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Young Men's Bible Class of the Clay Street Baptist Church, Benton Harbor,
Mich. Rev. H. W. Wedel, Teacher

What's Happening

Rev. H. G. Schmid of Startup, Wash., has resigned his charge. He will close his pastorate with the Startup church about August 1.

Mr. Thorwald Bender, a student of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, will supply our German Baptist church at Lebanon, Wis., during the summer. Mr. Bender is a son of Rev. C. J. Bender, our missionary in the Camerouns.

A student's quartet from our Seminary in Rochester is expecting to visit our churches during the summer and to do evangelistic work through song and preaching. The quartet is composed of Arthur Itermann, August Lutz, Daniel Mayhoefer and Frank Woyke.

The First German Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn., through its pastor, Rev. W. H. Barsch, extended the hand of fellowship to 12 Sunday school children on May 5. These children were baptized in April after having spent much time with the pastor, being enlightened and indoctrinated in Baptist principles.

Rev. C. J. Bender and daughter Erica will speak at a missionary mass meeting on Sunday afternoon, June 9, in the Harlem church, New York City. In the evening of the same day they will speak in the Second German church, Brooklyn. On the following day they expect to sail from New York for their field in the Camerouns, West Africa.

The Philathea Class of the Humboldt Park Church, Chicago, is starting the fifteenth year of its existence. The officers for the new class year are: president, Frieda Haack; vice-president, Anna Luedke; recording secretary, Mabel Frahm; corr. secretary, Charlotte Huebner; treasurer, Dorothy Luedke; pianist, Wally Schnier; reporter, Helen Haack.

A goodly number have joined the class in religious instruction at the North Ave. Church, Milwaukee, which is led by the pastor, Rev. L. B. Holzer. A fine class is being prepared for church membership. Bro. Holzer expects to baptize a number on Children's Day, the second Sunday in June. The church vacation Bible school will open on June 24 and close July 12. Mr. Alfred J. Pietz has been elected Bible school superintendent.

Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., during its pastorless period is having its pulpit supplied by pastors, professors and students from Chicago. Prof. J. Heinrichs has preached for them a number of times. The Editor of the "Baptist Herald" spent Sunday, May 12, Mothers' Day, with the church and brought appropriate messages to church, Bible school and young people's society. Deacon August Schacht has been seriously ill for some time but is now on the road to recovery. Rev. Paul Zoschke of Dayton, O., preached for the church on May 26

and Prof. F. W. C. Meyer was announced as preacher for June 2.

A Union Young People's Rally of the Immanuel and North Ave. churches, Milwaukee, Wis., was held Sunday evening, May 5, in the Immanuel church. The guest speaker was General Secretary A. P. Mihm. A fine representation was present from both churches. The male quartet from the North Ave. church sang several appropriate numbers. On Monday evening, May 6, the Sunday school workers of Immanuel church to the number of 50 sat down to a banquet in the social room of their well equipped edifice. Mr. Monroe Roth, who had served as superintendent for the past eight years, gave a resumé of the progress during this period and welcomed his successor in office, Rev. O. R. Hauser. Bro. Hauser responded fittingly and pledged his best to the new office entrusted to him. General Secretary Mihm then addressed the Sunday school workers on "Some Qualifications of the successful Sunday school Teacher." It was a delightful occasion.

Program of the Thirty-Fourth Assembly of the Iowa B. Y. P. and S. S. W. Union Sheffield, Iowa

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

7.45 P.M.: Song Service. Invocation, Rev. O. W. Brenner. Address of Welcome, F. W. Stower, local president. Response, State president. Quartet, local society. Address: "A Young Man's Vision," Rev. A. G. Lang.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

8.45 A. M.: Devotional, Rev. Phil. Lauer. Vocal number, Elgin society. Introduction of new pastors. 10 A. M.: Lecture: "What Is Essential for a Young Christian?" Rev. H. Swyter. 10.45 A. M.: Fifteen minutes discussion. Instrumental number, Baileyville society. 11 A. M.: Lecture: "Christ's Appeal to Youth," Rev. A. A. Schade. Ten minutes discussion. Vocal number, Burlington society.

1.30 P. M.: Song service, Burlington society. Reports of societies. Instrumental number, Buffalo Center society. 2.15 P. M.: Lecture: "What Is a Young Christian's Reward?" Rev. H. Lohr. 3 P. M.: Fifteen minutes discussion. 3.15 P. M.: Lecture: "My Missionary Work in Africa," Rev. V. Wolff. 4 P. M.: Fifteen minutes discussion. Vocal number, Victor society.

7.45 P. M.: Song service, Steamboat Rock society. Instrumental number, George society. Address: Rev. C. Swyter. Vocal number, Steamboat Rock society.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

8.45 A. M.: Devotional, Rev. D. Klein. Vocal number, Elgin society. 9.45 A. M.: Lecture: Rev. C. F. Zummach. 10.35 A. M.: Fifteen minutes discussion. In-

strumental number, Aplington society. 10.50 A. M.: Lecture: "The Consecrated Life," Rev. A. A. Schade. 11.45 A. M.: Fifteen minutes discussion. Quartet, Muscatine society.

1.15 P. M.: Scripture and prayer, Baileyville society. Business session. Report of Committees. Election of officers. 2.30 P. M.: Recreation period, outing, and picnic supper.

7.45 P. M.: Song service, Aplington society. Vocal number, Buffalo Center society. Address: "Strange Ways," Rev. A. A. Schade. Mission offering. Vocal number, Elgin society. Consecrational service.

Announcement

Y. P. & S. S. W. Union of Southwestern Conference

John Kepl, Jr., has been the treasurer of the B. Y. P. & S. S. W. U. of the Southwestern Conference. At the time this announcement reaches the readers he will be residing with his parents in Canada. Before leaving he made arrangements with A. R. Sandow, president of the organization, to care for the treasury till the Conference convenes. Will all such Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U.'s of the Southwestern Conference who as yet have not sent their annual contribution to the treasurer kindly do so quickly, and, in doing so, address all correspondence in connection with the treasury to Mr. A. R. Sandow, Hillsboro, Kans.

We are indeed sorry to lose such a worthy treasurer as the organization had in John Kepl, Jr. May the Lord bless him in his new surroundings!

A. R. SANDOW,
Hillsboro, Kans.

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No Christianity Without Christ

TO undertake to explain Christianity without Christ is a performance which can only provoke intellectual contempt. No one but Christ ever dared to say, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh to the Father but by me." Certainly in these days when all kinds of men and all kinds of movements are calling themselves by the name of Christ, regardless of their aims or their character, we do well to remind ourselves that according to the teachings of the New Testament, no one is a Christian who does not love the Lord Jesus Christ and no one can properly love the Lord Jesus who does not enjoy conscious personal fellowship with him. "Lovest thou me?" is still Christ's challenge to humanity. He addresses it to every one who would bear his name. It is the sine qua non of both personal Christianity and Christian service.

There may be life without Christ, but the New Testament makes it clear that there can be no Christian life without Christ. "He that hath the Son hath life and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:12).

There may be truth without Christ, but there is no Christian truth without Christ. Christ is the ground upon which Christian truth rests. He is its source, its guarantee, its power and its test.

There may be growth without Christ, but there can be no Christian growth without Christ. Only as our life begins in him and is nourished by him can we grow into his likeness and be worthy of his name.

There may be service without Christ, but there can be no Christian service without Christ. "Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me" (John 15:4).

There may be fellowship without Christ, but there can be no Christian fellowship without Christ. In Christ and Christ alone Christian fellowship lives and moves and has its being.

There may be hope without Christ, but there is no Christian hope without Christ. Christian hope centers in the person of Jesus Christ. He proclaimed himself as the embodiment of this hope and by his own resurrection the promise was sealed. (John 11:25.) We believe in his promises because we believe in him. Apart from his words and his works there is no ground for the Christian hope. Eliminate Christ and you have no promise of the resurrection and the life in the Christian religion.

We have grievous need to get back to our sources. Our life is languishing and only the living Christ can give us the hope which will save us. Let us glory in our Christ, who has come down the centuries the hope of the despairing, the joy of the

sorrowing, the comfort of the suffering, and the almighty Savior of the sinning.

The Importance of Summer Conferences

WILLIAM RALPH HALL

AMONG the possibilities of a summer conference are a new understanding of God's Word, of the church's great missionary task, of the work of practical leadership in the Church, of what it really means to be a Christian. Who would not prize these for all young people?

As the sun sets and the quiet of the evening steals in, a heart-searching vesper message on making life Christian in all its relationships swings the campus Christward for many lives. To this add prayer and fellowship through personal and group devotional services.

The importance of a group of young people living together, ruled by the Christian motive of unselfishness can hardly be overestimated. These experiences may be in the recreation of the afternoon, in the fellowship of the dining room, or in other conference experiences.

A conference affords a much-desired opportunity for young people who are assuming positions of leadership in local churches to exchange their problems and successes with those who are in similar positions elsewhere. A new light dawns when they find that problems of one sort or another are being faced by young people everywhere.

What youth goes through the last two years of high school and through college without a personal struggle with one or more life problems? Conference life develops confidence between adult leaders and delegates and there are many delegates who will say that their richest single experience was the fellowship with a leader in the discussion of a personal problem.

The span that measures the importance of a conference is long. It includes a consideration of all life's relationships, reaching from those hours of recreation and sociability, which must be Christian, to the great choice of a life work.

Personal Testimony and Service

PERSONAL testimony and service for Christ have no rivals in effectiveness in work for the kingdom. Modern Christianity, like modern sport, is suffering from professionalism. The volunteer is failing, the paid agent is taking his place in the work of the church. This increases financial strain, it reduces the number of voluntary workers from whom the church must choose her separated ministry, and most serious of all, it deprives the church of the convincing witness of men and women who have nothing to gain but it may be much to lose by a frank confession of Christ.—Rev. John McDowell, D. D.

Better a Lost Day than a Lost Way

TO take time needed for proper preparation is not to lose time. The ship was detained in the outer harbor. All the passengers were fuming and fretting at the delay. They were anxious to be on the way to their port on the other side of the sea. It was explained that the ship's compass needed correction before it would be safe to attempt the voyage. When some continued to fret, the remark was made, "Better to lose a day than the way." The ocean is very wide. The slightest variation of the compass, causing the ship to deviate only a little from the appointed course, would mean the missing of the harbor altogether and possibly the loss of the ship itself on some rock or reef.

It pays to take time to true the conscience by the Word of God, lest under the haste of life, we deviate from the right way and meet disaster among the shoals of indifference and neglect.—Westminster Teacher.

Editorial Jottings

ACCORDING TO an observing Methodist leader, "there are brakemen enough in the church to last a hundred years if we never receive another one. They are afraid the church will go too fast. What we want is more firemen."

PENTECOST, says J. Rendell Harris, adds nothing to the equipment of doctrines; it adds everything to the equipment of the teachers.

ATTENDANCE AT our institutes and assemblies this spring and summer will make a real contribution to the life of growing young folks. These gatherings demonstrate what it is to live a Christian life. They teach the fine art of living together. The assembly life reveals that we are one of a common group, who all have to face problems and overcome difficulties. We learn to join hand with other Christian youth in the adventure of daily living. It widens the horizon. The assembly youth receives new views, new tasks, new opportunities, new motives, new determination. We are helped to see Jesus more clearly. Let many of our young people plan to go. In addition to the advantages and benefits outlined, there will be no lack of wholesome recreation.

The Anticlimax of Life

F. W. BARTEL

THE statement of a recent writer, that "most wealth is an anticlimax," deserves a bit of serious thought. In many ways a proper climax is very essential. The young man's wooing of his heart's choice leads to the climax of a happy marriage. The pay envelope climaxes our week of labor and supplies us with the necessities of life. The climaxes we meet in life provide a large share of our human happiness and most of our "thrills." On the other

hand, the anticlimaxes bring us most of our disappointments and griefs.

Most of us live in moderate circumstances. Even with steady employment, careful planning is often necessary to make both ends meet. Many there are who are striving earnestly to get ahead in a material way. Easy Street is the goal of multitudes. And we may as well confess that, for many of us, wealth stands for much that is desirable and worthwhile. Aside from the security and comfort it provides, there often comes to us a vision of the great possibilities and opportunities for service, which wealth brings. Many of us have thought, "O, if only I had wealth! How much I could do! How gladly would I give to the needy, and how generously would I give to the work of God's Kingdom! O, if only . . .!" Thus have we dreamed. Would anyone say that our dream was not a worthy one?

Wealth as an Anticlimax

The way to the goal is often paved with good intentions. For often by earnest effort and God's rich blessing that far-off goal is reached eventually. A goodly portion of material wealth has come into our possession. That long-looked-for day has come at last. The needs of the world and the opportunities for service have become greater than ever before. And God has entrusted the means to us, so that the great moment for real service is now here. Now for the climax of wealth! But, alas, so often nothing unusual happens. The visions and vows of hopeful and struggling youth seem to have vanished, the good intentions are forgotten, while the heart has become hardened and selfish. The wealth, which was to bring life and blessing to others, is used only for selfish pleasures, or for the accumulation of more wealth. (Matt. 6:19-21.)

What about the great wealth of the Christian world today? Money has never been so plentiful, nor has it ever been spent as freely as today. And yet the Lord's treasury is so often empty, and the Lord's great cause must still go begging, because much Christian wealth is an anticlimax.

Much Education Often an Anticlimax

Then the matter of education should also be considered from this point of view. Education is usually considered essential to the highest human usefulness and happiness, and is sought after eagerly by rich and poor alike. And we can but rejoice that it is so. What a large part of our life we spend to fit us for life! How many hours and years of deliberate and painstaking effort are required to prepare us for the opportunities and responsibilities of life! It is said that it costs the taxpayers of our country some two billion dollars annually, to give our American young people the advantages of an education. But, whatever the cost, true education is eminently worthwhile, for it sharpens and trains the mind and hands, develops the taste and appreciation of the beautiful, and increases our knowledge and understanding of the world in which we live, as well as

giving us access to the highest wisdom of the past ages.

And if, in the course of our preparation for life, we have come to a personal knowledge and love of him, who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life," then indeed is our life truly and permanently enriched, for "happy is the man who findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding" (Prov. 3:13). The human mind is a truly wonderful thing, especially when it has been carefully trained and "thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:17).

The true purpose of education is service and leadership. For we learn, that we may serve. How glorious to consecrate any talents or training we may have to the service of Christ! What a power for God every educated Christian should be! We thank God for every trained teacher and singer and other workers in our ranks. They are builders of Zion.

Yet there are many among God's people, who are using their educational advantages only for selfish and material ends. If all the education in our churches was truly consecrated to the service of the Lord, what an amazing expansion and growth there would be all along the line! What a tragedy, when brains and training are dedicated to things that pass away, while they might be employed for him, whose Kingdom will endure forever! And so, many a glorious opportunity knocks in vain, because even among Christians much of education is anticlimax.

Our Christian Faith and Life May Become an Anticlimax

"And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brothers . . . Peter and Andrew . . . and he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him" (Matt. 4:18-29). Likewise many another Peter has been led into a personal and happy relation to the Savior, and peace and joy has come into his heart. Many have heard or felt the call to consecration and service. The love that led our Savior to the cross, gripped our hearts, and it was all very real when we sang,

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love."

What a privilege to belong to Christ, and to have some humble but definite part in his glorious work of saving the lost! How our hearts rejoice in the flush of our first Christian love! And yet, when opportunities came to speak a word for our Savior, and to tell what he did for us, our lips remained silent. That impulse to pray and our former joy in the Lord have gone, and our heart has grown strangely cold. We have become unprofitable servants, because we were out of touch with the Lord at the critical moment.

We praise God for every consecrated worker in our churches. They are the "salt of the earth," and the "light of the world,"—may their number in-

crease! But here is a Sunday school class without a teacher. There, another tenor or soprano is needed in the choir. And that B. Y. P. U. needs a song leader. Is there no one who will step into the breach? Must God's great cause suffer from lack of efficient workers?

Truly, now is the time to invest life and talent for God; now is the time for faithful service, the time for the great climax of your Christian faith and life! Angels envy us this privilege, and all heaven watches breathlessly,—but so often nothing happens. Somehow the vision of the cross has vanished, and the once warm and loving heart has become worldly, hardened and unconcerned. Is your Christian faith and life an anticlimax?

When a blood-bought, redeemed life becomes an anticlimax, it is indeed a tragedy to make angels weep.

Failing in the Critical Moment

A young man, who loved his country, enlisted to help drive the marauding enemy out of his native land. He gave himself with all his heart to the necessary training, and his one desire was to rid the country of the destroyer. He was impatient to go out and face the enemy, and he ardently hoped that he might render a great service to his country. One dark night as he stood guarding the main approach to the sleeping camp, his opportunity came when the enemy suddenly swooped down upon them. Now, to sound the alarm and strike a telling blow for freedom! But, alas, the enemy found him asleep at his post.

The dominant note of the gospel is "whosoever will," and in harmony with that principle the German Baptists have always taught and practiced voluntary church membership. We are, therefore, in a very real sense, volunteers of the Lord Jesus Christ. We sing, "Like a mighty army moves the church of God." But when we plan an aggressive movement, make an earnest effort to enlist the members of the average church for personal work, in order to reach out and lead unsaved friends to Christ, and the hour for decisive action arrives, very often the "army" has vanished, and only a handful remain!

Meanwhiling

Mr. H. G. Wells makes a character in one of his books say, "I perceive, that I have been meanwhiling all my life." Is that true of us? The vision of the cross has stirred our hearts profoundly. The glimpse we have had of the multitude without Christ has impressed us with the fact that the field is indeed "white unto the harvest, but the laborers are few!" Truly, there is still much to be done. We dream of rendering some great outstanding service in his name. Somewhere, sometime, we hope to do great things. But what are we doing meanwhile? Are we faithful in lesser duties and in the small things, while waiting for the greater opportunity? Or are we neglecting the present means of grace and doing nothing? O, if we have been "meanwhiling," let us now resolve, that by God's grace our life shall be a climax for Christ!

Our Devotional Meeting

H. R. Schroeder

June 9, 1929

Thinking Things Through

Luke 14:28-32; Prov. 16:22-25.

The ability to think is one of the finest gifts God has given us. But like all other gifts it, too, must be trained and developed. Some hardly know how to think, they are more or less dull and slow to comprehend the intricate problems of life. Others have a wonderful keen mind, a brilliant intellect, they become philosophers, authors, inventors, etc. Of course, we cannot all become geniuses of thought, but we can all learn to think independently. We should not think merely as others think, or form our opinions by what we read in the newspapers or in cheap and trashy magazines, but learn to have convictions of our own.

If we are to think things through, we must refrain from jumping at conclusions, we must not be too hasty in forming our judgments, nor must we permit ourselves to be unduly influenced by our emotions. Some are entirely swept off their feet in moments of excitement and then they make promises they cannot keep. Others are deterred by a feeling of fear, they lack the spirit of daring adventure, and so they never accomplish anything. Some fail to count the cost of a Christian life, they do not see all that is involved, and then when difficulties come, they fall by the wayside. Others see the dangers in an exaggerated form and consequently never start out. Take everything into consideration, especially the end and don't judge by appearances. Solomon says, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Look at the Christian life from every standpoint, consider all that can be said for and against it, and then you'll want to be a Christian in spite of all the difficulties.

June 16, 1929

The Price of Voluntary Christian Service

Luke 9: 57-62

Our Scripture lesson tells us of three candidates for discipleship. One was a little bit too hasty in making his profession, and Jesus had to repulse him somewhat. The other was too sluggish and had to be stimulated. He wanted to wait until his father had died. And the third was too vacillating. He wanted to hear first of all what his friends would have to say.

There are still many such people in the world today. There are some who seem to be sorry that they even took the stand for Jesus. They regret that they ever began to follow Jesus, and secretly long for the things they have given up.

But if a man lays his hand to the plow and looks back, he is not fit for the kingdom of God. Others are perhaps surprised at the sorrows and sufferings that come over them in the course of time. They expected to have a life of ease and comfort, but instead they have to bear burdens and make the greatest sacrifices, like the Master they have nowhere to lay their head.

Now the sacrifices and hardships involved in the Christian life should not frighten anyone nor keep him from making a wholehearted surrender. On another occasion Jesus said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). But we must never imagine that Christ will force the cross upon us, we are to take it up ourselves. And anything we do voluntarily is always easy. We never complain of anything we do gladly, nor protest against a cross we have taken up ourselves. But why talk about the price of Christian service? Why not rather emphasize that it is a glorious privilege?

June 23, 1929

Jesus Teaches Us Self-control

1 Peter 2:11-25.

No one admires a man who is hot-headed and quick-tempered and who flies into a rage whenever something happens that doesn't suit him. No one thinks very much of a man who is constantly whining and complaining, nor does anyone honor a man who always tries to retaliate, avenge himself, repay everyone in his own coin. The ideal man is the man who can keep cool and level-headed, no matter how many others become excited and lose their heads; and who can endure the greatest trials without murmuring, and who does not resent every slight and injury.

Jesus was such an ideal man. Peter tells us that he reviled not again when he was reviled, nor did he threaten when he suffered. He bore his sorrows patiently, and has given us an example that we should follow in his steps.

Complete self-control is perhaps the hardest virtue to acquire. Human nature is often subject to the most violent passions. They sweep over our soul like a mighty storm, and when one is caught in such a tempest, it isn't easy to stand firm. Again we can say that these passions are like a fire slumbering in the heart of man; they are so easily fanned into flame for there is so much inflammable material in every man's soul. The fires of anger, envy, impatience can easily burst into flame.

But if we are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus we must learn to exercise self-control in all things. This will only be possible in the measure in which we

a man, and world conditions have made America what it is.

But we need to sound a note of warning. We are in danger of worshipping mere bigness and wealth. The city with the biggest population, the store with the largest sales, the actor with the biggest salary, the preacher with the greatest crowds are honored above all. But God doesn't judge anything by its size. Often as many as 500,000 people parade up and down the board walk of Coney Island in one afternoon. But what does such a crowd contribute to the progress of the world? All it does is to eat peanuts and popcorn. Half a dozen consecrated men can accomplish more than such a Coney Island crowd. It's not size that counts, but quality of character; not numbers, but a definite purpose in life.

receive the spirit of Christ. We must turn over the reins of our life to Christ and let him control us.

June 30, 1929

Heroes for Christ

Isa. 6:1-8; Matt. 11:7-12; John 18:1-9.

Jesus was the greatest hero that ever lived. He did things that no one else would have dared to do, and said things that required unusual courage to say. Above all he manifested the most heroic qualities in the manner in which he faced death. And many of Christ's followers have proved themselves to be true heroes in their own little sphere of life. The prophets, John the Baptist, the apostles, the Christian martyrs and many others form a glorious procession of heroes. The heroes of the world are not all to be found on the great battle fields, nor among the ranks of the renowned explorers. Some have served with equal heroism in obscure spheres of life and without the applause of the world.

Who wouldn't say that the missionaries who go to the ends of the earth and endure untold privations for Christ's sake aren't just as great heroes as those who seek fame and honor by exploring Arctic wastes or who conquer nations and make the world tremble at their word? The heroes for Christ achieve an honor that will outlast time and eternity. When all the heroes of the world will have been forgotten, then the heroes who lived and died for Christ will still be remembered and honored.

Then we should also bear in mind that we can be heroes for Christ in any place, in some obscure corner, in the home and even on a bed of sickness. Some invalids have been the greatest heroes for Christ. "Who follows in their train?"

July 7, 1929

What Has Made Our Nation What It Is?

Deut. 8:1-14; 17:18.

We can justly be proud of our country, proud of its greatness, its vast wealth, its industries and institutions, its government and its ideals. But we must be very careful that we do not become vain and conceited. While we acknowledge the wonderful greatness of our country we should remain very humble. After all it is by the Providence of God that our nation has become what it is. God stored up the natural resources for us long before we were ever in existence. And then the political, economic and religious conditions in the whole world have helped our nation to attain its greatness. Every nation of the world has contributed something to make our nation great. Circumstances often make

- June 26. Unafraid. John 19:1-9.
 " 27. Paying the Price. 2 Cor. 11:23-28.
 " 28. Courage. Matt. 20:20-23.
 " 29. Ready to Die. John 11:7-16.
 " 30. Carrying the Torch. Heb. 11:32-12:2.
 July 1-7. What Has Made Our Nation What It Is? Deut. 8:1-14. 17. 18.
 " 1. God in History. Deut. 8:11-18.
 " 2. Dangers of Prosperity. Deut. 8:11-18.
 " 3. Respect for Law. Rom. 13:1-7.
 " 4. Hard Work. Prov. 12:11. 14. 24. 27.
 " 5. Universal Education. Prov. 4:1-9.
 " 6. Men of Vision. Heb. 11:13-16.
 " 7. True Religion. Gen. 12:1-9.

The Oldest Baptist Preachers' College

Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Bristol Baptist College

PROF. F. E. ROBINSON, M. A., B. D.

Bristol College, England, the oldest Baptist ministerial college in the world, was founded by the will of Edward Terrill in 1679, during the persecution of Nonconformists in the reign of Charles II. Edward Terrill (the writer of part of the "Broadmead Records") left property to the Broadmead Church, Bristol, on condition that his pastor should undertake the training of young men for the Christian ministry. By this act he showed his faith in a brighter future and his desire that coming generations should learn the truths which he loved.

The College was reconstituted in 1770. Throughout its history, the College and its alumni have shared in all Baptist enterprises. One of its students, Morgan Edwards, founded Rhode Island College (now Brown University), the earliest Baptist educational institution in America. Five others—Dr. John Ryland, John Sutcliff, Samuel Pearce, Thomas Blundell and William Staughton (afterwards president of Columbian College, Washington)—were among the thirteen who formed the Baptist Missionary Society at Kettering in 1792. Since then more than a hundred Bristol College men have become missionaries. Joseph Hughes, a student and tutor of the College, was one of the founders and the first secretary of both the Religious Tract Society and the British and Foreign Bible Society. Among its alumni in the home ministry were Robert Hall, John Howard Hinton, John C. Ryland (of Northampton), John Foster, the essayist, Dr. Rippon, the Baptist historian, and two—Dr. F. W. Gotch and Dr. Benjamin Davies—were members of the Old Testament Revision Committee. Forty-two Bristol College men became presidents or tutors of colleges in England or abroad. The value of these varied services to the Christian Church cannot be estimated.

Among its many treasures, the museum has the only perfect copy of the First Edition of Tyndall's New Testa-

ment 1525, and a contemporary miniature of Oliver Cromwell by Cooper.

The College is an associated college of Bristol University, and is now housed in a fine new building, close to the University, erected during the time that Dr. W. J. Henderson was president. Dr. Arthur Dakin became Principal in 1924.

Music and Worship

For Music Committee

Organists and pianists are offered a much larger possibility of service in the church than many imagine. Worship is a part of Christian education, and music enters into worship in the very closest manner.

Is it not true that almost everywhere the worship of children and young people in their own gatherings suffers from a notable lack of guidance? Perhaps it is because organists and pianists do not understand their opportunities; but, at any rate, the possibility of important service is present. Every one who leads the musical part of a worship service should study worship material for the young, and apply the result of his studies in the meeting.

It is an excellent plan to have the Juniors themselves play the piano in their meetings, and also to have young people perform this service in their gatherings, but every society would benefit if there were an adult who made a study of music in its application to worship and guided the work of the society along these lines.

For instance, Junior choirs could certainly be formed in most Junior societies. These choirs would bring the society to the attention of the church-members in a way it has never been brought before by the Junior choir's co-operating with the adult choir of mixed voices. The Juniors could be used in processional, for antiphony, and in other ways that would help and make impressive the worship of the church.

Women are especially suited for training such choirs, and they readily attain the necessary experience for it. What has just been said about the Junior choirs is equally applicable to Intermediate and young people's choirs.

Experience gained in young people's societies may lead those interested in organ and piano music to larger success in life. The magic influence of electrical control has brought even the largest organs within the capacity of a woman to handle. An education in organ-playing is now readily available in our large music centers. Work begun in a Junior society may develop into a very wide field of service later on.

Make your prayers worthy of a saint in all goodness and truth. God will honor such prayers and your soul will grow in the experience.

There is no power that so makes for efficiency as the skill of a trained man; there is no force so mighty in uplift as an applied personality.

Soothing His Conscience

A plumber in Ireland took a green hand with him on a job. "I say," said the verdant one, "do you charge for my time?"

"Certainly."

"But I haven't done anything."

The plumber had been looking long at the finished job with a lighted candle. Handing the remnant of the candle to the helper, he said, witheringly: "Here, if you must be so conscientious, blow that out."

Unanimously Chosen

When a term of the old president of the club had expired he rose and said:

"Breddren, de time am heah fo' de election ob yo' chai'man fo' anudder yeah. All dose faborin' me fo' dis position will please say 'Aye.'"

The old chairman had made himself rather unpopular, and there was no response.

"Silence allus gibs consent," he said; "I'se you' chai'man fo' anudder yeah."

No Desire to Participate

A certain pastor was trying to get up enough money to put a fence around the cemetery. He approached one of his members and said, "Brother Johnson, we want to put a fence around the cemetery. Don't you want to participate?" To which the good brother answered, "Not at all, not at all, I don't see any use of a fence around the cemetery. Those that are in there can't get out, and those that are out don't want to get in!"

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

Valuation as of December 31, 1928, on basis of the American Experience Mortality Table 3 1/2% Select & ultimate, and American Experience Mortality 4%, preliminary terms plan.

Statement of Valuation Assets and Liabilities

Assets:		Liabilities:	
Total admitted assets less \$3,798.68 Expense		Reserve on outstanding certificates issued under the Amer. Exp. 3 1/2%.....	\$168,288.63
Fund	\$516,228.64	Reserve on outstanding certificates issued under the Amer. Exp. 4 1/2% preliminary term plan	245,170.84
		Reserve for Total Permanent Disability.....	3,112.42
		Present value of (3) monthly income claims..	2,775.00
		Death claims due and unpaid.....	2,522.61
		Advance assessments	11,308.56
		Reserve for dividends	7,000.00
		Contingent reserve	17,000.00
		Reserve for Sick & Accident	3,627.71
		Surplus (unassigned funds)	55,422.87
	\$516,228.64		\$516,228.64

Ratio of assets to liabilities as of December 31, 1928=112%.
 Ratio of actual to expected mortality=63.90%.
 Net rate of interest earned=5.14%.

Syracuse, N. Y.,
 Feb. 25, 1929.

(Signed) *Wm. Francis Barnard,*
 (Fellow American Institute of Actuaries.)



Wm. F. Barnard

Syracuse, N. Y., May 15, 1929.
 Mr. F. W. Godtfiring,
 General Manager
 German Baptists' Life Association,
 Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Brother Godtfiring:

I am enclosing herewith for publication, to obey statutes, a summary of the association's valuation made up in balance sheet form. On the financial side the association—officers and members alike—have every reason to be pleased and satisfied with the showing made. Of course, I should like to see a somewhat better rate of progress in the matter of membership and insurance in force, and I know that this desire of mine is one which you fully share.

In a mutual insurance society, such as the German Baptists, the members not only constitute the society, but also they own it. It would seem, therefore, that merely from the point of view of their own interest they would appreciate the advantage of building up and extending their own Association by lending their cordial support in this good work.

What I should like to see is an increase of 10% in both membership and insurance in force during this current year, and I venture to recommend this to you as a goal for your achievement.



C. E. Panke, Field Secretary

Sincerely yours,
 (Signed) *Wm. F. Barnard,*
 Fellow American Institute of Actuaries.