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## What's Happening

The Banquet and Rally of the Central Conference Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union will be held at 6 P. M. on Friday, August 24, in Kankakee, Ill.

Rev. J. J. Wiens, our former missionary in Far East Siberia, has accepted the call of the church at Regina, Sask., and has already begun his ministry on his new field.

Rev. E. S. Fenske of Edenwald, Sask., had the joy of baptising six new converts on July 1, and afterwards receiving six more by letter into the church. The work is progressing nicely.

Rev. W. P. Rueckheim closes his work with the church at Alpena, Mich., on Sept. 9th, and begins his new pastorate with the church at Kenosha, Wis., on Sept. 16. Bro. Rueckheim baptized eight converts on July 29th.

Rev. P. Geissler of Sheffield, Ia., has resigned to accept the call of the Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y., as successor to Rev. E. Umbach. Br. Geissler begins work with his new charge the second Sunday in September.

The Banquet and Rally of the Northwestern Conference Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union will be held with the church in Racine on Saturday evening, August 25. Dr. J. A. Harms of Chicago will be the main speaker.

A council of recognition for the church at Minnetonas, Manitoba, will convene in the near future. This church consists of newly arrived immigrants and will be organized with about 150 members. This is the first of a number of churches coming into existence through the immigration fostered by our General Missionary Society.

The new officers of the Lake States Assembly for 1928-1929 are Edward Glanz of Detroit, president; Roland Bartel of Cleveland, vice president; Rev. C. Fred Lehr, Cleveland, secretary and Emil Schultz of Detroit, treasurer. The assembly has met in Linwood Park, Ohio, the last three years. The biggest and best assembly yet is planned for 1929.

When Missionary Geo. J. Geis went to Myitkyina, Burma, in 1894, he wanted to open a school. His first pupils were very poor. Often they would run away. Books were given them and thirty pupils were deemed a large number. On June 1, 1928, 137 pupils have come to the missionary compound and over 600 rupees worth of books have been sold in cash down. About 420 rupees have been paid in school fees. This certainly is some progress.

Russia's Soviet officials have issued a new law forbidding religious bodies to arrange gatherings of young people or women for any activity. There must be no library or reading room on religious premises, and no religious rites may be practiced at any establishments except hospitals and prisons and then only at

the request of one dying or seriously injured. Officials of religious bodies must register, and the registry office may remove any name when it pleases.

Mr. Fred. Schroth and Miss Freda Stuermer, two popular young people of our church in Tacoma, Wash., were united in marriage on July 6th. After the wedding ceremony a supper was served to about 170 guests. Mr. Schroth is president of the Tacoma B. Y. P. U. and vice-president of the Washington State Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. Mrs. Schroth is the church pianist and active in B. Y. P. U. work. We join with their many friends in wishing them many years of wedded bliss.

### The United Chorus and the General Conference

Of all the treats that are being prepared for those who are coming to the General Conference in Chicago the United Chorus is holding the best in store. Somehow the news was flashed to us that German Baptists all over the country are expecting extra good singing and musical treats from the United Chorus of Chicago and Vicinity Churches during the General Conference. Having received such information, we, the Music Committee of the Chicago Churches, immediately planned to prepare a musical program that would prove to be a blessing to our guests and also to the glory of our Master.

Since March 26 we have been rehearsing under the masterly direction of Prof. Gustav Berndt, with Wm. Krogmann at the piano. A special organization for the General Conference was effected and is headed by the following officers: Br. Herman Siemund, President; Br. Fred Prescher, Vice-President; Mrs. Frieda Lindstrom, Secretary; Miss Alice Leuschner, Treasurer. The director, organist, and the two presidents of the organization, with the writer of this article as chairman, compose the Music Committee of the Chicago Churches. It is this committee's greatest and most prayerful desire to bring to our guests the message of salvation in song. We are conscious of the fact that only through a consecrated life can such an end be attained. We have shunned no labors nor sacrifices to prepare ourselves so thoroughly, that through our part in the program you may receive a blessing. All this is said and done with an eye single to the glory of the Master and in the hope that the coming General Conference will be the greatest ever held by the German Baptists of North America.

The chorus is ready to greet you with a welcome that was written by Rev. Theo. Dons and for which the music was composed by Prof. Berndt. The Chorus is slated to serve at all evening meetings and it will function in some capacity each evening, if the Lord permits, either

in its entirety or represented by a ladies' choir, men's choir or even by a special male chorus. We hold ourselves responsible for all chorus singing during the Conference and the Pre-Conference as well. We also heartily invite all the guests of the Conference as well as all the members of the Chicago and Vicinity Churches to attend our concert, which we hope to give on the evening of Sept. 1st in the Conference Church.

Come one, come all! We are hoping and praying for a large crowd. Bring a blessing, be a blessing, and take a blessing.  
Rev. E. R. LENGFELD,  
Chairman of the Music Committee  
of the Chicago Churches.

### Bible Study at the First Church, Portland

The B. Y. P. U. of the First German Baptist Church has been having a series of interesting Bible studies conducted by our associate pastor, Rev. H. Dymmel. "The Life of Christ," which is the subject we have been studying, has been presented to us in a new and fascinating manner. The divisions, such as the fulfillment of prophecy, nativity, boyhood, his three years of ministry, etc., have led us into many interesting sidelines, which show us that our Bible is inexhaustible as far as inspiration, insight, and interest are concerned.

Picture a beautiful Sunday evening in July in our B. Y. P. U. room, with twilight falling outside, and a cozy group of earnest, attentive young people, each with a Bible in his hand; then add to this the attraction of the study of the most inspirational life ever lived, and the wonderful personality of our leader, who knows how to connect the Bible facts with our intimate lives—and there you have the atmosphere which should make any live young Christian hop an airplane to Portland, Ore.  
M. P.

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## Certainties in Religion

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### WE KNOW DEATH DOES NOT END ALL

THE ancient and ever-present question, "If a man die shall he live again?" we can answer with a triumphant, "Yes!" How can we? First of all because the Scriptures teach thus—Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whosoever believeth in me shall never die." "I go to prepare a place for you." (Jno. 11:25, 26; 14:1-3.) Paul says: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." "I have a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better" (Phil. 1:21-23). Stephen exclaims in the face of death: "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God. Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" (Acts 7:56-57.)

But not only the Scriptures, also

### Reason assures us of a life beyond

There are various reasons to assure us of the immortality of our soul, apart from "the sense of immortality" we find within us. Here are some of them:

If there is a God who has created us for fellowship with Him even now—which we have seen to be a fact—is it then reasonable to suppose that this communion with him is to terminate after but a few years of earthly life?

And again, would Jesus Christ have come to this earth to live a life of restless toil, of self-sacrifice and at last die a most shameful and painful death on the cruel cross, thus revealing God's desire for reconciliation and fellowship with us, if our lives were to end in the grave? Would that have been worth while for Him?

Yea, also the righteousness of God, as the great philosopher, Kant, assures us, makes a future life necessary. Here and now the good are not always rewarded and the wicked punished. The godless wholesale murderer, Emperor Nero, and that debauched King Herod, fare better in this life than saintly Paul and the noble John. Things are often out of joint in this world's history and in individual lives. Justice and truth and innocence are very often crucified. How can we harmonize all this with our faith in a just God? We can't, unless we can also believe in another world where God will reveal his righteousness to the satisfaction of the universe.

Another consideration confirms our belief in a future life: God has endowed us with most wonderful mental and spiritual gifts, bestowed upon us almost divine qualities of mind and heart. So much so that the Palmist exclaims in amazement: "Lord, Thou hast made man but a little lower than

God!" But these wonderful faculties and potentialities inherent in the human soul, remain mostly undeveloped, in a few favored ones but partially developed during the few years of earthly life and in the great majority of cases they are not even awakened. Poverty, all kinds of unfavorable circumstances, never permit these slumbering divine qualities in the human soul to awake and develop into glorious results. Now, is it not both reasonable and Scriptural to believe that our heavenly Father has provided for all his children another place, in a future life, where the environment will be of such a character as to make it possible for all his children to develop their God-given gifts of mind and soul through endless ages?

Just one thought more. This hope and desire for a future life which we know to be an innate trait, instinct like, among all peoples, is placed in our hearts by God Himself. Should this God who is truth disappoint us? He does not disappoint the birds when they turn to the Southland before approaching winter. Should he disappoint us, his children? Surely not! for we also will arrive, when our soul spreads its pinions for the homeward flight in that land of sunshine and eternal bliss.

Says Professor Pupin, distinguished scientist: "Science is increasing our belief that the human soul is the supreme purpose of the Creator and that it will continue after the death of our physical bodies." "Science leads us closer and ever closer to God, and adds to our conviction that our physical life is only a stage in the existence of the soul."

Thus Scripture, our reason and modern science assure us of a life beyond death and the grave.

### The World's Tenth Sunday School Convention

Los Angeles, Calif., July 11-18.

A FESTIVAL of song led by a chorus of 1000 voices, welcomed 7000 Sunday school leaders at the opening of the Convention on the afternoon of July 11th. Greetings from the Governor of the state, from the president of the Chamber of Commerce, from the Southern California Council of Religious Education and from the International Council of Religious Education were received. Responses on behalf of Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, South America and North America met with enthusiastic cheers. "Thy Kingdom Come" was the dominant motive under which the delegates had assembled from all parts of the world.

Although the initial messages had to be brief, they voiced the conviction that religion is an essential element in society and that no education can be regarded as complete that does not include a

recognition of God as the ultimate reality of the universe.

On Wednesday evening the convention was addressed by its president, Dr. W. C. Poole, of London, on the subject, "Thy Kingdom Come." Both as regards literary finish and spiritual challenge, Dr. Poole's message was a masterpiece. We quote a few utterances:

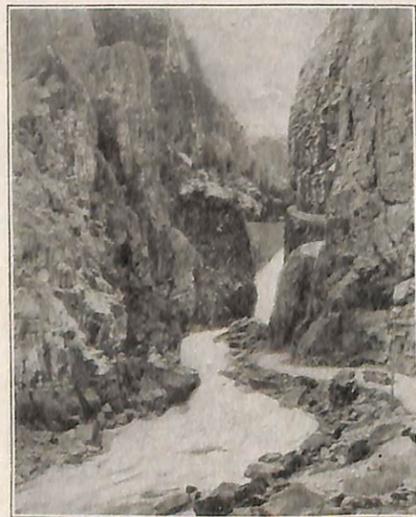
"Our Lord and Master secured to childhood its charter. It is difficult to build the kingdom of God out of the mind stuff as at present constituted. Salvaged adult wreckage is not the material best suited to this purpose. We need the plastic stuff of life before it is vitiated and corroded by animosity. If we are really sincere when we pray, "Thy Kingdom Come," we must teach the childhood of the world that friendships are a better protection than battleships; that ballots are more effective than bullets; and that law is more final than war. We must insist in our teaching that co-operation and not competition is the deepest law of life."

At the close of Dr. Poole's address the banners of more than 15 national Sunday school associations and councils were brought to the platform of the auditorium. As each national group explained its banner and brought its official greeting, thousands cheered in the spirit of international goodwill and Christian fellowship. The closing feature of this colorful pageant was the Lord's Prayer in unison, each national speaking in his own tongue.

On Monday night Bishop Fred Fisher of India gave a memorable address on the theme, "Advancing the Kingdom—The Motive." Among the spiritual nuggets of his presentation are the following:

"This is the motive of the Christian kingdom—that followers of Jesus may be incarnations of his own life, and that they may bring in to being a Christ-like world. Love for Christ, devotion and loyalty to Christ are the springs of vision and of

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Courtesy Burlington Route

Lower Falls of the Yellowstone

power that hold us on the road, but it is the new, recreated, Christ-like world which lures us onward. It is the only kind of human world which can be intellectually, ethically and spiritually defended. Only spiritually minded, redeemed, consecrated personalities can build or sustain Christ's kingdom."

The seminar group on "Curriculum" agreed on the following items as a suggested content for a statement of objectives: (1) A vital and saving experience of God and Christ; (2) worship; (3) the meaning of life with proper emphasis upon Christian values; (4) Christ-like living in all the situations of life; (5) Christian history and belief. The point was made that worship is a very definite part of the curriculum of religious education and should be given the proper attention which this fact deserves.

All records were broken by the convention multitudes at the Festival of Song of All Nations at the Hollywood Bowl. This was packed to its capacity of 20,000. From 5,000 to 10,000 people were banked about the bowl range. It was a momentous gathering in which all nations were united by the ties of Christian fellowship. The response of the human heart to music is much the same regardless of color, race or intellectual differences. The musical program symbolized the essential unity of mankind and was a foretaste of the celestial symphony of the Kingdom of God.

Two messages given at a meeting in the interest of Golden Rule Sunday on Sunday, July 15th, told much in little concerning the spirit of the Convention.

The first message came from Dr. Magill. He told of a leading business man of Los Angeles who was talking to him a few days ago. "I can't understand what has brought these people together," the man said. "Here are representatives from fifty nations. I knew you said beforehand that this would be so, but we looked on these statements as mere advertising bunk. Yet the people are here. I've seen them. I cannot understand it. What has brought them together? I thought the churches were divided."

"Yes, we may be divided," was Dr. Magill's reply. "But the things that draw us together are greater than the things that divide us. The power of Jesus Christ, our Lord, has brought us together."

The second message came from Dr. W. C. Poole of London. He spoke of the three leading characters of the Parable of the Good Samaritan. "If the Levite had spoken the truth as to his feelings and ambitions, he would have said, 'What is mine is mine, if I can keep it.' The robber would have said, 'What is yours is mine, if I can take it.' The Samaritan would have said, 'What is mine is yours, if I can share it.'"

The power that brought together the more than seven thousand registered delegates, the power of Christ, is the power that makes Christians wish to share their best with one another, the power that will transform aggression into **helpfulness and selflessness** into love. **And the seven days of the con-**

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vention have shown clearly that by "one another" the delegates are not thinking simply of those of the same creed, or the same race or color, or the same country. A new appreciation of the meaning and beauty of true brotherhood has come to thousands as they have shaken hands with, or listened to men and women from India and China, Japan and the Philippines, Egypt and the Sudan, Australia and Great Britain, Norway and other countries of the Continent of Europe. Those who go home will take with them a new grasp of the words of Paul: "He made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth . . . for the same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich until all that call upon him."

The registration of the convention was a grand total of 7631 delegates. Of this number 3931 were from California. The total from the United States was 6246. The foreign registration was 502. In the registration by denominations, the three leading denominations were the Methodists with 1747 delegates, the Baptists with 1374 and the Presbyterians with 1099.

Sir Harold Mackintosh of Halifax, England, is the newly elected president and Dr. W. C. Pearce of Los Angeles, Calif., is first vice-president. Dr. Robert M. Hopkins was nominated General Secretary by the North American Section and Mr. James Kelly General Secretary by the British Section. Both were unanimously elected by the Executive Committee of the World's Association. A total budget of approximately \$100,000 was approved, \$70,000 to be raised and expended by the North American section and \$30,000 to be raised and expended by the British section. To the British section has been assigned co-operation with the national units on the European continent and also in India. To the North American section has been assigned co-operation with all the other units of the Association throughout the world.

The next World's Sunday School Convention will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1932.

### A Prayer

THORWALD W. BENDER

Help me, Lord, to follow Thee;  
And Thy blessed will to see.  
Be my Strength when Satan nears;  
And my Comfort amid tears.  
Teach me the secret of the cross;  
Grant that for Thee I'll dread no loss.  
Help me to live in such a way,  
And so to serve Thee every day,  
That death will bring no fears to me;  
Because, dear Lord, I'll live with Thee.

### Young People's Banquet at General Conference

THE Banquet and Rally meeting of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union will be held at the W. A. Wieboldt Department Store on Ogden and Ashland Aves., Chicago, only about five or six minutes' walk from the Conference

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The Upper Falls, Yellowstone River

meeting-place. The date is Friday, Aug. 31, and the time will be 5:45 P. M., following the afternoon business session of the Union. The cafeteria and dining room will be combined for this gala event and seats at table will be provided for 420 people, with emergency accommodations for about 50 more, if necessary.

A tempting menu has been arranged for and the price of the ticket, 85 cents, is within everybody's reach. We are looking forward to a capacity crowd. It will be an occasion of good fellowship, pep and enthusiasm, song and speech. The latter will be in the nature of brief reports and testimonies. Two hours packed full of good, inspirational matter for body, mind and soul. Judge A. V. Zuber, chairman of the Council, will preside. Get your ticket early on arrival at Chicago. Pray for all our meetings

### The Conference Bee

Oh, the Conference bee is buzzing,  
He's humming everywhere,  
You'll hear him if you listen;  
Be still, and never stir.

The Conference bee will sting you;  
But never mind his sting,  
It's painless and it's harmless,  
It never hurts a thing.

The Conference bee will sting you;  
He'll make you want to go,  
And once you get the notion,  
You cannot tell him "No."



Group baptized by Rev. C. B. Thole, Lemberg, Sask., July 1, 1928.

### Baptism at Lemberg Sask.

Sunday, July 1, was a day of many blessings for the Church at Lemberg, Sask., when sixteen Sunday school pupils followed their Lord in baptism. The baptism was out in the open in the afternoon and many came from near and far to witness the ceremony. In the evening we all returned to the church for a short service, where the new members received the hand of fellowship. May the Lord help and strengthen them to be true followers of Him who died on the cross for all is our prayer.

C. B. THOLE.

### Ableman, Wis., Welcomes New Pastor

What's the meaning of so many cars on June 13 in front of the little Baptist church? Many are entering. Let's go in and see. Looks like a wedding. Such a profusion of flowers. Everyone is smiling and happy. The month of June and roses, could anything be more appropriate? Who's getting married? The little old-fashioned church is the bride and she is charmingly dressed for the occasion. How she swells with pride as she meets her bridegroom who is none other than the Rev. Emil Becker.

A program has been arranged. Miss Myrtle Block plays a prelude. All join in singing: "Praise Him, Praise Him." A Psalm of Thanksgiving is read and the Rev. Hamley leads in prayer. Mrs. Henry Eschenbach welcomes the guests in behalf of the church and then extends a most cordial welcome to the new pastor and his wife. The church has been very fortunate in securing a leader so soon and is very happy and grateful to be able to have Rev. Becker and his wife to lead and direct.

Adelheid Fey (a member of the Sunday school) extends the welcome from the Sunday school.

Bro. John Grygo of Rochester, who is is deacon of our sister church, gives a hearty welcome in behalf of the North Freedom church.

Bro John Grygo of Rochester, who is a visitor in Ableman, pleases us with a short talk. He is a school mate of Rev. Becker and has many nice things to say of our new pastor.

The Ladies Aid sings their welcome to the tune of "A shelter in the time of Storm."

Now the Rev. Hamley, pastor of the Baptist church at Reedsburg, gives the message for the evening.

Our Rev. Becker responds very graciously and says that the Lord has sent him here and it is his earnest desire and prayer to do all that is in his power to promote the Christian work and asks for co-operation which is necessary to keep the banner of Jesus Christ high.

After this Mrs. Becker is asked to join her husband and as they stand in the midst of the artistic arrangement of flowers the guests come forward and give them a hearty handshake.

Now the benediction is given by Rev. Becker and as we go from the church we are cheered with the thought that this has been a very happy occasion.

MARTHA ESCHENBACH.

### The Northern Association of North Dakota

The ninth Association of the German Baptist churches of the Northern part of the State met in Germantown June 6-10 and was characterized by a notable harmony in all of its reports, discussions and actions. The association was heartily welcomed by the local pastor, A. Alf. Rev. E. Broeckel repounded and expressed the hope that this gathering would be a blessing to all the churches. The session was opened with an able sermon by Rev. John Schweitzer on the words, "Sir, we would see Jesus." On Thursday morning Rev. F. Alf conducted the prayer meeting. Rev. E. Broeckel was elected moderator and Rev. C. Gieser clerk. The reports from the various churches were gratifying in all lines of endeavor. The hope was expressed that the Association as well as the Conference may always be led of the Holy Spirit rather than yield to the manifestation of ecclesiastical machinery or give room for the maneuvers of a favored few.

At this Association two brethren from Europe were in our midst, C. Fuellbrandt and J. J. Wiens. The former spoke three times. In his first address the speaker portrayed "The Conditions of Russia." In his second address he gave a resume of the work in Roumania, Bulgaria,

Jugoslavia and Austria, and last but not least Bro. Fuellbrandt preached a marked sermon on "Parental Influence."

Bro. J. J. Wiens of Siberia related his experiences among the Russians. The large audience was reminded that God's hand was with our brother and protected him from all harm. Through the loyal support of the young people of the Central Conference he was enabled to be a witness for Christ Jesus in that godless country. On Sunday night Rev. Wiens brought the closing message.

Well-prepared papers were read by the following brethren: Rev. J. Herman spoke on: "The Builder and His Fellow-Workers in the Church." Rev. H. G. Braun read an essay on the question: "Is the Church Discipline a Necessity for the Inner Growth of the Church?" Rev. Carl Gieser spoke on: "Church Evangelism." Rev. J. R. Matz showed the necessity of prayer, "Where shall we pray?" Also the length of prayer was ably shown by Rev. A. Krombein. Rev. C. Dippel gave us splendid advice on "Home, Bible and Language."

Rev. E. Broeckel and Rev. W. A. Weyrauch from Valley City proclaimed God's Word at the appointed time to well-attended meetings.

Sunday morning promptly at 9 o'clock Mr. Samuel Martin, the Supt. of the Germantown Sunday school, opened the meeting. He called upon a number of visiting superintendents and they spoke very enthusiastically about the work of their respective churches and Sabbath schools. Rev. G. Eichler preached the missionary sermon. The offering for State missions amounted to \$996.

On account of rain the ladies were compelled to postpone their meeting until Sunday afternoon. They met Sunday for a short session under the good leadership of Mrs. H. C. Braun, president of the "Schwestern-Bund." A fine program was presented. Rev. J. J. Wiens spoke encouragingly about the women's work at home and abroad. Rev. L. Hoeffner from Hebron, N. D., was with us and encouraged the young people to greater service.

The entire associational meeting was characterized by the finest of fellowship and harmony. It is the belief of all the German Baptists that a brighter day lies before them.

REPORTER.

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The trouble with many people is that they are so deeply inoculated with a mild form of Christianity that they are proof against the real thing.—Rev. James Reid.

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They had been having a little quarrel, and she turned to him with tears in her eyes.

"Well, John, even though I have been extravagant, I got a bargain today."

"Got a bargain, indeed! You have no idea of the value of money. I suppose you got something for nothing."

"That's just what I did get. I got a birthday present for you."

# The Sunday School

## Daily Vacation Bible School, Burlington

The accompanying picture represents our Daily Vacation Bible School at Oak St. Church, Burlington, Ia. This was taken during the last week of the school and gives our average attendance. We had 38 boys enrolled and 67 girls. The school was divided into four grades, Kindergarten, Primary, Juniors and Intermediates. Handwork always proves to be a great attraction and we feel the absence of it influenced our enrollment but we are also satisfied it was a worthwhile experiment.

The school was held during the month of June; weather conditions were ideal. We have had Vacation Bible School in previous years but this year our school was an experiment in this respect that we had no handwork but made it a school for memorization of hymns and Bible passages and the amount of this work accomplished was a real surprise to the audience on Sunday morning when the demonstration was given.

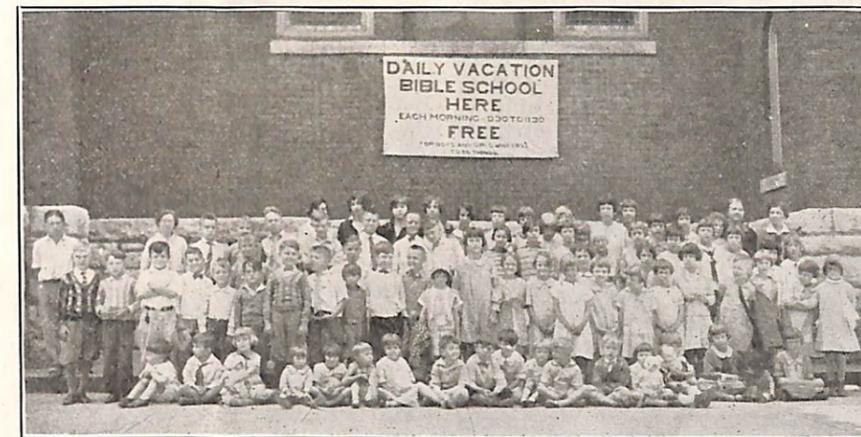
The last half hour of each morning was devoted to showing stereopticon slides some illustrating hymns and others on missionary topics. This proved a wonderful means of giving information. We found the pictures were discussed in the homes and heard of one boy in particular who found a use for his memory work for he asked his parents if he might recite a different verse each evening at the supper table.

A difficult passage like 1 Corinthians 13 was memorized by the Juniors and Intermediates and the fact that it is something hard seemed to be an incentive. Other passages like the Beatitudes and Psalm 23 and 121 were also memorized and the Books of the Bible besides individual passages and an amazingly long list of valuable memory work accomplished by the Primaries and Beginners. More than a dozen of the beautiful old hymns which never grow old were also committed to memory. There were two music periods each day for the Juniors and Intermediates, one for recreational singing such as "Rounds" and patriotic songs which were greatly enjoyed.

Bible stories and habit stories and mission stories were told and in order to give the children an opportunity to give expression to any impressions which might have been made by means of the stories or pictures an offering was taken daily. The small contributions amounted to \$10 and the children voted to have it designated for Africa.

We feel a school of this kind is one of the most worthwhile activities of our church.

After reading this you may look the picture over again. You will not find Rev. Zummach there but he was principal of this school and its inspiration. We were in front of the camera he in back of it. AUGUSTA JORDAN, REPORTER.



Daily Vacation Bible School Oak St. Church, Burlington, Ia.

## The Dakota Conference at Goodrich, N. D.

Goodrich, N. D., was the Mecca of the German Baptist churches of the Dakota Conference this summer. Goodrich is a thriving little town, situated in one of Dakota's best farming districts. The Dakota Conference is getting larger every year. About 3000 people gathered daily for the evening program. The church at Goodrich gave to this great number of people a hearty welcome and accommodated them to the best of their ability. Our gratitude is due to the church for its service.

If God's children wait upon the Lord, they always will be blessed and renew their strength. This was our experience in all of the meetings during the conference. The devotional meetings at the beginning of each day were conducted by the brethren Rev. Gieser, Krombein, Eymann and Trautner. The forenoons were mostly devoted to the transaction of the business such as elections and reports of committees and representatives of our work. The afternoons and evenings were given to helpful and inspirational addresses, music by an orchestra and singing by a choir, quartets, duets and many solos. Miss Vera Leuschner served us ably as pianist. The stirring evening messages were delivered by the brethren Buenning, Pust, Schlipf and Olthoff.

We felt especially grateful for the presence of brethren C. Fuellbrandt from Austria and J. J. Wiens from Siberia. These men related to us stirring incidents from their great storehouse of experiences. Their messages of the Gospel were uplifting to all hearers, who listened with intense interest to our brothers.

The Ladies Missionary Union and the Young People's Union of the conference proved their importance and presence at the conference by giving two good programs on Friday and Sunday night respectively.

The following officers for the conference were elected: Chairman, W. H.

Buenning; Vice-chairman, G. Eichler; Secretary, F. Balogh; assistant secretary, B. Schlipf; treasurer, J. J. Rott; committee-member, H. P. Kayser. The statistics show a gain of 182 members. The total missionary offerings of the conference for the past year amounted to \$17,000.

Sunday, the last day, was the crowning day of the whole conference. God gave us splendid weather and good roads, so that a record attendance was possible. The brethren Fuellbrandt and Wiens gave us searching missionary addresses. Our gratitude towards our Lord was shown by the offering, which amounted to over \$3,100. The conference Mass Chorus, represented by 19 churches, rendered pleasing service on that day in singing four anthems.

Special mention should be made of the splendid singing rendered by student-quartets and others who helped to glorify our God.

The conference accepted the hearty invitation of the Danzig, N. D., church at Wishek to meet next year in their midst. With a vote of thanks to Almighty God and to all who helped to make this conference a success and blessing, we parted to meet again, God willing, next year.

J. C. SCHWEITZER, REPORTER.

## Cigaretts and Babies

Dr. Charles L. Barber of Lansing, Mich., in a paper before the annual convention of the American Association for Medico-Physical Research, said, "A baby born of a cigaret smoking mother is sick. It is poisoned and may die within two weeks of birth. The post-mortem shows a degeneration of the liver, heart and other organs. Sixty per cent of all babies born of cigaret smoking mothers die before they are two years old." If this statement is accurate it should be written large in very newspaper in the United States.

# Cherry Square

By GRACE S. RICHMOND

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(Continuation)

Sally recognized, from past experience with college officials in business matters, the polite urgency of the phrase, and went to summon Jo without further delay. She found her conferring with Norah in the kitchen, looking fresh and efficient in a crisp green linen which was Sally's favorite in Jo's slender wardrobe for morning use. If she had known Dr. Mary Rutherford was coming, her dark hair couldn't have been more smoothly ordered—it was one of Jo's charms that she was never to be discovered looking mussed and ill-kempt, as Adelaide so often was—when there were no young men about. Sally thought sometimes that this personal nicety of Jo's might have been one of Adelaide's special reasons for antagonism; Adelaide wanted to look like that, but wouldn't take the trouble, and hated one who was willing to pay the price for the result.

"My dear, a friend of yours is waiting in the parlor to see you." Sally enjoyed announcing it, though she was experiencing a certain sinking of the heart at the thought of having soon to part with this prize of hers. "Let this go—you mustn't keep her waiting. She's no less a person than Dr. Mary Rutherford."

The look of startled joy which flashed over Jo's face told Sally more plainly than Doctor Rutherford had already intimated the relation between the two.

"Doctor Mary! Oh, how did she know where to find me?" Jo followed Sally out of the kitchen as one who goes to meet a long-absent friend.

Sally turned with a searching look. "Do you mind her finding you here, Jo?" she asked, for somehow she felt she had to know.

"Oh, not a bit—not the least bit. Why should I? I'm proud of it. And I want her to know you, Mrs. Chase. Won't you come back with me?"

"I should be delighted to see more of Doctor Rutherford, but are you sure you want me at this interview? It's a business interview, Jo—she told me a little about it, and I'm thinking it may be going to take you away from us."

"Oh, no—that can't be!" But Jo had caught at Sally's hand as Sally held it out, and drew her with her.

Adelaide had vanished from the hall as the two passed, but a coat-closet door stood slightly ajar, and Sally, with a wicked impulse following a sure divination, pushed the door sharply shut as she went by. The next instant she remembered that this door had no knob upon the inside, and told herself to be sure not to forget to release the prisoner. Her lovely face was all sparkling with inner mirth as she and Jo reached the parlor door. It really was fun, now and then, to spike one of those mean little guns of her cousin's, which seemed to be always trained on Jo. And she knew that worse than the humiliation of the imprisonment to Adelaide—though that

was sure to sting—would be the loss of the chance to overhear a conversation not meant for her ears. How well Sally remembered that as a little girl "Addie" had always been spying upon the other children. Was she never to grow up?

Doctor Rutherford was unquestionably Josephine Jenney's friend. She proved it to Sally beyond doubt by the two outstretched hands she gave the girl, and by the look of hearty pleasure on her own strong, interesting face as she held Jo off to study her.

"My dear, you're quite as nice as I remembered you. I can see that you're probably still better worth our interest and confidence. Whatever you've been doing since you left us, it's matured you."

"I've been teaching in the Cherry Hills School all the year, Doctor Rutherford. And I took the place of the second maid for the summer with Mrs. Chase."

"The housework as a sociological experiment?" questioned Doctor Rutherford gravely.

"Not at all. To earn the money, and as a means of being among people I liked. It was only chance which made me housekeeper here"

"Chance—and ability," amended Sally Chase. "And, presently, we found we must make our housekeeper our personal friend."

"On the principle that you can't keep a good man down?" Again the visitor's smile flashed understanding. "Well, if Josephine Jenney could be kept down by such details of experience, I shouldn't be here today to offer her what I am offering.... Will you come back to us, my dear, in Miss Elizabeth Sinclair's place—assistant to Professor Huston? You know Miss Sinclair has married quite suddenly! I know of nobody fitter for the work, or I should be engaging her."

"Doctor Rutherford! Surely, I'm not fit at all!"

"No? The data in my note-book and upon the college records would testify to the contrary. Higher honors have seldom been taken than you have won. Besides those—which, after all, count less heavily than do some other considerations—you established yourself as a noteworthy type of student. Your teachers don't forget you. I won't tell you quite all the points in your favor, except that when this position was suddenly made empty, almost my first thought was of you."

"But, Doctor Rutherford, all the teaching experience I've had since my graduation has been this one year at Cherry Hills. It's a—really almost—a country school. To go back to my old college, I'm afraid I should have much more experience."

The keen gray eyes of the woman of affairs were studying Josephine; Sally, looking on, said to herself that to have this woman select one for a vacant place under her own authority was to have a

new degree conferred. There was in her manner and words all the quiet assurance of a person who understands precisely what she is doing and is not accustomed to make errors of judgment.

"In spite of the lack of experience, Miss Jenney, I should like very much to try you in this position. The time is short—you will need to make your decision within a week. I understand that you haven't renewed your contract with this school."

"No, Doctor Rutherford." Jo didn't explain that, and the visitor's lips were touched by a slight smile.

"I took pains to inquire about that before I came to see you. The head of the School Board expressed his regret that they probably couldn't keep you. He said things of you which interested me very much, and confirmed my suspicion that whatever you attempt you put through. I infer that you haven't made plans for the coming year."

"I haven't." Josephine flushed. "There have been reasons why I couldn't make plans till fall."

"I hope you can make them now however. I shall send you at once an official invitation from the college to take this position. Meanwhile—the visitor rose—"I want you to keep up a terrible thinking, my dear—the sort of clear thinking which results in action. I hope it will be the action I want. I wish I could stay to talk things over with you more fully. But I have to be back in New York"—she looked at her watch—"in just about the time it will take Peters to get there without flagrantly breaking the speed laws."

She took leave of them without delay, only pausing as she went by a desk bookcase which stood beside the parlor door to point at it and say enthusiastically: "That's a Thomas Shearer, I should judge, and a very fine example. I envy you, Mrs. Chase. There aren't many of them to be found. We all have to have our hobbies, and old furniture is mine.... Good-bye. Josephine Jenney, don't fail me, if you can help it. Remember I want you very much!"

Her rare, flashing smile which, each time one saw it, lighted her face anew with attractiveness, was the last impression they had of her. Then they heard her command: "Back to New York, Peters, and don't forget that deceiving turn at the foot of this street—we've no time to lose." The shining dark car fairly sprang away, and was out of sight before it seemed more than to have left the door.

"Josephine, my congratulations! Such an honor! Of course you will go?"

"I don't know, Mrs. Chase."

Sally considered. "Of course," she said, with some hesitation, "you know nothing could make us happier than to keep you with us as long as we may. We shall stay here—possibly—until early winter. I can't imagine getting on without you, here or back in New York. But of course, neither my husband nor I would venture to urge you against such an opportunity as this. I just wanted you to know."

Jo looked at her, and for the first

time in her contact with this girl, Sally saw a hint of tears in her eyes. But Jo smiled through them.

"I appreciate that more than I can tell you, Mrs. Chase. Being with you these months has been almost the nicest thing that ever happened to me."

"Really?"

"Really. My life—for some time—hasn't been exactly—easy. This has been—a little breathing space. But what I shall do next isn't clear. As Doctor Rutherford said, I shall have to keep up 'a terrible thinking' about it."

"Jo, run away today somewhere to do that thinking, dear. We can get on nicely without you—for a day."

"Oh, may I?"

"Indeed you may. Some things can't be thought out except in solitude."

As they went through the hall together, Sally turned and set the door of the coat closet very slightly ajar.

An hour later, Jo Jenney, sitting on the bank of a stream under tall pines, her hands about her knees, began to try to look further into the future than she had ever dared to look before.

It was two days after this Adelaide took her departure from Cherry House. Whether the episode of the coat closet hastened the day, Sally didn't know, and didn't attempt to discover. Adelaide was very distant in her manner as she made her farewells, after her huge pile of luggage had been bestowed in the Chases' car by Jimmy O'Grady, who was to drive her into town. But she had a parting shot to fire, which she reserved till the last possible moment.

"I'm not at all sure you'll be interested," she said, quite as though she were not much interested herself. "I'm going to marry Chester Graham—if you happen to know who he is. Probably you don't, since you go out so little except as a minister's wife."

"Of course I'm interested," Sally assured her. "I'm afraid I don't know Mr. Graham, but I certainly do wish you all possible happiness."

"Other people know him—he's the son of the George Parkhurst Grahams who are so very prominent socially—and financially, as well."

Sally thought rapidly, and succeeded in bringing up a faint memory of a fair-haired, rather stout young man who was—why, he must be much, much younger than Adelaide—a mere boy. The name of Graham was undoubtedly well known in the world of business; as to its eminence socially, she wasn't so sure.

"Yes, I think I know who they are," she said, as cordially as possible. "Have they more than one son?"

"Only one, fortunately. He will inherit quite a fortune some day. Meanwhile—he's very charming and very desirable, even though he doesn't happen to have made himself a niche in your memory."

"That's very nice, 'Laide. I hope you'll bring him to see us soon."

"Oh, possibly." Adelaide certainly was carrying it off in her most affectedly languid style, which had always much amused the Chases. "I must be off. You might say good-bye for me to Josephine

Jenney—I've been too busy to look her up. I suppose I mustn't leave a tip for her? She probably wouldn't mind—but you would."

Sally didn't answer that. What need? She saw Adelaide into the car, gave Jimmy his directions, and said in her pleasantest voice: "Good-bye, Adelaide. Be sure to let Jimmy take you for all your errands before you send him back." And was conscious of a feeling of intense relief when the car swung around the corner and out of sight. Also she thought she knew, if ever in her life, why the fishwives of history have been reported as breaking now and then into billingsgate!

(FROM JOSEPHINE JENNEY'S NOTE-BOOK)

*What next! And what to do!*  
*Dr. Mary Rutherford, the same splendid, wise, energizing person. Her visit, the short contact with her, like a call to arms. I want to go—I want to stay—I want—*

*I dare not put down what I want. It isn't mine—it can't be mine—*

*Julian....*  
*I look at his picture so often—I need to look at it often—to have the sight of it tell me what to do. What a face! A wonderful face. It might have been the face of....*

*Josephine Jenney—you'll do what you must do. There's just one thing clear—Julian.*

## XXII

"Mrs. Chase, would your husband care to see me?"

Gordon Mackay stood in the doorway, hat in hand. Sally Chase looked at him in surprise. Usually he came straight over the lawn to the place where Schuyler was almost invariably to be found. Why, she wondered, should he have become so formal that he must needs inquire as to his welcome?

"Why, of course, Mr. Mackay," she answered cordially. "He's always glad to see you. He's out in his deck chair, under the beech."

"I thought, possibly, I'd tired or bored him of late. I don't want to do that, yet I have something I'd like to tell him this morning, if I thought him up to a bit of talk."

"He hasn't been quite so well this last fortnight, but I'm sure—" Sally paused. Her eyes were full of trouble. She looked up into the steady eyes which were studying her. Nothing but utter frankness was fair to this man, she felt. So she said slowly: "He does seem to avoid company just now, Mr. Mackay. I think he's very unhappy and discouraged. Possibly the sight of a man like you, so full of life and strength, makes him feel all the weaker and sadder. You must remember what a change for him this illness has made. His life has been so full and rich—"

She couldn't venture to go on, for she had been through a trying scene with Schuyler which had left her shaken. He had an almost sleepless night, and in the early morning had called her to him to lie crying brokenly in her arms. It had

been with the greatest difficulty that she had persuaded him to get out of doors, but she had persisted, because anything seemed better for him than lying in bed where the very walls seemed to stand for the shutting in of his life."

"I know," said Mackay, very gently. "And I have a story to tell him which may divert him for a time from his heavy thoughts. May I go and try to tell it?"

"Indeed, yes. And—if he doesn't seem as friendly and welcoming as you'd wish, be sure it's because he's ill. He has liked you better than almost any man he's known for a long time, Mr. Mackay. If you know that, you won't mind what's really only seeming, will you?"

"Surely not, Mrs. Chase."

She looked after him as he crossed the lawn toward the figure which lay so limply in the deck chair that it seemed hardly alive, and her own heart contracted at sight of the contrast between the two men.

"When I was a sixteen-year-old boy, in Edinburgh," said Gordon Mackay, starting his story as one who starts to pull against the tide, "I began to be interested in the life that went on across the city from my father's home. We lived in Great King Street. If you know Edinburgh, and I'm sure you do, you must know that between Great King Street and the Canongate there's a great gulf fixed. I used to go through the streets that led to my father's church, on Sunday morning—those great, stately, quiet streets. The 'odor of sanctity' of a Scottish Sunday pervades the very air. As I went I'd be thinking of what I knew was happening across the city on the other side of Princess Street, beyond the Mound. Then in the afternoon I'd steal away and go over there, fascinated by almost the worst slums to be found on the other side of the Atlantic. I don't know whether making an exhaustive study of those slums was good for a boy of sixteen. I think now I must have gone protected by a sort of armor put upon me on those Sunday mornings while I listened to my father."

Schuyler Chase was motionless in his chair. His head was turned away, the thin line of his half profile presenting itself touchingly to Mackay as he talked. Chase had barely spoken when he came, had let his hand lie lifelessly in Mackay's for an instant and then withdrawn it, and had made a weak apology.

"You'll excuse me, Mackay, if I'm not responsive this morning. I had a bad night."

"I'm sorry. And I'd go away at once, Doctor Chase, if I hadn't something I want very much to tell you. I'll tell it briefly, but I think it might interest you a little, and I want your opinion about it."

So he had proceeded with his tale, without even the sick man's permission, hurrying it, putting in only the high lights—anything, any way, to get it to him, the knowledge that he so strangely needed to have, to make him able to bear his great trial. If, in a way, it was incomprehensible to the man who was telling the story that what Gordon Mac-

kay did or refused to do could make such an immense difference to Schuyler Chase, the fact that it was so, and that in his hands lay the power to relieve a pressure of torment in another human soul, was quite enough. He had come to do this errand after what might never be told of struggle of his own. That was past, and he had now only to bring the trophy he had won and lay it at this man's feet.

"You've heard my father, Doctor Chase. You know how he can preach. I suppose he's a bigger man in these days than he was then, eighteen years ago. But he had a certain freshness of touch, then, that perhaps his later work may lack. It was a way of getting under men's skins that he can never surpass, no matter how he keeps on developing in power. It seems to me that now he appeals more to older men with more mature understandings. In those days it was the young men who heard him most gladly—I worshipped him. As I say, when I stole over to the Canongate and Cowgate on a Sunday afternoon it was as if I were panoplied in my father's armor—the vileness there couldn't get a chance at me. He would have been distressed beyond words if he had known of those visits. He did know of them later and was distressed even then that he hadn't realized what his boy was doing and prevented it. I had no mother, you see; and my father was always deep in the affairs of the great church. Its demands were very heavy."

Chase stirred a little in his chair. He was listening. Men did listen to Gordon Mackay.

"I kept on making those visits all through my years in the University. And by and by, I began to gather little groups together, over in the Canongate, and preach to them—on the streets. I did it in a boyish way, I suppose, but I was carrying to those rough fellows some of my father's most striking presentations of the truth, and that must have been why I got a hearing. After a time I came to feel that though I should never make a great preacher in a great church, like Carmichael Mackay, I could do a work among the common people."

Mackay paused. Perhaps in all his life he had never—nor would ever—set himself a harder task than this one. To tell a simple tale of renouncement, and make it sound like no renouncement but the voluntary selection of the less attractive thing, was labor which cost a price in his own blood.

"I won't make a long story of it. But it will explain to you now why I've decided that I'll go presently to a church in the New York slums which sadly needs me. It's dying for want of a leader. It had one once, a most notable one. Its doors were thronged. This man died, and since then there's been nobody who seemed to know how to carry on. I've the experience of all those years in the Canongate—I seem the logical man for the place. Of course my mind is full of ideas for it—of how I can make the dingy old church thronged again. What I want you to tell me is—is it a worthy ambition?"

At last Schuyler Chase was looking

at him. He had turned his head and his deeply shadowed eyes were fixed on Mackay. He was breathing more rapidly, it was evident, less shallowly, than when his visitor had come. He was slow to speak, but when the words did come they were not in the lifeless tone in which he had spoken earlier.

"Of course it's a worthy ambition," he said. "Immensely worthy. And as you say, you've had a remarkable training. Do you really want to do this thing?"

"I want—" said Gordon Mackay, and then he stopped. His eyes lifted to the depths of the great branches of the copper beech above him. He set his teeth hard. Then he got to his feet, shoved his hands into his pockets, took a stride or two about his chair, and finally spoke in a matter-of-fact tone which utterly deceived the man who was listening as if life hung on the words: "Somehow the phrase has been used so much, in solemn tones full of unctious, that I hate to use it. And yet I do believe I can honestly say that at least I want to want—to do the will of God. Just now, this seems to be his will. I've got to do it, haven't I? Whether I want to or not? Anyhow, I've made up my mind. When I leave Cherry Hills I'm going to this church that asks me. It's settled. I didn't need your counsel, but I did need your approval, really."

He smiled as he looked down at Schuyler Chase. A touch of color had come into the thin cheeks, a faint smile answered his. He had done his task, and here was that which he must accept as his reward. It was Schuyler's hand extended, his voice saying in a tone which to Mackay's ears spoke an almost life-giving relief from devastating tension: "You have that, Mackay. It's a great thing to do, no doubt of it. And some day, when you've accomplished that, you'll have the sort of pulpit the son of your father should have."

Somehow Mackay got away before the unconscious and unmeant irony of those last words could make him cry out, humanly and brutally, undoing all he had sacrificed himself to do: "But it's in my hands, that pulpit. And I'm throwing it away—for you!" (To be continued)

### News from Colfax, Wash.

As we look back over the past months of our church work we find much to make us praise our Lord and Master. Not only were we privileged to build a much needed addition to our church and have it paid for entirely at the dedication,—which in itself is cause enough for rejoicing,—but we also had the joy of seeing several souls step out to follow Christ. On the 10th of June eight souls stepped into the baptismal waters. Some of these came to Christ under Rev. Lipphardt's evangelistic ministry two years ago but were not baptized. The others were converted during the evangelistic services which Rev. Dymmel of Portland held here in the spring.

Early in the spring the question came up as to what we were doing or ought to do for the boys and girls of our church. As a result of that discussion, we organized a Junior B. Y. P. U. The boys and

girls are very much interested and we feel that this organization will be a blessing to us all.

The B. Y. P. U. entered into a very interesting contest in March. We were divided into two groups, the Philistines and the Israelites, respectively. Points were given for daily prayer, daily Bible reading, preparation of the Sunday school lesson, reading of "The Baptist Herald," memorizing verses of Scripture, etc. Interest was high and the rivalry keen, for the losers were to give the winners a "feed," a program, and contribute five dollars for tracts to be distributed. The Israelites, though not led by Joshua or David, won and it fell to the Philistines to pay them tribute, which they did very gracefully and cheerfully.

It is our prayer that the interest manifested in reading the Bible during the contest may continue and that we may all live closer to Christ. O. A. BACH.

### Tacoma Welcomes New Pastor

They say that good things are worth waiting for and if the length of time you wait has anything to do with the goodness of the thing you're waiting for, then Tacoma, Wash., has gained something really worth while.

Br. Hussman, accompanied by his charming wife and his mother, arrived in Tacoma Thursday, June 28th, and preached his first sermon in Tacoma Sunday evening, July 1st.

Because we were expecting our pastor's family, we planned a reception for Monday evening, July 2. Well, Monday arrived and 7:30 found the church full of people waiting for Br. Hussman to come. And he did! It took four deacons to escort him down the aisle! He isn't fat nor big either, but in order to allow all to share in the honor of welcoming the family this was done. As they entered the church the congregation rose and sang.

Then came the speeches, all branches of the church welcoming our Br. Hussman and family into our midst.

After this beautiful service upstairs we retired to the basement, which, lo and behold! was decorated in a most marital manner! On the platform stood an arch and in the arch were two chairs and on each side of the chairs were two big baskets of flowers and from the top of the arch wedding bells were hung! Why all this? you ask. Because our new pastor is just a newlywed and we conceived the brilliant idea of combining the two occasions in one.

After a delightful repast of coffee and cake, another presentation was made and here's another proverb which can be appropriately used: "Good things come in small packages." Although just a small package was handed to the couple, it was discovered later on that it contained four \$20 gold pieces.

At the close of the evening we felt of one accord that we had known Br. Hussman for years. Let it not be said that "New brooms sweep good," but that first impressions are lasting impressions and we feel that the Lord will bless Br. Hussman in Tacoma.

### Baptism at Kyle, Texas

The above picture represents the newly baptized converts of the German Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, who were baptized Sunday afternoon, July 15, at the Blanco River by our pastor, Rev. Robert Vassel.

Their names are: Lavelle Hill, Norma Hill, Eugene Wiegand, O. J. Hofmann, Leslie Hill and Frank Stampport. May God bless them! is our prayer.

MRS. WALTER HILL.

### From the Sunny Southland

ARTHUR A. SCHADE

One of the enigmas of our German Baptist Kingdom enterprise is its absence from the Southeastern section of the United States. It seems to have taken little or no foothold East of the Mississippi River below the Mason and Dixon Line. Hence our constituency has less opportunity of reading reports from that section of the country. Its representatives are comparative strangers in these parts, except as occasional members of the denomination's "Four Hundred" go there to hibernate for the winter months, or as pastors go there for rest and recuperation.

It was the unusual good fortune of the writer to be one of the twenty Pittsburgh minister guests of The Christian Layman's Association at a conference in Asheville, No. Carolina, July 9-14. This company went from Pittsburgh to Washington by special parlor car and from there to Asheville by special Pullman, the same arrangements prevailing on the return trip. It is a journey of nearly eight hundred miles each way.

Asheville is one of the outstanding resort cities of the country. It lies beautifully nestled in the Blue Ridge mountains which surpass all others of the East in height and scenic beauty. Its highest peaks are close to Asheville, Mt. Pisgah 5,749 and Mount Mitchell 6,711 feet high. This city is a mecca for all classes of tourists in both winter and summer. In the winter the weather is mild because of the Southern latitude and in the summer it is cool because of its high altitude and the prevalence of the mountain vegetation and the mountain breezes. By means of costly dams, artificial lakes have been created which are richly supplied with fish. The mountain tops are made accessible for tourists by automobile roads, paths and wooden stairs by means of which the steep cliffs and the dizzy heights may be climbed. A number of us took such a trip on one afternoon and stood on the top of the noted Chimney Rock, and the neighboring cliff which is the highest East of the Rocky mountains. The thrill of such dizzy heights and the charm of the extended horizon unveiling thousands of square miles of mountainous territory will go with us forever. How wonderful is God's creation! What infinite variety of landscape and decoration he has provided for our diversion and rapture! All these grand blessings "come from above, from the Father of lights with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."



Rev. R. Vassel, Kyle, Texas, and Baptismal Candidates at Service in Blanco River

The conference itself took place in the Asheville School which is a preparatory school for Princeton, Harvard and Yale Colleges. It caters to the wealthy class, and the tuition is from \$1,500 to \$1,700 per year. Mr. W. P. Frazer, president of The Christian Layman's Association, who was the generous host of the conference providing for all the expenses connected with attending the same, is greatly interested in this institution financially, as well as otherwise. That interest is a guarantee of the Christian standard of the school.

The conference was for ministers and lay church leaders, its chief purpose being to secure fuller consecration to the task of winning a lost world for Christ. It dealt first with the subtle character of sin in the lives of professing Christians and leaders of Christian work and the devastating effect of this sign upon the work of Christ. It then showed the way by which spiritual victory may be attained over evil habits which weigh us down and the evil propensities which bring us into conflict with one another and deface the image of Christ within us. The veil behind which we so frequently seek to hide our real selves and our sins was ruthlessly brushed aside and all the inner selfishness, pride, impurity and worldliness brought to light. Under the searching messages of the prophets of God who spoke with keen insight to the hearts of the average Christians, men could not fail to face the awful sins from which their professed salvation had not yet saved them.

But the way of escape was also pointed out. Introspection, confession to God, and man when fitting, the complete surrender of the will to God, faithful keeping of the morning watch, regular feeding on the bread of life, public and private witnessing for Christ and constancy in the good work of God, thus overcoming evil with good, were all mentioned as guide-posts on the way of salvation. No one can deny the power of the Gospel to save until he has faithfully tried to be saved by it. The neglect of any of these spiritual practices may bring defeat in our effort. The Gospel is still a power of salvation to all them that believe, pro-

viding they also diligently apply its provisions to their souls. The process begun with our conversion must be continued all along the way. When God creates within us a clean heart and renews within us a right spirit then may we teach transgressors his ways, and lead sinners to conversion, but not before. (Ps. 51: 10-13.) Thus may we be saved to the uttermost.

### Festival Meeting in Hoboken

On June 26, 1928, the Young People's Society of the Willow Avenue Baptist Church of Hoboken, N. J., gave a June Festival. Being good Baptists, we had no rain. In the absence of our President, Geo. Jaegerhuber, the Vice President, Chas. Ahrens, opened the meeting with songs, followed by Scripture reading. Mr. Dorbandt, President of the Second Church of Union City, led in prayer. The program for the evening was as follows:

A dialogue called the "Post Office" was given by several of the young people.

A recitation, "The Art Shop," by Lydia Lahotsky.

"If you bring the one next to you and I'll bring the one next to me," was the theme of the song sung by the Society.

An organ selection by the organist, Lydia Lahotsky.

A dialogue "The Smart Country School," brought back memories of our dear old school days.

Lydia Lahotsky then recited "The Subway."

After the closing song and benediction refreshments were served in the Sunday School room.

The Society meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. During July and August we have open air meetings around a camp fire. We now have twenty-five members and with the aid of our Master and co-operation of our pastor, Rev. Lester N. Schoen, we hope to build our Society and gain new members for His work.

M. ANDERSON, Secretary.

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A woman isn't necessarily a good cook because she roasts her neighbors.



Picnic Baptist Sunday School, Randolph, Minn.

### Randolph Sunday School Picnic

The Baptist Sunday school of Randolph, Minn., held their picnic June 29 at the home of the Supt. Charlie Abendroth. Even if the clouds hung low a number of days, the sun did shine and we certainly had a very pleasant day for the event.

Rev. Stoekmann, State Missionary, gave a very interesting talk on "What is the meaning of Picnic" and so forth.

The day passed only too fast; all left for home in good spirit. We certainly would have been well pleased to see all the faces in our Sunday school the following Sunday but many were not there. Otherwise the Sunday school is well attended with record attendance of 119 present. Organized classes have their regular meeting and our scholars are always willing to learn when the Sunday school gives a program. At present we have no pastor but look forward to the time when we shall have one to help the work for our Lord and Master.

SUPERINTENDENT.

### Some Experiences of a Conference Secretary

Hans Steiger, Secretary of General Conference

The position of Secretary of the General Conference of the German Baptist Church of North America may be defined as one connected with a great deal of letter-writing. Since our last gathering at Pittsburgh, Pa., I received about 500 letters pertaining to our "Bundes Konferenz" to be held this year. As I am a conscientious fellow, I answered most of them, if only with a few words, or by giving the address of the chairman of the committee in whose department the matter really belonged. All the railroads having connections with Chicago asked for data concerning the General Conference, and for the addresses of the delegates and visitors who might possibly make use of their lines. I had the privilege of turning over all inquiries of this kind to our Dr. Wm. Kuhn, who has been appointed Transportation Secretary of the General Conference.

As My Name Appears

in "The Record of Conventions" and in "The World's Convention Dates," I received invitations from all the leading hotels of Chicago to look over their fa-

cilities and perhaps decide upon them or one of them as our headquarters. I asked the management of the hotels to get in contact with our Rev. H. C. Baum, who is acting as chairman of the housing committee. It was my privilege, however during a stay in Chicago, to inspect some of the outstanding hotels under the interesting and instructive guidance of their managers or assistant managers. Thus I learned quite a few things I did not know before; I also had the opportunity of telling the men about our denomination and our conference.

### Invitations

for our next gathering in 1931, extended by the Chambers of Commerce of a great many cities, from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts, are already coming in. They all call themselves either "the ideal" or "the logical" convention city. I am ready to believe it of the illustrious city of Philadelphia having looked over their beautifully illustrated folders. Charleston, S. C., on the other hand, would be too lively to suit me.

### Peculiar Ideas

have been presented by the former convention manager of the Drake Hotel, Chicago, who suggested that our General Conference hold its sessions some place overseas, in England or France, or on board of one of the magnificent English steamers. My answer was that German Baptists would hardly be welcome either in England or in France, and that a ship-convention would be out of the question, as excellent health would have to be guaranteed in order to do our business most effectively. Mr. Morriss took my response good naturedly, as he wrote: "I hasten to acknowledge receipt of your very interesting communication which you so promptly sent in response to my enquiry."

The good man is now in New York and very recently he offered his services again: "As a seasoned convention expert may I offer my services in connection with your next meetings. . . . No matter whether your chief interest centers in housing, transportation, building attendance, publicity, speakers, entertainment or any of the other one-hundred-and-one details, it is quite probable that my past experience in managing conventions will allow me to suggest ways and means which may prove effective for others."

An abundance of help is offered us, promising that their services would make

### Our Convention a Success

One of these convention-managements writes as follows: "You, of course, want a large attendance at your coming convention in August. To get this you probably will need to offer all of the inducements possible. We feel that this is a selling job and that much depends upon the written presentation. We are qualified, we think, to prepare a resultful campaign for you and at a very reasonable cost."

Another friend puts these questions before us: "Would you like help in settling some of your puzzling program problems? Do you ever have difficulty making your convention programs? Is it hard work to find the speakers, the singers, the entertainers you want?" A third offer starts like this: To the Reverend H. Steiger: "When you have your next convention, what will you talk about? Why not let specialists help you make this coming convention the MOST PRACTICAL and the MOST ENTHUSIASTIC you have ever had?" Truly, those convention-factories must have a very low conception of our brainy German Baptists. I did not have courage to forward these funny suggestions to the Chairman of our Program Committee, as I cannot afford to lose his friendship, but I wonder just what kind of people are apt to consider such offers as mentioned above.

The "Master Reporting Company" and a number of other reporting agencies would like to publish the proceedings of our Conference so that all the people of the United States and all the remaining ones down to the four corners of the world may learn who we are and what we are doing. I answered, that, as the Kingdom of God is not of this world, we do not care about extensive publicity.

Quite a number of letters and advertisements suggest that

### We Have Entertainments to Draw People

thus securing a large attendance at the convention. This is one: "I am calling you up to tell you about our new catalog of 1000 Pinch Hitting Cartoon Cuts. . . . You know what a pinch hitter is, of course." I did not know, but soon learned something that was not worth learning. I was really shocked when I saw the variety of silly drawings out of which I was requested to select something suitable for our good people, and which, according to my opinion, would be a disgrace to any religious gathering. And then another catalog, containing a whole display of paper-hats, masks, noise-makers and the like! An eastern firm even offered their selected personell of merry-makers and clowns, all artists in their line. I am not permitted to express the thoughts which came to my mind after reading that class of letters. A motion picture corporation of Chicago thinks it might be too tiresome for many of our people to take in every meeting, and are bidding us welcome at their places of entertain-

Business houses offering their services in selecting

### Badges or Buttons

for delegates and guests have been referred to Bro. Baum, the head of the committee which was appointed to take charge of that kind of business. The many samples of buttons and badges I received have been used to decorate the children of our Home.

Some associations with a specific commission ask to be given a part in our program, if only for ten minutes, to explain their special kind of work and tasks to the conference.

It is not always so easy to find and to give the proper answer to letters of sincere character, but as I am no longer a novice in the ranks of our denomination, I endeavor to answer every letter of sincere character in conformity with the spirit and the ideals of our denomination.

This short sketch will show that the secretary of the General Conference is a busy man not only during the sessions, but from one Triennial Assembly to the next, during which time he takes care of an extensive correspondence.

### The Kings Daughters, Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Cal.

As we look back the past year we can surely say the Lord has been with us. We are a class of 22 young mothers and have our meetings every month in the different homes with the help of our beloved class teacher, Mrs. Dan Weddell.

We had some very interesting meetings. We studied the different mothers of the Bible. Slips were given out to each member before the meetings so each had a chance to prepare their work. We also had a testimony meeting; each one told how they were converted and gave different incidents, where the Lord had answered prayers. It drew us closer to one another.

Then our Sunshine committees are busy, scattering sunshine especially to those who are confined to their homes. Our Flower committee visits the sick and sends bouquets.

In May we had a lovely banquet for our mothers in the church basement. The dining room looked beautiful with large baskets of pink carnations. Favors and place cards marked the places. A lovely dinner was served the daughters waiting on their mothers. Our president, Mrs. Dan Marschall, presided; a lovely program was rendered, consisting of two songs, several readings, and different speakers. The mothers responded and expressed themselves of the lovely evening they had spent and said they would be looking forward to another gathering next year. Those of us that were not fortunate enough to have our mothers with us adopted one for that evening. We elected our new officers in May for the coming year. Our aim is to do what we can for our Lord and Master.

MRS. H. E. REMLAND, Sec.

The most trouble is produced by those who don't produce anything.



Members of Willing Workers Class, St. Bonifacius, Minn., at Outing

### Willing Workers Activities

The Willing Workers Class of the St. Bonifacius, Minn., Baptist Church sponsored a trip to Balsam Lake, Wis. There are eight active members in the class but not all were able to go. Five girls enjoyed the trip.

About a month ago our class celebrated our third class anniversary by having a wiener roast and inviting the young men of the church.

Each month we enjoy meetings at the different girl's homes. A great deal of our joy and success is due to our class adviser and teacher, Miss Emily Engler.

STELLA M. LUEDTKE, SEC.

### Souls and Silk

I ate my lunch today in a railway restaurant. A train of six express-cars and a coach pulled by. A railway man sat on the stool beside me. I asked, "Silk?"

He said, "Yes."

I asked, "Worth a million dollars?"

He replied, "Yes, more than two."

Here was two million dollars' worth of world-market merchandise, made 6000 miles away by some little worms without power of reasoning, their life but a brief span at most, and without ability to bargain for the product of their life-work; and I made comparisons, comparisons which any reader may make. If God had not desired man for a higher purpose than simply making millions, why the need of fashioning him so much more elaborately than the form of the silkworm?—C. E. World.

### Report From Vancouver, B. C.

The congregation of our newly-organized church is at present not very large in membership. We are mostly young people, and young people are full of ambition. Our Sunday school is growing rapidly. Our recent attendance has been from 120 to 130. We regret the fact that we have not adequate means for housing our school. The little chapel (which we only rented) is far too small for us. Many people are turned away each Sunday owing to lack of room. It hurts us to see our visitors turned away. We hope and pray that we will soon be able to see all our visitors comfortably seated so that they can listen to the message for which they hunger. I have never seen a more eager and willing crowd than our people in Vancouver.

Rev. Hager, who worked here so successfully prior to our arrival, has also organized a Woman's Missionary Society. Though we are as yet young, we will try our best to help build the Kingdom of Christ. We need the co-operation and prayers of all our sister societies. Our choir, which numbers some 20, and male quartette is on the job under the leadership of our young pastor.

On July 22nd it was our privilege to have Rev. C. Fuellbrandt from Europe with us. He was so enthused over our city and surroundings and over all our possibilities in this large city as a mission field that he could not but express his inner joy. We, too, as a church, greatly benefited from his visit and spiritual message. The missionary address which he brought to us in the evening thrilled our very hearts. We rejoice to hear that all over the great globe souls cry out for a living Savior. On Sunday afternoon, our deacon, Mr. Schmidt, took Rev. Fuellbrandt and a few of us sight-seeing in Greater Vancouver. Lulu Island, which is separated from the main land by a branch of the great Fraser River, is the land of fruits, berries and truck-farming. Quite a number of our German-speaking families operate these farms.

Visitors to Vancouver never neglect to spend a few quiet hours in God's wonderful out-of-doors. Vancouver is truly the California of Canada, with its natural beauty and mild climate. Rev. Fuellbrandt took many pictures of our gigantic trees, bears, buffalos and Indian Totem poles, etc.

Many of these pictures will be shown at the General Conference in Chicago. We will long carry this visit and eventful day with Br. Fuellbrandt in our memories.

We welcome the tourists and visitors to our church and city. We are anticipating a big harvest of souls. The Lord has begun to manifest his presence. Many other denominations, such as Catholics, Evangelical, Mennonites and Pentecost are represented in our meetings. The work in Vancouver is being conducted entirely in our mother tongue. The work among such varied peoples requires much tact and patience.

Pray for our work in Vancouver!

C. B. M.

## General Conference, Chicago



A scenic view on one of the two municipal golf courses in Jackson Park, on the south side. The courses are 18-hole, and 9-hole, and the fees are 20 and 10 cents a round respectively. The courses are open from 5 A. M. to 8 P. M. daily during the playing season, and a four-some may tee off every five minutes. Take a Rapid Transit Lines train to Jackson Park terminal and walk into park.

## California Union Meets at Anaheim

Visitors and delegates received a home-like welcome in the Anaheim church, as they were ushered to reserved sections, where placards announced the representations. The conference days were of especial interest to young people, because the program consisted of short talks, mostly delivered by youth. These brief messages turned out to be personal testimonies, with suggestions of how to continue in the Lord's work.

Thursday evening Rev. O. R. Schroeder struck the keynote for the conference in his message "Sir, we would see Jesus." The study period of Friday morning was in the interest of youth. A Christian home was shown as prospering because Jesus Christ was indwelling. The family altar and a self-sacrificing mother created ideals that remained in the later life of the children.

Carl Jungkeit took us through a tour of his early Sunday school life. He has a class of Junior boys, and by his past experiences and with the Lords help he is leading them to the Savior.

Dan Marschall told us how the B. Y. P. U. was one of the interesting factors that made him decide to unite with the German Baptists. As a former president of the Anaheim society, he exhorted us to be prepared at all times to do our share of the work.

Miss Heinrichs of San Francisco spoke on "Jesus is all the world to me." He is our Friend, Sin-bearer and Savior. Our life is in Christ, and we must live for him. Fred Hein also spoke on the same topic and showed us the necessity of living for him at home and before our friends.

Lois Schroeder spoke on "Young People's Socials and their value." The reason for socials in the church is to foster and create interest in your own circle. It is the opportunity of German young people to invite their friends. This talk was

followed by a discussion period. An elderly brother testified that it was through the socials of a church, that he became interested in the services, which finally led to his conversion.

During the noon hour we visited an orange packing house. We saw the oranges come from the groves, washed, graded, and packed. The packing house received us courteously and allowed us full liberty to inspect their plant.

In the afternoon Herbert Stabbert spoke to us on "Music in the Sunday school." For good singing the following are necessary: 1) a song leader to cooperate between the audience and piano player; 2) appropriate songs. An orchestra is very helpful, if it is possible to have one. Ella Graner showed the importance of memorizing Bible verses in the Sunday school. A background for the verse aids memory and stimulates interest. Pictures and hand work help to carry out the purpose.

The evening was a special occasion. The choirs of the Anaheim church and the First Church Los Angeles assembled as a chorus choir. Each member wore a buttonaire. The music was full of tone and expression. The message of the evening was delivered by Rev. M. Leuschner, "The Message of Song in the Kingdom of God." He contrasted the Christian choir to the songs of the children of Korah.

Saturday morning the Anaheim Juniors gave a demonstration of their work. The golden A. B. C. was spoken as a group. The headings of Bible passages were announced and the first one to find it stood up. The passages were quickly found and several were on their feet at one time.

Mrs. Wm. Lipphardt spoke on "The Importance of Junior Work in our Churches." A society belongs to them because their friendships are in their own age. This is the age of important decisions that create ideals for life. Especially the decision for Jesus Christ should be met during this time.

## THE BAPTIST HERALD

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Paul Leuschner, pres.; Herbert Stabbert, vice-pres.; Lois Schroeder, sec.; Clinton Kraft, treas.

The afternoon was spent at Long Beach. Games and a swim in the ocean were enjoyed.

The meals were served in the church basement by the Anaheim cooks who did their work in an abundant and tasteful way.

Sunday morning short addresses were made to the Sunday school by visitors. Rev. K. Feldmeth delivered the morning sermon on Psalm 73:25-26. The afternoon program was made interesting by the various societies taking part.

Sunday evening marked the closing service. Rev. Schroeder, the able leader of the Union in the past two years, installed the new officers and gave them their charge.

Rev. C. H. Edinger spoke on "Christ for us and our Lives for Christ." He revealed Christ as never rebuking without offering help. Our Lord says, "Fear not," and he also says, "Be of good cheer." A testimony meeting followed, to which the young people heartily responded. Then a call was given to those who would consecrate their lives anew. The young people gathered around the front and a minute was spent in silent prayer. Many warm handshakes and words of parting brought the conference to its close. A hearty thanks to Anaheim for their Christian fellowship in home and church. PAUL LEUSCHNER, sec. pro-tem.

## Junior Society at Oak St. Church

The Juniors of Oak St. Church, Burlington, much enjoyed the stories of Negro achievement in the mission course for Juniors "The Upward Climb." It was interesting to note the lack of prejudice toward the negro on the part of the boys and girls. Where do they get it as they grow older? We read and know that race situations are acute the world over. We see and feel it in our own communities as Juniors are our future citizens and church members, training them in right attitudes so that they may intelligently and in a Christ-like spirit carry on seems to us most important. This study had this for its aim.

We closed with a dramatization in which ten of the children took part. They presented this one Sunday evening at the Senior young people's meeting to which the parents were also invited. The children's attitude had a wholesome effect on the adults.

We also acted on a suggestion made in the study book to get in personal contact with a group of negroes. The pastor of the local Negro Baptist Church was consulted and he heartily approved of the Juniors giving the dramatization at his church.

The evening was of mutual benefit as we had hoped it would be.

AUGUSTA JORDAN, REPORTER.

## Chloroform

The worship services of a church may be so esthetic that they become anesthetic, says Dr. H. E. Luccock.

August 15, 1928

## My Wish For You

JESSIE WILDER

I will not wish you sunshine  
Without a little pain;  
Nor that the path of life  
Be always clear and plain;  
Nor strength, nor might, nor energy  
Alone to gain:  
These may come true.

But steadfast faith in man and God  
And all things true;  
Sweet hope to cheer and bless you  
All your journey through;  
And love to crown your efforts  
In all you say or do:  
That is my wish for you.

I will not wish you riches,  
Nor pomp, nor power,  
Nor only flowers to strew your path  
Through many a leafy bower,  
Nor perfect joy alone  
To share each shining hour:  
These may come true.

But one friend to love you only  
When other comrades fail,  
A faithful one to clasp your hand  
Along the lonely trail,  
And loving ones to greet you  
When you pass beyond the vale:  
That is my wish for you.

—Classmate.

## Anniversary at Portland, First

"Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice" (Phil. 4:4).

"I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

Another year has gone by for the Young People's Union of the First Church Portland, Oreg., Bro. J. Kratt, pastor. The thirty-sixth anniversary program was given Sunday night, June 24, in the church auditorium. Following the scripture reading and prayer, our worthy president, Harry Johnson, gave the welcome address. "June Song" was sung by a mixed quartet, followed by a recitation, "What Is My Work Today?" by Adeline Heisler. The pipe organ and piano duet by Olga Hartfeil and Emma Meier was a real treat. We also had the pleasure of hearing a triple trio: "Wie schön ist die Jugend," by members of the Ladies Chorus, and two numbers from our fine Harmonic Glee Club, a chorus of young men directed by Henry Bertuleit. "Ordered South," a short missionary dialog, was about a young man who had just graduated from University. He goes to Africa as missionary in spite of all protests from his family and friends. Everyone taking part did very good.

A favorable report from the past year, read by Anna Wardin, was as follows: In the past year, beginning July, 1927, we have held 44 meetings of varied interest. We have been honored with speakers such as Rev. Alex Rattray Hay of South America, Emil Kratt, Dr. Collins, Dr. Cline of the Western Theological Seminary of this city, Rev. Theodore Frey, and Bro. Wm. Ritzmann. The meetings have been educational, inspira-

tional and devotional. The B. Y. P. U. has profited by the Bible study, a series of studies on the Life of Christ, conducted by Bro. H. Dymmel, missionary programs, a lecture on Baptist Principles, a program on Baptist History. New Years and Mother's Day were observed by the B. Y. P. U. with a program at each event. During the year 18 persons have been added to our membership list. We regret to have had to drop 27 members from the roll, one by death and the others for various reasons. We now have a membership of 183.

One of the principle outside activities has been to welcome the sailors of the German ships that visit our harbor. Several Sunday evenings and prayer-meetings have been devoted to this work. A number of the groups helped entertain the sailors from the "Osiris," "Witram" and "Witell." They are very grateful for this kindness and look forward to when their boat docks at our harbor again.

The various groups have been active in promoting the best interests of the B. Y. P. U. in their programs, banquets and visiting other churches.

There is a big change in our new officers for the new year. Almost all new talent. They are as follows: Harry Johnson, president; Milton Schappert, vice-president; Laura Meier, secretary; Gertrude Beltz, associate secretary; Lenore Ritter, treasurer; Lydia Tilgner, librarian; Martha Pfaff, reporter; Roy Rocks, Booster; Ruth Rocks, pianist, and Eleanor Fimmel, associate pianist.

In the coming year it is the desire of the B. Y. P. U. to do more for the Lord in his Kingdom.

GERTRUDE BELTZ, Secretary.

LYDIA TILGNER, Reporter.

## Young People's Society, Sheboygan, Wis.

Our society tried to do its part in the Kingdom work of the past year. We had a total of 13 regular meetings, of which 6 were devotional and 7 business; besides that we had 6 social gatherings. All of the meetings were well attended. The Bible studies conducted by our pastor, Rev. A. Rohde, proved to be a real blessing to all. Every last Sunday of the month we have charge of the evening service and give special programs. On the 26th day of June the society rendered its anniversary program. At this occasion Rev. E. Mueller was the speaker. We also had the pleasure of having 18 members of our Kossuth Church and their pastor with us, Rev. H. Palfenier, who gave an interesting tabletalk.

The society contributed \$3.00 toward our Orphans Home, St. Joseph, Mich.; \$50.00 to our Roger Williams Hospital in Milwaukee to help furnish a room in the building, and \$15.00 to foreign missions. Just now we have purposed in our hearts to pay for new lighting fixtures, that are to be installed into our church this winter.

MILDA ROHDE, Secr.

## New York City Workers Discuss Decision Day

At a special meeting of the Young People Society Presidents and Sunday School Superintendents of the New York Churches it was decided that at the next conference of the Young People and Sunday School Workers' Union it would be well to take same specific problem for discussion rather than to try and solve a few problems at one meeting. By way of change it was decided to have the four New York ministers take the question: "Is it wise to have a Decision Day in our Sunday Schools and if so when is the best time?" and have a debate.

The conference was held at the Harlem Church and everyone who attended received a real blessing. Br. Fred Maeder, Chairman of the conference, opened the meeting with a song service which gave everyone an opportunity to make known his favorite song and hear those present sing two verses of it. After the reading of the Scripture and prayer Br. J. F. Niebuhr started the debate with the affirmative in English, followed by Br. F. W. Becker on the negative in German, and then Br. F. Orthner taking the affirmative in German. It was not possible for Br. Hoops to be present, therefore the negative in English was not represented.

The essential facts of the debate were as follows:

Affirmative—Decision Day in our churches would mean the children decide for Christ and are born again; not merely the signing of a card.

Preparation of Sunday School workers and teachers necessary. Have a set time in mind when the teachers shall speak to the children, but before that day have the teachers and workers get together and pray earnestly that the Holy Spirit may be with the children as they make their decision.

After the teacher knows the child who has decided for Christ she can help the child to learn what it means to be a Christian and to live a Christian life.

Certain religious holidays such as New Year's eve, Easter and Christmas are especially fitting days to make Decision Day.

Negative—Decision Day does not mean Conversion Day.

No Scripture for Decision Day.

Decision Day against our Baptist fundamental principles.

In setting a certain day we dictate to God, we cannot restrict the manifestation of the Holy Spirit to certain days.

A general discussion followed, after which a vote was taken. The negative side was one vote in the lead.

Br. J. F. Niebuhr invited the conference to hold its Fall meeting in the Third Church, which invitation was gratefully accepted.

EMMA S. HAUSSMAN, Reporter.

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Some folks give their mite  
Others give with their might,  
And some don't give who might.

# The Baptist Herald

is recognized as a real factor in our denominational life.

Its usefulness must however be largely extended. It should without doubt find its place in every family using the English language, even in a limited degree.

While it is not exclusively a young people's paper it does stress the interests of the youth of our churches. For this reason the "Herald" has had the endorsement of our Y. P. and S. S. W. U. and the organization has assumed the responsibility for promoting its circulation.

Splendid things have been achieved but we have not yet reached the goal. We are still a little behind. There must be a reawakening of zeal and effort.

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Sunday, June 24, our last meeting for the summer, was held with the children at the Martha Washington Home for Crippled Children. Our program consisted of two piano solos by Eleanor Reuter, a song by Elfrieda Kassner, recitations by Margaret Frish and Evelyn Barr. Miss Bertha Lengefeld also kindly assisted with a vocal solo.

As children all like sweets, we gave them a little treat of candy. Also Sunday school papers and picture postal cards which the Endeavorers had sewed together.

The children as well as their attendants were very much pleased and before bidding them godbye we recited Num: 6:24-26.

The Endeavorers enjoyed the afternoon happy in the consciousness of bringing a little pleasure into the lives of others less fortunate than themselves. May the Lord bless them.

Supt. O. M. J.

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