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—From "The Expositor"

What's Happening

Rev. F. A. Bloedow conducted revival meetings with the church at Minitonas, Man., beginning Nov. 15. This is one of our new fields.

The Oak St. Baptist Church, Burlington, Ia., Rev. C. F. Zummach, pastor, has decided to introduce "The New Baptist Hymnal" for its church services.

Rev. H. R. Schroeder of the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn., will conduct evangelistic meetings with the church at North Freedom, Wis., Rev. H. Hirsch, pastor, during the first two weeks in December.

Rev. A. Bandzmer of Ebenezer, Sask., will be the new pastor of the churches of Leader and Burstall, Sask. He will begin his ministry on his new field in November and for the present will reside in Burstall.

Rev. G. W. Pust of Emery, S. D., is assisting Rev. H. R. Schroeder of the Riverview Church, St. Paul, for two weeks in special meetings. Rev. B. Luebeck of the Plum Creek church, S. D., is assisting Rev. Fr. Alf of Goodrich, N. D., in evangelistic meetings.

Rev. J. H. Ansberg of Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Ill., was one of the two main speakers at an Armistice Day program observed Nov. 10 at the Armory and arranged by the American Legion and the Ministerial Alliance. This Union service was participated in by Protestants, Jews and Catholics.

The Walnut St. Baptist Church of Cincinnati, O., Rev. P. C. A. Menard, pastor, has arranged its Sunday services as follows: Sunday school at 9 A. M., English service at 10 and German service at 10.30. The Young People's society meets at 6.45 P. M. and the evening service in English is held at 7.45 o'clock.

The Itinerary of Field Secretary A. A. Schade for the month of November is as follows: Nov. 1-5, Ebenezer and Dillon, Kans.; 6, Marion, Kans.; 10-12, Kyle, Texas; 14-15, Donna; 17, Elm Creek; 18, Elgin; 19-20, Greenvine; 21, Brenham; 22, Beasley; 24-25, Mowata, La.; Nov. 28-Dec. 1, State Institute, Waco, Tex.; Dec. 6, Diamond Jubilee, Racine, Wis.

The new officers of the Young Men's Class of the Second German Baptist Church of Chicago for the coming year are: Charles Le Schofs, president; Arthur Yerke, vice-president; Roy Riske, secretary and treasurer. The class announces itself as "a group of young men who are interested in the practical application of Christ's teachings and whose motive is to win souls for Christ."

The Young People's Society of the Fourth St. Baptist Church, Dayton, O.,

have planned to show a number of reels of motion pictures portraying our mission and young people's work at home and abroad at the church one Sunday evening during the month. On October 27 the views of home work were given with good effect. Our office is ready to serve other young people's societies in similar ways by mailing appropriate films. Write for particulars to Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

Alfred R. Bernadt, a graduate of the German department and at present a senior in the English department of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, has accepted the call of the High St. Church, Buffalo, N. Y., to succeed Rev. Wm. A. Mueller. Bro. Bernadt will continue his studies at the seminary but will preach at the church on Sundays and devote several days of the week-end to pastoral service. Bro. Bernadt has been student-pastor of the Reid Memorial Church, Buffalo, for some time.

The Sunday School Teachers and Workers of Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., are planning to have discussions at their monthly meetings for the next five weeks on the following topics: November: "Creating a Missionary and Stewardship Spirit in our Intermediates;" December: "Creating a Christmas Spirit in our Sunday School;" January: "How to prepare the S. S. Lesson with regard to the different age groups;" February: "How to teach the lesson, developing the right Christian Spirit;" March: "The Teaching Values of the Old Testament."

The Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., Rev. Edw. Stevener, pastor, is planning for a general home-coming and rededication service on Nov. 22-24. This will be the fourth anniversary of the dedication of the new edifice, the tenth anniversary as a self-sustaining church and the 35th anniversary since the beginning of the mission work in New Kensington by the Temple Church of Pittsburgh. All former pastors and members are invited to be present personally or to send a letter of greeting. A love-offering to reduce the present building debt will be raised during the celebration.

The Institute under the auspices of the Chicago Jugendbund came off as scheduled during the week of Oct. 21-25 but met with some terrible stormy weather, rain, snow and gales cutting down attendance on some nights. As many as 80 were out despite the inclement weather. Class sessions began promptly at 7.30 and closed at 9 P. M. Rev. L. B. Holzer conducted classes in "Christian Ethics for Young People" and "Training Young People in Worship." Rev. A. P. Mihm had classes in "Social and Recreational Problems of Young People" and "Intimate

Life Problems of Young People." A good spirit was manifest throughout. This was the third annual institute in Chicago.

Diamond Anniversary in Racine

God willing, the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., will celebrate its Diamond Anniversary, Dec. 5-8. We extend an invitation to all the former members, as well as pastors, of the church to join us in this celebration. If it is impossible for you to be present in person, we should like to hear from you by mail. All messages are to be addressed to

REV. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE,
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Racine, Wis.

All That Counts

On the boardwalk at a seaside resort several small lads in search of diversion had stopped in front of a weighing machine. One by one they stepped on to the scales, deposited their pennies, and stepped down again. Finally the smallest boy's turn came. He stepped on to the platform, took a long breath, puffed out his cheeks and chest, and looked as big as possible.

"Ah, that don't do any good!" cried his companions in chorus. "You can only weigh what you are."

How much like the little fellow some of us, who fancy ourselves grown-ups, are! How we puff out our cheeks and expand our chests and imagine that our social position and bank accounts and fine clothes are going to add to our bigness before men and God! It is a pathetic mistake. After all, we can weigh only what we are!

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A Message from Our President

This is the season of the year when we turn our thoughts to ways and means of promoting our young people's publication, "The Baptist Herald." Your executive committee was in session recently, devoting a major portion of the discussion to problems relating to this our paper.

The Publication Society was represented in this meeting and some very valuable suggestions from them were accepted with gratitude. There were several suggestions considered which came directly from our loyal readers. We believe the program outlined for the coming year will make our paper the most interesting and worth-while publication which ever entered your home.

The present number of subscribers represents that faithful group of our constituency who have been regular readers since we first published the "Baptist Herald." It will depend upon those of us, who are included in this number, to lend our enthusiastic support to the campaign to be waged in our churches for new subscribers. Let us encourage our boosters who have done such noble work in the past, by promptly remitting for the renewal of our own subscription, and speaking a word of commendation to a prospective reader.

Only recently a reader of the "Baptist Herald," a leader of another denomination larger than ours, expressed in very glowing terms his admiration for our paper and our ability to support it with a large enough list of subscribers to make it self-supporting.

Let us take real pride in maintaining this organ of our Union. I beg of you to pray for its continued success and popularity. Include our Editor in your prayer. He will appreciate a word of encouragement. Send in your newsy articles. An occasional item on some important happening in your church will enhance the value of the paper to members of your church.

Let us be loyal boosters.

WALTER W. GROSSER,
President
Y. P. and S. S. W. Union.

An American Christian Social Expert Views German Industries at Close Range

DR. WORTH M. TIPPY, secretary of the Commission on Church and Social Service of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, has been visiting various industries in Germany in connection with his visit to the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work in Eisenach in September. He was with a party which consisted of leading German professors, economists, church

councillors and social pastors. He recently wrote an interesting account of his tour and summarizes the impressions received as follows:

One cannot generalize upon such brief and limited observations. It was but a glimpse into the vast industrial machine of Germany. However, the writer has now been twice down the incomparable industrial district of the Rhine from Basel to Düsseldorf and Duesberg, has driven up the Ruhr valley, visited the great harbors of Hamburg and Bremen, and the textile districts of Plauen, Zwickau and Chemnitz. Also, he was with a group which was shown through the Seaman's plant at Spandau in the west side of Berlin. It is difficult to speak with assurance but this much can be safely said: Germany is working with great intensity. Her people are serious, purposeful and alert. They have welded private initiative, science, invention, labor organization, finance and government into a great economic force. They are working under the conviction that a great wrong has been done them by the Allied Powers, and they are goaded by necessity and pride. The lot of the German factory worker in the industries visited seems to compare favorably with that of the American in everything but wages. His work day is shorter, his rights are more carefully safeguarded, and he is much better protected by social insurance. Labor organization is taken as a matter of course, including workers' representation. The social status of the worker and probably his opportunity to educate his children are better in America than in Germany. Housing is apparently more substantial, more beautiful and cheaper in Germany than in America. The Ruhr valley is surprisingly green and beautiful, although cities like Essen, Dortmund and Elberfeld are typical smoky factory towns. When shown workers' apartments last year in the north side of Berlin as a horrible example of bad housing, the writer disappointed his friends by exclaiming, "How clean, how broad the streets, how much sunshine in the courts." He added that they should see the East Side of New York or the vicinity of Hull House in Chicago.

Listening to God—A Fine Art

Has God anything to say to an individual today? Has he any direct message to the church today? He spoke to Abraham and Moses before there was a printed book. The apostles preached the Gospel before the Gospel records were written. A group of friends meet in a friend's house. They talk to each other, they address their mutual friend, they read letters they received from him years ago, but they treat him as though he were dumb. When he tries to speak they drown out his "still small voice" by

their own clamor. Must it not grieve that friend? Haven't we lost the art of listening to God? Is it dangerous to say today: "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth"? Has Jesus become dumb? Or can he give us directions as he did Paul? Can we be in the spirit on the Lord's day and hear? Of course what the Spirit says today will be in harmony with what he has been trying to have us understand throughout the ages. But his message must not be shackled in chains of print. "The letter killeth, the spirit gives life."

World-Missions and the Responsibility of the Individual Christian

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE

(Published upon request of the Northwestern Conference)

PART II

With this spirit in the church dissension and desertion will creep in. The self-centered person is never satisfied. He wants this and he wants that, and when he gets it he wants the other thing. The essence of the Christian religion which is gaining life through losing it has been sacrificed for the principle of self-preservation.

Some one tells the story of an artist who was once asked to paint

The Picture of a Decaying Church

To the astonishment of many, instead of putting on the canvas an old tottering ruin, the artist painted a stately edifice of modern grandeur. Through the open portals could be seen the richly carved pulpit, the magnificent organ and the beautiful stained glass windows. Within the grand entrance was an offering plate of elaborate design for the offerings of fashionable worshipers. But—and here the artist's idea of a decaying church was made known—right above the offering plate hung a square box bearing the age-old legend: "For Foreign Missions," and right over the slot through which contributions ought to have gone, he had painted a huge cob-web.

But what are the reasons, why we believe missions ought to be stressed? The less interested will tell us that in our own country, in our own state, even in our own city we have the poor always with us. We have our own problems to solve. No one helps us in our struggle. Let the other countries solve their own problems. Let them stand on their own feet; it is wonderful training. But we answer that missions are more with us than just an idea so that we ought to have something to talk about. We have rock foundation for the belief that is within us.

Missions Based on the Fatherhood of God

We believe in missions because the importance of missions arises out of our doctrine of the Fatherhood of God. All of us are wanting to have God as our Father. We wish that he would care for us as a father cares for his children. The universe would be meaningless if we had to believe ourselves orphans.

If God is our Father he must be the Father of all mankind. The Father did not procreate us, and not the Africans, or the Indians, or the Chinese, or the

Japanese, or the Australians. All men are created equal. God has made one person as well as the other, be he black or white, red or brown. Who knows but what God created the others first and us last?

If, now, the Father is the Father of all, and we are happy in our knowledge of his desire for our welfare, why shouldn't we be eager that others know his desire for their welfare too? If I have been made happy because of some great invention, I will tell others about my new-found happiness. Why not the same with religious happiness?

We even go so far as to say that we cannot be happy in our child relation with God until we are eager about the restoration of the filial relations of others. If one member of the body suffers, all suffer. If one member of the family is sad, the others cannot be glad. How can you be happy when your brother is not on speaking terms with your Father? How can we be happy when we know that the people in Africa or India or China or Japan have no idea of a heavenly loving Father? The importance of missions arises out of our doctrine of the Fatherhood of God.

Missions and the Kingdom of God

It further arises out of our doctrine of the Kingdom of God. We are not here promoting an earthly Kingdom. We are not proclaiming "America First" or "Deutschland über alles," nor any other nation; we are proclaiming God, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, him who was, is, and ever shall be. We are proclaiming the rule of God in the hearts of men and women, which rule means freedom, for "if the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." God can rule in a heart carried in a colored body as well as in one carried in a white body.

One day Jesus was asked to tell more about this Kingdom, "and he spake in parables and said: The Kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened." The Kingdom of heaven must of necessity spread over all the earth, even as the leaven spread till it had soured the whole lump of dough. But as yet the Lord is not recognized by all as the ruler of the whole earth. Not everybody has become reconciled to him. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ: . . . We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

Missions the Direct Command of Jesus

Again, the importance of world missions arises out of the direct command of Jesus, the Lord. We know what the great commission says. (Matt. 28: 18-20.) He is the Sovereign, we are the subjects. When he bids, we must do. Would any one dare refuse to do the order of the president of the United States? Here is more than the president of the United States. The ambassador of any government receives his orders from headquarters, and there is no other course for him to take.

It is not only because we have to, but also because we want to, that we proclaim the Gospel of

Jesus over all the world. He said: "Ye are my friends, if ye do the things which I command you." And again: "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." Which one of you, when your friend asks anything of you, is not ready to do his request? Because we love our Father and our Savior we are ready to tell others about him that they may love him also. Thus we are fulfilling our Friend's wish and command.

Missions and Our Christian Religion

The importance of missions arises finally out of the fact that missions are the only hope of the Christian religion. We speak of the paradoxes of religion, and one of them is that we lose that which we keep to ourselves. A river that has no outlet becomes stagnant, and a lake that does not empty itself becomes a dead sea. The Christian who would keep all the good things to himself becomes sour within, and loses all life he may have within himself. Religion, if it is anything, is life, and if life cannot express itself, it dies.

A fireman fell from a building and broke his leg. The doctor put the leg in a plaster cast, where it stayed for four months. At the end of that time the muscles had so much died off, that the fireman never again regained the strength in that leg, and henceforth is a cripple. But how many people are there that put their hearts into the plaster cast of selfishness and leave them there too long. Life grows, and if life cannot grow, it dies. Unless life will go out and conquer death, death will conquer life.

Now let us see what is the responsibility of the individual Christian toward Christ's great plan of saving the world. Imagine a large crowd of people with uplifted hands, supporting a soft rubber mat. When one fails to hold up his share of the mat, it naturally sags. How uneven must be the surface if many fail! Yet how many do fail to do their part in this great task of bringing the Good News, that was brought to them, to others!

Individual Responsibility

The individual must feel his responsibility toward missions for the sake of his own development. The Christians are the salt of the world. This means nothing else than that the Christians are called upon to save the world from destruction. If we are to save it we must be powerful within. Only that person is powerful, who is fully developed.

Our sense of the essence of sin and the power of salvation must be developed. What will bring about this development? Bible reading will help much, of course. But do you realize that our interpretation of the Bible is largely determined by our experience of life? This is one reason why we have so many people with a warped conception. Their interpretation is determined by a very mediocre experience of life. They have confined all their thinking and feeling to themselves, but speak as though they had experienced the whole essence of the Christian religion. They have indeed experienced

some, but very little "some." If they would add to their experiences the experiences of all the countless others, how much truer to the Bible their conception would be! So we must, along side of the Bible, study the lives of all peoples of the world.

It is our firm belief that each will be judged by his deeds. All our deeds are manifest to the judge. The sentence will be determined by our violation or keeping of the law, which is the will of the Master. Have we done his will? Have we realized that we must do his whole will? Each will have to answer for his own deeds. Can you? When Jesus gave his commandments he gave them to each Christian individually, and he will ask each Christian for a report.

Editorial Jottings

THE NEXT NUMBER of the "Baptist Herald," December first, will be a special book number. It will contain valuable hints to holiday book buyers and suggestions as to books suitable for gifts. The worth of a good book and the lure of reading will be emphasized.

THE MESSAGE from Mr. W. W. Grosser, the president of our National Union, deserves careful reading at this time. It is a good time for all the friends of the "Baptist Herald" to again get together and to make the campaign for 1930 subscriptions the most telling that we have had.

WE HAVE A LOYAL set of "boosters" in our societies throughout our denomination. They have helped to put the "Baptist Herald" where it is today. Our circulation success depends upon their faithful and persevering efforts in the future. Last year about 50 boosters attained the goal set, "One 'Herald' subscriber for every six members" and received copies of the devotional book: "A Quiet Talk with God Every Day" by Wallace as a recognition of their worthy efforts. Our Publication Manager, Mr. H. P. Donner, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, will be glad to give this little prize to all boosters for 1930 who reach the same goal as last year. We hope 100 will get the book this time.

AN HONORED VETERAN of the Cross, Rev. August Meereis, has entered into his heavenly rest after a long and useful and honored life. He was almost 82 years of age. During the last eight years he had retired from active service, yet blessed with unusual health, he travelled here and there, preaching and doing personal work. While the editor was pastor in the Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Bro. Meereis ministered to the church's mission station at Homestead. We learned to esteem him for his work's sake and for his sincere Christian character. One of his daughters is missionary among the Hungarians at Trenton, N. J., and another the wife of a Polish Baptist pastor. Shortly before his end our brother expressed the wish: "I would like to work still more for the Lord." Bro. Meereis' life challenges us to redeem the time and to keep the faith.

Wishbone—Backbone

It takes a little courage and a little self-control
And some grim determination if you want to reach the goal;
It takes a deal of striving and a firm and stern-set chin,
No matter, what the battle, if you're really out to win.
There is a rule in life to guide you as you seek prosperity:
Never put your wishbone where your backbone ought to be.
—The Presbyterian Advance.

The Fall Session of the South Dakota Convention

Our fall convention held its annual session with the Ebenezer Church from Sept. 25-29. Even though we had a few inches of rain fall at the beginning, the sessions were well attended.

The committee arranged a most wonderful program. The general topic was "The Victorious Life." This topic was treated from various angles and well discussed by the visitors and delegates. In the course of time as the various speakers rendered their work we could see the need of a more God-fearing life in order to have more victory in our life and in the church.

The success of the services could be seen by the well attended evening services. The speakers for the evening meetings were as follows: Rev. Pust, Rev. Olthoff, Rev. Gruhn and Rev. DeBoer. Rev. Gruhn substituted for Rev. Lang, who was not able to preach that evening due to illness.

The morning prayer-meetings from 9 to 10 o'clock were a great blessing. The leaders for the morning service were: John Heitzman, Rev. Toyne and Karl Liedtke.

Sunday was the closing day of the convention. Rev. Luebeck, Rev. Toyne and Rev. Rott each gave a short talk to the Sunday school. After the Sunday school Rev. Rott preached the morning sermon.

In the afternoon Rev. Luebeck preached the Mission Sermon after which a missionary offering was taken.

The evening sermon was preached by Rev. DeBoer. May God help that the blessings of the convention may go with us for a long time and lead us to a true and victorious life!
J. G. ROTT.

Buffalo Center Society Sings Song of Praise

"O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things" (Psalm 98:1). Truly this is the testimony of the Buffalo Center, Iowa, B. Y. P. U. We have a membership of nearly 40, most of whom are regular in their attendance of Bible studies, and devotional meetings. Pastor A. Lang has been a great help and inspiration in giving instruction helpful to all. During the past year we have taken up Baptist History and also studies in the life and teaching of Christ.

The Sunday evening devotional meetings of thirty minutes before regular Sunday evening service have proven a great blessing. Here opportunities are given for practice in leadership, and then together we kneel at the throne of grace for a quiet time in his presence.

On May 14 we again held our annual anniversary program. Reports of different phases of the society's activities were given, followed by a short program, consisting of music by the men's chorus and a dialogue, "Soldiers of the Cross." An offering of \$60 was taken, and at the close of the service a lunch was served in the church dining room.

A Junior society has been started during the past year. Meetings are held every Sunday evening from 7.30 to 8 o'clock. A great deal of interest is shown by the youngsters in the Bible drills, object lessons, Bible stories and choruses. May the Lord open these young hearts to the great truths taught in these meetings.

Our Senior society has also had its share in helping to make possible the paying of the church debts, as well as doing our parts in other mission activities. May we be faithful to him in our service until that day when he shall call his own to be with himself!

ALVINA FURST, Sec.

Sunday School Convention in Rosenfeld, N. D.

Rosenfeld is a beautiful name. We have a song of which the chorus runs like this:

*"Jesus—Roses of Sharon,
Bloom in radiance
And in love within my heart."*

It is true all the roses of Sharon and the alabaster box of ointment of spikenard at Simon's house could not give a greater perfume as the Christian fellowship we had in Rosenfeld from Oct. 16-17. We were like a rose garden. Jesus, the Rose of Sharon, bloomed in radiance in the hearts of the 343 delegates and friends which attended this 44th convention. What a crowd! A good thing that this church build a good basement last summer and braced it anew; the great gathering sometimes gave the impression that the building would burst apart. Here we were together taking roses of friendship from these dear people and bringing them roses of good will from the 28 Sunday schools and altogether making wreaths for the eternity.

The hearty welcome of Bro. Dietterle, the perfect management of Rev. and Mrs. Matz, the songs of the children and the mixed choir reminded one of Hosea 14: "Their beauty shall be as the rose-tree."

Rev. A. A. Schade, our Young People's Secretary, gave four messages, and the local pastors who attended this convention gave splendid addresses. Rev. Broeckel and Rev. F. Alf led the devotional part. Rev. Trautner spoke on "The Importance of the Sunday School

for the Kingdom of God." Rev. Gieser: "The Parents' Part in the Sunday School." Rev. J. J. Lucas: "What is the Relation of the Scholar to the Teacher?" Rev. A. Krombein answered this question: "Shall the pupils take regular part in the Sunday school worship?" Rev. A. Alf: "Why ask questions?" Rev. C. Dippel: "How does Religion grow?" Rev. H. G. Braun: "Missionary program for the Sunday school."

Mr. S. Martin again became our chairman; A. Kurzweg, vice-chairman; Rev. F. Alf, secretary-treasurer.

The report for the last 6 months was as follows: 2485 scholars, 169 classes and 216 teachers. Money received \$2218.45. The amount of the collection of this gathering was \$78.06. The Spring session will be held in Anamoose, N. D.

F. ALF, Sec.

Texas G. B. Y. P. U. & S. S. W. Fall Assembly and Fourth Annual District Convention

held jointly at Waco, Texas, Nov. 27- Dec. 1

Thursday, Friday, Saturday.*
9.00-10.00: First Class Period.
(Five-minute devotional in each class.)
10.00-10.40: General Assembly.
S-S. and B. Y. P. U. Problems, Rev. A. A. Schade.

10.40-11.00: Recess.
11.00-12.00: Second Class Period.
12.15: Noon.
2.00-3.00: Third Class Period.
3.00-3.45: General Assembly.
Young People's Problems, Rev. A. A. Schade.
3.45-5.15: Recreational activities.

*Saturday afternoon open for trip through city.

7.30-8.00: Song Service and special music.

8.00-9.00: Inspirational meetings.
Wednesday: Keynote Address: Rev. A. Schade.

Thursday: Training School night (special program).

Friday: Address: Rev. J. Herman.

Saturday: Anniversary program of Waco B. Y. P. U.

Sunday: 9.15: Sunday School Demonstration.

11.00: Sermon, Rev. A. P. Mihm.

2.30: Special numbers by each B. Y. P. U. Address by one of the Y. P. Secretaries. Awarding of Diplomas.

6.30: B. Y. P. U. Demonstration.
8.00: Consecration Service, Rev. A. A. Schade.

Course of Study: Trailmakers in Other Lands (for Juniors), Mrs. Walter Hill.

Training in Christian Service (for Intermediates), Miss Ruth Becker. A Practical Manual of Church Music, Rev. A. P. Mihm. Winning to Christ, Rev. L. F. Gassner. The Sunday School Manual, Rev. C. C. Gossen.

The watchword of the seven thousand Australasian Intermediate Christian Endeavorers is "Make I. C. E. spell, not Ice, but 'Introduce Christ Everywhere.'"

The Sunday School

A Hymn for Youth

JOHN BENJAMIN MAGEE

Lord, give to me that simple love
Which kept the heart of Daniel pure;
That I may undefiled be,
And hold my faith in God secure.

The things I eat, the things I drink,
May they increase my strength and mind;
That wisdom in thy word and law
May be like purest gold refined.

May I not bow to other gods,
But practice daily prayer and praise,
And let my enemies observe
I walk with God in all his ways.

And whether reading his designs,
Or facing beasts within the den;
Or ruling as his minister,
Lord, keep me still a prince of men.

Thy ways are good for youth today,
As for the Israelites of old;
Keep me as pure and undefiled,
And for the truth keep me as bold.

The Value of Pictures in Sunday School Teaching

A small-town Sunday school teacher recently asked me, "What shall I do to hold my children's attention while I am telling them the lesson story? So often their minds seem to wander, and I am sure they do not have a clear conception of the setting of the story."

I should suggest that a teacher with this problem use pictures to illustrate the lesson.

Every normal child comes into the world blessed by an all-wise Father with five gifts. I am referring to the senses: those of sight, sound, hearing, taste, and smell. If two of these senses are lacking, or even one, the child is much handicapped in the joy of living.

If the small-town teacher depends, in the telling of a story, on the child's receiving all the impressions from the sense of hearing alone, she will find that her pupil is sadly handicapped.

Your life has been filled with years of observation, the reading of good books, the viewing of pictures, and travel. Writers and thinkers have vied with each others in giving to you the best of their years of research. The child has none of this; everything is new to him; and often he has not had enough past experience to make a proper setting for the story.

A city teacher told me recently that in repeating the Twenty-third Psalm to a class of city Beginners, they repeatedly interrupted her to ask her what a shepherd looked like, and what a lamb was. That is hard for us small-town people to imagine, because we live near nature;

but it is probable and possible for thousands of city children.

To insure long life to your collection of pictures, care must be taken of them. A light gray cardboard mount not only protects the wear and tear on the picture, but gives it body, so that it may be placed against the wall, or be thumb-tacked upon the wall. Above all, do not give the children mental indigestion by covering the wall with many pictures, no matter how beautiful they may be; quantity alone can only cause confusion in the child's mind. One picture on the wall at a time, or a small group of pictures illustrating a given subject, is best.

I heard a most interesting story recently on the effect that a picture had on an adolescent girl. The young girl's mother wished her daughter Mary to devote her life to service, but Mary felt that the cultivation of her voice for operatic singing was really her life's work. One day she found a detail of a picture of Hofmann's Christ-Child tucked into the frame of her mirror. Somehow the beauty of the Christ-Child's life began to shine through into Mary's soul until she wondered if there were not some way in which she could devote her talents to the helping of mankind. Today, Mary is an expert in Sunday school music. She travels far and near, illustrating the best in Sunday school music by her beautiful voice, and trying to train Sunday school workers in the appreciation of good music. This life of service was inspired by a good picture.

Another mother told me that she placed in her daughter's room a picture frame with a removable back. Once a month she changed the picture, and in this way her daughter was taught to reverence the best in the really great pictures.

Most interesting to me were the experiments of two Pittsburgh teachers in the showing of pictures to their Sunday school classes. One teacher darkened the room, and by the reflected light of a single taper was seen a beautiful colored picture of "Jesus and the Children," which was thumbtacked on the wall against a piece of black velvet. The mellow candlelight, the solemnity of the occasion, and the one focal point of interest appealed to the children.

The other teacher went to far more trouble, but showed decided originality in the mounting and presentation of the picture. She procured an ordinary light-weight wooden box the size of her picture. Then she removed the top from the box, and gave both the interior and exterior a coat of dull-black paint. In the back of her box she mounted her picture, which happened to be Bouguereau's "Madonna and Child." At the side of the box she made a hole large enough to run an electric wire through and attached a tiny electric-light bulb. Over the front of her box she pasted a

rosy translucent paper. When the electric attachment had been made, the tiny electric bulb showed the picture behind the translucent paper. In the darkened room it made a very lovely sight. Sheets of translucent paper can be bought in all colors at your stationery store, and there is no limit to their use.

The scarlet translucent paper was used very effectively for a Christmas picture, that of the "Adoration of the Magi," by Dürer. Under the rosy glow the rich robes and the gifts of the Wise Men showed up in striking contrast to the simplicity of the Christ-Child, his mother, and the lowly manger. For Easter pictures the orange translucent paper is very good; especially is this true of Plockhorst's painting of the "Entry of Christ Into Jerusalem," with the palms waving in the hands of the adoring multitude, and the little children carrying their offerings of flowers. For springtime scenes, such as flocks of sheep and their shepherd, a tender shade of green translucent paper adds to your picture.

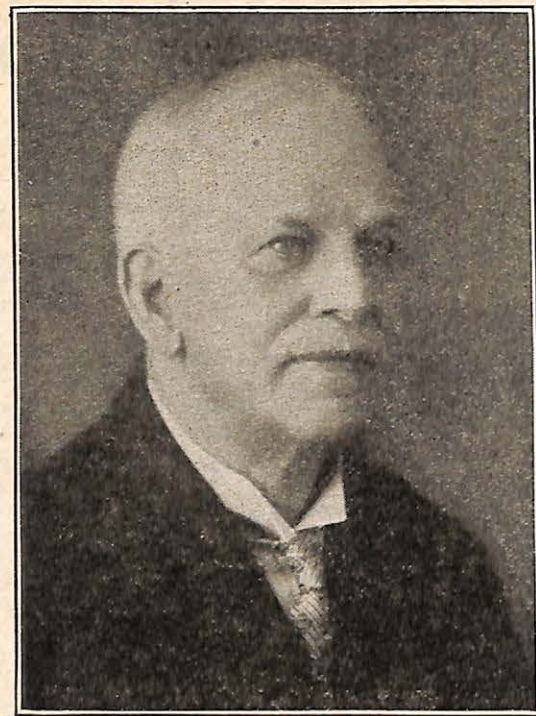
I have always made it a point to explain to older children's classes that pictures are the artist's conception of what the Christ-Child and other members of the Holy Family must have looked like. The effect of these pictures depends much upon the artist's nationality, the costumes of his country, and his viewpoint, and yet if a great artist has a real vision, such as the artist of the Sistine Madonna, he can create a picture that is beloved by all mankind, irrespective of race, creed, or color. I know of no better method to awaken interest in classes of all ages than that of pictures.

The American Sunday School Union issues a series of pictures which should be invaluable to Sunday school teachers.

These are the Old Testament Series of one hundred pictures, and the New Testament Series of like number. There are also the Madonna Series. Then there is the Life of Christ Series containing one hundred and twenty-five pictures. Any of the pictures may be bought separately. Features which I specially appreciate are the notes concerning the artist, the school of painting to which he belongs, and the suggestions to help a teacher link the aesthetic qualities of the picture with the spiritual. To be able to gather the material here given, together with the Bible references, one would have to spend a long time in specialized research, yet here it can be ours for a small outlay.—S. S. World.

Speculate about prayer if you please, but to know what it really means you must practice it.

God still speaks to those who listen, and he helps those who strike out on spiritual adventures.



REV. F. A. LICHT

Golden Ordination Jubilee

In these days when one reads of anniversaries of all kinds, from porcelain to diamond, it is indeed gratifying to make mention of a rare anniversary, even in our day, namely a Golden Ordination Jubilee. Fifty years ago Brother F. A. Licht was ordained to the Gospel ministry at Boston, Mass., after he had completed his theological training at the Rochester Theological Seminary, in both the German and the English departments. This promise of God was obviously verified in his life: "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation." Our heavenly Father lovingly bestowed countless blessings upon his servant during his ministry of half a century. And the grace of God was not in vain, but resulted in an abundant ingathering of souls. In sanctified meekness our brother rejoices in this sweet consciousness, ascribing all glory to God.

As a church we delight in Bro. Licht's membership with us, which was once more proven by the eagerness to give public recognition to this servant of our Lord. Hence it came about that a special program was arranged for Sunday, Oct. 6. To a most congenial congregation Bro. Licht preached his fine anniversary sermon—rather sermons—speaking first in English and then in German. The difference between the children of the world and the children of God was obviously manifest; they as a rule speaking of themselves, but he, to satisfy his own soul, could choose no other theme than: "What Jesus is to me." And what a testimony it was! He said: "Jesus is my sun; Jesus is the fountain of my life; Jesus is my rock, and Jesus is my star of eternal hope." O, that some of the fervor with which this beautiful tes-

timony was delivered might cleave to these words!

In the evening our esteemed Bro. F. Friedrich, many years an intimate friend of Bro. Licht, first spoke briefly in German. Comparing his friend with John the Baptist, he said Bro. Licht was a shining light as pastor of the seven churches he was privileged to serve.

Prof. L. Kaiser brought the message of the evening, having as his theme: "The Marks of Honor" in connection with Gal. 6:17. It was a heart-searching and soul-stirring message.

A special feature at all services during the day, including the Sunday school, was the fine singing of the Colgate-Rochester Seminary quartet. God bless our brethren in their ministry of song!

Bro. Licht has entered the 79th year of his life, but in spite of that he is really still a young man both in body and spirit. Just think, he is even now "Acting Pastor" of our Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Mich., preaching to large congregations every Sunday, which would do credit to a much younger man. Mention must here be made of Mrs. Licht who has been a real help-mate to him and took an active interest in all his work.

Churches temporarily without a pastor could only profit by inviting in brethren who have been forced out of active service just because they were "past fifty" or the hair of their head had turned white.

As a church we are glad to number Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Licht and Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Schmidt among our members. To say we love them is to express our appreciation of them in the mildest possible terms. God bless them and us!

P. GEISSLER.

Henry Ford Speaks His Mind

Our friends, the wets, will not find much comfort in an article by Henry Ford in "The Poetical Review." Mr. Ford expresses the opinion, we believe, of all large employers of labor. The return to booze would disrupt industry. Mr. Ford says:

"For myself, if booze ever comes back to the United States I am through with manufacturing. I would not be bothered with the problem of handling over two hundred thousand men, and trying to pay them wages which the saloons would take away from them. I wouldn't be interested in putting automobiles into the hands of a generation soggy with drink.

"Without prohibition industry would of necessity decline to the position it occupied at the beginning of the century. Without prohibition a short working week and day would be no longer possible. Without prohibition accurate workmanship would be impossible. Without prohibition workers would lose interest in their jobs, would cease to strive to get things done. The reason America is so far ahead of other countries industrially today, the reason America is so rich today, is prohibition. Foreign countries want America for their market because America, under prohibition, has the money. Their own countries, where liquor still runs free, are too impoverished to be profitable. That is the doom of the drink business—it ruins its own customers."

Is It So Easy?

In many churches, sad to say, the standards of membership are not what they ought to be. Though the requirements are stated explicitly in the Scriptures it is too often true that churches ambitious for numbers or overanxious for certain persons to unite with them, lower the standard and minimize the requirements.

It was from this point of view that a good man who at the moment must have been in rather cynical mood, declared that above every church door in a certain town this sign ought to be hung out:

MEMBERS WANTED
NO QUESTIONS ASKED
NOTHING REQUIRED

Remarking upon how easy it is "to become a Christian these days," one woman who seems to hold membership in such a church said "that you could send your photo to be baptized and join the church by telephone!"

As a matter of fact, church membership is not to be taken so lightly. It means everything or it means nothing at all.—Kind Words.

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"O when Noah sailed the well-known blue
He had his troubles as well as you:
For days and days he drove the ark
Before he found a place to park."
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You flatter a girl by calling her a vision, but never call her a sight!—Philadelphia Record.

Winning Our Young Folks for Our Denominational Enterprises

HILDA L. HEARN

Most folks who belong to the missionary societies in the various churches are married and settled, so cannot give as much time and help as they would like, to study the missionary field or to help financially.

The younger folks have not been brought to appreciate the fact that real people are at the front. They hear about it, but it seems so far away, that it does not make much impression on their lives. That is where the weak spot is. If children could learn more about these countries and the work being done, they would be interested and probably plan to go there when they grow up. Another thing is to prepare them so that they can help if the opportunity came and they were still willing.

How a Sunday School Teacher Did It

I can remember, how my Sunday school teacher, a very busy woman, formed a club, we called it the Sunshine Club, of girls between ten and twelve. We met at her home once a week. For awhile we studied about Japan and the life of children there. We sat on the floor and we learned their national hymn and sang it in their language. We gave a Japanese tea in the church and told what we had learned about the Japanese and Christian teaching there. At another time she had a lady who had spent most of her life in the Philippines, meet with us for a number of weeks, and she made everything very real and interesting. I remember one entertainment held in the church, when each of the children, representing a child in one of the mission fields, recited a poem explaining how much the teaching of Jesus' love meant to them, how they looked forward to the visit of the missionaries and the ship which came once a year. That entertainment is probably forgotten by all who came to see it, but the children who memorized and practiced for it, were decidedly benefited by it and it made a lasting impression on their lives. It may be that none of them became missionaries, but they were brought into sympathy with the missionary and might be the means of encouraging other young folk.

Helping Young Folks to Decide

I know lots of young folks who wonder about being a missionary, half deciding they would like to help. But they are too young, and are perhaps told to wait awhile to see how they feel about it. Then other things crowd it out. But if they were advised to prepare, encouraged to take up a training as a nurse, or a course in agriculture, when through with their regular schooling, they would have something to look forward to, and feel they were starting.

There are some students at Rutgers, the New Jersey State College, studying agriculture, because they are planning to go to China. They say, "You cannot teach religion to a hungry man," and so

they are preparing to teach both where it is badly needed. If these facts could be kept before the young folks, it would mean more to them.

If our young folks understand that it is the young folks in these other countries that are getting the benefit from the schools and also learning about the Christian life, they would be interested, for racial distinctions mean nothing to healthy boys and girls. It is the same way with home missions, it has to be personal.

Encouraging the Home Missionaries

A group of neighbors in a small town found out that a school in the Southern mountains could use their help. So they met each month, and called themselves "The Seluda Club." The teacher in this school explained how they could help. They sent magazines and barrels of old clothes; made furnishings for a room; wrote to the girls personally, and on each side they became broader-minded. They were very much pleased when the teacher spent a part of her vacation with them, and this interest has continued for a number of years. This same work could be done by groups in many places, for the home missionaries do need encouragement and interest shown in their work and their people.

The children do special things for the missionary cause at the Sunday schools on Christmas, but there is not enough time at these sessions to make a lasting impression on the boys and girls, and they probably think everything is done by them in merely bringing a gift or money.

Interest Them Early and Strongly

The people who leave part of their fortunes to the Missionary Boards received the desire to help when young, because that is when the impressions are made. So it is our young folks that we must win for the missionary enterprises, because we cannot spread the Gospel without funds and willing workers.

The interest of these young folks might be aroused by forming a club or society and meeting at a central point. Then divide them into groups according to age, and let each group study a different field; then finish the season by giving a play with the children acting as missionaries and the population in costume. By this rehearsing and by the night of the entertainment a picture will form on their minds, will show the vast amount of good being done through the churches, and will give a hint of the amount to be done. The next meeting could be a combined group with a real missionary to speak to them and answer questions, and probably a collection taken to help him in his work.

Forming Clubs

It is really children in the geography studying group that are most understanding of the conditions and of course they will be able to learn more.

Some communities have no outlet for the children in the teen age, when they desire to belong to clubs, and I am sure a boy's club would be very eager to

adopt an Indian boy and pay tuition to help him through school. But someone must give them the idea. A group of young ladies would consider that an evening was well spent if they had a quilt or some articles of wearing apparel, which was needed by their mission field, to show for the time spent. While they are making it, a good reader could read about that country and its missionary work and workers. And in the years to come, who can tell how this influence may spread, or what individuals may do.

Most churches have a missionary society, and if they could be impressed with the need of interesting the young folks in these enterprises, they could form a Junior society, and make it attractive, and probably arrange a program for the group to follow.

Some folks think the boys would not care for this thing, but it can be made to appeal to them. Perhaps it could be started by asking a boys class or group to take charge of the first evening. Get slides and films and have the boys show them, and have a good speaker explain the work for a short time. Then have the boys, who have previously read on the subject, tell of the boy's life there and another about travel conditions; another about the trip getting to that country and so on. The boys will be delighted if one of the girls ask them to show the pictures over again. Then end with a prayer for the missionary, and "eats."

The young folks believe in the Christian teaching being extended, even more than the older people, because they do not know of the disappointments and plans that cannot be carried through because of the lack of funds. If a Study Group which has an object can be started, and the grown-ups are enthusiastic, the boys and girls will do their bit, and the young ladies and young men, a few years on will be preparing to enter the field, so as to be ready. And even if they cannot leave home, this training will be very good for them, and they will help in other ways later on in life.

But it must be made real to them. If only they could take an airplane ride to these far-off countries, or fly back behind the mountains in our own country and see for themselves.

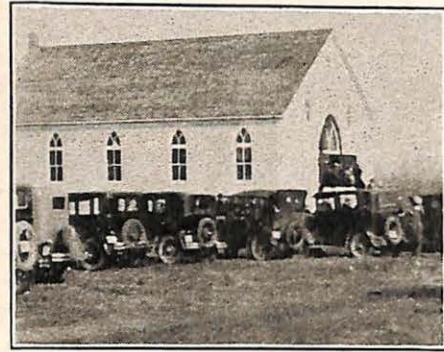
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An Irishman, standing in a crowded street car, lost his balance, and fell across a lady's lap. She was very indignant, and asked in a stormy tone: "Who are you, sir? Who are you?" "I thought I was an Irishman, but it seems that I am a Laplander," was the instant reply.—Selected.

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"Nobody ever added up
The value of a smile,
We know how much a dollar's worth
And how much is a mile,
We know the distance of the sun,
The size and weight of the earth,
But no one here can tell us just
How much a smile is worth."



New Church at Minitonas, Manitoba

Church Dedication, Minitonas, Manitoba

Many of our "Herald" readers have perhaps never heard about Minitonas. Minitonas is a new colony, established through our Immigration and Colonization Aid. The people have come from Poland, mainly out of two churches in that country. There are over 75 families in the colony, numbering in all about 450. A year ago a church was organized and this summer the erection of a church edifice was undertaken. Just about two months ago the corner stone was laid. On Sunday, October 20, the dedication service took place. General Secretary Rev. William Kuhn, D. D., had come to participate in the dedication services. He preached at all three meetings on Sunday, interpreted each time by the writer of this article in both English and German. The festivities commenced with the session of the Sunday school at 9.30. Happy boys and girls had gathered on the platform and gave their recitations and with sweet voices sang appropriate songs. The dedication service proper started at 10.30 under the leadership of the writer. Rev. Kuhn preached the dedication sermon according to 1 Peter 2:5, after which the dedicatory prayer was spoken by Rev. R. Jacksteit, the pastor of the church. Rev. Hunt of the neighboring church at Swan River brought an appropriate message. A collection was received from the audience, amounting to some \$90. After the service lunch was served in the basement of the church. The ladies of the colony had provided an amply supply of sandwiches, cake and coffee for all, not only for lunch at noon, but also for the evening.

The afternoon service was conducted in the English language. Rev. Kuhn preached again. The audience was largely composed of English-speaking people of the town and neighborhood. Mr. Dojacek, Sunday school superintendent of the church at Winnipeg, spoke to the sixteen Czechoslovakian families in their language. The two English pastors present from Swan River and Bowsman brought the greetings and best wishes of their congregations. The results of another collection netted the church some \$70. Some pledges were also received which will be cashed within the near future.

At 7 o'clock the evening service began. It was conducted in the German language, but a goodly number of English-

speaking people being present, the message of Bro. Kuhn was interpreted by the undersigned. While in the afternoon a member of the Manitoba Legislature spoke words of encouragement to the people of the colony, in the evening the representatives of German churches for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta brought their greetings and words of encouragement to the new colonists. All three services were interspersed with beautiful songs by two choirs and music by two orchestras. The congregation at Minitonas contains splendid musical talent, as was shown during the dedication services. They lack an instrument to guide them in the singing and sufficient hymn books for Sunday school and services. A Young People's Society is the next organization that will be formed in the district. There is splendid material in sight. Our colonists are spiritually inclined and so are their children. Just before the close of the evening service a number of the members of the Minitonas church testified to the large contribution rendered to their success by the Missionary and Colonization agencies of our denomination. The whole day was a decided success and will remain permanently among the many memories of the colony.

The building is 30x58 with full basement and pipeless furnace. The main auditorium has two ante rooms at the entrance and a gallery, a full platform with choir loft and baptistry and two rooms in the rear. An inclined floor permits full vision of the preacher from any place in the audience. The cost of the building is \$3660. The amount was advanced by the General Missionary Treasury but is to be repaid in annual instalments by the congregation. We would also mention that the congregation has contributed in free labor to the extent of \$1000. The parsonage beside the church has also been purchased by the General Missionary Society for \$1000. The money is to be repaid in the same manner. We regard it as an exceedingly wise policy on the part of our Missionary Society to have made this loan. Such an aggressive policy is the only one to follow in cases of this kind. The whole property, one block of land, containing church and parsonage, has been transferred to the Missionary Society.

The Lord has visibly blessed the whole undertaking. The colonization carried out by the brethren Wahl, Kujath and the undersigned, has been very successful. Economically the people have a hard struggle but are all making satisfactory progress. None of them are disheartened or downcast but look hopefully into the future. All of them are glad in this land of opportunity. None of them would go back to Poland again to remain there. Rev. R. Jacksteit carries out his duties joyfully, looking forward to nothing but success under God's good hand. We expect to see Minitonas become one of our largest and best churches in the Conference. It is the largest country church in Manitoba now and we expect it to outnumber any country church in the Con-

ference. Our people are highly respected by their English neighbors and regarded as good colonists and honest people. This was expressed by the Honorable McLary in his address during the afternoon service.

May the Lord's richest blessing continue to be upon pastor and people in the days to come!
F. A. BLOEDOW.

Celebrating Christmas in September

For several weeks a number of girls at the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, seemed to be planning something secretly which was to take place in our Teen-age World Wide Guild meeting on Sept. 29.

The rest of us were anxiously and excitedly waiting to see what it was all about. And then at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, what do you suppose? In the social hall of our church we found the place all lighted with candles, and around the fireplace rows of chairs in a semi-circle, and a "Christmas Tree," all decorated with gifts beneath it, to be packed and sent to one of the Baptist mission stations in Africa.

Our meeting was opened with singing of Christmas carols, Christmas stories and prayer. And we wish that every reader could have been with us to catch the real Christmas spirit, as we did, in September.

At the close of our meeting all the girls were as busy as bees packing the hospital bandages, flannel blankets, pencils, colored drawing paper, and scrap-books into this Christmas box, while our missionary, Miss Frieda L. Weisser, was preparing refreshments for us.

Throughout the Guild year we are planning novel programs, in which we will be demonstrating that world wide spirit that is found among Guild girls, "Working for others;" to us this gives real joy; and therefore we

*Look up and not down;
Look forward and not back;
Look out and not in;
And lend a hand."*

For we would be true to that high calling into which He has called us.

THELMA MCGOUGH, Sec.

REV. F. W. MUELLER, Vancouver, B. C., writes: "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." The new church building erected by the help of our mission treasury, has been completed to the satisfaction of all. During the past quarter nineteen new members have been added to the church, eight of which were received by baptism."

Slight Detour

The little girl was crying. Her mother, to distract her thoughts, called:

"Oh, come here, darling—come and look at the airplane."

The little girl ran to the window and stared up at the airplane till it disappeared. Then she got out her little wet handkerchief again.

"Mama, what was I crying about?" she asked.—Wall Street Journal.

From the General Missionary Secretary's Desk Rev. William Kuhn, D. D.

REV. E. BIBELHEIMER, MOUND PRAIRIE, MINN., writes: "The Lord is answering prayer. We had a wonderful Vereinigung. Although none openly confessed Christ during those days, many were touched and attended our revival meetings the week following at which about fourteen of our own congregation confessed Christ. Among these are our two oldest children nine and eleven years old. Now we feel that we need the prayer of others more than ever. First to help care for the children in Christ and second to win others to Christ who seem so close and yet have not confessed him."

A SPIRITUALLY MINDED PASTOR writes: "I have been trying to keep in touch with the spiritual development among our churches. These are not easy times in which we are living. One indeed must see the world situation and the church situation through the eyes of the ever-living Christ. How wonderful it would be if we could only see what would happen tomorrow. I fear that the blight of materialism has already fallen upon many of us. If I had no faith in Jesus Christ, I would be afraid of the future. We can comfort ourselves with the assurance that we have a great number of consecrated hearts and devoted Christians among our membership. This is a time when we ought to pray. He who saves his time from prayer, shall lose it, and he who uses his time for communion with God shall find it again in added blessing and power and fruitfulness."

MISS HULDA BRUECKMANN, MISSIONARY, writes: "Visiting at the home of a Daily Vacation Bible School pupil, the mother to whom I was speaking, said: 'Oh, I want my girl to be a Christian. I don't want her to be like her mother. And I know I should be a Christian, but I don't want to give up the other things just yet.' I have this mother on my prayer list and feel confident that she too will come to know the Lord. In contrast to this experience, I came to the home of one of our Vacation School girls whose mother was tired of living in sin. She said it did not satisfy, and was praying so much that God would forgive her. I was delighted to show her with the Word of God that 'Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out' and that 'if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.' And there on her knees she accepted this wonderful gift of salvation."

"Do we who seek to lead others to him need Prayer-Helpers? Yes indeed. Although at times it seems the results are very small, it is for us to be faithful sowing the seed. For this we need the prayers of others. I am glad that I too can be one of the many Prayer-Helpers."



Group of Volunteer Workers, New Church Building, Minitonas, Man.

Manitoba Young People

The first session of the Young People's Union of the Manitoba Association was held Sept. 29 in Winnipeg. The entire Sunday was devoted to the young people. Members of the young people's societies from Oak Bank, Morris and Whitemouth were present. Rev. Penner of St. Rose du Lac spoke earnestly at the morning service on "Youth in Danger."

At 2.30 P. M. we met again for business matters. Rev. G. Schroeder of Morris, president of the Union, greeted all heartily and spoke on Psalm 21. Brief talks followed the business session. Rev. Ittermann, formerly of So. Africa, brought a greeting from the young people over there. Rev. Kayser of Winnipeg read a paper on "The Qualities of a Successful Young People's Leader" and Rev. Schroeder of Morris spoke on "The Choir in the Service of the Church."

After the business session we adjourned to the lower rooms for refreshments. At 7 o'clock we assembled again in church for a full program in which various societies took part. Rev. Bloedow spoke in an introductory way on Psalm 16. The Morris society distinguished itself by being present in force and contributing largely to the program. The Morris society also won the banner awarded the society which showed greatest progress during the year.

The next session of the Union will take place, the Lord willing, in Oak Bank in the fall of 1930.

May we all try to do our best for the Lord's cause in the coming year and pray for his blessing on the work begun!

M. RAABE, Sec.

A Good Scotch Team

"Well, how'd you boys come out in that game with the Scotch college?"
"We got beat. Their line wouldn't give."—Texas Ranger.

His Alibi

A man had begun to eat his dinner in a restaurant which he had not previously visited. After the first few mouthfuls he called for the waiter.

"What on earth is this soup?" said he.
"I don't know, sir," said the waiter.
"I'm a stranger here myself."—Pearsons.

Practical Christianity

I should not need to advertize the fact That I to church belong.
If I can't show it by the way I act— Then, surely, something's wrong.
For if to church I do belong, I say, The life I live should show it every day.

If my religion means no more than creeds,
It's nothing more than sham.
If I can't prove it by my helpful deeds,
A hypocrite I am!
One reason that the church has so many foes
Is that it's seldom seen in working clothes.

Book Review

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

Availing Prayer. Fay C. Martin. Publishers: The Gospel Trumpet Co., Anderson, Ind. Price \$1.00.

This is a helpful book on the topic that is of perennial interest to every true Christian, the topic of prayer. The author emphasizes the point that a world-wide revival is need, but this revival cannot come but through prayer. The revival of prayer is the first revival which every Christian must experience. In twenty chapters the various elements and conditions of prayer are treated in plain, simple, yet stirring style, based on Scripture and experience. In view of the fact that the prayer life and spirit of our churches is being strengthened by the call for "prayer-helpers," the reading and study of this book would do many of our people much good.

A. P. M.

True Success

Success in life does not consist in merely making money, attaining position, winning fame or exerting influence. It is more than these. It should be measured more in terms of happiness one has in one's own soul, the amount he creates in the hearts of other people, and the commendation he may receive from his Creator, who says, "Well done, good and faithful servant."



REV. F. FRIEDRICH

Golden Jubilee Celebration for Rev. Franz Friedrich

In 1879 Rev. F. Friedrich was ordained at Folsomdale, N. Y. to the gospel ministry. In 1929 he is living in Buffalo, N. Y., as pastor emeritus of the High St. church, which he served as pastor from 1904-1912. On Friday evening, Nov. 1, the High St. church with the cooperation of the Spruce St. and Bethel churches arranged to honor our esteemed Brother Friedrich by celebrating his fiftieth year of ordination to the ministry.

Rev. R. A. Schmidt, pastor pro tem. of High St. church, presided. Alfred R. Bernadt, theol. student and the new pastor of High St., gave a congratulatory address. Prof. A. J. Ramaker, dean of the German department of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, held the German Jubilee address on "The Special Joys of an Evangelical Minister." Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland made an address on Hebrews 13:17. Rev. F. A. Licht, a classmate of Bro. Friedrich in the Seminary (and whose own golden jubilee was celebrated a few weeks before in the Bethel church, Buffalo), spoke of his long acquaintanceship with the jubilee celebrator and eulogized his personality, his gifts and his long and blessed ministry in our churches. Others taking part in the program were Rev. C. E. Cramer, Rev. P. Geissler, Rev. J. Beuermann and F. W. Godtfring. A male chorus, directed by Herbert Bruner, the Rochester student quartet and Mrs. Clara Walter furnished enjoyable vocal numbers. A piano duet was rendered by Florence Reitzel and Emma Link. After all the congratulatory addresses, Bro. Friedrich had opportunity to give expression to the overflowing feelings of his heart and responded with deep feeling to all the manifestations of love shown him. A reception with refreshments followed upon the program in the lower rooms of the church.

Bro. Friedrich, who will be 77 years old next month, is one of the "grand old men" of our German Baptist denomina-

tion, beloved by all for his sterling character, his amiable spirit, his genial humor and his loyal friendship. His pastorates have been in Folsomdale, N. Y., Chicago, Second Church, Peoria, Ill., Cleveland, First Church, Kitchener, Ont., Buffalo, High St., and Chicago, First Church. In his preaching he has always set high standards for himself and conscientiously and successfully attained them. God has blessed Bro. Friedrich with rare poetic gifts and his spiritual poems and able translations of hymns and gospel songs in our German hymnals are well-known to many. The Buffalo friends of Bro. Friedrich have made it possible for a selection of his poems to be published.

The Editor of the "Baptist Herald", who has known Bro. Friedrich since boyhood and who was one of his pastoral successors at the Benton St. church in Kitchener, Ont., is glad to bring his tribute of love and esteem and honor to our brother while he is still with us. He believes he speaks for the whole "Baptist Herald" family in wishing him many more happy days with his children and friends and happy days in which he may also be gladdened here and there to proclaim the gospel of his blessed Lord and Master, in whose service he has spent his many years.

A. P. M.

Persecution of Baptists in Rumania

That our Baptist brethren in Rumania are still suffering persecution on account of their faith is evident from a report appearing in the "Siebenbürgisches Deutsches Tageblatt" of August 31, 1929, which we give in translation.

"An armed attack upon a Baptist meeting is reported to the 'Keleti Ujsag' from Grossenyed. In the church of Mihaleczfalva the official board of this officially recognized Baptist church, which counts many members, wished to have a baptismal service for its new members. The authorities had given permission for this service. About 200 Baptist members were present to witness this solemn rite. Just when the baptism was about to take place, an enemy mob of about 100 young people, partly from the villages, partly from the city according to their dress, fell upon the Baptists. They were armed with sickles, clubs and stones and in a moment blood was flowing, men, women and children were lying on the ground with cries of pain. The attacking party then destroyed the tents, threw the costly clothes into the water and scattered the meeting. One group of Baptists fled into the watchkeeper's house of the railroad station close by and the watchman, who was a member, did all he could to protect them. But the persecutors also attacked the house, while women and children were upon their knees praying and the more courageous ones were covering the doors with their bodies. After an unsuccessful effort and disappeared. Soon afterwards the police appeared and took down the statements of the injured. The leader

of the meeting reported the attack to the authorities. This bloody occurrence has caused great excitement among the population round about, which is looking forward with impatience to the further investigation of the guilty parties."

Bro. T. writes in addition to the above: "The originator of this misdeed was the headman of the village. A telegram was sent to the minister of the interior and also to the president of the cabinet ministers, but up to the present no reply had been received."

Not Needed

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, was a scholar, a fact that caused him trouble in some quarters. A local preacher once wrote to him: "Mr. Wesley, you were a fellow in Oxford, and you know Greek and Latin and Hebrew. Mr. Wesley, God told me to tell you that he did not need your learning."

To which Wesley replied: "I doubt whether the Lord sent you with that message, for he never does anything superfluous; and I knew already what you say. Now I am going to tell you something. The Lord did not tell me to tell you this. While on the one hand the Lord does not need my learning, on the other hand he does not need your ignorance."

The Thrill in Friendship

Emerson in his essay on "Friendship" wrote: "I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new." When the consciousness gets hold of one that he has a real friend, a friend whom he can trust, a friend who will stand by, it is something to be thankful to God for. The joy of friendship is an experience in living which we may know in youth as well as we can ever know it. The story of David and Jonathan is the story of a youthful friendship. Most of the disciples of Jesus were young. It was a wonderful thing for those fishermen to hear Jesus say: "I have called you friends." And John writes his first epistle "that you may share our fellowship; and our fellowship is with the Father and with the Son Jesus Christ."

The discovery and the cultivation of friendship with worthy associates is a preparation for the appreciation of this other friendship which enriched the experience of the disciples of the Emmaus Way and others who have become worthy of being called the friends of Jesus.

Think over the friends you have. Has any real thrill come out of these friendships? Do you ever think of Jesus as a friend or the possibility of such friendship?

His Level Best

Knight of the Road: "Say, boy, your dog bit me on the ankle."

Boy: "Well, that's as high as he could reach. You couldn't expect a little pup like that to bite you on the neck, would you?"—Chicago Tribune.

What Have I Left?

Is the world better or worse where I tread?
What have I done in the years that are dead?
What have I left in the way as I passed?
Foibles to perish, or blessings to last?
—Selected.

Missionary Journeys in Cameroon

A. V. ORTHNER

In Wombon, Bekom, we spent one Sunday, the memory of which will linger long in the minds of our people. It was a day of special blessings. This church was founded under very difficult circumstances at a time when there was no missionary here. Some of the members had been baptized by Bro. Bender.

Early in the morning the people gathered from far and near. The massive chapel built by the natives was nicely decorated with greens, and at 8 o'clock the service began. An evangelist from the Basel Mission, who had remained faithful at his post during the absence of the missionaries, and my evangelist Luma spoke in a clear and earnest searching manner to the congregation. The writer then addressed the meeting, emphasizing especially the meaning of baptism taught in the Scriptures. Since the Catholics have spread their views regarding baptism in this region, stating that it makes one a Christian, it is very important that we continually stress the truth that a new birth and a consecrated life to Jesus Christ are the necessary requirements for salvation and not any outward form or ceremony. I wish all our friends in the homeland might have seen the baptism that took place out in the open air after this service. The spot chosen for the occasion was romantic and mountainous. There were 19 converts in all, men and women, boys and girls robed in white. Many were present to witness this ceremony and it was a scene that we will long remember. I am sure the angels in heaven rejoiced over those converts who had lived in sin and the darkness of heathenism, and had now been made free and were willing to follow their Savior and consecrate their lives to him. It is a joyous fact that these new converts diligently seek to win others and thereby new members are constantly added to the church. Upon our return to the chapel we celebrated the Lord's Supper.

It was my privilege upon this occasion to perform the first marriage ceremony, and this also afforded the people an opportunity to witness one for the first time. The couple joined in wedlock were two of the candidates who had just been baptized, and the groom was our assistant teacher. As this was an unusual ceremony, the young bride became very much embarrassed and it was necessary to ask the question three times before she responded giving her assent. Nevertheless, I was glad to perform this rite, as it gave me an opportunity to speak to the newly married pair regarding the

privilege and duties of a Christian married life. Some of the people who had come to this meeting from a distance urged me strongly to come to their neighborhood also, but unfortunately it was not possible for me to do so at this time. They said: "When they hear you no come, they cry plenty too much." We hope to visit them soon.

Early in the morning we left Bekom and started on our journey to Bangolen. It was a tiresome march over high mountains, and we were glad to reach Bamungo in the evening where we received a kind reception at the Basel Mission station. The native teacher employed there took care of my carriers, and the Chief sent me a chicken and some eggs, so I did not lack anything.

When the old Chief in Bamungo died, the missionary teacher was elected by the people as his successor. This was gratifying, but all those acquainted with the circumstances in Africa, know that it will be harder for him to be Chief, than it was to be a teacher. The Chief is expected to have several wives and to take part in various heathenish ceremonies. This will be a test for him and show whether his love for Christ is strong enough to enable him to take a stand for the right, in spite of the difficulties caused by the customs of this country. I asked the Christians to remember the Chief especially in prayer, that he may remain true to God and so live that he will be an example to the people.

After another strenuous day's journey we arrived in Bangolen. From several sources I had been requested to get an insight of the circumstances there. One man who had become a Christian at Soppo, returned to Bangolen and tried to win others for Christ. Before long he had gathered quite a group of people, who soon learned the gospel songs and listened as he brought to them the message of salvation. Satan, however, soon hindered this work. The old Chief, supported by the fetish priest, forbade them to hold these meetings. At one time the son of the chief, together with his adherents, broke into the house where one of these meetings was being held, and caused great disturbance. This case came up before the government in Bamenda, the offenders were punished and the old Chief was threatened with dismissal. I personally tried to explain to him that it was not our desire to stir up the people against the authority of the Chief, but to help them, and teach them to be obedient to the government. I prayed silently that God might touch the hardened heart of the chief, but he refused to yield, and said he would rather give up his office as chief and leave the tribe, than allow these Christians to build a chapel and do missionary work. I then entreated the teacher and his supporters to be true to the Lord and loyal citizens, thereby showing that in spite of persecution they would remain faithful to their God. I am sure that with God's help truth will win the victory. Pray for our work in Bangolen.

The Meaning of Locomotive Whistles

A short whistle means put on the brakes; one long whistle is the station whistle; two short ones are given in response to a hand or lantern signal from a member of the crew; two long and two short whistles signify a road crossing; one long whistle and three short ones means send out the flagman; four long ones indicate that the flagman returns from north or west, while five long ones means that flagman returns from south or east; three long whistles means that the train is parted; three short ones is a signal to back up, and a series of short ones signify that there are cattle or other stock on the track.

Mirth and Worth

Think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ.—Henry van Dyke.

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A certain thrifty farmer was paying his first visit to the city with his wife. They were walking along the street, looking for a place to eat, when they passed a sign before the door, "Luncheon 12 to 3, 50 cts." The old lady never dreamed of stopping before such a fine place, but her husband paused. "We'll go in thar," he said reflectively. "It ain't such a bad bargain, Hannar—three hours' steady eatin' for only half a dollar."

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The art of conversation consists as much in listening politely as in talking agreeably.—Atwell.

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The sexton had been laying the new carpet on the pulpit platform, and had left a number of tacks scattered on the floor. "See here, James," said the parson, "what do you suppose would happen if I stepped on one of the tacks right in the middle of my sermon?"

"Well, sir," replied the sexton, "I reckon there'd be one point you wouldn't linger on."

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A roadside notice posted in New Hampshire:

"By order of the selectmen, cows grazing by the roadside or riding bicycles on the sidewalks is hereafter forbidden."—Exchange.

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Visitor (comforting Tommy, who has upset a bottle of ink on the carpet): "Never mind, my boy; no use crying over spilled milk."

Tommy: "If it's milk that's spilled all you have to do is to call the cat and she'll lick it up cleaner'n anything. But this ain't milk, an' this time mother'll do the lickin'."

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"He who goes down in the battle of life giving a smile for every frown, a cheery word for every cross one, and lending a helping hand to the unfortunate, is, after all, the best of missionaries."

A Consecration Prayer for Young People

G. B. FOX

Be thou, O God, the Architect divine,
Be thou the builder of this life of mine.
Plan it to stand the stresses and the strains,
The storms, the pummelings of wind and rains.
Lay its foundation on that Rock of thine,
The Saviorship of Jesus Christ sublime;
And on that base erect, O Lord, the tower
To best express thy mercy and thy power.

Lord, let me live my life on earth for thee
In loving service and humility;
In winning souls for thee from every nook,
From noisy city streets or by the brook,
Whose quiet beauty gently seems to speak
Of my Redeemer, who was mild and meek.
And, Blessed Jesus, may I like thee be,
In loving kindness and in mercy free.

Oh, loving Savior, fashion thou my soul
That it be ever under thy control.
O Father, do thou pattern it to show
Thy grace to this vile world of sin below.
Lord, make it to conform to thy desire,
And fill with thy mystic, holy fire.
And as thou build it, either great or small,
Be thou life's Life, its hope, and all.

The Baptist Contribution to Civilization

REV. W. S. ARGOW

PART II

Separation of State and Church

Perhaps the largest contribution of the New World to civilization was the principle of separation of church and state. Historians ascribe to the Baptists the chief credit for the establishment of this principle in the United States. John Locke said: "The Baptists were the first propounders of absolute liberty, just and true liberty, equal and impartial liberty." George P. Fisher, professor at Yale, says in his book: "History of the Christian Church" that "a Baptist committee laid complaints before the Massachusetts delegates in the first Continental Congress at Philadelphia. The support which the Baptists lent to the patriotic cause, and the proclamation of human rights which was made on every hand won a hearing for their demands and rendered them, after tedious delays, successful. In Virginia, Patrick Henry, Jefferson and Madison enlisted in their favor. In 1785 the statute of religious liberty was adopted, of which Jefferson deemed it a great honor to have been the author, by which intervention in matters of faith and worship were forbidden to the State. All denominations were thus put on a level, and none were taxed for the support of religion." Patrick Henry stands defend-

ing three Baptist ministers and on reading the indictment setting forth that they were guilty of no less crime than that "of preaching the gospel of the Son of God," cried out with suppressed indignation, as he waved the paper thrice around his massive head: "Great God! Great God!! Great God!!!"

Our Baptist forefathers claimed that the State had no right to prescribe belief or to rule the church. There must be complete religious liberty so far as the state is concerned. The other side of this doctrine is—that the Church as such should not try to rule the State. This was and is sometimes lost sight of.

The Framers of the Constitution

of the United States caught the spirit of Roger Williams and as a result we have a country which has been the refuge of the persecuted and oppressed of all nations. Article VI on religious liberty in the American Constitution was introduced by the united efforts of the Baptists in 1789. The first amendment to the Constitution of the United States was inspired by them, and in no other country can such a provision be found. It reads in part as follows: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Baptists took the initiative in a letter to President Washington and a month later, Madison, with Washington's approval, presented the amendment with nine others.

"John Clarke, highly educated in arts and medicine, the most outright and upright, important and influential American Baptist of the 17th century," as Geo. W. McDaniel calls him in his book: "The People called Baptists"—"did more than anyone else to call the attention of the world to Puritan intolerance. He secured the charter of 1643 which made Rhode Island a free democratic state with full provision for liberty and conscience." He too was the originator of the public free school system.

Intolerance at Yale

Two young men, students in Yale College, members of the Baptist church in Canterbury, Conn., being at home on a vacation, naturally attended their own church. For this offense, on their return to New Haven, they were summoned before the college authorities and were told that "the principal end and design of establishing Yale College was to train up a succession of learned and orthodox ministers," and held up before the offenders this lurid college law: "No scholar upon the Lord's Day or another, under pretense of religion shall go to any place or private meeting, not established or allowed by public authority or approved by the president, under penalty of a fine, confession, admonition or otherwise according to the state or demerit of the offense." The unsophisticated students replied, that the humble Baptist preacher whom they had heard had "sufficient knowledge and ability to expound the Scriptures, therefore had a right to do it, hence they had not acted contrary to any divine or human law."

"Whereupon," says the record of Yale College, November 19, 1734, "it is considered and adjudged by the Rector (president) and tutors, that the said John and Ebenezer Cleaveland, in withdrawing and separating from the public worship of God, and attending upon the preaching of lay exhorters, as aforesaid, have acted contrary to the rules of the Gospel, the laws of this colony, and of this college; and that the said Cleavelands shall be publicly admonished for their faults as aforesaid; and if they shall continue to justify themselves and refuse to make an acknowledgement, they shall be expelled. They continued to justify themselves. They were expelled." Above quotation from a paper read by Dr. John A. Mason on "Two Decades of Baptist Progress."

Baptists Repel Noxious Act

Later on we find in the year 1863 the new code of the State of Georgia provided in Section 1376 that "it shall be unlawful for any church or society to license any slave or free person of color to preach or exhort or otherwise officiate in church meetings." This aroused the Baptists of that state. They declared it was seizing by force the things that are God's and rendering them unto Caesar. They insisted, in a communication to the legislature, that the State of Georgia was undertaking to dictate to the Almighty what color his preachers should be. And they announced with even such an actment before their eyes that they would ordain negroes to the ministry if they were godly men. They then proceeded to ordain two, and the protests of those Southern Baptists became so effective that the offending section was at once repealed.

A Historic Mission of Baptists

The Baptist denomination has an historic mission to stand up for the separation of church and state. "The sturdy convictions," says Walter Rauschenbusch, "of Baptists and Quakers were the rock on which the state church of our colonial era went to pieces. When we stand against any alliance of church and state, we stand for freedom of conscience, against any coercion of the soul of man; we stand also against the priest in politics, against the hand of the church in the public treasury, against the baneful influence of ecclesiastical passions in our political parties. The Lutheran and Reformed churches received state aid in Europe, the Episcopalian in England, the Presbyterian in Scotland, the Independents in Massachusetts, the Catholics everywhere, the Baptists nowhere. Looking at the trend of things in our country will any man say that the mission of Baptists is accomplished and that there will be no longer need in coming days of a determined stand against the domination of the church over our political administration and against state aid and favoritism in matter of religion?"

Military and Political Leaders

Baptists have not only proclaimed civil as well as religious liberty, but were will-

ing to fight for their convictions and country. As it was in the Old World where Cromwell was leading the forces in which there were 12 Baptists governors of cities, 10 colonels, 3 lieutenant-colonels, 10 majors and 43 company officers, so it was in the New World; Baptists were patriots in the War of the Revolution. Just the mention of a few names will suffice

Pastor McClanahan of Culpeper Co., Virginia, raised a military company of Baptists and served on the field both as captain and chaplain. The Rev. David Barrow shouldered a musket and showed how fields were won. Col. Jacob Houghton, grandfather of Spencer Cone, was in a Baptist meeting house when the news of the defeat of Lexington reached him. The service ended, he stood before the building and spoke: "Men of New Jersey! The Red Coats are murdering our brethren in New England. Who follows me to Boston?" Every man stepped into line and answered: "I." General Scriven, a Baptist, when ordered by the British officer to give up Sunburg, near Savannah, sent back the answer: "Come and take it." Deacon Mills of the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia commanded skillfully 1000 riflemen at the battle of Long Island and for his valor was made a brigadier general. Deacon Luxley, of the same church, commanded the artillery at the battle of Germantown with the rank of colonel. "He was always foremost when great guns were in action."

Add to this the galaxy John Hart, who signed the Declaration of Independence, and John Brown, whose fleet of privately owned vessels attacked the "Gaspee" which had entered Naragansett Bay to enforce British revenue customs. Lieutenant Duddington was wounded, the other officers and the crew left and the "Gaspee" was blown up. It is said, that this was the first British blood shed in the War of Independence. In their list of Tory sympathizers made up by Judge Curwen appear 926 names of people living in America and a large number were already exiled by Colonial Law. But there is not the name of one Baptist on the list. This is why President Washington, in his letter to the Baptists, could pay them the just tribute: "I recollect with satisfaction that the religious societies of which you are a member have been, throughout America, uniformly and almost unanimously the firm friends of civil liberties and the preserving promoters of our glorious Revolution." It explains how Thomas Jefferson could write to a Baptist church: "We acted together from the origin to the end of a memorable Revolution." If there were any Tories among the early Baptists of the States, history has kindly buried their treason against humanity in oblivion.

The Spirit of '76 Was Rekindled in the Civil War

One instance of a college may suffice. Among the leaders from Shurtleff College and its alumni were 2 major-generals, 2 brigadier-generals, 3 colonels, 5

majors, 3 captains, many lieutenants and non-commissioned officers. Baptist loyalty to the country met the test in the World War too. Hundreds of ministers served in various capacities, some as military combatants. Patriotic fervor burned in the Theological Seminaries and their students enlisted in large numbers. Our sons went by the ten thousands and they went with the benediction of the denomination upon their heads. Our daughters donned and adorned the Red Cross uniforms and alleviated human suffering. The soil of France is enriched with Baptist blood. America's name is made more glorious by Baptist devotion.

Gipsy Smith's First Convert

The day after I came to know Jesus as my Savior, as a lad in my father's gipsy wagon, the world was a new world to me. I could not help singing. In those days I could really sing! I never got wrecked even on the high C's!

I went out on my work as usual—I was in the lumber business—selling clothespins at twopence a dozen. The first house I came to the lady bought some, and I asked her if she would like to hear me sing. My heart was full. I wanted to tell her about Jesus. I was afraid and unable to speak, but I knew many hymns. She said yes, so I sang:

*Who'll be the next to follow Jesus?
Who'll be the next the cross to bear?
Someone is ready, someone is waiting;
Who'll be the next the crown to wear?"*

Then I saw her tears, and I was so afraid that as soon as I finished the hymn I took to my heels and ran as fast as I could!

Twenty-five years later I was holding a parlor meeting in a certain city. Among the ladies present was one who came to shake hands with me after the meeting. "Well, Mrs. Chivers," I said, "I am glad to see you! You used to buy clothespins from me when I was a little gipsy boy. Do you remember one day when I sang for you and ran away?"

"Yes," she said, "and let me tell you about it. My daughter, a girl in her teens, was in the room, and as you sang she came and stood beside me. When you had gone, she said: 'Mother, if a poor gipsy boy is able to love and confess Jesus, I think I ought to love him too.'

"So we kneeled down together, and my daughter gave her heart to Jesus. She is here with me today, and has now children of her own, and all these years she has been a true follower of Jesus."

Sing the gospel, if you have a voice! You never can tell in whose hearts your words may find a lodging.—Record of Christian Work.

Providence is the forward look of God; and with him, to look ahead is also to act ahead.

Get the habit of praising God in his sanctuary and habitually put his will into practice as you work in his world.

Preaching in British Pulpits

Rev. Howard A. Vernon of Judson Memorial Church, Minneapolis, who spent last summer in Great Britain, writes in a recent issue of "The Baptist" on "Preaching in British Pulpits." Following is an extract:

"American church services are characterized by irreverent hurry. The service must be 'snappy.' People pull their watches on you the moment you begin to preach, and you feel that you are racing for time, and when you have been going at breakneck speed for fifteen minutes, they pull their watches again, and look up at you with startled expression, as if to say, 'Man alive, do you know what time it is?' We hurry through the hymns, omitting the third and fourth verses; we read brief portions of Scripture; and the sermon is the only commodity on the market in which we demand short measure.

"Not so in Scotland. The service is lengthy; there are six hymns, two Scripture lessons, three prayers, a chant by the choir, and an anthem, and always a children's talk, and then the sermon. And when the last 'amen' is spoken there is no unseemly rush for wraps and hats, as if they were trying to catch a steamer for Europe, and no other steamer were going for six months—no, they sit again after the benediction, with bowed heads, in absolute silence, waiting to catch the accents of his stillness."

In the Melting Pot

"Next."
"Who, me?"
"Born?"
"Yes, sir."
"Where?"
"Russia."
"What part?"
"All of me."
"Why did you leave Russia?"
"I couldn't bring it with me."
"Where were your forefathers born?"
"I only got one father."
"Your business?"
"Rotten."
"Where is Washington?"
"He's dead."
"I mean the capital of the United States?"
"They loaned it all to Europe."
"Now, do you promise to support the Constitution?"
"Me? How can I? I've got a wife and six children to support."—Open Road.

Poem

The bear went up the mountain,
To see what he could see;
But—
187 signboards,
17 auto camps,
55 filling stations,
76 orange juice stands,
11 garages, and
11 987 unshaven tourists
Was all that he could see.—Judge.

The German Baptists' Life Association Buffalo, N. Y.

An Extraordinary Announcement

The management of the Life Association finds great pleasure in publishing the following gratifying information:

1. Increase in new members. Up to the 15th of October this year 249 new members have been admitted. The number of new members for the year 1928 was 239, and as there are still two and one-half months left in this year the outlook is very favorable for a materially larger growth by the end of 1929.



C. E. PANKE

2. The achievement of our Field Secretary. Our Field Secretary, Brother C. E. Panke, assumed his duties April 1st. After having devoted some time in consultation with the officers of four different denominational life assurance societies and spending several months at the main office in studying details, he traveled west to arrange for the training and appointing of our first Conference District Superintendent. Brother Jacob L. Moser took his preparatory training with the churches of Streeter and Bismarck, North Dakota. Through this effort 76 new members were added and Bro. Moser entered the service of the Association.

It was wholly beyond our expectation that in so short a time a second Conference District Superintendent would be secured, but our Field Secretary was successful in winning Bro.



JACOB L. MOSER

Martin Heringer for the territory of the Atlantic Conference and who assumed his new duties October 15th. He has already been instrumental in winning a goodly number of new members. Brother Heringer did not require training as he is experienced in life insurance matters. He has been a German Baptist from childhood and is a graduate of our Seminary in Rochester.

Monthly benefits to our invalid members are being paid regularly, of course; also benefits to members temporarily ill; death claims to widows and orphans as well as all manner of accident claims are being promptly disbursed as they fall due. This service is being constantly rendered and gives us great joy.

THE MANAGEMENT.

3. New Accident and Invalid Insurance. Not only will Children's Insurance be inaugurated January 1, 1930, but two new policies will be introduced. One guaranteeing to the family of the insured a benefit of \$5000.00 or \$2500.00 respectively for death by accident; \$50.00 (or \$25.00) per month invalid benefit in case of total permanent disability; \$30.00 (or \$15.00) per week temporary sick benefit beside other advantages which, for brevity sake, cannot be enumerated here. This policy is called Full Coverage Comfort Policy and the name alone indicates its value to the insured member.



MARTIN HERINGER

4. Children's Insurance. Beginning January 1, 1930, an entire German Baptist family can be insured, from the baby to the sixty-year old grandfather. Four policies covering children's insurance have been submitted to the state commissioners and have been accepted. They are now in the hands of the printer. Thus grows

the activity of the Association. This marks a new era just as has been the case in the appointment of superintendents for each of the conferences. These matters are in the hands of the Field Secretary and applications should be addressed to Rev. C. E. Panke, 860 Walden Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Growth of the Organization since 1911

Dec. 31	Members	Capital	Reserve	Surplus
1911	1158	\$ 70,231	\$ 5,147	\$65,084
1915	2070	158,918	117,692	41,226
1919	2454	266,474	233,314	32,660
1923	2607	386,006	345,442	40,564
1928	2919	520,027	430,459	89,568

Denominational Beneficence or Welfare Work

The plan so often advocated by our vice-president, Brother Marks, and authorized by our board, by which aid might be extended to our denominational beneficence undertakings, has failed to receive the approval of the New York Insurance Commissioner. Some other plan will therefore have to be devised.



HENRY MARKS