

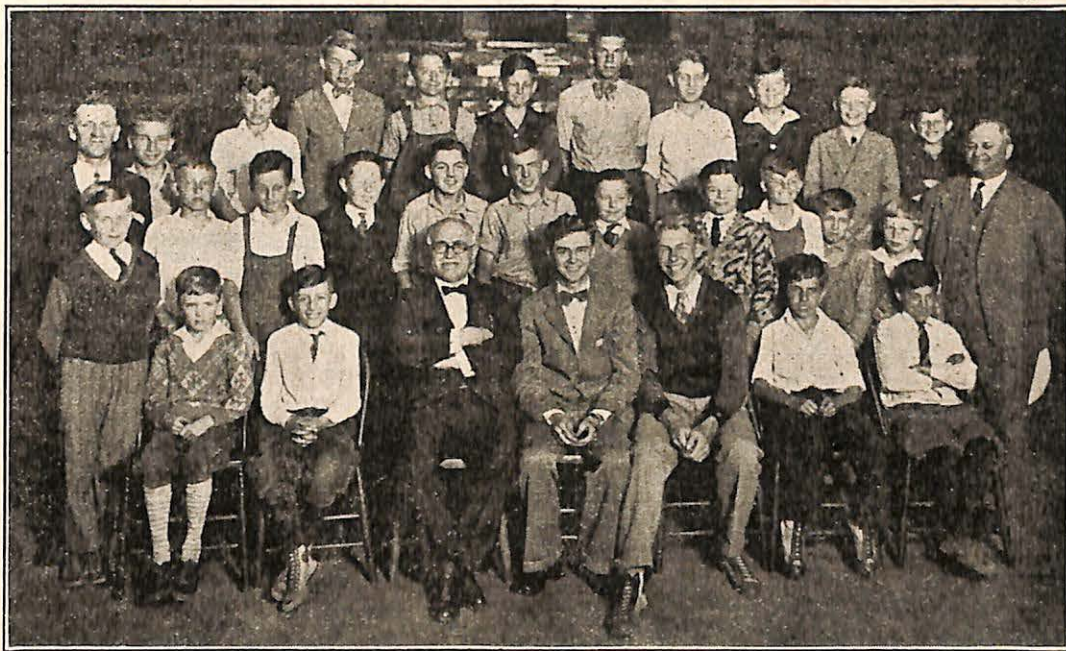
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The Four Square Club. Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

What's Happening

The Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., will celebrate a "White Gift Christmas" this year.

Renew your subscription to the "Baptist Herald" for 1930. Do it now. See your church booster and hand him the price.

Eleven Tacoma Boys were entertained at a banquet on Sunday, Nov. 17, at the Second German Church, Portland, Oreg., Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, pastor.

Love is active in good works. If you love and appreciate the "Baptist Herald," help us to increase the number of our subscribers. You will be doing a good work.

It is high time to begin. Begin what? The "Herald" Campaign in your church, your society, in your Sunday school. All boosters on the job. On to success, on to victory!

How about sending the "Baptist Herald" to some son or daughter away from home, to some brother or sister, or to some friend in a distant place. It will be an all-the-year gift and remembrance.

"We are advertised by our loving friends." You may have seen this slogan here and there. Some firms are proud that they can say this concerning their products. We will be happy to have it applied to the "Baptist Herald" by our supporters.

"The Cottonwood Booster" is the name of a neat monthly church paper for the Cottonwood German Baptist Church, Lorena, Tex. Rev. L. F. Gassner is the editor. Four of the eight pages give church news, the other four contain syndicated matter and advertisements.

The new officers of the Young People's Society of the Second German Church, Chicago, Ill., are Roland Lange, president; Herbert Siemund, vice-president; Irene Atchey, secretary-treasurer. Annual election was held Nov. 3. Meetings are held every Sunday evening preceding the church service.

Rev. John Dussmann of Vinukonda, Guntur District, South India, who has been in the Telugu Baptist Mission for thirty-eight years, is leaving India in January on furlough and will retire from active missionary work. He expects to reach San Francisco the middle of March and will make his future home in Salem, N. J.

Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, pastor of the church at Cathay, N. D., has begun to issue a weekly church bulletin. It is mimeographed and is called "The Little Messenger." One of the late numbers refers to subscription renewals to the "Baptist Herald" and mentions the local booster. That is making good use of its space. Thanks!

The German Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of Detroit, Mich., Norman J. Boehm, president, held a missionary meeting on Dec. 12. The topic was "Cameroon—Our Conference Objective." Mr. E. E. Staub and

Mrs. A. Orthner were speakers. At the October meeting of the Union more than 500 were present. Capt. Denison, Supt. of the Detroit House of Correction, was the speaker.

The Ladies of the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., Rev. F. A. Runtz, pastor, had a busy day on Nov. 21. The Philathea class held a bazaar at which their proceeds netted \$70.—The Woman's Missionary Society served about 150 chicken dinners. The Temple Builders sold \$10 worth of candy. Members of the Missionary Society gave a play, "Kimonon," in the evening at which an offering of \$15 was received.

The Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Ill., Rev. J. H. Ansberg, pastor, is planning to hold an intensive evangelistic campaign during the coming winter. Evangelist F. M. Dunk will be with the church in a series of special meetings for two weeks in February. The young people of the church gave the missionary play, "Robert and Mary" on Thanksgiving evening. Pastor Ansberg is president of the Kankakee Ministerial Alliance at present.

The Sunday evening fellowship suppers of the B. Y. P. U. at 5.30 o'clock at the North Ave. Church, Milwaukee, Wis., report an attendance of over forty. On Sunday, Nov. 17, Rev. A. L. Drake of Waukesha spoke to a combined meeting of the Senior and Intermediate groups with about 65 in attendance. A series of meetings was held in November by the church for the deepening of the spiritual life. Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., and Rev. A. L. Drake brought the messages.

An Important Notice to our Subscribers

This number of the "Herald" is the last one for the current year of 1929 and in most cases the subscriptions will now expire.

Most of the subscribers will place their renewals with the boosters in their respective churches who are deserving of every consideration.

For the convenience of others we enclose with this issue an

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requesting that it be promptly filled out and forwarded to the office of publication as indicated below.

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All money designated for the Missionary Budget of the Y. P. & S. S. W. U. of the Central Conference is to be sent direct to Mr. Conrad Voth, Treasurer of the Central Conference, whose address is 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

All dues are to be sent to the "Union" treasurer, Miss Minnie Moritz, 300 Pekin Ave., Route 7, Peoria, Ill.

Good News From Elgin

Sunday, December 1, was a day of rejoicing for our church in Elgin, Ia., for 6 young people followed Jesus in baptism. These were partly the result of our revival meetings October 13-25, when our evangelist, Rev. H. C. Baum, preached the Word of God. Our brother is a powerful preacher, his message sinks deeply into the hearts. The weather was favorable and the meetings well attended. The meeting at our high school made a profound impression upon the students. A number of our young people confessed Jesus as their Savior. It is our earnest desire that everyone of them will in due time follow the Lord in baptism. May the parents consider it their holy duty to help cultivating the spiritual life of their children! PH. LAUER.

Nothing is commonplace except as we look at life with our own dim-seeing eyes.

Salvation is an old word denoting a fact that has been true for centuries, but it stands for a new experience for everyone in the twentieth century who believes that Christ saves from sin.

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The Christmas Spirit

"CHRISTMAS is not a day; it is a mood," affirms Charles E. Jefferson. It is independent of days. We celebrate it on Friday, Saturday, Sunday—any day of the week. Christmas is indifferent to days. It has nothing to do with the almanac. It has nothing to do with place. It is as independent of geography as it is of chronology. It has no relation to human government, or even to race and blood. It is an institution which can be set up on any soil and under the folds of any flag. Christmas is a spiritual creation, and belongs to the kingdom of the heart. It is constructed by the angels of the heart of a child. If it, then, be a mood, it can be extended over a week, a month, a year, a lifetime. It can be built upon time, upon eternity. If you confine it to a day, you miss the meaning of it. If you try to cram it into twenty-four hours, you crush it, and lose the essence of it. The Christmas spirit is the only spirit by which men and women really live.

Making Christmas Worth While

CHRISTMAS is said to be the most joyful festival of all the year, and doubtless it is the happiest of all days for the children. It should be among the most blessed of days for adults, also, even rivaling Easter; but it is to be feared that as we grow older a feeling of dissatisfaction steals into our Christmases. They lose that early childhood exhilaration; we cease to anticipate them with longing; we may even be glad when they are over.

This is because many of us suspect that Christmas, the way we celebrate it, is not worth while. It has become a season of duty-giving, instead of giving for affection. It has become a time of bargains: you give me something and I will give you something of equal value. Many find the holiday demands upon their purse altogether too heavy, and the season's inroads on their time and strength almost unbearable. On the twenty-sixth of December they heave a great sigh of relief and say to themselves, "'Christmas comes but once a year,' and I'm glad it does."

Now wherever this is a description of our Christmas, it certainly is not worth while. That is not the way to celebrate the birthday of the world's Redeemer. "Joy to the world! the Lord is come," we sing; but that kind of Christmas is not a joy to the world, it is only a misery.

Christmas can be made worth while, and it is the business of every Christian to make it the happy season it should be. The reform of Christmas does not lie in abolition of the custom of Christmas giving or in confining that custom to the children. It

lies in the Christianizing of our Christmas giving where it has become a mere barter, and in the broadening of the Christmas idea until it has become coextensive with the real meaning of Christmas. When we put into every Christmas the spirit of the first Christmas it will be grandly and sweetly worth while.

Christ In Our Christmas

TO some Christmas comes as the Day of Joy; to others it is only a time of haunting mockery. On the hillsides of Judea there were many shepherds; but only to those who were ready to worship the Babe, did the angels sing their wondrous song. The mysterious East had other wise men; but only those who followed the star found the newborn King. As the bells of Christmas ring out in this year of grace, they will proclaim to some that the birthday of the King is at hand; to others their peal will be only so much clanging noise upon the midnight air. To some December twenty-fifth will be the Day of Days; to others it will be only a bit of gray December, when parties are increased and toil is lessened. It is not the date that makes Christmas, nor the gifts, nor the greetings, nor the feasting; it is rather that we behold the face of the King, and humble our hearts in his presence—that we dedicate ourselves to live his way—to preach the Gospel to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those that are bruised, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. Unless in veriest reality we meet the Christ of Christmas, that day is to us only a red-ink square upon the checker-board of the calendar.—G. B.

Our New Story

"FAITH LAMBERT" is the title of our new serial story. The author is Maud C. Jackson. The first installment will appear in the "Baptist Herald" of January 1, 1930, and the story will run in consecutive numbers until its completion.

It is a story of the modern college campus, touching on all sides of college life and recording the victory of the best. Faith Lambert, talented musician, and Jed Carlton, gridiron hero and popular senior, are typical representatives of two unrelated, if not antagonistic, college interests. In this chronicle of their contacts all that is fine and true in a lovely young woman causes the best in a manly man to assert itself. It is the beautiful love story of two young people whom modern students will be glad to know; they are as entertaining as they are attractive, and right well does the author present them.

We believe "Faith Lambert" is a story our young people will like, that will grip their attention, a story that they will follow with eager interest. Don't miss the initial part in the next number.

A Lesson From the Crash

A message to the German Baptists of North America.

E. ELMER STAUB, Chairman Denominational Finance Committee

THE greatest crash in fifty years has occurred on the New York Stock Exchange. Billions of values have been swept away almost over night. Countless numbers have lost their life's savings. No matter what recovery takes place, awful damage has been done. Confidence in the future has been shaken; the purchasing power of millions has been greatly reduced; business will, for a time, be seriously handicapped; and everyone will feel its effect—some more—some less.

Prosperity among every class in North America has been large within the last ten years. Many have purchased larger homes and farms, while others have expanded their business and increased their investments. Never have the earnings and assets of even our young people been so large. But giving to the Lord has decreased as fast as the prosperity has increased. It is smaller now in every denomination than at any time within the past ten years. Everyone may learn from this crash, as everyone is or will be affected. Therefore it is

Wise to Meditate Individually

upon our situation and attitude before the crash and now.

How many of our people had determined to give generous sums to the Lord's work "when that new combine, threshing machine or new live stock is paid for," "when that new quarter-section or half-section farm I added a few years ago is paid for," "when the mortgage on my house is all paid off," or "when my business has increased or my investments have grown to the goal I have set," etc.? As if the Lord's work will wait until our puny and self-centered plans have been realized. Too late now to carry out those good intentions to give generously to the Lord's work.

Fortunately, when the question of investing the General Missionary Society's funds in securities was discussed a few years ago, the Lord directed the minds of the brethren to support the General Missionary Secretary's judgment that securities are business men's risks and that the Missionary Society's funds should be kept beyond every avoidable risk. So the practice was continued of investing in small first mortgages on single residences to a small percentage of their value. What investments the Missionary Society has, therefore, have not decreased one cent in value and are bringing their full return.

It was when in the midst of plenty in his father's house that

Jacob Became a Spiritual Bankrupt

through planning how to increase his material inheritance. God reached Jacob's heart only after he was stripped of everything he had, even of home and loved ones. How loving God showed himself to be in following the fugitive sinner and in giving him a heavenly vision and a promise, "I am with thee," after such a selfish life! And how quickly Jacob reacted to his experience with God! From the heart he made that memorable vow, "If God will be with me . . . and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, . . . then shall the Lord be my God; . . . and all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth to thee."

What practical lessons can be learned in adversity, if the heart is right toward God! How many of our people are going to "cry unto the Lord in their trouble" and how many are going to later forget when he has "helped them out of their distresses"? How many people are going to lose a great opportunity to grow spiritually because of this unusual experience?

As a young man of 21 I worked for a fine Christian business man, who, one day when times were hard, went to bank and borrowed \$5,000 to give to the Lord's work when the need was great. Never have I forgotten that wonderful example set by a consecrated Christian soul. God has blessed that man all through his life because he is a man who adventures with God in financial matters as well as in spiritual ones. His faith is not only a "personal one" but a "purse and all" faith, and he began practicing his faith when as a young man he was "faithful in a little." Many of us are going to have "little" because of this crash; are we going to be faithful with that little?

Our Denominational Budget

for the three years beginning Aug. 1, 1928, was set at \$650,000, the exact amount of our current denominational expenditures. We cannot continue our mission and charitable work with any less; we must stop some of the work if the amount is not raised. We have, up to October 31, 1929, given \$183,000, which is \$85,000 short of the amount of the budget which should have been given until now. Nearly 32 per cent short! If we had all been praying and giving as we should, there would have been a great excess instead of a 32 per cent shortage in the Lord's treasury. The losses which all of us will suffer this Fall and Winter are many times the amount necessary to make up the shortage.

Too late to give what is lost, but not too late to make a thank offering for what we have left—and we have our families and enough else to form the foundation for future building. But we must build with God in our hearts. Everyone of us can from now on prove faithful in the little or in the much which God trusts us with, and so together we can repair the breaches in the Kingdom work of our denomination. If we do, this material calamity will prove the greatest spiritual blessing of our lives. It is not too late to catch a vision of God in our

lives, and to make the Jacob's vow. Will you do it? Will most of our people do it?

God is a God of small things which he welds into great forces and strength. Consider the drops of water and sands of the shore. The multiplying harvests and the wealth imbedded in the earth are all products of persistent accumulation of little units. God chooses to carry on the work of his kingdom in the same manner—the widow's copper mites are still reaping golden harvests.

The Great Spiritual Lesson

for all of us in this collapse of material values is that we must "render unto God the things that are God's" and that we must do it "as we go"—Paul suggests "weekly."

From this experience we can learn to give unto God as he gives unto us, instead of waiting until we, in our foolish wisdom, can "give something worth while." What if all of us would vow Jacob's vow, "If God be with me . . . and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, . . . then shall the Lord be my God, . . . and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth to thee"?

Prayer Helpers

What if we crystallized the Prayer Helpers movement into a definite "Morning and Evening Prayer League" to take in all of us, young and old, setting 6, 7 and 8 A. M. and 6, 7 and 10 P. M. as the hours from which every member would choose one in which to join similar members in prayer to include our denominational work and treasury? And what if every League member vowed the Jacob's vow and kept it? And what if its keeping started with a real Christmas Day offering? Would not the Lord's treasury be filled to overflowing? Will we let this opportunity to receive a great spiritual blessing pass from us—farmers, business men, mechanics, office workers, housekeepers,—rich, middle-class or poor? We have brought nothing into this world and will take nothing out; but we can do God's will here with greater understanding and in greater measure in the future than in the past, if we will dare to do. Will we learn some great spiritual lesson from this most startling experience in fifty years?

Children's Reading

AS a class the librarians in our public libraries who have special responsibility for children's reading are an interested and devoted company, who do their best to lead children along wholesome lines in their choice of books. One of the best of these librarians is Miss Anne Carroll Moore, who is supervisor of work with children in the New York Public Library. A list which she recently prepared of "Thirteen Points for Children's Reading" has had wide publicity in the daily press. Here are a few of her thirteen points which are not perhaps as commonly thought of and which parents and teachers should know and heed:

1. Love of reading is induced by natural exposure to books in early childhood.

2. Reading for credit, or reward of any description, is destructive to spontaneous joy, and cheapens the whole idea of reading.

3. Children's tastes in books are more varied and variable than the tastes of grownups. Children's tastes should be respected, but they should also be constantly enlarged and enriched by familiar association with books beyond the taste of the moment.

4. Choose books for positive values—the interest of their subject, old or new; their originality, their pictures, clear typography, and attractive outward form. It is better to buy twelve good books you know that children will read than twenty-four lifeless editions to stand in rows on the shelves.

5. Reading aloud is an art. No one should attempt to read aloud to children of any age who has not mastered the mechanics of reading with intelligence and expression. The poor reading of many school children is but the reflection of the poor reading of their teachers and parents.

Parents and teachers desiring to promote children's reading may get some helpful hints without charge by writing to the National Association of Book Publishers, 25 West Thirty-third Street, New York City.

What Shall We Read?

ONE of the big factors which contribute to the worthy use of leisure time is reading. Some are sincerely asking, "What shall we read?" Reading lists have been outlined by individuals, but these lists do not suit everyone. There may be valuable suggestions in them all, but not one will wish to follow them entirely. The following three rules by an English writer are excellent guides to reading:

- (1) Read what you like.
- (2) Read what you don't like.
- (3) Read what you ought to like.

We may need little urging to obey the first rule. The second may be more difficult to follow. But reading what we do not like often has rich rewards. Like bitter medicine, a book that we do not enjoy sometimes serves as a helpful tonic. The third rule is a step toward a higher standard of reading. Keep on acquiring a taste for books and magazines that are not on your present literary bill of fare—literature that the best people are reading.

Editorial Jottings

REMEMBER we have dialogue and recitation material on hand for a "Baptist Herald" Evening in your society. You can obtain it free by writing to Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

OUR PASTORS can help the young people, who have recently joined the churches through revival services, by encouraging them to subscribe for the "Baptist Herald." It will furnish stimulation for the Christian life, give them a denominational interest and a world outlook.



Hospital Visitors at Warrensville

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This picture was taken at Warrensville, Ohio, where we members of the Young People's Society of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, O., have been given the privilege to do missionary work. Our work consists of singing, testimony and personal work. We have great joy in delivering the Word of God to the unfortunate inmates of this hospital, and the Lord blesses us by so doing. We have acquired many friends there, and they tell us how much they enjoy our presence. It is our duty to serve at this place on the fourth Sunday of each month. Our transportation is supplied by members owning automobiles. Our prayer is that we may continue the Lord's work indefinitely, and that God may bless us in the future as he has in the past. We also pray for our fellow workers throughout the country, and hope that their work gives them the pleasure and joy that ours does.

BOOSTER.

Minnesota Young People's Rally

In connection with the fall meeting of the Minnesota session held at Mound Prairie, the German Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union held its rally on Sunday afternoon. As we gathered at the little white church in the vale and looked out to the hills, golden in the glow of the Indian summer, we recognized God's handiwork, and thanked him for the beauty of nature and his favor toward us.

The president of the Union, Miss Grace Stoeckmann, of St. Paul, opened the service, and followed with scripture reading and prayer. Miss Marcella Fox of La Crosse brought a message in song, "Arise, shine, thy light has come."

In keeping with the theme of the session, "The Marching Orders of the Church," Rev. W. S. Stewart, pastor of the First Baptist Church of La Crosse and author of two recently published missionary books, gave a stirring message, emphasizing five points necessary for an affective evangelistic program: 1st, to

realize the need (every soul lost without Christ); 2nd, to know the field (every family touched in any way by the church an opportunity); 3rd, to have a program with passion; 4th, to have power in prayer; 5th, to have pattern living (every Christian a living epistle to win and not to be a stumbling block).

In response to Mr. Stewart's closing appeal, many indicated by the raised hand a desire for a closer walk with God, that they might be used of him to win souls for Christ.

Miss Alice Maas and Miss Thurk of St. Bonifacius sang a duet and the service closed with many stirring and earnest testimonies. REPORTED BY A DELEGATE.

Forestburg, Alberta, Society

Dear "Baptist Herald":

Our Young People's Society wishes to let you know that we are an active association. In the past year our group of 26 members has had quite a number of pleasant meetings. We are now looking forward to a promising increase in members, with our highly esteemed Rev. A. Kujath in our midst. He has since the first of October served our congregation and we too as young people have the assurance in our society of much improvement under his influence.

On November 10 we had the pleasure of having the Young People's Society of Camrose with us which gave a program of good moral teachings. This entertainment consisted of several dialogues, a stringed instrument orchestra and a quartet who were all a blessing to our audience which overcrowded the church. May the Lord bless them in the future! The nice collection raised that afternoon we decided to give to the Bible Institute which is to open a month's course in Wetskiwin on January 4. May the Lord also bless this undertaking so that many students may come together to learn the valued treasures of the Bible.

Lord, bless every Young People's Association! is our earnest prayer.

ESTHER SORRE, Sec.

The "Four Square Boys" Club of Immanuel Baptist Church

(See picture on front page)

Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., Rev. G. H. Schneck, pastor, has a well organized boys work as but few churches have it. The younger boys are organized as the "Four Square Club" and the older ones as the "Seniors." They meet every Monday evening in two groups in the large gymnasium of the church and the Boys' Room. Shower baths are also at their disposal. The "Four Square" boys have won the championship in baseball twice: in 1928 and 1929, these games being arranged by the North West Side Y. M. C. A. Boys Clubs of Milwaukee.

On the photograph of the "Four Squares" you see in the center of the front row the pastor of the church, Rev. G. H. Schneck, who is deeply interested in this work and often speaks to the boys. Next to him is Elmer Lentz, a fine young man of the highest type of character. He has charge of this group and the boys cling to him as only boys can cling to a leader who is also their personal friend and counsellor. At Elmer's left you see his right-hand assistant, Rutherford Diehl, always vigorous and alert. Another assistant is in the center of the last row, Fred Neubauer. At the extreme left stands Bro. Max Ehrbach, the leader of the "Seniors," and at the extreme right Bro. A. W. H. Giesecke, the chairman of the "Boys Work Committee" in the church. He is always ready with help in any form and with sound advice also in this work.

Most of the boys in the "Four Square" group belong to our Sunday school. The boys elect their own officers, transact all club business themselves, but always in the presence of their leaders, they in turn being responsible to the Boys Committee. This committee is a subcommittee of the Committee for Religious Education, which is elected by the church.

Father and Son Banquet at Walnut St. Church

On Friday evening, November 15, we had our first Father and Son Banquet at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., sponsored by the Brotherhood. The young ladies of the Industriae Filiae Society prepared the sumptuous repast and also did the serving. After partaking generously of the good things to eat we had a song service and then listened to a real inspiring and worth while address by Mr. R. P. Walker, General Secretary of the Newark Y. M. C. A. The fellowship which followed was delightful and the hope was expressed that this meeting might become an annual affair.

GEORGE HENSEL.

Jacob was only one of many who seek to hasten the fulfillment of God's promises by a little shrewdness on their own part. The birthright had been promised him, but he stole it, and many a sorrow with it instead of waiting for its coming.

The Sunday School

The Morning After Christmas

The morning after Christmas
When all the stars had fled,
And only one was burning
Above the manger bed,
The man who owned the stable
Returned and rubbed his eyes;
He never saw such beauty
Upon the morning skies.

He never felt so happy,
He never knew before
There was a path of silver
Up to the stable door;
And in the door he pondered,
For he had never seen
The little lights of Christmas
A-burning red and green.

But then his courage left him
And swiftly he knelt down,
For he beheld a Baby
Who wore a golden crown,
A winsome, smiling Baby
Who caused his soul to sing,
And made a lowly stable
The palace of a King.

Our New Sunday School in Soppo, Cameroon

Gr. Soppo, Oct. 13, 1929.

It is always with great interest that I look through the pages of the "Baptist Herald." I enjoy reading the reports of the various Sunday school classes all over the big U. S. When this last mail brought us another copy of the "Baptist Herald" full of news about our Baptist Young People's Societies and our Sunday schools, I decided to tell you a little about our newly-organized Sunday school in Soppo.

The first Sunday meeting I attended here, I was very much surprised at the great number of children that were present at the morning service. My heart was glad to see so many boys and girls eager to hear about this wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ. But when I heard that no Sunday school was in existence I was very sorry that the splendid opportunity of planting the Word of God into the hearts of the many heathen children was not being used. So my father and I got together with a number of native teachers and decided that we simply must have a Sunday school.

It was on the 7th of September that we had our opening meeting. As many as 110 were present. How beaming and enthusiastic those dirty little faces were when they heard that every Sunday there would be Sunday school just as they were having it that morning. Not only the boys and girls were much interested but also the older folks. Most of the natives had never heard of a Sunday school, but after attending the first time, they assuredly promised to come again

the following Sunday. Our enrollment has increased to 120. There are two men's classes that are taught in the Duala dialect. Then there are two classes for women, one being taught in Duala, the other in Bakwiri. We also have an intermediate class for girls taught in Duala. I was assigned the mixed Young People's Class and have 20 scholars. Most of them were members of the former English mission in Victoria. They understand and speak a rather good English, so I consider myself very fortunate that I can use the latter to conduct the classes, as I am still struggling with learning the Duala dialect. We also have a fine primary class. How happy it makes one to see the little tots joining in on the choruses of the many songs that we can sing to the praise of God.

The small school-building serves as meeting-place. It is rather confusing to have all the classes in this small building, but we are trying to manage as well as possible. The scholars listen very attentively to the lessons and we trust that the seed that is being sown is falling on good ground that it may grow and bring abundant fruit.

The many Sunday schools at home are close to my heart and I remember them and the many teachers in my talks with my Heavenly Father. Please do not forget to remember our newly-organized Sunday school in Soppo in your daily prayers, that it might grow and turn out to be a success to the glory of Jesus Christ.

Our Sunday school in Soppo is extending many warm greetings to you all.

Your sister in Christ,
ERICA D. BENDER.

Some Christmas Plans

Make the Junior room bright with Christmas decoration, flags, and Christmas greens. Have the boys get some branches of evergreen; borrow some holly wreaths for the occasion. Meet on Saturday to fix up the room. This meeting, coming the day before Christmas, can be made very happy; and its lessons may be brought before the Juniors in an impressive manner.

Plan to have the music consist of Christmas carols. They should be practised beforehand at two or three of the previous meetings if no other time can be arranged. "Junior Carols" has several lovely and appropriate songs for the occasion.

After the song service and opening exercises ask each Junior to tell just what he thinks Christmas means. After he has done this sum it up in a few words and write them on the blackboard. In this way you will not only have many interesting views of what Christmas stands for, but have brought out the many lessons the day brings to God's people.

Plan in every way to make this meeting one of joy and good cheer.

If you think best, arrange with your Juniors to trim a Christmas tree, and ask each Junior to bring one gift to put on it. After the meeting the tree may be taken to a family of children in the community who otherwise will have no Christmas joy. This plan will put into practice the topic of the lesson.

The tree should be planned and placed in the room the day before.

Building Lives

In his "Seven Lamps of Architecture" Ruskin has likened the principles of that art to those of life. Longfellow says that "all are architects of fate." Paul speaks of us as "God's building." A great architect has named the four chief elements in the right construction of a building. They are also the chief elements in the making of a life.

The first is planning. Back of any process of actual building are plans and specifications. Back of them is a dream in which art of the proposed structure has a place. Back of that is a soul that knows beauty and proportion. A life, too, must have plans and specifications. It also grows from a design. It may be less beautiful than the plan, but it is never more so.

The second is materials. Here deception is especially easy. Poor materials can be worked in, but they can never be made to stand the test of time. Only a product that has in it the best of materials represents character. It is the same with life building. One will be as strong and his influence will endure as long as the nature and quality of the materials of which he builds his life.

The third is construction. What will it cost? What aid shall be employed? What methods of building shall be followed? Much slipshod work may be covered up, but it will always detract just that much from the value of the finished product. Our fathers knew how to build. The houses they reared still stand to remind us of the quality of their work, while more recent ones have fallen. The same quality should be built into life.

The fourth is decoration. That is something that can be omitted, but its omission would leave the building just so much less beautiful and worthy. Culture might be left off. Kindliness might be counted out. Music, literature, and art might be disdained. Even religious faith might be neglected. Existence would continue. The sun would shine, and the showers would still fall. But how much poorer life would be! How much drearier a place the onmarching generations would find the world we had bequeathed to them!—Classmate.

The key of education should open the doors of opportunity for larger service.

Christmas

May the gift of Christmas bring you
All that is best for you;
Not exemption from all sorrow,
Not a fair unclouded morrow,
With no cares nor work to do;
Only this—the peace that passes
Human thought, the peace of God,
Given to smooth the way of sorrows,
That the Prince of Peace hath trod.

This the gift past all believing,
Christ hath come to dwell with man,
Greatest gift of God the Father,
Since the sinful world began;
Gift that fills the earth with gladness,
For the heart of Jesus knows
Every pang and throb of sadness,
And the depth of human woes.

Jesus brought the only comfort
That could soothe a heart forlorn,
When he came in tender pity
To our earth on Christmas morn;
He alone can fill the measure
Of a heart oppress'd and sad,
With the only lasting treasure,
Peace of God that maketh glad.

—G. M.

Clinton Hill Mother and Daughter Banquet

The World Wide Guild of the Clinton Hill Church in Newark, N. J., gave a Mother and Daughter Banquet on Monday evening, Nov. 11. It was given in the primary room of the church. About 135 were present.

The decorations were autumn leaves with a bouquet of autumn flowers on every table. The menus carried out the same scheme.

The cheers at the table, led by Mrs. Marie Gaskell, made the room ring with praise and admiration for our mothers.

After the dinner, Mrs. Schmidt, our president, gave a brief resumé of the guild's history. She told us that we were organized six years ago and had made great progress. We can thank her for leading us so splendidly.

The ladies of our advisory board then expressed their admiration and good wishes. They are, Mrs. Clarence Vickers, Mrs. Walter Staub and Mrs. Charles Koos. Mrs. J. B. Klausman, president of the Ladies Missionary Society, Mrs. C. Klausman and Mr. Koller, pastor, expressed similar thoughts. We know we could not succeed without their co-operation.

The rest of the program was in charge of Mrs. Harold Koos. Miss Mildred Koch played several selections on the piano. Miss Johnson sang. The kitchen orchestra, led by Miss Martha Chester, was delightful. The musicians wore blue smocks and a funnel for a hat. Each girl had a instrument made from curtain rods, etc., resembling an instrument from a real orchestra. They played several numbers and produced a good many laughs. A sketch, "The Anti Gossip Club," was given. It was very amusing and entertaining.

The evening was brought to a close with a prayer by Mr. Koller.

It isn't very often that we get the opportunity to entertain our mothers. We admire them and feel as the poet, who said,

*"I write this to my mother
Because I feel that in the Heavens above,
The angels whispering to one another
Can find among their burning terms of
love,*

None, so devotional as that of 'Mother.'"

L. CHESTER, Sec.

Washington Convention at Startup, Wash.

Oct 31 to Nov 3

Startup! Yes, that's the place. And to get there we had to "start up" the mountains, for Startup lies in the scenic Cascades about 80 miles east of Everett. What a splendid locality—God's great mountains all about us and the clear sky above—an ideal place for such a gathering.

Numerically the Convention was not so successful as otherwise. There were about 15 delegates, seven of which were pastors. This number represented our churches in Washington. We also had visitors from our young church at Vancouver, B. C., and from the church at Missoula, Mont. The latter joined our Convention, and we hope Vancouver will soon follow the example of Missoula.

The number was small, but the spirit was genuine and won the day. Rev. A. Husmann, Tacoma, served as moderator and very diplomatically and skillfully served as such. Besides regular business, interesting and instructive lectures, followed by discussions, formed the main part of the program Friday and Saturday. Each day was started by a devotional service and ended in the evening by a service of worship and praise, at which times the house of God was packed to capacity. It was a gathering of a few devoted followers of Jesus for the purpose of devotion, worship, instruction, the most congenial fellowship they were in discussing plans and finding ways to promote the interests of the Kingdom.

Following are some of the topics of addresses, and which were discussed: "Our Mission Field," C. E. Schoenleber; "Do our Churches really make use of the present missionary opportunities?" F. Dobrovolsky; "The Young People's Society a Missionary Society," R. M. Klingbeil; "Signs of the Times in the Light of the Bible," G. Graf; "Is our Home Christian?" A. Husmann.

But the final day, Sunday, was the greatest of all. The audience was increased by the arrival of more visitors. Especially Sunday afternoon deserves mention in the "Herald," for this was the young people's afternoon, and they were well represented. In the morning Sunday school with songs and inspirational talks to the children. Then a German sermon by Rev. F. Dobrovolsky on "I am the Alpha and Omega."

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In the afternoon two splendid addresses were given. The first was on "Young People Commissioned," by Rev. N. Christensen. Young people! do you realize you are "commissioned"—commissioned as a captain of a ship to deliver his valuable cargo to the right destination? Your cargo is your immortal soul. Is your ship going in the right direction? Who is your compass? The second address was on "Consecration," by Rev. A. Husmann. How little we grasp the deeper meaning of that word "consecration." It is putting first things first. It involves sacrifice. It means being "different" than when we walked the paths of worldliness. Are you willing to sacrifice something for your Master and say: "Not mine, but thy will be done"?

The Sunday evening service closed the Convention with a sermon by Rev. B. Graf, Spokane. His theme was, "Regeneration."

Just a word of "Thank you!" "Thank you," people of Startup, for your kind hospitality. "Thank you," ministers, for your many helpful addresses and inspiring talks and sermons. "Thank you," musicians, for the harmonious chords and vibrant melodies. "Thank you," one and all for your friendship and fellowship.

A VISITOR.

Trenton Church Greets New Pastor

The Trenton, Ill., church on August 25 bade farewell to its pastor, Rev. Theo. Frey, and his family, who had so faithfully served us for over five years.

During the time that we were without a pastor, the Young People's Society had charge of the evening services. Recently nine new members were added to our society. At present a drive for increased attendance is causing some real excitement, being carried on in the form of a contest between the two groups. Our programs are interesting and latent talents are being discovered.

Sunday, November 10, an attentive audience gathered to hear our new pastor, Rev. F. L. Strobel, who has come to us from Arnprior, Ont., Canada. The following Tuesday we cordially welcomed our pastor and his family into our midst. Rev. and Mrs. Strobel were pleasantly surprised upon entering the church, when they were greeted by Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Zummach of Burlington, Iowa, and Rev. A. F. Runtz and family of Peoria, Ill., all of whom have spent several years in Trenton and are related to our present pastor. We were glad to have Rev. Th. Stoeri and some of our St. Louis Park friends with us, also Dr. and Mrs. Stefens of Menno, S. D., and Rev. and Mrs. Smith of the Salem, Ill., Baptist church. During the course of the evening a welcome was extended to Rev. Strobel and family from four states, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota and Illinois. After a short program we all enjoyed a social hour at which refreshments were served.

May the Lord bless the efforts of our pastor and may we as members give him our loyal support! ESTHER SCHAEFER.

December 15, 1929

Desire

MILTON R. SCHROEDER

At close of day, when toil is o'er,
And night ascends its throne,
When moon and stars are out once more,
When ripples lap against the shore,
I want to be alone.

Ah, then I will recall the day,
The hours of life so true,
To ponder o'er them, as I may,
And recollect the weary way
Which led me hitherto.

Just for my very conscience' sake
And just to raise me higher,
Atonement for my sins I'll make,
For future days new crosses take—
And this is my desire.

Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Central Conference

At our last annual meeting, held in Detroit, the following objectives were submitted and accepted.

1. A budget of \$3000 for Missions and the support of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, to be divided as follows:

Cameron Mission\$2250.00
National Y. P. & S. S. W. U.	750.00
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	\$3000.00

We assume the privilege of having Miss Erica D. Bender as the Missionary of the Union.

2. 1200 subscriptions for the "Baptist Herald."

Inasmuch as we had a goal of 1200 during the past year we feel that with increased effort by some of the societies and schools, a like quota can be attained. For the past three Conference years subscriptions to the "Herald" were, 1023, 744 and 1069 respectively.

3. Personal Evangelism and Soul-winning.

This important phase of our Christian life should continually be emphasized for the building of the Kingdom of God and enriching of our lives.

4. Increase in enrollment of our Sunday schools.

A goal of 7000 as the enrollment of our Sunday schools to be attained during the new Conference year. The present enrollment is 6334. The goal suggested is an increase of approximately 11% for each school.

We propose that these objectives be accepted and emphasized in local Unions or local churches, where no local Unions exist.

It now remains for us as local organizations and individuals to assume our share of the responsibility in attaining the goal set for the Union.

We can begin at once by subscribing to, and obtaining subscriptions for, the "Baptist Herald." With a little extra effort on the part of each of us, our goal of 1200 subscriptions can easily be reached.

The time is ripe, let's go!

ARTHUR E. JENKINS.

Adventures in Church Worship

The spirit of worship in our church services has been receiving wide-spread attention in this country and in Europe during the past few years. The children in the Bible schools are taught the meaning of true worship through stately hymns and orderly programs. Books dealing with the discussion of worship are read and studied by young people. A new outlook on church architecture has resulted from this deepening interest in worship.

Young people and especially young ministers have been engaged in this movement in our churches toward more worshipful services. They are not content with plain, unadorned rooms and auditoriums in which people formerly congregated but which are not conducive to reverence and awe. They are dissatisfied with much of our emotional and meaningless singing of some gospel songs and hymns. They are daring pioneers in their conferences and meetings, experimenting with the finest and most impressive ways of worshipping God.

Dr. Charles M. Sheldon, author of the well-known book, "In His Steps," arrested the attention of many religious people a few weeks ago by an article entitled, "Turn It Around!" in which he suggested that ministers bring the sermon or message at the beginning of the service and follow it with a dignified period of reverent worship. "Worship" he defines as "the heartfelt desire and longing of the human soul to find God and enjoy his presence with other believers in the public congregation and then go out into the world to apply the friendship of the divine for the welfare of society at large." This was the heart of his appeal. "There is nothing divinely inspired or God-commanded in a church order of service, and nothing irreligious in making a change in that order.... Create the spirit of worship with the sermon instead of trying to create a spirit of worship leading up to the sermon. Put the sermon first! Turn it around, and see what will happen!"

At the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., the people and the minister have successfully experimented with this type of service. The spirit of the church auditorium inspires one with reverence and awe, giving one the impression that this is indeed "the House of God." The Sunday bulletins make possible the uninterrupted progress from one part of the service to another and eradicate almost all announcements from the pulpit. On the Sunday evening in question after singing of the hymn, "Day is dying in the West" the minister spoke on "Worship in Religion," weaving the thoughts around the words of the Psalmist, "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." After the message a thirty-minute period of quiet and reverent devotion was participated in by all.

The results were astonishing. Comments were numerous, and the remarkable fact

was that they were all favorable and some of them exceedingly encouraging. Some said that for the first time the worship service had been a real and vital experience. Others remarked that the hour of the evening service had never passed as quickly before. One man stated that he would come regularly if such services could be continued. A mental alertness, a deep spirituality, a reverent awe, a whole-hearted participation characterized the service. By popular request the services are to be continued at intervals, and the results will be interesting to study.

For the benefit of those who are interested, the following program is cited. This was used at the Fleischmann Memorial Church on the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving day. After the organ prelude, the choir sang the hymn of praise, "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator." The congregation entered into the spirit of praise by singing a harvest festival hymn. The minister brought his sermon dealing with the spiritual preparation for Thanksgiving day. Then followed an organ meditation, "Just as I am," while all heads were bowed in prayer, which was concluded by the minister's reading of a brief prayer. The audience rose to sing another hymn of thanksgiving. Several brief selected Scripture passages were read by the minister in preparation for the inspirational choir anthem, "Come Unto Me." The offering was one of the most beautiful parts of the service in the spirit of the words, "For the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister." The four stanzas of the hymn "Rejoice and be glad" were sung by the choir, and after each stanza the minister used a part of Thomas Curtis Clarke's poem, closing with these lines:

*"O, gird our hearts with stalwart faith
in good,
Give us new trust in thy providing hand,
And may a spirit born of brotherhood
Inspire our hearts and bless our native
land."*

The entire audience then joined in the singing of "the Doxology," which was followed by the benediction. After a few moments of silent prayer, the service came to a close.

The Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church has co-operated wonderfully with the minister in this unique experiment with the order of service. Other favorable results will undoubtedly occur. It is not surprising that a religious periodical commented on the suggested plan with these words, "It is the general judgment of those who have tried it, that it makes for better preaching, more appreciative listening and more helpful worship."

MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER.

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It is faith always that overcomes the world and its difficulties, not fear or distrust. The men of faith have been the pioneers, the men who have wrought reforms and achieved victories. "We specialize in the impossible," is not the slogan of the cowardly.

"Star of the East"

EUGENE FIELD

Star of the East, that long ago
Brought wise men on their way
Where, angels singing to and fro,
The Child of Bethlehem lay—
Above the Syrian hill afar
Thou shinest out tonight, O Star!

Star of the East, the night were drear
But for the tender grace
That with thy glory comes to cheer
Earth's loneliest, darkest place;
For by that charity we see
Where there is hope for you and me.

Star of the East! show us the way
In wisdom undefiled
To seek that manger out and lay
Our gifts before the Child—
To bring our hearts and offer them
Unto our King of Bethlehem!

Teachers' Union of Chicago and Vicinity

The German Baptist Teachers' Union of Chicago and Vicinity convened with the Englewood Church Thursday evening, November 14, for their Fall meeting. It was one of the biggest and best meetings held.

The Englewood Church was cleaned and painted to receive their honored guests.

The meeting was opened with a lively song service under the leadership of the local S. S. Supt., Mr. H. Reuter, who also welcomed all co-workers and friends. The first Psalm was read as the evening scripture and Rev. P. A. Friederichsen led in prayer.

President Mr. H. Siemund then presided and as Rev. Friederichsen had just begun his ministry with the Immanuel Church, Mr. Siemund extended him a hearty welcome into our Union. The late Mr. Gustave Frahm who had been secretary for the Union about 27 years, was mentioned with kind remembrance. The roll call showed nine Sunday schools represented.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. C. A. Daniel, pastor of the Second Church, Chicago. "How a Sunday School Teacher Should Prepare His Lesson" was the topic. He showed us how a teacher differs from a preacher and that he must always be prepared, study and read his Bible. A teacher must first give himself to Jesus Christ and keep himself fit, be affectionate and sympathetic. Lead a pure life and have a clean record. Four thoughts he gave. 1. Think yourself empty; 2. read yourself full; 3. write yourself clear; 4. pray yourself through. It was a very interesting and inspiring talk. In closing Rev. Daniel gave Gov. Howard's (of Connecticut) secret of success. He called it "Shelling my P's." Plan, Prepare, Pray, Pour-out, Pull-in.

The meeting was then opened for discussion and it was surprising how many took part.

The musical numbers were supplied by the Englewood Gospel Chorus under the

leadership of Rev. E. R. Lengefeld, the Oak Park Mixed Choir, led by Mrs. Wm. Krogman, and a combined orchestra of about 18 pieces from the First and Second Churches under the able leadership of Mr. Louis Gregsamer.

It was the first time that the Gospel Chorus and the Combined Orchestra appeared at a public meeting and we hope to hear them again.

Mr. Siemund in behalf of the Union thanked each and everyone who helped to make the meeting a success.

The meeting was closed with singing "I walk with the King." An offering was taken for mission work in Africa.

Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Oak Park said benediction and grace as refreshments were served.

OLGA M. JUSTIN, Rec. Sec.

Kansas Fall Association

Ellinwood was the Mecca for those attending the Kansas Fall Association October 21-23. It was the largest association in Kansas for years. A contributing cause for the large attendance was the joint celebration of the entertaining church's Fiftieth Anniversary.

The program of the association was not lacking in spiritual food. Special emphasis was laid upon preparation for the winter's aggressive evangelistic efforts. Essays were delivered on the Bible themes: "The Expiatory Sacrifice of Christ," "God's Right of Condemnation," "Regeneration," "Justification," "Holiness" by the Brethren Wagner, Heide, Hoefner, Sievers and Knopf respectively; also papers on the practical topics, "Prerequisites for a Revival" and "The Care of the Converts" by Brethren Vasel and G. M. Pankratz. These were of great blessing and provoked much helpful discussion and meditation.

Brethren C. Neve, J. Schenkel, G. M. Pankratz and W. Jaeger led the prayer services during which a spirit of prayer was much in evidence. Rev. R. A. Klein served as pre-association preacher on the Sunday prior to the meetings. Bro. O. Roth delivered the opening sermon, followed by Bro. R. Vasel with a short German address. Bro. A. G. Lang brought the closing message.

Tuesday evening was "local church" night; that is, the Ellinwood church celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary. The church building was "jammed" to the doors, in spite of the fact that all the children met in the parsonage for a special illustrated service under the leadership of Mrs. R. A. Klein. Bro. Henry Fischer, Sr., one of the deacons and older members of the church, read the first minutes of the church and a short resumé of its history. Of the 21 charter members four are still living. Thereupon words of congratulation, best wishes and reminiscences were given per letter by the former pastors Umbach and Dons, and per word of mouth by former pastors Sievers and Wagner who were present, and by Bro. C. N. Wiebe, the present pastor. Thereafter Bro. Chas. Wagner delivered the Anniversary sermon. It was a most enjoyable service, and all delegates and

visitors heartily congratulated the church on its "birthday," wishing "it" many blessed and useful years in the Lord's work.

The meetings of the Association were always well attended, the church being full at each service. The Spirit was only of the finest. The missionary interest was expressed by the mission offering of \$93. From the reports and prayers, the desire for a deepening of the spiritual life among us and for an out-reach to the unsaved was very evident. May the winter months tell of victories for Christ! To the Ellinwood church for the royal entertainment; to those on the program with word, song or prayer; and especially to our Heavenly Father be thanksgiving and praise for the blessings of this Association! GEO. A. LANG, Sec.

Christmas as Usual

JAMES C. THRELFALL

She wanted some pots and a new cream jug,

And a dustless mop and a parlor rug,
And a dressing sack that was free from holes,

And bedroom slippers with real soles,
And her best bathrobe let in the air,
And her best bedspread was a despair,
And her napkins, they were down to three,

And her pillow slips were a sight to see,
And she hoped that some good practical soul

Would see that she needed a gravy bowl
And a soup tureen and bread knife, say,
And a set of spoons for every day.
And she hoped and hoped till Santa came
And these are the gifts that he brought the dame:

Two boudoir caps and a calendar
And a bone doo-dad for her hair, b-r-r,
A copy of Omar, that made three
Or him she had in her libraree,
And a chafing dish, and a silver set
For picking nuts, and a cellaret,
And a powder puff (she gave three screams),

And a five-pound box of chocolate creams,
And a calf-bound book by a seer who taught

How things may be won by the power of thought,

Some cut glass this and some sterling that,

She looked them over and down she sat
And wrote each giver, "I must confess
Just what I needed, how did you guess?"

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My Heart Goes Home For Christmas

JOHN R. CLEMENTS

My heart goes home for Christmas,

To where the loved ones stay;
Their greetings and their faces
Flood all the Christmas day;
These streets are bare and lonely,
Though surge the Christmas throng;
These sounds are harsh and hollow,
Though swell the Christmas song.
Earth holds one spot for Christmas;
One spot, where'er I roam;
My heart goes back for Christmas
To that one spot,—back home.

A Different Christmas

JOHN F. COWAN, D. D.

Depaganize Christmas

At least the Christian's Christmas should omit those pagan elements that crept into its observance in the early centuries and have been brought down to us. We should get away from the reindeer, the sled, the bells, the red-cloaked Santa Claus, who has been stalking to the center of the stage that belongs to the Christ. "Christmas," said Marion Lawrance, "is a concrete reminder each year of the greatest revelation God has ever made to men."

Decommercialize Christmas

We hope some Christian will be brave enough to stand up and protest against the greedy and furious pace at which the sweet, glad, simple day is being turned into a stampede of dollar-grabbing. The shop-windows are crammed with gaudy and costly silly presents that people are tempted to crowd in and buy when they cannot afford them, because of this barbarous craze for making a holy day into a pagan holiday. The sweetness of the glad day is being coined into money through the sweat of fainting salesgirls, and the flattening of pocketbooks, and the fattening of charge accounts, to the demoralization of home economy. Let Christians everywhere stand for the simplicity, the reality, the Christliness of Christmas.

Devulgarize Christmas

Dances, bazaars, the rum-ships off the coast, cheap railway and steamship excursions, automobile joy-riding, shooting-matches, skating-parties, and other harmful parasites that have fastened themselves like leeches on the holy anniversary of the holiest being that ever trod this earth, must not be acquiesced in by Christians. At the risk of being called a "peculiar people" we should at least go far enough in our dissent from the barbaric, vulgar perversions of a sane, religious Christmas to refrain from them all, and use every influence to bring Christmas back, at least among Christians, to its first quiet thankfulness for the "unspeakable gift."

The Home-centered Christmas

The wholesome home unit has been blasted into scattered fragments by the

dynamite of the modern gadding craze. Seldom any more do we find families gathered at home for Christmas time. Frequently the daughters flit away to visit school friends as soon as they arrive from college; or they do not arrive at all, but go to their visits directly. The sons are off to some games or gay resort. The holly wreaths that mother still puts in the windows look inward on a lonely home. If Jesus should come to see how his people kept Christmas (for all these are probably counted as church-members), he might be asked out to a Christmas dinner at a café, since there were so few left at home that it would not pay to go to the trouble of preparing a turkey dinner. Wherever it is possible Christians should stand for a revival of the old home-centered Christmas.

The "Think-of-Others" Christmas

The Christian's Christmas should be different in that it looks outward instead of inward. On the first Christmas all the gifts centered on the infant Jesus. The givers thought only of giving, without the remotest idea of receiving anything in return. Jesus has warned against lavishing our good things on those who would return the favors. Can we not adopt the standards of Jesus instead of those of the fashionable world?

If Jesus Is King

If Jesus is truly king, what follows, on Christmas Day and every other day? His word will be law with us, all of it. We do not pick and choose with the edicts of a king. We do not classify his commands into "great" and "less." If Jesus is our king, his word goes, not that of some preacher or prayer-meeting audience, or the result of some questionnaire by college girls. If we all settle that in our minds, this Christmas will indeed be a "different" Christmas from that which the prevailing way of treating Jesus' words would dictate.

Taking Christmas for Granted; Thanking

Is it too late to thank God for Christmas? What should be the chief note of rejoicing on Christmas Day? As Christians, whose Christmas is to be "different," should it not be what is expressed in one of the old hymns that is suggested for singing in the meeting, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come; let earth receive her King"?

California Association and 25th Anniversary of Lodi Church

Lodi was the center of attraction for the German Baptists of California November 7-10. At least a goodly number gathered and partook of the many blessings the Lord had in store for us. The hospitality of our Lodi church is well known and under the genial and able leadership of their pastor, the Rev. G. E. Lohr, no effort was spared to make the guests welcome.

Bro. M. Leuschner brought the first message on Thursday evening, "The Word of God grew and prevailed mightily" (Acts 19:20). Other sermons were

preached by the Brethren F. J. Reichle on Friday evening, O. R. Schroeder on Sunday morning. M. Leuschner and G. Schunke, both former pastors of Lodi, spoke Sunday afternoon at the 25th Anniversary service. The former spoke in English. On Sunday evening we again had an English and a German sermon by Brethren C. H. Edinger and K. Feldmeth.

Besides these sermons we had the opportunity to hear a number of very practical papers pertaining to our church work.

The devotional services were led by G. Peitsch and Bro. A. J. Heinrichs. All the meetings were well attended and a good spirit prevailed throughout.

As I am also asked to report something more about the 25th Anniversary and as space in the "Baptist Herald" is limited, I must refrain from giving further details. But a few points from the historical report given by the church clerk, Bro. Boese, will be welcomed by the readers.

The work at Lodi was started by Bro. G. Schunke, who was then pastor at San Francisco, in 1904. The following year the church was organized. Bro. Theo. Frey served as pastor from July, 1907, for three years; Bro. G. E. Fhrhorn from 1910-12, and Bro. M. Leuschner from 1912-16. In 1916 Bro. Schunke was again called and served until bodily infirmities compelled him to retire in 1920. Under his pastorate the membership grew from 93 to 214, as many came from North Dakota and made Lodi their home. The church became self-supporting in 1918.

In 1920 Bro. G. Eichler became pastor. As the church was still growing through additions from North Dakota, a larger church building at the cost of \$37,000 was erected in 1921. The present pastor, Bro. G. E. Lohr, took up the work in June, 1924. The church has lost many members. The present membership is 251.

The financial report is also very interesting. For current expenses the church raised \$41,000; for church building and parsonage \$48,000; for missions over \$17,000. If we add to this the contributions of all the different branches of the church we get a grand total for all purposes of \$125,000. This is indeed a good record. May the Head of the Church continue to bless Lodi and all our churches in our state, yes throughout the wide world! C. H. EDINGER, Sec.

Solomonized Sermons

Men should be made to take vacations—so they won't get the idea that they're indispensable.

The typewriter makes it easy to write but it's just as hard to think as ever.

If you're determined to be good-natured you must expect to be imposed upon.

In the long run we pay most for that which we try to get for nothing.

Notice that two-thirds of "promotion" consists of "motion."

It doesn't require much practice to acquire the art of being lazy.

Books Are My Friends

MAE NORTON MORRIS

Books are my friends,
Those I have read
Are old friends tried and true
New books are folks I like to meet,
And there are quite a few.
Some books, like friends,
Are full of fun,
While other books I know
Are friends who take me far away
Or back to long ago
Books are my friends, and I am glad
For every friend I've ever had.

Thirty-five Years of Work With Christ

On October 29, 1929, the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Dorcas Society of the Spruce St. Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., was celebrated in the church auditorium. Invitations had been sent to all former members and to our sister churches.

A goodly number were present when our president, Miss Mabel Stumpf, opened the service with a hearty welcome to all assembled.

Our pastor's wife, Mrs. C. Cramer, read from the Holy Scripture and led in prayer.

A very appropriate song was sung by the whole society and was symbolic of the thanks due unto our God for his wondrous guidance through the years.

A brief history of the society was read by the secretary. Then a sextette of beautiful blended voices sang "At Sundown," one of the most beautiful hymns ever written.

A brilliantly enacted pageant portrayed very impressively how we can carry on the light intrusted to us, as famous women throughout the ages have done. Though simple in theme, it was very reverently acted and brought the thought intended to the audience very clearly.

Mother Ross of the White Light Mission then spoke to us and told us some very interesting episodes in her daily work at the Morning Court.

After an appropriate song from the facile pen of our talented poetess, Miss Alice Nova, each girl came forward and laid her thanksgiving offering in the basket. This offering netted \$75, which surely shows a practical spirit of thanksgiving.

A lovely surprise was then accorded us as Mr. Wm. Becker, secretary of the Men's Fraternity Bible Class, came forward and presented each member and all former members with a beautiful rose. This was a beautiful gesture on the part of the Men's Class and every one appreciated their kind thoughts.

We presented \$35 to our church as our birthday gift to be used towards the installation of a new window.

Our two charter members were then rewarded, Miss Freda Nova receiving a beautiful brooch and Mrs. Wm. Becker a shoulder corsage.

We were agreeably surprised to receive

two congratulatory telegrams, one from Mrs. Jeanette Brunck of Detroit and the other from our former president for ten years, Mrs. Geo. Beuerman of Austin, Texas.

A card and letter came from Mrs. E. Baumgartner and a beautiful basket of chrysanthemums and a loving message from Mrs. Louise Nest Lindner, a charter member.

The collection, amounting to almost \$20, was given to the White Light Mission.

The Dorcas Society was organized in November, 1894, by Helene Lorenzen, church missionary at that time. Its motto was found in the book of Acts 9:36. This verse typified the highest standard of Christian womanhood and was held up as a shining example for the group of 20 girls. Their object was to bring cheer and sunshine into cheerless lives. And to date they have continued to do good on the various mission fields and at home. They have made 3528 sick calls throughout those 35 years, and the \$4000 earned little by little has all gone for missionary purposes. Wherever help is needed, the Dorcas Society responds with willing hands and hearts and our activities will not stop at the age of 35, but will continue with the help of God another 35 years. MRS. HARRY GEIGER, Sec.

Sunday School Institute at Herreid

Monday evening, Nov. 11, found a highly expectant group of young and old gathered in the Baptist Church of Herreid, S. D. They had come here to bring to life the work of the Sunday schools and Young People's organizations which seemed to have died several years ago.

Rev. H. G. Bens gave all a hearty welcome. His welcome was followed by the opening address given by Rev. B. Krenz. Tuesday morning Rev. A. Heringer gave an address on "The Qualities of a Good Teacher" and Rev. C. M. Knapp on "The Mission of the Baptist Young People's Societies."

That afternoon Rev. B. Krenz spoke on "How Can Young People be Won for Mission Work," Rev. Lohse spoke on "The Dangers that Threaten Youth."

Tuesday evening Rev. Heringer's sermon was developed from Matt. 9:37. 38. Wednesday morning Rev. Gruhn spoke on "The Training of a Sunday School Teacher" and Rev. Schmidt on the topic, "Why Our Young People are not found in Sunday School."

The business meeting took place Wednesday afternoon. Rev. C. M. Knapp was elected president; Rev. G. Eichler, vice-president; Rev. J. L. Schmidt, secretary, and Andreas Meidinger, treasurer.

Wednesday evening's services were conducted in both the German and American languages. Rev. Schmidt delivered the German sermon on the words, "The Lord knoweth them that are his," and the sermon in the American language on the words, "Serve one another" was given by Rev. Knapp.

The morning and afternoon programs were opened by prayer meetings led by brethren who attended. An opportunity

was given to discuss the topics delivered in the morning and afternoon.

Space will not permit to give the thoughts brought out by the various speakers. It can be truthfully stated that anyone who attended with the desire to grasp and learn did not go home disappointed.

Difficulties are always to be expected in work of this kind; but we feel that the blessings derived from these meetings far, far overtopped the difficulties and we feel confident that all who took part will be glad to do it again, and that all who came will come again to the next meeting of the Sunday School and Mission Union. ERNEST W. HERR.

The Dorcas Heart and Hand

The name of Dorcas has been associated down through the ages with good deeds. Innumerable Dorcas societies have sprung into existence because of this Bible woman's noble example.

The Bible says she "was full of good deeds." But merely being "full of good deeds" was not the secret of her great helpfulness. For this we must look to the latter part of the verse, which says "which she did." Dorcas was a power for good in her own day and down through the years not because "she was full of good deeds" but because she *did* them.

Most of us have Dorcas-like hearts. We want to do helpful things for people. In our minds we, too, are "full of good deeds."

But if we do not have the Dorcas hand to carry out the good deeds of which we are full, of what avail is the intent to us or anyone else?

So the next time a kind, helpful thought comes to you, carry it out in some concrete form. Write the letter, send the flowers, or do any other kindly thing that the thought suggests.

The world will not profit by the good deeds of which you may be full, unless you do them. Have the Dorcas heart, but by all means have the Dorcas hand as well.

Unlike Our Best Friends

The head master of an English school for boys sees as one of the chief spiritual needs of youth the necessity of their knowing Christ as a Friend—"a Friend who, unlike even the best friends we ever make, is never bored with us, never laughs at us, never shuns our confidence—but one to whom in perfect safety we can pour out all that is in us—the big things and the little, the honorable and the shameful, the things we are proud of and the things we are afraid of, our hopes, our secrets, and our dreams."

What a wonderful Friend we have! As we see him pictured thus, should any of us deny ourselves the privilege of cultivating an intimate personal association with him day by day?—Forward.

We can do much to set the world straight by first setting our own house in order.

Appreciation

Home life is changing along with everything else. Yet people are people; love, faith and hope still abide; and as ever the heart is warmed by a word of appreciation. How much more worthy our membership in the home might be if we always remembered to speak approvingly of the little kindnesses that others do for us! Some of us have been in homes where the friction was reduced to a minimum and where all the members seemed to get along happily together. "Thank you" and "That is kind of you" helped to keep the bearings oiled.

A few months ago H. C. James wrote in "Nation's Business" a sentence that deserves to be framed and hung in every room in the house: "A man can live a few minutes without air, a few days without water, a few weeks without food—and not many years without appreciation of some kind."

German Story Books for Christmas Gifts

Our Christmas Book shopping list would be incomplete without some good story books in the German language. Some of our readers will wish to buy a good German book for their own pleasure and profit and others will want to delight mother or father, grandfather or grandmother, uncle or aunt with a delightful and gripping story in the mother-tongue. We are glad to call attention to the following books published by the The Louis Lange Publishing Company of St. Louis, Mo.

1. *Der Irre von St. James.* Philip Galen. 343 pp. \$1.00.

A story from the diary of a physician. It involves a plot to deprive a rich English noble of his fortune on the part of relatives by having him confined in an insane asylum. Here a doctor discovers and rescues him. The book is in its seventh edition.

2. *Der Einsiedler vom Abendberg.* Philip Galen. 346 pp. \$1.25.

A sequel to "Der Irre von St. James." A story that will satisfy the reader, because it is a narrative of one who extended helpfulness and comfort.

3. *Ein Kind des Friedens.* Dr. Philip Galen. 266 pp. \$1.25.

The story of a noble major who radiates peace wherever he goes. The peace of the forest broods over the narrative. Into the turmoil of our restless time it carries a needed message.

4. *Im Gefängnis und frei.* Hesba Stratton. 123 pp. \$1.00.

The stories of this popular English writer are well known to thousands of readers. Here is one of her best translated into German. There is a heart-element in the style which appeals.

5. *Weisse und Rote Rosen.* L. Ideler. 151 pp. \$1.00.

An interesting story with the background of the stirring days of Frederick the Great (Der alte Fritz).

6. *Die Liebe hört nimmer auf.* E. Marshall. 136 pp.

This story takes us back into the time of the civil wars in England. Passion and hate beclouded many minds but peace and love dwelt in the quiet home which is the center of the charming narrative.

7. *Der Leuchtturm von Kap Wrath.* Dr. Philip Galen. 282 pp. \$1.00.

A mystery story the scene of which is laid in Northern England and Scotland. There are labyrinths of locality as well as labyrinths of mind which are here revealed.

8. *Aus Frühlingstagen.* H. H. Zigel. 185 pp. \$1.00 "Erinnerungen aus dem fröhlichen Bubenleben."

Reminiscences of country life in Wisconsin and seminary days in Illinois a half century ago. Humor and pathos mingle and the book furnishes many entertaining moments.

Other good German books will be found in "Weihnachtsliste 23," which if not already in your possession, can be obtained by postcard addressed to German Baptist Publication Society, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland, O.

Who Am I?

I never was guilty of wrong action. But on my account lives have been lost, trains have been wrecked, ships have gone down at sea, cities have burned, battles have been lost, and governments have failed.

I never struck a blow nor spoke an unkind word, but because of me homes have been broken up, friends have grown cold, the laughter of little children has ceased, wives have shed bitter tears, brothers and sisters have forgotten, and fathers and mothers have gone broken-hearted to their graves.

I have intended no evil, but because of me talent and genius have come to naught, courtesy and kindness have failed, and the promise of success and happiness has yielded sorrow and disaster.

I have no color except black, no sound but just silence, no cause for my being except myself, no progeny except grief and disaster.

I am Neglect.—Santa Fe Magazine.

Origin of a Great Idea

The cuff on the bottom of trousers, according to "The Christian Advocate," came in this way:

A Scotchman had been out in the rain and turned up his trousers at the bottom. When he returned he discovered that he had lost a sixpence. He looked everywhere for it, but in vain. That night, when retiring, the coin fell out of the fold. The next day he had all his trousers "cuffed," and the tailor, discovering the reason, soon built up a big business.

Tomorrow is always uncertain. No conqueror can control it. Today is ours, and only today. Unless we love God, help others, do right today, we are missing our chances.

Fourteen Days in the Loft

That is a very striking story which appeared some time ago in the "Toronto Globe":

"John Brentz, a friend of Luther, was one of the stalwarts of the Reformation. He incurred the hatred of Charles V who made many attempts to secure him. Hearing that a troop of Spanish cavalry was on the way to arrest him, he cast himself upon God in prayer. At once the guidance came. 'Take a loaf of bread and go into the upper town and where thou findest an open door, enter, and hide thyself in the loft. For fourteen days he lay there while the search continued. The one loaf of bread would have been insufficient, but, day by day, a hen came up to the garret and laid an egg without any cackling. The fifteenth day it did not come, but he heard the people in the street say, 'They are gone at last,' and then he came out."

It is as true today as it was in the days of Luther the great reformer and David the sweet singer of Israel that "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

Which Will You Have?

A non-Christian philosopher in India was being shown through the home of a very rich, but sordid-minded Englishman. After he had viewed all the splendid furniture and costly plate and furnishings some one asked him what he thought of it all. "I do not envy him," was the reply. "From what I have heard the sahib has golden plates and earthenware principles."

It is frequently so in this life. Men become so absorbed in their ambition for pomp and show that they put all the emphasis of life on the material and neglect the spiritual. They build great houses, but flimsy characters; they establish big bank accounts, but meager records of benevolence. It is, indeed, a pathetic thing when our plate makes a better showing than our principles make.

Mistress (to new help): "Oh, Mary, how clumsy! You have broken one of my china plates in two."

The Maid: "This is my lucky day, mum. I generally has to gather up the pieces in a dustpan."—Answers.

Genuine Antiques

A certain small restaurant was kept by a man who prided himself on his cooking. He was amazed to hear a young salesman criticize a pie, one day.

"Pie, young feller? Why, I made pies before you was born."

"O. K. But why sell 'em now?"—Montreal Star.

Men, like tall trees, stand the strain of storm best when the roots run deep.

A person can hardly make a success of life who always is looking for a snap.

Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 4, 1930

To the pastors, deacons, and other officers, and all members of Baptist Churches throughout the world.

The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance hereby appeals to Baptists in all countries to set apart one Sunday of 1930, in accordance with the practice now widely adopted in many lands, as a

Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer for and with the entire Baptist brotherhood throughout the world.

The Committee strongly recommends for this purpose the first Sunday of February, which has in recent years become generally accepted as "Baptist World Alliance Sunday." This Sunday falls in 1930 on the fourth day of the month; and it is hoped that February 4, 1930, will be a "red-letter day" in every assembly of worshippers of our faith and order.

May this Lord's Day first of all serve to recall the abounding grace of God, which has in so many ways been manifested in the life and work of our denomination! The evidence of his goodness and lovingkindness should stir our souls to gratitude and praise as we recall:

(a) That our weak efforts to proclaim the Gospel in life and teaching have met with success, and have ministered to the salvation and blessing of many;

(b) That in almost every country doors are now open for Baptists and for the mission which God has entrusted to them, and that the opportunities are so many and so promising, though we have too often neglected them;

(c) That in wide spheres of the Baptist world there is a notable and deep longing for richer and more effective spiritual life, and a prayerful striving for the fulness of blessing which our Lord has to bestow.

May we not forget to thank God for all these benefits, and for the special tokens of his love that have appeared in our own experience.

May the day also become a day of prayer and worship! Most sympathetically should we remember on this occasion our distressed and suffering brethren in faith, and above all those in Russia, and offer united and earnest petition to God that they may stand unwavering and even from their heavy trials may gain new strength and wisdom for the tasks appointed to them. It will also be fitting that we think upon great issues affecting the life of the world, and pray that justice and peace may prevail in the relations of individuals, classes, races, and nations.

Let us especially offer fervent prayer:

(a) That God will forgive our sins and shortcomings in life and deed;

(b) That we may look away from trifling or less important matters, and direct our minds to the great spiritual realities which are of decisive importance for our own salvation and that of the world;

(c) That all may assemble around the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who alone

can unite us with God and with one another;

(d) That a deep sense of responsibility and an eager zeal may be kindled in the presence of the far-reaching claims which the Christian mission is now laying upon us;

(e) That the feeling of unity among the Baptists of the world, which has for 25 years found expression in the Baptist World Alliance, may become deeper and stronger, to the enlargement of our joy in God and of the service to which we are called of him;

(f) That the special enterprises with which the Baptist World Alliance is associated may, by Divine grace, be crowned with success and bring far-reaching good to the world, and that, especially, the Latin-American Baptist Congress and the Regional Conferences to be held in European countries may powerfully further the work of the Lord and the holy cause of the Gospel; and

(g) Finally, that the unity for which our Lord and Master prayed may become a reality among the world's Baptists, and that through them there may be furthered among all true Christians a unity based upon the Word of God which "liveth and abideth for ever."

We greet our brethren of all lands and races with the prayer that grace and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ may abound to them; and that our World Alliance Sunday may be the occasion of a rich manifestation of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

JOHN MACNEILL,

President.

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General Secretary.

CLIFTON D. GRAY,

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THE BAPTIST WORLD Some Notes and Comments

DR. J. H. RUSHBROOKE,

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A Reminder to Baptists of All Lands

I hope that every Baptist newspaper will reprint the appeal adopted at the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. The following is the exact text:

"URGENT CALL FOR PRAYER FOR THE BAPTISTS OF RUSSIA"

The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, assembled in Detroit, U. S. A., on Friday, May 17, 1929, appeals to Baptists of every race and tongue and to other lovers of religious freedom in all parts of the world to offer continuous and united prayer for their fellow-believers in Russia, and for all others who, in that land in this twentieth century, are denied religious liberty and because of their loyalty to their conscience and their Lord."

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the position in mid-October is no

whit less grave than at the time the appeal was adopted five months ago. Continuous united, earnest prayer should be offered all round the earth.

The Australian Baptist Union

It has been decided that the headquarters of the Australian Baptist Union, instead of remaining fixed in Melbourne, shall be located in different States for periods of three years. They have been recently transferred to South Australia, and for convenience of working the Secretary, the Rev. A. C. Hill, B. A., B. D., and the Treasurer, Mr. F. W. Dinnis, J. P., have both been chosen from that State. The new President is also a South Australian, Mr. Stow Smith, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Baptist World Alliance, and a layman held in very high honor throughout the whole Dominion.

The Death of Dr. Stresemann

I ventured, in view of the loss of a great peace-maker, to address a letter to Dr. Stahmer, German Ambassador in London, as follows:

"May I be permitted, as representing a body whose world-wide membership (including many thousands in Germany) is concerned for the welfare of every nation and for the advance of international good will, to express our deep sense of loss in the death of Dr. Stresemann?"

"His earnest, courageous and successful labor for the welfare of his country and the world will be remembered among us as an inspiring example of loyalty to ideals which we share with all who labor for the practical application of ethical and Christian principles in human life. We would respectfully tender our sympathy to the German people in the loss of a great Statesman, and would pray that the comforts of God may abound to the members of his family."

Summer Work of a Student Results in Fifty Baptisms

In the Karen Mission, Burma, it is the custom for certain ordained evangelists to go about from village to village, preaching and leading in the observance of the ordinances. One such preacher in the Toungoo Paku Karen field recently came to the Rev. E. N. Harris, with a shining face. On his last trip he had the privilege of baptizing about fifty people in one group of villages. Many were men in middle life, who had neglected or rejected the Gospel for years but now had accepted Christ. This ingathering is due to the vacation work of a young man who is studying in the English department of the Seminary and has been greatly blessed of God in soul-winning. In the summer he spent several weeks among the villages near his home, and these baptisms are part of the fruit of his labors. Another blessing has been the restoration to fellowship and an orderly Christian walk of many members who had drifted into lives of sin or indifference.—(Abridged from the "Burma Baptist Bulletin.")

The applause of the inner voice is worth more than the plaudits of a thrilled crowd.

How Should We Read?

Read rationally. Apply your mind to the process of reading. Don't go at it hit or miss. Have a purpose in your reading, a system about it. Be careful in selecting the books you read. Wrong books are as dangerous as wrong companions. Have a balanced reading list, not all fiction, nor all heavy reading. "Read something of everything and everything of something," as one man has expressed it. Use as much care in selecting your reading as you do in selecting your clothes.

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Read reverently. Perhaps the thought of reverence in regard to reading has not occurred to you. It is said that Machiavelli would come in from his work in the fields, take off his old clothes and put on his best before sitting down to read. He approached his books almost as one would approach a shrine, with reverence. And because he did he got much from books.

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Read reflectively. Don't skim over a book so fast that you will miss the message it has. Worthwhile books cannot be read lightly. They need to be digested, pondered over. Take time enough to do it. A book that is worth taking the time to read at all, is worth reading slowly enough to get the good from it.

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Read receptively. Open your mind to the book as a window is opened to the breeze. Don't close your mind up tight so that thoughts can't enter it as you read. Search for the author's meaning. Try to find out his purpose in writing the book. Get his message.—Youth's World.

The Final Bang

Jones started the day badly by smashing his favorite corn against the bedpost. At breakfast he was like a roaring lion. The porridge was atrocious; the eggs, phew! the toast resembled a cinder; and so on.

But still his wife retained her serenity. At last Jones was ready to go. He slammed his hat on his head, and, without the usual morning kiss left the house; but he only got about ten yards when his wife called him back.

"Well, what is it?" he barked, thinking she was expecting to be kissed.

"Darling," she cooed, "you have forgotten something."

"O, have I? Well, what of it?"

"Darling," and her smile would have thawed an Eskimo, "you have forgotten to slam the door."—London Tit-Bits.

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Whatever tends to improve the body and mind is right; whatever endangers moral health and inflames evil passion is wrong. The one refreshes, the other ruins.

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The achievement of personality is not only the sublimest enterprise Almighty God has given to men, as Emerson said; it is the only enterprise he has given them.

New Books

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

In the School of Prayer. Costen J. Harrell. Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn. 132 pages. \$1.00.

Here is a splendidly serviceable manual of daily and special devotions prepared especially for those who have just begun the Christian life. After an introductory chapter on cultivating the devotional life, daily devotions for fifty days are given. They consist of a Bible text-verse and a prayer. The author draws freely on the best writers on the devotional and prayer life in the making of this helpful book alongside the stimulating material from his own pen. Young folks who are starting home life should not forget the family altar. Here is an aid to the cultivation of the devotional life which we can commend.

The Lesson Round Table. A manual for the study of the International Sunday School Lessons. Improved Uniform Series, 1930. Edited by Richard D. Dodge. Cokesbury Press, Nashville, 359 pages. \$1.25.

This book has several distinctive features. Each lesson is treated by some distinguished religious leader, some outstanding man or woman who has made a mark in the Christian life of our country. There are many well-known names that could be mentioned. These leaders have made valuable contributions in the interpretation and application of the International Uniform Lesson to the life of the Christian of today. Another distinctive feature is the use, for the first time, of the Moffat translation in a Sunday School Lesson Commentary. Whatever other helps the teacher may use, here is a worth-while addition to the equipment.

Handbook of All Denominations. 1929 Edition. Prepared by M. Phelan. Publishers, Cokesbury Press, Nashville. 231 pages. \$1.25.

This is the fifth edition of a book first brought out in 1915 and which has met with a surprising demand. The latest statistics of all American denominations are given with a brief statement of their doctrines and in many instances an analysis of the things that distinguish one body of worshippers from another. Information that otherwise could only be dug out of encyclopaedias and sources difficult of access is here given in handy, ready form. In these days when denominationalism is questioned by many and union movements advocated, it is well for our pastors and others to consult and study a work of this kind.

Outfitting the Teacher of Religion. James H. Snowden. Publishers, The Macmillan Company, New York. 273 pages. \$2.00.

The subtitle of this book is, "A Text-book on the Principles and Practice of Religious Education." The author was asked to write a book on this subject, treating it in such a fashion as to keep it within the compass of the many thou-

sands of Sunday school teachers who possess good minds, a good public-school education and a real personal religious experience. He has endeavored to carry out this idea and ideal. Prof. Snowden is eminently qualified to write this noteworthy book. His experience as pastor, editor, Seminary professor, and Sunday school expositor justify the expectation that here is an up-to-date, practical and suggestive book for the Sunday school teacher of today. Dr. Snowden always knows how to write a fascinating book and his treatment of the Sunday school workers' field is neither too elementary nor too technical, but it is interesting and satisfying. It will be counted as one of the best books in this field at the present time.

S-e-a-r-c-h

In a striking acrostic a recent Bible students gives the following Bible rules for Bible study.

S stands for systematically. (2 Tim. 2:15.) A careless reader of the Bible is never made a close walker with God.

E stands for earnestly. (Psalm 119:18.) Our trouble is not the obscurity of the Bible but our own blindness.

A stands for anxiously. (Psalm 119:27.) Understand before you talk. Be anxious to understand that you may talk.

R stands for regularly. (Psalm 1:2, 3.) Note how the godly man uses his Bible. The result is fruit-bearing and prosperity.

C stands for carefully. (2 Tim. 3:16.) Do not merely go through the Bible, but let it go through you.

H stands for humbly. (John 7:17.) Obedience is the best commentary on the Bible.

In short, *Search the Scriptures!*
—Kind Words.

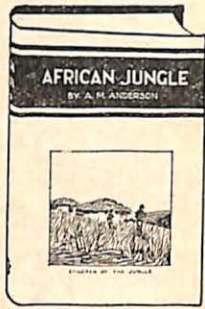
Ten Commandments of Good Posture

Health as well as beauty lies in correct carriage, and many disorders of the human body are due in whole or in part to poor posture, declares Dr. Philip Lewin in "Hygeia."

Poor posture is in many cases a result of habit. To remedy this defect, which may lead to actual disease, Dr. Lewin lists the following ten commandments:

1. Stand tall.
2. Sit tall.
3. Walk tall and chesty, with weight transmitted to balls of feet.
4. Draw in abdomen, pulling it backward and upward.
5. Keep shoulders high and square.
6. Pull chin straight backward toward collar-button.
7. Flatten hollow of back by rolling pelvis downward and backward.
8. Separate shoulders from hips as far as possible.
9. Lie tall and flat.
10. Think tall.

Miscellaneous Books



African Jungle
By A. M. Anderson
Live with the jungle boys and girls a while. Read—how the African mothers stuff their babies as our mothers stuff sausages—how the witch doctor uses nevel medicine, usually killing and seldom curing his patient—what the children eat instead of candies and cakes—how a young man buys a wife. Well illustrated. 192 pages. \$1.00.

We Must March

By Honore Willis Morrow. It is historical fiction and deals with the winning of Oregon. It is the story of Narcissa Whitman, the bride of a medical missionary and who was the first white woman to cross the Rockies. A high and steady pitch of interest is maintained. 427 pages. \$2.00.

Splendor of God

By Honore Willis Morrow. The book is a piece of fiction based on the life of Adoniram Judson. It has a historic background and is ably written. Of course the book has a special interest for Baptists. Cloth, 376 pages. \$2.50.

A STRONG MAN'S DEFEAT

By Wm. Schoeler
A historical romance with Biblical background and based on Samson's conflict with the Philistines. 260 pages. 75 cts.



THE VILLAGE ARTIST

By Adeline M. Teskey
The village Artist is a quaint, unselfish, home-loving type. In the ordinary, uninteresting folks around her, she sees "possibilities." 216 pages. 75 cts.

THE STORY OF OUR COUNTRY

Edited by Jesse Lyman Hurlbut
Especially written for children. 272 pages. 75 cts.

LIVES OF OUR PRESIDENTS

Edited by Jesse Lyman Hurlbut
Prepared in interesting and instructive form adapted to children. 292 pages. 75 cts.

ROMANCES OF FANLAND

Stories of fans of various countries told to small folks, dealing with the Spanish fan, the feather fan, the lace fan, the painted fan, the little cross fan, the Chinese fan. Bound in cloth with appropriate cover design. 164 pages. 75 cts.



Forgotten Children
By Julia Colliton Flewellyn
Nell, and Squinty, and Brandy, are waifs of the great city of New York. They are the "driftwood of humanity"—thrown out on the street—nobody's children—Nell is a typical "spitfire" of the alleys, passionate and outspoken in her barbaric language of the streets. Yet, under all the dirt and grime of these outcasts are tender chords waiting to be touched by a loving heart. 189 pages. \$1.25.

Night and Morning

The Story of an Exile. By Kar. Fr. E. Hempling. A story bound to hold your interest from the first page to the last. 238 pages. Bound \$1.25.

Star Eye

A Story of the Revolutionary War Period by Wm. Schmidt. "Star Eye" is a story that plays in the most eventful period of our country's history and combines religious and patriotic elements with incidents and adventures of historic character. The mighty struggle for freedom by the American Colonists is told in a way that will thrill the heart of every true patriot. 302 pages. \$1.25.

A Beautiful Possibility

By Edith Ferguson Black. Good for young people especially or the Sunday school library. The plot is entertaining and the people seem real. 330 pages. \$1.25.

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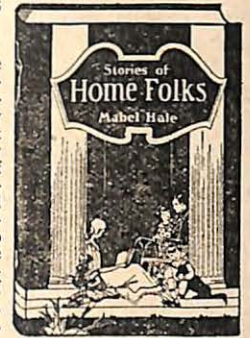
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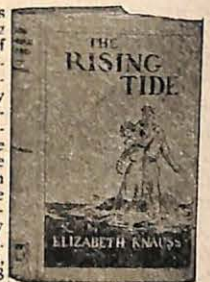


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