resignation of Rev. G. Sprock of the church at Bismarck. We understand the poor health of Mrs. Sprock in the capital city necessitates a change of residence for Bro. Sprock and family.

The Oak Park Young People's Society had a fine missionary meeting on May 5. The program on this evening was in charge of Mrs. Fred Grosser's Bible Class of Young Ladies and Mrs. Walter Grosser presided. The main feature of the program was a clever missionary dialogue, featuring our missionary work in Siberia. An additional appeal for Siberia was made by Mr. Leroy Grosser. Several musical numbers by members of the class added to the enjoyment of the evening. The offering for Siberia amounted to \$108. There was a gratifying attendance due to publicity work by the class.

The May Number of "The Messenger," the church bulletin of the Spruce St. church, Buffalo, N. Y., is a special Mother's Day number of six pages in German and English devoted to church news and coming events. It is a very creditable number. A cradle roll department has been started with Miss Mildred Beuermann as superintendent. The Easter Self-denial offering of the church amounted to slightly over \$400. The Fraternity Bible class had an attendance of 97 per cent on that day.

The Young People's Society of the Bay City church, Rev. A. Orthner, pastor, celebrated their second anniversary on April 30. Members and friends filled the church, a good delegation being present from Pinconning. President Herman Scheel presided. Reports by the secretary and treasurer showed progress. Five members were gained during the year. The society bought a piano for the church and is paying for the same. It also rendered some help in defraying the church debt. An attractive program was given, the star numbers which were a missionary dialogue on medical missions by a group of girls and a song, "Signal Lights." The Editor of the "Herald" was the guest speaker and addressed the society on "Growing." All in all, Bay City young folks have made a creditable showing during the past two years.

A Tribe of the Woodcraft League was recently organized by the First Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., for the boys and girls of the church and community. The number of attending children has increased from the beginning, until now 25 boys and 45 girls are being helped through this organization every week. The Glenwood Choral Society of the church gave a concert in April for the benefit of this work. The teachers and workers of the Woodcraft League are Miss Dorothy Zirbes, Mrs. John Marquardt, Mrs. Rudolf Rauter, Mrs. O. L. Schwenn, Mrs. Paul Weiss, Mrs. H. Robinson, Miss Dorothy Marquardt, H. V. Ross and Rev. Paul Wengel.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Lippard began a three-weeks series of evangelistic meetings with the Beaver and Bay City churches in Northern Michigan on May 3. The first week was devoted to Beaver and the Lord granted a special blessing. Eleven persons, 5 of them young men, gave themselves to Christ. The second week was given to Pinconning and then Bay City is to follow. Mr. and Mrs. Lippard will hold meetings in Texas during June.

Madison, S. D. Pastor Willibald S. Argow writes: "We have had the custom for several years to meet every night preceding Easter to meditate upon the events of our Savior's Last Week. All who came out to these services received a blessing. It was a splendid preparation for Easter Sunday. Our spacious auditorium was filled at both services. Sunday evening eight promising young people were baptized. These are some of the results achieved during our evangelistic campaign in which Bro. O. E. Krueger assisted us. On Tuesday evening, April 14, the young people gave a pageant entitled: 'The Ever-Living Christ.' It again brought to our minds that Christ arose and is manifesting himself in many ways. A silver offering was taken at both occasions which goes for the Easter Offering. The

outlook for the future is as bright as the promises of God."

The churches in Northern Michigan were visited by the Executive Secretary, Rev. A. P. Mihm, in a ten day trip from April 25 to May 4. The churches in Bay City, Beaver, Alpena, Pinconning and Gladwin were visited in turn and our Young People's and Sunday school work emphasized. Pastors A. Orthner in Bay City, G. Wetter in Alpena and P. Schilling gladly co-operated. Bro. Orthner also serves the church at Beaver and its station at Pinconning. Large meetings were held in all places. The problem of the young people drifting to the city, especially Detroit, is one that is keenly felt in all these churches. They are feeders for the big city. Our brethren in Northern Michigan are doing sacrificing work. We believe our churches are well-manned and have reason for encouragement in spite of local problems. Several families from Dakota have recently moved to this region. Good farm land can be obtained reasonably. Any of the pastors will gladly give information.

Work on the new church edifice for the congregation of our church in New Kensington, Pa., was begun last month and the contractor expects to complete the building by October 1. Rev. C. E. Cramer and his people are deserving of the help of our sister churches in this enterprise. Give them your tangible support.

Rev. P. Schilling of Gladwin, Mich., recently underwent a serious operation in Bay City for the relief of an ailment which has bothered him for some years. He was in the hospital for several weeks but has reconvalesced nicely and is home again since the beginning of May. The doctor's orders are to go slow in preaching for a few months.

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Mr. Reuben Windisch Visits Detroit

Mr. and Mrs. R. Windisch spent Sunday, April 27, in the city of Detroit being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rocho. A very unusual treat was experienced as our Uncle Rube sang many of his delightful selections in both the Bethel and Burns Ave. churches. He thrilled both the hearts of the young and the old and from every side could be heard the words, "Sing just one more." He was not only generous with his selections but the feeling placed in his songs will long be remembered. Detroit welcomes him back any time.

Do you own a set of his records? If not, apply at once for a set from the Publication Society, Cleveland, Ohio, before the supply is exhausted and becomes extinct. His records are to be had for \$3.75 a set, giving you six beautiful selections. The entire proceeds flow into the missionary fund. It is a contribution on the part of Bro. Windisch and a lasting memory of him in our homes.

EDWARD W. HOEK,
Chairman of Council.

Semi-Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Jugendbund

This spring we met with the young people of the Salem Church near Gotebo. An unusual interest was manifested by the large number of delegates and visitors present. The meetings were all well attended.

The first evening we had the pleasure to hear a message from Rev. A. Rosner, who has recently returned to Oklahoma and entered a new field of work in Goodwin. Bro. Rosner organized the Jugendbund in 1917 and was pleased to see the progress we had made. His subject was "Joseph's Life Success."

He said that Joseph was a man that made preparations and made use of all opportunities; that difficulties could not keep him from doing good; and that he always made himself useful in all things.

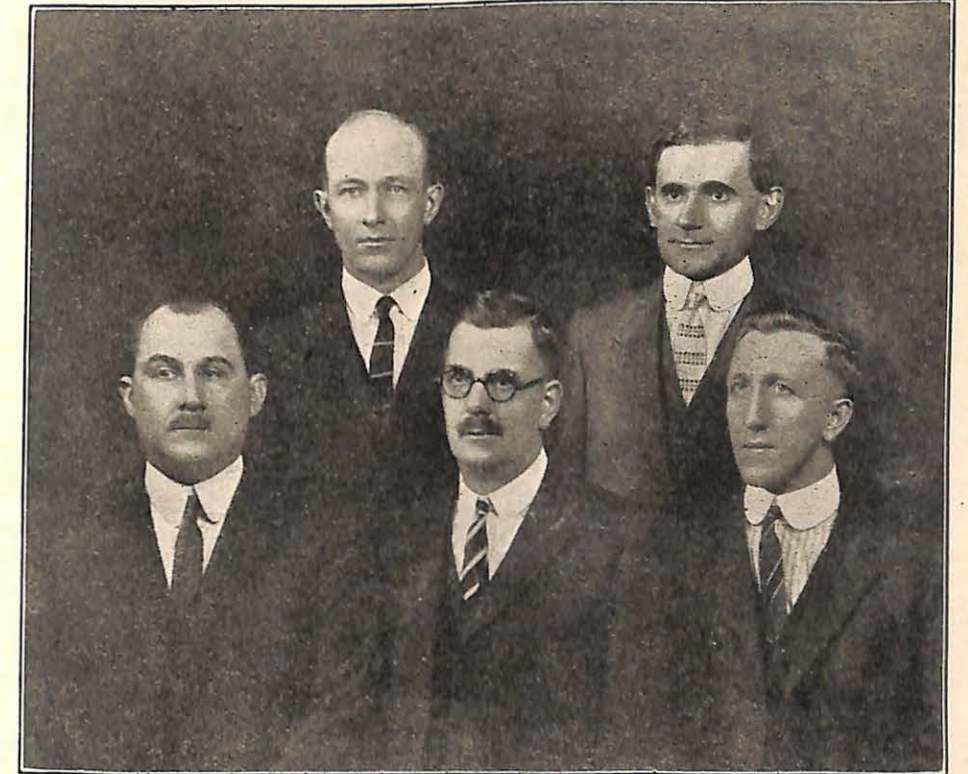
Saturday morning the meeting began with the usual devotional service. Rev. P. Geissler was leader and chose for his subject: "Look Unto Jesus."

In the business meeting which followed, reports from the different societies were read. Although not all have done as much as they could have, we feel that we are progressing. The society at Gotebo, however, worked the hardest and was awarded the banner. While the banner serves as an incentive and the winners are justly proud of it, it is not the sole aim of our efforts. Our ideal is to become more faithful and efficient servants of Christ.

The people at Gotebo proved delightful hosts and the time spent there was an enjoyable one.

The messages we heard were inspiring and we go back with new vigor to work with the hope that the scores winning the banner in Goodwin next fall will be higher than they have ever been.

FREDA KOSANKE.



Our Seminary Graduates, May, 1925

Our Seminary Graduates this Year

We are glad to give our readers a glimpse of the brethren of the graduating class of our seminary in Rochester, N. Y. They have completed their course in the German Department. Those in the upper row, from left to right, are Assaph Husmann and John Koschel. Those in the lower row, from left to right, are Robert Ziebart, Gustav Schwandt and Herman Palfenier.

Bro. Ziebart has accepted the church in Pound, Wis.; Bro. Palfenier becomes pastor in Kossuth, Wis.; Bro. Schwandt takes the church in South Chicago as successor to Rev. C. F. Lehr; Bro. Koschel has been recommended to the church at Lemberg, Sask., Can.; Bro. Husmann intends to return in the fall for further study in English.

Lodi Society Launches Out

The Young People's Society of Lodi, Cal., has been quite active during the past year. A few months ago we decided to raise a certain amount of money to go toward paying for our new church, which has recently been built. In order to do this we decided to give a special program on Sunday evening, March 29, and hold a silver offering. Our program consisted of several dialogues and various musical selections. Both our program and collection were pronounced a success by every one.

Then we decided to reproduce our program. Our neighboring church, Franklin, accepted our offer and kindly invited us to come there on April 14. We received a hearty reception at Franklin. They had their church beautifully decorated with flowers. Every arrangement was made for our program, then

they ended up by contributing most generously when the collection plate was passed. We certainly highly appreciate the spirit in which they received us, and hope we may some day be able to return their hospitality.

On the whole, our Young People's Society has been quite active during the last year. We have increased our membership considerably and can see progress. We meet twice a month. Our meetings are well attended. Our only desire is to do more for Him and that we as young people may be of help to bring others to Him.

LAURA MARTIN, Sec.

NOTICE!

Worth While Girls of German Baptist Churches

The Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh has an alive World Wide Guild which would be proud to be hostess to any W. W. G. girls who might be able to attend the coming Triennial Conference in Pittsburgh, August 25-30. At a recent meeting it was unanimously voted to extend a cordial welcome to other Guilds to send representatives, assuring them of special attention so as to make their stay both pleasant and profitable. Please drop a line to Miss Lois Brubaugh, 123 Carrick Avenue, Mt. Oliver Station, Pittsburgh, Pa., stating how many are planning to come. Make applications for entertainment in the regular way to the Chairman of the Housing Committee, Wm. C. Reichenbach.

YOURS FOR A MOUNTAIN TOP CONFERENCE.

Do not entertain temptation. When it calls, do not answer the doorbell.

The Enchanted Barn

Grace Livingston Hill

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(Continuation)

Meantime Elizabeth Graham was eagerly interviewing her brother, having taken the vacant front seat for the purpose.

"Sid, where did you find those perfectly dear people? I think they are just great! And are they really going to live in that barn? Won't that be dandy? I wish mother'd let me go out and spent a month with them. I mean to ask her. That Carol is the nicest girl ever. She's just a dear!"

"Now, look here, kid," said Graham, facing about to his sister. "I want you to understand a thing or two. I took you on this expedition because I thought I could trust you. See?"

Elizabeth nodded.

"Well, I don't want a lot of talk at home about this. Do you understand? I want you to wait a bit and go slow. If things seem to be all right a little later on, you can ask Carol to come and see you perhaps; but you'll have to look out. She hasn't fine clothes to go visiting in, I imagine, and they're pretty proud. I guess they've lost their money. Their father died a couple of years ago, and they've been up against it. They do seem like awfully nice people, I'll admit; and, if it's all right later on, you can be friends, but you'll have to go slow. Mother wouldn't understand it, and she mustn't be annoyed, you know. I'll take you out to see them sometime when they get settled if it seems all right, but meantime can you keep your tongue still?"

Elizabeth's face fell, but she gave her word immediately. She and her brother were chums; it was easy to see that.

"But can't I have her out for a week-end, Sid? Can't I tell mother anything about her? I could lend her some dresses, you know."

"You go slow, kid, and leave that matter to me. I'll tell mother about them pretty soon when I've had a chance to see a little more of them and am sure mother wouldn't mind. Meantime, don't you fret. I'll take you out when I go on business, and you shall see her pretty soon again."

Elizabeth had to be content with that. She perceived that for some reason her brother did not care to have the matter talked over in the family. She knew they would all gush about his interest in a girl who wanted to rent his barn, and she felt herself that Shirley was too fine to be talked about in that way. The family wouldn't understand unless they saw her.

"I know what you mean, Sid," she said after a thoughtful pause. "You want the folks to see them before they judge what they are, don't you?"

"That's just exactly the point," said Sidney with a gleam of satisfaction in his eyes. "That's just what makes you

such a good pal, kid. You always understand."

The smile dawned in Elizabeth's eyes, and she patted her brother's sleeve.

"Good old Sid," she murmured tenderly. "You're all right. And I just know you're going to take me out to that barn soon. Aren't you going to fix it up for them a little? They can't live there that way. It would be a dandy place to live if the windows were bigger and there were doors like a house, and a piazza, and some fireplaces. A great big stone fireplace in the middle there opposite that door! Wouldn't that be sweet? And they'll have to have electric lights and some bathrooms, of course."

Her brother tipped back his head, and laughed. "I'm afraid you wouldn't make much of a hand to live in a barn, kid," he said. "You're too much of an aristocrat. My dear, they don't expect tiled bathrooms, and electric lights, and inlaid floors when they rent a barn for the summer."

"But aren't you going to do anything, Sid?"

"Well, I can't do much, for Miss Hollister would suspect right away. She's very businesslike, and she has suspicions already because I said I was going to put in partitions. She isn't an object of charity, you know. I imagine they are all pretty proud."

Elizabeth sat thoughtful and still. It was the first time in her life she had contemplated what it would be to be very poor.

Her brother watched her with interest. He had a feeling that it was going to be very good for Elizabeth to know these Hollisters.

Suddenly he brought the car to a stop before the office of a big lumber-yard they were passing.

"I'm going in here, kid, for just a minute, to see if I can get a man to put in those partitions."

Elizabeth sat meditatively studying the office window through whose large dusty panes could be seen tall strips of moulding, unpainted window-frames, and a fluted column or two, evidently ready to fill an order. The sign over the door set forth that window-sashes, doors, and blinds were to be had. Suddenly Elizabeth sat up straight and read the sign again, strained her eyes to see through the window, and then opened the car door and sprang out. In a moment more she stood beside her brother, pointing mutely to a large window-frame that stood against the wall.

"What is it, kid?" he asked kindly.

"Sid, why can't you put on great big windows like that? They would never notice the windows, you know. It would be so nice to have plenty of light and air."

"That's so," he murmured. "I might

change the windows some without its being noticed."

Then to the man at the desk: "What's the price of that window? Got any more?"

"Yes," said the man, looking up interestedly; "got half a dozen, made especially for a party, and then he wasn't pleased. Claimed he ordered sash-winners 'stead of casement. If you can use these six, we'll make you a special price."

"Oh, take them, Sid! They're perfectly lovely," said Elizabeth eagerly. They're casement windows with diamond panes. They'll just be so quaint and artistic in that stone!"

"Well, I don't know how they'll fit," said the young man doubtfully. "I don't want to make it seem as if I was trying to put on too much style."

"No, Sid, it won't seem that way, really. I tell you they'll never notice the windows are bigger, and casement windows aren't like a regular house, you know. See, they'll open wide like doors. I think it would be just grand!"

"All right, kid, we'll see! We'll take the man out with us; and, if he says it can be done, I'll take them."

Elizabeth was overjoyed. "That's just what's needed!" she declared. "They couldn't live in the dark on rainy days. You must put two in the front on each side of the door, and one on each end. The back windows will do well enough."

"Well, come on, kid. Mr. Jones is going out with me at once. Do you want to go with us, or shall I call a taxi and send you home?" asked her brother.

"I'm going with you, of course," said Elizabeth eagerly, hurrying out to the car as if she thought the thing would be done all wrong without her.

So Elizabeth sat in the back seat alone, while her brother and the contractor discoursed on the price of lumber and the relative values of wood and stone for building-purposes, and the big car went back over the way it had been before that afternoon.

They stopped on the way out, and picked up one of Mr. Jones' carpenters who was just leaving a job with his kit of tools, and who climbed stolidly into the back seat, and sat as far away from the little blue-velvet miss as possible, all the while taking furtive notes to tell his own little girl about her when he went home.

Elizabeth climbed out, and went about the barn with them, listening to all they had to say.

The two men took out pencils and foot rules, and went around measuring and figuring. Elizabeth watched them with bright, attentive eyes, putting a whispered suggestion now and then to her brother.

"They can't go up and down a ladder all the time," she whispered. "There ought to be some rough stairs with a railing, at least as good as our back stairs at home."

"How about it?" said Graham to the contractor. "Can you put in some steps, just rough ones, to the left? I'm going to have a party out here camping

for a while this summer, and I want it to be safe. Need a railing, you know, so nobody will get a fall."

The man measured the space up with his eye. "Just want plain steps framed up with a hand-rail!" he said, squinting up again. "Guess we better start 'em up this way to the back wall and then turn back from a landing. That'll suit the overhead space best. Just pine, you want 'em, I spose?"

Elizabeth stood like a big blue bird alighted on the door-sill, watching and listening. She was a regular woman, and saw big possibilities in the building. She would have enjoyed ordering parquetry flooring and carved newel-posts and making a regular palace.

The sun was setting behind the purple hill and sending a glint from the weather-vane on the little church spire when they started back to the city. Elizabeth looked wistfully toward it, and wondered about the rapt expression on Shirley's face when she spoke of "working" in the church. How could one get pleasure out of that? She meant to find out. At present her life was rather monotonous, and she longed to have some new interests.

That night after she had gone to her luxurious little couch she lay in her downy nest, and tried to think how it would be to live in that big barn and go to sleep up in the loft, lying on that hay. Then suddenly the mystery of life was upon her with its big problems. Why, for instance, was she born into the Graham family with money and culture and all the good times, and that sweet, bright Carol-girl born into the Hollister family where they had a hard time to live at all?

CHAPTER IX

Quite early the next morning Sidney Graham was in his office at the telephone. He conferred with the carpenter, agreeing to meet him out at the barn and make final arrangements about the windows in a very short time. Then he called up the trolley company and the electric company, and made arrangements with them to have a wire run from the road to his barn, with a very satisfactory agreement whereby he could pay them a certain sum for the use of as much light as he needed. This done, he called up an electrician, and arranged that he should send some men out that morning to wire the barn.

He hurried through his morning mail, giving his stenographer a free hand with answering some of the letters, and then speeded out to Glenside.

Three men were already there, two of them stone-masons, working away under the direction of the contractor. They had already begun working at the massive stone around the windows, striking musical blows from a light scaffolding that made the old barn look as if it had suddenly waked up and gone to house-cleaning. Sidney Graham surveyed it with satisfaction as he stopped his car by the road side and got out. He did delight to have things done on time. He decided that if this contrac-

tor did well on the job he would see that he got bigger things to do. He liked it that his work had been begun at once.

The next car brought a quartette of carpenters, and before young Graham went back to the city a motor-truck had arrived loaded with lumber and window-frames. It was all very fascinating to him, this new toy barn that had suddenly come into his possession, and he could hardly tear himself away from it and go back to business. One would not have supposed, perhaps, that it was so very necessary for him to do so, either, seeing that he was already so well off that he really could have gotten along quite comfortably the rest of his life without any more money; but he was a conscientious young man, who believed that no living being had a right to exist in idleness, and who had gone into business from a desire to do his best and keep up the honorable name of his father's firm. So after he had given careful directions for the electric men when they should come he rushed back to his office once more.

The next two days were filled with delightful novelties. He spent much time flying from office to barn and back to the office again, and before evening of the second day he had decided that a telephone in the barn was an absolute necessity, at least while the work was going on. So he called up the telephone company, and arranged that connection should be put in at once. That evening he wrote a short note to Miss Hollister, telling her that the partitions were under way and would soon be completed, and in a few days he would send her the key so that she might begin to transport her belongings to the new home.

The next morning, when Graham went out to the stone barn, he found that the front windows were in, and gave a very inviting appearance to the edifice, both outside and in. As Elizabeth had surmised, the big latticed windows opening inwards like casement doors seemed quite in keeping with the rough stone structure. Graham began to wonder why all barns did not affect this style of window, they were so entirely attractive. He was thoroughly convinced that the new tenants would not be likely to remember or notice the difference in the windows; he was sure he shouldn't have unless his attention had been called to them in some way. Of course the sills and sashes were rather new-looking, but he gave orders that they should at once be painted an unobstructive dark green which would well accord with the mossy roof, and he trusted his particular young tenant would not think that he had done anything pointed in changing the windows. If she did, he would have to think up some excuse.

But, as he stood at the top of the grassy slope and looked about, he noticed the great pile of stones under each window, from the masonry that had been torn away to make room for the larger sashes, and an idea came to him.

"Mr. Jones!" he called to the contractor, who had just come over on the

car to see how the work was progressing. "Wouldn't there be stones enough all together from all the windows to build some kind of a rude chimney and fireplace?" he asked.

Mr. Jones thought there would. There were stones enough down in the meadow to piece out with in case they needed more, anyway. Where would Mr. Graham want the fireplace? Directly opposite the front doors? He had thought of suggesting that himself, but didn't know as Mr. Graham wanted to go to any more expense.

"By all means make that fireplace!" said the young owner delightedly. "This is going to be a jolly place when it gets done, isn't it? I declare I don't know but I'd like to come out here and live."

"It would make a fine old house, sir," said the contractor respectfully, looking up almost reverently at the barn. "I'd like to see it with verandys, and more winders, and a few such. You don't see many of these here old stone buildings around now. They knew how to build 'em substantially in those old times, so they did."

"I'm! Yes. It would make a fine site for a house, wouldn't it?" said the young man, looking about thoughtfully. "Well, now, we'll have to think about that sometime, perhaps. However, I think it looks very nice for the present," and he walked about, looking at the improvements with great satisfaction.

At each end of the barn a good room, long and narrow, had been partitioned off, each of which by use of a curtain would make two very large rooms, and yet the main section of the floor looked as large as ever. A simple stairway of plain boards had been constructed a little to one side of the middle toward the back, going up to the loft, which had been made safe for the children by a plain rude railing consisting of a few uprights with strips across. The darkening slats at the small windows in the loft had been torn away and shutters substituted that would open wide and let in air and light. Rough spots in the floor had been mended, and around the great place both up-stairs and down, and even down in the basement underneath, electric wires ran with simple lights and switches conveniently arranged, so that if it became desirable the whole place could be made a blaze of light. The young man did not like to think of this family of unprotected women and children coming out into the country without all the arrangements possible to make them feel safe. For this reason also he had established the telephone. He had talked it over with the agent, paying a certain sum for its installation, and had a telephone put in that they could pay for whenever they desired to use it. This would make the young householder feel more comfortable about leaving her mother out in the country all day, and also prevent her pride from being hurt. The telephone was there. She need not use it unless necessity arose. He felt he could explain that to her. If she didn't like it, of course she could have it taken away.

There were a lot more things he would like to make the place more habitable, but he did not dare. Sometimes even now his conscience troubled him? What did he know about these people, anyway? and what kind of a flighty youth was he becoming that he let a strange girl's appealing face drive him to such lengths as he was going now? Telephone, and electric lights, and stairs, and a fireplace in a barn! It was all perfectly preposterous; and, if his family should hear of it, he would never hear the last of it; that he was certain.

At such times he would hunt up his young sister and carry her off for a long drive in the car, always ending up at Glenside Road, where she exclaimed and praised to his heart's satisfaction, and gave anew her word not to tell anybody a thing about it until he was ready.

Indeed, Elizabeth was wild with delight. She wanted to hunt up some of her mother's old Turkish rugs that were put away in dark closets, to decorate the walls with pictures and bric-a-brac from her own room, and to smother the place in flowering shrubs for the arrival of the tenants; but her brother firmly forbade anything being done. He waited with fear and trembling for the time when the clear-eyed young tenant should look upon the changes he had already made; for something told him she would not stand charity, and there was a point beyond which he must not go if he wished ever to see her again.

At last one morning he ventured to call her up on the telephone at her office.

"My sister and I were thinking of going out to see how things are progressing at the Glenside place," he said after he had explained who he was. "I was wondering if you would care to come along and look things over. What time do you get through at your office this afternoon?"

"That is very kind of you, Mr. Graham," said Shirley, "but I'm afraid that won't be possible. I'm not usually done until half-past five. I might get through by five, but not much sooner, and that would be too late for you."

"Not at all, Miss Hollister. That would be a very agreeable time. I have matters that will keep me here quite late tonight, and that will be just right for me. Shall I call for you, then, at five? Or is that too soon?"

"Oh, no, I can be ready by then, I'm sure," said Shirley with suppressed excitement. "You are very kind—"

"Not at all. It will be a pleasure," came the answer. "Then I will call at your office at five," and the receiver clicked at the other end, leaving Shirley in a whirl of doubt and joy.

How perfectly delightful! And yet ought she to go? Would mother think it was all right? His little sister was going, but was it quite right for her to accept this much attention even in a business way? It wasn't at all customary or necessary, and both he and

she knew it. He was just doing it to be nice.

And then there was mother. She must send a message somehow, or mother would be frightened when she did not come home at her usual time.

She finally succeeded in getting Carol at her school, and told her to tell mother she was kept late and might not be home till after seven. Then she flew at her work to get it out of the way before five o'clock.

But, when she came down at the appointed time, she found Carol sitting excitedly in the back seat with Elizabeth, fairly bursting with the double pleasure of the ride and of surprising her sister.

"They came to school for me, and took me home; and I explained to mother that I was going with you to look at a place we were going to move to. I put on the potatoes, and put the meat in the oven, and mother is going to tell George just what to do to finish supper when he gets home," she exclaimed eagerly. "And, oh, isn't it lovely?"

"Indeed it is lovely," said Shirley, her face flushing with pleasure and her eyes speaking gratitude to the young man in the front seat who was opening the door for her to step in beside him.

That was a wonderful ride.

The spring had made tremendous advances in her work during the ten days since they went that way before. The flush of green that the willows had worn had become a soft, bright feather of foliage, and the maples had sent out crimson tassels to offset them. Down in the meadows and along the roadside the grass was thick and green, and the bare brown fields had disappeared. Little brooks sang tinklingly as they glided under bridges, and the birds darted here and there in busy, noisy pairs. Frail wavering blossoms starred the swampy places, and the air was sweet with scents of living things.

But, when they came in sight of the barn, Elizabeth and her brother grew silent from sheer desire to talk and not act as if there was anything different about it. Now that they had actually brought Shirley here, the new windows seemed fairly to flaunt themselves in their shining mossy paint and their vast extent of diamond panes, so that the two conspirators were deeply embarrassed, and dared not face what they had done.

It was Carol who broke the silence that had come upon them all.

"Oh! Oh! Oh!" she shouted. "Shirley, just look! New, great big windows! Isn't that great? Now you needn't worry whether it will be dark for mother days when she can't go out! Isn't that the best ever?"

But Shirley looked, and her cheeks grew pink as her eyes grew starry! She opened her lips to speak, and then closed them again, for the words would not come, and the tears came instead; but she drove them back, and then managed to say: "Oh, Mr. Graham! Oh, you have gone to so much trouble!"

"No, no trouble at all," said he almost crossly; for he had wanted her

not to notice those windows, at least not yet. "You see it was this way. The windows were some that were left over from another order, and I got a chance to get them at a bargain. I thought they might as well be put in now as any time and you get the benefit of them. The barn really needed more light. It was a very dark barn indeed. Hadn't you noticed it? I can't see how my grandfather thought it would do to have so little light and air. But you know in the old times they didn't use to have such advanced ideas about ventilation and germs and things—" He felt he was getting on rather famously until he looked down at the clear eyes of the girl, and knew she was seeing right straight through all his talk. However, she hadn't the face to tell him so; and so he boldly held on his way, making up fine stories about things that barns needed until he all but believed them himself; and, when he got through, he needed only to finish with "And, if it isn't so, it ought to be" to have a regular Water-Baby argument out of it. He managed to talk on in this vein until he could stop the car and help Shirley out, and together they all went up the now velvety green of the incline to the big door.

"It is beautiful! beautiful!" murmured Shirley in a daze of delight. She could not yet make it seem real that she was to come to this charmed spot to live in a few days.

Graham unlocked the big doors, and sent them rolling back with a touch, showing what ball bearings and careful workmanship can do. The group stepped inside, and stood to look again.

The setting sun was casting a red glow through the diamond panes and over the wide floor. The new partitions, guiltless of paint, for Graham had not dared to go further, were mellowed into ruby hangings. The stone fireplace rose at the opposite side of the room, and the new staircase was just at the side, all in the ruddy evening glow that carried rich dusky shadows into the corners, and hung a curtain of vagueness over blemishes.

Then all suddenly, before they had time to take in the changes, more than the fact of the partitions which they expected, Graham stepped to the side of the door, and touched a button, and behold a myriad of lights burst forth about the place, making it bright like noontime.

"Oh! Oh! Oh!" breathed Carol in awe and wonder, and "Oh!" again, as if there were nothing else to say. But Shirley only looked and caught her breath. It seemed a place too fine for their poor means, and a sudden fear gripped hold upon her.

(To be continued)

Conscience is nothing else than the echo of God's voice within the soul.

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No power on earth or under the earth can make a man do wrong without his own consent.

Golden Jubilee at High St. Church, Buffalo

The High St. Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. J. Peter Brunner, pastor, celebrated its 50th anniversary in March. It was organized as the Third German Baptist Church on March 2, 1875, with 95 charter members. The name was changed to High St. Baptist Church in September, 1919. During the years 466 were added by baptism. Its present membership is 194. Of the 95 charter members 5 are still connected with the church, most prominent of which is Bro. E. O. Fischer, church clerk since 1878.

The church has given many members to wider work. Among those who went from this church are Rev. G. Schunke, Rev. F. S. Goergens, Rev. W. J. Zirbes, Rev. C. J. Bender, Rev. P. C. A. Menard, Rev. R. F. Fehlberg, Rev. Harvey Funk and Rev. Wm. B. Lippard of the Board of Promotion. Mrs. Clara Hess Foster, for many years missionary in China, came from High St. The church has had six pastors during its history.

A fine historical souvenir was published in connection with the jubilee. From the pictures published in the souvenir, we present the group of Sunday school officers and teachers and the church building.



High St. Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Union Meeting in Boston

While waiting for something extremely interesting to happen, I am afraid we let those items of milder interest escape us. As for instance, a union meeting of the Centre Street Baptist C. E. Society and the First German Baptist C. E. Society was held in our church on Christian Endeavor Day.

This meeting stood out from other meetings because of its spontaneity. We heard much about C. E. and what it is doing in the United States and Europe. Also we learned that C. E. is a fast growing organization, and I am sure it gave us all a new impetus to push onward and upward with our own society.

When our leader called for sentence prayers, it was noticeable that members from both societies responded, one after the other, showing that prayer, much



Sunday School Officers and Teachers, High St. Church

prayer and prayer often is the basis of successful Christian Endeavor.

Our pastor spoke to us on important decisions, and pointed out that the decision we make when we accept Christ as our personal Savior is the most important decision we could possibly make.

On the whole, the meeting was not only a successful one but one from which, I believe, everyone received a blessing and a help.

Moral: More union meetings would create more enthusiasm.

PAUL SCHLICHTING.

A "Get-together" in Hudson County, New Jersey

At the beginning of 1925, it was decided that a closer friendship should prevail between the six Young People's Societies of Hudson County, so a "Meet" of those most interested in Young People's and Sunday School work was held in January at the Hoboken church which proved a great success, so the West Hoboken Young People under the direction of Rev. Potzner followed suit by giving a supper and inviting all the six Y. P. & S. S. W. Societies on Tuesday, March 17, at which about 130 attended.

During the supper the Hoboken Young People entertained with humorous songs and the orchestra of the West New York Church played several selections. At the close of supper everyone joined in in several songs and reciting of the 23rd Psalm followed by the Lord's Prayer and prayer by Rev. Swyter of Union Hill Church, after which everyone went back to the church auditorium, where the program was continued by Rev. Prendering of Jersey City Church, speaking on "Are We Sane?"

Roll call showed that Hoboken responded with 20 members, West New York with 21, Jersey City 14, Union Hill 13, West Hoboken 21 and Passaic 3 and 54 friends.

Mrs. H. Reysen of Hoboken sang one of Fanny Crosby's favorite hymns after which Mr. H. Reysen, president of Hoboken Y. P. S., gave an interesting talk on "The Life of Fanny Crosby," followed by a duet by Mrs. Schoeffel and Walter LaFrenz.

Miss Ruth Hess, soloist of West Hoboken Church, sang the beautiful hymn "Face to Face." Miss Hess is shortly leaving for Europe where she will be on a singing tour.

A humorous reading, "Trials and Troubles of Two Lovers," by Miss Madeline Osterlie, made everyone forget their trials and troubles.

"Co-operation" was portrayed by Rev. Schoeffel and remarks as how our convention at Jamesburg, N. J., May 15, 16 and 17 and the Institute at Keswick Grove this coming August will lead to closer fellowship and co-operation in all undertakings.

RUTH B. FREY,
Sec. of Hoboken Y. P. S.

Who Is a Great Man?

He is great alone who is great in character. But one who is great in character will be great also in service. In one of his "little journeys" Hubbard says:

"He is great who feeds other minds. He is great who inspires others to think for themselves.

"He is great who pulls you out of your mental ruts, lifts you out of the mire of the commonplace, whom you alternately love and hate, but whom you cannot forget.

"He is great to whom writers, poets, painters, philosophers, preachers, and scientists go, each to fill his own little tin cup, dipper, calabash, vase, stein, pitcher, amphora, bucket, tub, barrel or cask."

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Patience is a word which a young man needs in his vocabulary.

The Sunday School

Athletics for Sunday School Picnics

The Sunday school picnic is an occasion of recreation and sociability, a day spent by the lake, river, or in the grove, where the air is pure and exhilarating. By the music of a band the expression of the inner impulse is brought out and every care is forgotten.

With this spirited life the committee must work, and make each event full of interest and fun. It has been said, "A laugh is worth a million groans on the market." The committee in charge must select those events which have life and will cause a great amount of laughter.

My aim is to give some practical events which require little apparatus and at the same time produce the fun, and are not injurious to any untrained person.

The officers may consist of a referee, who shall decide all questions relating to each event, and three judges, who shall determine the order of finishing contestants. They shall arrange among themselves as to noting the winner for the first, second, and third places. No timer is necessary, but a starter shall have charge of all starting. He may stand in front of the runners and drop a handkerchief for the start. A pistol is not necessary and is dangerous among so many children. One scorer shall keep all records.

A baseball game is always an interesting feature. Have two teams of young men, or fat and lean men, married and single men.

I would suggest the following events for the athletics: The boys and girls should not compete in the same events, as the boys are much stronger and faster. Each group should be classified according to age.

1. *The crab race* is a heap of fun for the boys. The boys get down on their hands and feet (back down) and then run in that position with head toward the finish line (50 yards).

2. *The wheelbarrow race.* One fellow puts his hands on the ground, his partner takes him by the feet, and they go along like a wheelbarrow; when they cross the line they change position and go back to starting-point (30 yards each way).

3. *Nail-driving contest*—race for girls and women. Each person has ten large nails and a hammer; they must take one nail at a time, run 12 yards, drive the nail in a board to the head, then turn and get another nail; repeat until all nails have been driven.

4. *Relay for girls and women.* Make two lines 50 yards apart, have four runners on each team. (You can have as many teams as desired.) Number each team 1, 2, 3 and 4. Place numbers 1 and 3 on one line, 2 and 4 on the other. At the drop of the handkerchief No. 1 runs and touches No. 2. No. 2 runs

back and tags No. 3. No. 3 tags No. 4, and No. 4 finishes the race back at the starting-point. Team finishing first wins.

5. *Hop and roll race* (for boys). Hop on one foot (holding the other foot in hand) for 30 yards, then turn two forward rolls on the grass, get up, and finish race by jumping on both feet (together). Full distance, 75 yards.

6. *Run broad jump* (for boys and men).

7. *Potato race* (for girls or boys). Place small baskets on chairs, then put down twelve potatoes on the ground in front of each chair (potatoes three feet apart). The contestants must pick them up on a spoon and place the same in the baskets.

8. *100-yard dash* (for boys over fifteen).

9. *60-yard dash* (for boys under fifteen).

10. *60-yard dash* (for girls over fifteen).

11. *50-yard dash* (for girls under fifteen).

12. *Fat man's race* (75 yards).

13. *The bag race* (for boys). Each boy stands in a large bag,—top of bag tied around his waist. Distance of run, 30 yards.

14. *Thre-legged race.* Take two boys and stand them side by side. Tie the two legs together with a cord at the ankle and thigh. Two boys make a team. Distance of run, 60 yards.

15. *Married woman's race* (50 yards). These events have all been carefully selected, and have been tried and found very interesting, and none of them are too strenuous for the untrained person.

The Work of the Sunday School in Summer

During the winter Sunday school work, especially in a rural community, is likely to be extremely difficult. But in the summer this is not true. Every Sunday school worker interested in developing this phase of religious activity will have plenty of time and favorable weather conditions to stir up sufficient interest to overcome much of the handicap of severe winter weather or bad roads. Plans should be made and programs prepared and set in motion during the summer which will give Sunday school work momentum sufficient to carry it over the difficult period of the winter months. Making the most of summer should take into account the Sunday school.

Building Up the Membership. For its growth the Sunday school must depend very largely upon the efforts of the young people. These efforts, to be most effective, must be directed toward the securing of new members, and this work requires calling and visitation. Everyone knows the difficulty which attends this sort of activity in the win-

ter. The time for active and aggressive effort which is directed toward the securing and enlisting of new members is the time of year when they are most easily reached and when there is the least difficulty in securing their attendance. If your school is looking for summer activity which will bring the greatest return, let it include reaching people who cannot easily be reached during the winter.—Young People's Paper.

Special Sunday School Meeting, Elgin, Iowa

Wednesday evening, April 15, we held our annual meeting in the interest of our Sunday school. Formerly we appointed a number of teachers to speak on different phases of the work. This year our program committee recommended that each class select an appropriate number and the two best ones would be entitled to prizes. This arrangement created interest among the classes—each one tried to be a winner. The program was fine. Every one of the song selections was in honor of our Redeemer; other numbers tested our Bible knowledge and the one about gossiping, rendered by the young ladies class, Bro. J. F. Miller, teacher, set a practical lesson vividly before our eyes.

Although it was nearing 11 o'clock, no one revealed any sign of being tired, and all gladly waited for the last number of the evening, the refreshments. Here the family-ties were set aside and each class formed a specific group. Every teacher had to supply his own class with things prepared in the kitchen. It kept those of larger classes very busy in order to do justice to their classes.

Our superintendent, Bro. H. Keiser, being absent, the large and successful meeting was led by Bro. B. Baumgartner, our vice-superintendent. May we more than ever before see the importance of the Sunday school in promoting Christ's Kingdom in our vicinity!

PH. LAUER.

A Star Text

One of the finest verses in all the Bible is contained in the brief prophecy of Micah (6:8). It is as follows: "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" It is said that Gladstone, the great English statesman, paid high tribute to this text. Thomas Huxley, acknowledged to be the prince of agnostics, expressed his profound admiration for it. George Adam Smith who is considered a prince among expositors called it the greatest text in the Old Testament. When President Harding took his oath he kissed the Bible opened at the page containing this wonderful sentence. It is one of the star texts of the Bible.—Kind Words.

A Missionary's Day in China

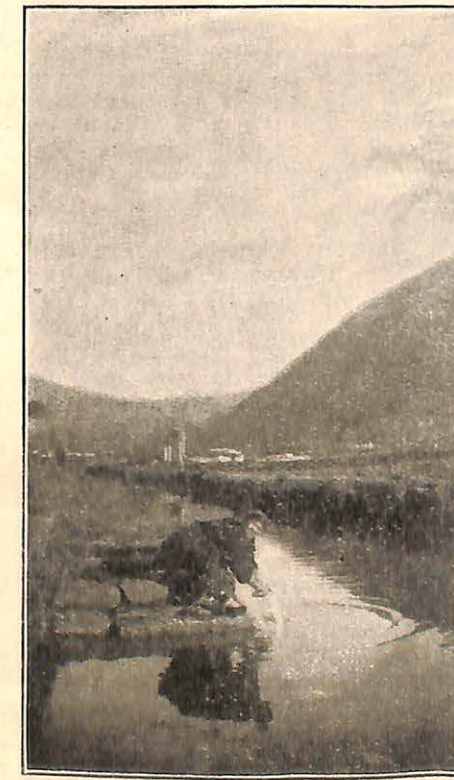
China Inland Mission,
Pingyanghsien, Che., China,
February 2, 1925.

My dear co-workers of the Iowa Jugendbund.

Shall we go for a day of evangelistic work? It is Chinese New Year time and therefore we shall have good opportunities. Get your luncheon ready—a sandwich and cracker will suffice for quite likely we shall be invited to partake of a Chinese dinner.

We are about ready to start; we have 50 Gospels with us which are to be sold for a copper a piece, and plenty of tracts. We will go to the chapel and see how many women are waiting there for we hope to have two parties today. Arriving at the chapel we find ten women gathered—we kneel in prayer commending ourselves and all we hope to do throughout the day, to Him who has promised us our labors are not in vain. After having divided into two parties, you who are going with me will have to go to the canal where a previously hired boat awaits us. That's right; squat right down on the floor of the boat and make yourselves as comfortable as possible. Fortunately our Chinese friends haven't as long legs as ours (mine not excluded) and so they can settle down better than we. However, we're off. The sun is very warm even though it is the end of January. Incidentally as we journey along we pass a woman at the canal bank washing her clothes or perhaps in that same canal a little further along we see another woman washing a fish in preparation for her dinner. But never mind those things!

The one boatman attends the Sunday



Woman Washing Fish for the Meal

services, but how about the other one? We will ask him if he believes the True Doctrine. What is his answer? Alas! he is like many others, he has heard, and the Doctrine sounds good but he is too busy. It reminds us of some of our people in Iowa, doesn't it? We won't forget him in our prayers, will we, that soon he may accept Christ?

In a distance we see our destination. Silently we turn our hearts again to Him in prayer for oh how we realize the fullness of the words, "Without me ye can do nothing." We have arrived; we get out of our small boat and walk a short distance. Yes, I agree with you, after an hour's ride by small boat we are glad for a short walk. Who is that in the distance coming to meet us? Do you recognize her? It is one of our dear women who makes the same journey we took just now, almost every Sunday, winter and summer—only it takes her much longer for she cannot afford two boatmen. We go to her home. Soon it is noised about that a foreigner is coming and so as we pass the various homes, we invite them to Ah-nyang-soe's after dinner where the Gospel will be preached.

We arrive at her home. I know some of you will be inclined to call it a barn for it has only a mud floor. However, it is her home. Several stools are brought for us to sit on and almost instantly comes our hostess with a cup of tea. We are specially favored for we have a green olive at the bottom of our cup. You will have noticed ere this that China is not America for already over 30 children and a number of men have walked into the house, without knocking of course, for the doors are never shut in the day time. The Bible woman, who has come with our party, takes the opportunity of telling them the Story so old and yet so new. You ask why they laugh aloud at being told to thank God before meals? Well, dear friends, it is sad but true, for although we have come only a little over an hour's journey from where our chapel is, yet some of these *have never heard!*

It is 12 o'clock; our hostess says, "You eat with me today." We can't decline even though some dishes look uneatable. A bowl of rice you can manage and then there's a number of dishes of port (try not to think of it's strong garlic flavor), some doughstrings and green vegetables, so from this variety we'll get on until night, won't we? Any bones that you might get in your mouth, spit them right on the floor, for a dog is under the table to eat what you cannot!

Dinner is over! The crowd has gathered. We sell a few Gospels—but only a few—for most of these people cannot read. Again in all simplicity the Gospel is preached. Some stand there simply drinking in the Word. Finally it is time for us to leave—we distribute tracts and have the promise of some to attend the services. We won't so soon forget to pray for this group of people, will we? We thank our hostess for



Woman Washing in China

the dinner and give orders to the boatmen to meet us at another village, while we walk.

Ah! but now it is time we are thankful for our long legs and big feet for we can walk quickly over the stony paths, whereas our Chinese friends must hobble along on their small feet. Again we come to the home of a believer. A feast for men has been prepared at their home so we haven't much chance. We sit down for a few moments and immediately comes a bowl of doughstrings and pork balls. I know you aren't very hungry, but eat a little to show you appreciate her trouble. We sell a few Gospels and invite people to come to the services. It is 2:30 and we must hurry on for we have one more stop to make.

Again we walk across the stony paths and arrive at our destination. Why have we come? We have come to this heathen home because one of our dear girls was married to a heathen man only a few weeks ago. We have come to her mother and father-in-law's home to invite them to services and also to ask them to permit their daughter-in-law to continue to come to our chapel. How our hearts ache for this girl! Her own father had promised her to this man when only a babe—later he died and the girl's mother married again. This time she married a Christian and therefore the girl was brought up in the fear of the Lord. It was impossible to break the engagement and consequently the above given results. We are not favorably impressed with the face of the mother-in-law—we fear our dear friend will soon suffer at her hands. We have done what we could—briefly told them about the Gospel, invited them to come and also to allow the daughter-

in-law to come—results must be left with him.

And now it is time to go home. Heavy clouds are gathering around us, we fear the next day will be rainy and thus we will be hindered from getting out. However, we are glad we had this one day of witnessing for Him, aren't we? As we near home, how do we feel? Thankful, yes, very thankful that to me was given the privilege of going forth in His name, but oh, so burdened for the boatman, for the group of Ah-nyang-soe's, for the party gathered at our other friend's house and perhaps especially burdened for our little bride. My prayer helpers and friends—PRAY for the above named!

In closing let me again thank you for your gift of \$100 which reached me safely a few days ago. Part of it will be used in evangelistic work. I'm sure none of you will feel it has gone amiss when thus used. I've only taken you for a trip in imagination this time, will some of you come over and take such a trip in reality?

Yours for Him in China,
BERTHA M. LANG.

The Group System in the Second Church, Chicago

It is always interesting to read reports of the welfare of our many young people's societies and to hear how God is blessing their work. A long time has elapsed since "Baptist Herald" readers have heard of the Y. P. S. of the Second Church in Chicago. It might be of interest to many to know how we are getting along.

At our annual business meeting last fall, when officers were elected, which in this instance was more of a re-election, it was decided that the devotional meetings held Sundays at 7.00 o'clock be conducted on the Group System.

Accordingly, the active members of the society were divided into four groups, each group headed by a captain. The ability and talent of our members was as evenly distributed as possible, so that the four divisions were fairly well balanced. This plan seems to work out very well, as it gives a chance for every member of the society to take part in the meeting. Furthermore, competition always lends zeal and enthusiasm to any organization, whether it be business or religion. Beside the ambition of each group to make its meeting the best, a contest is being held for group membership, the group recruiting the greatest number of members receiving a reward at the end of the year. The reward will probably consist of being entertained and perhaps fed by the other three groups.

Since this plan has been in effect, not one meeting has passed without musical numbers. Some very original ideas as to how to conduct our meetings have been brought out. For instance, we recently conducted a crossword puzzle meeting, every word of the puzzle being in the Bible. In order to solve this puzzle, the verse containing the desired word was read, and the congregation



picked the word. A short talk concerning some of the words, such as "Christ," "Savior," "Sin," "Son," etc., was given after the solution of the puzzle.

Another interesting program was our "Service" program, the word "Service" being divided as follows:

Self-Denial
Endurance
Reverence
Virtue
"I will"
Calvary
Eternal life

These seven subtitles were discussed for two or three minutes each by seven of the young men of one of the groups.

From the experience of half a year we can safely recommend this system of conducting meetings to any of our fellow young people in other churches. It is wise to change captains every half year and so give more members a chance.

Profitable experience will be gained by all those who perform, and the society will really become a *Young People's Society*. H. A. LANGE, Sec.

Nottingham Baptist Church, Cleveland

God has graciously blessed the efforts of his children. As a church we realize that it was the Lord who gave the increase.

Easter was a great day for us and will be long remembered. We had the privilege to baptize 16 new converts. Special efforts were made to raise extra money towards our outstanding debt. After our new building was finished and dedicated there were unpaid bills which amounted to \$5000. This added an extra burden for us to carry. There was nothing else left for us to do but to face this problem. During the lenten season a campaign was put on to reduce this debt and to pay some important bills. Through our efforts over \$2000 in cash was raised at this time. It will mean the continued effort and sacrificial giving of our people to meet our obligations in the future.

Even though the past year has been very hard from the financial standpoint we did not let this interfere with our work to win souls for Christ. During the past year we received 44 new members 31, by baptism and 13 by letter and experience. Our Sunday school has passed the 300 mark in attendance. Our mission is to win souls for our Lord Jesus Christ. As a church we want to be a light house in this part of our city.

J. H. ANSBERG.

Young Men's Bible Class, West Baltimore

This is the West Baltimore Young Men's Bible Class, Bro. S. Bodlien, teacher. The only thing we regret is that not all the members were in time to have their picture taken. It is a very live organization, and Bro. G. Schmidt, our pastor, has all reasons to be proud of them.

Park Church Juniors and Intermediates, St. Louis

Our Junior Union celebrated its eighth anniversary last fall. We have about twelve active members and are studying the Life of Christ. In January we organized an Intermediate Union of eight members. Our two unions meet every Sunday evening from seven to eight. First the Juniors have their program, then the Intermediates, using the B. Y. P. U. Quarterly. Margaret Johnson is president of the Juniors and Milton Schroeder president of the Intermediates. Besides taking up our studies for the evening we learn the important facts of the Bible. We have a Bible Drill or Scripture Verse hunt, which helps us to become acquainted with the books of the Bible.

Our boys and girls are quite active and faithful. Just recently we visited the Bethesda Home in our city, a home for children, older people and incurables. We held a meeting there. Our secretary, Norman Schaumann, called the roll and each member responded with a Promise from the Bible. Quite a number of us took part in prayer. Our Juniors gave a short lesson on Christ's Teachings of the Future. Our Intermediates spoke of Jesus Healing the Sick. Dorothy Schroeder sang "Abide With Me." Then we recited Psalm 121 and closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our dear friends in the Home enjoyed our visit very much and asked us to come again. We send hearty "Greetings" to all Junior and Intermediate Unions and hope to hear from them also.

S. v. d. A.

Mr. Frank Sack of Pittsburgh, Pa., according to the "Baptist," has been called to Detroit as a business assistant to Dr. H. C. Gleiss. He will have charge of the books, accounts and properties held by the Detroit Baptist Union, whose holdings now exceed \$1,500,000. Mr. Sack is a former member of the Temple Church, Pittsburgh, and was very active in B. Y. P. U. work during the Editor's pastorate in Pittsburgh. He is a son-in-law of Dr. Gleiss. We wish him much success in his new sphere of work.

Our Devotional Meeting

G. W. PUST

June 14

Leadership: Its Price and Its Rewards

2 Cor. 12: 11-21; 2 Tim. 4:6-8

The success or failure of a venture is inextricably intertwined with its leadership. That is why our Lord bestowed the lion-share of his time and strength upon the twelve. He wanted to make them wise and efficient leaders. There is a loud and persistent call for leaders in the various branches of the church today. We need them in the Sunday school, in the Y. P. Society, and in every other organization. May an ever increasing number of our young people hear the summons and obey!

I. The Price of Leadership

1. *Hard work.* No man, however gifted, can become a real leader unless he is willing to bow his neck to the yoke. Even genius, we are told, consists 99 per cent of good old fashioned hard work. Leadership requires much study and planning and—for a Christian—also much praying. No one who has conscientiously applied himself to the great task of leadership has found it child's play. (2 Cor. 12:12; Luke 9:62.)

2. *Sacrifice.* Not only of ease and pleasure, but of self. (2 Cor. 12:15.)

3. *Perhaps false accusations.* (2 Cor. 12:17.) In spite of our most unselfish efforts there will probably be those who will ascribe to us ulterior motives. We can easily understand that from the standpoint of the world where self is the dominating factor.

II. The Reward of Leadership

1. *A good conscience.* This applies only to those who have conscientiously and uprightly served the Lord. They have the satisfaction that true service always brings. What a difference between them and those who have kept their pound in a napkin! (Luke 19:20.)

2. *Growth.* Mentally and spiritually. (Matt. 25:20-23.) Why are there so many undeveloped Christians?

3. *A crown of righteousness.* (2 Tim. 4:8.)

June 21

Life as a Hurdle-Race

Heb. 12:1-4

"A hurdle race is a race in which artificial barriers in the form of hurdles, fences, etc., must be leaped." It is "a race across country between a number of horsemen, to see which can first reach some distant object." Here we have some true analogies to life.

I. Barriers to be Leaped

(The writer of the letter to the Hebrews speaks of "laying aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us.")

1. *Carelessness.* It is disastrous to the welfare and happiness of any who indulge in it. It is the cause of many a catastrophe. Millions of lives have become its victims. Think of the awful results because of railroad switches left open by carelessness. But even more disastrous are the results when we become careless in spiritual things; when church-going, Bible-reading and praying are neglected. It is to such causes that we trace the downfall of nations. It spells spiritual death to the individual.

2. *A quick temper.* It is very much of a hindrance to the development of usefulness. A peevish, irritable disposition makes things rather unpleasant for all concerned. It is a barrier that should be leaped.

3. *An uncontrollable appetite.* It has sent many to a premature grave. We are to be temperate in all things. (Rom. 13:13.)

II. The Extent of the Race

Across the whole country of life. Consequently:

1. *It will be witnessed by many.* Especially will it be closely watched from the moment one becomes a Christian. Therefore a Christian should be most conscientious in observing all the rules governing the race.

2. *We have need of faith and patience.* They will keep us from desisting and turning aside, they are conquering graces.

III. The Aim

"Some distant object."

1. For the man of the world some earthly goal, such as wealth or fame.

2. For the Christian, Christ-likeness and heaven.

June 28

My Answer to the Missionary Challenge

Isa. 6:8, 9; 1 Thess. 2:8

There are various reasons why my answer should be as Isaiah's of old.

The appalling need. There are millions of men and women who have never heard of Christ. They are ignorant, unclothed, poorly fed and unhappy. They are bound with chains of sin and disease. They are surrounded by darkness and filth. They are far from the Father's house.

My relation to all of humanity. They are my brothers and sisters. Yes, even though many are black and yellow and red. "Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?" (Mal. 2:10.)

Is it then not my duty to show them the way to health and light and freedom and home? Did God intend that I was to selfishly enjoy his blessings and leave the large majority of his children to perish in their desperate need? That cannot be! With unfathomable yearning

and love he is still calling: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

My duty. "Here am I; send me." Does that mean that I must actually leave friends and home and country and become a foreign missionary? For many it means just that. And the sooner they become reconciled to that fact, the happier they will be; for the consciousness that they are doing the Father's bidding will bestow joy unspeakable. For others it means that they are to supply the needed apparatus for the work of rescue. They are to be liberal with their gifts and prayers. "We are the children of converts of foreign missionaries, and fairness means that I must do to others as men once did for me."

July 5

What Makes a Nation Great?

Deut. 28:1-14

(Patriotic consecration meeting)

What a blessing it would be for every nation under the sun if the right views in regard to this question were universally held!

Erroneous views. There are still those who lay emphasis on a large standing army with plenty of guns and all the rest of the paraphernalia of war; but nations built up by the power of the sword seem to bear within them the germs of decay. What a long list of nations bears mute testimony to this fact! What nations can you name? Others point with pride to the rivers, the harbors, the fertile soil, the mines of coal and iron, of silver and gold, the factories and commerce. And these things are of inestimable value. We should recognize in them the bountifulness of our heavenly Father; but they in themselves are insufficient to make a nation great.

Obedience to law. That is where our scripture passage places the emphasis. These laws, of course, should be just; they should be in harmony with the divine laws; and they should be indiscriminately enforced. No nation can attain unto greatness while license instead of law reigns. "Lawlessness makes man an anarchist. The lawless man is a run-away orb, careening wildly through space. Law accepted, makes man a moralist, giving habits and grooves to his faculties."

The foundation of law. This must be religion. Whenever a people becomes irreligious, it also becomes lawless. This fact should teach us to place first things first. (Matt. 6:33.)

Our country in danger. An unprecedented wave of lawlessness has struck us. Many have turned their back on God. Is the fate of Babylonia and Egypt and Rome to overtake us? Our country needs our prayers and the influence of every law-abiding and godly life in the nation.



New Church and Sunday School Building, First Church, Brooklyn

New Edifice of the First Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

In recent years many of our churches have erected imposing and impressive new buildings. This progressive step in most cases was caused by sale of the old sites and removal to different neighborhoods, due to shifts in the population, or by an enlargement of the work in a fruitful field. The First Church, Brooklyn, is an example of the former situation. Its former house of worship in Montrose Avenue was gradually surrounded by a Jewish and Italian population and work in this location became more and more difficult for a German Baptist church. Some time ago the old church was sold and later a corner lot in a growing suburban section of Brooklyn was purchased. This plot is 100x140 feet in dimension, is situated at Catalpa Ave. and McPherson St. and cost \$16,500.

We are glad to present to our readers a picture of the proposed new building. The architecture is in colonial style. Ground for the new building was broken April 2. Work on the foundation has progressed rapidly and it was hoped to lay the corner-stone on or about Decoration Day. Only the church proper is to be built for the present and the rest of the plant will be deferred until sufficient funds are available.

The church proper, now under way, will cost about \$80,000, furnishings and pipe organ included. The main auditorium will seat 500 including the balcony and choir seats. Provision is made for a pastor's study, a church office and choir room as well as two spacious robing rooms just back of the baptistry. The auxiliary room in the basement, seating 225, will temporarily be occupied by the intermediate, senior and young people's departments of the Bible school, while beginners, primary and junior departments will be housed in the cheery chapel which seats 150. Pastor Paul Wengel and his people are praying for the Lord to crown their work with success so that these quarters will soon be inadequate and that the funds for the completion of the whole will be soon forthcoming. It is

hoped that the portion now under construction will be ready for occupancy by the middle of November. We wish Bro. Wengel and the First Church, Brooklyn, the richest measure of success in this great enterprise and hope their fondest wishes may be more than realized.

Young People's Society, Ebenezer-West

This month marks the end of another year of activity for our society, and, looking backwards, we can truly say: "The Lord was with us." We have felt his presence and have enjoyed many hours of grace with him.

We were able to hold twenty-two meetings during the year now ended and look upon it as a special blessing from Providence that we were able to have Rev. Joh. Luebeck in our midst, who enriched our meetings by seven inspired addresses, impressive and of great spiritual benefit to us all.

Our membership list numbered 42 at the beginning of the past year. We gained 17 members but lost 11, making a total gain of 6 members, increasing our membership to 48.

Through the Lord's help we were able to purchase and install a new gas lighting set in our church, thus adding physical light to the spiritual light we endeavor to diffuse in the community.

May the Almighty be with us in the coming year to help us in our weakness, so that many souls may receive real blessing and inspiration from our meetings! MRS. GERTRUDE MUTH, Sec.

The Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., Rev. C. F. Zummach, pastor, has just published a fine church directory, a copy of which we received. It contains a brief outline history of the church, the church covenant, a list of the officers, organizations and meetings of the church and a complete membership list. It contains cuts of the pastor and church edifice. It is gotten up neatly and is very handy for all the members. The membership list shows 203 names, the highest number in its history.

Important Information for Triennial Conference Delegates and Visitors

The members of our churches throughout the land from coast to coast will soon be traveling toward Pittsburgh to attend the Triennial Conference, and will desire some definite information as to the expenses connected therewith. We take this means to inform you that a committee of 48 men and women have been at work for some time on plans for the welfare and comfort of our delegates and guests. It is our earnest endeavor, as well as that of the residents of Pittsburgh, to make the stay of our guests in Pittsburgh as pleasant and reasonable as possible. In order to relieve your mind of all worry during your stay we offer the following information:

Housing

We have secured accommodations in the Carnegie "Tech" dormitories for 730 guests with rates as follows: Single rooms \$1.50 per day, double rooms \$1.00 each person per day. For those who prefer to stay at Hotel Schenley the rates are: Single room with bath \$6.00 per day, double room with bath \$8.00 per day, single room without bath \$4.00 per day, double room without bath \$6.00 per day. The hotel as well as the school are near the Conference church. For those who are unable to pay the above prices our sisters in Pittsburgh will open their homes. Tourists wishing to camp may put up their tents in Schenley Park near the Conference church.

Meals

The committee for meals has made elaborate preparations to satisfy the bodily needs of the guests at all times. The best restaurants have been selected where good meals are served at modest prices. Those who, because of the hot weather, wish a light lunch, may obtain the same in the church. Arrangements have been made for three banquets: one for the Minister's Alumni, one for the women and one for the young people.

Arrival in Pittsburgh

The delegates are requested to come to the Conference church as soon as they arrive, whether by train or auto. Special arrangements have been made with the "Green Taxicab Co." to bring the delegates from either station in Pittsburgh to the church for 40 cents each. Guests upon their arrival will register at the registration desk, paying the registration fee of \$1.00 and receive a beautiful badge, all the necessary material and all the written directions that they need. Autos can be stored in the Schenley Park district at a special rate of 75 cents a day or night.

Notices

That everything may be arranged in an orderly way we earnestly beg you to send all notices of your coming not later than July 10, to Rev. A. A. Schade, 75 Onyx Ave., Mt. Oliver, Pittsburgh, Pa.

We must also know whether you wish to stay at the hotel or at the school, or

in free quarters. Our motto: "Your wish is our command."

Communications

Please send all inquiries concerning the Triennial Conference to Rev. C. E. Cramer, 1532 Kenneth Ave., Arnold, Pa.
A. A. SCHADE, Chairman.
C. E. CRAMER, Clerk.

Recreational Interests for the Visitors to the Triennial Conference

Pittsburgh is a historic city and figures largely in all accounts of the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Its early history is "written in blood." While the fame of Pittsburgh has come from its prestige and standing as a manufacturing city, it is well to remember that in the history of the United States Pittsburgh has a large place.

Most visitors to the city take a ride on the Mt. Washington Incline Plane to get a bird's eye view of the city. By night this view is a fairyland of twinkling lights reflected a hundred fold in the bosom of the three mighty rivers. By day the visitor is enthralled and inspired by the panorama of homes and industries which cover hill and valley as far as the eye can reach. At this point George Washington spent some time in viewing the rivers and the land of the fork, which he considered extremely well situated for a fort. Fort Duquesne was later erected at the "Forks." The only relic of the Colonial days now left is the Block House, erected by Colonel Bouquet of British Army in 1764. The quaint little brick building, pentagonal in form, with loop holes for rifles, and solid brick walls, aside from its history, will appeal as a rare type and a relic. It stands in the triangular strip formed by the confluence of the two rivers, formerly called the "Forks," but now known as "The Point" in Pittsburgh. The Court House and Frick Building occupy the part of the battle field known as Grants Hill.

At the Library of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania you will find many rare books, pictures and MSS. relative to the history of Pennsylvania and especially interesting relics of Pittsburgh.

The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall erected in tribute to the men from Allegheny County, who fought on land and sea in the war to preserve the Union, contains many interesting Civil War relics.

The Homestead of Stephen C. Foster, composer of "My Old Kentucky Home" and other southern songs, is maintained by the city as a memorial to Foster.

The Heinz Industries, "The Home of the 57," was begun by H. J. Heinz in 1869 on the lower floor of a small two-story building, with two women helpers. Now the Heinz Industries use the product of 50,000 acres of land, and employ 4000 people in the manufacture and distribution of their product. It is the largest pickling and preserving plant in the world. Visitors are always welcome and are splendidly entertained.



Downtown Pittsburgh From Mt. Washington Hill

Schenley Park, the gift of Mrs. Mary E. Schenley, is Pittsburgh's first and greatest park. President McKinley expressed surprise at the wonderful natural beauties of this park and said it was the most romantic public park that he had ever seen. Among the attractions are a half-mile race track, golf links with shelter houses, and tennis courts. Panther Hollow is a deep and romantic gorge crossed by an imposing high bridge, under which is a small lake called Panther Lake. This lake affords boating in the summer and skating in the winter.

At the Forbes Street entrance to this park is the magnificent Carnegie Foundation. This monumental building, the gift of Andrew Carnegie, covers nearly four acres and is of the Italian Renaissance type. It houses the Gallery of Fine Arts, Library, Museum and Music Hall.

The Gallery of Fine Arts, besides the permanent collection presents, each spring, an international exhibition of modern paintings, which has become world famous.

The Library contains a well selected collection of 450,000 volumes. The beautiful paintings and decorative marbles of the halls and staircases are worthy of special notice.

The Carnegie Museum is recognized today as one of the four leading natural history museums of the United States.

In the Music Hall is one of the largest pipe organs in the world. In the beautiful and artistically restful surroundings of this Hall, you will be able to enjoy the Sunday Morning Session of the Conference to the fullest extent. This hall has a seating capacity of 2000 persons.

Then those who love flowers will enjoy a trip through the second largest conservatory in the world, filled with rare specimens of plant life from all parts of the world. The Phipps Conservatory and Hall of Botany is the gift of Henry Phipps to the city.

The Tourists Camp, equipped with all necessary sanitary facilities, will be accessible to motorists.

Highland Park is the home of the third largest Zoological Gardens in the

United States. In this park are located three large reservoirs which furnish the greater portion of the city's water supply. Carnegie Lake is a pleasant boating spot in the summer and very popular for skating in the winter. There is a striking and beautiful statue to Stephen C. Foster at the entrance.

Riverview Park is the largest of the North Side parks. The Allegheny Observatory, a beautiful, white marble building, is located in this park. This Observatory and its equipment costs three hundred thousand dollars, all of which was subscribed by citizens of Pittsburgh.

There are many other points of interest; such as the New Liberty Twin Tubes, each one and a quarter mile long, the only auto and foot passenger tunnels in the world; and the Boulevard of the Allies, of which the Recreation Committee will probably arrange a tour.

Pittsburgh is one of the few cities in America where a civic center has been realized. Adjacent to the First Church, where our Conference Sessions will be held, are the monumental buildings of the Soldiers Memorial Hall, the Masonic Temple, the Syria Mosque, the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, the Historical Society, the Eighteenth Regiment Armory, Hotel Schenley, the new Schenley Apartments, Forbes Field, the Schenley High School, the Carnegie Music Hall, Library and Museum, the Carnegie Institute of Technology, and the group of University Buildings. To this group of buildings will be added the proposed New Cathedral of Learning. Through this great high building, we can interpret the Spirit of Achievement in Pittsburgh, both to itself and the world.

These points of interest, with the exception of the Heinz Industries, Highland Park and Riverview Park, are within easy walking distance of the church where the sessions are to be held and so can easily be visited between sessions.

PITTSBURGH PUBLICITY COMMITTEE,
CARL GRIMM, Chairman,
409 Armandale St.,
N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Result of Sunday School Contest

No doubt many readers of the "Herald" have been interested in the Sunday school contest between four of our leading schools and have followed the monthly reports which have been published in our paper during the progress of the contest. The contest continued for a period of six months from October, 1924, to April, 1925. Now for the outcome.

We submit a summary of the contest as sent in by Mr. H. Theodore Sorg, the superintendent of the Evangel school, with whom the suggestion of the contest originated. The names are listed in the order in which they finished.

SUMMARY OF CONTEST

Six Month Average:

	Attendance	Offering	Present Enrollment
1. Evangel	498	\$113.48	800
2. Clinton Hill	296	37.76	430
3. Pittsburgh	274	33.72	320
4. Burlington	429	28.75	580

From the face of the report, it would seem that the schools in the East benefited more by the contest than did the Western schools. Mr. Sorg thinks the latter did not put forth their entire strength or they would have given the two Newark schools a much closer race. We believe that the contest stimulated all four schools and indirectly many others.

The real fruitage of the friendly competition will be a determined effort on the part of all these schools to continue steadily to develop all their possibilities of outward growth and spiritual influence and efficiency. That the Evangel school is working along this line is shown by the fact that they broke all their records for attendance on Easter Sunday with 720 present. Evangel school is now our largest school.

Points of Argument, No. 5

Could YOUR family live on 32 cents a day? That is what \$2,000 yields annually at 6 per cent.

Could YOUR family live on 49 cents a day? That is what \$3,000 yields annually at 6 per cent.

Could YOUR family live on 82 cents a day? That is what \$5,000 yields annually at 6 per cent.

But you will say, "If I were to die leaving an estate of \$5,000 my family would not have to live on the interest, for they could use a part of the principal." Is it fair or manly to leave an estate so small that your widow in rearing and educating your children will be obliged to consume the principal as well as the interest, and then in her old age be herself faced with the problem of poverty and charity after she has given her best years carrying the burden you left and placed upon her shoulders? The prudent, thoughtful and unselfish man will consider this problem and apply common sense to it. He will calculate what sum of money he must leave, which, if invested at 6%, will yield an income equal to his present earnings.

Bear in mind that a \$1,000 policy does not insure your family, it merely insures your undertaker, doctor and hospital.

Here is what life insurance does for the ordinary man: It enables him to save on a scale that he himself has named after due deliberation.

It puts his savings into the hands of those who, through long training, have become experts in the investment business, and it gives his earnings the safeguards provided by the laws governing life insurance companies.

It leaves him free to give his whole time and thought to further earnings, saving him all vexation and anxiety incident to the care of property.

And best of all, over and beyond its merits as a means of accumulation, it plays the role of a godfather to the dependent family suddenly cast upon their own resources through the unexpected death of the breadwinner.

The easiest, safest, surest and most satisfactory way to save and to keep on saving is to purchase from a reliable, conservative insurance association the amount of life insurance suited to your circumstances.

There is no argument against the taking of life insurance. It is established that the protection of one's family and those near to him is the one thing to be most desired, and there is no medium of protection that is better than insurance.

The good citizen owes not only to his family but to his neighbor the duty of providing his own and banishing all thoughts of the potter's field and the poorhouse.

The civilized man insures. The Hottentot does not, but he would if he knew enough.

A \$5,000 membership certificate in our German Baptists' Life Association guarantees a monthly income of \$50.00 for ten years.

For further information write to the home office:

19 Sprenger Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

THE BAPTIST HERALD

Program of the South Dakota Jugendbund

held with the B. Y. P. U. at Emery, S. D., June 9-11, 1925

TUESDAY EVENING

Welcome by local president, Ed. Roesken. Response by the president of the Jugendbund, A. A. Voigt. Roll Call. Opening address: Rev. William Kuhn, General Secretary. Announcement and benediction by the local pastor, Rev. S. Blum.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9-10 o'clock: Bible Study. Theme: "Mission." Rev. H. P. Kayser. Three-minute reports from each society on the question: "What are we doing in practical Christian work?" "Opportunities for Missionary Work in Our State," Rev. C. A. Gruhn. Address: Rev. William Kuhn.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

"The Pastor and the B. Y. P. U.," Rev. C. Dippel. "The Officers and the B. Y. P. U.," Rev. H. Lohr. "The Individual Member and the B. Y. P. U.," Rev. W. F. Schaefer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Address: Rev. William Kuhn.

THURSDAY MORNING

9-10 o'clock: Bible Study. Theme: "Service," Rev. A. W. Lang. "Young People as a Field for Evangelism," Rev. W. S. Argow. "The B. Y. P. U. as a Force in Evangelism," Rev. J. F. Olthoff. "Personal Work in Evangelism," Rev. C. Swyter. Address: Rev. William Kuhn.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Question Box. Business. Music.

THURSDAY EVENING

Closing Address: Rev. William Kuhn. The predominant note throughout all of the meetings is "Evangelism."

Committee: MISS EDNA ROBECK, S. BLUM, J. F. OLTHOFF.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Emery Baptist Church extends a hearty invitation to all the young people of the South Dakota Jugendbund to attend the meetings of the Bund. Come one, come all!

The Knights of Honor

of the
German Baptist Church

Tacoma, Washington
Extend a Warm-Hearted Invitation to all young men visiting the Pacific Coast to join the class of GOOD FELLOWSHIP.
SPLENDID LESSONS
9:45 A. M. every Sunday. So. 20 & J St.

WHEN IN BROOKLYN

Do as the
CRUSADERS BIBLE CLASS
does

These young men meet every Sunday at 2.30 P. M. for the Study of God's Word at the
Second German Baptist Church
Woodbine St., cor. Evergreen Ave.
WELCOME WELCOME

Are We Willing?

IF we are willing the greatest problem confronting our denominational life is solved. To be willing, that is the question; to become willing is the plainest duty we have.

To be willing to go back to the Master's program for the saving of the world is the urgent need of our day. It is the individual effort with the individual. It is the personal testimony carried in a personal way.

If I am saved, genuinely, consciously saved I possess the first qualification for witness-bearing. If I have the joy of salvation in my soul I have an

The Young Christian and Personal Work in Soul-Winning

A. P. MIHM

THROUGHOUT our churches many adults can be found who are anxious that evangelistic work be carried on among the young people.

If we are anxious to have our churches increase in strength, we must above all be concerned about having young people accept Christ as their Savior.

However, we wish to emphasize the need of young people themselves becoming interested in evangelistic work among other young people.

Christianity must have converts or it ceases to exist. If we cease to win others, we are nullifying the plan of Christ for the extension of his kingdom.

It is thinkable that the Almighty could have so arranged his divine plan, that he himself, without human help, might arrest and enlist followers as he did with Saul of Tarsus, but this was not his plan. By men he would reach men. Human mediums of power are to do his wondrous work.

Therefore, personal evangelism, personal work in soul-winning is the greatest work in the world.

Sometimes we are all so busy and happy in managing things for God, organization, societies, committees, boards, that we forget that the principal business and joy of the church is to win souls for Christ. The chief service of the church is the winning of the souls of men, one by one.

By personal work, we mean effort by individuals with individuals to win them to know the gospel, to accept Christ as their Savior and actively serve him. ("Evangelism is the quest for the individual.")

A large part of our work of winning souls is personal, that is, it is a work between man and man. God has ordained that, usually when an unsaved person is to be led to the Savior it shall be done through some human agent. (Read John 1:29-51. Andrew—Peter—Philip—Nathanael.) It is one of the best and most effective ways for winning souls.

It Was the Chief Method of Jesus

The multitudes sought him and heard him gladly but he sought individuals, and those individuals sought others and brought them to him.

Seven disciples were won by personal work and undoubtedly others. Jesus touched souls personally in the temple, in the street, on the sea-

influence which touches the fellow-man. If I neglect my solemn privilege my joy recedes, my life contracts.

Why am I not obedient to the inner voice, to the impelling desire to make my Savior known? On this obedience hinges my bliss and the growth of the body of Christ.

If we are willing to stand where the first witnesses stood in the days of the early Church there will come to our denomination seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Then will our souls be added and multiplied. Then will our hearts rejoice and lesser problems be dissolved.

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shore, in a boat, in the mountains, in the home, by day and by night. (Study the Gospels and mark the passages.) Think of Nicodemus—the woman of Samaria at Jacob's well—Matthew—Zaccheus in Jericho.

Jesus organized his personal workers and sent them out two by two to win others. (Luke 10.)

Jesus by his example has taught us that one soul is a great audience.

Personal evangelism was prominent in the Apostolic church.

Philip and the Eunuch. (Acts 8:26-39.)

Conversion of the Jailer. (Acts 16:29-31.)

Note how Aquila and Priscilla did personal work. (Acts 18:26-28.)

Note how Paul worked in Ephesus. (Acts 20:20.) **In Rome.** (Acts 28:30, 31.) The missionary journeys and efforts of Paul were filled with personal service. His letters are filled with personal messages.

In point of fact nearly every regenerate person can trace his religious life to the agency of some individual. Sometimes it is a mother's prayers, sometimes a father's counsel, sometimes the holy living of one of God's children. But even more frequently our religious experience can be traced to a word directly spoken by someone in whose Christian character we had confidence. Read 2 Tim. 1:5 and 3:15 and see how parents may do personal work. Read 2 Kings 5:1-5 and see how a little slave-girl did personal work.

Those to Do Personal Work

Soul-winning which is the great object and purpose of personal work, is not for the few. It belongs to believers in general. All Christians are called to do it. No one is excluded from this great work. Young Christians ought to learn to do it early in their Christian life.

When we are the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ, then the command comes: "Son, go work today in my vineyard" (Matt. 21:28.) Who-soever follows Jesus, must become a fisher of men. (Matt. 4:18-22.) Every servant has a pound. Every believer has the gospel. (Luke 19:11-16.) The departing Lord says to every servant: "Occupy till I come." Sons and daughters, young men

and old men, servants and handmaidens, all are to prophesy. (Acts 2:17. 18.)

If we would let the Spirit of God do what he would with our lives, what he wishes, everyone would be an evangelist.

We need a revival of the sense of personal responsibility. If we could go back to the day of Pentecost and use that as a model for our special efforts, we would find there the secret of spiritual success. At that time every believer was an evangelist. Every disciple a discipler.

The book that describes the life of the early Christians is called the book of Acts. They were more than believers; they **acted**. They did the most natural thing imaginable; they told others about Jesus.

Some of them were able to tell about Jesus by means of preaching. They preached Christ. But mostly they told about him in ordinary ways, by conversation, testimony, allusion, reference, confidence,—just as one of us may talk about a dear friend to a third person, until this third person says: "I would like to meet this friend and learn to know him too."

The Need of Personal Soul-Winning Work

The multitude of unsaved persons all around us ought to stir us deeply and impel us on to the task. Perhaps our present methods of Christian work are not reaching more than one-quarter of the unconverted people of our country. We are told by authorities that 25 persons of every 100 are practically untouched in our communities by religious influences. We are told that not over 5 per cent of the young men of our country are enrolled in our churches or identified in any form with Christian work.

The Lord's command is "Preach the gospel to every creature."

How to Do Personal Work

The young Christian must not claim to know everything or aim to take the role of instructor. Souls are not won by instruction and argument. They are won by earnestness and conviction. Human hearts are always sensitive to a direct, earnest, simple testimony.

One of the first things a young soul-winner will do is to **learn to talk naturally, directly and persuasively about Christ**. We can talk about clothes and parties, and the virtues and faults of acquaintances, about business and how to make money. Why is it we cannot talk about Christ? If you can learn to speak easily and naturally about your Lord, you will have mastered the first steps in the art of soul-saving.

There is but one way to accomplish this. Be on good terms with the Master himself. If your own heart is full of all tenderness for him, it will be easy to talk about him. One need not speak many words but let them be words that are not likely to be forgotten.

Be straightforward and clear as a bell. Do not give an uncertain tone. Be bold and positive. There must be no wavering when you talk about your Lord. The world does not need your doubts and problems; it needs your assurance.

Nothing persuades like the accent of conviction. Like the sturdy blind man in John's gospel: "One thing I know, that whereas I was blind now I see." You must know whom you have believed.

Invite your friends to accept Christ. Never allow your invitations to be casual or indifferent. Learn to say "Come" so that it will leave echoes in the heart of another.

Learn to handle the Word. (2 Tim. 2:15.) The worker will not argue with men, nor talk **about** God's Word but he will explain **with it**. An open Bible before and with an inquirer almost always means conversion and spiritual growth to follow.

Pray. No matter what your method or lack of method may be, take those for whom you are working up to God in prayer. Pray for them by name. **Pray and work. Pray and wait.** Remember "God's delays are not denials." Be patient and persistent. Our efforts in soul-winning work should be born, developed, carried on and culminated in prayer. As we pray and seriously dwell on life's greatest issues and values, souls will mean more and things less.

Pray for power. To succeed in soul-winning work we must enjoy the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. "Ye shall **receive power**, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses." "He will not speak of himself," but will glorify Christ. The power of the Holy Spirit will make the average saint who has never led a soul to Jesus Christ a successful soul-winner.

Have a Prayer List. Put down on a list or card the names for which you are praying. Prayer for individuals makes one alert when opportunities open to speak to them and directs aright conversation at such times. It also frees us from mind-wandering and perplexity in prayer. We grow specific and very definite, and learn to ask for those things we really want.

Make personal interviews. Always in private. Exceptional cases may occur, as at times when talking with husband and wife.

Many have been won by correspondence. Write an evangelistic letter, giving testimony to one's own joy in the Christian life.

Use any opportunity and favorable opening that may suddenly arise. Beware of the temptation to postpone. The evil one prompts such suggestion. Many a man is never asked to give his heart to Christ because a good impulse was averted by indecision or the false plea of "A better time to speak."

If you fail do not be discouraged but determine to get nearer to God and to gain more power through your apparent failure.

Learn how by doing and gain confidence by experience.

Remember you are not only Christ's representative but that God's Holy Spirit is working through you. The power is his.

Approach and do your work with a happy heart and joy. Always show that the "Joy of the Lord is your strength."