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What's Happening

"Baptist Herald" Week. Dec. 9-16

There is something new under the sun and it's "BAPTIST HERALD" WEEK, to be observed Dec 9-16. The Executive Committee of our Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union has decided upon this move in its plans for our "Baptist Herald" subscription campaign. One of the two Sunday evenings, either Dec. 9 or Dec. 16, whichever may suit local conditions best, should be given over to the presentation of the "Baptist Herald" to the congregation. A good printed program has been prepared, which will fill out the evening in an interesting, instructive and entertaining way. Copies have been sent out to all of our 1928 "Herald" boosters whose addresses we possess and also to all of our pastors.

This program can be put over effectively by the co-operation of the young people's society, the pastor and the local booster. Our Union earnestly requests the willing co-operation of our pastors in the giving of this program. Our young people's societies are always on the lookout for good program material for an inspiring evening. Here is one for you, the rendering of which will help to put over our "Baptist Herald" to our people. We are of the opinion that one Sunday night in a year could surely be given to the furthering of a denominational enterprise. The "Baptist Herald" is in that class and seeks your help in reaching its definite goal for 1929—5000 and more.

Giving this program will give a punch to booster efforts. The time is short, but strike while the iron is hot. December is the time for gathering new subscribers and you want to put on this program now. Use the entire week in going after new subscribers.

Rev. H. J. Glaeske, pastor of the Lebanon, Wis., church, has resigned and moved to the neighborhood of Benton Harbor, Mich.

Rev. Chas. B. Thole has resigned his charge at Lemberg, Sask., to become pastor of the Wiesental and Rabbit Hill churches in Alberta.

The young people of the Second Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Nov. 20 debated with members of the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J., society the question: "Resolved that political questions are a fit subject to be discussed in the pulpit."

Rev. Paul Wengel, pastor of the First Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., has resigned to accept the call of the Bethel Church, Detroit, Mich., succeeding Rev. F. Kaiser. We understand that Bro. Wengel will enter upon his new charge some time after the new year.

The Minnesota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union will hold

a Mid-Winter Conference Feb. 22-24, 1929, in the Twin Cities. The meeting on Feb. 22 will be held at the First Church, St. Paul; the meetings on the two following days with the church in Minneapolis. Detailed program will follow later.

Dr. Edgar Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, died, aged 68 years, on Nov. 23. He was eminent as teacher, author and denominational leader. Under his presidency the Seminary at Louisville became the largest Baptist seminary in the world.

A new poster for the "Baptist Herald" has been sent out to all "boosters." Two copies have been mailed for each church. Put them up in a prominent place in your church where they will be seen and carry their message to all during the next six weeks. Put them in the vestibule, on inside bulletin board, in the Sunday school or young people's room. If you failed to get your copies write to the General Secretary, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., for copies.

The Teacher's Association of the German Baptist Sunday schools of Chicago held its semi-annual meeting in the Second Church, Chicago, on Nov. 8. Rev. Louis Baier of South Chicago gave an address on "Life, Customs and Missionary Work among the Kaffir Tribes of South Africa." The choir of the First Church sang and Miss Lydia Mihm of the Oak Park Church furnished a vocal solo. Refreshments were served in the lower part of the church after the program.

Rev. W. H. Buening, pastor at Ashley, N. D., and his wife were recently surprised by their congregation on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. A silver vase with two valuable packages, one containing \$25 in silver, the other \$25 in gold, was presented to the jubilee couple. After the program in the church, the guests adjourned to the lower rooms where the tables were richly decked with a sumptuous repast for all. The "Herald" family add their congratulations to those given and wish all happiness for coming days.

A month after Rev. Jacob Kratt graduated from our Seminary in Rochester, he was ordained by his home church in Cincinnati, O. That was in June, 1896. Then he went to Portland, Oreg., and began his ministry with the First Church, at that time a weak and struggling interest. Dr. Kratt has remained there ever since and during his pastorate of over 32 years has seen his church grow to over 600 members, one of the largest in membership we have. McMinnville College honored him with a D. D. in 1914. He has been one of our strong denominational leaders. We are glad to present Dr. Kratt to our readers on the front page of this issue.

A Dauntless Doctor

When Dr. Catharine Mabie was a little girl she received as a reward for perfect attendance at Sunday school a little red book which told the story of a raid made one dark night on an African village. Most of the captured people were taken off to be sold as slaves. Among those taken was a little girl by the name of Mabita, but her mother and baby brother were left behind.

"Why didn't Mabita ask Jesus to help her?" Catharine asked her aunt.

"Mabita never heard of Jesus. None of the people around there ever heard of Jesus," answered her aunt.

This seemed so dreadful to Catharine that she resolved, "Just as soon as I am big enough I'm going to Africa to tell Mabita all about Jesus."

But school and work kept Catharine busy for many years. When she was grown up, one night she walked home with a friend from a missionary meeting who asked, "Why don't you go and tell these heathen people about Jesus?"

"Why don't I?" she asked herself, and she determined she would. She went to a medical school and became a doctor. Then one June day, because Jesus lived in her, this dauntless young American doctor sailed away from New York for far-away Africa, where today she is teaching and healing in Mabita's land.

On Dues

Some pay their dues
when due.

Some when over due,
Some never do.

How do you do?

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"Pa, what is a rare volume?"

"It's a book that comes back after you have loaned it," replied Pa.

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A Question

THORWALD W. BENDER

"--- And Lord, bless all our friends,
For Jesus' sake, Amen."
With that our hurried prayer ends;
The next twelve hours we speak to men.

"We thank thee for thy help today;
Now be our Guardian and Light,
For Jesus' sake, Amen," we pray.
We're sure he'll keep us through the night.

We bring a dollar with a smile.
We're glad and willing to deprive
Our bank of that, content the while
He'll help us earn the twenty-five.

A dollar out of twenty-five,
Two "breaths" each day, when set aside,
Perhaps will help us to derive
God's care. But is he satisfied?

One for Every Six

A Message From Our President

GOD has entrusted to us his people the great commission of evangelizing a lost humanity. Our denomination came into being to unite us objectively and in principle for this purpose. God can use us best in carrying out his program through this organization for unity, One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism.

To function effectively, we need constantly to promote denominational consciousness. One great purpose in creating our Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was to stimulate the interest of our youth in our denominational enterprises. We have a great denomination committed thoroughly to the Biblical task of winning men to Christ. God has richly blessed our efforts of the past. He is ambitious for our successful undertaking of the future. We must work together toward the high mark of our calling in Christ Jesus.

Our publications are the medium through which we keep informed as a great militant body. We need inspiration and encouragement. We receive added faith and confidence in our purpose when we read of the forward movements being made day by day in our brotherhood. We must be informed.

The "Baptist Herald," acknowledged by many leaders in Christian work, as being an outstanding religious periodical, should have a place in every home in our denomination. We are proud of it. It should be read by old and young. **Our executive committee believes that during the year 1929 we can have one subscriber for every six members in our local churches.** Consider your church member-

ship. Ask your church booster how many "Baptist Herald" subscribers there are in your church. If you have less than one in six, get busy to find members who need the good that will come to them through the pages of this splendid organ.

December 9 to December 16 has been set for "BAPTIST HERALD" WEEK. A unified program of education has been arranged for you. Your booster and the pastor of your church has the material. Designate a night, preferably Sunday, when this program can be presented to your church. Work for a good attendance. Encourage interest by your presence. Subscribe to the "Baptist Herald." Do not forget. One for every six. Fraternally,
WALTER W. GROSSER.

Toward Sodom

"TOWARD SODOM" is the striking and captivating title of our new serial story, the first installment of which will begin in the "Baptist Herald" of December 15.

Not long ago some one wrote a letter to the editor of one of the most widely circulated Christian young people's papers of our land, inquiring what kind of material his paper needed most. The editor replied: "Strong, worth-while, vigorous, attention-holding serials." As we read this answer, we could understand and sympathize with that reply. It is no easy quest when one is after that type of story in this day when the book world is flooded with frothy, flighty, flappery and sexy fiction. We deem ourselves fortunate in the kind of serials we have been able to publish so far in our paper and we felicitate ourselves and our readers on the story which will hold their attention in the coming months.

Mabel Dunham, the author or "Toward Sodom," was born on a farm near Harrison, Ontario, but has spent nearly all her life in Kitchener (formerly Berlin) among the Mennonites of whom she writes. Upon her graduation from the University of Toronto in 1908, she took up library work in which she has been interested ever since. Like many other writers, Miss Dunham made her literary debut in the college magazine. Her earlier novel, "The Trail of the Conestoga," records the settlements of the Pennsylvania Dutch in Ontario and the human interests are well brought out in this story.

"Toward Sodom" might almost be called a sequel to Miss Dunham's first novel, "The Trail of the Conestoga," which met with a most enthusiastic reception. Like the first, it deals with the story of a Mennonite community in Canada and one family in particular. It is an interesting history of events that took place in Waterloo County, Ontario, between 1850-1880 and in the writing of it, the author had plenty of valuable material at her disposal, including Hon. James Young's "Early History of Galt"

and an old diary belonging to a Mennonite family. It is most interesting to observe how these people affected and were affected by the changing environment of the country. The quaint Pennsylvania Dutch dialect is given in the conversation, quaint customs and family traditions and habits enroll before our eyes. The old, recurring struggle of change between conservative and progressive, between the old and the new, the aged and the young fascinates us as the story goes on. Do not miss this story "Toward Sodom." It is a literary and spiritual treat, with a truly human background in which humor and pathos intermingle. It starts in our next number.

Editorial Jottings

BE SURE TO READ the message by Walter Grosser, the president of our National Union, in this number.

THE NEW PROGRAM for our young people's societies for "Baptist Herald" Week, Dec. 9-16, is great. You want to give it in your church. If your booster, society secretary or pastor has not received his copy, write or wire Rev. A. P. Mihm, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., at once and copies will be forwarded.

A **FINE DIALOG** on our Cameroon Mission work in Africa has been prepared by Rev. Benj. Schlipf with the assistance of Rev. C. J. Bender. It is just the thing for the missionary evening in your young people's society or organized class meeting. We have mimeographed this dialog at our office and are ready to send free copies to all who apply. Address Rev. A. P. Mihm, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

ONE FOR EVERY SIX—that means one "Baptist Herald" subscriber at least for every six members in our local churches. Some of our churches in the past have reached this definite goal, some few exceed it, but most do not yet reach it. Getting this number in all our churches will help in attaining our goal and put us even beyond. Here is a clear-cut goal for every booster in his own church. Work for it hard and when you succeed, don't stop there. Go beyond with a rush and conquer more ground. God bless our boosters and working friends in their efforts along this line.

Molding the Character Through Reading

WILLIBALD S. ARGOW

WM. G. JORDAN said: "There are four great hungers of life—body hunger, mind hunger, heart hunger and soul hunger. They are real, they need recognition and feeding." We all try to satisfy our body hunger, but the others have a crying need too. "The world is dying for a little bit of love." David tells of his heart hunger in Psalm 42:1. 2: "As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, the living God." That hunger and longing is in our hearts also.

Mind hunger is not always recognized nor are attempts made to satisfy it. We find it expressed

thus by Wm. Freeland: "Give me a nook and a book, and let the proud world spin round: Let it scramble by hook or by crook for wealth or a name with a sound. You are welcome to amble your ways Aspire to place or to glory; may big bells jangle your praise, and golden pens blazen your story! For me, let me dwell in my nook, here by the curve of the brook, where melody wafts me forever on the waves of an unknown river."

Mind hunger is a craving for intellectual food. It is a desire for an education, a passion for books. It is keen for fine music; it longs to hear a great lecturer. It desires to speak to one living on intellectual heights, to feed on his words in quickening advice or the inspiration that will bring real joy.

The Apostle Paul was anxious about the future of his spiritual son Timothy. He was making paths for his feet. He urges him not to spend his time hearing or reading that which was worthless. He says: "Refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness." It is moral nature that dictates and superintends the exercise of godliness. He says, spend no time in hearing or reading trash. Be particular in selecting your intellectual and moral fodder. "Old wives' fables" were probably senseless and absurd myths of heathenism brought into the Christian church and aired and talked about by ill-informed and perhaps restless heathen converts. "Profane," because they were neither true nor spiritual.

The Influence of Books

1. They Mold Character

The late President W. G. Harding once said: "I strongly feel that every good parent cares for his child's body, that the child may have a normal and healthy life and growth; cares for his child's mind, that the child may take his proper place in a world of thinking people; and such a parent must also train his child's character religiously, that the world may become morally fit. Unless this is done, trained bodies and trained minds may simply add to the destructive forces of the world." Books are our guide in youth and furnish us entertainment for our old age. One of the great profits and pleasures in life is that of reading while young. The reader communes with the author more closely than in common contact of life. In books there is often little reading: "What is the character of the author, mentally, morally, religiously?" Is his personal influence to be feared? Would I admit him into my home as a friend?

2. Books Are Immortal

The author dies, but he lives for good or evil in the production of his pen and goes on influencing mankind. In reading a book one associates with the author. All associations mold our character and live on in our lives. Solomon said: "Of making many books there is no end." Many have been destroyed, but their influence lives on. How miraculous has been the preservation of the Bible! While

kingdoms have been dismantled, thrones crumbled, nations dropped out of history, the Word of God, firmer than the eternal hills, has survived as a witness to the race, that the highest guarantee for immortality is moral purity.

3. Value of Reading

Bacon said: "Reading maketh a full man." We are the creatures of our environment and contact with others. Books can change our spiritual and intellectual world. Paul requests Timothy to bring the cloak he left in Troas, and the books, but especially the parchments. (2 Tim. 4:13.) The cloak to protect him in the cold Roman prison; the books and parchment to give him spiritual and intellectual food and stimulus. You can tell what people read in conversing with them. A teacher in the Sunday school asked a boy who the Four Horsemen were. He replied: "Paul Revere, Teddy Roosevelt, Jessie James and Barney Google." "Spark Plug" was a reality to that lad.

What Shall We Read?

That's the great question. It is the housewife's dilemma to serve "balanced rations" that the body may develop. Mothers do not give meat to babies who cannot digest and assimilate it. Neither should the mind be fed on food that is not suitable for it. How few people choose the material they read or would have their children read. We ought to make our choice by subject as well as by author. We should read history, sketches of travels, biographies, yes and love stories such as you will find in our "Sendbote," "Baptist Herald" and the Bible. Henry Van Dyke has this to say in his preface to his new volume, "Companionable Books": "By companionable books I mean those that are worth taking with you on a journey, where the weight of luggage counts, or keeping beside your bed, near the night-lamp; books that will bear reading often, and the more slowly you read them the better you enjoy them; but also interpret nature and life to you in language of beauty and power touched with the personality of the author, so that they have a real voice audible to your spirit in the silence."

How Shall We Read?

Read with a pen in your hand, noting the striking paragraphs and phrases, if the book is your own.

Read with discrimination. Do not degrade your mind by devouring trash. It will leave its trace in your life. It is time and mental force wasted. The mind is weakened, it refuses to function and cannot concentrate on wholesome reading. It becomes filled with foolish notions. Every person is the architect and builder of his own life. We choose our own building material. If we are careless, we will accept what is at hand. If we are wise, we will make a deliberate choice and will not be satisfied with "seconds" and "castoffs." What kind of material are you selecting? Your choice is not only for time, but for eternity. Your ability is the measure of your responsibility. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."

What About Books?

H. SELLIEN

"A GOOD library is a real university," stated Carlyle, and this statement is true. For men may be judged not only by the people they associate with but also by the books they read. A good book is a jolly and a true friend who will not leave us; in hours of discouragement and distress it brings comfort and strength, is entertaining and educating. Often human beings will discover the relationship of their soul through a book. Unseen friendships are formed. If you love the book you love the author, you think, feel and sympathize with him; you live in him and he in you.

Books Are Immortal

They have been, are now and ever shall be. Buildings may drop, pictures and statues go out of style, but books will survive. Time is not considered in the works of great authors and great thinkers. Time has sorted the good from the evil, for only the good can live in literature. Great and good men are immortal even in this world, their voice will speak loud all over the world. Their books will lead us into the gatherings of the greatest thinkers. We worry, feel, think with them. We learn from them to make life a success or a failure, for after all, life is a battle and the outcome of that battle will depend on the man who fights it and how he fights it.

A Good Book Is a Gold Mine

which will never cease to give its treasure to humanity. The golden thoughts of those great thinkers of the past help us to create good thoughts and a good thought is usually followed by a good deed. Therefore it may be the gate to heaven, the angel to lead men from the city of destruction.

Great thinkers live on. Plato is still teaching his philosophy. Homer lives on, his writings are as modern as if written in our present time. Dante's works survive and Shakespeare may have been buried in 1616 but his works live on and he is still the great English leader of literature, a dramatist of the past and present. Emerson's works are still studied and loved.

Here we come to a class of books which cannot be forgotten,

The Biographies of Great Men of History

They lived their lives, fought their battles and reached the goal. Chopin, that Polish artist, was frail as a flower, his health was undermined. But he fought that fight to the finish and his works are written out with a golden pen that rising youth may copy them and follow his footsteps which remain in the sands of time.

Ludwig von Beethoven, whose life was more or less a tragedy, quoted: "Soon this drama will be ended," when the hour of his departure was near, but he did not lose his courage, nor did he drop in the storm; no, he climbed to the highest heights of success. This German hero of the past will not be forgotten.



Band of the Church at Greenvine, Texas. Rev. Fr. Mindrup, Director

Fall Outing of Men's Class, Second Church, Chicago

Signals! 5-7-6-12—Shift! 3-8-15! Snap. There goes the ball and twenty-two men leap into action. A live plunge, forward pass, and run, or punt,—here, here, whats this all about anyway?

No, dear readers, this isn't a college football game, it's just the young men of the Second German Baptist Church of Chicago, enjoying their annual fall outing in one of the Forest Preserves outside the city.

Saturday, Oct. 20, was the day, 2.00 o'clock, at the church, the time and meeting place, from where we motored to the wide open spaces.

For those to whom football was too strenuous, we had a gentler recreation, namely horseshoe pitching, and if that didn't satisfy, there was always the cooking to take care of.

When the sun began to set, someone called us to "Chow." Hot Hamburgers, rolls, relishes, plum cake, and coffee good to the last drop, prepared by our chefs. Mr. Siemund and Mr. Adler quickly dispelled any tired feeling and put everyone into a joyful mood.

Our pastor, Rev. C. A. Daniel, who can pitch horseshoes as well as preach, spoke a few words. Then our president, Mr. Henry Frederick, who always believes in putting pleasure before business on occasions like this, prompted a general discussion of our plans for the coming months.

It was dark when we finished. The moon was already sending its pale beams through the leafless trees. We stood around the camp fire watching the glow of the dying embers. Someone poured a pail of water over them, there was a hiss, as a cloud of steam arose. A train roared through the forest close by, its bright headlight piercing the chilly autumn air. We experienced a feeling of comfort as we slipped into warm coats, got into the cars and hit the trail to the city.

C. L. S.

The "C. C. C." Class, Burns Baptist Sunday School, Detroit

The Cross and Crown Class, consisting of girls between the ages of 17 and 20, under the direction and guidance of Mrs. Wm. Schindler, met at the home of Rose Penner, our former president, and celebrated our first anniversary as an organization. The following officers were installed for the coming year: President, Edna Russell; vice-president, Bertha Barzuhn; secretary, Rose Penner; treasurer, Mary Holwey. The class gathers at alternating girl's homes the second Thursday of every month. The business meeting is held first, after which a social hour follows.

A banner, with the Cross and Crown inscription has been purchased; also, gold plated Cross and Crown pins engraved with "C. C. C." Our class song is "The Way of the Cross Leads Home;" our Motto, "No Cross, no Crown;" our aim: that we, as a class of girls endeavor to live cleaner and better lives and be an influence to all with whom we come in contact. The class, as a whole, has joined the "I. A. H. Circle," conducted by Mr. Cook of the Cook Publishing Company. The correspondence and letters received from Mr. Cook have not only proved helpful, but also have been a great blessing to the girls. Our weekly paper, "The Girls' Companion," is enjoyed by all. Much interest in the class activities is shown by the girls.

Our plans for the future are interesting and will be discussed at the next meeting.

R. L. PENNER, Sec.

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"It is not the guns or armament
Or the money they can pay,
It's the close co-operation
That makes them win the day;
It is not the individual
Or the army as a whole,
But the everlastin' team-work
Of every bloomin' soul."

Station Minnesota Broadcasting

Some people seem to think that conference and association meetings are just for the older folks; but not so in Minnesota. The young people of our state proved the foregoing statement by coming out in full numbers to the Sunday afternoon meeting of the Minnesota Association of German Baptist Churches. This was their meeting, and they filled the First Church, St. Paul, to its fullest capacity to rally for the Christian cause.

The president of the Union, Miss Grace Stoeckmann, presided over the meeting. After a rousing song service, Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann read the scripture and led in prayer. A memorial to Mrs. F. P. Kruse, deceased wife of Rev. Kruse of St. Paul, was then read by the secretary. Following that, a new constitution, proposed by a constitutional committee, was read by Miss Lenore Kruse.

The speakers for the afternoon were representatives from four societies. The chief topic for discussion was "The Young Christian" and each speaker spoke about a different phase of the young Christian's life. Alfred Brachlow, from Minneapolis, discussed "His Prayer Life"; Milton Schroeder, a representative from River-view, discussed "His Giving"; Fred Paul, from First Church, St. Paul, spoke about "His Church," and Prof. Heinemann, representing St. Bonifacius, discussed "His Bible." These short talks were very profitable and revealed some talent that often remains hidden because of neglect.

Musical numbers were furnished by the male quartet from Mound Prairie, Minn. Everyone felt that this meeting was a great success; but the young people of Minnesota are not content with that alone. Plans are already under way for a great young people's institute next winter. The "Herald" readers will read about some more of our plans in the near future. MILTON R. SCHROEDER, Sec.

† In Memoriam †

Whereas, it has pleased the Lord to take from the scene of active service one who has been a true and loyal friend of the young people, we, therefore, as members of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of Minnesota, wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Reverend F. P. Kruse and family in this time of great sorrow. Her death does not imply a retirement from service, but a promotion to greater and higher service.

And we rejoice that they do not mourn as those who have no hope, but as those who trust in the infinite wisdom of our God, who doeth all things well. May the Lord comfort them in this hour of bereavement!

Resolved: that this memorial be placed upon the records of the Union, a copy be sent to the "Baptist Herald," and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

Done in behalf of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of Minnesota, November 4, 1928, by Mrs. Esther Adam.

MILTON R. SCHROEDER, Sec.

The Sunday School

The Sunday School of Yesterday and the Sunday School of Today

HERMAN J. WEIHE

It would be comparatively easy to find fault with the Sunday school of yesterday. As some of us remember it, that time-honored institution lacked many things which are now considered essential. Measured by modern standards, it had numerous and serious defects.

Usually the old-time Sunday school was poorly organized and poorly equipped. Before the advent of the International Uniform Lessons the material of instruction was frequently selected at random from all parts of the Bible, with little regard for historical sequence or educational adaptability. It was quite generally assumed that whatever interested the teacher, was good for the pupils. Efficient teaching was the exception, rather than the rule. Very much of the work of instruction would probably not have received a very high rating if it had been judged in accordance with Doctor Gregory's famous "Seven Laws of Teaching," or some of the more modern treatises. Good order was occasionally secured through the use of disciplinary measures which would hardly be considered expedient or appropriate in our day.

Such were some of the characteristics of the old-time Sunday school as it existed not only in rural communities, but also in the cities. It should be stated, however, that there were also some redeeming features which deserve our careful consideration.

What the Old-Time School Accomplished

Looking at the subject from another point of view we discover that the Sunday school of yesterday was, by no means, a complete failure. In spite of poor equipment and defective methods of instruction many of the officers and teachers, by virtue of their sterling qualities of character, exerted a blessed influence upon susceptible minds and hearts. Some of us owe a large debt of gratitude to those sincere and God-fearing men and women who did their best under unfavorable conditions and who labored so faithfully for the spiritual welfare of their pupils.

A further study of our subject reveals some other facts which are not always sufficiently evaluated. Some of the most important achievements of the Sunday school during its past history might be enumerated as follows: The establishment of Sunday schools, in very many instances, led to the establishment of new churches. An overwhelming majority of new church members have come, as they are still coming, by way of the Sunday school. In a very large measure, this institution has given Christian people a better conception of the meaning of childhood. It has done more for the

cause of systematic Bible study and for the promotion of lay activity than any other agency. It has been an important factor in bringing about inter-denominational fellowship and co-operation. Surely, this is a record of remarkable achievements.

The Sunday School of Today

It is not easy to describe the Sunday school of today, because there are so many different types and varieties. Even in regard to the name there is a lack of uniformity. The designation "Church School" has come into prominence and is favored by many denominational leaders. In an increasing measure individual churches are applying this name to their entire program of religious education, which they are endeavoring to unify.

It is quite apparent that the progressive Sunday school of today differs in many respects from its predecessor of former days. Owing to a variety of causes, but especially as a result of the remarkable progress which has been made in the field of secular education, the last decades have witnessed some significant changes in Sunday school activities. Departmental organization, graded lessons, annual promotions, organized classes, workers' conferences, and classes for the training of prospective teachers, are evidences of real progress. Sunday school institutes, community training schools and summer assemblies are rendering a valuable service, despite the fact that these institutions are frequently obliged to do their work under serious limitations.

A New Program of Christian Education

A larger and more adequate program of Christian education has come into view, which includes such important agencies, as the Daily Vacation Bible School and the Week Day Church School. Such developments as these, as well as other factors, that might be mentioned, necessarily affect the important subject of ministerial education. It is therefore not surprising that many theological seminaries are seeking to give their students a more adequate equipment for efficient leadership in all departments of church work which are concerned with the religious nurture and training of youth.

It is also a significant fact that such an amazing variety of books are being published in our day which deal with almost every conceivable feature and type of religious education. A large proportion of these books are devoted to the work of the Church school. It is quite evident that many thoughtful people are deeply interested in the moral and spiritual welfare of youth, and it is also certain that many churches are earnestly seeking to make their teaching ministry more effective.

"What Shall We Have Therefore?"

Some such question as this one, which Peter asked our Lord, is sometimes being asked by those who are carrying on the work of religious education in our churches. Denominational leaders also occasionally discuss the problem: "Should Sunday school teachers be paid?" In the discussion of this subject some important facts do not always receive sufficient consideration. While Sunday school officers and teachers do not usually receive any financial remuneration for their services, it does not follow that they are "working for nothing." There are those in our Sunday schools who are receiving for their labor a knowledge of the Bible which is more valuable than gold or rubies. There are those who obtain for their work mental culture, spiritual growth and enrichment of personality. Sometimes, also, faithful teachers are privileged to see that their efforts in behalf of their pupils have not been in vain. Sometimes they discover that the Master has enabled them to exert a helpful influence upon lives during the formative period, when ideals are formed and important decisions are made. Surely, such rewards as these should not be lightly esteemed.

One might also ask whether it is not worth something to be associated with multitudes of devoted Christian workers in a great cause, which has made its influence felt in almost every country of the globe. Last, but not least, there is the blessed privilege of being a co-worker with God for the betterment of the world and the extension of his Kingdom.

Some Modern Problems

The path of Sunday school progress is not always an easy one. Often there are difficulties to be overcome and perplexing problems to solve. It must also be admitted that the modern training of youth in morals and religion sometimes reveals certain harmful tendencies. Shailer Mathews has expressed the opinion that religious education is in danger of minimizing the church, of hiding God behind a smoke screen of psychology and of over-emphasizing technique. While not all church schools are afflicted with these particular ailments, it would be possible to mention a number of other defects which are perhaps even more common. The school which earnestly and courageously undertakes the task of self-examination is sure to discover some weak places which need strengthening.

The changed conditions of our modern life have not changed the fact that the Sunday school is the whitest harvest field of the church. It touches and influences human beings during every

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My Prayer

To grow a little wiser day by day;
To school my mind and body to obey;
To keep my inner life both clean and strong;
To free my life from guile, my mind from wrong
To shut the door on hate and scorn and pride;
To open then to love the windows wide
To meet with cheerful heart what comes to me;
To turn life's discords into harmony;
To share some weary worker's heavy load;
To point some straying comrade to the road;
To know that what I have is not my own;
To feel that I am never quite alone—
This would I pray from day to day,
For then I know my life will flow
In peace until it be God's will I go.

Pipe Organ Dedication at Evangel Church

The 21st of October was a day of jubilee for the Evangel Baptist Church, Newark, N. J. There was much rejoicing, for at this occasion, Mr. H. Theodore Sorg presented the church with a beautiful two manual Moller Pipe Organ costing \$5000.

The organ is a gift to the church in memory of Mr. Sorg's mother, Mrs. Emma Albrecht Sorg. She was the deeply loved mother of six children, four of whom are still living, and all of whom, through her influence and teaching, are active in the service of their Lord. At an early age she accepted Christ as her Savior, and with the growth of her deeply spiritual and consecrated Christian nature came a passionate love for music of praise and worship of her Lord. Herself the possessor of a fine contralto voice, she was for many years a member of the choir of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church. The memory of her love of music and her appreciation of its value in the service of the Master is primarily responsible for the gift of the organ.

With this gift a beautiful tribute of an appreciative son to his sainted mother is made. This gracious act bears repeating by others who have received much from their parents. Why not keep the memory of a departed loved one fresh by erecting a memorial in their honor?

The gift of the organ stimulated others to give. Preceding the presentation of the organ, the last note of indebtedness resting on the church was burned. Since October, 1927, the church has raised the sum of \$10,000. On making his offer to the church last year, Mr. Sorg desired that the remaining debt be cancelled before the closing of the year 1928. In order to bring that about he personally paid \$1000 toward the debt. The remaining amount was raised by the church. It is an achievement worthy of recognition that the Evangel Church has paid off its entire debt of \$76,000 in seven years and

seven months. With the hearty co-operation of the members and friends this great task was accomplished.

The Pipe Organ Dedication Service was held on Sunday noon. Rev. Charles W. Koller, pastor of the Clinton Hill Church, gave the Invocation; Rev. Frederick Niebuhr, during whose pastorate the church was built, read the Scripture; Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D., preached the Dedication Sermon, using as his text the words: "The Lord hath need of it;" and Rev. H. Frederick Hoops, for twenty-three years pastor of the Evangel Baptist Church, offered the dedicatory prayer. Mr. Alexander Berne, a Concert Organist, officiated at the organ. Many friends from far and near attended this impressive service.

The Evangel Baptist Church is deeply grateful to Mr. Sorg for this wonderful gift, and trusts that this instrument will be the means of uplifting many downcast and sorrowing souls; of encouraging the members and friends of the church to greater activity for Christ, and of helping in the salvation of souls for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

WILLIAM E. SCHMITT.

Union City Young People's Society

The Young People's Society of Second German Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., is surely having some lively meetings. We have had different speakers at our meetings which are held every Thursday evening. Our pastor, Rev. W. Swyter, is back home again and we pray that the Lord strengthens him so that he can take his place with us again.

We had a wedding in our society. Our president, H. Dorbrandt, and our treasurer, Miss E. Applegate, were united on Nov. 10, 1928. Mr. Dorbrandt is also superintendent of the Sunday school. Two of our members, Mrs. C. Bontemps and Mr. A. Brummer, are singing over Radio Station WAAT's "Glad Tidings Hour." May souls be converted through their gospel singing! More news later.

ELIZABETH BRUMMER.

Ten Marks of an Educated Man

1. He keeps his mind open to every question until the evidences are all in.
2. He always listens to the man who knows.
3. He never laughs at new ideas.
4. He cross-examines his day dreams.
5. He knows his strong points and plays them.
6. He knows the value of good habits.
7. He knows when to think for himself and when to ask the expert's advice.
8. You can't sell him magic.
9. He lives the forward looking and outward looking life.
10. He cultivates a love for the beautiful.

When men say they are self-made, we do not wonder that the job has been so poorly done.

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Sunday School Association at Martin, N. D.

Martin, N. D., was the point of our 42nd Sunday School Association meeting. God gave us wonderful weather and good roads, but some were yet busy working on the land. Yet after all there were 122 delegates present. Bro. Martin of Germantown was re-elected as president; Bro. J. Rust, vice-president, and F. Alf, secretary-treasurer.

We have now 2370 scholars on our list with 224 officers; the Sunday school collections for the last six months amounted to \$1700.

Rev. J. Schweitzer spoke on "What is a real Sunday school?" Rev. C. Dippel on "Usefulness of a Junior Society." Rev. Krombein gave a paper about "Our Young People's debt to the Lord." Rev. Matz's subject was: "Benefits of Teacher-training." Rev. Braun came next with a topic, "What ails our Sunday schools?" and the concluding address was delivered by Rev. Broeckel on: "How may a Sunday school stimulate the interest of the young people?"

All who listened to these interesting topics came to the conclusion that our brethren spent a great deal of time in preparing them.

The prayer-meetings were led by J. Rust and Rev. Trautner and the consecration meeting by Rev. Broeckel.

We rejoiced in having with us a splendid co-worker. He came from the warmer climate. They are always coming back; that is an encouragement for North Dakota. Bro. J. J. Lucas from Washington but now from Anamoose gave the sermon on the first evening; subject, "Moses," and F. Alf gave the sermon on the second evening; subject: "Philadelphia, an example for Sunday school workers."

Bro. Gieser and the church of which he is minister, with their men's quartet gave us a hearty welcome, not only with words but with deeds. We thank these dear brethren for their kindness and brotherly love. Next spring we will meet in McClusky. The collection amounted to \$55.70.

F. ALF.

Keep On

Talberg declared that he would never play one of his pieces in public until he had practiced it in private at least fifteen hundred times. Handel wore the keys of his harpsichord hollow like bowls of a spoon in the patient, persistent effort toward the mastery. Untiring patience is the price of excellence. Somebody told us of a Chinese student who became discouraged because his lesson did not come easily, and he threw away his books and gave up study. But one day he came across an old woman rubbing a crowbar on a stone. He asked her what she was doing. She replied, "I am making a needle." He learned his lesson and patiently went to work again. "Go thou and do likewise."

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"Give a Thought to Africa" *)

HOSEA K. NYABONGA

Give a thought to Africa!
'Neath the burning sun,
Hosts of weary hearts are there,
Waiting to be won.
Many idols have they there,
But from swamp and clod
Many a voice is crying out
For the living God.

Breathe a prayer for Africa:
"O thou God of love,
Send thy blessing on the tribes,
From thy home above."
Swarthy lips when moved by grace,
Can most sweetly sing;
Pray that Africa's heart may be
Loyal to our King.

Give your love to Africa!
There our brothers call.
Bring release from slavery,
Break sin's bitter thrall.
White shall love the black man,
Each forget the past;
In the Father's house above,
All will meet at last.
—Young People.

*) The author of the above verses is a native of Uganda, East Africa, who is now a student at Clark University, Atlanta, Ga. He is the eldest son of a native king, and consequently is heir apparent to the throne. He is a devout Christian, has a fine mental development, and is fitting himself for the largest possible service to his people on his return to Africa.

Eighty-Fifth Anniversary at Fleischmann Memorial

During the 85th anniversary exercises of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., which were held on Sunday and Monday, October 28 and 29, the many members and friends in attendance responded with a spiritual consecration to the message and thought as expressed by the General Secretary, Dr. William Kuhn. "In your praises I would charge you," he wrote, "not to forget Him, who has done for the church more than any other. 'Now unto Him, who is able to do abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen.'" In that spirit of praise and gratitude to God the festival exercises of the church were held.

The Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, or the First German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., has a unique religious history. Founded in 1843 by Rev. Conrad A. Fleischmann, it became the First German Baptist Church in this country. Its influence has been radiant, not only in the sections of the city where the buildings have stood, but also in the work of the denomination. The roll call of the ministers, who have served the church in the spirit of Christian self-sacrifice, is familiar to most of our Baptist people. The ministers have been Professor J. S. Gubelmann, Professor Lewis Kaiser, Rev. Heinrich Schulz, Rev. Louis C. Knuth, Rev. Herman Kaaz, and Rev. F. P. Kruse. Many of the sons and



Ladies Aid Society, Folsomdale, N. Y., Church

daughters are still active in the work of full-time Christian service. The church has been indeed a great beacon light, shining radiantly into the hearts of many, who now love their Savior and Master.

The festival exercises on Sunday, October 28, will always have a halo of glorious memories to the many people who attended. The choir rendered inspiring anthems of praise. Professor and Mrs. Lewis Kaiser were again "at home" with us, thereby deepening the joyous spirit of those days. Professor Kaiser preached at both services, bringing profound spiritual messages of inspiration and challenge. The sermon on Sunday evening on "Building the Wall" was centered around the text in Nehemiah 4:6: "So we built the wall, . . . for the people had a mind to work." His message was enlarged upon these leading thoughts: "If the wall of the Kingdom of God is to be built and the church is to grow, then these things are absolutely necessary. (1) There must be loyalty to the purpose for which the church exists, namely, to build the Kingdom of God. (2) We must join our hearts and hands in the building of this wall in the unity of the Spirit. Love is the greatest building power in the church of Jesus Christ. (3) There must be true consecration to the effort that will bring about the fulfillment of the purpose. The building of the wall continues with such consecrated lives."

It would be difficult to review adequately the anniversary exercises on Monday evening, October 29. The program itself was more than two hours long, holding the attention of all who were present. The personal fellowship afterwards, with refreshments served by the ladies of the church, prolonged the hour of departure. The participation in the program by those who call this church their "home" was particularly significant. Professor and Mrs. Lewis Kaiser spoke from the depths of their hearts in recalling many happy memories. Rev. John Pastoret and Rev. A. E. Rapp of Philadelphia brought brief challenging messages from the minister's point of view, and Mr. Theodore Felsberg and Mr. Harry Windisch addressed themselves to the audience in a manner, which was deeply impressive. Letters from Mrs. Lydia Fleischmann Heinrichs of Chicago, Ill., and from Mrs. Bertha Gubelmann Koenig of Rochester, N. Y., represented the two earliest ministers' families in the

church. Other letters from Rev. and Mrs. Frank Kaiser of Detroit, Mich., and from Dr. William Kuhn of Chicago, Ill., were also from those who had spent their childhood days in this city and church.

Two letters from former missionaries, Miss Hannah L. Seils and Miss Ruth Doescher, expressed their beautiful spirit of service and love. Greetings from Rev. Wm. Schmitt of Newark, N. J., Mrs. Louise Conrath of Rochester, N. Y., and Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Kruse of St. Paul, Minn., were received and expressed. These letters were read by members who have been affiliated actively with this church for fifty or more years. The church wishes to thank heartily those who sent these appreciated letters.

Mr. Fred Blessing represented the church, Mr. Andrew Klaiber spoke on behalf of the older members, and Rev. J. G. Draewell brought the greetings and congratulations of the Second German Church of the city in his original and impressive manner. Mr. Reuben Windisch and the members of the choir rendered musical selections to the glory of God and to our joy. The doxology, as a poem of praise, brought the service to the close.

Other days are ahead. The work continues. The Spirit of God still directs the lives of his people. With concentration in effort and consecration of spirit, the members of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church begin the 86th year of the church's history

A Priest and His Bishop

There was a certain priest who became noted for never giving a direct answer. He never said: "yes" or "no," but: "That depends." His bishop tried to beguile him into a direct affirmative or negative, by asking him at his table one day whether it would, in his judgment, ever be lawful to baptize with soup, such as he was then eating at the bishop's table. In reply the priest said: "That depends, with such soup as we are now eating at your table, my Lord, it would doubtless be wrong; but if with such soup as is served to us poor priests, it might be permissible, since it differs so little from water."

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Prayer is not a meal ticket or a rain check, but fellowship of the creature with the Creator.

The Church and the World

(This reading was sent to us by R. H. Mulder, Parkersburg, Iowa, president of the Iowa Young People's Union, who said it was given at their conference this year and made a deep impression. It was suggested by pastors and others that it be sent in to the "Baptist Herald." Other societies can use it on their program. Editor.)

The Church and the World walked far apart
On the changing shores of Time,
The World was singing a giddy song—
The Church, a hymn sublime.

"Come, give me your hand," cried the merry World,
"And walk this way with me."
But the good Church hid her snowy hand
And solemnly answered "Nay,
I will not give you my hand at all,
I will not walk with you.
Your way is the way of eternal death
And your words are all untrue."
"Nay, walk with me but a little space,"
Said the World with a kindly air,
"The road I walk is a pleasant road,
The sun shines always there.
Your path is thorny and rough and rude
And mine is smooth and plain.
My road is paved with flowers and dew
And yours with tears and pain.
My path, you see, is a broad, fair one,
My gate is high and wide.
There is enough room for you and for me
To travel side by side."

Half shyly the Church approached the World
And gave him her hand of snow.
The World grasped it and walked along
Saying in accents low:
"Your dress is too simple to please my taste,
I will give you pearls to wear;
Rich velvets and silks for your graceful form
And diamonds to deck your hair."
The Church looked down at her plain white robes
And then at the dazzling World
And blushed as she saw his handsome lips
With a smile, contemptuous, curled.

"Your home is too plain," said the proud old World,
"I will build you one like mine.
With a kitchen for feasting, and parlor for play
And furniture never so fine."
So he built her a costly and beautiful home,
Splendid it was to behold.
Her sons and daughters met frequently there,
Shining in purple and gold.
And fair and festival frolics untold
Were held in that house of prayer,
While maidens, bewitching, as sirens of old,
With worldly graces rare
Invented the very cunningest tricks,
Untrammelled by gospel or law,
To beguile and amuse and win for the world
Some help for the righteous cause.

The Angel of Mercy flew over the Church
And whispered, "I know thy sins."
The Church looked back with a sigh and longed

To gather her children in.
But some were off at the midnight ball
And some were off at play,
While some were drinking in gay saloons,
So she quietly went her way.
Then the sly World gallantly said to her:
"Your children mean no harm,
Merely indulging in innocent sport."
So she leaped on his offered arm
And they smiled and chatted and gathered flowers
While she walked along with the World,
While millions and millions of precious souls
To the horrible pit were hurled.

"Your preachers are all too plain and old,"
Said the gay World with a sneer,
"They frighten my children with dreadful tales
Which I like them not to hear.
They talk of judgment, a coming Lord
And horrors of endless night.
They warn of a place that should not be
Mentioned to ears polite.
I will give you some of a better stamp,
Modern and brilliant and fast.
They tell you that people may live as they like
And go to Heaven at last.
The Father is merciful, great and good,
Loving and tender and kind,
Do you think he would take one child to heaven
And leave another behind?
Go, train your preachers up to the times,
Adopt the stylish way,
We all want entertainments fine
And only that will pay."
So she called for pleasing and gay divines,
Gifted and great and learned,
And the plain old men that preached the Cross
Were from their pulpits turned.
Then Mammon came in and supported the Church,
Renting a prominent pew,
And preaching and singing and floral display
Proclaimed a period new.

"You give too much to the poor," said the World,
"Far more than you ought to do,
Though the poor need shelter, food and clothes,
Why need that trouble you?
And, afar, to the foreign heathen lands
Your thoughts need never roam,
The Father of Mercy careth for them.
Charity begins at home.
Go, take your money and buy rich robes
And autos and carriages fine
And dainty food and precious things
And the rarest and costliest wine.
My children they live on all such things
And if you their love could win
You must do as they do and walk in the steps
That they are walking in."

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So the Church her purse strings tightly held
And she gracefully lowered her head
And simpered, "I've given too much away,
I will do, sir, as you said."
So the poor were turned from her door in scorn
And she heard not the orphan's cry,
She drew her beautiful robes aside
While the widows went weeping by.
Her mission treasuries beggarly plead
While Jesus' command was in vain,
For half of the millions for whom he died
Had never heard his name.

And they of the Church and they of the World
Walked closely hand and heart
That none but the Master who knoweth all
Could tell the two apart.

Then the Church sat down at her ease and said
"I am rich and in goods increased,
I have no need of nothing and nought to do
But to laugh and dance and feast."
The sly World heard that and laughed within
And mockingly said, aside,
"The Church is fallen, the beautiful Church,
And her shame is her boast and pride."
Thus, alas! her witnessing power was gone
And perilous times set in,
The times of the end so oft foretold
Of pleasures and form and sin.

Then the Angel drew near the Mercy Seat
And whispered in sighs her name.
The angels, their anthems of rapture hushed
And covered their faces with shame.
Then a voice came down from the hush of Heaven
From Him who sat on the throne:
"I know thy works and how thou has said,
I am rich, but thou hast not known.
Thou art poor and naked and blind
And wretched thou art indeed;
Thou hast ceased to walk in that blessed hope
And knowest not thy need,
Thou hast ceased to walk in that blessed way.
Thou hast drifted from zeal and grace.
So now, Alas! I must cast thee out
And blot thy name from its place."
—Selected.

Don't forget that though you may be able to draw your check for thousands, if you are not master of yourself, you are not the success that you should be.
—George H. Knox.

Prayer is a door that opens out from earth toward heaven. Some people keep it shut tight all their lives, and then wonder why life is not worth living.

Trifles

GERTRUDE B. GUNDERSON

A little bit of sunshine
On a cold and rainy day
Gleamed through the dark and threatening clouds
As they scudded fast away,
But it made the whole day brighter
Just by that one glad ray.

A little bit of music
Born through the mist and rain
To the ears of a weary traveler;
As he heard the sweet refrain
It made him forget his troubled life
And think glad thoughts again.

A little bit of kindness
A word to ease the pain
Of one this world has hardened
Whose hopes had all been slain;
But it made him trust his fellow man
And believe in God again.

Young People of Pekin Are Active

The fall work at Pekin, Ill., was encouraging from the start. On the first Sunday of October, 13 new members were taken into the fellowship of the church, six by baptism, three by letter and four on confession. Eleven of them are young people of our Church school. Early in September, the pastor, Rev. Ralph Paul Blatt, gave an invitation at the close of the school assembly for all those who wished to make the decision to follow Christ as their personal Savior and join the church. The scholars had been prepared by their teachers, and after a short talk by the pastor, eight young people came forward. The half hour before prayer service on Wednesday evenings became a little instruction class, where we talked over important things regarding the Christian life and church membership. On the last Sunday evening in September, a beautiful and impressive service was held with the baptism of four girls and two boys. The following Sunday morning was Communion Sunday. The seven others joined with the newly baptized converts to receive the hand of fellowship. After the service, the minister's wife, Mildred Doescher Blatt, took several pictures of the new members with the preacher. The Lord has continued to bless us in our work.

Several weeks ago, about 20 young people and the minister started out at five o'clock in a group and visited four shut-ins, who are members and friends of the church. At each home we sang several songs, read a psalm and prayed. They were all so pleased to have us come and asked us to come again. We then returned to the church basement and enjoyed a lunch which the Ladies' Auxiliary of the church furnished and served. At the supper, the president, Mrs. Lubena Zimmerman, announced the Big Air Race which was to begin that very evening.

The members present were divided into two sides. One group was to be the crew

of the Zeppelin while the other the crew on the giant Aeroplane. Captains had been chosen beforehand and rules for the race. The race was to extend from Pekin, Ill., to Pekin, China, and if time permitted around the world. The race is to terminate on the 9th of December. For every member present at the Sunday evening meetings, the big ships move ahead 100 miles. For every visitor present in each group, they go 50 miles. Dues of 10 cents per month furnish gas for 50 miles for each month. At present, the racers are almost across the Atlantic heading for the continent. The Zeppelin is now in the lead, and perhaps because of German construction, most able to win. The losing crew and passengers will be humbled in a way not yet announced at the "blow-out" celebrating the finish of the contest.

Fine programs are being enjoyed during these weeks. Prominent and interesting men are invited to speak to the Union and interesting discussions are held on other nights by the members themselves. Plans are in the making for Thanksgiving and Christmas activities. We are looking forward to a visit in the near future of our new Secretary, Rev. A. A. Schade. We hope you will see us in print again soon and we hope to see you and hear of you there also. R. B.

Poor Things

A party of men and women interested in prison reform were being escorted through a penal institution by the chief warden. They came in time to a room where three women were sewing.

"Dear me," one of the visitors whispered, "what vicious looking creatures. What are they here for?"

"Because they have no other home. This is our sitting room, and they are my wife and two daughters," blandly responded the chief warden.

Well, Well!

In a church calendar: "April 15, 11 A. M., Rev. Alfred J. B. and our minister will exchange pulpits. The choir will sing 'Thanks be to God.'"

Smiles

Two little English girls were quarreling over the success of their fathers.

"My father can preach better than yours because he's a bishop," said the first.

The second little girl could not answer her back, but she suddenly recovered and said: "Well, anyhow, we've got a hen in our yard which lays an egg every day."

"That's nothing," said the bishop's daughter, "my father lays a corner-stone every week."

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Teacher: "Willie, I want you to tell me how you define ignorance."

Willie: "It's when you don't know something and some one finds it out."

New Books

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

John Bunyan, the Man. Austin Kennedy de Blois, D. D. The Judson Press, Philadelphia. 311 pages. \$1.50.

John Bunyan, "the immortal dreamer," the great non-Conformist, the great Baptist, was born in November 1628 and all the Protestant Christian world is celebrating the Bunyan Tercentenary. New editions of the "Pilgrim's Progress" have been issued and many new books about Bunyan have been published this year on the crest of a wave of revived interest in the "Bedford tinker." Dr. de Blois' book is different from the ordinary run of Bunyan biographies and presents Bunyan in the setting of his times. It emphasizes him as England's greatest Protestant preacher, as a Theologian on Fire, as a Master of the Writer's Art, but above all as John Bunyan, the Man. A bibliography, a chronological list of Bunyan's works and an index enhances the value of this charmingly written and finely illustrated book.

Pen-Pictures on Calvary. Bernard D. Clausen, D. D. The Fleming H. Revell Company, New York. 159 pages. \$1.50.

The well-known and gifted minister of the First Baptist Church of Syracuse, N. Y., in this new book follows up his *Pen-Pictures from the Upper Room*, with *Pen-Pictures on Calvary*. These vivid and graphic pen-pictures of the crucifixion scenes on Calvary cluster around the seven words of our Lord from the Cross. They are treated in seven chapters under the apt alliterative headings of forgiveness, freedom, family, forsaken, faltering, finished and farewell. A fine book for devotional reading and a splendid Christmas gift book for your pastor.

The Sunday School of Yesterday and the Sunday School of Today

(Concluded)

period of their development. It deals with individuals in small groups and furnishes much opportunity for personal work. Its methods are, to a large extent, the methods which Jesus used in the extension of his Kingdom.

Let us then more fully realize our opportunities and privileges. Let us pray and plan and work with renewed devotion, in order that the Sunday school of today may worthily fulfill its larger mission in accordance with the purpose of God.

Four-Square Religion

Religion in the head

Will think for God.

Religion in the heart,

Will feel for God.

Religion in the hand,

Will work for God.

Religion in the feet,

Will run for God.

—Kind Words.

Our Devotional Meeting

H. R. Schroeder

December 9, 1928

How Should a Christian's Christmas Be Different?

Luke 2:15; 2 Cor. 9:15.

Practically everybody in the whole civilized world celebrates Christmas in one way or another. The observance of the Christmas season has so completely taken hold of the world that it would be impossible for any man nowadays to ignore it entirely. Businessmen, worldly men who never think of going to church, outspoken unbelievers, even Jewish people participate in the celebration of Christmas. But it is evident that Christmas doesn't mean the same thing to everybody. To some it is a time when they can reap a financial harvest; to others it is a time of merrymaking, feasting and dancing. Such people never stop to think of the real meaning and purpose of Christmas.

So it is evident that a true Christian will observe the Christmas season in a somewhat different spirit. First of all a Christian will try and find some time for a little bit of meditation during these busy days. Lay aside your many preparations for a few moments and in your imagination go unto Bethlehem and live through the scenes that took place there 1900 years ago. Think of them till everything becomes very real to you. Secondly, a Christian will feel prompted to worship God again and again during these days; his heart will overflow with gratitude for God's unspeakable gift.

A Christian will also constantly think of others and try to make as many as he possibly can a little happier during these days. The Christmas joy is so great that it must be shared with others. The spirit of unselfishness and self-seeking must be suppressed and in its stead a spirit of love and kindness and sympathy must be cultivated, for that was the spirit of him whose birth we celebrate.

December 16, 1928

God's Christmas Gift to the World

Luke 2:1-16.

The custom of exchanging gifts at Christmas time has become quite universal. To a good many people that is the main feature of the Christmas celebration. If some young people didn't receive any gifts at all, they would be sadly disappointed and Christmas wouldn't mean anything to them. There is no question but that the custom of exchanging Christmas gifts is being overdone. Many give these gifts merely because it is customary to do so or because they expect to receive others in return. But aside from all that, the Christmas gifts should always remind us of

the infinitely great and wonderful gift that God gave to the world in the birth of his Son.

God is always giving. He is constantly bestowing many and varied blessings upon us. "The eyes of all wait upon God, and he gives them their food in due season. He opens his hand and satisfies the desires of every living thing" (Ps. 145:15, 16). But there is one gift that God has given that surpasses every other gift. It is the greatest, the most important and the costliest gift that God could give. He gave the best of all that he had, he gave his only begotten Son. Other gifts perish in the using, they fill a temporal need, but this gift when once received will enrich us for time and eternity.

A gift is something that we have not deserved. We do not merit it and have no claim upon it. We could not complain if we had not received it. It was God's love that prompted him to give us this greatest of all gifts.

It was meant for all, rich and poor, young and old, but it must be personally accepted before it can be enjoyed. Have you received it? "Though Christ in Bethlehem a thousand times be born, And not within thyself, thy soul is still forlorn."

December 23, 1928

Worshipping Christ in Story and Song

Luke 2:1-14.

The Christmas season is a time of singing. Ever since the angels appeared on the plains of Bethlehem and sang that wondrous song of "Glory to God in the highest"—the Christmas songs have been ringing throughout the world. In the palaces of the rich, as well as in the humble cottages of the poor, the glad Christmas songs can be heard. In every land, in every clime, in every language they resound to cheer the hearts of the weary and inspire the world with new hope.

In some communities the young people go out on Christmas Eve and sing the Christmas carols on the streets and especially before the homes of those who are sick. That is a fine custom and should be encouraged everywhere. Then special song services should be arranged in all churches and Sunday schools. Perhaps no other single event has so inspired the poets and song writers as the birth of Christ. These songs will be cherished and sung as long as the world lasts and perhaps mean more to the world than all the sermons that could be preached. Sing them again and again: "Silent Night, Holy Night;" "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear;" "Hark! The

Herald Angels Sing;" "Joy to the World;" "O Little Town of Bethlehem;" "Low in a Manger;" etc. Perhaps some one could tell how these hymns came to be written.

Then, too, there is a great Christmas literature. A Christmas story evening can easily be arranged. Have some one tell in condensed form the story of "The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke, or some other appropriate story. In this way the Christmas celebrations can be varied and made very profitable as well.

December 30, 1928

Learning From Experience

Eccl. 1:16-18; Ps. 37:25.

We have again come to the end of another year. Before we pass over the threshold into the new year, we should pause a moment and look back over the experiences of the past. At the end of the year it seems that we have reached another mountain peak on our life's journey and from this vantage point we can easily look back over the road that we have traveled during the past year. We can still see the pleasant stretches of the road and perhaps also some parts of the road that weren't quite as pleasant.

But what have all the experiences of the past year taught us? We usually say that experience is the best teacher, the only sad part of it is that we have to pay so dearly for these lessons, but they are worth all they cost. What we learn by experience, isn't so easily forgotten. After all "the university of hard knocks" is the best school to attend.

Now, if we have profited anything by the experience of the past, we ought to be able to say that we have learned to know ourselves a little better; we have discovered anew how weak we are, and how easily we can fail. But we also learned to understand others a little better. Then, too, we have seen again and again that all things work together for good to them that love God. There is a Divine Providence in life. Godliness is profitable for all things. Above all we have learned that God is faithful.

The experiences of the past year should fill us with courage and hope for the year that lies just before us.

January 6, 1929

Forces That Are Making the World Better

Matt. 13:1-9.

(Consecration Meeting)

It ought to be evident to all that there are good and evil forces at work in the world. There are wholesome, uplifting as well as sinister and destructive in-

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fluences in the world. There are some people who are sincerely and honestly trying to build a nobler and a better world, while others are purposely trying to undermine and destroy the very foundations of the world. But Christian young people should purposely and definitely align themselves with the forces of righteousness and fight for a better world. The young people are the hope of the world. If the world is ever to be made any better, it will have to be done by the young people. Past generations have failed to a great extent, now we must turn to the coming generations and hope that they will do better.

During the coming months we are to study some of the forces that are making the world better. They are mostly forces that work silently and slowly and secretly. Jesus was the great sower, and he has sowed the seed of these forces in the world. They are all contained in the Gospel, and as we spread the Gospel or teach others, we are implanting in their hearts the seed of forces that will eventually change their entire lives as well as the whole world. The fact that some seed seems to be wasted at the wayside and that others is choked by the growth of thorns should not discourage us. Some will inevitably fall upon good ground and bring forth an abundant harvest. Just what these good forces are will be brought out a little more definitely in the topics that are to follow.

A Quiet Talk with God Each Day. Bible Readers' Course

- Dec. 1. A Life of Service. John 15:11-16.
 " 2. A Humble Heart. Phil. 2:1-11.
 " 3-9. *How Should A Christian's Christmas Be Different?* Luke 2:8-20.
 " 3. A Time of Joy. Isa 52:7-10.
 " 4. A Time of Worship. Matt. 2:1-6.
 " 5. Gifts for Others. Matt. 2:7-12.
 " 6. The Children's Day. Luke 2:8-14.
 " 7. Family Worship. Luke 2:15-20.
 " 8. Happy Music. Isa. 44:21-23.
 " 9. Proclaiming the Good News. Rom. 10:11-15.
 " 10-16. *God's Christmas Gift to the World.* Luke 2:1-11.
 " 10. The Gift of the Savior. Luke 2:1-11.
 " 11. The Gift of Sonship. 1 John 3:1-8.
 " 12. The Gift of a Leader. Rom. 5:5-11.
 " 13. The Gift of Life. John 10:1-18.
 " 14. The Gift of a Teacher. John 4:19-26.
 " 15. A Sympathetic Judge. John 5:19-29.
 " 16. A Revelation of God. John 17:1-10.
 " 17-23. *Worshipping Christ in Story and Song.* Luke 2:8-20.

- Dec. 17. The Story of the Angel. Luke 1:26-38.
 " 18. The Story of Mary. Luke 1:46-55.
 " 19. The Story of Zacharias. Luke 1:67-79.
 " 20. The Story of the Shepherds. Luke 2:8-20.
 " 21. The Angel's Song. Luke 2:14.
 " 22. The Story of the Wisemen. Matt. 2:1-12.
 " 23. The Song of Simeon. Luke 2:25-32.
 " 24-30. *Learning from Experience.* Ps. 37:1-9.
 " 24. Goodness and Happiness. Ps. 37:1-9.
 " 25. Righteousness and Safety. Ps. 37:23-29.
 " 26. Character and Satisfaction. Ps. 37:23-40.
 " 27. Blessings of Cheerfulness. Prov. 15:13-21.
 " 28. How to Be Rich. Prov. 22:1-9.
 " 29. The Rewards of Industry. Prov. 24:30-34.
 " 30. The Way to Peace. Rom. 7:15-25.
 " 31-Jan. 6. *Forces that Are Making the World Better.* Matt. 13:1-9.
 " 31. Struggle and Triumph. Matt. 13:1-9.

Pray: Father, may we be strong enough to distrust our own weakness, brave enough to fear our wisdom, good enough to depend only on thee. At the end of the year may we commit all our ways unto Jehovah.

Reading in Concert

"Good concert reading is a hobby of mine," said the Junior superintendent, who is always full of "enthusiasm." "And I think our Junior Department is a good place to begin a special course in it."

"Maybe you are right" said the older friend, "I know, not long ago, our pastor called on a group of young people to read the Beatitudes in concert as a contribution to the evening service, and I was both hurt and surprised at how poorly they did it. I had thought that just any group of people could read a few sentences in concert."

"No, there is an art in it," returned the thoughtful Junior superintendent, "and if you want to hear it well done come into my Department General Exercises some Sunday and hear us in action. Sometimes I read a verse and let the whole department alternate with me. Other times all of us—grown people, teachers, and helpers—will read a verse and let the boys and girls respond. Again I try letting the boys and girls do it alone while we grown-ups listen. For this arrangement I often have all the boys read one verse and all the girls read together to alternate; and again I try it by classes, beginning with the first-year classes and letting each class read a verse. When the passage is long enough to go around the group we usually follow that order. One must not only articulate slowly and very clearly in or-

der to read well in concert, but one must develop a listening ear and a good sense of rhythm and rhetoric pause, so that the beauty of the passage may be brought out and the sense and meaning expressed. There is a difference in reading in concert and in chanting, and reading in concert must never sacrifice to the rhythm of a chant the meaning of what is being read."

"Do you use your lesson text for a concert reading?" asked the older friend, who was listening intently.

"No, I do not," said the superintendent, "because the teacher's work is to take up that lesson text, passage by passage, and develop it as she comes to it; and as I feel that she should have the first fine efforts of the children's minds along that line, I never read or discuss the lesson text in our opening exercises."

"Then what do you use?" asked the listener. "Do you not think the opening exercises should be built about the theme of the lesson?"

"Oh, yes," agreed the superintendent, "I certainly think they should and that is why I have to put so much time and thought on the preparation of our opening exercises. I always try to select a Scripture reading that will in some way touch the lesson theme. A careful study of the lesson and of the Scripture references given in the notes often leads me to find suitable passages."

"But that makes the boys and girls bring their Bibles, does it not?" asked the friend.

"It most surely does," agreed the superintendent, "and that is one good feature about it. The Bible is our textbook in Sunday school, and no matter what other helps we have we must never forget what our textbook is. The boys and girls like to bring their Bibles if they are called upon to use them. When they get tired of bringing them, it is because they are never called on to use them."

"I see," said the friend, "there are many things to be gained by your program of concert reading."

"Yes," said the superintendent, "no act lives all to itself, a thing apart; every service, every thought, every act—these blend into the thing called character, and the better we can relate them the more perfectly will character be unified and strengthened."—Sunday School World.

Lovely Woman's Way

Smiles, though her heart is breaking;
 Smiles, when you say good-bye;
 Smiles, when her feet are aching;
 Smiles, when she burns a pie;
 Smiles, when you've lots of money;
 Smiles, when you are dead broke;
 Smiles, when there's nothing funny;
 Smiles, at your worn out joke;
 Smiles, when old clothes she's wearing;
 Smiles, when her friends wear new;
 Smiles, when she feels like swearing;
 Smiles, when the world looks blue;
 Smiles, when she's mad as a hatter;
 Smiles, when the sky is grey;
 Cries, when there's nothing the matter,
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Publicity—How to Use It

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Waiter: "Is there a draft, sir?"

Diner: "No, but it's the fourth time my steak has blown off the plate."

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