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#### REMEMBER

What's the very best rhyme for December?
Why of course you must know 'tis Remember!
Remember the snowflakes,
The green Christmas tree,
The red holly berries
Each season we see.
Remember! Remember! Remember!

What story is told in December?
To read it once is to remember.
Remember the manger,
The Baby that lay,
His sweet mother watching
All cradled in hay.
Remember! Remember! Remember!

What song do we sing in December,
When the birth of the Babe we remember?
The song of the angels,
We echo it still;
O'er all the earth singing
Of peace and good will.
Remember! Remember!

-Northwestern Christian Advocate.

# What's Happening

The Young People's Society of the Imcurrent expenses rose from \$58,084,602 Father and Son Banquet at West manuel Church, Kankakee, Ill., gave a play: "The Awakening of Mr. Tightwad" in connection with their annual Thanksgiving day program.

Rev. E. Baumgartner of the Spruce St. church, Buffalo, N. Y., announces a series of sermons on the Bible, which he will preach throughout the winter, beginning in December. The sermons will be illustrated.

Rev. C. E. Schoenleber began his work as pastor with the church at American Falls, Ida., on Dec. 1. Bro. Schoenleber came to us from the Methodists last summer and was ordained in Portland, Ore., by a council from our churches.

The Detroit Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union has decided to put on a contest between our four churches in Detroit for the largest subscription list to the "Baptist Herald," proportionate to the membership of each church. The prize consists of a large cordial. American flag.

There are 15,300 members in the Bap- Minneapolis Celebrates Annivertist churches of Detroit, according to The Watchman-Examiner. The four German speaking churches of the city have 1350 members, a little less than nine per cent of the total, yet these 1350 German Baptists contributed more than 25 per cent of the \$14,000 that has been pledged for the erection of the new building of the Children's Home in Detroit.

The Lyndock and Sebastopol churches, Wolfe, Ontario, Rev. A. E. Jaster, pastor, held two weeks of special evangelization meetings from Nov. 7-18. Rev. C. Peters of Killaloe, Ont., helped these churches in proclaiming the gospel message. Twelve youthful Sunday school scholars accepted Christ as Savior and others are awakened and seeking. The meetings served greatly to revive the church life in general.

Missionary S. S. Feldmann of the Philippine Baptist Mission in the Capiz district writes: "Our work is progressing along every line imaginable. The hardest part about it all is to have to turn down so many requests from the various sections of the field for workers, for preachers and for teachers. There are funds for only a limited amount and it is heartrending to see the doors open for which we have prayed so long and now not to be able to enter in."

Latest statistics of Baptists in North America, according to "The Baptist," give the total membership at 8,474,582, a gain over the previous year of nearly 110,000. There were 362,055 baptisms against 336,808 for last year. The gain of 700 Sunday schools represents a corresponding gain of 500,000 in enrolment. The value of church property has increased from \$343,540,300 to \$391,891,-700. The amount of money raised for

to \$61,986,436, but for beneficence it fell from \$19,140,669 to \$15,877,800.

Special meetings for the deepening of the spiritual life and the promotion of the spirit of revival and the support of the denominational budget were held at Cleveland and Detroit on Nov. 17 und 18. They were arranged by the Central Conference promotion committee, Mr. C. J. Netting, chairman. The Cleveland meetings were held in connection with the First Church and its 60th anniversary celebration. The speakers were Prof. L. Kaiser, Rev. G. H. Schneck, General Secretary Wm. Kuhn and Young People's Secretary A. P. Mihm. The Detroit meetings were held in the Second Church and were well attended during the day and characterized by a strong massmeeting of the Detroit churches at night. Mr. Frank Koppin and Secretaries Kuhn and Mihm were the speakers. The hospitality of the two churches was generous and

Our Young People's Society of the First Church, Minneapolis, Minn., has celebrated another birthday. The Lord has been with us and blessed our work. Our meetings this year have been very instructive and have been well attended. The group system has in a measure been responsible for this, as it has developed more co-operation and has brought to light much talent that has been lying

Our "Jahresfest" was celebrated Friday, October 29, our auditorium and Sunday school room being filled to capacity. The program was opened with song, Scripture reading and prayer. Next our president, Mr. Frank Woyke, bade every one welcome. Then came a violin selection by Walter Krienke and Bernhard Elftmann; a German reading by Albert Boettcher, just recently arrived from Germany; a men's quartet from the First Church, St. Paul; an English dialog, "From Small Beginnings," by eight girls; a number from our men's chorus; an English reading by Mabel Minks; a girls' quartet; a German dialog, "Einträglicher Rätselhandel," by six men; a violin solo by Walter Krienke; a talk by Rev. Wm. Schmitt, Riverview Church; collection; another number by our men's chorus and closing prayer. We heartily thank and closing prayable for everybody that has been responsible for making the program a success.

Although so far we have mentioned only the bright side, there was also a dark side. Our beloved pastor, Rev. Wm. J. Appel, was not able to attend on account of a severe cold. We are glad to say that he is now sufficiently recovered to con-

MRS. FLORA WOYKE, Sec.

# Baltimore, Md.

It was the national Father and Son week, and the date was November 12 and the time 7 P. M. sharp that a large number of fathers and sons sat down to a well prepared banquet arranged by the Young Men's Bible Class, Bro. S. Bodlien, teacher. The eats were delicious, thanks to some of our good ladies. What would we do without them? Everybody could eat as much as he could carry. After the eats came the songs and toasts both humorous and more serious.

Rev. Mr. Brooks from the Pimlico Church was the first speaker introduced by the Master of Ceremonies. He gave a splendid talk on Father and Son duties. which are well worth remembering by every one present. Bro. Kruger from Miller Memorial was at his best on "Our Country and what it means to us," after which everybody rose and from the depths of our hearts we sang: "My Country, 'tis of thee." Several humorous recitations were given. The male chorus entertained with a song to the old Homeland where many of us were born.

Our beloved pastor, Bro. Schmidt, gave a splendid talk on "Father and Son working together for Christ." The oldest Father in our church, Bro. Schivoder, gave us some of his first thoughts when he came to this country. It was a splendid entertainment and could be followed up by other churches. Everybody said: "Let us have something like that soon again." The hour was rather late when Fathers and Sons departed.

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## The Christmas Spirit

TT has been pointed out with great truth, that Christmas is both the celebration of an event and the enjoyment of a spirit.

We all like the true Christmas spirit. It is this spirit that makes Christmas the outstanding, the greatest festival of the year. When we speak of the Christmas spirit, we mean the spirit of love and good will, of helpfulness and happiness, of generosity and giving, of gladness and joy.

The Christmas spirit has its source in Jesus Christ. He is the true center of the Christmas event. There would be no Christmas but for his coming. The Christmas spirit is the sequence, the result of the Christmas event. All that we cherish in the Christmas spirit, all that makes for brotherhood and peace, all that causes rejoicing, is unfailingly traced back to the coming of the Babe of Bethle-

The spirit of the times is not always helpful to the true Christmas spirit. The spirit of the times has overlaid and overloaded Christmas with the spirit of commercialism; it fosters the heavy application of the superficial tinsel of artificial mirthmaking and discounts the spirit of holy joy and gratitude as too tame. But the seeing eye knows the worldly Christmas spirit is shallow and tawdry We need a rebirth of the true Christmas spirit, one indeed of holy joy and worshipful reverence. We need a new vision of the majestic and yet so sympathetic human, humble spirit of the divine miracle of the ages,-the coming of the Son of God into our flesh to redeem mankind and to bring us back to

Blessed be God for his unspeakable gift. "O holy Child of Bethlehem \_\_\_ be born in us today." At Christmas we would conform more to the Christ spirit. May it not only dwell there for the festival time but abide with us all the year!

### Some "Boosts" for the "Baptist Herald"

THE Editor and his helpers are not looking I around for anybody to pin medals on them or to bestow on their efforts a lavish outpouring of uncritical praise. Yet we confess to prizing highly the good opinion of others; we set great store by the approval of those who can judge objectively and then speak words of esteem about the thing they have had under observation. If some meritorious work has been done by those who are working to make the "Baptist Herald" what it is, it will not puff them up to hear a word of encouragement and approval. It will drive us on with more energy to do better with the help of God in 1927. In all

and communications that have come to us during 1926 and that show us how others see us. May these "boosts" help our "boosters" in their subscription work. If these friends value our paper, it can be of value to others.

"The German Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union has a semi-monthly paper, 'The Baptist Herald' which presents the work and aims of the Union in effective style. It is well printed and its sixteen pages are newsy and interesting. We congratulate Rev. A. P. Mihm, the editor, and the German Baptist Young People."

Dr. Howard B. Grose, D.D. "Missions." March 1926.

"I have been a reader of the 'Baptist Herald' from its first issue and like the paper very much. You are certainly giving the young people their money's worth and are serving well the denomination. I very much like your news-items, some of your articles have been modern and up-to-date. Bro. Krueger's articles I always read with much profit."

Geo. J. Geis, Kachin Mission, Myitkyina, Burma.

"I do believe the 'Herald' is getting better with each issue and fills a real important need and want among our young

Edwin F. Strauss, Ebenezer Baptist Ch., Detroit, Mich.

"The subscribers of the Englewood church enjoy the 'Baptist Herald' very much and look forward with pleasure to its ap-Olga M. Justin, Chicago. pearing."

"Congratulations for the paper you are putting out. 'Day by day it is growing better.'

H. Hirsch, North Freedom, Wis.

"I surely enjoy our 'Herald' and wouldn't be without it. How glad I am it is being published for so many of our younger generation cannot read the 'Sendbote.' My prayer is that God Mrs. B. H. Schulz, Vesper, Kans. will bless you."

"'The Baptist Herald' and particularly its editorials are getting more interesting every issue and you certainly deserve the Eugene P. Koppin, Detroit, Mich. highest compliments."

"Wish to compliment you on the fine work you are doing as editor of our semi-monthly. Everybody says the 'Herald' is F. L. Strobel, Arnprior, Ont., Can. better than ever."

"I congratulate you on the success of the 'Herald.' It is everywhere well spoken of and is without the shadow of a doubt meeting a real need in our churches—not only among the young but the older folk as well. It is a 'newsy' and 'breezy' sheet. As a medium for maintaining and even strengthening the corps d'esprit of our German Baptist group it will become increasingly important as the years grow .... May you have divine support in your important task!"

Prof. Lewis Kaiser, Rochester, N. Y.

#### The "Herald" Plans for 1927

UR "Herald" policy for 1927 is "Hold fast to that which is good; strive to incorporate the better that may be found; be on the lookout for the best." Only the best is good enough for our sub-

We are confiding some of our plans to our readmodesty, we present some unsolicited comments ers, of course on the supposition that they are flex-

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study for a while to regular articles on big Baptist leaders, such as John Bunyan, Roger Williams, William Carey, Adoniram Judson, Charles H. Spurgeon, Gerhard Oncken. These studies in popular form should inspire young Baptists to renewed loyalty to the great principles for which these men stood, fought and suffered.

Missions will continue to have a large place in our paper. The present conditions in China are engaging the earnest thought of statesmen, both in the political and religious realm. The situation, especially in Southern China, is very critical for our missionary work. The series of articles recently begun in the "Herald" from the pen of Missionary Giedt are therefore intensely interesting just now as they give clear cut pictures of life and thought among this ancient and virile people that seems to be in transition. You will want to follow these articles. Of course we are intending to keep in touch with our missionaries in China, India, Burma, the Philippines and to publish reports from them as heretofore.

"Jessica of the Camerons" will continue for a few months more. We hope to follow this serial story with another good one.

Thoughtful editorials on timely topics, leading feature articles by denominational leaders, suggestive Sunday school subjects, hints on young people's work and methods, dependable book reviews and chiefly, first of all, newsy reports from the wide field will fill our pages.

ald." We must grow. If you love and value the "Herald" help our numbers to increase. Let every one of our young people, yes, our entire constituency get the "Herald" habit and we shall be happy. Our Goal is 6000.

## "Old Elms and New Ideas"

PROF. OTTO KOENIG

HAT is the prize-motto of New Haven, Conn.. commonly called "The Elm City" because of its famous old and gigantic elm trees, that have sheltered Yale University under their shadow for more than two centuries. Many of the oldest trees have disappeared in the last twenty years and have been supplanted by tiny beginners. We shall never forget the day when one of these old giants that was standing near the corner of our German church spreading out its majestic branches over our lot and the broad street crossing was condemned to fall under the Park Commissioner's axe. Children played "hide and seek" behind the immense tree whose trunk no lengthy arms could encompass. Every time one of these old majesties was ordered to fall it caused an agony and outcry among the

ible. We will turn over the page given to Bible was at the point of death. But they had to go on account of the rapidly increasing traffic to which they had become a source of danger. Only a very few of these kings of the forest are still preserved and are silent witnesses of eventful centuries gone by. Young saplings have now taken their places, but no one seems to take any notice of them: a hundred of them can never supplant one of those giants of the past. When the city fathers wanted to put some healing-balm on the painful wounds they offered a large prize for the best city-slogan. The prophetic motto: "Old Elms and New Ideas" was declared the winner, and all hearts were happy once more.

> There is and always has been great danger in idolizing "old elms" and bewailing their decay and disappearance. Some people die of a broken heart when they are forced to leave the old homestead or the old church building. It is not that they worship the stone walls, but they cannot tear themselves away from the associations of the most sacret events of their lives that are linked so closely to these material things. It is not wrong to dwell in the golden and poetic past and enjoy the comfort of the romantic bygone days; it is well to "keep these things and ponder them in your heart," but at the same

# Keep Your Mind Open to New Ideas

Not all new ideas are mockers of the past and despisers of the achievements of former pious pioneers. Why should there not be a constant progress and marching ahead? One generation stands on the shoulders of its predecessor. Almost invariably You must have the "Herald" again for 1927. You a new idea has been received with ridicule and open can't keep house as a good German Baptist without condemnation. How much the world has lost by the innate tendency in human nature to reject it with scorn and almost hatred, as though original thoughts were a crime.

Prejudice is the best-working brake on the train of progress in civilization and the extension of Christ's kingdom. Prejudice, says Zangwill, is the dislike of the unlike,—and that is only too true. When Galileo discovered the movement of the earth around the sun the "sophomore world" made him get down on his knees and publicly retract his great discovery,—and still the earth kept on racing around the sun. Fulton tried in vain to convince the great Napoleon of the usefulness of his marvelous invention. He was planning to cross the channel to subdue England, but he never did it with his sail boats, and eventually English arms conquered him. Napoleon would give Fulton, the only man on earth who had the solution for his problem in his hand,—just five minutes, and after that he closed in the place of the closed in the solution in that he closed his audience—and his mind. Had he listened and listened and seen what Fulton saw, Napoleon might have ruled England and all of Europe. History would have been different and the map of Europe perhaps quite unrecognizable.

# "No Time to Waste on Fools"

to fall it caused an agony and citizen capitalists in his automatic air-brake he wrote a let-When young Westinghouse tried to interest some ter to Commodore Vanderbilt, who was at that time president of the New York Central Railroad, explaining his wonderful invention. His letter came speedily back with the scrawling answer in his handwriting: "I have no time to waste on fools." Westinghouse kept that letter-and his courage. After his invention had proved a great success and introduced by another railroad Commodore Vanderbilt wrote a "nice letter" to George Westinghouse, Esq., asking him for a personal visit. The now famous inventor wrote under the letter "I have no time to waste on fools" and returned it just as promptly.

Young man, keep your mind open for new ideas. That does not mean that you should close your old Bible and substitute trashy literature for it; it does not mean to become a modernist in the sense of denying the most prescious facts of the Christian religion, to doubt the eternal existence of Christ, his miraculous birth, his miraculous life, and resurrection. It simply means to hold on to these immovable truths, to stand up for the atonement of Christ through the cross, to defend the divine inspiration of his holy Word, and live a life of purity, power and progress in spiritual efforts. But it means also to "prove all things, holding fast that which is good." God has not only given you a heart to keep pure and faithful, but also an intellect and open mind to "search all things, yea, the deep things of God." Remember, your spiritual and mental growth must never cease, or you will be stunted in the growth and knowledge of Christ Jesus. That is the spiritual law on earth and will be natural law in heaven,-to know, to learn to know him more and more as he is.

#### Keep Your Mind From Freezing

Do you know how to keep your plumbing from freezing? Here is the remedy: Keep the water running a little, and never let the stream of water stop in the pipe entirely; keep up a current, by leaving the taps slightly open. Pipes will not freeze, as long as there is even the slightest current in them. That is good advice for your plumbing, and it is even better advice for your mind and brain, Most of the young people are mentally active and are trained in school to observe, and to keep the stream of thought running. Ambition in life keeps the young man alert and alive, his interest in sport and games, in his affections and in marriage prevents his retrogression. He is building air castles. and that keeps his mental current going for a longer or shorter period of his life.

We see, however, that ambition is vanishing slowly if the air-castles remain blue prints only. It is because ambition often, only too often, takes the form of waiting for success and honors to come to us-instead of going after them with all our might. Mental activity paralyzes gradually, but surely; life becomes a drudgery, and why? Because such a man has

# Stopped Thinking, Searching and Studying

The mind in which there is no thought-current freezes up as does the water in the pipe. He has reached his usefulness and torn up his blue prints. A minister who thinks he knows all the Bible could teach him and neglects his daily study of it, and looks down on all other interpretations of the holy scripture as erroneous and modernistic, because they contradict his set ideas and exegeses has reached the first trench of his battle-field-and will soon be in "No-man's Land." Some reach that "dead-line" before they wear glasses, and accuse others of their downfall in the ministry. Let them stop accusing their ungrateful listeners and the scheming deacons. Let them open their ears to the charges of the prosecuting attorneys on the bookshelves of their study. The real "dead-line" is between them and the library, because the daily paper and ready-made sermon-sketches are their prompters and sending sta-

The way to keep the current of your mind and intellect moving, the way to keep mentally alert and alive, is to keep on

# Always Learning Something

Read and study at the same time and for that purpose. Read little, but what you read try to digest, think your way through. Just as your food is wasted, and worse than that, if it fails to build you up and give you new blood and new tissues, so your reading is wasted if it does not provide you with new thoughts and new ambition to know more about the subject, then your pipes are in danger of freezing. Better, start the current again, set your brain to work, even if it got rusty. The heresyhunter in others is mostly a man who has no time for study and no study to think anything through. He has not the grace of old Peter who openly confesses that Brother Paul knows a great deal more about the secrets of the kingdom and the king than he himself, though he was in closer touch with his Master when on earth. Oh for more of that grace that was in that mellowed and modest Peter! He could not follow Paul's logic and scholarly exegesis, but he knew that Paul had seen the Lord, the same who had given him the commission, but not the copyright to all knowledge that excluded every other mortal from infringement. As long as he knew that Christ was the very breath of Paul, and for him to live was Christ, he was assured that Brother Paul could never go astray from the cross or be the cause of others to betray his Master.

# Christ's Kind of a Christmas

"I wish you Christ's kind of a Christmas So full of good thoughts and good cheer. That you couldn't forget all the comfort it brought If you tried for the rest of the year.

"I wish you the laughter of children And the greetings from dear ones away, The handclasp of friends and the smiles of the poor. I wish you Christ's kind of a day." -Selected.

## The Christmas Tree Speaks

CLARIBEL WEEKS AVERY

Last spring I thought it very hard That every other tree Was dressed with white and rosy flowers That never come to me.

In summer not a pretty bird Perched on my arms to sing, In autumn I'd no golden fruit, Or nuts, or anything.

But now I'm dressed in red and gold, I've silver stars that shine In candle flames; no tree of spring Has finery like mine.

For fruit I've bags of sugarplums And almonds sweet and white, White corn and golden oranges; Imagine my delight.

And though I guard no little nests, And still no birds have found me, Glad children gather in a ring And lift their songs around me!

# Great Rally in St. Joseph, Mich.

On Friday evening, Nevember 5, the Intermediate and Adult Departments of our Sunday school held their annual Rally and "Get-to-gether." Supper was served at 6.30 o'clock in the dining room of the church, each class providing their own supper and table decorations.

Great was the enthusiasm when Bro. Ed. W. Hoek, National President of our Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union and speaker of the evening, entered the dining room.

A splendid class spirit was manifested in the short program immediately following the supper. After a short time spent in community singing, some member of each class was called upon to give in a few words the aims and ambitions of the class. Some of the classes have a "class song" and these were also sung.

One class of young men composed a very clever song in which they "complimented" all of the other classes. This caused a great deal of merriment and brought forth much applause.

An unexpected but very welcome visitor was Bro. Chas. Ewald, Corresponding Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. work in Latin America, who spoke a few encouraging words.

Then the speaker of the evening, Bro. Ed. W. Hoek of Detroit, in his tactful and pleasing way delivered a most inspiring address, using as his subject "Today." He illustrated the necessity of never putting off until tomorrow that which can be done today. He mentioned the lives of great men, both Biblical and of later years, who were successful because they acted "Today" and especially referred to the model life of Jesus, whom we should especially pattern after.

After a song and the closing prayer by Bro. Hoek, a successful evening came to a close. Each class was determined to perform more efficient work in the MARY M. MEINKE, Sec.

#### Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis.

The Men's Bible Class of the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, had its annual banquet on November 11. Mr. Harry Binder is the energetic president of the class, while Mr. John Wiechers is the gifted teacher.

On this occasion Mr. Wiechers acted as toastmaster, and as always, he introduced the participants in the program in his own happy way. Mr. Wahlberg sang two solos, a quartet was rendered by Miss Clara Hilker, Mrs. Otto Boss, Harley Anderson and Paul Boss. A reading was given by Miss Elizabeth Wright, and the address of the evening was given by Rev. L. Peterson of the Grove Ave. Baptist Church on the subject, "Trustees of the Evangel."

Each number of the program was of such excellent quality that the meeting was greatly enjoyed by all, and we trust that it will bring forth much fruit in making us better workers in the kingdom. A fine spirit of fellowship pervaded during the entire service.

# Anniversary in Arnold, Pa.

The Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., commemorated the first anniversary of the dedication of their new and wellappointed church edifice on Sunday, Nov. 21, by special services. The Editor of the "Baptist Herald" was invited to be the guest preacher for the day. The church was formerly a mission branch of the Temple Church, Mt. Oliver, Pittsburgh, and during the editor's pastorate was organized into an independent and self-sustaining church. As one well acquainted with the former status of the work in New Kensington, he was fully able to observe and appreciate the marked progress of the church of late years. The pastorate of Rev. C. E. Cramer during the last six years has shown fine qualities of constructive leadership and the people have responded and co-operated faithfully and willingly in the call to go faithfully and willings in the call to go forward. God's blessing has been richly bestowed and the results are such as to gratify every heart and lead the workers

The Editor spoke at 9.45 A. M. to the Sunday school of which Bro. Charles Guen-Sunday school of which the charles Guen-ther is superintendent. It is conducting a new membership and attendance cona new membership and attenuance con-test, and new scholars are entering every test, and new sensials are entering every Sunday. A lively orchestra enhances the Sunday. A lively orcnestra enhances the sessions of the school and also adds much sessions of the school and also adds much to the interest of the Sunday evening to the interest of the Sunday evening church services. The morning message in the German church service was based in the German cource service was based on 1 Cor. 15:58: "A Call to be stedfast and to abound in the work of the Lord,"

At 3 P. M. a Young People's Service At 3 P. M. a Toung People's Service was held with fine attendance, both locally and from other churches. Bro. Gus Guenther conducted a spirited song service followed with various vocal numbers and selections by the Orchestra. The pastor of the Tarentum Baptist church led in prayer. Rev. M. Steuscik, Slavic led in prayer. Mev. M. Steuscik, Slavic Baptist pastor of Creighton, Pa., brought

a brief greeting. Bro. Zezulla of the Union church assists in this work among the Slavs. Your General Secretary spoke on "The fine Trait of Loyalty," Rev. A. F. Runtz of the East St. church, Pittsburgh, N. S., made a brief address in German on "Paul's Ideal of the Church of Christ," Eph. 5.

Lunch was served in the basement at the close of the afternoon meeting, so that friends from near and far could easily stay for the evening service. At the request of the pastor, the sermon was of an evangelistic character for the benefit of the many children and young people present. The preacher spoke on Eccl. 12:1, "Remembering God in our Youthful Days."-A special collection was made for the building debt. The cheering news was given to the congregation that Temple Church, Pittsburgh, the mother church, had made a special offering of \$350 for the daughter's household needs that day. Well done, Temple church! That was a fine exhibition of well-wishing translated into action.

It was delightful to meet old friends in the Arnold church and also a number from Pittsburgh, who drove over for the anniversary. May God richly bless Bro. Cramer and his loyal flock and gladden their hearts by adding many, that are saved to the church! A. P. MIHM.

# Successful Meetings in Germantown, Alta.

The days of October 26-31 were days of inspiration and instruction for the church and young people of Germantown. Rev. A. Kujath, our evangelist, Rev. H. Schatz of Rosenfeld and Rev. J. Schweitzer from Medicine Hat conducted a series of lectures and evangelistic services in our midst. The meetings were well attended.

The following lectures were given: Rev. A. Kujath, three lectures on "Sunday School Teachers Preparation Course, and three lectures on "Mental Power. Six lectures on "Mental Por H. Schatz" Were given by Rev. Schatz, three on "Bible Exegesis" and three on "Bible Exegesis Rev I am Music and Choir Directing. Rev. J. Schweitzer gave us in six hours an outline and insight of: "Church History" tory" and "Secular History." We believe all these hours were spent very profit-

The evenings were devoted to evan gelistic services. Rev. A. Kujath preached on "The Critical Rev. A. Kujath preached 27.1.2. on "The Glorified Christ," John 17:1. 2. Rev. J. Schweitzer's topics were: Most Important Question," Matt. 27:22;
"At the Cramparate Question," Matt. 27:22; "At the Crossroads," John 6:67-69; 15-17. Crux of Christianity," John 21:15-17. Rev. H. Schristianity," John 21:05-17. Rev. H. Schatz conducted the song services and

ices and sang many inspiring solos. Sunday, Oct. 31, was the last day, concluding this series of meetings with a Harvest fact. Harvest-festival program by the Sunday school, following serschool, followed by a thanksgiving ser-

mon by Rev. J. Schweitzer. We were much encouraged in our work here through these services and many a doubting and these services are many a doubting soul was once again anchored hody of in Christ. We have here a large body of young people young people and pray for a revival in our church. J. SCHWEITZER.

# The Sunday School

#### What Can the Scholar Expect of suited him. No remarks of his own the Sunday School?

ELIZABETH AHRENS

(Conclusion)

The scholar can also expect the Sunday school to

#### Give Him the Best Leaders Obtainable

The superintendent should be acquainted with each child, know each one's name. He should be able to plan the work well and co-operate with the pastor and teach-

The teacher of the class should be the best that can be obtained. A teacher cannot be perfect, but should be an example of Christian living to his scholars.

It is a fine thing if the teacher has a first-class education. But that is not the main thing. It is better that he is not so filled with worldly knowledge, but knows his Bible and his God.

The scholars should be provided with a teacher who is interested in the special age that he is asked to teach. For example, the teacher of little children must be one who loves to work with small children. This particular teacher, who would be ideal for such a class, may be a failure when trying to take charge of boys or girls in the adolescent age.

The scholar should know that the teacher is interested in the child's activity and his problems-whether they be spiritual or physical.

Although it is a very hard thing to do, I believe that the teacher should speak to his scholars of their short-comings, and warn them when they go wrong. Because we feel our weakness and failures so much, we fail in this, but the pupils expect this of their teacher.

This fact was shown very clearly at a recent outing of a class. Several members got very rough to each other and acted un-Christianlike. Tte teacher was near but said nothing. Then he overheard one of the scholars say, "Well, I guess, it's all right. My teacher saw me do it and he did not scold me." That scholar expected a remark from his teacher-but the teacher failed in his duty.

#### The Teacher Must Be Prepared

The pupil has a right to expect his teacher to come before the class on Sunday with his lesson thoroughly prepared. I don't believe that the following happens in our German Sunday schools, but a superintendent recently told of a teacher of an adult class, who would come before them on Sundays with his lesson totally unprepared. He would sit on the edge of the table before his scholars, open the "Sunday School Times" and read silently until he would find an interesting sentence which he would then read aloud for them. Then he would be quiet again until he found another paragraph that

were made, -no questions asked.

The scholar, young o rold, has a right to expect more of his teacher than this.

The scholar should be taught the contents of the Bible and how to apply it to his daily living. The teacher has only a short time, probably one-half hour. This time should be used wisely in keeping the scholar's mind on spiritual things.

The pupil may also expect his teacher to be so interested in his soul's welfare that he makes it a subject of special prayer, and takes every opportunity possible to lead that one to Christ. Every child that enters Sunday school should be led to accept the Savior before it grows to manhood or womanhood. A child's heart is easily touched, and a child's repentance and faith are the best gifts that we can bring to our Lord.

A Sunday school that does not have teachers who are deeply concerned over their scholar's salvation, has failed in its choice of a teacher.

Above everything else, a teacher should be a person who is fully surrendered to

Third: I believe that the Sunday school

# Responsible for the Scholar's Friendships

Many strangers who come to a city, visit a Sunday school because they believe they can find good Christian companions. It is not enough to just tell a stranger that you are glad to see him. He should be invited to all the hospitality of the class, and that will make him want to come again.

Then we also have among the scholars even among our steady scholars-some who are very quiet and because of their nature feel very lonely. Other scholars probably do not care to associate with them so they are left to themselves, and as they crave friendship, they choose companions who do not attend church services, and soon the scholars are led on downward paths. This should not be. The organized class can do a good deal to remedy such a condition, and a scholar has a right to expect that the school which he attends furnishes him with Christian friends.

Lastly-I believe that a scholar should expect the Sunday school to so

## Cultivate His Spiritual Life

that he becomes an ideal church member. This would be taught him through the study of the Bible, also through the example that the leaders set. His talents should be awakened and used little by little, so that in the larger organization, the church, he will use his entire self to further the kingdom of God. And what an ideal Sunday school yours and mine would be if each scholar would bring another one to Christ every year!

#### Creed for Children's Workers

The following creed for Children's Division workers was formulated and adopted by the Children's Division Club of the School of Religious Education of Boston University:

"I believe in boys and girls as Gcd's most precious gift to men.

"I believe in the intrinsic value and charm of childhood, both for what it is and what it may become.

"I believe that every child brings into the world with him the possibilities of a noble. Christlike character, and that he has a right to every opportunity for the full development of these possibilities.

"I believe in my work as a leader and teacher of children, and consider it my greatest opportunity for carrying on God's work in the world.

"I therefore pray the heavenly Father that I may so study and serve, so grow in love like him who took the children in his arms and blessed them, that I may offer a life that shall count for the cause of Christ."-The Lookout.

#### Lesson-Centered or Life-Centered?

Some one has aptly stated that far too much Sunday school work is lesson-centered rather than life-centered and that teaching, in order to be effectual, must be conceived in terms of life, rather than in terms of lessons, or subject-matter. Christianity has to do with more than theory; it has to do with life, and the ultimate goal in view is not reached until your pupils have been changed, transformed by the power of the Holy Spirituntil they have been led into some definite, worthwhile service which, in its essential nature, appeals to them as a suitable means of self-expression.

#### How to Learn Your Part

Read it over one time And put your thinker on it: Read it over two times And meditate upon it. Read it now a third time. Be sure you understand it: Con it o'er a fourth time In effort to expand it. Read it now a fifth time, So you may clearly state it: Read it still a sixth time And try to illustrate it. The seventh is the last time: I think that you will know it. And when your time arrives to speak, Your talk will surely show it.

Gossip is cheap, but it sometimes proves dear to those who are the subjects of thoughtless talk.

# Jessica of the Camerons

SYLVIA STEWART

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(Continuation)

Chapter XI

#### THE BIRTHDAY "SHOWER"

"Gramsie," said Jessica a few evenings later, as she curled up in her low rocker in Mrs. Keith's bedroom for the chat which had come to be a common occurrence before retiring, "I have a very serious problem on my mind. May I tell you about it?"

"To be sure. Is it in compound fractions, or square root?"

"Neither," laughed Jessica. "You see, one week from Saturday is Kitty Leighton's fifteenth birthday; and as we have had a surprise for every girl in our club this year, we must have something for her. We have taken turns in planning each one, and it is up to me to suggest what shall be done for Kitty. I am so glad it comes on Saturday, and I would like to have a shower for her, if it were not for my painting lesson."

"The painting lesson can have a morning hour for once, or it can be sidetracked altogether for such an important thing as a birthday," replied her listener. "What then?"

"You know how they do 'showers,' don't you, gramsie?" she went on, pulling out her own braids to thread her small fingers through the shining strands of hair, and gazing thoughtfully into the glowing grate. "Everybody goes to her chum's house, and each one carries something she has made or bought, and something for refreshments too, and it's all a sur-

"As we have had one for two of the others, I would like this one to be different, someway. I am glad this is the last birthday for this year among the girls," a little pucker of anxiety clouding the girlish face. "It has been quite a stunt to plan and carry out so many entertainments. Edith Courtland's and Hazel Lee's come with only a day between them; so we just combined theirs, by going to a matinee on the day between. We just couldn't be celebrating all the time. That was Marjorie's idea, and I think it was a good one. We made up a purse, and paid all their expenses, and treated them afterward to ice cream and chocolates. Then we took a ride to the longest car-line, seven miles and back. We had lots of fun celebrating the double birthday, as we called it.

"Then we had a 'shower' for Mabel Underwood, who lives in that fine house three doors east of Margie's. She is so awfully rich that everything had to be just swell. Some of our mammas thought we could not afford so much expense, so we got cross and fussy over it, and nobody enjoyed it at all. I did a lunch cloth for her, and I never got so tired of anything in all my life! Mamma had to help me get it done in time, and she told

me then that I would never be allowed to begin another thing like that, unless I was certain I could finish it."

"Did the 'put-off habit' get you?" queried grandmother, with an amused smile. 'Some," confessed Jessica. "Then, too, Harry was sick and it was so hot nobody wanted to work. Can you give me some new ideas, gramsie?'

Mrs. Keith reflected several minutes before answering her granddaughter, who still sat with her chin in her hand, gazing into the fire.

"I would be glad to assist you with any suggestion, if I could, Jessica," she said at last, but in a tone so unlike "gramsies's" that Jessica looked up

"Don't you believe in 'showers'?" she asked.

What grandmother did and did not believe in was coming to be more and more a matter of moment to Jessica, and she waited eagerly for the answer.

"Yes, and no, dear. If the gifts which compose the 'shower' are inexpensive trifles into which the loving remembrance of the giver has been wrought, or if they are on the fun-making order, and if the luncheon is simple enough also to be easily managed, the 'shower' plan seems to me to be all right; but if it is more trouble and expense than the givers can well afford, then it is certainly not so

"Then we will plan one of the first kind," answered Jessica, gaily. "If you don't mind, gramsie, I will ask the girls over here for a few minutes after school tomorrow, and we will let you decide what we shall each give, and what the refreshments shall be. Then I am certain there will be no hard feelings."

"And if yours is a success," returned Mrs. Keith, "then I shall plan one which I shall ask you all to help me carry out."

Jessica looked inquiringly at her companion, but grandmother's eyes were bent, just then, on her swiftly flying fingers. Presently Jessica asked, "On whom? I don't know of any more birthdays in our set, very soon; not before Christmas, any way. Or in the family either, only papa's, which comes next month; but I would laugh to see anybody work off a 'shower' on him! He would probably 'be obliged to be in Columbus that day, on business' for his firm! He would certainly make it a point to be

"I have no intention on papa's peace of "I have no mandata papa's peace of mind," laughed grandmother. "But the mind," laughed standarder. But the 'who' shall be my secret, if you please, until we see how Miss Kitty's comes out. Is she quite a rich girl? I have inferred

"Her folks are not so wealthy as Ma-"Her rolling at Ma-bel's," returned Jessica, "but Kitty has about everything she wants. I am beginning to wonder already what I could get for her, that she hasn't already.

Won't you work your head for me, gramsie dear, before Monday night?"

Don paused at the open door just then, and caught the petition.

"Seems to me grandmother is requested to 'work her head' quite regularly, lately, for somebody I know. I just stepped up to inquire if there was a chance for me to get five minute's help on this tenth theorem; but if you have a monopoly on grandmother's brains-"

"What makes you study so on Saturday night for?" interrupted his sister.

"For to keep my gray matter in circulation over Sunday, and incidentally for to improve my grammar!" replied Don, facetiously.

"We girls are going to get up a 'shower' on Kitty Leighton, for her birthday," went on Jessica, ignoring Don's thrust on her mode of expression. "I was only asking grandmother to give me an idea for my offering. But if you think her brains are in danger of collapse from the demands made on them, you might dig up the idea and let all her mental effort be saved for the tenth theorem, whatever that may be."

"Delighted!" returned Don. "If I am not mistaken, Miss Leighton is the sweet young creature who comes to school looking as though she were arrayed for a fancy-dress ball. By all means give her a pot of cold cream, a box of rose paste, a powder puff, a set of crimping pins, an electric wrinkle-eradicator, and as many other articles of like utility as you think she will have leisure to manipulate, outside of the brief time she must give to brain improvement and beauty-sleep. Her expenses for cosmetics must be enormous."

"Shame on you, Don! When did you ever say anything as rude as that of any of my friends before?"

"I beg your pardon, my dear sister, also Miss Kitty's; but 'fac's is fac's,' and occasionally invite the attention of a candid world. But if my suggestion is so distasteful to you, permit me to change it to the extreme of simplicity, and suggest that her admiring friends each present Miss Kitty with a thimble, a needle, and a towel to hem. The spontaneity of the offering might inspire her to make an effort in the direction of usefulness who knows?"

"I am afraid I will have to get the dictionary yet, to interpret your remarks," laughed Jessica. "Thanks for your suggestion, however, and you may have grandmother for just twenty min-

"Have you a mortgage on her time, which you expect to foreclose at that time?" he inquired with fine sarcasm.

Jessica evaded the question. "I give you fair warning that I shall witty, not excuse any more such slams on Kitty, for she is one of the nicest girls in our set, and set, and one of the nicest girls in her dream one of the best liked, even if her dresses are a trifle loud. She can afford to afford to wear fine clothes, but she is not a bit study a bit stuck-up. When little Norman Gray fell and fell and cut his face open on a paving brick the att his face open on a paving brick the other day, Kitty got her hands all dirty and liverchief all dirty, and ruined a fine handkerchief

wiping the dust and blood from his face. And she didn't seem to care a bit."

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"Quite commendable!" commented Don. "Now, ig she could only be induced to display the same judgment in matters of dress! She always impresses me as a sort of composite of the 'lily of the valley' and 'Solomon in all his glory.' "

"And if you are going to indulge in figures of speech," retorted Jessica, "she impresses me as a walking model of the text, 'Charity thinketh no evil!' I never heard Kitty Leighton say an unkind thing of anyone in my life!" and Jessica flounced into her own room, after this parting shot, almost vexed, for once, with

Promptly at the close of the Monday session of school the library at the Cameron home was invaded by a merry group of chattering girls. The entire club was present, except Miss Kitty and her special chum, Grace Snow, who had been deputized to take up her friend's attention for an hour or so, and who had persuaded Kitty to accompany her to the city library "for some notes."

Once plunged into the discussion of a "shower," the tongues wagged fast, every one having some suggestion to make; but at length Marjorie, who was president of the club, succeeded in securing silence.

"Mrs. Keith has a plan for us," she announced. "Now, everybody keep still and listen.'

The girls laughingly obeyed their spokesman's decided orders, and Mrs. Keith suggested, "How would you like to give your friend a set of flower doilies which you had made yourselves? If you wish your gift to have an individual appearance, and yet not be too expensive, or take too much of your time at this busy season, work each one in a different pattern, and have each one done up in a different color of tissue or ribbon, and accompanied by each person's favorite flower, or an appropriate verse of greet-

"I could not write a verse of poetry if my life depended on it," frowned matterof-fact Jennie White. "Mine would have to be labeled simply, 'Hello, Kitty!'"

"It would not necessarily have to be poetry," returned Mrs. Keith, "though an attempt at rhyme would probably be more amusing. I used to write jingles for my girl friends in college, occasionally, and perhaps could reinforce your ideas a little. Making up a couplet to accompany a flower would scarcely induce a brainstorm. By the way, Mrs. Cameron and I found a little shop down on Main street the otherday, where an old lady makes and sells the loveliest crepe and tissue flowers I have ever seen. If you would find the hothouse product too expensive, why could you not make selections from her large stock in which to hide your gift? They would certainly furnish a gorgeous shower."

"That is a dandy idea!" declared Edith Courtland. "I move that we ask Mrs. Keith to make our purchases for us, and arrange the details, if it is not too much trouble for her; then we will work like Trojans to carry out her plans."

pensive, and not very much work," said Hazel, "for mother is so opposed to my putting so much time and money into these birthday affairs."

"Perhaps," suggested Mrs. Keith, "it would be well for Mrs. Cameron, who knows the best shops, and myself, to look around and report before making pur-

It was decided that this would be the better plan, and then Mrs. Keith added, "You young ladies know the saving that 'there is graft in everything that is going, nowadays.' If I attend to all these matters for you busy students, I am going to ask, in turn, that you will give me your aid later in a little matter that will not take much time or money. But it will give you all, if I am not very much mistaken, a great deal more of pleasure than this 'shower' will. What do you say? Are you willing to take me on trust, to this extent?"

"We never miss a chance to have a good time," promptly returned Marjorie, for the circle. "What do you want us to do?"

Mrs. Keith refused to divulge any hint of her secret, at present, so the meeting was pronounced adjourned, and the girls walked home in twos and threes, their tongues still wagging.

"That's the sweetest woman I ever knew!" declared Marjorie, "and I can't tell why, either. She's not so handsome. But she just makes you feel comfortable, and sort of satisfied with everybody and everything, as soon as you come where

"She's got a lot of sensible, practical ideas," said Edith. "Jessica Cameron always was a sweet girl, but I can't help seeing a great improvement in her since Mrs. Keith came. I wouldn't mind having her for a grandmother, myself."

"I wish we might make her an honoray member of the club while she stays," suggested Hazel. "I never did want any grown folks poking around in it before, but I think she would be lots of fun."

"I thought of that myself," agreaed Marjorie, "when she offered to do all that looking around for us. Let's make her honorary president; and perhaps she will give us some practical suggestions that will help us to pull the old club out of the rut it's been in for more than a year. I am getting ashamed to belong to it. It doesn't amount to anything."

"Miss Vance is utterly disgusted with us, I am sure," giggled Helen King. "She never mentions the club to us any more at Sunday school."

"When were you ever there to hear it, if she did?" queried Edith, "though I don't know as it is quite proper for me to ask such a question."

"It doesn't seem easy to keep up something of that kind, while we are going to school," interposed Marjorie. "We nearly all have a few home duties, most of us are trying to keep up our music, and—"

"And we do not intend to allow anything so frivolous as a charity club to distract our attention from the more es-

"I am glad it is to be something inex- sential matters of Saturday matinees, a party as often as once a week, and other diversions too numerous to mention. Why don't you say it, Margie, and be done with it?"

> "It seems to be being said for me." laughed Margie. "I endorse your sentiments, too. But I don't see what we can do. None of our acquaintances seem to be in need of charity," with a glance over the well-dressed group of girls. "Christmas is coming soon, however, and perhaps it will help to stir us out of our usual state of do-nothingness!"

> "Margie has coined a new word," remarked Edith. "Will you have it put in the next dictionary, Margie?"

> "It fits the bunch it referred to, anyway," continued Hazel. "I am hoping that Mrs. Keith, or somebody else, will wake us up before this proposed shower is over. Now, mind, girls, not a whisper to Kitty. Mum's the word."

> With Mrs. Cameron's help Mrs. Keith promptly discharged her commission to select the fancy work to be prepared for the "shower," and at her request the girls met the following evening to inspect her purchases. Somewhat to their disappointment, they found the shoppers had made a selection of perfectly plain, though elegant, material.

> "Those fringed borders are perfect," commented Edith, "and will save buttonholing the edges, which is the part I dislike: but it would be less work if the pattern were already stamped. Will each one have to stamp our own?"

> "We brought these home on approval," explained Mrs. Keith, "as we could find nothing in so fine material, in the stamped patterns, though we visited several shops. I am going to suggest that you allow me to draw your several designs, one on each doily, and make them as simple as possible."

"But can you do that, grandmother?" asked Jessica, astonished.

For answer, Mrs. Keith took one of Don's drawing pencils and a sheet of paper from the table drawer, and a moment later a simple sketch of a wild rose. with a bud and a few leaves, appeared on the sheet.

"I thought of this plan, when I remembered that some of your number said they did not embroider," she said, and the sketch was handed around the table to receive unqualified endorsement. "A few fern leaves, in outline stitch, or a conventional design in the same, would be as pretty as embroidery and make a variety. That each one may have a fair show in the matter of selection, I suggest that the doilies be numbered, and each girl draw a numbered slip, choosing in the order of her number. Leave the matter open to exchange later, if anyone wishes.'

The suggestion met with immediate favor.

"Mrs. Keith," asked Grace Snow, "when did you learn that we girls of the Helping Hand were exceedingly jealous of our rights and privileges?"

"I assure you I have that yet to learn Miss Gracie," replied Mrs. Keith, "but I was a girl once myself, and I fear I ring one another."

The girls looked at one another with conscious smiles.

"Did you know that that is the motto of our club?" inquired Jennie.

"I certainly must plead not guilty," she answered, with an embarrassed glance at Jessica. "I thought my granddaughter had given me the history of your club from 'Genesee to Reverberations,' as the old colored brother says, but there seems to have been one item omitted."

Jessica laughed with the rest, though she also flushed slightly.

"I thought of telling you the motto of our club one day, grandmother," she confessed, "and then I was ashamed to, for we do so little to show it."

"Never mind," returned Mrs. Keith, lightly. "Like the man who stepped into the hole in his friend's garden walk, which he had meant to tell him about, I have found it out for myself. Perhaps we can make a practical application of it in parceling out our work. I will draw them all for you tomorrow, as the time is so short, and you may come tomorrow evening and make your selections."

(To be continued)

### A Diamond Jubilee

does not occur every day. It takes three quarters of a century to eventuate. Those present at the first are generally absent at the seventy-fifth anniversary. Our church at Rochester, N. Y., recently celebrating its diamond jubilee, had, naturally, not a single one of its charter members present. However, five of the ten pastors who in its long history regularly served the church graced the festal occasion by their presence. They were Prof. Lewis Kaiser, Prof. Otto Koenig, the Reverend C. A. Daniel, the Reverend Frank Kaiser and the present incumbent of the pastoral office, the Reverend David Hamel. Gone to their reward were the former pastors, A. Henrich, G. Koopmann, H. Schneider, E. E. Tscirch and P. Ritter, all of blessed memory. The celebration was not only a five-pastor, but also a five-meeting affair, beginning with an English service on Sunday morning, November 21, at which the Reverend Frank Kaiser of Detroit preached a powerful sermon on "The Invincible Church." In the evening followed a German service, enthusiastically addressed by the Reverend C. A. Daniel of Chicago, who spoke on "The Glory of the Church," from Psalm 87.

Monday evening was a musical evening of rare charm with instrumental numbers by Nelson Doescher and Eugene Sablak, and vocal renditions by Lottie Doescher, the Students' Chorus under the leadership of Bro. Luebeck, and the large church choir conducted by Bro. Husmann.

Tuesday evening's program was under the auspices of the societies of the church. C. Elmer Fischer presided at the organ. George Doescher sang. Otto Loertscher captivatingly spoke on behalf of the Sunday school, Arthur Berendt on Our Young People, Mother Loertscher for the Ladies Missionary society, Mrs. Maas

often forgot the text, 'In honor prefer- for the former Wilder St. missionary society, which has supplied 14 minister's wives, and the Reverend D. E. Haglund of the local South Ave. Baptist Church thrilled the audience with an eloquent appeal for the necessity of the Christian religion.

Wednesday evening was the concluding service and the great Church Night of the feast. All of the five living pastors spoke. Letters and telegrams were read from absent former members. Photographs of old worthies decorated the walls. George Fischer, Rochester's foremost organist, who grew up in the Sunday school of which his father was longtime superintendent, made the organ whisper and ring with festive melody. The choir rendered "Will der Tag im Osten grauen." A thankoffering amounting to \$150 was raised for the denominational budget. And ice cream and cake and coffee stimulated the sociability of the vast assembly of members and friends of the jubilant church, which has not only marked history in the past by producing such men as George Geis, apostle to the Kachins, and Walter Rauschenbusch, the most inspiring religious thinker of our century, but we hope, will humbly and faithfully continue to make history as its last quarter of a century rolls on to round out the completion of years.

F. W. C. MEYER.



Folsomdale Baptist Church

#### Folsomdale Wins Attendance Contest

The friendly struggle caused by the "Laymen's Attendance Contest of Baptist churches of Wyoming and Genesee counties," has at last ended. Our little church, situated out among the hills. three miles from a paved road and placed on a desolate hill in the farming section, with only a membership of about 50, has won the prize-a banner.

The contest was for men only, they had to attend both morning and evening services in order to count their 10 per cent. Our church won the banner by a majority of 55 per cent over any other contending church. Bliss, N. Y., was the nearest contending church, situated in a town, with a much larger membership. Surely they regret losing to a much smaller contender.

Rev. Edward Stevener, pastor of the Folsomdale Baptist Church, Cowlesville, N. Y., which has done this remarkable feat, graduated from our Rochester Seminary. Being a young man he has instilled this church with much new life and vigor. His Sunday night services were a great attraction for the men, and the women as well. Each Sunday night a new and novel plan was carried out in singing, sermon or the complete service. Simple homely truths are expounded and make a deep impression on the minds of his hearers.

It has been said that Folsomdale would have gone over the top 100% above its nearest city contender if it had not been for the bad weather, muddy roads and the quarantine of some of its members' homes by diphtheria.

#### Annual Meeting St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Jugendbund

On the evening of November 16 our Bund assembled in the dining room of the St. Joseph church for a banquet. The good "eats" were prepared by the two social committees and good cooks they were, we all agreed. Our program for the evening was carried out right where we were. Bro. Arthur Schmitman was chairman for the evening. After a short welcome, a short business session followed, then a fine program was rendered by members of both societies.

Benton Harbor society furnished three numbers, two dialogues, "Sunday Morning" and "Der gefälschte Same," also vocal duet. St. Joseph also had two dialogues, "Der christliche Uhrmacher" and "In the Service of the Lord," a piano solo, vocal solo and trombone solo. Rev. J. J. Lippert of Benton Harbor followed with a few remarks, encouraging the Bund to keep up the good work. Mr. Henry Bartz led in the closing prayer.

In the last year the Bund had some fine and inspiring meetings. In February it was our great pleasure to have Rev. C. J. Bender of Chicago tell us of his work in the Cameroons, Africa. In May, a Musicale was given. July 5 took all who could go with well filled baskets to Indian Fields, Berrien Springs, where a good time was spent in the open, away from the wild rush of the day. In September we had the privilege to have Ed. W. Hoek of Detroit with us and we all enjoyed this speaker, whose topic was, "Saved to Serve," that we would all gladly hear him again.

Mr. G. Achterberg has been our faithful president of the Bund and with the help of the two society presidents and the executive committee he has been able to keep interest and friendship and good feeling among the young folks. We wish to be able to report a much better year, which we are now to begin.

L. KISSAU, Sec.

God reaches out his strong arm of salvation a little nearer whenever we feel our own strength failing.

#### From the General Missionary Secretary's Desk Rev. Wm. Kuhn

On a recent Sunday evening a young man grasped the preacher's hand at the close of the service and said: "Your sermon tonight fit me exactly; I am one of those who have lost their Lord." In that evening service the preacher had tried simply and practically to discuss the theme "Finding the Lost Christ." As a basis for the discussion he used the incident related in John 20 how Mary Magdalene found the lost Christ on the resurrection morning. A careful study of this analogy will repay every effort.

On that Sunday evening it was very evident to the preacher that that one young man was not the only one who had to make the confession that he had lost his Lord. In all quietness quite a number of older and younger people said on that evening that they too had lost Christ. They doubtless meant that they had lost the realization of his presence, that his face was hidden and that the intimate communion with him was broken. The joy of former days had vanished from their souls. There was no music in their hearts, nor was there any urge in them to work for their Lord. There has a strong conviction grown upon us that the lukewarmness and the half-heartedness and the inactivity so noticeable in many of our members is to be explained by the sad fact that they have lost Christ.

We rejoice, however, that as Mary Magdalene found the lost Christ, so may we. What inexpressible joy will be ours if we find him more glorious than we ever knew him before.

Read John 20 and see how near Christ is to a soul who has lost him. Even while Mary was lamenting her loss at the open grave, the victorious Christ was at her side waiting to reveal himself to her.

We learn the old lesson from Mary Magdalene that if we seek him with all our heart, we will surely find him. The apostles John and Peter were at the open grave on that resurrection morning and they assured themselves that the Master was not there, but they did not find their lost Christ. It is recorded of them: "that they went home." Mary stayed at the grave and sought him with all her heart. As it always has been and is today: she found her lost Christ.

Nothing will bring us into possession of our lost Christ sooner than when he speaks that revealing word to our individual heart. He but spoke the word: "Mary," and she responded instantly. Today we need a personal revelation of Christ to find him.

What a change it makes when any soul finds the lost Christ. Now Mary goes as a jubilant messenger of the living Christ with the burning words on her lips: "I have seen the Lord, and he has said these things to me." Nothing will bring about a spiritual revival sooner and surer than for our individual members sharing that wonderful experience of "Finding the Lost Christ."



Newly organized Sunday School of Wetaskiwin church, meeting in the city

## Carrying It to Him

ETHEL RENNISON

Let's take it all to Jesus, The weary questioning, The burdens, and the heartache, The little things that sting.

For he alone can answer Our questions as is best; And he alone can comfort And give our spirit rest.

Let's also ask the Savior To teach us how to pray, And how to witness for him, And do his will each day.

And how to read the Bible To understand aright, And how to win our loved ones Into his glorious light.

This poem was suggested by a sermon preached by Rev. Ph. Lauer on Nov. 15 on "Bringing it to Jesus," Matt. 11:2-6.

The greatest tragedy is not the failure of the Church; it has not failed. The greatest calamity is our failure to help the Church.

#### Sunday School at Westaskiwin, Alta.

We present to our readers two photographs of the Sunday schools of the church at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Can., Rev. Fred W. Benke, pastor. The group in front of the church is the Sunday school in the country, about 14 miles from Wetaskiwin City. Frida Hammer is the superintendent. It meets regularly every Sunday afternoon. The school had a successful Thanksgiving day program on October 24.

The group with the grassy and leafy background shows the newly organized Sunday school in the city of Wetaskiwin. Gus. Litmann is superintendent. This school meets regularly every Sunday morning. The work has gone on successfully and a number of the scholars have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. Pastor Behnke is the man at the left end of the second last row. The church has a fine band of 14 pieces of which Mr. Edward Dickau is leader.

Fair Newspaper Visitor: "And so you work in the composing room! Isn't that

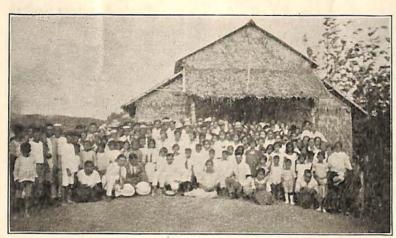
Compositor: "I've been here ten years."

Fair Newspaper Visitor: "Won't you sing something you've composed?"-St. Louis Christian Advocate.



Sunday School of the Wetaskiwin, Alberta, church in the Country

# Missions—Home and Worldwide



Chapel and a few of the delegates and guests at the Annual Kasapulanan of Capiz Province

## The Annual Capiz Kasapulanan tiful hymns on Christian living and self-

S. S. FELDMANN

Perhaps it would be of interest to tell you a bit about our annual Kasapulanan (Convention) of the churches of Capiz Province. It was held several months ago, but will give an idea of what our Kasapulanans are like.

We left Capiz on the train at seven in the morning. After a two-hour ride we reached the place from where we had to hike. About a two-hour hike brought us to the chapel where the Convention was to be held. The sun smiled upon us with all the warmth it could muster, in fact, judging from the effect it had on us, one might almost say it laughed out loud. Before we had hiked a half an hour, through the rice fields and over the hills, our clothes looked as though we had been swimming. On our way we came to a river which had to be forded. Of course the "Missionero Americano" had to be carried. It took three of the cargadores to get him across. One hundred and seventy-five pounds of humanity is quite a load for these small folks to carry, and especially so when it is six feet or more in length. I am sorry I could not get a picture of the scene.

Upon our arrival at the chapel, high up in the hills, we were met by a large number of people who had already assembled there. The chapel was beautifully decorated with tufted bamboo flowers, and some strips of red cloth covered with wide lace, which one finds on all special occcasions. A special house had been vacated and prepared for the missionary and his workers, where they were to live during their stay at the Kasapulanan.

The Kasapulanan began with a meeting in the afternoon at which were three addresses. The missionary was asked to give the keynote address, and such it turned out to be in reality, for all the other speakers took up the tune to the key which he had struck, and sang beausupport of the churches.

To put these things into practice is a much harder thing, but our efforts were crowned with some measure of success. for it was at this Kasapulanan that the Capiz Home Mission Society was born. It has since grown into a large child and is doing splendid work in leading the churches into a larger realization of responsibility for the Christianization of their own generation. It is always a hard thing to get people to understand that with blessings come duties, and that to spread their faith there must be at least some measure of sacrifice. That difficulty is also to be found here. But the organization and the functioning of the Home Mission Society is doing much to this effect. The work of the Society is conducted entirely by the Filipinos themselves, the missionary acting only in an advisory capacity. This Society is gradually though slowly taking over the support of the native pastors in the organized churches, thus releasing missionary funds for use in the undeveloped portions of the field. It will take a long time before this will have reached the ideal, but a large step has been taken in the right direction. The contributions of the native churches have increased from Pesos 80.00 last year over a twelvemonth period to an average of Pesos 75.00 per month for the first four months of the existence of the Society, or from June 1 to September 30.

The business meeting of the Convention took up the afternoon and part of the evening of the third day. It was conducted in a way that would be creditable to any Convention. Even if on a few occasions the chairman had to be told what to do next. I have been at few Conventions where the business meetings were carried out in a more orderly fashion. The whole Convention is conducted by the Filipinos themselves, the missionary acting only as advisor.

But there was also another side to the

matter. Three times a day we were filled up on lechon (roast pig), jackfruit, which grows here by the ton, chicken (small imitations of the American real), bamboo sprouts, pechi, gabi, and many other things which might be mentioned here. Even the Dakotas and Canada cannot compare with the Filipino brethren in this respect.

May I invite you one and all to come and enjoy the next Convention with us? It will be in April, 1927. I am inviting you thus early to enable you to pack your suit-case and oil up your Fords and drive across the Pacific to us. Unless someone has recently been careless in scattering uails or broken glass, I can guarantee that you will have no punctures, at least while on the ten thousand miles of briny deep between us.

Capiz, Capiz, P. I.

# Missionary Maxims

"The consecrated missionary church is not a cistern, but a living fountain."

"The message of the hour is for the main body to come up to the firing line." "The Kingdom of God is waiting for the hard-earned leisure of the business

"The church that forgets itself in its passion for others will in that forgetfulness find itself."

"The best remedy for a sick church is to put it on a missionary diet."—Western

# When Duff Fainted on the Platform

Alexander Duff was one of the greatest missionaries of the nineteenth century. After a quarter of a century of intense and fruitful missionary work in India, he came back to his native Scotland and at Edinburgh rose to speak at a great missionary conference. Many thousands were present to light their torches with his burning words. Broken in health and weakened in body, he actually fainted in the midst of his speech. In a little while, however, he recovered and to those near him he said: "I was speaking of India, was I not? Take me back and let me finish my subject."

They complied with the hero's wish and it was with flaming ardor that he exclaimed: "Although I have spent twenty-five years of my life in India and lost my health, if Scotland has no more sons to give to the Lord Jesus, I will be off to the banks of the Ganges tomorrow."

Those who set a guard over the tongue prevent the exit of angry words and the entrance of sad regrets.

Criticism cannot harm the man who is more concerned about honoring his Master than he is about getting bouquets.

# Home, St. Joseph

was a complete success at our Home this year. It was in great contrast to our last Thanksgiving season when everything conspired against the anticipated joys of the day. This year all the family was in good health and spirits, while last year "Judy," our oldest boy, was seriously ill and had to be taken to the hospital the next day. Of course, we were all anxious about him. This year weather conditions were favorable to the working up of a good appetite out of doors, whereas last year, nature had only forebodings of a storm. And again, what a contrast the dinner was! While we were truly grateful to our Heavenly Father for untold blessings received, it was nevertheless an effort last year to get into the real Thanksgiving spirit over our plate of hash.

For several days before mysterious barrels and boxes arrived from nearby and distant states. The contents were a more or less open secret until the day. When it came we were ready to carry out our share in the day's program. The older children attended a Thanksgiving service in the morning. It had been decided to serve a light lunch at noon and have the "feast" at 5 P. M. The afternoon was spent in various ways. Papa Steiger challenged the older boys and girls to a brisk walk in the fresh air while the smaller ones, content to stay at home, provided amusement for themselves.

Shortly before five, the hiking party returned in a jolly mood and hungry enough to do full justice to any meal. As they neared home, they caught whiffs of delicious odors escaping from the kitchen, and these, prompted by the empty stomachs, quickened their pace, so that in two jerks they were in the diningroom ready to attack their full plates.

What a dinner! There was everything from turkey to desert. The Thanksgiving birds had traveled from North Dakota and Chicago to grace our tables. There were sweet potatoes served with butter real butter, not the usual substitute, stuffing with raisins, mouth-watering cranberry sauce, crisp celery and home-made candy all the way from Kansas. There were shining eyes and smiling faces and for a while nothing could be heard but "Um!" and "Oh Boy!" and the clatter of knives and forks busy at a long delayed task. When all had their fill of the good things, a generous helping of ice cream and cake appeared upon the scene. Although that disappeared more slowly, it gave the finishing touch to a perfect meal. When the last bit of ice cream and cake had vanished one could have seen a gleam of satisfaction upon the faces of all. That this surely was the "best Thanksgiving" was agreed to by everyone.

We are thankful and appreciative of the kind thoughts of our friends, who so generously helped make the day a mem-EDITH GUTZEIT. orable one.

#### Thanksgiving at the Children's When I Survey God's Wondrous Power

Thanksgiving in its deepest meaning Translation of the German hymn of Prof. Chr. Fürchtegott Gellert, entitled: "Wenn ich o Schöpfer, deine Macht" by C. A. DANIEL

> When I survey God's wondrous power, His wisdom in creation; The love Almighty God doth shower On man in every station, I stand amazed in prayer and thought, Oh God, what marvels hast thou wrought! My Lord, my God, my Father.

> My eve as far as it can see Beholds the heaven's wonder. The firmament in majesty, My soul this power doth ponder. Pray, who exalts the sun on high? Who paints with dazzling flame the sky? Who guides the planets courses?

> Who shifts the course of winds that sound? Commands the rains to scatter? Who brings to light and makes abound Earth's wealth of grain and matter? Oh God, thy glory, power and might And goodness reach beyond all sight, Beyond the clouds that travel.

The sunshine, storm and sands, of God Proclaim creation's glory. E'en yonder worm beneath the sod Incites to give God glory. The tree's symmetric beauty shown, The seed of earth the Lord hath sown, To God be all the glory.

The body too of man was wrought By God's own great volition. He made his spirit too, man sought To learn his own position. In God's own image man was made. And day by day the proof is laid In his own love and goodness.

My soul, forever praise the Lord. All earth, unite in Amen. Our Father, God, with one accord We praise thy name in heaven. And all the world fear him and sing, And hope in him and service bring, Who would not gladly serve him?

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(By Courtesy of the Scripture Union)

Joining the church does not mean that we are to leave our minds and pocketbooks at home.

The sinner's right to enter the Kingdom is not based on merit, but on the need for salvation.



Temporary kitchen where the food for the Convention guests and delegates was prepared



Rev. S. S. Feldmann and some of his workers

#### Institute at Okeene, Okla.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, the young people of Oklahoma journed to Okeene for the first conference of Y. P. and S. S. Workers of our German Baptist churches to be held apart from the regular state convention. Bro. E. Graalman extended us a hearty welcome and Bro. F. W. Bartel of Ingersoll delivered the opening address, his subject being, "Keeping the

Our morning sessions opend with a devotional period led by Bro. A. Rosner on Friday and Bro. G. Bornschlegel on Saturday. Following these devotional periods the Secretaries Mihm and Bretschneider conducted separate classes. Bro. Mihm used the first hour period for discourses on "The four Portraits of Christ according to the Four Gospels" and the second hour period for missionary lectures: "The Divine Basis of Missions" and "The Missionary Enterprise of Today." Bro. Bretschneider discussed "The Ideal Sunday School and Teacher" during the first period and "Young People's Needs and Young People's Organizations" during the second hour. They also conducted classes for an hour in the afternoon, using the same subjects for discussion.

At our annual business meeting Bro. D. Klein presided. The Bund is supporting two missionaries (Hausmissionare) and two Bible Women in India. It was also decided to give \$100 to the Seminary in Rochester. The Ingersoll Union was fortunate in winning the banner for the last seven months. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. A. Rosner; vice-president, Rev. F. W. Bartel; secretary, Mrs. H. A. Meyer, and treasurer, Mrs. Jelden.

Friday evening each Union responded to the roll call with a song or passage of scripture. Bro. Bretschneider gave an address on "Essentials in the Development of a Young Christian's Life." Sat-. urday evening each B. Y. P. U. gave us some special numbers, and Bro. Schacht of Lorraine, Kans., an address. Bro. Mihm also spoke to us briefly.

Sunday, Nov. 14, was Mission day. Our Secretaries addressed the Sunday school. Bro. Mihm gave us the morning address, "Love the Brotherhood." Bro. Mihm's afternoon address was entitled, "Loyalty will win," and Bro. Bretschneider spoke in the evening on "Der Wandel der Gläubigen."

A special feature of our meeting at Okeene were the choir songs which each Union had prepared and rendered together under the direction of Bro. L. Vogt.

The young people greatly appreciate the work done by our Secretaries, and have returned to their homes greatly inspired to do more and better Christian service. We are also thankful to the people of Okeene for their hospitality. We look forward to the next conference with great anticipation. Already plans have been made for a great time at Gotebo in May. New features will be added. Young people, plan now to attend.

MRS. H. A. MEYER, Sec.

# Why They Parted

Jack Sprat and his wife this Christmas agreed.

Since most presents are foolish and wasteful.

They'd give to each other just things that they'd need. At once inexpensive and tasteful

The Sprats have bust up; Mrs. Sprat in

Her passage to Reno is booking; She thought that Jack needed the book "Etiquette,"

And he gave her "Six Lessons in Cook-T. P.

Bride (at butcher shop): "I want half a pound of mincemeat, and cut it from a nice, tender, young mince, please,"

#### Mother's Christmas Gift

MRS. EMMA GARY WALLACE

Just what to give mother for a Christmas gift is always something of a problem. The big things one would love to do cost so much, and the little things, while bound up with much love, so often seem unworthy of all mother has done and been.

Ten girls who were asked what they would like to give mother for Christmas if they could only offer her one thing, and that just what they wanted her to have most, made out the following list: a silk dress, a car all her own, a new set of teeth, a new suite of parlor furniture, a three months' visit East to grandma's and her old home, a house without any mortgage on it, a string of gold beads, a set of furs, a new winter coat, a phonograph.

Now, not a single one of the girls could possibly offer the gift chosen, and while all of them expressed the loving yearning to do something which would bring pleasure to mother, yet not one of them thought that she might bring her an equal amount of pleasure by pledging to do something entirely within her pow-

One girl was causing her mother great anxiety by staying out later evenings than her mother thought wise. It was suggested that she might pledge to use every endeavor to do as her mother felt right in this matter.

To another it was suggested that she might arrange to let her mother attend a certain gathering once a month without fail, by always planning to be home that afternoon, to take care of the younger children and to get supper. A gift surely of more value to the mother than a silk

To the one who wished her mother to have three months' outing, the hint was given that a fund should actually be started for this purpose, by each one of the family doing something during the coming year to contribute to that fund. Brother John would raise popcorn and sell it; Mary would raise a family of ducks; Alice would gather balsam and make pillows and sell them to tourists and to a concern glad to get them for resale. It was hoped that in the course of a couple of years the fund might be wholly adequate.

To another was suggested that instead of a new car mother should have absolute freedom for a whole year from the supper dishes.

If we cannot give what we would like to give, it is always possible to look at the matter from a different angle. We can say to ourselves, "Just how much happiness would the gift I would like to make actually afford?" and then we can use our ingenuity to give something else which will afford an approximately equal amount of satisfaction or pleasure. Young People's Paper.

Ill fares the land whose people think of Sunday as a holiday rather than as a

#### Stewardship

MRS. ALBERT DAVID ZERNICHOW

(We are giving our readers the concluding part of the prize winning oration on "Standard Parts (We are giving our readers the concluding part of the prize winning oration on "Stewardship," which won first prize at Ottawa, Kans., Assembly, offered by Mr. W. C. Coleman of Wichita. The oration by Mrs. Zernichow was the winner among twelve delivered in Ottawa. The entire oration is too long for our columns. The Zernichow family is connected with the Geary Co. German Baptist church.)

Our stewardship obligation embraces every man for whom the Savior died. We can give our personal service to our fellowman at home, and pray earnestly, but it also takes our money to bring about world redemption. How sad that noble men and women who are sacrificing their lives as missionaries over the world. often suffer for the need of money, while many more are waiting to go if the churches could furnish money to send them out to a field. John R. Mott declared, "If the Christian people of America would lay on the altar of Christ for the world's redemption the tenth of their income, we could within five years set in motion a machinery which would guarantee the preaching of the gospel to every man, woman and child on earth in the generation in which you and I are living!" You realize that this challenging statement is true. If you have not been tithing before, that alone should inspire you to begin today.

Let us see what the scripture says about tithing. Deut. 8:18 says, "Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth." How much should be given is answered in Lev. 27:30: "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord." And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, "Even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." This is the law which God gave the Jews. Under the grace of the gospel it is not to be expected or desired that less should be given by you than is required by God's law. 2 Cor. 8:12 states, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God

loveth a cheerful giver." . Christian stewardship reacts upon your character. When a man genuinely and deliberately embraces Christian Stewardship, he takes a new attitude toward life. Not only his spiritual activities, but his daily business, social and material responsibilities pass under rigid and conscientious review and he enters upon a new relation to his task of making a living. He is now a partner with God, he must work in a way acceptable to God and the rewards of his toil are now divisible with God. He goes to his daily task with a prayer to God to bless his toil; for now it is a part of God's business. Do you realize that more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of? How strange and how sad that prayer is not used more. Jesus' prayers were for others. Prayer for self is legitimate, normal, indispensible; but prayer for others is productive, creative, divine. Archimedes, the philosopher, declared, "Had I a fulcrum on which to



Dining hall where the Convention meals were served

place my lever I could lift the world." To the Christian has been given this fulcrum, the immutable promises of God. and with it also the lever of intercessary prayer, which, if we will, we may thrust underneath a sinking, suffering, sordid, dying world and lift it upward to God.

What have you done with the power of prayer? It is given to you as a spiritual capital with which to achieve, to produce, to create. Prayer brings you into closer relationship with God than anything else. Let the flame of prayer burn on your candle of Christian Stewardship composed of service to fellowmen, world redemption and faithful tithing, and it will radiate God's glorious light as you carry it through life holding it high—and it will light your way into the Kingdom of Heaven.

"If ye know these things, happy are ye-if ye do them."

Junction City, Kans.

#### Sock Contest in First Church Cleveland

Our Young People's Society is sure that Siberia and the Rochester Seminary will be materially benefitted in a small measure by its recent efforts in raising its mission contribution.

We had a "Red" and "Blue" Sock Contest in which we were asked to insert twice the amount of money of the size of our socks in a special envelope. Everyone on both sides was hard at work for a month getting his six envelopes filled among his friends. Some returned the six filled to the leader of their respective sides and asked for more. In this case we were glad some people had big feeta number of dollar bills were received.

Just before the chairman was asked to announce the results and declare the "Reds" winners, the "Blue" leader received a late envelope containing a \$10 bill, making the final result \$31 for the "Blues" and \$29 for the "Reds."

The "Blues" are confident that the "Reds" are good losers and are looking forward expectantly to the promised dinner which the losers were to furnish the M. H. K., chairman.

#### Easier to Sav

Dr. Lyman Abbott once said that the best lecture he had ever heard on the subject of success in life was delivered by a man who was an absolute failure in everything he undertook-except that lecture. He failed in business; he failed in the ministry; he failed to bring up his children properly; he failed to keep out of debt. "Still," Dr. Abbott philosophically added, "it's something just to be able to tell others how to succeed. A guidenost may direct us to our destination even if it can't go itself."

It is easier to say than to do. A famous preacher once said that if only he could live up to his own sermons, he would be a successful preacher. Beside the ideals we have cherished, life often seems pitiably weak and insufficient. Nevertheless, a consciousness of failure on our part should never excuse us from doing our best to advise others aright. It is our duty to help others to go, even where we cannot go ourselves.

#### Little, But-

A man with a look of business on his face came to a hotel-keeper, and asked him if he would buy two carloads of frogs' legs.

"Two carloads!" said the man, in amazement. "Why, I could not use them in twenty years!"

"Well, will you buy a half a carload?" "No."

"Twenty or thirty bushels?"

"Twenty or thirty dozen?"

"No."

"Two dozen?" "Yes."

A few days later the man returned

with three pairs of legs. "Is that all?" asked the hotel-keeper.

"Yes; the fact is that I live near a

pond, and the frogs made so much noise that I thought there were millions of them. But I dragged the pond with a seine, drained it and raked it, and there were only three frogs in the whole place."

. . .

In the Kingdom there is work for all who will; the rewards go only to those who will work.

#### Book Review

(Order all books through German Baptist Publication Society, Cleveland, O.)

Evolution in the Balances. Frank E. Allen. Publishers, Fleming H. Revell Co., New York. 191 pages. \$1.50.

This is an intensely interesting book on a question that has loomed up large again during the last few years and troubled many earnest Christian souls. The greater part of the material in the book appeared originally as a series of articles in various Christian journals. The author in response to many requests has revised and enlarged the original articles and now sends forth the book in order that it may instruct any who may be seeking light on the subject of evolution.

The author is minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Can. He has occupied himself with this subject for many years, part of which time he taught science and especially in his ministerial work and contact with educators and young people. He is particularly desirous that younger people who are in the formative period of life may receive a reasonable and scriptural explanation of natural phenomena in order to dispel their doubts.

He points out the insuperable barriers in the way of the materialistic evolutionist and asserts that the theory of material evolution cannot account for the origin of matter, nor for the origin of life, nor for the origin of complex life. It cannot account for the difference between plants and animals, nor furnish adequate evidence to prove relationship between the varied groups of life. It cannot account for the rational and spiritual nature of man. The author shows how little real ground there is for the weighty deduction some overeager scientists draw from fossils as to age, construction, environment of man. One of the strongest chapters in the book is the one on "How account for the Fossils?" in which Dr. Allen shows that those who have attempted to divorce this science from the history of the Bible have made a colossal mistake. His standpoint is: "The written Book furnishes the key to unlock the great stone book." He marshalls a won-derful array of facts which the evolutionist will find hard to disprove.

The book is well-written, clear and understandable to the average man. If you are looking for a strong presentation against the evolution theory from a positive Christian and Biblical point of view, this is the book.

A. P. M.

"And now, sir," thundered the counsel, "tell the court what you were doing in the interim."

"I never went there," retorted the witness indignantly. "I stayed in the drawing-room all the evening"

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At the Direct Mail Advertising Convention at Cincinnati, the story was told of an advertising salesman who, upon arriving at the hotel, was met by the porter who wanted to know how many trunks he carried.

"I use no trunks," the salesman replied.

"Oh, I thought you wuz one of these traveling salesmen gentlemen," said the

"I am, but I sell brains, understand? I sell brains."

"Well, excuse me, Boss, but youse the first traveling fella' that's been here this season who ain't carrying no samples."—Western Christian Advocate.

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