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HEN I consider what some books have done for the world, and what they are doing; how they keep up our hope; awake new courage and faith; soothe pain; give ideal life to those whose homes are cold and hard; bind together distant ages and foreign languages; create new works of beauty, bring down truths from heaven—I give thanks for this gift, and pray God we may all use it aright and abuse it never.

JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE.

What's Happening

tor of the Passaic, N. J., church to accept the call of the Second German Church, Detroit. Mich. He will begin his new work in Detroit on February first.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Wm. Mueller of Vancouver, B. C., rejoice in the arrival of a son, Fred Lewis Vaughn, who was born November seventh. Congratulations and best wishes for temporal and spir-

Rev. A. Bredy, formerly pastor of the Second German Church, Detroit, Mich,. is the new pastor of our German Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Ind. He began his ministry with his new charge the first Sunday in December.

After nearly a year of service in the Folsomdale, N. Y., church, Rev. Wm. E. Schweitzer resigned to take effect Nov. 3. Bro. Schweitzer has accepted the call of the church at Hebron, N. D., and will enter on his new charge December 1.

The stork has made a visit to another parsonage. This time he visited Tacoma, Wash., and Rev. and Mrs. Assaf Husmann are happy to announce the birth of a son, George Albert Harm, on Nov. 10. We tender best wishes for the welfare of the new member of the family.

The Sunday school of the Harlem Church, New York City, Rev. Frank Orthner, pastor, celebrated the annual rally day, harvest and mission festival on Oct. 20. Attendance was 113 and the offering amounted to \$60.00 Diplomas, seals and pins were distributed and a Cradle Roll graduation also took place.

The Sunday school of the Humboldt Park church, Chicago, Rev. F. L. Hahn, pastor, on Oct. 13 broke its attendance record that had been standing for five years and reached the mark of 167, the best for any regular class-session Sunday. On Oct 27 the attendance reached a high of 169 and has been hovering there since.

A "Baptist Herald" Evening in your church will help the Subscription campaign. We will be glad to send you program material, consisting of a good dialog by Rev. W. S. Argow, some recitations and readings. Write a post card at once to Rev. A. P. Mihm, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., and state how many copies you can use.

The Mission festival and Rally Day program of the Washburn, N. D., church, Rev. Fred. E. Klein, pastor, was held on Oct. 13. The missionary offering was a cause for rejoicing as it amounted to over \$500 .- Rev. John C. Schweitzer of Cathay, N. D., assisted in special meetings during November. Seven young people profess having accepted Jesus as their

The First German Baptist Church, Cleveland, O., Rev. C. F. Lehr, pastor, has purchased a lot 100x144 on East 130th St., north of Buckeye Road. The pros-

Rev. E. G. Kliese has resigned as pas- pective new building will be erected on this site. The church sold its former edifice to a Negro Baptist Church some time ago. The congregation is holding its services for the present in the Ludlow School of Shaker Heights, a suburb

Rev. Ralph Blatt, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Pekin, Ill., is conducting a Weekday Bible school on Fridays for children of the Sunday school and community between the ages of nine and fifteen. The school was opened Friday, Nov. 15. Not so long ago a son was born to Rev. and Mrs. Blatt, who has been named Justin Dwight. Congratulations on the little one.

Boost!

If you enjoy the "Baptist Herald": Help it. Show it. Quote it. Pray for it. Tell your pastor. Tell your friends. Urge others to subscribe. Talk about it in your meetings. Read selections from it frequently. Write and tell what you like best. Subscribe to it for some one who is an invalid or far away.

The Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., Rev. G. H. Schneck, pastor, has introduced a Junior Church. which will meet on the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month at 10.45 A. M. in the young people's room. Mr. A. W. H. Giesecke will have charge, assisted by some very able helpers. On the second and fourth Sundays the boys and girls are expected to attend the English morning services with their parents.

Miss Lydia Mihm of River Forest, Ill., was one of two contestants out of a field of some forty who have been awarded the scholarship founded by Samuel Insull and associates of Chicago for vocal training. This provides a year of study in Milan, Italy, under the best teachers in the profession. If satisfactory progress is made, a further year in France or Germany may be given. Miss Mihm sailed for Genoa on the steamer "Conte Grande" from New York on Nov. 23. Her mother accompanied her to New York.

The Second Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. W. J. Zirbes, pastor, recently had a number of distinguished visitors occupying the pulpit on recent Sundays. On Nov. 10 Rev. Herbert Gezork of Berlin, Germany, preached at the morning service and addressed the Sunday school; on Nov. 17, Rev. Jacob Speicher of China spoke at both morning and evening services. Mr. Walter Makowsky of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, one of the churches "own boys" and home for a Thanksgiving Day visit, preached on

The first of a series of "Good-fellowship" meetings was held in the West New York church, Oct. 15. Everyone present enjoyed the program given by the Young People's Society of the Walnut Street Church, Newark, N. J. It was a novel number, in story and song, entitled "Skybird." The purpose of these meetings is to draw the societies of the German Baptist Y. P. Union of New York and vicinity into closer contact and promote a still stronger feeling of brotherhood. The verse of the evening was: "For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

to the happy parents and God's blessing Heathen Death Rate of Children Eighty Per Cent

Rev. G. J. Geis of the Myitkyina Kachin Mission reports a total of 247 baptisms during the past year, the largest in that field in one year. A new Association of churches has been organized in the part of this field that lies more than a hundred miles north of Myitkyina, with over six hundred present at the first session. Writing of the conditions of the non-Christian Kachins and emphasizing the thought that the Christians must "out-live" the heathen, Mr. Geis says, "The death rate among children (in non-Christian villages) must at least reach 80 per cent. In most villages idiots can be seen as filthy as their pigs.... I know not of one idiot being born in a Christian Kachin family on the Myitkyina field. The villages are cleaner and the burdens are being shifted from the women on to the shoulders of the men." Speaking of the associational meeting the missionary adds. "I have never witnessed more sacrificial giving than at these meetings, and the interest for the extension of the kingdom was deep. Christianity has taken deep root in the life of the Kachins. The great task is now to keep up the increased momentum of missionary

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The Value of a Good Book

HELEN BARRETT MONTGOMERY

GOOD BOOK is like a good wife-beyond price. If one had all the words in all the dictionary, one could not fittingly set forth the value of a good book, because a good book is dynamic. It sets you thinking, and sometimes the result of your thinking is a fresh discovery of truth.

A good book can tell you things that you would not allow to be spoken to you; it can reveal faults. reprove you for inconsistencies, suggest amendments and bring about marvelous reformations in a truly marvelous way. Then, too, a good book is a well of pleasure undefiled.

I include in the term "good book" not only those that are good for something, but those that are in themselves good, beautiful, true, inspiring, lovely, and of good report. Such a book can be read again and again, for the pure delight of it. The pleasure you take in the artistry of words, the pictures that it paints for you, the songs that it sings to you, are a part of the imperishable treasury of a good book.

A really good book cannot be appreciated on a first reading. You need to know it as you do a person, to get the best out of it. Hence real book lovers have their favorites to which they recur ever and again, when they need faith, or hope, or cheer, or encouragement. Poor is the person who is not a friend of books! Poor, too, the one who has not a wide acquaintance in book-land; and poorest the one who is not ashamed of his own deficiencies!

Paul and His Books

FOR those who undervalue the help of good books and periodicals in explaining and applying the Rible, this excellent editorial paragraph taken from the "Sunday School Times" should have a message: It is not sane to say we should never read any

book but the Bible. There are extremists who do say that, who claim that they teach and speak only what they have found in the Word of God, independent of any man's teaching. But we have a very fine authority for the study of thoughtful books interpreting the Bible. Paul, anticipating a visit from Timothy, said: "The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, bring when thou comest, and the books. especially the parchments" (2 Tim. 4:13, R.V.) He had previously said to Timothy, "Give heed to reading" (1 Tim. 4:13).

of "Our Hope," Paul was "the great inspired apostle. pain and poverty and distress of everyday life. who had preached for over thirty years and had a "Books," said Emerson, "impart sympathetic activwho had proved the wanted the best wider, more spiritual experience than perhaps ity to the moral powers. Go with mean people and far white, man, yet he wanted the books. He had you think life is mean. Then read Plutarch, and the any other had pout think life is mean. Then read Plutarch, and the been caught up into the third heaven, and heard world is a proud place, peopled with men of posi-

there things unlawful for a man to utter; more than that, he had seen the Lord, and then received the great and marvelous revelation, put into his hand by the Spirit of God, yet he wants books." Bible teachers are gifts of the Lord to his Church (1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4:11. 12) for the purpose of the "perfecting of the saints." Their ministry is the written as well as the spoken word.

Masterful Books

HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK

S OME books are our servants. They run errands for us. They are mental drudges. They bring us information; they tell us news; they keep us up to date; they equip us for our trade. But the great books are not our slaves; they are our masters; we sit at their feet to learn. "Look," they say, and looking, we catch new visions of life's significance. "Consider," they say, and considering, we are captured by a new truth and our spiritual power is multiplied. A man's life is made by the hours when great ideas lay hold upon him, and except by way of living persons there is no channel down which great ideas come oftener into human lives than by way of books. Said Charles Kingsley, "Save a living man, nothing is so wonderful as a book."

Make the Most of Books

JAMES HOSMER PENNIMAN, LITT. D.

Reading an Adventure

He habit of communing with great thoughts gives health and vigor to the mind. Men who habitually read the classics have a breadth of view and a toughness of mental fiber which cannot be obtained by those whose highest inspiration is derived from the newspaper and the last novel. Reading the best books gives an elevation of thought which raises above the level of common things, ennobles and makes fine the ordinary daily occupations, dignifies life, and makes it worth living. The woman who keeps her Bible open while she is sewing and refreshes herself with the Psalms or the Gospels is deriving mental as well as spiritual nourishment; without such inspiration, her labor would fade into the light of common day.

We need great books to take us out of ourselves, and to show us in true perspective our relations to the past, the present and the future. We may find from books, if we have not learned from our own As Mr. Gaebelein points out in a recent number observation, the true heroism that is present in the tive quality, with heroes and demigods standing of water in the well. Was the pump broken? No, around us, who will not let us sleep." Michael An- the pump apparently was alright. Well, what then gelo said, "When I read Homer, I look to see if I am not twenty feet tall."

An Aid to Achievement

Whatever your purpose, books will help you to accomplish it. They make the knowledge of manthem. Only the wise can get the best out of books, they refuse to deliver their message to the ignorant.

Next to knowing a thing yourself the most necessary thing is knowing where to find it, and the method of getting at the information which is stored in books is an art that must be acquired.

It is an education to take up some subject and master it, examining all the books about it and weighing all the varying and conflicting opinions. You never realize the depth of human knowledge and the difficulty of judging what the truth is, until

From catalogues and bibliographies you may make a list of the best works on the subject that you are investigating and you must then quarry from these books what is of use to you and arrange it in a logical and orderly way.

You need not read all the books; some contain what you already know, and in many of them there is repitition of what you have seen elsewhere. You glance through one and find little to the purpose, the table of contents of another shows that here and there is matter that should be looked over, at last you come to a work by a great man, a master of the subject, every word of which must be read and pondered on.

"Prime the Pump"

CHAS. F. ZUMMACH

HE above caption formed the headline of an Learning, experience, spiritual maturity and quality of character country appeared in a magazine of character country. article which recently appeared in a magazine of character count for less. He must be a "go-getter," Production for less. He must be a "go-getfor ministers. Since we are not writing for ministers, we will confine ourselves to using the headline only.

When the writer was a boy a well was dug near the house where he lived. It was the first well on the farm, and the deepest and best well in the whole neighborhood. It never lacked water, even during the longest droughts, or severest winters. Its waters remained at a constant level regardless of the variations of the seasons. When the well was completed, a brand new pump was installed. It was a great event in the life of the family. What a pleasure to simply step out of doors and with a few vigorous swings of the pump handle bring up the clear, cool water from the subteranean springs which the well tapped, instead of trudging to the "waterhole" back of the barnyard for a bucket full of water, and then being compelled to drink the brackish water from

But in the course of time the water did not come so readily from the pump. Considerable pumping

was the trouble? A simple matter. In the course of the years the valve, or plunger, in the pump (we used to call it a sucker, a most appropriate name, me thinks) had become worn, thus causing the water to drain back into the well, so that there was kind our own if we know how to avail ourselves of not sufficient suction to start the flow from the bottom of the well. It became necessary to pour water from the top to start the flow. Once started, the pump would work as efficiently as before. Now for the application.

The Preacher Today

has perhaps one of the most difficult jobs in the world. His position has been made more difficult during the last five years, owing to the development of the radio. Five years ago the average church member rarely had occasion to hear any preacher you have found out from your own experience the average church member sits down at his radio and except his own, or an occasional visitor. Today the listens to the best preaching talent in the country, men who by virtue of their circumstances, are in a position to specialize in preaching. He exclaims: "Now, if our preacher would only preach like that, then I would go to church." While we do not wish to detract in any way from the genius and ability of these rare souls, whom God is using so wonderfully over the radio, the average church member forgets that his pastor has a multitude of time-robbing tasks to perform, besides getting out his two sermons a week, a prayer-meeting talk, a Bible class lesson, a talk to the B. Y. P. U. with a funeral sermon, a talk to the Ladies Missionary Society or some other organization thrown in for good measure. Is it any wonder that sometimes the "pump seems to have

More frequently than not, we hear it said,

"We Must Have a Man Who Pleases the Young

ter." Production is the magic word in the industrial world today. His success is measured not by the quality but by the quantity of his work and the number of new members he has to report. The aged Quaker gold to he members he has to report. The aged Quaker said to his son: "John, get thee money. If thee cannot cost thee thee cannot get thee money honestly, get thee money." Conserve thee money honestly, get their money." Congregations seem to demand of their pastors: "Cot the garding seem to demand of their cannot pastors: "Get thee members, and if thee cannot now," Now, get thee good members, and if thee condo not misundant bers, get thee members." Now, do not misunderstand the writer. It is of the utmost importance that the importance that the religious influence of the church should be made by religious influence of the church the religious influence of the church in the should be made both attractive and effective in the lives of the volume of the volume. lives of the young people, and in the community. We hold no brief for the people, and in the community. hold no brief for the pastor who is intellectually lazy, and then are the pastor who is intellectually lazy, and then excuses his laziness by piously referring to the Scriptures his laziness by piously referring to the Scriptures. ing to the Scriptures: "Take no thought... of what ye shall say." But the ye shall say." But there is a vast difference between pleasing young people is a vast difference between pleasing young people, and giving them what they ought to have. While and giving them what to eat ought to have. While the child may wish to eat the parents was required to make it flow. What was the matter? Had the well gone dry? No, there was plenty velop its body properly. The same law holds good

in the spiritual realm. In order to do this the min-standing and application of that Word which he is ister, busy though he may be with a thousand and called upon to preach is essential. Yet few church one things, must take time to study and think on the members realize what a drain it is upon the purse great truths of God as they are related to the prob- of a pastor with a small salary to keep his shelves lems of our own day. It is present, and not past stocked with good new books, and keep abreast with needs we are dealing with.

well (A new Gospel)? No, there is plenty of water there. The Gospel is ample and sufficient for every age and its needs. Do we need a new pump (a new pastor)? No, that would be an unnecessary and expensive procedure. Well, what then? Why simply "prime the pump."

It is no exaggeration to say, that the requirements demanded of the minister today are higher than those demanded of any other profession. Often these demands are most unreasonable. "Every pulpit imagines that it must have a pastor who combines piety, superior social qualities, learning and eloquence all in one." Some good deacon has been in New York or in Chicago and heard a Shannon or a Fosdick, and believes that

Brushtown Ought to Have a Man Like That

Or some dear sister has heard a ten thousand dollar man in the city, and is sure that Pumpkin Center ought to have a man like that. In other words the thousand dollar man is required to produce the same quality of service as the ten thousand dollar man; if he fails, he ought to be put out, and the other man called in his place. Whether this man would visit him every few weeks and pat him on the back to keep him faithful in his church attendance and in good spirits, is another question.

Now, whether rightly or wrongly, the spirit of modern progress has decreed that the preacher shall be a man of broad culture. He must familiarize himself with the problems of life and by his pulpit utterance show that he reads extensively. That there is a danger there, to relegate the Bible to an unimportant place in private study we admit. After all the minister's place is not to deliver himself on every branch of science or philosophy, he is primarily a man of "The Book," and that Book is the Bible. He is there to declare a certain message, to discharge a certain trust. His is not the realm of literature, science or philosophy, but the realm of religion. "Preach the Word" is as much the duty of the preacher today as it was when Paul wrote to Timothy. But if that preaching is not to spend its power or lose its force it must be made applicable to the problems of the lives of his listeners, else he becomes, as Paul says, like "a man beating the air."

Automobiles or Libraries

Dean Inge of England (they call him the gloomy dean) said, after visiting America last year, that he found that most pastors had automobiles, but few had well stocked libraries. Now, an automobile is as necessary for a pastor today as a horse and buggy secretary of the young people's society or to the was a quarter of a century ago, and the writer has pastor. Put them up in the church vestibule, Sunday had occasion to use both. But the intellectual and school or young people's room, wherever the messpiritual culture of the minister must not be neg- sage of the poster can best "get across." Give them lected. Every help he can get for a better under- a good place and space.

the best thought of his day, unless he has access to What then is the solution? Do we need a new a good public library. And yet books are the minister's tools with which he must work. No mechanic can work without tools, and even the best cannot do good work with poor tools. Many a minister wistfully picks up a book he feels he ought to have to help him to better understand the Book of Books, or reads the announcement of a good new book he would like to have, and then with a sigh lays it down, like a poor child in a toy shop, because he cannot afford it. Many a mind remains crippled and stunted, because it lacks the necessary means to stimulate that thought-life into action.

How to Prime the Pump

What can we do about it? "Prime the Pump." Since youth, like the Athenians of old, is always bent upon hearing something new, the young people ought to make this their special concern. If you feel that your pastor is not "keeping up with the style," his thoughts in his sermons not sparkling and fresh, if he seems to lack the grasp of the problems in which you are vitally interested, do not rush to the conclusion that you need a new pump, only the sucker is at fault. "Prime the pump." Find out how many new books he has been able to buy within the past few years. Find out how many Assemblies, Conventions or Conferences he has been able to attend. The church that fails to send its pastor,—yes, opposes his going,—to these gatherings, is robbing itself. On the other hand, the pastor who fails to go when he can, because of indifference, is guilty of neglecting one of the most valuable contributions to his intellectual and spiritual life. Said a pastor of a great church to me recently, "You know how hungry you get to hear some one else." Having found this out, put your heads together, and your hands into your pocket, and slip a "Double Eagle" into his hands and say: "Here, brother pastor, prime the pump." And while you are at it, add an extra five dollars wherewith he can subscribe to a couple of good religious journals, that will make their periodic visit to his desk, and stimulate his intellectual and spiritual life. Try it. You will be amazed at the result. "Prime the pump."

Editorial Jottings

ANNOUNCEMENT of our new Serial Story will be made in the next "Baptist Herald." Watch for it.

POSTERS FOR THE 1930 "Baptist Herald" Subscription Campaign have been mailed to all of our boosters whose addresses we have. Where we lack a booster's name, the posters have been sent to the

Books! Books! Books!

WILLIAM L. STIDGER

Books! Books! Books! And we thank thee, God. For the gift of them; For the glorious reach And the lift of them; For the gleam in them, For the dream in them: For the things they teach And the souls they reach! For the maze of them. And the blaze of them, For the ways they open to us. And the rays that they shoot through us!

Books! Books! Books! And we thank thee, God, For the light in them; For the might in them: For the urge in them And the surge in them: For the souls they wake And the paths they break; For the gong in them And the song in them: For the throngs of folks they bring to us, And the songs of hope they sing to us!

Books! Books! Books! And we thank thee, God, For the deep in them: For the rhythmic swing And sweep of them: For the croon in them. And the boon in them; For the prayers they pray And the doubts they slay; For the do in them And the true in them; For the blue skies they shew us And the new stars that they strew us.

Father and Son Banquet at Pekin

A very enjoyable time was had by 62 men and boys who attended the Father and Son Banquet held at the Second Baptist Church of Pekin, Ill., on Friday, Nov. 8. The Philomathian Society, which is the men's club of the church, sponsored the occasion while the Ruthian Society, the young women's organization, prepared and served the meal. This consisted of fruit cocktail, baked ham with mashed potatoes and green beans, rolls and butter, olives and celery, ice cream and cake, coffee and mints. The decorations were in yellow and white, the Philomathian colors. Songs were sung by the banqueters between courses.

The toastmaster, Henry Zimmerman, introduced the pastor, Rev. Ralph Paul Blatt, who in turn introduced Harry Bonk, the president of the Philomathians, and presented him with a "loving cup." This was a comedy stunt which required a large porcelain cup. When the president reached out to receive the trophy, it was dropped to the concrete floor and smashed into "a thousand pieces." Following this, John Bonk spoke in behalf of the fathers, and Wilbert Ubben answered for the sons.

The main address was given by Rev. George Clark, minister of the local Epis-

copal church. He pointed out the importance of the fathers' example especially in relation to the Christian life and church attendance. He also said: "A father must expect to spend some time with his son." Several numbers were given by the Philomathian quartet. This men's organization has about 20 active members who meet at the various homes once each month. Their ultimate purpose is to serve their church. R. P. BLATT.

Cross and Crown Class, Burns Ave. Church

The annual election of officers of the Cross and Crown Class of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., took place at the home of our retiring president, Edna Russell.

Our last year was a very successful one. Our class of seven active members accomplished several worth while things since our last election. We sent ten dollars to the Detroit Baptist Orphanage for Christmas, and made a complete layette for a mother in our congregation. We came together one evening and cut out pictures to be used in the daily vacation Bible and Industrial schools conducted by Miss Shephard, Miss Bistor and Miss Lunds in their work among foreign children in Detroit. We also gathered pencil stubs, cardboards, wall paper scraps, postal cards and such things which can be used in their work. At present, our class has undertaken to supply material and make 24 scrap books for these missionaries. Miss Shephard attended one of our class meetings and told us about her work in Hamtramck among the Rumanians, Serbs, and others. The girls all became interested and are going to help her from time to time with contributions of some kind. The class decided to furnish the sheets and pillow cases to be used in their new home at the Community Center which the Detroit Baptist Union is planning to build in the near future and in which two of

Our treasurer reported \$36.48 taken in during the year. Our expenditure during the year. Our expenditure amounted to \$33.33, leaving \$3.15 on

The election of officers took place and resulted as follows: Bertha Barsuhn, president; Rose Penner, vice-president; Edna Russell, secretary; Mary Holwey,

Our aim for the coming year is to double the membership of the class as well as the work. The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The mother of our new secretary served a very nice lunch

EDNA RUSSELL.

Camrose Young People

The Camrose Young People had for a time taken a rest, but at the beginning of this year we again re-united and are now making up for lost time. This summer and up to now we have been excep-

On August 4 we rendered a program in our church, which consisted of recita-

tion, dialogs, male quartets and selections by the orchestra. In previous years we were invited by the Young People's Societies, namely, Wetaskiwin and Glory Hills. This year we had the opportunity to repay our debt, so on August 18 we went to Glory Hills and on August 25 to Wetaskiwin. We then visited Freudental with our program and on November 10 we are planning on motoring to Forestburg.

THE BAPTIST HERALD

October 13 also meant a great day for us. Rev. F. A. Mueller, our former minister, had resigned and Rev. A. Kujath of Calgary began his ministry with us. We had a large crowd in attendance. The church proved far too small to accommodate the people. Lunch was served in church. The afternoon program consisted of speeches of welcome by the various societies, male quartets and selections by the orchestra in honor of our new minister.

Then on November 5 an event of great interest took place when Mabel Emily, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Schmitke, was united in holy matrimony to John Mueller, youngest son of Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Mueller. The bride was attended by Miss Vernial Weiss, niece of the groom, Miss Leona Falkenberg, also a niece of the groom, was the flower girl. The groom was supported by Mr. Arthur Weisser, cousin of the bride. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Eichenlob, sister of the groom. Rev. F. A. Mueller officiated, assisted by Rev. A. Kujath. After the ceremony a fine supper was served at the bride's home. The happy couple left for a short honeymoon and on their return will reside here-

MARTHA LINK, Sec.

The Subtle Temptation

The head of the English department in one of our large colleges, in close touch with the student life, complains that while there seems to be much reading among young people today, there is a woeful lack of real system or purpose in much of that reading. "My observation has convinced me," he affirms, "that the greater part of the reading that is done by young men and women is desultory and purposeless, and but confirms the shrewd remark of our Irish wit and philosopher, Mr. Dooley, that 'Next to goin' to bed, readin' is the assist job in the wurrld for a lazy man."

Young folks would do well to think about this. It is, indeed, easy to make reading a kind of virtuous excuse for indolence, to spend our leisure moments poring over light and frivolous books and magazines and yet virtuously excuse ourselves for failure to perform more worthwhile tasks on the grounds that we have been commendably occupied in the culture of our minds. What we read, how we read, why we read are questions we need to think about every time we pick up a book.

Press on in God's strength, and the barriers to success will break down under the pressure.

Books ELSIE M. FOWLER

Books are like people. I shall choose them wisely, then they be-

come good friends. When I am ill, they take me from my

sick-room, They lead me out-of-doors among new

playmates; When I am well, they take me into lands of enchantment;

I meet the great and noble of history; I am inspired to become like them.

Books are like people; Therefore I shall treat them kindly; Though I cherish them, I shall share them with others;

They will never fail me. Good books are good friends.

Miss Bender's Nursing Work in Cameroon

Dear Young Friends and Readers of the "Herald":

My heart is filled with joy and gratitude towards our heavenly Father who has been so graciously assisting me in my nursing-work among the natives here in Soppo. In several instances I was privileged to experience his almighty power in a very special manner.

While I was busy treating the sick one morning, Efiter, one of our faithful workers who is teaching about 50 boys and girls in the vernacular, walked into my dispensary stooping over and covering his right eye with his hand. Apparently he was in great pain. When I looked at his eye I noticed at once that he was suffering from an acute infection. His vision in both eyes was blurred. Upon questioning him he told me that the eye had hurt him only slightly the previous day but that the swelling and acute inflammation had set in during the night. I realized that something must be done at once in order to check the inflammation and prevent the other eye from becoming infected also. After I had taken care of him as well as I could he went home to rest in bed for the day. Under the circumstances it was utterly out of question that he should teach. When he came again the following day to my great disappointment the inflammation instead of having subsided was much more intense. I gave him another treatment and a lot of helpful advice. My prayer to the Lord that night was that he in his mercy put his healing hand on Efiter's eye so that his clear vision might return and he be enabled to resume his work in school. I continued to give Efiter regular treatments. But from that day on the inflammation subsided. On the fifth morning I asked Efiter: "Well, Efiter, how did you rest last night?" "Just fine, nyango," he said, "I slept all night. I had no pain as I had

Another time while I was engaged applying bandages, a tall, strong-looking

the previous nights. God, our great phy-

sician, has healed me. I am so grateful

that I can go back to school again." The

selfsame morning Efiter returned to

school again with a happy and grateful

boy came limping along, each step apparently causing him pain. He sat down as soon as he reached the nearest bench. There was a foot with a miserably lacerated toe. I did not think at the time that it could be saved. But with God all things are possible. Each morning I had him bathe his foot to give it a thorough cleansing. After that plenty of iodine was applied, the toe dressed and the foot well bandaged, to keep the wound from becoming infected. Eeach morning he came to my dispensary with the bandage still tightly around his foot. Unlike so many others he was very anxious to have his foot heal and he realized that this would only be possible if he followed my instructions implicitly. Each morning as I was dressing the toe, he would watch me to see whether I was pleased with the healing process of the wound. At first the infection seemed to go deeper into the tissues but after two weeks of patient and careful treatment the wound began to heal nicely. Now my patient is all hale and hearty again.

The many wounds and bruises that I have to treat day after day always remind me of One who was bruised and wounded for our transgressions and iniquities-of Jesus, by whose stripes we are healed (Isa. 53), and we would not fail to point the suffering ones to Jesus, that through him they might have eternal life. The practice of the healing art tion of this glorious end.

I Dedicate Myself to Thee

O Lord, my God! This work I undertake Alone in thy great name, and for thy sake.

In ministering to suffering I would learn The sympathy that in thy heart did burn For those who on life's weary way Unto diseases divers are a prey.

Take, then, mine eyes and teach them to perceive

The ablest way each sick one to relieve, Guide thou my hands that e'en their touch may prove

The gentleness and aptness born of love. Bless thou my feet and while they softly tread

May faces smile on many a sufferer's bed. Touch thou my lips, guide thou my tongue, Give me a word in season for each one.

Clothe me with patient strength all tasks to bear. Crown me with hope and love which

know no fear, And faith, that coming face to face with death

Shall e'en inspire with joy the dying breath All through the arduous day my actions guide,

And through the lonely night watch by my side

So shall I wake refreshed, with strength to pray: "Work in me, through me, with me, Lord,

this day!" Sincere greetings,

Your sister in Christ, ERICA D. BENDER.

News from Union City Church On Oct. 20 our Sunday school together with the church (First, Union City, N. J.) celebrated the Harvest and Mission Festival. Bro. Wm. Schmidt of Newark, N. J., was our special speaker. He told us many interesting things he had observed while traveling in Europe last summer. We all fell in love with him. A collection for Missions was taken.

On Oct. 27 I had the joy of baptizing a girl from our Sunday school and a young mother. After her baptism she with her husband dedicated their babyboy to the Lord.

On Nov. 10 our German C. E. Society arranged a recruiting evening. The president of the society, Walter Fahrer, and our student, Fritz Stahl, together with the pastor, occupied the pulpit. A fine musical and literary program was rendered. For the first time the Guitar band appeared in public. Rev. G. A. Schmidt of the Liebenzell Mission was the speaker of the evening. He spoke on China.

JOHN SCHMIDT,

First Church, Union City, N. J.

Rally Day at Temple Church

Rally Day at Temple Church, Pittsburgh, was held Oct. 6, with an attendance of 420 which was over 97% of the enrollment. The usual Rally Day prois an effective means toward the realiza- gram was given to which the various departments of the entire Bible school contributed. One of the most impressive numbers on this program was the promotion exercises of our Cradle Roll department, in which 12 little boys and girls participated. After this our pastor, Rev. O. E. Krueger, gave a brief message.

> The annual Social Rally took place on the following Friday night, with about 250 persons present. Various departments and classes entertained with pleasing numbers. This year's promotion was the largest in the history of the school. The Beginners department led with 24 graduates. Primaries followed with 16. As customary, each graduate from the Primary department received a beautiful Bible. Certificates of promotion were then presented to the scholars promoted from the various departments, and attendance awards were given. The highest attendance record has been attained by two scholars from the Agoga Class. Edwin Evans, whose record was transferred to our school from the Cobden St. Baptist Church in 1920, received his 17th year bar. Franz Kulinna who holds a continuous record in our school, received his 13th year bar. At the close, light refreshments were served.

> > MRS. A. J. WOLLSCHLAEGER, Secretary of Records.

It was not great learning, understanding, or achievement that the Master set before his disciples when they asked who should be highest in his Kingdom. He lifted before them a happy child, content to love, to trust, and to obey.

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Never, never choose a book By its interesting look, By its pictures, by its size, Or its type that suits the eyes. Would you profit in the end, Choose it as you choose a friend. Choose it, not for just today, But forever and for aye. Learn from those that know it well What the volume has to tell, What it seeks, and how succeeds, And the road by which it leads. Has the book an atmosphere Bright and sunny, true and clear? Does the volume grip the heart? Will it play a hero's part? Will it stoutly trudge along, Gay and helpful, wise and strong, Through prosperity or woe, Wheresoever you may go? Not for just a jolly look Make selection of a book: Would you profit in the end, Choose it as you choose a friend.

CHRISTMAS BOOK SHOPPING SUGGESTIONS

Christmas, the happiest festivity of the year, is rapidly coming. A few more weeks and we will hear the sleighbells jingling as old Santa Claus comes galloping down the road. As usual he will carry a large sack filled with presents to make every one happy.

Our Heavenly Father himself started all this Christmas joy when many years ago he gave to the world a wonderful gift. It was the best he had to offer, and it supplied our very greatest need, a need not for material possessions, but for spiritual enrichment. That giving spirit of God is rekindled in our hearts each year as the Christmas season approaches. We seek to give it expression as we offer gifts to our children, our parents and our friends.

But if these gifts are to adequately express the true Christmas spirit, they ought to be for the enrichment of the mind and soul rather than to supply material needs. Our gifts ought not to consist so much in boxes of candy, jewelry, clothes, automobiles, as rather in articles which stimulate our thinking, exalt our ideals, extend our horizons and Christianize the atmosphere of our homes. Nothing can exceed Bibles, Story Bibles, good books, subscriptions to magazines, and good pictures for such purposes.

As we read good books we walk down the corridors of time with the great thinkers of the past, we enrich our experience by sharing in the experience of those who, as a sensitive seismograph, registered the currents of thought and the growth of ideals in the world about us. Many lives have been transformed through the reading of good books. Horace Bushnell was changed from a skeptic to a famous preacher through reading Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "Aids to Reflection." Thoughtless boys have been transformed into foreign missionaries by reading "The Life of Adoniram Judson." Lew Wallace

was hired by an Atheistic Association, headed by Robert Ingersoll, to explode "the myth of Christianity," as he called it. He studied the New Testament records for his material, and the result was "Ben Hur," one of the world's greatest testimonies to the historicity of Jesus.

But not all thooks are good books. They can break as well as make lives. Unfortunately those of destructive quality are cheaper and most widely distributed. They are most likely to fall into the hands of our young people unless we see that they have good ones to read. Some folk think their children are all right as long as they are reading a book. They may be in the very worst company of all the world while engaged in that occupation. It is for that reason that the writers are anxious to supply readers of the "Baptist Herald" with suggestions which will enable them to secure good books for their Christmas gifts.

If all our Baptist folk would this year buy books and Bibles for their kindred and friends, what a wonderful time of sowing precious seed this Christmas season would be! And upon such sowing a glorious harvest of nobler thinking, more altruistic conduct, more ardent worship, more unselfish Christian service would be sure to follow. His word will not return void. So please scan over the following suggestions and supply your Christmas needs with books and do your friends a lasting good, one that will reach even into eternity.

Book of Books

Has each one of your children a Bible which he can call his very own? He ought to have one. If not a whole Bible, at least a New Testament. The following are practical Bibles for Christmas gifts:

A convenient pocket size at \$2.35; the same but thinner at \$3.35; the same but bound in maroon leather most suitable for girls at \$2.50.

One a little larger in size but convenient to carry, full leather lined at \$5.25.

Something very fine in a Teacher's Bible, 4%x7 inches, India paper and leather lined at \$10.00.

Or a Scofield Bible, size 41/2x7 inches. Teacher's Edition, India paper and leather lined at \$9.50.

A "Scofield" can also be had in a larger size (51/2x81/8) in regular Text Edition, India paper, leather lined, at \$10.00.

The are all divinity circuit bindings which means overlapping edges.

New Testaments in the newer translations are also desirable such as Moffat's The New Testament at \$1.50; Weymouth's The New Testament in Modern Speech at \$1.50; Goodspeed's The New Testament at \$1.50; Helen Montgomery's Translation at \$1.00.

Story Bibles

The Bible was largely written for adults. Much of it is hard for children to understand. When they open their Bibles to these portions they get discouraged and think the Bible is not interesting. For this reason good men and

excellent Bible scholars have retold the story of the Bible in simple words so that children might understand it. And they do appreciate it wherever it is read to them. Homes that have children ought to use the Story Bibles for their family devotions. The parents ought to read especially for the understanding of the children. The Story Bible makes that possible. They will enjoy devotions when it is used. The following are recommended for your use. Make the family a Christmas present of a Story Bible. You could make no better investment.

Bible Story Book by Elsie E. Egermeier, a fine large volume of 673 pages and well illustrated at \$2.00.

One of the best known, and deservedly so, is Hurlbut's Story of the Bible at \$2.00, and Hurlbut's story of Jesus entitled Life of Christ at \$2.00.

Another such book which is highly recommended is Jane Eayre Fryer's The Bible Story Book for Boys and Girls, suited to the ages of 6 to 12. A large volume and in large type. It is also \$2.00.

Books for Children

Age 3-8

The little folk plead for stories. They need stories for their mental food as much as bread and milk for their bodies. Many parents would not think of denying their children a piece of bread and butter, but when the hunger for stories, they turn them a deaf ear.

The market is filled with stories which are adapted to early childhood. We are especially interested in getting those into the hands of the children which are free from all harmful suggestions and that build the soul and character as well as entertain and build the mind

The following suggestions may help parents or friends who are buying for little children:

Standard Bible Stories. Primer 80 cts.; First Readers, 90 cts.; Second Readers, 90 cts.

The Children's Gateway to Bible Story Land. By Mrs. L. M. Adams. \$1.50 Story tellers will enjoy this book, so will the children.

Tell Me a True Story. By Mary Stewart. \$2.00. Contains many Bible stories. Illustrated.

"With the Children on Sundays." By Sylvanus Stall. \$2.00.

The Bobbsey Twins. A series. By Laura Lee. 50 cts.

The Adventure Series. By Thornton W. Burgess.

Adventures of Mr. Mocker, 50 cts. Peter Cottontal, 50 cts. Mother Westwind, \$1.00.

Age 9-12

Children of this age are interested in reading their own stories. They love animal stories and by means of these many valuable lessons in kindness and thoughtfulness are taught. They also are interested in nature which God has so wonderfully adorned for our delight. Books are written to help them understand nature and appreciate it the more

With these considerations in mind the following are suggested:

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All About Pets. By Margery Bianco.

Heidi. By Johanna Spyri. 330 pages. \$2.00.

Simple Susan and Other Stories. By Maria Edgeworth. \$1.75.

Burgess Flower, Animal or Bird Book. The books are beautifully illustrated in colors and give information on the flowers, birds and animals a child likes to come in contact with in delightful story form. About 350 pages. \$3.00.

Forest Friends. By H. R. Evans. \$1.50. Animal Land. By W. A. Colcord. \$1.50.

Little Maid Series. Excellent girl stories based on historical events of our past history. \$1.50 per copy.

Louise Alcott Stories. All girls should have a chance to read these. Many different titles ranging in price from 50 cts. to

The Monkey That Would Not Kill. By Henry Drummond. Very funny. 115 pages. \$1.00.

Karl, the Elephant. By Dhan Gapal Mukerii, 135 pages, \$2.00.

Beautiful Joe. By Marshall Saunders. Every child should read this book. \$1.50. Black Beauty. Loved by all children.

Towny, a Dog of the Old West. By Thomas C. Hinkle. A good book for children by a good author. \$1.75.

Young People

Age 12-24

Pilgrim's Progress. By John Bunyan. \$1.50.

Timoleon. A Friend of Paul. By Mrs. Murphy. \$1.25. In His Steps. By Charles Sheldon.

75 cts. The First Soprano. By Mary Hitch-

cock. \$1.00. A masterpiece of Christian fiction

Up Anchor-a Sea Story. By D. Harold Dickey. \$1.50. The Sphepherd of Us All. By Mary Ruth. \$1.50,

Stewart. 255 pages. \$1.25. Understood Betsy. (For girls.) By Dorothy Canfield Fisher. \$1.30.

The Trompeter of Krakau. By Erwin P. Kelly. Prize story. Fifteenth Century historical novel. \$2.50.

The Boy Mechanic. 475 pages. 800 things to make. For the mechanically inclined.

Splendor of God. By Honore Willsie Morrow. \$2.50. Fine piece of fiction based on the life of Adoniram Judson.

We Must March. By Honore Willsie Morrow. \$2.00. Historical fiction based on the winning of Oregon.

Hearthstones. By Elizabeth S. Payne. 75 cts. A thoroughly enjoyable tale. Silver Slippers. By Temple Bailey.

\$2.00.

The stories by Grace Livingston Hill are also recommended and there are many of them.

For Sunday School Workers

More Four-Minute Talks for Superinintendents. By K. L. Webb. \$1.00. The Worship of the Little Child. By

Edna Dean Baker. 131 pages. \$1.00. Peloubet's Select Notes. 1930. International S. S. Lessons. \$2.00 postpaid.

Primary Story Worship Program. By Mary Kirkpatrick Berg. 195 pages. \$1.25. Junior Methods in Church School. By Marie Cole Powell. 371 pages. \$1.75.

Short Pageants for the Sunday School. Copenhaver. 16 ten-minute pageants.

Tarbell's Teachers' Guide, 1930. \$2.00 postpaid.

How to Teach Religion. By Betts. \$1.00.

For the Church Library

The Kindergarten Children's Hour. In five volumes. Edited by Lucy Wheelock. Volume 1-Songs with Music. 141 pages. Large size. Volume 2-Children's Occupation. 342

pages. Volume 3-Talks to Children. 462

Volume 4-Talks to Mothers. 390 pages.

Volume 5-Stories for Children, 450

The set would be a great enrichment of the home library. Price \$15.00.

For Parents

Your Growing Child. By Addington Bruce. 450 pages. \$2.50.

The Nervous Child and His Parents. 400 pages. By Frank Howard Richardson, M. D. \$2.50.

Girlhood and Character. By Moxey.

For Your Son or Daughter in College

The Intimate Problems of Youth. By Rudisill. \$2.00.

Jesus' Ideal of Living. By Fiske. \$1.50

Girls' Problems of Today. By Mother

For Your Choir Leader or Organist

The Ministry of Music in Religion. By I. E. Reynolds. \$1,25.

For Your Pastor

The gift of a good book to your pastor is always an excellent investment. He will read it and enrich his message to the congregation thereby. The following would be appreciated by any pastor who may not possess them:

With and Without Christ. By Sadhu Sundar Singh. \$1.50.

The Training of the Twelve. By Bruce.

Sermons to Young People. By Greenway. \$2.00.

Sermons on Biblical Characters. By Chappell. \$1.50.

The Churches of the New Testament. By McDaniels. \$1.75.

The Twelve Minor Prophets. By Robinson. \$1.50.

Preaching Values in New Translations. By Luccock. \$2.00.

Christianizing a Nation. By Chas. E. Jefferson. \$2.00.

Expanding Horizons. By Woelfkin. \$1.50.

The Religious Development of the Child. By Weaver. \$1.25. Things Fundamental. By Jefferson.

Jesus' Ideals of Living. By Fiske.

A Pilgrimage to Palestine. By Fos-

dick. \$2.50. The Changing Family. By G. W. Fiske.

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Familiar Failures. By Chappell. \$1.50. The Twelve. By Brown. \$2.00.

Spare Tires. By R. L. Smith. \$1.25. Eternal Contrasts. By Moore.

The Three Halfmoons. By F. W. Boreham. \$1.75.

Subscriptions to Papers

Also make excellent Christmas presents. Here are a few suggestions:

For Young People: "The Baptist Herald." Price \$1.25.

For Children: "Child Life," a monthly journal, written for children, richly illustrated, containing about 60 pages per issue. \$3.00 per year.

For the Boys: "The American Boy," which has now swallowed up the centenarian "Youth's Companion." It brings the boys excellent reading material. Cost

For Ministers and Busy Readers: "The Reader's Digest." \$3.00 per year. Gives a brief statement on all leading articles appearing in the leading journals of the

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Loyalty is a glorious virtue. All good, loyal German Baptits will send their orders early to The German Baptist Publication Society, 3734 Payne Avenue ,Cleveland, Ohio, for any of the above supplies. The profits will then revert to our missionary enterprises. Our Christmas present to our Publication Society will be our patronage during the busy Christmas sea-

On behalf of the German Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

A. P. MIHM, General Secretary. ARTHUR A. SCHADE, Field Secretary.

An Economical Procedure

The Boy Friend (calling up his girl): "Hello, dear, would you like to have dinner with me tonight?"

She: "I'd love to, dear."

He: "Well, tell your mother I'll be over early."-Williams Purple Cow.

New Books

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

Memory. Wm. Lyon Phelps. \$1.00. Peace. S. Parkes Cadman, D. D. \$1.00. Mother and Son. Kathleen Norris.

E. P. Dutton & Co., New York. All three of the above Dutton books belong to the well-known and attractive line of inspirational books published by this firm. Each is by an outstanding writer. Prof. Phelps of Yale is known by his "As I Like It" in "Scribner's Magazine." Dr. Cadman is well-known as a brilliant pulpit orator, radio lecturer and former head of the Federation of Churches. Mrs. Morris is an authority on home-making and family life. These delightful essays in attractive, colorful binding make splendid gift books. They are not to be judged by their size but by their value and worth in contents and

The Faith that Wins. Roy Talmage Brumbaugh. 75 cts. Bible Institute Colportage Association, Chicago.

Our generation seeks adventure and thrills. The writer pictures the adventures to be found in the spiritual realm and the soul thrills of those who walk with God. Faith in its various characteristics and as it is manifested in the lives found in "The Westminster Abbey of the found in "The Westminster Appey of the Bible" (Hebrews 11) are portrayed in a awakening. Prayer will have a large part in its coming and only in the stimulation of t lating devotional reading.

A Great Evangelism. Samuel G. Neil. \$1.50. The Judson Press, Philadelphia.

A suggestive book for pastors and Christian workers. Dr. Neil, the Bible and Field Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society, speaks out of his rich experience and brings an inspiring testimony as to the power of the gospel message over the lives of men under all conditions everywhere. Evangelism is the primary work of the church and its need is never so urgent as today. Religion is prevalent but not powerful. Religion is evangelical but not evangelistic. These pages are worth while because they come from one who has had experience and knows whereof he speaks.

Fighters for Freedom. Austen Kennedy de Blois. \$1.50. The Judson Press, Philadelphia.

This fascinating book bears the subtitle, "Heroes of the Baptist Challenge." The President of the Eastern Theological Seminary gives us the inspiring biographies of seventeen sturdy champions of civil and religious freedom in seventeen successive chapters. Biography is always instructive and the story of these Baptist pioneers is thrilling as one follows the lucid and fervent narrative of the author, who knows his field. Among the leaders portrayed are Peter Waldo, Huebmaier, Menno Simons, Bunyan, Roger Williams, John Clarke, Andrew Fuller, Judson, Rice and Wayland. It is a fine book for our adult and young people's groups and a

study book of rare value for classes in local churches or conferences.

Reuben Archer Torrey. The Man-His Message. By Robert Harkness, Musical Associate. \$1.00. The Bible Colportage Association, Chicago.

Among the great evangelists of the first quarter of the Twentieth Century R. A. Torrey will always have a conspicuous place. He was a great Bible teacher who stood foursquare for God's Word in its entirety. A vivd and lifelike sketch is given us by one who worked with him in many campaigns. The book does not claim to be a complete life record of Dr. Torrey but rather aims to visualize him to us as a man of faith, prayer and conviction, a personal worker and teacher. Its reading will serve as an incentive to increasing endeavor in evan-

"Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" Enos K. Cox, D.D. The Bible Institute Colportage Association, Chicago. Cloth, 75 cts., paper cover, 25 cts.

The author is a Baptist pastor in Mississippi. In this book he sounds forth a clarion call to the supreme duty and privilege of prayer in an age when the "Lord God of Elijah" is so openly defied and disobeyed. The power of prayer in the life of Elijah, Jacob, Moses, Samuel, Hezekiah, Daniel and Jesus receives a new emphasis. It is a timely volume for a day when God's people need a spiritual part in its coming and achievement.

Immanuel Hymnal. The Macmillan Company, Publishers, New York. \$1.75.

This new hymnal is a splendid achievement in hymnody. It is the work of a small group of theologians and musicians who have been of the opinion that hymnbook making should be lifted out of the stereotyped ruts in which it had fallen and that fresh and interesting material both as to text and music was needed. New and rich veins of music have been tapped. Every fifth hymn-tune is new. Yet practicaly everything of value of the older and familiar hymn-tunes has been

The book is designed for use in evangelical churches. The very name "Immanuel Hymnal" implies its emphasis on the person and work of the Redeemer. The chief editor of this hymnal is Ernest Gordon, a son of the revered Dr. A. J. Gordon. He is a loyal Baptist and a loyal adherent of the gospel of Christ in its integrity and fullness. The Savior of mankind in his atoning work is not omitted or neglected as is the case with some newer hymnals of pronounced modernistic trend. For this reason we believe it will appeal to our Baptist constituency with special force. Many of the great hymns of Gerhardt, Tersteegen, Scheffler, Schmolk are here in translation.

The book contains 580 hymns, including a children's section and an appendix of 45 of the best Gospel Hymns for prayermeeting and Sunday school use. There are 60 selections of responsive readings. Four full indexes make the

hymnal serviceable in every way. Paper, printing and binding are of the best and the publishers have spared nothing to give a worthy exterior to this outstanding and powerful hymnal. We commend it for examination to all of our churches who are seeking a worthy book for pub-A. P. M.

Professor Moehlman's Latest Book

Under the title "The Catholic-Protestant Mind" with the sub-title, "Some Aspects of Religious Liberty in the United States," Harper and Brothers, Publishers, New York, \$2.50, Dr. Conrad Moehlman of our Divinity School has produced a book which already is making a considerable stir in religious circles. He takes up the controverted religious questions which entered so largely into the discussions of our recent presidential election. The book is written on strictly historical lines, is free from controversy and bias, and its aim is to show how impossible the task is to reconcile the mediæval assumptions of supreme authority in religion, education and politics, on the part of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, with the free democratic ideals of our modern world. The most shining and informing chapter of the book, in the opinion of the present reviewer, is the one on the attitude of the American bishops toward the American school system. The reaction of the Roman Catholic press on the statements of Dr. Moehlman's book is awaited with considerable inter-A. J. RAMAKER.

Do You Agree?

What six books would you put down if you were asked to name the half dozen you considered "best"? Dr. James J. Deck, professor of modern languages at West Virginia Wesleyan College, when asked for his opinion named these: The Bible, Homer's Odyssey, Virgil's AEneid, Goethe's Faust, The Pilgrim's Progress, and Hugo's "Les Miserables."

Dr. Deck states that he prefers to read these books in the original.

The First Guess

"My dear fellow," said the doctor gravely, "your rheumatism, as you call it, but which is really osteoarthritis, is caused by defective teeth; science has proved that fact. Let me see your teeth."

"All right," murmured his patient, wearily, "hold out your hand."-Dry Goods Economist.

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Our Devotional Meeting

H. R. Schroeder

December 8, 1929

December 1, 1929

What Is Back of Our Christmas Giving?

Matt. 2:1-12; 1 Cor. 13:3.

At this time of the year most people are preparing and planning their Christmas gifts. Parents are trying to decide what to give to their children, and children are, perhaps, wondering what to give to father and mother. Friends would like to surprise their friends; the poor are remembered; and even misers grow somewhat generous at this time of the year and give a gift or two to some relative or friend.

But what is back of all this giving? Why this sudden outburst of generosity on the part of people who during the rest of the year are as selfish as they can be? Well, some give because it's customary. They don't want to be odd. Everybody else is doing it, so they just fall in line even though they don't particularly relish the idea. Others give because they expect something in return. Some even give beyond their means. It may be that some children fail to realize the purpose and meaning of Christmas because they are fairly showered with innumerable and costly gifts. But how did this custom originate and why does it persist from year to year?

Perhaps it was started by the wise-men from the East. When they had seen and worshiped the Christ-child, they opened their treasures and presented to him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh. But they were only doing what men had done through all the ages. They realized that Jesus was a king and that he was God, so they felt constrained to repress their love and devotion in a practical way. Giving is an essential part of worship; and since we cannot give directly to Jesus, we give to others, knowing that inasmuch as we have done it unto others we have done it unto him. Our hearts are touched by the love of God who has given us his greatest gift, and we feel that in some small way we should do as

December 15, 1929

What Have Young People to Give?

2 Cor. 8:1-15.

At this time of the year most young people secretly wish they were rich or that they knew of some gold mine where they could replenish their empty pocketbooks. They would like to give so many gifts, but when they consider their meagre resources, they are almost driven to despair. If we only had a little more money, we would do so much good and make ever so many happy at Christmas time, but what can we give when we haven't

any money to spare? Most gifts are quite costly, and cheap gifts aren't worth while, so what are young people going to do since they need all the money they can get for other purposes?

Well, in the first place, young people should remember that they can give other things besides money. Young people are rich in the things that money can never buy, and these they can share, at least to some extent, with others. They can devote some of their time and talents to the cause of him who was born as a babe in Bethlehem. They can arrange for various Christmas programs, give entertainments, pageants and render cantatas that will make the Christmas season one of love and good cheer. They can visit the sick and shut-ins and bring comfort and happiness to those who are in need. What would all our Christmas celebrations be if the young people and children didn't take part in them?

But then there is one thing that all young people can and should give at Christmas time. They ought to give their hearts to him who was born in Bethlehem that he might redeem the whole human race. There was no room for him in Bethlehem, but make room for him in your hearts and lives. He will dwell in your heart, if you love him and surrender yourself to him. If you give him your heart he will in return enrich your whole life, and you will never be sorry that you gave him this Christmas gift.

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How Christmas Sets the Whole World Singing

Luke 2:1-14

There was some singing in the world even before the Savior was born. David, the psalmist, is known as the sweet singer of Israel and many of his songs are something lacking in the music of those olden days. It was mostly written in a minor key; there was no real deep and abiding joy, but rather a plaintive longing for him who was to set men free.

When Jesus was born the angels couldn't restrain their joy any longer; they appeared on the plains of Bethlehem and sang the sweetest and most wonderful song that was ever heard in this world of sin and sorrow. Then others took up the song and sang with overjoyed hearts and trembling voices. Even the aged Simeon couldn't restrain himself, but lifted his voice above the tumult of the temple and sang of the salvation of God. And ever since there has been a new note in the songs of God's people, a note of joy and hope, of light and love, of peace and glory.

The Psalmist had already urged men really couldn't begin till the Savior of tion of character.

the world had been born. Now God's people can sing with a far greater gladness because salvation is an accomplished fact. The greatest promise of God has been fulfilled and that gives us the assurance that all of God's plans will be accomplished in due time. And so many have burst into song because a spirit of love has filled their hearts. They have shared their blessings with others and that has increased their own joy a hundredfold. Do something for others, and it will not be long before you will be singing, too.

December 29, 1929

Youth's Needs That Christ Can Meet

Matt. 4:1-11; Heb. 4:14-16.

We have just celebrated the birth of Christ. One reason why Christ came into the world as a man and passed through all the experiences that are common to men was that he might help those who are to come after him. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin, and therefore he can be touched by our infirmities.

Jesus experienced all the temptations that are peculiar to young people. They are described to us in our Scripture lesson. The first temptation suggested to him was that he should seek the pleasures and enjoyments of life-self-gratification. The second temptation appealed to his sense of admiration. Who doesn't want to be admired by others? And the last was meant to arouse his ambition. The kingdoms of the world were held out before him as a bait. Who wouldn't accept such an offer if it were made to him? Self-gratification, the desire for fame and ambition sum up the temptations that come to youth. Jesus can help young people see the real meaning and being sung to this day. But there was purpose of life; not to live for self, but others. Jesus can guide youth through the perplexities and mysteries of life; he can be their companion and friend and helper in every time of need.

Jesus can be the Savior of youth. He can enter into their lives through the Holy Spirit, cleanse them, transform them and cause them to be a blessing to the world. No matter what young people may need to make their lives worth while, Jesus can meet that need. If they need strength of character, he can supply it; courage, he can instill it into their hearts; joy, he can show them how to obtain it. If they need love or sympathy or stedfastness or whatever their character may lack they can find it all in Christ who wants to live in them that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

Pray and plod, worship and work; by to sing a new song, but that new song such a balance of effort we gain perfecJanuary 5, 1930

Why Pray for Others?

Acts 2:39; James 1:5-7.

This is the week of prayer. At the beginning of a new year we feel our dependence upon God more than at any other time. The future lies dark before us, but we believe that when God is with us, no evil can befall us. So we devote this first week to prayer that God may be our guide, our helper, and our constant companion.

But we would not think of ourselves alone. Others have the same or even greater needs. So we must include them in our prayers, too.

But does it do any good to pray for others? How can my prayer help some one who is thousands of miles away? He may not even know that I am praying for him. If any such thoughts should ever trouble us, we should remember that we, too, have received many blessings through others, and perhaps didn't even know that they were laboring and sacrificing for us.

Then we should bear in mind that there is no far and near with God. It's just as easy for God to bless some one a thousand miles away as it is to bless some one right at our side. God is everywhere, and a person in Africa or Asia is just as near to him as we are.

Furthermore we have the example of Jesus. He was constantly praying for others and even prayed for us, so it surely cannot be in vain to intercede for our friends far and near.

But suppose they don't even pray for themselves nor believe in prayer. Well, the whole human race is one organism, a unity. We are but members of a great body of people. So if we pray for others that do not pray for themselves, then in one sense of the word, they, too, are praying. But whether you understand how prayer can help others or not, don't fail to make use of this great and wonderful

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Fifth, always keep before you some worthy goal which will require for its attainment the reading of many books. "You must be going somewhere if you get anywhere."

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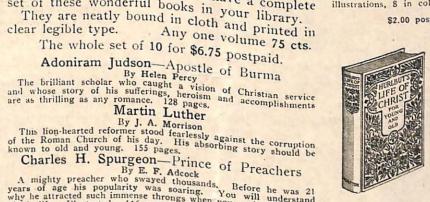
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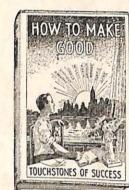
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