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What's Happening

Rev. C. M. Knapp, Ph. D., of Hutchinson, Minn., gave an address on "Week Day Schools of Religion" at the McLeod County Sunday School Convention, held Sept. 17-18 at Silver Lake, Minn.

Rev. G. H. Schneck of New Britain, Conn., will be the new pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, succeeding Rev. O. R. Hauser. Bro. Schneck begins work on his new field Dec. 1.

Rev. J. J. Abel, pastor of the church at Baileyville, Ill., resigned his charge on Sunday, Sept. 18, to accept the call of the German Baptist Church at Canton, O. He begins his new pastorate November first.

John L. Hartwick, who graduated from the German Department of our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., last May, has become pastor of our church at Mt. Sterling, Mo. He began his new charge in September.

Rev. Geo. W. Pust, pastor of the First Church, Dickinson County, Dillon, Kans., for the last seven years, has accepted the call of the church at Emery, S. D., as successor to Rev. S. Blum. He enters on his new pastorate Jan. 1, 1928.

The Sunday school of the Temple Baptist Church, Mt. Oliver, Pittsburgh, Pa., has introduced the Keystone Graded lessons into the Junior department of the school. Door partitions have been installed in the lower rooms of the church to serve classes better which now meet there.

Rev. C. E. Cramer, pastor of the Union Baptist Church at Arnold, Pa., since April, 1921, has resigned to become pastor of the Spruce St. Baptist Church, Buffalo. He closes his work at Arnold on Dec. 18. During Bro. Cramer's pastorate a new church was erected and a new parsonage purchased, both valued at \$50,000. The membership has greatly increased.

The Northern Baptist Theological Seminary at Chicago on Sept. 14 opened its doors for the 15th consecutive year to its student body. On Oct. 4, the enrollment had reached 193. It is reasonably expected that before the year is over the enrollment will have surpassed the 200 mark. Students from various parts of the world have enrolled. The Danish, Swedish, Norwegian and German Baptist churches contribute a fair portion of the student body. The new additions to the faculty are Dr. W. L. Ferguson, who is Dean of the Pastor's College, and Dr. A. J. Harms, who is

Head of the Department of Christian Education.

The First German Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., celebrated a very important event Monday evening, September 19, namely, Rev. Appel's birthday. The age, that would be telling. Men's chorus practice was announced for that evening as a ruse to get Rev. Appel to church. It worked. He was "really" surprised. Speeches were held by the presidents of all organizations and special music was rendered by the men's chorus, the meeting being presided over by one of the deacons, Rev. Wm. Elftmann. After all congratulations were over, ice cream and cake were served by the Ladies Aid, at which time Rev. Appel was presented with a sum of money. The church wishes him to spend many more birthdays with them.

The East Street Young People's Society, Pittsburgh, Pa., has suffered a severe loss in the death of one of its most faithful and esteemed members, Miss Gertrude E. Kost, who died on Sept. 12, 1927, at the age of 23 years and 28 days. She had been ill for several years and had been perfected in character through much suffering. Her father, Edward Kost, has served the East St. church as a faithful deacon for many years. She is survived by her parents, two brothers and four sisters. The church being without a pastor at the present time, Rev. Arthur A. Schade of the Temple Church was called in to conduct the funeral services. The "Herald" extends its sympathy to these bereaved friends.

Our cover page introduces us to Rev. Fred Herman Willkens, who has been a valued member of the Council of our Y. P. and S. S. W. Union since the time of its organization. Bro. Willkens is a graduate of the German department of Rochester Seminary, Class 1916; of the English department, Class 1918. He was graduate student of the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy 1918-20 and received the degree of M. Ped. in 1920. His pastorates have been with the German Baptist church of New Britain, Conn., and the Bethel Church, Buffalo. He then became Director of Religious Education for the Buffalo Baptist Association and last month has entered a new position as Director of Religious Education for the Federation of Churches in Rochester, N. Y. We wish Bro. Willkens great success in his new responsible office.

Our Youth

We are the future,
For in us there lies
What through the ages
Our land shall be;
Yet what we are, is what you are to us;
We are the question to which you make replies.

Each One Win One

If the church does not increase numerically, she will dwindle and die. Here is the supreme opportunity for the laymen to come to the rescue. We could save every person in America in sixteen months if each professing Christian would average one convert for every twelve months. We could reach every person in the world with the Gospel in two years if each nominal Christian would carry the message to two others. If the one hundred and seventy million Protestant members would each win one soul a year, we would bring the whole world to a personal knowledge of Christ in nine years. Individual evangelism would make the church "bright as the sun, fair as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners." In a critical time a Greek orator counselled his countrymen not to trust to mercenaries, but pointed out that the secret of success was to take the field in person. The greatest chance the church has to fulfil her mission is to enlist every layman to utilize his priestly opportunities for service.—Rev. E. J. Crawford in The Biblical Review.

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The Blighting Evil of Gambling

GAMBLING is an evil that is blighting much of the young manhood of our land. It has become a widespread vice. The lure of "taking a chance" is strong. It fascinates millions. The poison in various forms spreads like a plague. Hand-book gambling in our big cities is one of the greatest evils of the times.

The universal prevalence of this vice is a reason for parental vigilance; a reason for remonstrance and action from parent, preacher, patriot and press. Evil wants to be let alone. But our business as Christians is to say to evil: We cannot let you alone; we never will let you alone, so help us God. While many of our brothers are being reduced, demoralized and damned by evil, it is our holiest duty to fling ourselves against it and to strike the hardest blows we are capable of in order to win a victory for decency, righteousness and God.

Many youths think lightly of gambling. This is indeed because they think lightly. A distinguished jurist has said: "Gambling is a general evil. It leads to vicious inclinations, destruction of morals, abandonment of industry and honest employment, and a loss of self-control and respect."

What is gambling? Gambling is the staking or winning of property upon mere hazard or chance. Gambling is betting marbles or money or anything else on uncertain contingencies. There are many different forms and varieties of gambling, but they are all reprehensible, harmful and hateful, whether it is gambling for drinks or gambling in stocks and wheat; gambling by the wheel of fortune or raffling at a church fair; gambling by "shooting craps" in a pool hall or gambling by cards at a fashionable bridge game; betting at a baseball game or at a horse or dog-race. It is all gambling, for there is no honest equivalent to its gains.

Why Gambling is Wrong

GAMBLING is wrong because it seeks something for nothing. When a man takes value from another, he ought to give as much in return. Anything less than that partakes of theft.

There are only three ways in which a person can come into possession of anything he obtains; either by the free gift of another person (love), or by toil, which receives something as legitimate return, or by theft, the taking of that from another which belongs to him. Now the whole habit of gambling partakes of the essence of theft. In gambling pure chance rules unless there is fraud. There is no

honest exchange. When one wins, others lose. "It is a form of robbery with the consent of the victim who lets you rob him on the chance that he may rob you." One who gambles puts into his pocket money for which he has done no honest work and by the very act, he robs the man from whom he receives and so violates the imperial law of love.

The man who will take another man's money on the plea that he ran a chance of losing his own, is a gambler and a gambler is a thief in the sight of God and ought to be so in the sight of all honest men. Herbert Spencer says: "Gambling is a kind of action by which pleasure is obtained at the cost of pain to another. It affords no equivalent to the general good. The happiness of the winner implies the misery of the loser." Gambling goes straight against honor and justice and brotherly love.

The Baneful Effects of Gambling

GAMBLING diseases the mind and unfits for the duties of life. Why? Because gambling is founded upon the powerful element of excitability in our nature. Let a man become addicted to the gambling habit and every other pursuit becomes tasteless. He will live in a world of unwholesome excitement. Ordinary duties do not have the stimulus in them for a mind which now refuses to burn without blazing. He is dulled to every interest which is not intoxication. The gambler's thrills are all to the bad in their effects upon his nervous system and character.

Gamblers are seldom industrious men in any useful vocation. A gambling mechanic finds his labor less relishful as his passion for gambling increases. Every employer knows this and there is not one who would not give the preference to the youth who knows nothing of the turf or the tape.

For the same reason, gambling provokes thirst. There always was a natural and logical connection between the old-time saloon and the gambling hell. The connection exists today between the gambling interests and bootlegging and the "blind pig" or stylish road-house. When the excitement of the moment dies, liquor is used to wind up the system again to the glowing point. Drinking is the invariable attendant of gambling and all amusements that powerfully excite and pander to all but the moral feelings of men.

Gambling is a prolific source of crime. It impels a man to lying and trickery and theft. The gambling fever is the cause of more petty larceny and wholesale fraud than any other form of sin. It is a dangerous social evil. A gambling parlor endan-

gers lawful business throughout its vicinity. In many bank failures, all too frequently some clerk or official has been gambling on the stock market or at cards. Gambling means diminished deposits in banks and building associations, larger business for pawnshops, fewer homes and farms bought and less business for stores.

Recruits for the Gambler's Ranks

WHERE do the gamblers come from? An old professional gambler testifies that the parlor prize card game is the college where gamblers are made and educated. Mr. Biederwolf says that nine-tenths of all the gamblers in this country learned to play cards in the home. A reformed gambler remarks: "The card-playing home is the kindergarten for the gambling saloon." If you ask: "What harm is there in card playing?", we reply, there is the harm of handling the tools of the gambler and the harm of learning the method of using those tools. There is the harm of coming under the influence of the tendency towards the tricks and trickery that so commonly go with the use of those tools. We do not call every person who plays cards a gambler, but it does appear as if he were a gambler in embryo. Card playing is the seed which comes up gambling. It is the light wind which brings up the storm. If gambling is a vortex, card playing is the outer ring of the maelstrom.

Gambling is a habit-forming practice. This is not always realized by the novice, but it becomes a frightful plague by and by. The confirmed gambler finds himself a slave in chains that only the power of God can break. To satisfy his cravings, he will sacrifice anything: money and all other property, friends, reputation and all one holds dear in this world and the next. No, the card-table is not the road to church or to heaven.

Gambling is always foolish and always wrong. Even petty gambling is bad. All gambling blunts the moral sense and makes wrong seem right. But human nature is inflammable and all fire should be kept away. The man of honor never plays with fire. He is willing to work for what he gets and will take nothing meanly from any man.

"My son, if sinners entice, consent thou not." Do not touch the unclean thing.

Editorial Jottings

WE COMMEND to our readers the book of Dr. A. J. Harms advertised by our publication manager in this number of the "Herald." This book has already been favorably reviewed in our columns and at the reduced price ought to attract many. The call of Dr. Harms to the new chair of religious education in the Northern Baptist Seminary will undoubtedly draw new attention to the book and its author.

"His Own Noise"

O. E. KRUEGER

WHILE the family waited for the desert of the Sunday dinner, one of its younger members amused himself with fork and spoon, testing the tone-qualities of all the glass and china-ware within reach. "Don't make that noise," rebuked the father. The lad refrained for a moment, but soon forgot himself and continued his sound-producing activities. With sterner inflection the father demanded: "Why are you making that noise?" The lad answered frankly: "Because I like it!" "Well, I don't like it," replied the elder. With a sly twinkle in the eye came an expression from the ocean-depth of truth that will find a thousand verifications: "It seems everybody likes his own noise best!"

Indeed, everybody likes his own "noise" best. After having to endure dad's "noise" for an hour in the church, the lad couldn't see why turn about wasn't fair play. Surely, everybody loves his own "noise" best.

A Great Tabernacle-Dedication Service

had been in progress. The mass choir, the quartets, the soloists had rendered their parts, the best pulpit orator of the city had delivered a most wonderful and inspiring message. "And now we come to the real part of the service," said the minister who had been appointed to read the "act of dedication." No doubt all the other participants had enjoyed their own "noise" best, but here stood a man who publicly declared it. You were

Telling a Very Interesting Story

and were compelled to pause for a new supply of oxygen (some talkers can do that without pausing). But when you paused, someone else cut in and obtained the floor. You wondered just why he, or possibly she, yes, quite likely she, didn't enjoy your "noise" at all, and for the life of you, you could not see why she enjoyed her own "noise" so immensely.

The congregation is singing the hymn that precedes the sermon and incidentally

Gives the Choir,

that has so beautifully rendered its part, an opportunity to be seated among the other worshippers, facing the minister. It happens in the best regulated churches that some of these actors slip out of the back door and are seen no more for that service. They can see the meaning of song and do enjoy their own "joyful noise" (and that is Biblical), but just why God afflicted the race with preachers is beyond their vision. On the other hand

There Are Preachers

who imagine the sweetest music of all the sphere is on the air when they are holding forth. But if Mr. Preacher will just open his eyes and behold the stream of folks leaving the sanctuary after Sunday school and consider the people who hang

around in the other parts of the building while his "noise" is going on, he will become very humble and wonder why God called him to the task of such unpopular "noise-making."

Nevertheless there are those among us who are still in a state of blissful unconsciousness. The common people rate a "noise-maker" as one "who surely loves to hear himself talk." It happens

Even in Our Own Select Circles

that such a man appears at the conference just in time to make his "noise" and then vanishes with its echo. Evidently he likes his own "noise" best and is glad to get away from the "noises" of others. Of course he has other important matters to look after.

Together with our own "noise" we delight in the "noise" of our group, class, kind, kith and kin. We believe our own choir can make a better "noise" than the choir of our sister church. We believe the "noises" of our own children to have superior qualities. It is very natural for parents to take a special interest when their own "flesh and blood" in miniature has a part in the "noise-making" program. The Sunday school is wise in capitalizing this natural tendency in the interest of the kingdom. When we analyze

Our Fondness of Our Own "Noise,"

we are flooded with a great light that reveals our own character. Those good people who enjoy their own "noise" so immensely and stop their ears when the "noises" of others are on the air, are simply suffering from a superiority complex. They have an exceedingly favorable opinion of themselves and are puzzled over the obvious fact that others do not share it.

There are others, however, who suffer with an inferiority complex and are actually afraid of their own "noise." Why are we all so lopsided? Why do we slop over on one side or on the other side? Why can't we get our balance? One needs to be "taken down a peg," another needs to be boosted up.

But after all

The World Needs the "Noise-Maker"

and the "noise-taker," but we prefer the latter. It's a great thing to be a good listener. You can easily kill a humorist if you don't laugh at his wise cracks. If you cannot tell a funny story laugh at those told by others and you'll be much appreciated. But it's not only the joker who wants a hearing. Dr. Jowett tells about an invalid who had little opportunity for self-expression. When he called she would repeat the story of her ills and aches—the story had been heard dozens of times. He would not get a chance to say a thing, nor was it necessary. The poor soul wanted a good listener. When about to depart, she would thank Dr. Jowett for his "comforting words"! Will someone now write an article on: "The Fine Art of Listening to Others"?

Work vs. "Toil"

OSCAR WARGA

Luke 5:4

SUCCESS knows no "toil." Result inspires the hardest task and removes the burden of a toiler. Thus, complaints are turned into praises. However, to keep on toiling in spite of adversity, requires courage and stamina. To a spectator such an endurance and pluck is inspiring, bespeaks of stability in character. Peter was such a toiler. Repeated disappointments did not deter him from continuing in his calling. No wonder Christ had his eye on him. He saw his divine mission in secure hands if trusted to Peter. He wore the scars of a veteran, who met the battle of life without ever admitting a final loss.

A hero never surrenders wholly to the foe. There are various methods to subdue an enemy. Physical subjection is only one victory, but need not be final. Christ could not suppress his admiration for Peter when he saw him prepare for the next fishing. He went and solicited the support of this determined "toiler" in Israel.

Failure or success is a matter of spiritual attitude. Seasoned men of life know that mind can never lose. Matter is always subservient to spirit. Christianity being a spiritual domain can not be vanquished by material foes or obstacles. Once established it will continue to grow and expand. Christ is always present to cheer and inspire his workers and "toilers" who "launch out into the deep."

His command is a challenge of your attitude in your work for him. You may have toiled and feel the burden of it all; your fervor and endurance may have suffered a setback; your hope of success is diminishing continually. You are ready for a post mortem. You have done well up to now, but don't give up. The observing Master is admiring your morale and character. He is expecting good results because of them. His call is now to a more spiritual attitude. "Launch out" with him. Matching up your courage, skill and endurance with his love and spirit is a wonderful power in his kingdom. Don't disappoint him and let the call go unheard or unobeyed.

We must learn the secret of Christian success, viz, "to beckon our partners ---- that they would come and help." A united spiritual advance, in obedience to Christ's command can fail to bring results and with it an enthusiasm for the things that are spiritual. "Toil" is then converted into service and inspiration. Christ's presence spiritualizes our work, no matter of what kind. Difficulties vanish, human relations with all their perplexing problems find their solutions, when he is admitted. A combined willingness to abide by his will is blessed with ultimate success. He is the only liberator from toil and servitude, when we accept him and co-operate with him.

Do you believe that?

Army Reminiscences

H. P. KAYSER

As the nature of this topic indicates the writer of these lines wants to say something about military life, for while yet a young man he was strongly led to spend a number of years in the service of Uncle Sam's Army. At that time he thought the life of a soldier must be about the ideal life, but he soon found out that this was not the case. Yet these lines are not written either to encourage nor to discourage any young man of our people in this respect, for there may be somewhere a strong character whom the Lord might want to use to glorify his name as a Christian soldier in the army. And if the Lord leads a young man into the army life, he certainly is able to keep him and to enable such a life to be of great blessing to the many young men about him.

In the first place I wish to call attention to

A Number of Events

during my enlistment in the U. S. Army.

The period of my military service extended between the years from 1901 to 1904. Thus it happened that my time as recruit was spent at the barracks of Washington, D. C. During our stay at the Capitol a great event took place, namely the inauguration ceremony of our greatly esteemed President McKinley. The battalion of the 11th Infantry quartered at the barracks was to have the great privilege to take part in the parade on the 4th of March, 1901.

However, we recruits were not permitted to march in the lines down Main St., yet we all felt that this was a great day of celebration. The whole capitol was all gay. It was the center of attraction for the whole country because McKinley had been reelected in the fall and on this day he took the oath of the presidential office the second time, moreover, to us soldiers it meant that he was not only the president of the country but also the commander-in-chief of the U. S. Army. Taking McKinley's marked personality in consideration as well as his very successful administration, and especially the fact that it was his task to lead our country in a number of entirely new political enterprises, we all admit that the occasion formed a very important event in the history of our country.

A second important occurrence during my enlistment took place when the headquarters of our regiment received orders from the War Department that we were to get ready to

Leave at Once for Service in the Philippine Islands

On the day this military order was issued to the boys of company "M" of the 11th U. S. Infantry, there was a great outburst of rejoicing since such a move would afford the boys a splendid opportunity to make a trip around the world and also the chance of seeing active service.

I shall never forget that trip across the continent made the first time. While

the boys were having a jolly time in the Pullman cars and were making plans about the great part they would take in the suppression of the Philippine Rebellion, I often found myself on the platform observing the manifoldness as well as the vastness of the Western country. And while I often stood there in the night, the train flying through the country of the West, my youthful mind began to contemplate about the problems of my personal life, and after having done some serious thinking I would commit my life into the hands of him who directed the course of the shining stars above my head. Never did I forget in my later life the very pleasant experience the traveler makes when, after having passed the Sierra Nevada Mountains, he is suddenly ushered into the beautiful paradise of California.

The Capture of Aguinaldo

Another important military event on this trip I dare not fail to mention, namely the cable news from the Philippines that Aguinaldo, the leader of the uprising in the Islands, was captured.

Our train was just pulling into Ogden, Utah, when the news spread among the soldiers that the ringleader of the rebellion in the Islands had been captured. Now it may seem that such news should be considered as good news, yet this was not the case with our boys. You may ask why? Well, did we not have the great ambition ourselves of capturing this man? And now while on our way to bravery we are informed, that we are too late. However, soldier talk is not always to be taken very seriously. Yet it must be stated here that with the capture of Aguinaldo the rebellion in the Islands had lost its chief inspiration.

The next experience was one of

Surprising Sadness to My Heart

We had by this time arrived in San Francisco. The U. S. transport "Kilpatrick" was ready in the harbor to take the 11th Infantry on board. What an eventful day in my life! Great was the commotion on and about the ship, but what a feeling of lonesomeness in my soul! Strange thoughts took possession of me while the transport slowly steamed through the Golden Gate. Many of the boys seemed to have friends who bid them farewell, but no one seemed to care for me, nor even recognize this young fellow. I was friendless; I was lonesome. The future was dark before me. Will the ship reach its destination? Will there be a possibility of ever returning home? Who was able to answer questions of such a mysterious nature?

The trip across the Pacific Ocean was rather a long one, lasting some 50 days. I could not say that it was a pleasant voyage, for we were hardly on the ocean when the rumor went around that small pox had broken out among the soldiers. Consequently we were subjected to severe medical treatment. Everybody had to be vaccinated, not only once but repeatedly until it would take effect. Yet not only vaccination became the order of the day, fumigation was the next thing that was very rigidly enforced. The vessel hav-

ing so many troops aboard, it became rather annoying to us being repeatedly ordered about in order to change our quarters.

Arriving at Honolulu

we stopped here for about a week. But to our great sorrow we were not permitted to go ashore since we had small pox on ship. But who dared to deny us a good plunge in the warm waters of the Pacific? The other boys enjoyed themselves swimming in the ocean. I had thus far not acquired the art of swimming, and yet I was bent on having also a bath in the salt water. What shall I do? I put a life preserver around my body, and then I called out to the swimmers, jumping at the same time into the open Pacific! That was a strange feeling in the air and when I alighted on the water. However, I soon discovered that the water held me up, and thus I enjoyed my first swim in the Pacific Ocean.

Finally, after many days of quiet sailing our transport entered one morning into the

Beautiful Harbor of Manila

Looking over the harbor, we were reminded of what had happened here only a few years before: it was the victory of Admiral Dewey's fleet in the harbor. This decisive victory of the American navy completely broke the power of Spain in this hemisphere. In consequence of this victory America was forced to take possession of the Philippine Islands.

While I thus stood on the deck of the "Kilpatrick," a vision came to my young mind. It dawned upon me suddenly that I should have come to these Islands not so much in the capacity of a soldier as in the capacity of a missionary bringing these natives the glad tidings of Christ. I could not help but tell this inspiration at once to a friend who stood next to me. Upon this he remarked that such a thing might be made possible in the future. And although I did not serve in such a capacity in the Islands, yet the Lord led me later on to serve his cause for a number of years in the heart of Africa.

On the Island of Leyte

Soon after our arrival in the Islands an order was issued from the headquarters that a detachment of company "M" was to be formed for the purpose of being located at the town of Abullio on the Island of Leyte. I happened to belong to this detachment. So one day the detachment of 60 men arrived in a small boat out in the bay of this town. But since the water was too shallow for the boat, we were brought into a small row-boat which was to take us to land. The sea being rather high on that day we had quite a task in reaching the shore safely. What a great relief it was to us to have at last reached our final destination! How beautiful those Islands appeared to us! The thought came to us that now at last we had reached paradise. But we were badly deceived.

Above we mentioned that the inauguration of McKinley was an event of historical importance. Now to our great sorrow we must state that in that very

same year of his inauguration our detachment received the sad news that the commander-in-chief of the American army had been shot while paying a visit to the exposition at Buffalo. The colors throughout the Islands were at half mast. It was quite a shock for the army in the Philippines.

One more incident I would like to add to this list of events during my enlistment, namely the incident of the so-called

"Balangiga Massacre"

Opposite the Island of Leyte is the Island of Samar. At Balangiga, Samar, was company "C" of the 9th Infantry. On a certain day the terrible news reached us, that with the exception of a few men, the whole company had been massacred by the natives in that district. How was it possible that the command of that garrison could be thus deceived?

The commanding officer was quite convinced that the natives under his rule were nothing but friends. Thus he did not deem it necessary to take any special precaution against the people. However, he found out that he was badly deceived in the character of the natives. It was on a Sunday morning when everybody of the whole surroundings seemed to be going to church, for throughout the Islands the Roman Catholic church was in power.

But these church-goers were not very serious about worship on that morning, for the men carried weapons. The plan was to kill the Americans. It was just about the time when the boys were having their breakfast, and consequently separated from their rifles, when these armed natives made the attack on this company. The men were cut to pieces and everything available was taken along, and then they took to the hills. Only a few men were able to make safe their escape to report the awful story of the massacre of company "C" of the 9th Infantry. When the news of this terrible slaughter had reached us at our solitary place we knew what our attitude toward the natives was to be. We were on our guard day and night in order to prevent any such recurrence on the part of the Filipinos.

Although we were deprived of the honor of making captive Aguinaldo, the leading insurrecto of the Islands, yet the detachment of company "M" of the 11th Infantry had the honor of capturing the leading insurrecto in the district assigned to us. His name was Capille. How the captain of the company was pleased with this report! After we had thoroughly policed the whole district so that there was order and peace among the natives, we were ordered to leave the town of Abullio.

Although there were many more important incidents, yet these narrated were the leading events during my military service in the army.

Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of German Baptist Churches

MISSION FUND REPORT

Aug. 1, 1926, to July 31, 1927

Table listing financial contributions from various churches and locations such as Akron, Bay City, Beaver, Benton Harbor, Canton, Chicago Jugendbund, Chicago, 1st Church, Chicago, 2nd Church, Chicago, Humboldt Park, Chicago, Immanuel, Chicago, Englewood, Cincinnati, Cleveland, 1st Church, Cleveland, 2nd Church, Cleveland, Erin Ave., Cleveland, Nottingham, Detroit, Bethel, Detroit, Burns Ave., Detroit, Ebenezer, Detroit, 2nd, Dayton, Indianapolis, Gladwin, Kankakee, Lansing, Oak Park, Peoria, St. Joseph, St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, Jugendbund, Trenton, and Conference Collection.

Total \$2995.37 \$2571.98 credited to the Rochester Seminary donations and the Siberian Mission Fund.

The balance of \$423.49 to be credited to the 1927 and 1928 quota for the Siberian Mission Fund, Rochester Seminary, the Cameroon Missions and towards the salary of the Y. P. and S. S. W. secretaries.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Table showing financial details: Cash balance on hand Sept. 1, 1926 \$73.45; Conference dues collected during 1926 and 1927 \$32.00; Disbursements: 1000 Bulletin Blank "Former" \$8.00; 1000 Letterheads 7.50; 250 Envelopes 2.50; Cash balance on hand Sept. 1, 1927 \$87.45; CECIL F. LAYHER, Treasurer.

"I don't believe in operations," objected the woman. "Even the scriptures are agin' operation. Don't they come right out and say plain as the nose on your face, 'What God hath joined together let no man put asunder'?"

Daily Scripture Portion Bible Readers Course

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Table of Scripture Portions for September and October. Columns for Sept. and Oct. with sub-columns for 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, and Hebrews. Includes verse numbers and references like 1 Samuel 1:1-18, 2 Samuel 17:45-58, etc.

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A Novel Social at First Church, Portland

The young people of the First Church, Portland, Oreg., had a social Friday night, Sept. 16. Upon arrival everyone was given a pencil and paper and were to see how many names, addresses and color of eyes they could get in a certain length of time. Bertha Johnson won the prize. Each group gave a stunt for entertainment and the funniest of these was entitled, "Two Old Maids Riding in a Ford." Bertha Johnson and Ruth Pfaff were the "old maids" and Henry Bertuleit was the chauffeur. Harry Johnson acted as speed cop.

The boys brought corsage bouquets which were auctioned off and bought by the girls, thus making partners for the refreshments.

Mrs. Dymmel's group won the prize for having the most present of the group. A good time was had by all and we are looking forward eagerly to the next social. L. T.

"Study geography until there be no foreign land, and humanity until there be no foreigners."—Bishop McDowell.

Our Little Dime

CHARLES A. WING

We spend a little money for things I will admit,
Some things we take a fancy to, we do not need a bit.
It may be just a lemonade, a soda, or a lime,
But when we get inside a church, it's hard to give a dime.

We go out for a picnic and rent a boat all day
To fish or row around the lake and drive our cares away.
But when we get inside a church, and sitting in a pew
We think how much we've spent this week, we guess a dime will do.

We're glad to pay a dollar to get a real good laugh
And for a little lunch each day we gladly pay a half.
But when we get inside a church we're thinking all the time
What a great thing we are doing when we drop our little dime.

Perhaps we play a little bridge or give a little tea,
It surely costs us something, what e'er the case may be.
We do not seem to worry, we do not seem to care
Providing when we get to church we have a dime to spare.

So long as we are living, we have nothing much to fear,
But it starts a person thinking, when the end of life draws near,
And I wonder if our conscience will not smite us at the gate,
Or is heaven only worth the dime we put upon the plate?

California Convention at Lodi

The German Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of California held their second annual Convention with the Lodi church, Aug. 25 to 28, 1927.

Our motto for this Convention and coming year was "With Christ in Prayer, at Study and at Work." Everyone who was able to attend these meetings was very happy to have been there, for we felt we were all greatly benefited in a spiritual way. From our observations the most outstanding features of this Convention were: the fine spirit of cooperation that prevailed between the different societies and Sunday schools; the devotional, instructive and inspirational studies we were privileged to enjoy, and above all, the blessings of Christian fellowship.

The objectives of our Young People's Work were again set before us and we all resolved to make a bigger and better effort to do the work we as Christians are privileged to do.

The program consisted in a series of three lectures on four very interesting

and important topics. "The Life of Jesus" was very capably brought before our minds by Rev. C. H. Edinger of Wasco. Rev. G. E. Lohr of Lodi in a most interesting way told us of the great possibilities of the "Mission fields." Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim in his able way lectured on "Baptist Principles." We certainly all felt inspired through these lectures to become better Baptists and to make the renewed effort to live up to the principles which are so dear to us. Rev. A. Bretschneider in his efficient way gave us many instructive ideas on "Methods" in the work amongst our young people.

We were all very happy to have Rev. A. Bretschneider, Secretary of our Young People's Work, with us. Besides his interesting lectures, he gave us practical and inspiring messages on two evenings and the Sunday afternoon service. We all feel that Rev. Bretschneider is the right man in the right place and our whole Union can be happy to have such a man as one of its leaders.

Every morning we came together for a devotional hour. "With Christ in Prayer," by Rev. Reichle; "With Christ at Work," by Rev. A. L. Ross; "With Christ at the Sunday Service," by Walter Schroeder, were the topics of the devotional hour. Many young people participated in prayer and testimony.

The musical numbers given by different young people of the various churches were greatly enjoyed. The reports from the various societies and Sunday schools were encouraging and showed that they were all active and successful. The officers elected for the coming year are the same as last year: President, Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim; vice-president, Rev. C. H. Edinger of Wasco; secretary, Meta Seidel of Lodi; and treasurer, Mr. C. G. Remland of Anaheim.

Saturday afternoon, the society of Franklin church very royally entertained the delegates and visitors of the Convention at McKinley Park in Sacramento. Here we played games and enjoyed some very delicious refreshments which the Franklin people provided for us.

Sunday was the big day of the Convention. We had a very full program. In the morning, after the devotional period, we heard from representatives of the various Sunday schools and then the morning service. Rev. C. H. Edinger of Wasco delivered the message. His subject was "Isaiah saw God, saw himself, repented and then heard the voice of God." Rev. A. Bretschneider delivered the main address Sunday afternoon, his subject was "Why David got the Job."

The first part of the evening service consisted of a program of literary and musical numbers contributed by members of the various societies. At the close of the meeting an invitation was given for renewed consecration for Christ and his work. It was an inspiring moment to see so many answer this call. Then after individual silent prayer, Rev. A. Bretschneider led in the consecrating prayer.

Thus ended the second convention of the Young People's Union of California.

We feel that this Convention was a great influence and inspiration to members present to do greater work and better service for our Master.

META A. SEIDEL, Sec.

Organization and Recognition of First German Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia

After several Macedonian calls from across the Rocky Mountains Rev. A. Kujath began a very successful mission in Vancouver. God's blessing rested to such an extent upon the undertaking that it was decided to call Bro. Fred W. Mueller, student of our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., for the summer months. Bro. Mueller soon won the hearts of the people by his untiring efforts and devotion to the work. Great progress was made. Scattered German Baptists, residing in Vancouver, were greatly blessed and uplifted; a number of friends were converted and visitors to the meetings increased. A church was organized and a council called to give approval of the step taken.

Sunday, Sept. 11, was a great day of rejoicing for the little flock at Vancouver. It was highly appreciated that Rev. William Kuhn, D.D., our General Missionary Secretary, could make it possible to attend. Others present were Rev. E. P. Wahl of Winnipeg, Rev. A. Kujath of Calgary and undersigned of Edmonton. Some persuasion had been used to keep Bro. Mueller on the field until then. All were pressed into service and gave helpful and inspirational messages in the three great meetings of the day. Six converts were baptized in the afternoon by Rev. Kujath and Rev. Kuhn presided at the Lord's Table in the evening meeting.

On Monday evening the Ecclesiastical Council convened. After careful deliberation of the doctrines, church order, necessity of a church in Vancouver and the future possibilities it commended their organization and made preparation for a public recognition service to be held in the evening. At this time Rev. Kuhn preached the sermon. Rev. E. P. Wahl addressed the church and gave the hand of fellowship. As representatives of the Canadian Baptist churches in Vancouver Rev. Wards and Dev. Daniels expressed words of greeting and fellowship. At the close of the service Bro. Mueller exhorted the congregation to follow Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd, in a farewell address.

May God greatly prosper the efforts of Rev. A. Kujath in this new church with 26 members in the beautiful and busy city of Vancouver, B. C., the Canadian California and port on the Pacific Coast!

AUG. KRAEMER.

Auto Tourist: "I clearly had the right of way when this man ran into me, and yet you say I was to blame."
Local Cop: "You certainly were."
Autoist: "Why?"
Local Cop: "Because his father is mayor, his brother is chief of police, and I go with his sister."—Bison.

True Story Number Four

Bro. M. W. was a student at our Seminary. During my frequent visits to Rochester, N. Y., he became a holder of a membership certificate for \$500 of insurance and regularly made his quarterly payments, keeping his policy in force. In the course of time he became the pastor of one of our Pennsylvania churches.

However, something happened and Rev. M. W. stopped paying his assessments. To be frank, he became provoked at the rules of the office and subsequently ignored all letters calling attention to his delinquency. We later learned that becoming angry at our insistence that he keep his policy in force, he had thrown the certificate in his waste basket. As luck or providence would have it, his little son, attracted no doubt by the appearance of the lettering and the bright seal on the face of the policy, had taken it from the waste basket and somehow had saved it.

Soon thereafter our brother took a pastorate in North Dakota. The manager of our Association forgot all about him, but, of course, the records of his policy were in the office files. Some years later the manager was the guest of the pastor of our St. Joseph, Mich., church, where he heard that Bro. M. W. had died, leaving a large family and a sweet little wife. "Is he insured with you?" asked the host. We replied, "He was, but stopped paying; he may yet be under our automatic extension system. Our records will show."

The manager returned to Buffalo where he saw the obituary in the "Sendbote." Consulting the records, he found that M. W.'s death had occurred within the extension period which meant that he was still protected for \$500.

A letter was immediately sent to the widow. Her answer held proof of her dire need as well as her great joy at learning of an unsuspected source from which these needs could be met. The son, who years ago had picked the policy from the waste basket, found it among his boyhood trinkets. Promptly the death claim check was sent to the widow. It was like finding money; it was a "God-send." The gratefulness of Sitster W. could not find expression solely in words. She made application for \$1000 of insurance in behalf of her children, and out of the remaining money of her husband's claim paid the first yearly premium, and has been paying regularly ever since. Her children, when old enough, will become members of our Insurance Association.

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F. W. G., SR.

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