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Baptism at Leduc, Alta., Rev. E. P. Wahl Officiating

What's Happening

The Alberta Young People (Jugend-, Sanger- and Sunday School Bund) meet with the Young People's Society of Camrose, Alta., from July 28-Aug. 1. Three study courses will be offered, one on the Bible, one on Baptist Principles and one on Young People's Work. A large attendance is expected. All who come will please bring notebooks and pen and pencils.

Rev. P. J. Vince, who has been in the Russian work in Pittsburgh, Pa., left on June 15 for Harbin, Manchuria, according to the "Baptist," to take a position under his father, Rev. J. J. Wiens. The son spells his name differently than the father. Mr. Vince did a notable work in Pittsburgh.

Miss Marie Kraemer, the 13 year old daughter of Rev. August Kraemer, won the Certificate of Award and medal instituted by the Fessenden, N. D., unit of the American Legion Auxiliary for school pupils. Miss Kraemer was the honor student with a scholarship average of 97 per cent in scholarship, honor, service, courage, leadership and Americanism. A brief essay on "Americanism" by the prize winner is published on another page of this issue of the "Herald."

German Baptist churches in Brazil, So. America, number eleven with 893 members, according to latest statistics. Ninety-one baptisms were reported for the year. The net increase in membership was seventy-five. There are 14 Sunday schools with 50 officers and teachers and 612 enrolled pupils. Seven young people's societies report 278 members. Seven pastors serve these 11 churches.

A Benefit Concert in aid of the Bethany Home was given in the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., on Monday evening, June 28. The following artists furnished the program, donating their services to this worthy cause: Mrs. Burton L. Kurth, contralto; Clayton C. Quast, baritone, and Burton Lowell Kurth, accompanist.

Rev. A. J. Harms, Th. D., of Burlington, Iowa, is the pulpit supply of the Clinton Hill church, Newark, N. J., during July.

Rev. C. W. Koller of Seminary Hill, Texas, will be the pulpit supply of the Clinton Hill church, Newark, N. J., for four or five Sundays beginning August 15. Bro. Koller graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary this year. Mrs. Koller graduated with her husband, she taking a two-year course, while he was completing his three-year course. During the summer school of the Seminary, Bro. Koller is teaching New Testament Greek and in the fall he will teach both Greek and New Testament history as "Fellow" in the seminary. Later on his status will be that of "Instructor." Bro. Koller keeps in close touch with our German work and

greatly enjoys the "Baptist Herald." He regrets missing our Texas "Konferenz" for the first time in eleven years on account of his Eastern engagement.

Among the students recently graduated from the Mounds Park School of Nursing, St. Paul, Minn., were Elsie M. Engbrecht, Fessenden, N. D.; Elizabeth E. Kohrs, Burlington, Iowa, and Alma M. Paul, Fessenden, N. D. We wish these young women God's richest blessing in entering upon their noble and helpful profession.

Rev. R. T. Wegner of Jamesburg, N. J., has accepted the call of the church at Boston, Mass., to succeed the Rev. L. C. Knuth, deceased. Bro. Wegner will begin his new pastorate at the end of summer.

Rev. F. W. Bartel of Sheboygan, Wis., becomes the new pastor of our church at Ingersoll, Okla.

Thoughts and plans were realized when a young people's society was organized at Rabbit Hill, Alta. Rabbit Hill is one of the oldest churches in the province and in all its history this is the first young people's society. The society is fortunate in having a group of able and willing workers and with God's help the new born baby has all the possibilities of growth. With brotherly love

Your co-worker
PHIL. DAUM.

In the month of May the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., had special services, Dr. Oscar Lowry from Tulsa, Okla., evangelist. More than 70 persons came forward, a goodly number of which were saved. Others of these have not yet found the way. Among those coming forward were a number of our young people and members of the church. We are grateful for this, and it is proving a great help in our young people's work. More than 30 came forward declaring themselves ready to enter some form of Christian work. One is now getting ready to enter the Moody Bible Institute in the fall. The young folk are also assisting in street meetings held on Sunday evenings. We are looking forward hopefully.

H. F. SCHADE.

Linwood Park Baptist Assembly July 27 to August 2

Upon entering park ask for conference gate ticket. This is very important and should be observed by all who attend the assembly.

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We expect about 200 people at our assembly and according to the reservations coming in the expectation will be realized.

Cordially,
Theo. W. Dons.

Institute Program

The Baptist Young People's Union of the Atlantic Conference at Stony Brook, Long Island

August 7-14

Curriculum and Faculty Members

1. Devotional Life of the Sunday School.....Miss A. Kose
2. Evangelism: Enlisting for Christ and the Church..Rev. W. J. Zirbes
3. Sunset Services at the Sea Shore: Devout Studies of Nature.....Rev. W. J. Zirbes
4. Principles of Story Telling.....Rev. R. T. Wegner
5. Biographies of Christian Leaders.....Rev. R. T. Wegner
6. O. T. History from the Division of the Kingdom to Herod's Time.....Rev. Paul Wengel
7. Music.....Rev. Paul Wengel
8. Life of Paul....Rev. Wm. Schoeffel
9. Missions.....Rev. Wm. Schoeffel
10. Social Principles.Rev. George Hensel
11. Baptist Principles.Rev. George Hensel

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Summer Religion

BY summer religion we have in mind the vacillating religion of some summer vacationists and other people who while relaxing bodily seem to think the religious life and its functions can be given a complete rest in the summer season. We have at times wondered at the strange connection between the summertime and the religious life of some folks and the peculiar influence it has in slackening it or slumping it or suspending it. The religion of some professing Christians seems to melt, evaporate and disappear in summer like ice under the rays of the summer sun.

The crying need of our churches in city and country is a strong, all-the-year-round religion that it independent of the calendar; that will not wilt and faint when the heated time of the year comes around; a religion that will stand up and not lose its virility in the vacation season; a religion that will not lose its identity and character during a journey of some distance to sea shore or mountain resort; a religion that will remember and seek out the church services on Sunday in the strange city where you are staying; that will look up the services in the little church out in the country where you are vacationing and enter just as heartily into the spirit of worship there with all its plainness and simplicity as you would at your home church.

Yes, we need a religion that will function as well in summer as in winter; among strangers as well as at home; that will refrain from the questionable and do the right and God-pleasing thing where one happens to be unknown just as sturdily as where one is among familiar neighbors and fellow church-members.

Church going is nine-tenths habit. Sometimes a three-months journey or illness or vacation has broken up the habits of a lifetime. Jesus went to the synagogue "as was his custom." He did it wherever he was, in Nazareth, or Capernaum or Jerusalem. It is a custom that won't bear interruption. No good habit will. That is the tragic difference between good habits and bad ones. Bad habits mend their own breaks; good ones have to be mended. When you cast off a bad habit you have to pull off skin and all. You can lay off a good one like your winter flannels. Habit is the deepest law of human nature. "It is our supreme strength, if also in certain circumstances our miserablest weakness," says Carlyle.

Beecher once declared that many people make religion the cake of life—something to be put away in a cupboard and used only when company comes. But religion must be the bread of life, the thing for which we hunger, the substance of our strength. The religion that sustains and strengthens and

serves will neither be inanimate in winter nor inactive in summer. It will not be guided by the calendar but will be impelled by the continuous needs of life. "What I want," said Kingsley, "is not to possess religion but to have a religion that possesses me."

Help the "Herald" Now

WE want every reader of the "Herald" to read, study, mark and inwardly digest our publisher's two important announcements on an adjoining page.

Note the special offer.

Six months for fifty cents! Will not all our pastors, boosters and all young people's workers look upon this offer as a special and urgent invitation to extend the circulation of the "Herald" among the teachers of the Sunday school, the members of the young people's societies and in the homes from which our young people come?

We do not believe that our workers have reached their limit in securing new friends for our paper. All that is needed is a little personal effort on their part and hundreds of new subscribers will be won by this attractive trial offer.

Note the reminder.

A number of our readers,—it is whispered by Mr. Donner, our publication manager, at least several hundred,—have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1926, although they have received the "Herald" since the first of the year. Perhaps this matter has only been overlooked and merely needs this reminder to secure prompt attention.

Surely no "Herald" subscriber wilfully wishes to be dropped from the mailing list. Let every one who is behind-hand in remitting, pay up at once. We cannot publish the paper gratis for any one. No self-respecting German Baptist, who can pay, wishes us to do so.

If you love and care for the "Herald," want it to be a regular visitor to your home and this reminder affects you, you will help us to advance. We desire not merely to mark time. We do not wish to lose out. If every subscriber meets his obligation straightway we will be able to go forward and make our paper better in every way.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

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A young collegian finished his valedictory oration and sat down amid loud applause for his eloquence and wisdom. A man said to his fellow, "He can do even better than his father." The father, sitting just in front, overheard the remark. He turned and said, "He ought to, for he stands on my shoulders."

The Hope and the Fear of the Church

RUTH C. DOESCHER

THE Young People are the Hope and also the Fear of the church and also of the world. Did you ever stop to think that the older people of the church are afraid of us? Yes, they are! But history repeats itself. Fifty years ago the adults were saying about our parents just exactly what our parents are now saying about us. And, who knows, perhaps before many years have passed we will be voicing the same sentiments.

"How Times Have Changed"

"The Young People do not take the proper interest in the Church," "Young People are not spiritual enough." How often we have heard these expressions. And they are true. Times have changed. The hoop skirt and the bustle and the powdered wig have given place to the short skirt, the ruffles and the powdered nose. But the fundamental things remain the same. The Young People do not take the interest they should, but neither do the adults. The Young People are not spiritual enough. But where can we find a person of any day or age who has attained to Christ's standard of spiritual life: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect"?

Yet taking all these things into consideration, we still must admit the youth of the church has given sufficient grounds for many fears which are expressed by our elders. Let us not forget, however, that the very ground of these fears may also be the basis for the greatest hope. Let us see why. First,

All Young People Are Idealists

We are all inclined to seek for ourselves an ideal whereby we may pattern our lives. This in itself is dangerous since the choice is left to us, and there are so many unworthy and undesirable patterns from which we may extricate an ideal. A Juvenile Court Judge in Chicago was puzzled one day because of the large number of boys brought before him, all charged with the same offense, that of picking a lock. He investigated the matter and found that all of the boy offenders had attended a movie the night before and there had seen a picture of a man picking a lock. The scene had been depicted in detail, and the boys had taken this thief as a temporary ideal. Why is it that so many girls in their middle "teens" run away from home to seek their fortune at Hollywood? Is it not because some particular actress has taken their fancy, and become their ideal? These are extreme illustrations, yet they show how our ideals may be a cause for fear.

Near the city of Cleveland there is a little village which fifty years ago was blessed with a beautiful Christian doctor by the name of Brown. Because of his generosity and his willingness to serve he was beloved by all. He had one son, Tom. Tom adored his dad, and from the time he was a little fellow always said he was going to take his father's place when he grew up. As a young man he attended Medical College, and having received his diploma and a license to practice he took upon himself many

of his father's duties. While away at college he became intimate with a young lady who lived in his own village. One evening as they were speaking together about the future she suddenly asked, "When do you expect to leave this place and start work in Chicago or Cleveland?" Without an instant's hesitation he declared his intention of taking up his father's practice, serving the people of his village, which he loved. The young lady then told him he must decide between her and his work, as she had no intention of staying in a small village all her life. It was a great struggle, but holding fast to the ideal which had been his from early childhood, he plunged into more active service that he might forget his disappointment. Christ himself was an idealist. He revealed God to us, because in his life he did only those things which he had seen his Father do. If we choose Christ we are the hope of the church, nay of the world.

The second reason why the Young People are the hope and fear of the church is this:

Youth is Possessed of a Strong Social Instinct

How we do love to get together with other young people and live out our ideals. Those who live in the city have many opportunities to develop for themselves almost any kind of social station they wish. "Tell me with whom you go, and I will tell you what you are," is a true saying. This is what the older people fear. Since there is a strong demand for sociability in our makeup, is it not possible that we are sometimes a little hasty in our choice of companions? God has given us this social instinct and like all of God's gifts, it can be used or abused. Solomon, "the wise old fool" (as some one has called him), failed because he associated with many foreign women who believed not on the Lord Jehovah and turned his heart to other gods. Anything which is foreign to our God will do the same to us. Jonathan, the son of Saul, made possible that renowned friendship because he chose David as his companion.

During the past few years the Missionary Board of Education has taken into consideration a characteristic which is peculiar to young people. In trying to make the mission study books interesting they have used some of these attractive topics: "Adventures in Brotherhood," "Brave Adventures," "High Adventure," "China's Challenge to Christianity," and "God's Dynamite." Yes, youth has the spirit of adventure. It is the young people of the world who dare to do. It is they who are willing to risk life and at least reputation, if by so doing they can obtain the desired end. Motorists sometimes drive 40 to 50 miles an hour just to get a thrill. The girl who tried so many times to swim across the English Channel, was fired with a spirit of adventure. And to what end? Vain glory.

The Spirit of Adventure

is just what the church needs. The young people have this spirit and it makes them the hope of the church if rightly directed. It was this same spirit which influenced our missionaries to leave all and give their lives to the greatest adventure in the world, the salvation of souls. Oh, young people,

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would you experience a thrill, a joy greater than any you have known before? Then lead a soul to Christ. "He that winneth souls is wise."

Since we possess these qualities it is up to us in which direction we develop them. How can we allay the fears of our elders? We know that the grounds of these fears are not as well established as some are inclined to think. Yet we realize that there must be some impetus to right choice. Since we are Christians we have the right to call upon the greatest power in the universe for assistance, namely, spiritual power. If the young people have a deep spiritual life all fears are groundless. Should the contrary prove true, the fears are nothing compared with what the results will be. Again we may feel encouraged, for young people have a

Special Capacity for Spiritual Life

God has given us plasticity of mind, with imagination, which is the foundation of faith and sympathy. Spiritual death is the separation of the soul from God. Spiritual life is the harmony of the soul with the purpose of God. How can this harmony be obtained? The following story illustrates one way.

One day a Mexican man was sorting the books in his library, and calling his little son to him, the father gave him a book saying, "I think this is a good book for you to read. Come, we will go to the priest and see." The priest was an old man and when he saw the book he said to the father, "Let your son read it. You will find no better book in all the world." These words impressed the boy and he learned to love the book. When he was about thirteen years old it occurred to him one day to take the book to school and show it to his teacher. He took it and to his surprise the teacher snatched it from his hand and cried, "Never read this book again. After school I will take you to the priest." The new priest, a young man, took the book and burned it, and Pedro, the boy, went home weeping. From that day on he became positively wicked and a few years later ran away from home. He was found on the street by a kindhearted man who gave him work. One evening the employer asked Pedro to go to a meeting with him. Pedro consented rather reluctantly. On reaching the building the boy saw a man standing up in front reading from a book. He listened for a moment and then springing to his feet he ran to the man crying, "Give me my book." The minister stopped reading and asked him how he knew it was his book. He answered, "I can tell you what is in it," and he began to recite passage after passage which he had memorized in his childhood. The book was given to him and he was a changed man. Oh that we might say, It is my book. I know what is in it!

Prayer, Service and Spiritual Life

Another way by which our spiritual life develops is through prayer. God does hear us when we pray. And he also speaks to us. Sometimes we take prayer as a matter of fact, whereas it is a great privilege. In St. Peters at Rome there is a door called the Sancto Porto (The Sacred Door). It is opened only once in 25 years. On Christmas Eve every quarter

century the Pope leads the crowd of people to this door and demolishes it, and the people enter and find their way to the altar. The privilege of entering St. Peters by this door comes only twice, at the highest three times during life. Suppose that we in our prayer life were curtailed to this extent and could only pray two or three times during life, how eagerly we would grasp the opportunities as they came!

Service is also essential to the spiritual life. Where could we as Christian young people find a better, more needy place for service than in the church? All our special needs are met there. The characteristics which God has given us find the best means of expression and development in the church. Our idealism is met with Christ as the great ideal. Our social instincts are satisfied by Christian fellowship and love. The spirit of adventure finds a proper channel through service, which is adventuring for Christ. Finding the satisfaction of our needs in the church and the things for which it stands, will make us the hope of the world.

Two Important Announcements

FIRST: "The Baptist Herald" for 50 cts. July to December 1926.

A chance to get acquainted with this live, progressive denominational publication.

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SECOND: There is a certain number of readers of this paper who have not yet paid the 1926 subscription. To them we have been mailing a copy for fully one-half year, expecting as matter of course that the money would be remitted. Many have forgotten or even failed to meet their obligation. We surely have been generous with them when one considers that all subscriptions are payable in advance. We have therefore been indulgent even to a fault. We dare not continue this condition any longer and have accordingly discontinued the "Herald" to such who have not paid.

If you belong to this class you will be disappointed not to receive the number of July 1st. There is a remedy and that is to remit your \$1.25 without delay. Your name will then be restored to good standing.

Either hand your money to the "booster" of your church or send it direct to the publisher.

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Junior Society, Pilgrim Baptist Church, Jersey City, N. J.
Rev. V. Prendinger in rear line.

Pilgrim Baptist Junior Society, Jersey City, N. J.

The Junior Society of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Jersey City, N. J., celebrated its first anniversary Thursday evening, April 29. Our neighboring societies were represented in goodly numbers.

After the opening exercises our president, Miss Edith Rodecker, welcomed everybody. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read. The goal of the society to give \$25 toward the new organ was reached that evening.

Our program consisted of 3 recitations, a solo, two dialogs, piano duet, violin and piano solos.

Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel of Hoboken was the speaker for the occasion. He urged us on for greater things in the Master's service.

Refreshments consisting of coffee and cake were served at the close.

ELIZABETH LEHNERT, Sec.

Central Dakota Vereinigung

One of the easiest things in the work for the Master here in North Dakota is "Getting a crowd." In other places one or two hundred are a crowd; here that many thousand constitute a crowd. Our Association meeting was well attended at Linton for we had over 1000 people at every evening meeting and nearly that many during the day. Bro. E. Bibelheimer, acting pastor, had all branches of the work so well organized that it seemed no more difficult to entertain the 1000 than it often does to entertain one-tenth as many.

We were glad to have Prof. Ramaker, Bro. Kuhn and Bro. Bretschneider with us. The program was good throughout. Enthusiasm ran high. Steps were taken to organize a "Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union" in the fall. With \$1000 from the treasury and the missionary offering taken on the Lord's day, a total of over \$2300 was given for our General Missions. A District Missionary was employed and this Association will co-

operate with the other Associations of the Dakotas in employing a State Missionary independent of the General Missions. We feel that the work at home should be done first, for if we lose the home-land we will surely lose the foreign field. W. H. BUENNING, Sec.

Dakota Conference

This time the Dakota Conference convened with our church at Eureka, S. D. The first meeting found all the seating-room taken in the large tent, which has a seating-capacity of nearly 1300, and the crowd kept growing until on the Lord's Day there were about as many outside the tent as under cover.

The people were not counted, but some of the brethren took it upon themselves to count the autos on Sunday A. M. and reported 660 cars. An average of 4 to a car, besides a number who came on the train, we have in all—well, use your pencil—we called it a "good turnout." 218 baptisms were reported. The grim reaper death took 60 among which were three pastors out of the land of the living into that great beyond. \$95,676 were expended for local work and \$39,752 were given for work outside of the conference. A number of new chapels were dedicated and two new churches were given the hand of fellowship. Nearly \$2800 were given for General Missions on the last day of the conference.

The meetings were to open in the morning at nine o'clock, but eight o'clock found the tent nearly filled, so Prof. Ramaker took it upon himself to lecture from 8-9. These lectures were enjoyed by all present. The program was good throughout. The church, Pastor Bro. J. L. Schmidt and the city of Eureka deserve much credit for the success of the conference. Next year, the Lord willing, we will meet in Madison, S. D. It is planned to organize a Y. P. & S. S. Workers' Union of the Dakota Conference at that time. May the Lord of hosts bless his people!

W. H. BUENNING, Conf. Reporter.

A \$ Social

Have any of you ever earned or saved a dollar in some novel way? Perhaps you didn't think of it particularly, but dollars are often saved in novel ways.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Second German Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., had a Dollar Social at the conclusion of a Red and Blue contest. Friendly rivalry was evident during the entire contest and both sides certainly worked hard to win, but on the night of our Social the different sides were entirely forgotten and Reds and Blues intermingled without any thought as to which side won.

The Red side had a very good leader in the person of Gust Modzol, who carried that side through to victory, although it was a hard pull as Martha Timm on the Blue side was such a good leader. The Blues certainly kept the captain of the Red side and all his helpers hustling to keep ahead.

As an inducement to get the young people out to prayer meeting, 15 points were allowed for attendance on Wednesday nights for each member present and every prayer-meeting during the contest was exceptionally well attended. There were no points allowed for readings; consequently it was rather difficult to get the members of the groups to give a testimony. Towards the end of the contest, however, it was noticed that quite a few found it easier to say something with reference to the topic.

The Blue side arranged a very pleasant program which was a surprise, in that we had no idea there was so much talent in our church.

After a short talk by Rev. A. Bredy the "Dollars" were brought forward and each told how they saved or earned theirs. One young lady when buying a pair of shoes managed to get them reduced and earned her dollar in a short time,—or perhaps it took quite a while to talk the man out of a dollar.

Various of the young men fixed their own tires and changed the oil in their machines instead of having it done at a garage and in that way saved their dollars.

One young married woman pressed her husband's suit twice instead of sending it to a cleaner.

Another young married woman washed a young man's silk shirts and charged him 25 cents each. The same young man helped his father earn his dollar by agreeing to haul his machine into town from an outlying point free of charge.

The "Dollars" were earned in so many novel ways that it would take two or three columns of the "Herald" to enumerate all of them.

A delightful lunch was served by the Blue side and each member of the Red side was crowned with a crown of green leaves. The Blue side was then given three rousing cheers by the Reds and the general opinion was that the Blues are splendid losers. JEAN NEWMAN.

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The greatest facts in life are a changeless Christ and the possibility of our being changed into the likeness of Christ.

The Sunday School

Birthday Services

Birthdays afford an opportunity for the teacher to get close to the heart of the pupil. It is the most personal time of the year; all other gala days are times which belong to everybody, but the birthday is a happy time for the individual. Some teachers write letters or cards and send them through the mail, so as to reach the home on the birthday. Then the following Sunday have the regular birthday service. Instead of lighting candles try planting flags in a pan of sand. Or, let the birthday child wear a crown made of gilt paper while the service is carried out. A special chair is sometimes reserved for this occasion. It may be painted white, or have a bow of ribbon tied to the back.

The birthday child may be permitted to present the class offering, or do some other coveted service. More and more superintendents are observing birthdays once a month rather than each Sunday. The service is usually held on the last Sunday of the month, when all children who have had birthdays during the month unite in celebrating. Sometimes, particularly in the case of smaller children, the teacher provides a tiny cake, tied in a paper napkin, for each, or it may be a large birthday cake which is cut, and all present receive a piece.

A birthday party may be held once a month or quarter when all who have had birthdays are guests of honor. Whatever is done, the teacher should not overlook the opportunity of dwelling upon the fact that now that the child is a year older there are more opportunities for him to work for Jesus; that this year should be the very best of his life; that he should try to live as he thinks Jesus did when his age.

Here is a birthday service, which is used in an Eastern Sunday school. The birthday child comes to the platform. The superintendent repeats:

"Give thanks for all the days
That made the happy year,
And may the coming one be glad
And full of help and cheer.

"The happy years like singing birds
Are flying swiftly by;
Another one is past and gone
And brings a birthday nigh.

"How many now have passed away?
How old are you, dear child, today?
Then drop a penny for each year,
An offering to the Savior dear."

After the birthday offering has been dropped into the bank the class stands and sings to the familiar tune, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus":

"Take the gift of love, our Father,
Use it for thy work below,
Bless the one who brings it to thee,
More like Jesus may he grow.

"While the days are flying, flying,
May we live as in thy sight,
May we learn of him who loves us,
Daily walking in the light."

In concert they repeat: "We wish you many happy birthdays, friend Ruth." The birthday child bows and says: "Thank you." A birthday card is given, and she returns to her seat.

Teaching

SILAS FARMER

Would you a pupil attempt to teach?
Study his habits, nature, speech,
Make him tell you all he can,
From this knowledge, form your plan.

Begin with that which he does know;
Tell him little, and tell that slow,
Use words that he will know and feel;
Review, call back, draw out at will.

Consult his tastes, help him to climb,
Keep him busy all the time,
Be firm; be gentle; love is strong.
Look to Jesus, you'll not go wrong.

"Rather Nice"

An Englishwoman with the spirit of a salesman gives us a sentence with a point when she says:

"Nothing is ever sold by calling it 'rather nice.'"

Why not, do you think? Because the expression is too tame. It is colorless and does not indicate any enthusiasm.

If you really want to boost your school, do so in a vigorous, manly way and thus show that you are dead in earnest in advocating a thing in which you believe tremendously.

A Sunday School Policy

The Twenty-third Avenue Presbyterian Bible school of Denver, Colo., has a policy which was adopted some years ago. This policy governs the work of the school, and sets forth definitely the aim and purpose. It is:

The School

1. An increase in enrolment of twenty per cent annually.
2. Keep the attendance of each class above eighty per cent for the year.
3. A definite program for memorizing Scripture.
4. The observance of Decision Day.
5. Special church service the first Sunday of each month. A sermon for young people.
6. A patriotic social for school in February.
7. Athletic work left to the decision of the classes or departments.
8. Observance of regular temperance days.
9. The study of a missionary hero the last Sunday of each month. Missionary collection on the days heretofore set aside.

Departments

1. The superintendent visits each class during the study period at least once during the year.
2. The superintendent becomes familiar with class conditions, such as attendance, organization, church members, and decision.
3. Plan for definite lesson study by pupils.
4. Each department assists in building up weaker classes or starts a new class if all are reasonably well filled.
5. Meetings to discuss department problems and for prayer.
6. Each class above the Junior organized according to International standard. In Junior Department organization to be optional with teacher.

The Teacher

1. Have substitute teacher in readiness for your class when you are unable to be present. In the Junior Department two or more teachers may have one substitute.
2. Subscribe for some Sunday school paper in addition to helps furnished by the school.
3. Read one book at least on Sunday school work during the year.
4. Have at least one social meeting for your class at home of teacher or member of class.
5. Enlist your class in some definite work. —S. S. Times.

Definitions of Bible Class Baseball Terms

1. *Sacrifice Hit.* To stay at home and mind the babies while the wife attends a woman's Bible class.
2. *Stolen Base.* Taking a man out of another class. This base theft forbidden.
3. *Foul Hit.* Spending the Sabbath playing golf or taking the family for an all-day Sunday trip.
4. *Left on Bases.* Having good intentions but sleeping too late on Sunday mornings.
5. *Passed Ball.* Going to sleep in class.
6. *Wild Pitch.* Erratic statement made by the teacher.
7. *Team Play.* Sending baskets of fruits to sick members.
8. *An Assist.* Phoning to make a date to stop for someone Sunday morning to take him to class.
9. *A Put-out.* Speaking to a man on Sunday and not knowing him on Monday.
10. *At Bat.* In your seat with open Bible ready for the lesson.
11. *Pulling a Bonehead.* Not remembering the name of a man whose face you have known for months.
12. *Earned Run.* Working all Saturday night and coming to class before going home to sleep.
13. *Error.* Discussing politics in class.
14. *A Fan.* One who makes a three-bagger or a home run every Sunday.
15. *Innings.* From 9.30 to 10.30 A. M. Sunday constitutes nine innings.—Westminster Adult Bible Class.

Jessica of the Camerons

SYLVIA STEWART

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(Continuation)

Jessica studied the tranquil face bent over the dainty work, glanced at the well-kept hands moving so gracefully in and out of the soft silks, and tried to imagine their owner engaged in some of the occupations she had just mentioned. Was it such experiences as these that had given the look of steadfast patience to grandmother's kind eyes, and that had left on her face the look of serene content which it always wore?

"In the early days of Kansas," continued Mrs. Keith, "a great many people burned cobs for fuel; and your grandfather used to run a corn-sheller in the winter time, moving it from farm to farm. This made it necessary for him to be away from home from very early in the morning till late at night, and sometimes he did not get home for several days. When he was away I attended to the stock at night, and in the summer I helped him stack hay, made the garden, and raised the chickens, and made myself generally useful."

Jessica did her best not to appear shocked at these revelations. What would Marjorie think to hear grandmother thus frankly telling of doing the work of a common farmhand? "Did grandpa like to have you do those things?" she queried, at last, with some hesitation.

The first shadow Jessica had yet seen on the sweet face opposite clouded it for one moment, and was gone.

"We were always happiest when together, dear, no matter what our work happened to be. I helped him husk forty acres of corn one fall, as much for the pleasure it gave me to be out with him in the field, as from the desire to get the corn out early. If I could have but one wish gratified for you, Jessica, it would be that you would marry, as I did, and as your mother has done, a good man whose life would be bound up in yours. Labor for those we love is a pleasure, never a burden. And now, to come back to your plans for the next five months—for the first of March may see me in Kansas again—I have prevailed on mamma to let you commence your drawing and painting lessons at once, believing they will be an added inducement for you to excel in your other studies, which I am sure you feel at your age are very important."

Jessica rose from her low chair, and threw her arms around her grandmother's neck. "You dear gramsie!" she cried. "How did you know what I wanted more than anything else in the world! Margie geyed me yesterday when I told her I had to get some good grades before I commenced, and she looked as if, as if—"

"As if she thought you would never get there!" concluded Mrs. Keith, laughingly. "Well, we will surprise Marjorie; and

that the surprise may be easier of accomplishment, I am going to invite you to spend the hour from seven to eight with me at my desk, five nights in the week.

Jessica made a slight grimace. "Don won't like that," she averred. "He used to go out to study with the other boys sometimes—with Claude Sheldon mostly—but since you came he hasn't been away a single night; and he just loves to have you in the library where he works."

"I have made provision for Don," was the smiling reply. "He is not to be deprived of my charming society, but may come, too, whenever he wishes. Also, he and I are to have a half-hour all by ourselves in the morning, while Miss Jessica is weaving her morning fancies."

"I have 'cut that out,'" replied Jessica, laughing. "But I do not believe papa will consent to our putting any more strings on you."

"This is a string I have affixed to myself," retorted grandmother, "and I expect to be the chief puller thereof. Don is so like his father, Jessica, that it is like living the old days over again to be with him and his lessons. Does my program suit you?"

A soft hug was sufficient reply. "I will do my best, gramsie, my very best," she promised.

"Thank you, dear. I knew you would make that promise, and I am sure you will keep it. And now I want to give you two mottoes for your daily guides, both of which will help you in your winter's work: 'Learn all you can, whenever you can, wherever you can, of whatever you can,' and the other, 'Do the duty lying nearest.'"

Chapter IV

THE "NANNY-MAN"

It was the following Saturday afternoon, and Jessica had just returned to the library from the nursery, where she had been putting Harry away for the daytime nap which he still indulged in.

"What is that queer noise?" inquired Mrs. Keith, after a few moments. "It sounds like an auctioneer trying to draw a crowd together."

"It is only Harry upstairs, imitating the street venders," explained Jessica. "The men who sell fruits and vegetables from house to house are not allowed on the residence streets before noon, on account of disturbing the large number of nannies and smelters, and sleep in the forenoon. Listen!"

She set the hall door ajar, and the child's voice drifted down from the upper room, repeating sleepily, "Appuls, nunnions, tatoes, fwesh fish, nannies, nannies—" until at last it trailed off into silence.

"Their coming on the street just at the time of his regular nap was what got him into the habit," she continued, "and

now he always puts himself to sleep that way, when he takes a daytime nap. I want you to be sure to hear him when he wakes up. It is too funny for anything. Don calls it 'before and after taking.'"

An hour later, Mrs. Keith was absorbed in writing a letter to her brother, and Jessica was putting the finishing touches to a very satisfactory sketch of the big chestnut tree in the yard, which she had been doing under grandmother's supervision, when there was a sudden clamor above stairs which sounded as though all the produce venders in the city had invaded the house in a body. "Appuls, nunnions, tatoes, fresh fish, nannies, nannies." The boyish voice rang noisily down the stairs, and a moment later a decided thud in the room above indicated that the sleeper and his couch had suddenly parted company. Mrs. Keith was so startled that she dropped the sketching portfolio she was holding, and Jessica, laughing merrily, hastened to open the door for the small mimic.

"Here are the pennies mamma left to get your bananas with, Harry," she said, and a moment later Master Harry was perched on the front gate, eagerly awaiting the coming of the dark-browed Italian who dispensed his favorite fruit.

"I feel sorry for poor Mr. Giovanni," remarked Jessica, as the swarthy foreigner paused at the gate and selected the choicest of his fruit for the little boy, who was evidently a regular and favorite customer. "He lives only a couple of blocks away from us, in a three-room shack that is a disgrace to the neighborhood; but as long as he manages to pay his rent the owner, who is a rich Italian, will not compel him to move."

"Why should he?" queried her companion. "He must live somewhere. Has he a family?"

"That's the worst of it," answered Jessica, in a tone of deep disgust. "His wife died a year or so ago, and she left five children, with only the oldest girl, who is about my age, to take care of the rest. The neighbors all say she cannot cook, and the children are always ragged, and never clean."

"Probably she has never been taught to sew or cook. You were saying only last night, that you wished you could do something to help some needy person. From what you have just told me you would not need to go more than two blocks to find a task ready set to your hand."

Jessica stared, then shook her head. "Mamma would never let me go inside the door, for fear of infection, I am certain," she said, decidedly. "You do not know, you cannot imagine, grandma, how hopelessly dirty they are. After his wife died, some members of the Associated Charities went there and offered to have his house cleaned up for him, and because he was so hard up, take his youngest boy, who was about two years old, to the Children's Home; but Pietro would not listen to them at all."

"It does not seem to me that that was a good entering wedge," said Mrs. Keith.



"LETTUCE ALL NICE, FRESH; HOW MUCH-A YOU LIKE?" HE SAID.

"Many of these foreigners are very sensitive. Then, too, don't you suppose he loves his children as much as your papa does you? What if your father were to lose his property in some way, get 'hard up,' as you say, and some charitably inclined persons were to offer to take Harry and bring him up in an orphan asylum?" Jessica flushed slightly, then looked sober. "But how can anyone do things for them, gramsie, if they are too proud to allow it?" she questioned.

"It should be offered in the form of kindly help, not charity," returned grandmother, gravely. "Do the children go to school?"

"The oldest girl and boy don't. The boy works in a tobacco shop, and the girl keeps house. The two younger ones do, but the smallest is not old enough."

"Let us walk down past their house this evening," proposed Mrs. Keith, after a few moments reflection. "I would like to see what poor people in Cleveland look like."

Jessica assented doubtfully; and Mrs. Keith went to her room to dress for a party, to which she had been invited, at the Sheldon's. As both mother and the Sheldon's were to be away, Don had been permitted to use the car and take Jessica and Harry out to Lakewood for chestnuts.

Acting on Mrs. Keith's suggestion, and evading questions as to their destination, Jessica and her grandmother set out,

after the late dinner, and strolled slowly past the Italian's house. They saw the fruit vender, himself, working busily in a tiny garden at one side of the house, while near him the smallest child played with a dilapidated toy horse and wagon.

"What perfect lettuce for this time of year!" exclaimed the lady, in a tone intended to reach the gardener's ears. "I wonder if we might not buy a few leaves for the rabbit's breakfast."

The gardener came quickly forward. "Lettuce all nice, fresh," he said. "How much-a you like?"

"You are the same man that sold Harry Cameron such fine bananas this afternoon, I think," said Mrs. Keith, as she paused at the gate. "You have a fine garden for this time of year, and for a man who works away from home, too."

The Italian looked pleased, and opening the rickety gate invited the two to come inside, explaining in broken English that he did not have enough of a surplus in his garden to make it pay to take it to market; but the children sold small quantities occasionally in the immediate neighborhood. The lettuce, he added, was of a late planting, and as the weather had been cool and moist it had come on uncommonly well.

Mrs. Keith took a dime from her purse, and the man, directing one of the children to bring a paper sack, put up a generous quantity of the crisp, curly leaves. Jessica listened thoughtfully as

her grandmother talked easily with him of the best way to plant and care for a fall garden, the most profitable vegetables to cultivate, and methods of saving them well into the winter. She was evidently well-informed on the subject, and the gardener paid most intelligent attention.

"It is such a saving to have your own vegetables through the whole season," she commented, pleasantly. "It all helps in these days of high prices."

The Italian assented. "My wife she dead now over a year," he said, sadly. "My girl she not know much-a how cook," with a glance toward the nearest window where a young girl with a dark face, framed in a mass of untidy black hair, was looking out indifferently at the group in the little garden. "Me raise plenty spinach, garlic, tomat, onion—all help."

"Your daughter looks quite young. It must be hard for her to do the work for so many. Does she do their sewing, too?"

"She does-a much," giving the face in the window something like a look of approval. "Sometimes by-a ready-made. Too cheap," in a tone of disgust. "Soon come all to pieces!"

Mrs. Keith's experienced eye took in the family group, and a great pity swept over her motherly soul. On a rude box in the rear of the lean-to which seemed to serve as a kitchen, the older boy was drawing, with a piece of charcoal, crude pictures of impossible trees and houses, for the amusement of the others. The youngest, having now cut his hand slightly on an old tin can with which he had been loading dirt into his wagon, set up a howl of dismay, whereupon the older sister came hurriedly out and carried him within. The smaller children's clothes were of the coarsest, cheapest sort, and were unskillfully made, though with an evident attempt to follow the prevailing mode. The older girl's dress, of the ready-made type, was of the poorest quality and of tawdry appearance. The girl herself was undersized for her age, which her father informed his visitors was "past fourteen."

"Just about my age," remarked Jessica, and again fell thoughtfully silent.

"I am spending the winter with my daughter, Mrs. Cameron," Mrs. Keith explained, as she turned to go; "and as I am not very busy I think I would like to get acquainted with your young housekeeper," with a smile toward the window where the girl was again seated. "I would be glad to help her with the younger children's clothes, and perhaps she would like me to come down sometimes to show her how to cook some simple, cheap dishes which you would all like. It would help to keep me in practice."

She did not wait for Mr. Giovanni to accept or reject this proposal, but added, "We shall want some more lettuce, perhaps tomorrow. When Mrs. Cameron sees how very nice this is, I think she will not be willing that the bunnies shall have it all."

She dropped some pennies in the toy cart as she departed, saying lightly to the small owner, "Now you can buy some

hay for your horsie;" and was rewarded by seeing a dazzling smile chase the tears from the grimy face, while the father looked on decidedly pleased.

"Grandmother," said Jessica, as they walked slowly home through the gathering dusk, "I have a couple of good gingham house dresses that I have outgrown, but which I think are plenty large enough for Beatrice, that is, if she will take them," she added, doubtfully.

"To be sure she will take them," returned Mrs. Keith. "I will see to that. Do you know, Jessica, I cannot understand such poverty as theirs, in the midst of what you might call the over-abundance which is all around them. It seems to me it is almost a reflection on the humanity of the wealthy neighbors."

"Don't you have any poor like them out in Kansas?" queried Jessica.

"Not poor like this Italian family, not in our community," said Mrs. Keith, decidedly. "The citizens would be ashamed to have such poverty in their midst, and would get to work speedily to remedy such a state of affairs."

"How?"

"Well, the Civic Employment Bureau would provide the man with work which would bring him better wages than he could make peddling bananas. Then the Woman's Auxiliary of the same club would provide comfortable clothing for those smaller children until the father could do so. The Civic Social Club would see to it that that young girl attended the lessons on housekeeping which are kept up by a number of generous-minded men and women, assisted by a small fund from the town. These lessons are taught by expert teachers, and are attended by all classes who wish to benefit by the helpful instruction offered."

"But suppose he would not be helped," insisted Jessica, again. "Pietro was so very angry when the ladies went to him and offered to help him with money and clothes, and take one or two children off his hands, that he threatened to shoot them; he really did. We girls have a Helping Hand Mission in our Sunday school," she added. "We do lots of charity."

"We will eliminate the word 'charity' from our plans for Mr. Giovanni," said Mrs. Keith quietly, "and then, my Jessica, we shall see how quickly we shall get in touch with him and the little Giovanni. What does your mission society do?"

"Oh, we gather up flowers in summer, among our friends, or raise them ourselves, and take them to city hospitals on visiting days; and we send magazines to the Old Ladies' Home, and carry toys and story books to the Children's Home. We met once to sew for the Foundlings' Home—we thought if we could make doll dresses we ought to be able to make them enough larger to do for babies—but we had no one to plan or cut out for us, so we gave it up."

"Couldn't you get your mothers interested enough to give you a boost?"

"I asked mine," replied Jessica, frankly, "but she said she couldn't give any

more time to charitable organizations than she was giving, without neglecting her own family; and Margie's mother said it wasn't worth while for her to bother, for we girls never carried out anything like that we undertook."

"Rather poor encouragement!" commented grandmother. "How many girls are in your club?"

"About ten. It is really just our Sunday school class, but they don't all attend club meetings, when we have them, any more than they attend Sunday school. It's been worse than usual this summer, and Miss Vance, our teacher, gets quite discouraged about us, especially when only two or three seem able to get out at one time."

"Are they at home sick?" queried grandmother, demurely.

"Not a bit of it!" laughed Jessica. "They are all in what Don calls a state of 'rude health' most of the time; but in summer they are away from town, or out on motor excursions, and in winter it is too cold, or they are entertaining friends at home, or being entertained at some other girl's house. Mamma does not allow me to receive my girl friends on Sunday," a slight note of discontent creeping into her voice, "or go out to dinner; and papa will not take us out in the motor car on Sunday afternoon, unless we have been to Sunday school and church first. Mrs. Sheldon thinks he and mamma are a little old-fashioned about Sunday."

"That is certainly a pardonable failing, nowadays," approved Mrs. Keith. "I am glad they have not forgotten their early training."

"Do you think it is wrong to go motoring on Sunday, grandma?" They had reached home, and, as the evening was unusually mild, they sat in some wicker chairs on the porch.

"I am glad you asked me that question, dear, for it is getting to be such an important one in these days of the motor car, and the general Sabbath-breaking which its coming and its common use have certainly fostered. Let me answer it by telling you of a man in our little western town who owns a big touring car. Every Sunday afternoon when the weather is at all favorable, he fills this big car with some of the people in our community who do not own and seldom get a ride in a car, and there are plenty of them. One day it will be a number of old ladies, or old men; another time, a bunch of the coal miners' children; or, perhaps, the boys of his Sunday school class. He takes them out on the pleasant country roads, and sometimes into the woods where he and his wife often spread a lunch which has been prepared for him by the town's Social Club, an organization which has for its sole object the matter of seeing that the young people of the community have a good time, and have it in the right way. These Sunday motor parties are managed so easily and graciously, that nobody thinks of refusing to go, or considers them, in any sense, acts of charity. This man's wife is a fine reader; and she often goes with him,

and reads to the company from some suitable book, in some quiet country nook. This man spends most of his Sunday afternoons in this way in pleasant weather; and in winter he and his wife often entertain a group of children or young people at their home on Sunday afternoon, with a little musicale or a story-telling hour."

"How delightful!" exclaimed Jessica. "Don and I often find Sunday afternoon tiresome, when it is not pleasant enough to be out; but we usually manage to have an interesting book on hand."

"Now let us look at the other side a moment," continued Mrs. Keith. "When the Western League played its closing game of ball in Kansas City, a year or two ago, there were five families from one church in our town that left for the city before four o'clock in the morning. The pews in that church surely looked deserted that day. None of these people, however, gained admission to the ball field which, before they reached the city, was filled to overflowing with those who had not been obliged to drive eighty miles to see a Sunday ball game; so they spent their time in the parks and picture shows. As the hotels were crowded, some of them secured very poor accommodations that night, and when they reached home, which was not until late the next day, they were all tired out and disgusted."

"Papa would say, 'served them right,' laughed Jessica.

"Then again, last summer, a motor party of nearly one hundred people from a city fifty miles away made what they called a 'Sunday sociability-run' to the large town near us. They arrived in town with their noise and dust just as people were gathering for the morning service at the different churches. They were taken by a committee of leading citizens to the hotels for dinner, then to the park for speeches and a band concert, after which the local motorists escorted them in a run to the country club, two miles out, where refreshments were again served to the visitors before they left for home. The town was in confusion all day. Those of the citizens who took no part were deprived of their usual rest and quiet, as well as those of the large company of caterers, waiters, and other workers who had to stay at their posts of duty to entertain the guests. If the Commandments are still in force, Jessica," concluded Mrs. Keith, gravely, "which of the two classes of motorists I have told you about 'remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy?'"

"I think I can see, grandmother," replied Jessica, thoughtfully, "that there are right ways and wrong ways to use motor cars on Sunday."

(To be continued)

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The man who is content simply with being saved from sin, and who does not have a desire to do anything to bring in the Kingdom of heaven, is an unprofitable plant in God's garden. God is a wise Gardener. Beware lest, when he comes seeking fruit, he find you barren.

Baptism and Surprise at Leduc

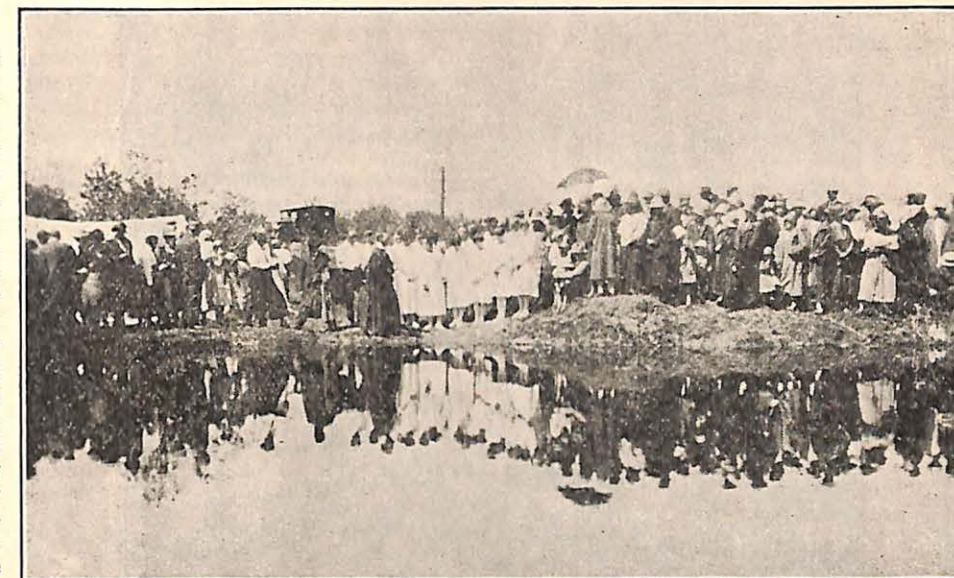
On Sunday, June 20, the Leduc, Alta., church experienced what might be termed a "Red Letter Day" in its history. Arrangements had been made to hold baptismal and communion service at a creek about 10 miles from our church. On Friday it rained all day and everywhere disappointment had been expressed. Fear was everywhere noticeable that our Sunday would be spoiled. But Saturday was a nice day to dry the roads and Sunday was an exceptional beautiful day for the open air services. The baptismal service took place at 10:30. Rev. F. A. Mueller of Edmonton preaching in German and myself giving a short address in the English tongue. After the service I had the privilege of baptizing 15 promising fellow Christians. The calm of the water is noticeable by the enclosed "double picture." The Band and Wiesental Male Choir, Leduc Mixed Choir and Male Quartet of Leduc added largely to the rich blessings of the day. Everybody going home expressed appreciation for the wonderful day spent. Over 100 automobiles were present and about 70 buggies. A rough guess placed the number of the crowd at about 1000 souls present. The glory be to God for all! Rev. Ph. Daum preached at the communion service which took place in the afternoon.

A marvelous and most successful surprise was given to me by my church on Thursday evening, June 17. A meeting had been called for the evening in the interest of our Young People's Society. Bro. A. Baettig from Minnesota who had been visiting in the neighboring churches had been invited to give an address to the young people. So the church was well filled. After a short address by Rev. Baettig the meeting was turned over to one of my deacons. He announced the surprise. The church had prepared to surprise me, the occasion being my 34th birthday. The Band, Choir, Male Quartet, recitations as well as a speaker for each branch of the church extended congratulations and added to the beauty of the meeting. A large birthday cake, decorated with candles was brought forward and placed among the numerous bouquets of flowers. One surprise after the other came over me and finally a most gorgeous bouquet to which a purse containing \$100 was attached was handed to me. Never did I feel more my shortcomings as that evening. I felt if the dear people loved me so dearly how much more should I love them and be willing to work faithfully in the service of my King. All praise be unto God! E. P. WAHL.

A Bit of News from Startup, Wash.

Our B. Y. P. U. was organized some months ago. About a dozen young people were enrolled as charter members. Within these months of existence we were fortunate to increase our membership by 100%, so that we could report to our Conference 24 members.

We are proud of our society, for it afforded us the opportunity for the first time to really elect our own officers solely



Baptismal Group, Leduc, Alta. Rev. E. P. Wahl and Candidates.

from the ranks of young people, and do things as the young people are wont to do them. But the excitement came, when we were called on to execute what we had proposed to do by the help and grace of God. The question arose: Who shall lead the Sunday evening devotional meeting, and how shall it be conducted? Here now we ran up against the first stump. But with the patient assistance of our pastor, H. G. Schmid, we were fairly launched on our adventure. We can say this to the praise of our society that we were never obliged to call on any of the older folks of the church, but found always a ready response amongst our members. And these meetings certainly have proven a great help in our spiritual growth.

Our literary and business meetings we hold once a month, at which meetings we discuss the different phases of our activities. Our literary programs consist largely of duets, male quartets, string music, recitations, and once we had a debate. Resolved: "That Joseph was a greater man than Daniel."

We had also a number of socials, which we enjoyed very much. The outstanding feature of our social activities was a Wiener roast, held in the Monroe city park. We certainly had a great time. You should have seen the number of cars, all heavily loaded with young folks, baskets, pails and bundles, pulling out of Startup, driving 12 miles west. The event will be remembered a long time to come.

But we must break off and say Good-bye. May God bless our Jugendbund and every Jugendbund of our Conference!

PAULINE KECK, Pres.

Americanism MARIE KRAEMER

The principal problem that confronts us at the door of increased prosperity and happiness is Americanism. Americanism, the love of Americans for their own country, for which faithful and loyal Americans strive.

As we watch the immigrant come from Ellis Island we find he is immediately taken up in a locality where his nationality rules with his language and customs.

All over our country are clans of foreign nationalities. Here ignorance of the United States rules. Here the immigrant finds no need of learning the American language and ideals.

It is difficult to get the average immigrant interested enough to attend evening school but when once interested he will enthrone his fellow country men.

We must get these people interested and set virtuous examples of true, devotional Americans wherever we come in contact with them.

The most illiterate man who is touched with a devotion for his country and exercises it, contracts a certain greatness of mind, mingled with noble simplicity which even the most cultured man cannot attain if not touched with devotion.

We should be good Americans in our community, school, and home; loving our country with a deep, true devotion for its welfare, being so inspired by our devotion that illiterates, indifferent Americans and aliens also will be inspired by us to learn about our country and ideals, and work for it, to strive for a higher patriotism, not merely in the calm assertion of rights, but in glad assumption of duties.

To the Readers of Our "Missions-Perlen"

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Ida Kuhn, wife of our General Missionary Secretary, Bro. Wm. Kuhn, has kindly consented to edit our "Perle." The printing of the "Perle" will be resumed in September. All subscribers who have paid, will have the length of their subscription extended. We are anticipating and praying for many years of loving cooperation.

IDA NEELEN, President.
R. E. HOEFFLIN, Secretary.



President Calvin Coolidge with the Baptist Delegates on White House Grounds, Washington, D. C. A part of the large group, over 5000 people.

Reception to New Pastor, Second Church, New York City

Rejoicing predominated congratulations when on June 29 a welcome service was tendered the Rev. H. Frederick Hoops, the new pastor of the Second German Baptist Church, New York City, and his dear family.

All of the German as well as several American Baptist churches with several neighboring churches of New York and vicinity, invited, filled the spacious Auditorium of Old Second.

Mr. Charles G. Kling efficiently presided at the organ. The Orchestra of our West New York church contributed several select numbers. The male chorus from Passaic edified and inspired with choice selections. To our delight Messrs. A. A. Staub and F. Krinke sang a duet and a rare treat was enjoyed when listening to Mr. Oscar Conrad's solo.

Bro. M. J. Hanson, senior deacon, acting chairman, greeted the assembly and extended a welcome in behalf of the deacons. He also greeted the dear family and aged parents of Rev. Hoops and presented them to the audience. Bro. J. J. Hoeckh represented the trustees, while Miss Norma Johann, Ph. D., spoke for the Sunday school, Mrs. F. C. Weigelt the Woman's Missionary Society and A. A. Staub the young people.

A recitation, "Welcoming the New Pastor to the Opportunities and Duties of the Ministry," was well given by Miss O. Schobsdatt.

The pastors of our German churches were represented by Rev. F. Niebuhr and Rev. Paul Wengel.

Dr. Sears represented the City Mission Society and Dr. Wheeler the Southern New York Association. The Methodist and Evangelical churches were represented by the Rev. Mann and Rev. Wagner respectively.

The Mariners Harbor Baptist Church, which Bro. Hoops had so efficiently supplied for a time, was officially represented by their pastor, Rev. J. J. Parsons,

and Deacon Van Nae, who both highly commended the work done while with them.

When Bro. Hoops was given an opportunity to speak his heart was overwhelmed with the sense of obligation and responsibility. In the city of his birth our Brother hears the divine assurance, "I have much people in this city." He most earnestly entreated our support and prayer for the work to be done.

After the singing of "Blest be the tie that binds" and the benediction an enjoyable reception with refreshments was participated in the church parlors.

E. G. KLEISE.

B. Y. P. U. of Wishek, N. D.

On June 23 the B. Y. P. U. of Wishek German Baptist Church held their semi-annual outing at Red Lake. As guests we had several students, who had lately returned from school.

The young people enjoyed themselves in various ways, boat-riding, fishing and some roaming the woods.

A beautiful dinner and supper were served. We all agreed that we had a good time.

We wish that our B. Y. P. U. may become some day a great instrument in the work of our Savior.

ELEANOR A. HERINGER, Sec.

Isn't It Fine?

To see a boy treat his mother like a sweetheart.

To see a girl and her father enjoying each other's company.

To meet a doctor who talks plain English.

To meet a man who loves his job.

To find a family at home together for the evening.

To find a man who does not talk about his radio.

To be on a committee that does not start a survey.—Roy L. Smith.

Mother and Daughters' Banquet at Fessenden, N. D.

Friday, May 7, the Sunshine Club of the Fessenden, N. D., Baptist Sunday school, under the supervision of Mrs. C. L. Stabbert, teacher, sponsored a banquet in honor of the mothers of the various members of the club. The room was attractively decorated in red and white and the tables were decorated with flowers. At 7 P. M. twenty-eight guests assembled with the thirty members of the club and were ushered into the dining room, each mother finding her place by the aid of a place card upon which were pictures of the respective mothers. A delicious three-course dinner was served by six members of the Young Men's Class.

During the dinner several songs were sung which honored mother. Mrs. C. L. Stabbert acted as toastmistress. Mrs. Franz Albus, the oldest mother present, asked the blessing. Miss Ethel Burgstahler, president of the club, welcomed the mothers and Mrs. Carl Krueger responded.

The following toasts were well given and received: "What kind of a daughter I may expect," Mrs. A. Burgstahler. "What kind of a daughter I should like to be," Miss Lydia C. Krueger. "When I was a girl," Mrs. A. V. Zuber. "When I get to be a woman," Miss Savannah G. Smith.

At the close of the banquet each member present was presented with a carnation.

Sunday evening, May 9, the Sunshine Club had charge of the evening service and rendered a very interesting Mother's Day program, composed of solos, duets, choir songs, recitations and dialogs. The program was carried out in English and German so that everyone was able to receive full benefit.

ESTHER MAE ZUBER.

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- For grouches, the bluestone.
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- For borrowers, the touchstone.
- For pedestrians, the paving stone.
- For stock brokers, the curbstone.
- For shoemakers, the cobblestone.
- For burglars, the keystone.
- For manicurists, the pumice stone.
- For tourists, the Yellowstone.
- For beauties, the peachstone.
- For geniuses, the tombstone.
- For most of us, the grindstone.—Ex.

Many Like Him

At a golf club one Sunday morning a member turned up late. Asked why, he said it was really a toss-up whether he should come there that morning or go to church.

"And I had to toss up fifteen times," he added.

Annual Meeting at the Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich.

The Board of Directors met on June 2 and 3 for their annual business meeting. The weather was ideal, for it was June, when nature shows up in its spring-time splendor, when the shrubbery is in full bloom, when the foliage on the trees and lawn is rich and green, when the birds are singing in the trees and a goodly part of the grounds is under cultivation by the industrious children under the wise supervision of Papa Hans Steiger.

The playgrounds have just recently been refurbished with swings, poles, bars and carousels through the generosity of friends and the Home itself is externally and internally neat and clean. The 33 boys and girls are in good health thanks to the ardent and gratuitous services of Dr. Hattie Schwendener. There are 18 boys and 15 girls at the Home and that has been the average for the year. Twenty-four are attending Public school, six the High school. One girl has reached her maturity and is now engaged at the home of a High school principal and at the same time continuing her studies at school. She is a grateful and welcome guest at the Home on many Sundays. The behavior and zeal of the children at home and at school is marked and the development of the mind, body and spirit are ever in the mind of Rev. Hans Steiger and his good wife. Do they love children? Watch them as the three little girls under school age gather around them.

The Board of Directors and some of their wives had opportunity to observe all this, while attending this annual meeting and sitting at lunch with the children at the tables. There were present the seven members of the local Board and Pastor Thos. Stoeri with the following members from out of town: Rev. R. T. Wegner of Jamesburg, N. J.; Rev. C. A. Daniel of Chicago, Ill.; Dr. D. B. Stumpf and wife of Buffalo, N. Y.; A. W. Elwang of Louisville, Ky.; Judge N. B. Neelen of Milwaukee, Wis. Four out-of-town members were prevented from coming. Mr. George Miller of Baltimore, Md., sent in his resignation, which was accepted and Mr. H. Schmidtman of Benton Harbor was elected to fill the vacancy.

The reports of Supt and Corr. Secretary Rev. Hans Steiger were instructive and encouraging and the report of the Treasurer, W. F. Benning, was approved. The auditing committee found the books in excellent condition and the valuable papers of the Society in good keeping. From the report of the Corr. Secretary, Rev. Steiger, we learned that 31 widows and 137 children are receiving assistance from the Orphans Society. The services of Miss Ruth Dallmus as Governess and Miss Ella Reemtsma as helper in the kitchen and home were commended; the local Board has very faithful and loyally conducted the business of the Home during the year. The Board took cognizance of the death of an old time member of the Board and sent a letter of condolence to the widow, Mrs. A. W. Benning.

Members of the Board have donated "The Standard Reference Work," "The Nature Magazine," "The Youth's Companion," "The National Geographic Magazine," and Mr. Elwang continues to award the children who excel in their schoolwork. It was compiled that the board of the children did not exceed 22 cents a day. The Home is grateful for its apportionment from the denominational missionary budget. We have every reason to be grateful to God and to our many friends in the churches and commend our work to the further consideration of young and old.

C. A. DANIEL, Secretary.

Pilgrim Baptist Church, Jersey City, N. J.

In the early part of June the Young People's Society, under the leadership of the president, Bro. Frank Hickman, gave an Ice Cream and Strawberry festival for the benefit of our organ fund. The church was filled to capacity so that not a seat was left unoccupied, and the gallery, which had not been in use for a number of years, was suddenly called upon to help accommodate the audience.

A splendid program was rendered by members and friends of our society and everybody left with the feeling that a good time was had by all.

Our Young People have been planning and working for at least ten years to replace our make-believe pipe organ with a real one, but on account of other expenses of the church the treasury of the society was drained and the interest in the organ began to lose its first love.

Since our dear pastor, Bro. Prendinger, came to Jersey City things began to move in the right direction. Under his aggressive leadership and the grace of God it has been possible for our society and church to enter into a contract for a large, real pipe organ. It is a big undertaking, but God is bigger and we trust him.

We have again commenced our street meetings and pray that the Lord may add to his church daily those that should be saved. We are praying for a revival and the Spirit of God is moving in our midst. Help us pray through.

ANNA LEHNERT, Sec.

New Books

THE BAPTIST DISTINCTIVE AND OBJECTIVE. James S. Kirtley, D. D. The Judson Press, Philadelphia. 71 pages. \$0.50.

This book is a revision of Chapters V and VI in part II of the author's larger work "You and Your Church." Being urged by many who read the book and by many who heard the author's addresses on these two subjects, he had these chapters printed separately for more rapid and general circulation. This also afforded opportunity for careful revision and fuller quotation from authorities. Dr. Kirtley shows what the Baptist distinctive is not and then defines it "as the inherent right of any person to deal personally with God." No man or group of men can stand between any soul and God and say to that soul: Unless you pass

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through my hands you cannot have any dealings with God, cannot be saved." In view of the publicity and the claims of the Roman Church through the recent Eucharistic Congress, the clear statements of the Baptist position, based on the Bible, are interesting reading and strengthen and clarify our faith. We find ourselves in hearty agreement with the authors' views and commend them heartily to all young Baptists.

THE LOCAL CHURCH. ITS PRESENT AND FUTURE. By Frederick A. Agar. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York. 86 pages. \$1.00.

Dr. Agar is well known in the churches as the Secretary of Stewardship and Church Efficiency of the Northern Baptist Convention. He writes in his new book from the experience of thousands of churches. There are many frank criticisms of prevailing conditions in some of the churches, but on the other hand, a wealth of constructive suggestions is offered which will remedy faulty methods and inefficient conditions. Every pastor and church official would profit by a study of this book, using it to check up on the organization and conditions in his local church.

A. P. M.

The Test of Life

What is a failure? It's only a spur
To a man who receives it right,
And it makes the spirit within him stir
To go in once more and fight.
If you never have failed it's an even guess
You never have won a high success.

What is a miss? It's a practice shot
Which we often must make to enter
The list of those who can hit the spot
Of the bull's-eye in the center.
If you never have sent your bullet wide,
You never have put a mark inside.

What is a knock-down? A count of ten
Which a man may take for a rest.
It will give him a chance to come up
again
And do his particular best.
If you've never been bumped in a rat-
tling go,
You never have come to the scratch, I
know.
—Edmund Vance Cooke.

The Iowa Institute

The Iowa Jugendbund convened with the society at Aplington from June 14 to 18. The Iowa young people have this year, for the first time, given their convention the character of an Institute. The registration of some 215 delegates and visitors, not including the entertaining society, is adequate proof of the outstanding success for this first Institute.

The following strong faculty, consisting of Rev. A. P. Mihm, General Secretary of Young People's and Sunday School Work, Rev. A. J. Harms of Burlington, Iowa, Rev. O. E. Krueger of Cleveland, Ohio, and Rev. W. S. Argow of Madison, S. D., had charge of the different study hours.

The first hour was the Devotion Hour, led by Rev. O. E. Krueger. He presented very clearly and definitely the character of the Christian life, under the following sub-topics, "The Surrendered Life," "The Crucified Life," "The Perfect Life" and "The Useful Life." The messages brought during this hour touched the hearts of all present, giving us new visions of service, such as can only be rendered when Christ has become our "All in All."

Rev. W. S. Argow had charge of the Bible Hour. In his interesting way he pointed out that we as young Christians must seek to grow into the fulness of the stature of Christ. He led us into the art gallery of the Gospels and there we saw the different portraits of Jesus, our Master, who gave unto all of us the Great Commission which we are to fulfill.

Rev. A. J. Harms conducted the Study Hour. He gave us most inspiring and instructive lessons from his book, "The Christian Fundamentals for Academy Students." These series of talks culminated in his last address on "The Humiliation of Jesus," when he vividly portrayed the extreme sinfulness of sin that took place when the sinner crucified his Savior. Rev. Harms' rare insight and the logical presentation of his subjects made an indelible impression on all his hearers.

The fourth hour was devoted to the study of Missions, led by Rev. A. P. Mihm, who is deeply interested in the subject of missions. He brought before the minds of our young people the divine basis for missions as found in the Scripture. He led us to see the various phases of the mission enterprise of today, how we as the youth of our churches must support the missionary work, and finally brought out the great Call to Mission Service as it presents itself to us all.

The messages brought to us in the evening services were all very uplifting, bringing us into a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior. Rev. A. Foll of Muscatine spoke on "Doctrinal Nature of Protestantism Versus Romanism," stating very clearly that the doctrine of Protestantism has no need of a mediator between us and Jesus Christ.

The last evening all the young people gathered for a delightful banquet, which was enhanced by toasts and musical numbers.

The closing sermon was preached by Rev. O. E. Krueger, who gave the last one of his series, namely "The Victorious Life." This was followed by a Consecration Service led by Rev. P. Geissler of Sheffield, Iowa. He made an earnest appeal for a complete consecration towards which we as young people dare not be indifferent.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Richard Mulder, Parkersburg, Iowa; Vice-President, Herman Zimmerman, Baileyville, Ill.; Secretary and Treasurer, Carl Niehouse, Sheffield, Iowa.

We designated the following sums for missionary work: \$200 for Miss Bertha Lang in China, \$50 for Dr. Carl Jordan, also in China, and \$400 for the General Mission Fund. The missionary offering the last evening amounted to \$150.

The Lord richly blessed us during these days. May he grant that we all become channels through which these blessings will reach others!

LENA SPIEKER.

Report from the Chicago Sunday Schools

On May 6, 1926, the Chicago Sunday School Teachers Union (Lehrerbund) held its 32nd yearly business meeting at the Oak Park church.

The young ladies of the "Be Loyal" class prepared a very delightful supper for the delegates.

Reports were given by the secretary, Mr. Gustav Frahm, and treasurer, Miss Winifred Baum. Officers for the ensuing year were elected: Herman Siemund, pres.; Fred Stier, Sr., vice-pres.; Miss Winifred Baum, treas.; Miss Frieda M. Riecke, cor. sec., and Miss Olga M. Justin, rec. sec. After a lengthy business discussion we adjourned to the main auditorium of the church, where Mr. Fred Grosser, superintendent of the Oak Park Sunday school, held a song service and welcomed the visiting Sunday school workers.

The Oak Park orchestra, mixed choir

South Dakota Jugendbund

The South Dakota Jugendbund held its fifth annual conference with the B. Y. P. U. of Tyndall, June 8-10.

An unusual interest was manifested by the large number of delegates and visitors present, the registration far exceeding that of any previous year. The number of visitors listed by the last evening was 483, exceeding the number of our largest conference by about 200. The meetings were all well attended.

Rev. A. Bretschneider, Field Secretary of Y. P. and S. S. W. Union of America, was the speaker of the convention and delivered the opening address on the verbs, "To Have," "To Do" and "To Be." The predominant note was, having Christ in your heart and having him as your foundation on which to build your life so that you can "do" for him and "be" like him.

The first hour of each morning was given to Bible study and devotional services. The themes, "Jesus Our Pattern in Prayer Life" and "Christ's Teachings on Prayer" were discussed by Rev. H. Lohr and Rev. H. P. Kayser, respectively.

Representatives of the various societies very capably furnished numbers for the program with papers on "The Conduct of Christian Young People"—"In their Home" by Leona Lippert of Parkston; "Away from Home" by Hazel Schroeder of Chancellor; "In their Vocation" by Mary Bleeker of Emery, and "Music in Accordance with the Church Life"—"Spiritual Music in the Home" by Laura Schroeder of Avon; "In the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U." by Ruth Krueger of Madison; "In Church" by Ed. Juicht of Plum Creek. Each society was called upon to furnish a musical number of some nature during the services which gave a pleasing change in the program and afforded means of keeping everyone interested and busy.

Instructive studies of "Molding Our Character Through Reading" by Rev. W. S. Argow; "Youth's Present Day Dangers" by Rev. J. F. Olthoff; "Habits Christian Young People Should Cultivate" by Rev. S. Blum; "Value of a Trained Youth to the Church" by Rev. C. Dippel were of such practical nature that each one might receive benefit. Two addresses by Rev. A. Bretschneider on "Jesus the Master Teacher" were much appreciated especially by Sunday school workers. As a result it has been decided to divide the program next year equally between Young People's and Sunday school work. A message, "The Challenge of the Church to the Youth of Today," by the speaker of the convention, rang out a challenge to youth to put forth its best to be like Him and help conquer evil.

The closing address, "Walking with God," was given by Rev. Bretschneider and very fittingly closed the convention. It was an appeal to each one, to enjoy the happiness that is theirs who walk with the King. An appeal to spend more time in communion with the Father.

The privilege of having Rev. A. Bretschneider was truly appreciated by the young folk of South Dakota. Their

and male quartet rendered very appropriate selections.

Because of failing health Mr. Gustave Frahm, who served the Lehrerbund as secretary for 27 years, declined re-election. As an appreciation of his faithful work he was made honorary secretary and was presented with a bouquet as a token of love. Mr. Frahm thanked the Bund kindly.

The speaker for the evening was our General Secretary, Rev. A. P. Mihm, his topic being, "The Teachers Three-Fold Consecration." Rev. Mihm pointed out to us that the noblest work is the work of the Sunday school and we should consider it a privilege. Our consecrations are, 1) To the Lord Jesus Christ, 2) To the Word of Truth (Bible), 3) Our Scholars (class). We should be teachers at our best. "Have truth in the head, child in the heart and Christ in the life." The address was inspiring and helpful and all present received a blessing.

On May 22 the Sunday schools of Chicago held their second annual Rally Day at the First Church. The song service was directed by Mr. Fred Grosser. Scripture was read by Mr. Arthur G. Reuter. Mr. Leroy Grosser lead in prayer.

Rev. Henry C. Baum, pastor of the First Church, bid all welcome and wished us God's blessing.

The Oak Park orchestra under the able direction of Mr. Carl F. Granzow and an organ solo by Miss Edith Tompkin, organist of the First Church, helped to make the meeting a success. President Herman Siemund then had roll call of the local Sunday schools, each responding with a song or Bible verse. There was a total of 601 present, the primary departments not included. The banner went to the Englewood Sunday school for having the highest percentage present.

We were fortunate to have Prof. F. W. C. Meyer with us for the address of the afternoon. "Giving Our Best" was his theme. 1) In Christian religion, 2) the Baptist denomination, 3) to Sunday school interests. Prof. Meyer advised us to check up on ourselves. Let our religion be a personal one, then there will be progress in our Baptist denomination. If each lays his peculiar gifts at Jesus' feet, then we can crown him Lord of all.

The assembly then closed with the song "Faith of Our Fathers." Prof. Meyer pronounced the benediction and each one went on his way rejoicing, glad for having been there. OLGA M. JUSTIN.

Appeals for Help

A London paper tells the story of a pensioner who used to stand with a placard on his breast enumerating his claims for the coins he begged. The list ran thus: "Battles, four; wounds, five; children, six; total, fifteen!"

Another story quite as good if not better is that of the Irish beggar who prayed:

"For the love of God, sir, give me a crust, for I am so thirsty that I don't know where I shall sleep tonight!"

prayers and best wishes go with him and they hope, with him, that the fruits of his labor among them will prove it was not in vain.

SEC. OF THE S. D. JUGENDBUND.

The Manitoba Association and Young People's Institute at Winnipeg

The Manitoba Association of German Baptist Churches is one of the smallest of our associations, yet it numbers in its membership one of the strongest of our local churches in Western Canada, the McDermott Avenue Church of Winnipeg. This church had the honor to entertain the association June 23 to 27. The weather was favorable and Pastor J. Luebeck and his people did their utmost to welcome the delegates and visitors and to entertain them in their hospitable homes.

The opening sermon of the association was preached on Wednesday evening, June 23, by Rev. G. Schroeder of Morris on "Jesus our true friend." The business session on Thursday, June 24, was introduced by a devotional hour led by Rev. F. A. Bloedow. Everyone rejoiced that Bro. Bloedow has again been restored to full health and was able to participate so actively in these meetings. Rev. J. Luebeck of Winnipeg was elected Moderator and Rev. J. Rempel of Whitemouth, Secretary. Mr. Krueger of Oak Bank was re-elected Treasurer. Mr. F. Dojacek of Winnipeg spoke in an informing way concerning "Our Task in Manitoba." He pointed out missionary opportunities still awaiting the German Baptists in this province. A recommendation to the Northern Conference of German Baptists was adopted, requesting the engagement of a District Missionary for Manitoba. Mrs. J. Luebeck gave a suggestive address on the topic "Awaken the gift that is in you." Mrs. Otto reported concerning the newly founded Bethany Home in Winnipeg. This is a home and lodging place for working girls located at 853 Ballentyne Ave., Winnipeg. It was opened on February 23, and since then 46 persons have been at the Home for a long or short stay. About 24 of these girls were Baptists and the rest of other denominations. Mrs. Friesen of Morris is now the matron of the Home. The Women's Societies of the churches connected with the Northern Conference are the originators and main supporters of this Home. It is now in rented quarters but a beginning has been made for a building fund and the goal is a property of their own. Miss Bertha Knopf spoke on "Missionary Work by Women" in the afternoon session. Reports from various local women's missionary societies followed. One small society with only seven members raised \$117 during the past year for the painting of the church building, interior and exterior, besides giving for missions.

For the first time a Young People's Institute was conducted in connection with the association and the gathering was happy in having as special guests the two General Secretaries of the Young People's and Sunday School Work, Rev.

A. P. Mihm and Rev. A. Bretschneider, as well as Prof. A. J. Ramaker from the Theological Seminary of Rochester, N. Y. Rev. A. P. Mihm reported for the Sunday school and young people's work and showed that this important department of denominational work was receiving increased attention and making commendable progress. Prof. Ramaker spoke especially on the alteration and enlargement of the present building of the Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., which is now in progress at a cost of about \$35,000. This will give better facilities for carrying on the work of the German department of the Seminary and modernize much of the present equipment.

The sessions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday were devoted entirely to a program for young people. Classes were conducted in forty-minute periods in which Prof. Ramaker lectured on the "History of the Baptists and the Life of the Apostle Paul." Rev. A. Bretschneider taught on "Sunday School and Young People's Methods" and "Jesus the Master Teacher." Rev. A. P. Mihm conducted classes in "Personal Work" and "The Life of Christ." This Institute was a new venture and succeeded in an encouraging way, in spite of the fact that many of the young people connected with the churches were not able to get off from their work in order to be present. Nevertheless about from fifty to eighty young people attended these various classes. Mr. Bruno Luebeck proved himself an efficient song leader during the convention.

Friday evening, June 25, the mixed choir of the McDermott Avenue Church, reinforced by a number of singers from the Mennonite Brethren Church, altogether a group of fifty, directed by Mr. Penner, presented the cantata "The Redemption." A full house greeted and rewarded the singers, even the galleries of the spacious church being filled. Rev. J. Luebeck held an introductory address on "The Nature and Place of Spiritual Song and Music." Saturday afternoon the local young people's society entertained the visitors by a picnic in the beautiful Assiniboine Park. Games, races, songs and speeches caused the afternoon to pass rapidly.

Sunday, June 27, was a full day. The two young people's secretaries made addresses in the Sunday school which convened at 9.45. The attendance reached the high mark of 280. In the church service following, Prof. A. J. Ramaker preached on the topic: "We are co-workers with God." In the afternoon at 2.30 a mass meeting was held under the leadership of Rev. F. A. Bloedow. Prof. Ramaker, Rev. A. P. Mihm and Rev. A. Bretschneider were the speakers. The Winnipeg choir and several soloists favored us with special music. In spite of the weather, which had grown exceedingly warm, the evening meeting at seven o'clock proved to be a large one, in which the Spirit of God was manifest in a special way. Rev. A. Bretschneider spoke on "Spiritual Contacts" and many of the visiting pastors and lay delegates made brief testimonies. A. P. M.

Daring to Be Different

A sailor on one of our warships crept behind one of the big guns every night and prayed. For a long time he was alone. At last another jack tar joined him. Many nights they met together and prayed behind the big gun. One of their mates—out of a number who had seen and ridiculed them—went and told the commander, thinking he might stop the daily prayer-meeting. But he ordered a place curtained off for his praying sailors, and said that no one must molest them. One by one their comrades came to them, to be admitted into the little prayer-tent, until thirty-two converted men gathered there daily, to read God's word and worship him.—Our Record.

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Ready to serve our German Baptist people, we send out our brethren from the Seminary with the request to welcome them with true Christian hospitality and to listen patiently to what they have to say when they visit you in your homes.

THE BEST PART OF YOUR ESTATE

Your life insurance, represented in the certificate you hold, issued by your German Baptists' Life Association, is the surest part of your property holdings and it can be counted on at your death to be paid immediately without delay or discount to your family. It will be cash for their immediate wants. In this respect there is no other kind of property that will approach its value.

Banks fail, and money deposited may be lost. Farms have had years. Property of all kinds depreciate and bonds fall off in value. Yet through all kinds

of changes and depressions your insurance certificate for \$5,000 or \$10,000 remains the one dependable and unchanging return of one hundred per cent cash, available at the time when there is uncertainty about almost everything else which you may possess.

Because of this absolute certainty no member of our German Baptists' Insurance Association should permit any condition to interfere with the regular remittance of monthly payments. Men must meet certain physical requirements. Change in health conditions are a great factor in home protection. A certificate of insurance allowed to lapse may mean that your family would be without protection because of your inability to pass a physical test. Many men who have carelessly allowed their insurance to lapse have never been able to secure another contract. The certificate you hold now can never be duplicated, for the rates would change with advanced years even if you were able to pass medical examination.

Men die at the wrong time. That is daily witnessed by the passing of our friends. The matter of our own death is problematic, the only certainty is that we will die. Whatever else is important in your affairs, your life insurance is even more important; most important of all your interests is the maintenance of that certificate in full force. It is the best part of your estate.

Ask your local clerk-agent, or any one of our five Rochester Seminary students visiting our churches during these summer months, or write direct to the home office of

THE GERMAN BAPTISTS' LIFE ASSOCIATION,
860 Walden Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.



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