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What's Happening

• Revival meetings were conducted in the German Baptist church of Plevna, Mont., from October 31 to November 13, with the pastor of the church, the Rev. J. J. Renz, bringing the messages. A deep interest was shown in the services and 16 persons were led to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.

• On Sunday, November 20, the Rev. W. Sturhahn, pastor of the Spring Valley and Unityville Churches in South Dakota, had the joy of baptizing 4 young people in the Spring Valley Church. The Rev. John Borchers of Chancellor, So. Dak., brought an inspiring message before a large audience.

• The Cheerful Helpers' Class of the East Ebenezer Baptist Church in Saskatchewan, Canada, recently held a banquet in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. August Rosner. According to the reporter, Miss Reiman, "the evening was spent in discussing future class activities and in setting up our class constitution."

• The Rev. W. W. Knauf of Anamoose, No. Dak., has responded favorably to the call extended to him by the German Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich. He will begin his pastorate on the new field on February 1st and will succeed the Rev. C. A. Damrau, who is at present pastor of the German Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington.

• Mr. Roy Anderson, a member of the Oak Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., is serving as student pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Elmhurst, Ill. He is a Senior student in Wheaton College at Wheaton, Ill. Mr. Anderson was the president of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of Chicago and vicinity during the term 1937-1938.

• Evangelistic services were held in the Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., with the Rev. A. Engel of Racine, Wis., serving as the evangelist. The series of meetings were widely announced as "the Christian Life Conference." The pastor of the church, the Rev. G. Wetter, reported that "the weather was favorable, the attendance good and the messages excellent."

• From November 7 to 18 evangelistic meetings were held in the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, So. Dak., with the Rev. Herman Palfenier of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, serving as evangelist. A fine spirit prevailed in the well attended services, and 12 persons were led to accept Christ as their personal Savior. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler is the pastor of the church.

• From November 14 to December 3 the Rev. Emil Becker, pastor of the

German Baptist Church of Herreid, So. Dak., conducted evangelistic meetings at one of the stations, the Gnadefeld Church. The results were most gratifying with 20 persons confessing their acceptance of Christ as Savior. Mr. Becker wrote that "we are enjoying the work in connection with the church of Herreid very much."

• The dedication of the rebuilt and enlarged church building in Startup, Wash., was held on Sunday, Dec. 11, with the Rev. J. F. Olthoff of Salem, Oregon, serving as the dedication speaker. The church addition provides for Sunday School rooms and an enlarged auditorium. Much of the labor was contributed by men of the church. The Rev. C. E. Schoenleber is pastor of the church.

• Professor Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, was the guest speaker on Sunday, December 18, in the German Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn., which he formerly served as its pastor from 1897 to 1900. A large audience was in attendance to hear the beloved former pastor and former moderator of the General Conference. Professor von Berge is now the literary editor of the Lorenz Publishing Company in Dayton, Ohio.

• The Rev. Otto R. Schroeder served as guest pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., from Sunday, November 6, to Sunday, January 1. His ministry was deeply appreciated by the entire church. On January 4 Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder will return to Anaheim, Calif., where they will reside at 512 E. Chartres Street. While in the Middle West, they have been with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Illinois.

• The choir of the Canaan Baptist Church at Crawford, Texas, presented the cantata, "The Child of Bethlehem," on Christmas Eve, December 24, before a large and enthusiastic audience. The pastor, the Rev. C. C. Gossen, is the talented director of the choir, singing the bass soloist parts as well. Miss Tillie Mae Spross as reporter wrote that "our aim is to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus!"

• The Rev. August Becker, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, conducts a radio devotional program over station WACO of Waco, Texas, once a month. On Monday morning, December 5, he brought a pre-Christmas message, assisted by the mixed quartet of the church composed of Helen and Hildegard Stobbe and the Messrs. J. N. and R. G. Kittlitz. Miss

Martha Scherwitz accompanied the quartet at the piano.

• "The Builder", the bi-monthly publication of the Y.P. and S.S.W. Union of the Atlantic Conference, is edited in its second volume by Mrs. Helen Neithardt of Brooklyn, N. Y. The missionary goal of \$1000, designated for the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., is given much attention in the attractive paper. Sunday, January 8, will be set aside in all Atlantic Conference churches as "Special Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Day." Miss Margaret Macskey is the president of the Union.

• Evangelistic services were conducted in the West Ebenezer Baptist Church of Springside, Saskatchewan, Canada, from November 7 to 18, with the messages brought by the Rev. J. Weinbender of Southey and the Rev. J. Kuehn, pastor of the church. Two persons confessed their faith in Christ. The Rev. E. P. Wahl, director of the Canadian German Baptist Bible Schools, conducted revival meetings in the Springside Church from November 20 to December 2 with 4 persons responding to the altar call and finding peace in the Savior.

• The Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., recently extended a call to the Rev. William Appel of Milwaukee, Wis., to become its pastor, to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Appel is the son of a former German Baptist minister, and he served several of our churches before assuming the office of assistant secretary among the Baptists of Wisconsin. He will begin his ministry in

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GUEST EDITORIAL

By the REV. WILLIAM KUHN, D.D., General Missionary Secretary

ALL of us have had our place in that happy throng, where friend said to friend: "I wish you a happy New Year." There is much sincerity

and goodwill in this traditional custom. Have we a New Year's wish

for ourselves? Jesus Christ is standing before each of us, as he stood before blind Bartimaeus on the outskirts of Jericho, saying: "What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?" Bartimaeus, fully conscious of his deplorable state, unhesitatingly said: "Lord, that I may receive my sight." "And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God."

Physical blindness had been the bane of the life of Bartimaeus, even as spiritual blindness or at least imperfect spiritual vision, has been the bane of the lives of so many. Were we as conscious of our need as the blind beggar was of his, we would also cry aloud to this miracle-working Son of David for this mercy of healing. Because of our lack of spiritual sight our lives have been impoverished. We have taken our places more often at the beggar's stand than at the banquet table with our Lord. In our discipleship we have not been able to follow in the footsteps of our Master. Like Bartimaeus we have heard more about Jesus through the testimony of others than through our own personal intercourse with him. So many lives are bare of any real service for him, because they have never yet realized his claim upon them.

As a countless host we are all marching along the highway of life through the passing years. Meeting us today on our pilgrimage, the Lord Jesus Christ himself with his voice full of divine sympathy asks each one of us: "What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?" In the knowledge of our imperfect spiritual vision, may we with impassioned faith reply, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." The miracle will follow now as

there in Jericho. This spiritual enlightenment may not be given to us as instantaneously and completely as it was given to Bartimaeus. The experience of most of us doubtlessly will be that we will grow in the apprehension of new revelations of spiritual knowledge and wisdom.

This spiritual illumination will work wonders for each one individually and for us collectively as churches. After we are "illuminated," we will be delivered from the charm of this world's vanity. We will be devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ and his cause. We can then say with Paul: "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

In the gospel report the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem follows shortly after the healing of blind Bartimaeus at Jericho. Had Bartimaeus been able to be present at Jerusalem, he most assuredly would have been a prominent figure in that triumphal procession. During 1939 we expect to prepare a triumphal entry for Jesus Christ into the hearts, homes and lives of many who have not yet received him. He has need of the varied services of these illuminated ones. Only such will have an interest in this holy enterprise. Spiritually blind men and women are excluded from participation.

May we have opened eyes to see the Savior standing before each of us, saying: "What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?" From our deepest heart may the response of our faith break forth: "Lord, that I am receive my sight." The pages of our history will then carry the same record that was written long ago in Jericho: "And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God."

The Stewardship of Life

The New Year's Challenge of planning one's life according to God's purposes receives a stirring presentation in this remarkably fine article by the talented young president of the South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. Its principles, lucidly interpreted, deserve to be the guiding lights for every Christian life throughout the year 1939.

By MR. CHARLES E. VOIGT of Avon, South Dakota

STEWARDSHIP is that medium by which the qualities, constituting the Christian life of the individual, may be vividly expressed. Life is the most precious gift that God has designated for human kind. In the eyes of man it is so valuable that millions of dollars have been invested in research work to prolong it. In the sight of God the worth of a human life can only be estimated in the light of the Bible. Life is singular, portraying fragrance and sublimity, when our ideals are God's radiant splendors.

The Resources of Life

When we regard life from this viewpoint, we become infatuated with the inspiring desire to



Charles E. Voigt

utilize our resources, whether original or acquired for the edification of God's kingdom. In this one sentence we have expressed, from a Christian standpoint, the true meaning of the stewardship of life.

The resources of life, with which we have been endowed, are often numerous in their scope, but we may collectively define them under four specific heads:

time, influence, talents and money. It is in the administration of these resources of life that we must exercise the principles of Christian stewardship. Each has its favorable place in the average life, and cannot be replaced or dispensed with. All have brought gratifying results because they have been utilized correctly in behalf of the purpose common to all Christians, namely, the development of man morally, mentally and religiously.

In accordance with the enumeration of the resources of life mentioned previously, may we stress, first, the stewardship of time.

God's Gift of Time

An analysis of the activities of Jesus during the space of the three years of his ministry impressed the truth that he was never found in

idleness. Neither did he observe the occurrences current in Judea and Galilee which did not pertain to his earthly mission.

The purpose of Christ's ministry was so extensive and significant that it was impossible for him to seek a convenient abode, not considering for himself a perpetual residence. Jesus himself told us that "the Son of Man hath no place whereon to lay his head." We are not always required to deny ourselves the privileges of a home. We have access to many modern conveniences, but still we are inclined oftentimes to become careless and to direct our time in an unprofitable direction.

Someone has said, "Time squandered can never be recovered." We cannot call back a single moment. Each passing incident has attached to it the address of eternity and is freighted with eternal consequence. We should be so equipped that we may be labeled "the minute men of Christ," ready for immediate service.

"Why Stand Ye Here Idle?"

Life is too solemn and its end too meaningful to be absorbed entirely in temporal matters, in a treadmill of care and anxiety for the things that are mediocre in comparison with the things of eternal interest. But the temporal affairs have their place in life, and we should be diligent in all undertakings so that they prescribe to the teachings of the Bible.

We are told there are twenty million young people in our beloved land who neither attend church services or Sunday School. What will be their inevitable end, if we are not true to our calling? We cannot falter in view of the impregnable fortress of responsibility, which looms as a challenge to every youth who has tasted of the divine blessings.

Upon the proper application of our time depends our success in obtaining knowledge and mental culture. The cultivation and development of the intellectual aspect of life need not be prevented or obstructed by poverty, humble origin, or unfavorable circumstances. Take, for example, Lincoln, the genius of the once immature West. His great attainments were marked by the attributes of resolute purpose, persistent industry, and careful economy of time. These characteristics will enable us to acquire knowledge and mental poise which will qualify

us for any position of influence and usefulness. Therefore, the stewardship of our time receives the approval of God, "the giver of every good and perfect gift."

Life's Magnetic Influences

A second phase of the Christian's life is that identified as influence. The most magnetic influence is that of character. If we reveal the character of Christ in our deeds, we cooperate with him in the work of saving souls. Did not Jesus say: "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

We cannot be independent of our fellow-man because in some way or other we exert a reaction in the life of others through associational contacts, even though they be remote. Thus, our influence may be silent and unconscious, but a mighty power in drawing others to Christ and the heavenly world.

Our influence may be a force promoting righteous living, or it may conform to the ideals of the world. It is against the latter that we should organize resentment with utmost sincerity. Each impulse imparted will make its impression, either containing virtues relative to high ambitions or it will instigate the undesired result. If our example is commendable, we have aided in developing the chain of Christian principles that will accelerate the appeal for righteous living.

Talents Consecrated to God

Thirdly, we find the ministry of talents essential in the life of a child of God. To every man God has given, "according to his several ability." The apostle Paul in his epistle to the Romans states that we have "gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us." Paul then goes on to urge the individual to utilize the gift, with which he has been endowed, for the glorification of Christ, "according to the proportion of faith."

As the accepted followers of Jesus we are not our own. We have been bought with a price, "not with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ." So we must henceforth live not unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Our talents should be consecrated for that purpose.

Men of all nations have been purchased with that price, including Jew and Gentile alike. Creeds are insignificant. We are expected to render our will, our affections, our soul, our strength, and our mental faculties toward the supreme task of life, which is service.

Jesus' Parable of the Talents

You may recall the parable of the talents uttered by Jesus while instructing an audience gathered in the day of his ministry. There were three characters involved in the parable: the servant with five talents, the servant having two talents, and the servant with one talent. You

remember their use of the master's property. The first two doubled their talents, but the third unfaithful and ungrateful servant buried it in the depths of the earth, and the good enclosed in it was never developed. We term it figurative speech, but this parable symbolizes the fact that God's creatures are guilty of the same neglect of their divine endowments. We may either multiply our talents or become stagnant and non-progressive. May we choose the former and direct our talents toward a constructive field!

The Christian Use of Money

Fourth, the stewardship of money is paramount in the life of one who conforms to Christian ideals. The love of money has been called "the root of all evils." This is true to the extent that it has been handled by men who are atheists or infidels or, in other words, who are godless. He who realizes that his money is an indirect gift from God is most frequently the "giver" who abides by the Biblical formula instructing Christians to contribute the tenth part of his possessions.

We may feel that our qualities are superior in the sight of God to warrant our hoarding the vanishing treasure of wealth, but Jesus did not excuse the rich young ruler. We are told that he had kept all the commandments but, when asked to dispense with his possessions, he departed from the Master with a sorrowful countenance. We must use our money wisely, economically and beneficially in advancing the cause of Christ. Shall it be said of us, "Freely ye have received, freely ye gave"?

If the result of our stewardship of life is to assume a vital consequence, we must have arrived at the realization that the resources comprising life are acquired from God. This realization must also penetrate the mind of the Christian steward to the extent that he will determine to associate every undertaking with the standard emblematic of the Church of Christ. Thus, in the glorious excursion of life Christian Stewardship will predominate and in a universal sense become the medium through which world peace and law enforcement may be conceived.

The Rewards of Faithfulness

The termination of our stewardship of life is an evident certainty. And, at that ultimate end, we shall have chosen either the course which will merit a mansion in the "Fathers House," or we shall have selected to walk on the broad path leading to chastisement. May we refrain from the latter and rather, through faithfulness, loyalty to God, and loving service, win the divine approval as we stand someday on the brink of eternity and hear the beckoning words of Jesus, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

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Sunday, February 5, 1939

"ALL ONE BODY WE"

Scripture References: Eph. 4:1-7, 11-13.

Introduction

This Sunday is set aside in a special way to remind Baptists that they belong to a world fellowship of believers who seek to secure and defend religious freedom, and to proclaim the great principles of our common faith. The total church membership of Baptists the world over is in excess of 11,800,000.

1. The Baptist World Alliance

The preamble to the Constitution of the Baptist World Alliance reads: "The Baptist World Alliance, extending over every part of the world, exists in order to show the essential oneness of Baptist people in the Lord Jesus Christ, to impart inspiration to the brotherhood, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service and cooperation among its members; but this Alliance may in no way interfere with the independence of the churches or assume the administrative functions of existing organizations."

The president of the Baptist World Alliance is the Rev. George W. Truett of Dallas, Texas. The general secretary is the Rev. J. H. Rushbrooke of England, who is not only a great Christian leader but a statesman as well, who has represented and defended Baptist principles with tact and firmness in continental Europe. The first Baptist World Congress met in 1905; in 1934 it met in Berlin, Germany; in 1939 it will meet from July 22 to 28 in Atlanta, Georgia.

2. German Baptists of North America

There is some truth in the saying, "Love yourself first so that you may be able to love others," or to put it in another way, "Self-preservation is the first law of nature." The head of a household who would neglect to provide for his wife and children, and spend his income to support an orphanage or an old people's home would soon find himself to be a ward of the State, classified as a "mental case." Although we as German Baptists, both in the United States and in Europe, have only a century of history behind us, it is a unique and glorious one. We need to be better informed regarding this history in order to appreciate the high devotion to Christ and the teachings of the Bible which have characterized our German Baptist ancestry.

We need to realize that some of those, who have gone before, suffered imprisonment, were compelled to pay fines, and had their property confiscated. We need to realize that our seminaries, both in Rochester and Hamburg, were not built in a day, nor that the Publishing House in Cleveland, Ohio, and in Kassel, Germany, just happened. Nor should we forget that the mission societies were not just an accident. We, the younger generation, have taken too much for granted. There was much praying and planning and paying before we came upon the scene and took all these things over. Consequently, let us not be ashamed of possessing a wholesome regard and appreciation for our own "household of faith."

3. United in Christ

Christianity is, first of all, loyalty to a person, Jesus Christ. If we are loyal to our Lord and Savior, we must also be loyal to his cause and his people. Sometimes we are tempted to covet the means, the missions, the mansions, and, the men of a larger group of Baptists, forgetting that we have a large and important work to perform, if we only had the vision to see and the vim to perform. Strength to perform lies not in numbers alone, but depends upon the degree of consecration to Christ and his cause. Numerically the Jews are a race small in number, but their racial solidarity and personal initiative have caused even unbelievers to marvel at them. We German Baptists may be a relatively small denomination, but if we are convinced that God has entrusted us with a definite mission, we shall be used of God in a blessed way.

4. The Need for Cooperation

A local church functions successfully only in the measure that every organization such as the Sunday School, Young People's Society, Ladies' Aid, Choir, etc., work for the good of the whole. In our larger fellowship we Baptists have our city unions or associations, State Conventions, Northern and Southern Conventions, and Baptist World Alliance. At present, fourteen foreign-speaking Baptist groups in the United States have national conferences.

At the National Conference of Baptist Language Groups held in Cleveland from September 8 to 11 a resolution was adopted, that may have a far-reaching influence upon all national Baptist organizations. It will be presented to the General Council for submission to the Northern Baptist Convention at Los Angeles next June. (See

"Baptist Herald," Nov. 1, 1938, pages 410-412.)

President A. W. Beaven of the Colgate-Rochester Seminary commented in part regarding the steps toward closer cooperation planned at Cleveland. "We have provided a framework within which our different Baptist racial groups could both understand and appreciate one another. Our whole Baptist cause will be stronger if it includes the values of our different racial approaches to Jesus Christ."

Sunday, February 12, 1939

HANDS ACROSS RACIAL BARRIERS

Scripture References: John 13:35; 15:12-17; Acts 17:24-28.

1. The Eleventh Commandment

Some one has said that Christ's law of love might well be called the eleventh commandment. In lands across the sea as well as in our own country racial antagonisms are being encouraged and maliciously promoted. To hate another because he has a darker skin, speaks a different language, dresses differently, worships differently, works and plays differently is not only unintelligent but un-Christian as well. An intelligent person will always seek to find the cause for racial and cultural differences. Once the cause has been determined, then the ground for sympathetic understanding has been prepared.

The Christian, of course, must apply ethical standards in order properly to evaluate the social and moral value of an institution, custom or religion of a given race. One may discover that another race is inferior in some aspects of its cultural life. Idolatry, polygamy, economic and social injustices, materialism and atheism surely cannot meet with the approval of a Christian. Shall we throw stones at glass houses, and be blind to our own shortcomings? Hate the sinner and perpetuate prejudices? Not if we possess the love of Christ. Our Master hated sin but loved the sinner. Christ loved us, not so much for what we were, but for what we might become. We too need to see the people of other races with Christ's vision.

2. Friends Must be Like-minded

Christ chose his disciples to be his friends. If we are true friends of Christ, we shall want to be like him in our thinking and conduct. Christ, our dearest friend, expects us to bring forth fruit. In Galatians 5:22-23 the fruit of the Spirit is described. One who loves cannot be selfish. To possess joy is not to have "Schadenfreude,"

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OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS IN THE SUMMER OF 1938

By MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Young People's Secretary

a German word which means to be joyful concerning the calamity or misfortune which has befallen people whom we do not regard as "Good neighbors."

To be longsuffering means to be patient with the selfish and perhaps arrogant ways of our fellows. To be gentle is to be tactful in our censure of others when it is justly deserved. To possess goodness is to be right and straight in our thinking and conduct toward other races. To have faith is to have it in a three-fold manner, in God, in others and in ourselves. To be meek means to have a sense of proportion which will cause us to abstain from the boast: "We are the people; wisdom shall vanish with us," or "Deutschland ueber Alles in der Welt."

3. Love Plus Reason

To express sympathy for the underprivileged American Negro, to express sorrow for the persecuted Jew, to shed a few tears for the defeated Chinese may be a mere expression of sentiment. To lend practical and tangible help to the suffering and distressed is an immediate duty. But far more important is the task of determining the cause for the persecution of Jews in other lands, for the aggression of the Japanese in China, and the racial discrimination toward the Negro in the United States.

Our modern life is so complex that it is not alone the individual sins that result in economic injustices and inequalities, but collective sins as well. Unless we find a way to cooperate among nations and races, chaos is inevitable. We have a Christ who is universal. He came to reveal the God and Father of us all. Therefore, the trend should be away from narrow nationalisms and exclusive racialism. The trend is in the opposite direction today. Therefore fear, distrust, envy, greed, jealousy and the lust for power are on the increase. Reason tempered by mercy and motivated by love will have to find ways and means to bridge the chasm separating races.

Roy Smith has said: "A religion that cannot leap over a racial barrier will never get far in this world. No nation ever appears more ridiculous than when it gets an exaggerated 'chosen people complex.' He is a poor child of God who cannot love the other children."

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A Vacation Bible School questionnaire was sent to all ministers of the denomination last Fall, requesting information about summer vacation schools if such had been held. The answers received were sufficient in number and in importance to warrant a general review of them in this "Workshop" department of THE BAPTIST HERALD.

It was more than gratifying to receive the statistics from 55 Vacation Bible Schools held throughout the entire denomination. Undoubtedly, there were other schools of which we did not receive a report. The Vacation Schools with an enrollment of a hundred or more were as follows: the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Michigan, 399; Wasco, California, 192; West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Nebr., 137; Oak Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., 126; Aplington, Iowa, 116; Sheffield, Iowa, 104; Steamboat Rock, Iowa, 103; High Street Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., 100.

A number of these Vacation Bible Schools reported amazing results. The West Side Church of Beatrice, Nebr., with the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf serving as pastor and director of the school, has a membership of only 66 persons but its Vacation School enrollment was 137! The enrollment of the summer school in Wasco, Calif., with Mr. Roy Kraft as superintendent of the school, was considerably larger than its church membership. The Vacation School of the High Street Church in Buffalo, N. Y., according to its pastor, the Rev. Arthur Kannwisher, added a large group of children to the Sunday School of the church. The Dakota Conference with 16 schools led all the other conferences in the number of schools reported.

The total enrollment of the Vacation Bible Schools, as reported in the returned questionnaires, was 3175. That in itself is a gratifying figure. It represents almost an average enrollment of 60 children for each school.

One of the most interesting and significant returns on the questionnaire concerns the number of children accepting Christ. Our Vacation Bible Schools are definitely evangelistic in character. The teachers and leaders are concerned that the spiritual emphasis far transcend any other motives in the purposes of these schools. Sixteen ministers reported that there have been definite results in the winning of boys and girls for Jesus Christ during the course of the schools. In this respect the Iowa churches far exceeded all our churches, with the Vacation School in Steamboat Rock, Iowa, re-

porting 45 decisions for Christ; Sheffield, Iowa, reporting 36; and Buffalo Center, Iowa, 12. The Vacation School in Wasco, Calif., had a fine report with 45 decisions for Christ. The Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Mich., in its two schools had the joy of reporting 12 conversions.

Almost without exception the questionnaires stated that Vacation Bible Schools will again be held next year. A number of ministers wrote that plans are already being made to hold such schools for the first time in 1939. The enthusiasm for Vacation Bible Schools seems to be gaining headway in every corner of our denominational field.

A vast array of unexcelled literature for Vacation Bible Schools will be available in 1939. The fine text-books of the Southern Baptist Convention have been completely revised and brought up to date. An entirely new series of books has been put on the market by the International Council of Religious Education with which the American Baptist Publication Society is cooperating. Text-books which emphasize the study of the Bible are published by the American Sunday School Union and the Moody Bible Institute. The Braese Loan Library will have the best books of these several Publication Societies for distribution among the churches early in 1939.

The questionnaire returned by the Rev. Peter Peters of Buffalo Center, Iowa, had a strong challenge for evangelism among children besides its statistical information. It is, certainly, "food for thought." The quotation follows as it appeared in Mr. Peter's letter.

"Having been serving in the American Baptist churches and this being our first contact with the German work, we have been amazed at the skeptical feeling or sentiment of many toward winning the children to Christ. The attitude seems to be that a child must first go out and sin in order to have a deep enough consciousness of the need of a Savior. Probably as in no other contacts is it so necessary to be wise and tactful as when dealing with children, for one can easily take advantage of the tender emotions. But it has been our privilege to see coming forth from the ranks of children won for Christ loyal, strong young people who have an unquestionable testimony as to a definite experience."

With the denominational emphasis on evangelism in 1939, "The Baptist Herald" will publish a number of articles in the course of the coming year on this important subject.

What's Happening News

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Brooklyn on May 1st. We welcome Mr. Appel and his family again into our ranks and wish for him a happy and successful ministry!

• On Monday evening, November 14, the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, honored its pastor, the Rev. H. Ekrut, with a surprise program celebrating his birthday. At the brief program, after the senior deacon, Mr. B. Lampert, had invited the minister to the church auditorium, representatives of the church organizations spoke kind words of appreciation concerning their pastor. An attractive walnut office chair and a copy of Thompson's Chain Reference Bible were presented as gifts to Mr. Ekrut by the church and the Sunday School.

• The Rev. Vincent Brushwyler, pastor of the Evangel Church of Newark, N. J., has been speaking on "The Ten Greatest Things of the Bible" at the large midweek services, selecting the ten greatest books, chapters, men, women, failures and promises of the Bible for consideration. On Sunday evening, December 21, the Evangel Orchestra rendered a sacred concert of Christmas music. From January 8 to 15 evangelistic meetings will be held in the church with the renowned Baptist evangelist, Dr. J. C. Massee, bringing the messages.

• Since June of last year, Mr. Peter Pfeiffer, a second year student in the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., has been serving the Hartsville Community Church as regular pastor in addition to his seminary studies. On Sunday evening, November 20, the German Baptist Seminary Glee Club of 39 voices presented an inspiring musical program in the Hartsville Church. The chorus was assisted by the seminary quartet and by Mr. Walter Marchand, violinist. The program was enthusiastically received by a large audience. Professor Frank Woyke pronounced the benediction.

• Evangelistic services were held in the German Baptist Church of Cathay, No. Dak., from November 7 to 20 with the Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch of Jamestown bringing the messages. Eight persons confessed their faith in Christ and these, besides two others, have expressed their desire for baptism. The young people's society of the church has held interesting programs such as a Bible contest, an echo vesper service, and a surprise program for Fred Helm, vice-president. The young people went carolling on Christmas day. In the Sunday morning services preceding Christmas, the Rev. Arthur Ittermann, pastor, preached a series of sermons on the Messianic prophecies.

• The B.Y.P.U. of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, held its anniversary program on Friday

evening, November 18. The feature of the program was the fine play, "The Heroine of Ava." The Junior B.Y.P.U., under the leadership of Mr. Herman Steindam, also gave a missionary play, "His Book." The pastor of the church, the Rev. Wm. E. Schweitzer, made brief remarks at the close of the program. The service was in charge of Mr. Chris Behr, president of the B.Y.P.U. The new addition to the church with rooms for Bible School classes and church socials is rapidly nearing completion. A full report of the building project will appear in "The Baptist Herald" following its dedication.

• Most of the churches of the southern conference were visited by Mr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," following the young people's institute held in Mowata, Iowa. Following visitation programs in the Donna, Kyle and Greenvine Churches, Mr. Leuschner continued his trip in the company of Mr. Walter S. Schable, council member of the National Y.P. and S. S. Union, visiting the Waco, Gatesville, Cottonwood, Crawford, Dallas and Hurnville Churches. Dr. William Kuhn, who had planned on making this visitation trip, was called unexpectedly on urgent business to California, where he also spoke in the Wasco, Lodi and Franklin Churches over the Thanksgiving holidays.

• An unusual farewell reception was held in the Central Church of Erie, Pa., on Wednesday evening, November 30, in honor of Mrs. M. Heinemann, a friend of the church. Several months ago upon her arrival from Germany, Mrs. Heinemann looked for a group of faithful, baptized believers, and responded to the invitation of the Central Church in the local newspapers. Her attendance at the services was regular and spirited. The program and the farewell reception included words of appreciation by Mr. J. A. Zurn, Rev. S. J. Arthur and Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the church, and a solo by Mr. F. G. Schillinger. Mrs. Heinemann returned to Germany on the S.S. "Bremen" shortly before Christmas.

• A Union Thanksgiving Service was held in the Pin Oak Creek Church near Mount Sterling, Mo., on November 24 with the members of the Methodist Church and with its pastor, the Rev. J. Woestemeyer bringing the message. The Rev. John Kemnitz, pastor of the Baptist Church, recently visited the South Side Church of St. Louis, Mo., of which the Rev. George C. Jurrens is the minister. On Dec. 18 the church dedicated one of the finest auditoriums and educational buildings in St. Louis, costing \$35,000 and with a combined seating capacity of 1500. Mr. Jurrens is a graduate of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., in the class of 1921 and had his first charge

in Concordia, Mo., as pastor of a German Baptist Church. He has been in the St. Louis Church for the past 18 months during which he has received 133 new members into the church.

• Mr. Allen Bergner of Kankakee, Ill., a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of that city, was recently elected captain of the Navy football team for 1939. He has been a student in the United States Naval Academy for several years, where he has also starred as a tackle on the football team and has been accorded All-America honors by many sport writers. The Rev. George Hensel, pastor of the church, wrote as follows concerning him: "Allen Bergner, his parents, and his brother, Carl, are all members of our church. Allen was in my Sunday School class, while he attended High School in Kankakee. He is not only a good athlete and the strongest man in school, but he is also a good student and a fine chap." On Tuesday evening, December 27, a huge fete was held by the city of Kankakee in the local armory, honoring Allen Bergner and another Kankakee boy, Harry Stella, who was elected captain of the 1939 Army football team.

• On Sunday, November 27, the Rev. Verner I. Olson completed the first six months of his ministry in the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J. On that Sunday a unique evening service was held with a souvenir presented to everyone attending. Mr. William Schmidt led a rousing song service, and the pastor spoke on "No Fellowship Without Friendship." The chorus choir of the church, under the direction of Marion Windmuller, presented the "Harvest Cantata" at a Thanksgiving concert on Wednesday evening, November 23. On Thursday evening, December 8, the Peddie School Glee Club of 65 voices brought a program of Christmas music at "the Happy Hour" of the church. Mr. H. Theodore Sorg, the treasurer of the denomination, presides as song leader at these "Happy Hour" services.

• A very successful concert was held in the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa, on Sunday evening, November 13, by the church choir. The offering went to the pipe organ fund of the church. On Sunday, November 13 the Rev. Fred Lehr of Aplington, Iowa, served as guest preacher at the morning service. The Thanksgiving Day sermon at the annual union city-wide service, held in the First Evangelical Church of Burlington, was delivered by the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church. The B.Y.P.U. of the church presented the play, "The 'Be-Ye-Thankful' Bowl," at its annual Thanksgiving program, the proceeds of which benefitted the missionary fund of the society. On Sunday afternoon, December 11, the Oak Street Church was host to a city-wide pre-Christmas service for all of Burlington evangelical churches.

New Year's Meditations and Reflections

A Page Devoted to Personal Experiences of the Christian Life

A Testimony of Gratitude

By MR. E. ELMER STAUB
of Detroit, Michigan

The experiences of 1938 have again demonstrated the truth of Paul's statement, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). Oppressors with armies in Asia and Europe murder ruthlessly while others crush their own minorities while claiming to be "protectors" of minorities in adjacent countries. National, racial, and class hatreds expand fiercely.

We have become heartsick, and say, "O Lord, how long?," but Christ himself has reminded us that "when these take place, look up, for your redemption draweth nigh." And an article by a missionary from South America reminded me: "With God there is no panic, and his children should have none." What a foundation!

Business cares pressed hard, when an invitation arrived to the opening of a new factory addition in Michigan with prayer and dedication services. An article was spotted that a contracting firm in Zurich, Switzerland, had a thanksgiving service for the completion of a dangerous contract without accident to a workman. "Of course," said the Chief, "we pray for our workmen every day." What an antidote for care! Yes, we ourselves pray for our business, but God knows to what extent he wants us involved or free from its confining problems.

For other many experiences which brought quietness of soul when uncertainties came, faith to carry on a step at a time notwithstanding, and willingness to ignore limitations of physical and other kinds, and to "laugh and love and lift," individually and collectively, in the Church, at home, and in business, I am thankful to our Heavenly Father.

Many details have passed away, but oh, the growth of understanding of the spiritual graces and gifts which were bestowed as needed! And all because Jesus Christ redeemed me and brought me into the family of God. I covet his guidance and love for 1939, so that his purposes for my life may continue to be worked out as a testimony of gratitude.

Two Great Truths

By REV. WILLIAM H. SCHOBERT
of Jeffers, Minnesota

Two great truths have captivated me during this past year and will continue to do so in 1939, the Lordship of Christ and a deeper prayer life. The former experience was heightened at

the Iowa Association last September. Many of our people are losing out spiritually by not attending these meetings.

The Lordship of Christ is imperative for all of us. Without Jesus Christ taking entire possession of life we are destined to experience defeat, and, furthermore, "laborers for the harvest fields" are lost on the shores of self-satisfaction. Like Paul many of us are learning "to have no confidence in the flesh." The Lord alone can accomplish victory for us.

But another truth forced by circumstances has found us on our knees. Our prayer life is deeper and longer; our petitions are more specific and personal. We feel the need of a revival, and we are learning again that prevailing prayer is the one true requirement for a spiritual awakening in our souls.

To paraphrase Joshua: "As for me and my house in 1939 we shall be honest with God's Word; there shall be no evading of the issues between ungodliness and righteousness—we shall live a separated life!" Are we not pilgrims and strangers to this present world? Away then with man-made substitutes of salvation and church-life. We are Baptists and we believe in the leading of the Holy Spirit. His is the right of direction, exhortation, chastisement and self-evaluation.

We shall not grieve nor quench the Spirit's burning fire in our souls. We shall go forth with the "Word of God which is sharper than any two-edged sword." There are enough people among our 36,000 German Baptists, who, captivated by a willingness to pay the price of honestly "walking with God," can revolutionize our denomination and leave an indelible influence for the future historian to record. But this demands a price! Are we big enough to do it? I believe we are!

"I Sat Where They Sat"

By REV. WILLIBALD S. ARGOW
of Munson, Pennsylvania

In reviewing the past year there come to mind the events and impressions of last summer's promotional campaign. This opportunity, coming as it did unsought or even dreamed of, was appreciated greatly. It enabled me to see parts of our general work which I had always hoped to be able to visit and then to get first-hand information.

As the reader may recall, I began this tour on May 1st in Dallas, Texas, and closed it on July 26th in White-mouth, Manitoba, Canada. It took me as far south as San Antonio, Texas,

and as far north and west as Edmonton, Alberta. It is my sincerest regret that I could not visit all the churches in this territory. As it was, I was in 42 churches, traveling about 10,000 miles by train, bus, auto and wagon. It was my privilege to preach 2 baccalaureate sermons, to visit 9 young people's assemblies, conferences, associational gatherings and a mission festival, speaking daily, sometimes twice and three times, down in Okeene, Oklahoma, even five times, delivering a total of 99 addresses and sermons. Everywhere I was warmly received and welcomed as a "friendly ambassador."

I wish that it were possible to transmit the impressions received through contacting the different groups and viewing our work at first hand. I am positive that if each member could sit "where they sat," there would be no deficits in our missionary treasury, for such would see that our cause is not a losing one, but is freighted with the greatest possibilities. If each one could see and know the facts, we would have a revival of prayer for our work and workers, and they would go forth to undertake and do great things for God.

The Lord has given us an open door, especially in the boundaries of the Northern Conference. The people are hungry for the gospel and come to the services in cars of all ages, "Bennett" wagons, lumber wagons, carts, on bicycles, and many walking miles after working in the fields all day, yes, even leaving the hay fields to attend an afternoon service. Some, like our Danubian churches, have carried on in spite of their poverty and difficult fields and have been a beacon light in the darkness of their neighborhoods. God will hold us responsible for the open doors up there. Surely we want to enter in and to possess the land!

It was a great joy to address the large numbers of young people everywhere. As long as they manifest and retain such interest in the gatherings, we should be grateful and hope and pray that they will be able to support our cause, as did their forefathers, yea, in a much greater measure!

Wonderful and Dreadful Days!

By MISS MARGARET LANG
of the Sudan Interior Mission
Nigeria, West Africa

We are surely living in wonderful and also dreadful days. What a blessed thought that it may be in our day that the Lord will come for his bride and that we may not have to taste death! On the other hand, it is a dreadful

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Marigold

By Grace Livingston Hill

SYNOPSIS

Marigold, the young school teacher of the gleaming, red-gold hair, is the heroine of this captivating story which has just begun in "The Baptist Herald." So that she might attend a party at the wealthy Trescott home, Marigold felt compelled to buy an elaborate and expensive dress, of which her mother did not approve. Handsome Laurie Trescott was devoted to Marigold, but when her mother expressed grave doubts about Laurie's character, Marigold wished that she had not accepted his invitation. After she had had a horrible nightmare, she was more undecided than ever. After breakfast she promised her mother to telegraph Aunt Marian in Washington, D. C., that they would not go to her for the suggested visit. Both Marigold and her mother were unhappy.

CHAPTER THREE

Marigold kissed her mother and hurried away. If she took a taxi instead of the trolley she might get in her shopping and the telegram too.

But there were no taxis in sight, and Marigold was too excited to wait, so she walked. After all she could walk almost as fast as a taxi in traffic.

But as she went down the familiar way, trying to word that telegram in just ten words that would say all that was necessary, somehow her thoughts got tangled up with the look in her mother's eyes when she asked her to send the telegram. Such a shame she didn't feel she could go now.

But after all why shouldn't she go? Couldn't it be managed somehow? What nonsense that Mother should let anything keep her away from her sister when she so much wanted to go! Why, she, Marigold, had seventy-five dollars in the savings account, besides the two hundred Aunt Carolyn had given. If Mother was fussy about taking Aunt Carolyn's gift, she would give her that. Of course she had been half planning to put that with the rest of the two hundred and get that perfectly gorgeous evening wrap of black velvet with the ermine collar, but she didn't really have to have that. A cheaper one would do. And the seventy-five would pay Mother's fare, and get her some new clothes too. Mother never bought expensive things.

Suddenly she stopped short and the color flew hotly up into her cheeks, as it all came over her how she was planning to do things in a cheap way for her mother, and splurge out herself in grand style, saving her conscience by

getting her mother a couple of bargain dresses and maybe a five dollar hat. She, going to a grand party where she had no right to be, in a dress that cost a hundred and fifty dollars!

Suddenly she despised herself, and then more slowly, very thoughtfully took up her way again.

It was queer how things looked at from a new angle took on an entirely different atmosphere. It suddenly became extremely important that Mother should go to see her sister, right now, when she had been invited, and when Elinor and her husband were away and Mother could have Aunt Marian all to herself. That might not happen again in a long time. Of course Cousin Elinor and her husband were very pleasant and would be most hospitable but it wouldn't be quite like having her sister all to herself. And then, if she waited until she felt she could afford it, Aunt Marian might die. She was very frail! Or—Mother might die!

Marigold stared into the future with new panic in her eyes. She had never thought that Mother might die! And if Mother died and she had it to remember that she went to that grand party wearing the price that might have given Mother the vacation and the companionship of her only sister, how would she ever stand it afterward, no matter how much good fortune came to herself?

Her eyes blurred with sudden tears, so that she failed to see a traffic light and almost walked into a car that was coming. As she stepped back just in time she realized that she was standing in front of Francois' shop where she had bought her wonderful party dress, and she fairly hated the sight of it. She gave a little shiver and turned away again, but the light was still red, and she could not go on. Her eyes went back to the window where her lovely dress had hung but yesterday, and now in its place a street dress was on display, the single offering in a cream colored exclusive plate glass front.

It was a lovely dress, quiet and distinguished-looking, of a rich dark brown with a touch of sable in collar and pockets, just the kind of dress she would like to wear—well, anywhere. But of course it would be expensive too, probably. She sighed as she remembered that her mother had said she never could afford to complete a wardrobe that would go with the white evening gown. And here she was, her eyes still filled with tears for the

thought of her mother, her heart still sore with compunction over having bought the white dress, and now turning her eyes toward more of the world's gorgeous goods put on display. Oh, this window of Francois' had been her undoing! She wished she never had passed here, never had seen the white frock, never had bought it! If she had been going to buy anything here in this ultrafashionable place she would have been so much wiser to have chosen this dark suit which she could go on wearing for months, even years. And this brown would have been most becoming, too. What a fool she had been! If she could only undo it all and begin over again, how differently she would do! It was ridiculous, as Mother had said, for a poor girl who was earning her own living to buy a dress that a girl with millions would wear. It was true they could make beautiful enough things at home. And that would have taken only a very little of her two hundred dollars. The rest could have been used for things Mother needed! How silly that she shouldn't enjoy it too! Aunt Carolyn had said she was to get what she really wanted. And what could she ever want more than to have Mother have some of the lovely things of life? Why, of course, that was what she wanted more than anything else. To have Mother have nice things. Mother who had planned and scrimped all her life to get her nice things, Mother who had seldom had anything nice, really lovely-nice.

Her heart suddenly beat high, and a new thought came to her. Perhaps, if she bought something else in place of it, for her mother, Francois would be willing to exchange the white dress.

She turned swiftly and went into the shop, before her courage should fail her, a sharp pang of relinquishment hitting her in the heart as she entered.

The one who waited upon her yesterday came swiftly toward her, and Marigold felt a throb in her throat. Now she was here and face to face with making such a request her courage almost vanished. Also, it suddenly overwhelmed her to give up the dress. But she had to say something, and she lifted her head and smiled.

"I've come in to ask if it would be possible for me to return the dress I bought yesterday, exchange it perhaps for something else. You see, my Mother isn't quite pleased with it, and I thought I could get something she would like better."

The saleswoman's face grew cold. "We don't usually exchange," she said haughtily, "not dresses like that. They're so apt to be soiled, or mussed. Too bad your mother didn't like it. What is the matter with it? I thought it extremely smart. It seems a pity to give it up when it suits you so well. Don't you think your mother would get accustomed to it?"

Marigold's face flamed, and she wished she had not ventured. After all what a mess she was making of it.

"Well," she said firmly, "I don't want her to have to get used to something she doesn't like. I want to get what will please her. After all I only had it out of the shop for a few hours."

"And it hasn't been worn?" asked the woman suspiciously. "We can't on any account exchange garments that have been worn."

"Certainly not!" said Marigold. "And you needn't bother if you feel that way. I can go elsewhere for what I want." She lifted her young chin a bit haughtily and turned to go out.

"Well, wait a moment. I'll speak to Madame," said the woman, and sailed away to the back of the room disappearing for a moment.

Marigold was more perturbed than ever when she saw Madame herself approaching with the saleswoman. But there was a smile on her face as she came up to Marigold.

"Your maman was not please with the fwock?" she said pleasantly. "Well, you know, I thought myself, a very leetle too sophisticate for ma'm'selle. It ees not quite your type. I could have suggest a more ingénué style, but you seem so please—!"

Marigold colored quickly and looked relieved at the same time.

"That was it," she said relieved. "Mother didn't like the low back. I was afraid of that, but I loved the dress so I hoped to win her over."

"Well, that is all right, my dear," said Madame soothingly. "We do not as usual thing exchange exclusive garments, but you so soon return, and I have but just now receive request by telephone for a gown of same type. You bring it with you?"

"No, but I can go after it." She glanced anxiously at her watch. Could she get back to the house, fold it and return it without being late to school?

"If you can have here before eleven o'clock—well, yes, I will take back. I think I have customer who will take it."

Marigold gave another frightened glance at her watch.

"I'll go right back and get it," she said breathlessly.

She hurried out of the shop and up the street, fairly flying, her contradictory heart sinking. The dress was gone, her beautiful dress! But she was rid at least of the awful burden of self-reproach for having bought it.

She would not let herself think of anything as she flew back to the house, except the dress and how to fold it

safely. She would take a taxi back to the shop so that she would not have to carry the big box with such haste. And would her mother be there still to question her?

Fortunately Mrs. Brooke was already starting to her work at the library. She stood on the corner waiting for her bus as Marigold came up.

"Is anything the matter?" she asked anxiously.

"No," said Marigold, "I'm just going back for something that I had to have. Are you all right, Mother?"

"Yes, dear. You won't forget the telegram?"

Marigold smiled and shook her head. She was almost too out-of-breath to speak, and was glad that the bus drew up to the curb just then and her mother waved her hand and was gone. Now she could fold that dress without fear of her mother finding out. She wanted the deed to be irrevocably done before her mother knew, because she would surely suspect it was done for her sake and protest. She simply mustn't find out until it was all over.

She rushed upstairs and found her mother had covered the dress with the satiny tissue paper, and it hung there like a white ghost, so out of keeping with the plainness of the rest of the room.

Marigold gave one gasp of sorrow and renunciation, lifted down the papers carefully, and arranged them in the big box that still stood on the little table by her bed. She took down the dress, held it off for a second, taking one last look at it, and then began swiftly to lay it in the wrappings, as nearly as possible as it had been wrapped at the shop, touching it tenderly, like some pretty dead thing that she was folding from her sight forever. While she did it she would not let herself think of Laurie, or the party, or any of her grand aspirations of yesterday. She was intent only on one thing, to get that dress safely back in the shop and its burden off her conscience. As she laid the last folds of paper carefully over the lovely silk, tucking in the last dripping crimson thread of the sash fringe, and patting it down, it came to her that this was all like her dream of the night before.

She had started out to walk a great narrow highway, far above her own natural little sphere, and had found it too far and too high for her. She sensed vaguely that she had almost got to a place where disaster might have come to her soul, and now she had to get back and start over again. If she was still going to the party, or if she was not, what would happen next she could not consider now. When she got that dress back and her hundred and fifty dollars in her purse, then she could think of the next move. She had known all the time that it wasn't right for a girl in her position to spend so much for one dress.

But now she had to move so swiftly, so carefully—oh, if anything should happen to that dress before she got it

safely back! Or if Madame should profess to find a tiny spot of oil! Oh, suppose she had dropped that tear on the silk! A hundred-and-fifty-dollar tear!

She giggled as she tied the cord about the big box, slipped into her coat, caught up her purse, and went out the door. She felt as if she were a little bit crazy, but she was getting that dress taken back! It was too good to be true. And she was doing it without Mother having to worry about it either!

She was unprepared for the smiles that wreathed Madame's face when she got back to the shop.

"I t'ank you a t'ousand times," she said graciously. "My customer ees on her way, and I had nothing to show her. She ees a verray wealthy woman, and verray particular. She buys many garments from me. I like to please her, and I t'ank you for your promptness in bringing it. And now, I shall return your money—or can we serve you further?"

"Why, I cannot stop now. I have an engagement to which I must not be late. Perhaps I would better take the money now, if you don't mind. But—would you just tell me the price of the suit in the window?"

"Oh, that brown? Yes, that ees luffy for you, it will just suit your type. That ees now feefy dollars. Eef you like it I give you a discount on it, for returning the evening dress so quickly."

"Oh, gasped Marigold. "I—Could you hold it until I can return this afternoon? I would want to try it on, you know."

"Certainment!" smiled Madame. "I geeve you an option. You come in about four to five? Oui! I shall keep. Good morning, ma'moiselle!"

Marigold found herself in the street breathless, wondering. What did it all mean? She had returned the evening dress without any trouble, and here was this wonderful street suit furred and exquisite at such a reasonable price—that is, it was reasonable for garments from Francois. But she must think it over and do some calculating before she even considered this bargain though it was.

She cast one appraising eye at the window as she signaled a taxi. The dress was wonderful. It did not shout its price to the world either. Her practised eye saw at once that the material was of the best and the fur was lovely. Moreover she knew that it was her type, a dress she could wear for several years, conservative, yet nice enough for anywhere. Only of course it would not do for the party!

She winced a little as she realized that the wonderful white and crimson gown was no longer hers.

Did that mean that she was not going to the party? That perhaps she would be going with Mother down to Washington for Aunt Marian's birthday?

Her heart quivered and fairly turned over at that.

Or did it mean that she was to buy some little cheap evening frock which everyone acquainted with the stores of the city could immediately price, or that she was going to slave at night making a dress for herself—or? Or what?

Marigold didn't answer that question to herself. She got into the taxi and looked at her watch. If this taxi didn't get caught in traffic she might make the school door by the time the last gong sounded! That was important.

But what about the party?

During the morning, in the intervals of work in the library Mrs. Brooke wrote a letter to her sister, intended to supplement the telegram which she thought she had sent.

Dearest Marian:

It almost broke my heart to send you that telegram this morning, declining your wonderful invitation. I wanted to fly to you. I'm sure you know how hard it was to say no.

But you see my little Marigold is passing through a new experience, and how much it is going to mean in her life I do not know. For the past three years she has been gay and happy with a lot of young people in her church circle, and in her school circle, and has not seemed to think farther than each day.

But for several months now, her circle has been narrowing down more and more to those who move in a group with a certain young man, named Lawrence Trescott. His people are wealthy and worldly. I have been much worried. They neither know nor care anything about our Christ. They may attend church sometimes, I don't know, but I should judge their only reason would be a wedding or funeral, or possibly a christening.

I have not mentioned this young man to you before, because I hoped the intimacy meant nothing but an occasional good time, but quite lately he has singled out my little girl for his attentions, until I have come to fear for her.

There is nothing the matter with him that I know, except that he isn't of our world, and I don't think he knows much about it either now or for eternity. But that's enough, isn't it?

Yet he's handsome, charming, seems devoted. And she? I'm afraid she's more interested than I thought.

And three days ago there came a bid to a great party at his home. My girl wants of course to go and the party is on your birthday! Do you see, Marian, why I cannot leave her now? Why I must be on hand?

For I am afraid for my girl. Afraid of the letting down of standards, afraid of the worldliness into which she seems to be hurrying.

I might oppose her going, yes, but I'm not so sure that would be wise. Perhaps I should have started before

it ever grew into a problem, only of course I didn't realize. Or perhaps I too was a little flattered that a handsome, wealthy, well-mannered youth seemed interested in my child. But I didn't stop it, and now it is a problem. Or—is it? How I wish I had you here to tell me, and to advise. You have piloted your one daughter into a safe harbor with a fine husband. Oh, pray that my dear child shall not shipwreck her happiness.

You will understand, won't you, Marian, and know that it is not because I do not want to come that I am staying at home with my child?

I shall be thinking of you on your birthday, and as soon as I feel I can, I will come and see you.

But you will understand—as you always did understand.

With a heart full of love and longing to see you, and many birthday wishes.

Mary.

Mrs. Brooke folded the letter and addressed it. She would mail it on her way home that night. Then she put it safely into her handbag and went about her work, trying to forget her problems, and her longing for things it seemed she could not have; counting up the future possibilities and wondering how long it would be before she could afford to set aside a little every month in anticipation of another chance to go to Marian.

Meantime Marigold, in her classroom, air-conditioned and furnished with all modern appliances for teaching the young mind, was trying to make clear to her class of well-dressed, well-groomed adoring little girls, the difference between adjectives and adverbs, and trying to keep her mind on what she was doing. But in spite of her, white silk evening gowns with long velvet sashes would persist in parading up and down the aisles in range of her vision, and the grand party which had for the past few days been the background of her thoughts whirled nearer and nearer to her view. And now it was Laurie's smiling face that came questioning her thoughts, demanding to know why she had taken that wonderful dress back to the shop. Laurie's face as he smiled down upon her at the arena, skimming along over the crystal surface of the ice. Laurie with admiration in his eyes. How could she have so forgotten it, and her longing to please him and see the surprise in his eyes when he first viewed her in that wonderful dress? Had she actually taken the dress back? She must have been crazy! Surely there would have been some way to keep that dress and send Mother to Aunt Marian's besides! There was nothing anywhere in the city that could equal that dress! She must have it! She simply must! She could not go to the party without it! As soon as this class was over she would slip out into the hall and telephone the shop that she had changed her mind and would keep the dress!

It would not do to wait until recess time. The other woman might come and buy it! She could never go to the party without that dress to give her confidence.

But when the class was over at last, a visiting mother appeared and had to be taken around on a tour of inspection. Then another class claimed her attention, and by and by with a dull thud it came over her that it was almost noon and she hadn't been able to telephone yet.

And now her common sense was asserting itself again. She must not spend so much for a dress for one evening's pleasure! She must find another less expensive! And her mother must go to her sister's birthday party.

The last period in the morning was a study period in Marigold's room. She had nothing definite that had to be done, yet she might not leave the room for it was her duty to see that the young people under her care were diligent in their work.

So she sat with pencil and paper at her desk, and began to make some plans. She wrote down a list of things her mother needed for the trip, and their probable cost. She speculated on what it would cost her to buy some other less expensive dress for the party, a wrap and accessories, also the relative cost of buying material and making a dress. She added it all up and puzzled over it until her head ached.

At noontime she was frantic. She must get her lovely dress back at all costs. She would somehow manage to work a few evenings in the library or somewhere and get enough to send Mother properly provided for, too. She couldn't go to the party without that dress, and of course she felt that she must go to the party or Laurie would be offended. Although Laurie hadn't said anything about it the other night. Perhaps he didn't know yet that she had her invitation. However, she had to look right at that party.

So she went without her lunch and took a taxi back to the shop.

(To be continued)

I Am So Glad

By MRS. WM. SCHINDLER of Detroit, Michigan

It makes me glad all over,
As little children say,
To know my Lord is faithful
Yesterday—and today!
He knows my thoughts and efforts
And my intentions, too;
My God is one who understands,
No matter what I do.
He sees my heart and hidden thoughts,
He hears my prayers and sighs,
He knows my every repentance,
He wipes the tear drops from my eyes.
Oh, God of love so great!
Oh, God so just and real!
How proud to be your child
And yet, how humble I do feel!

Reports from the Field

Dakota Conference

B.Y.P.U. Rally at Unityville, South Dakota

It seems to be a very beautiful custom among the young people of our churches to have an occasional rally. On Sunday, October 30, the various B.Y.P.U. societies of the South Dakota Convention met at the Unityville Church for such a rally. The local society extended a hearty welcome to all and treated the guests to a fine Sunday evening supper. While we were gathered around the tables, the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn led the group in singing. Every society briefly reported of the work and the various programs which had been carried out in the local churches. Mr. Laninus of Unityville served as chairman of the program in a very commendable way.

The evening service was well attended. Each society gave some number in the form of song, a reading, or a short talk. The officers of the assembly also spoke briefly. This part of the program was interesting, encouraging, and varied.

The main speaker of the evening was Mr. Oscar Bonikowsky of Sioux Falls College. He stressed the thought to lay and to build upon a good foundation for life and eternity. What we build into our lives now will be revealed later. "Building for Eternity" was his topic.

About 100 young people from the various churches were present. It was a fine occasion to meet many friends, to exchange ideas, and to receive inspiration for a greater devotion to the Kingdom's cause. The Avon and Parkston societies were the best presented, and they also traveled the greater distance. Each of the groups had more than 20 members present.

REV. A. J. FISHER, Reporter.

Annual Report of the Harvey B.Y.P.U.

The B.Y.P.U. of Harvey, North Dakota, which was founded in December 1937, has gained several new members. The membership now is over twenty, and we are all working for new members.

Our year's activities have been many and varied. Some of our members attended the annual assembly in June at Fessenden. Prior to that the B.Y.P.U. of Cathay had presented a program acquainting us with the rules and program of the assembly.

We have had an Easter social, a picnic, and the privilege of having the Anamoose quartet entertain us with a musical program. On November 25 six of our young people attended the

annual rally at Goodrich, No. Dak., and we can truly say that we enjoyed it.

Our missionary offering has been rather small, but we are going to present a mission play sometime in the new year to swell our gifts. With the help of God, the prayers of all other societies and "The Baptist Herald" for information we cannot help but go forward.

LA VERNE RUFF, President.

Northern Dakota Young People Go Forward at Great Fall Rally

Through a mild North Dakota blizzard young people of the Northern North Dakota B.Y.P.U. Associations wended their way to Goodrich for the fifth annual Fall rally on Friday, November 25.

The opening event of the rally was a concert given by the Goodrich male chorus under the direction of the Rev. A. Reeh of Goodrich. During an intermission, Richard Felchle, the Goodrich B.Y.P.U. president, brought a short address of welcome. The worship service was conducted by Gilbert Derman of Anamoose, vice-president of the association. The Rev. F. W. Bartel of Avon, South Dakota, spoke on the subject, "Forward With Christ." This was a splendid beginning in carrying out our rally theme, "Speak That They Go Forward." (Exodus 14:15.)

The afternoon session opened with a devotional period led by the Turtle Lake Society. The Rev. K. Gieser presented several thoughts on the words, "Turn Ye Northward."

The entire group then proceeded from the church auditorium to the Goodrich public school where three separate discussion groups were held. The intermediates discussed the topic, "Have I a Right to Do as I Please?" with the Rev. A. Bibelheimer of Rosendfeld leading the discussion. Other groups were led by the Rev. F. W. Bartel with the topic, "Stimulating our B.Y.P.U.," and the Rev. E. Bonikowsky leading the discussion group, "Christian Youth and Present Day Problems." Later the young people gathered in the school auditorium where Esther Kaiser of McClusky led in recreation activities.

At a business meeting of the council members and executive committee, Mrs. Daniel Klein of Germantown was elected temporary dean of women for our coming assembly.

The tables were decorated with booklets in the form of a ship which reminded the young people of the theme, "Sailing Forth with Food and Fellowship." The Goodrich Ladies' Aid served an excellent meal for the 130 young people present. Ella Albus,

association president, acted as toast-mistress. The banquet program included a number of songs and stunts followed by three short talks, "On the Blue" by La Verne Ruff of Harvey, "Fog" by Virginia Siebold of Carrington, and "Destination" by our dean, the Rev. R. Kaiser of Mc Clusky. The Rev. F. W. Bartel and the Rev. Erich Bonikowsky also spoke at the banquet.

From the banquet scene the young people returned to the church auditorium which the Carrington society had prepared for a candle light service. The music and Scripture reading and prayer led to the theme of the candle light service, "I Send You Forth." The Rev. F. W. Bartel brought the message. Opportunity for rededication brought our rally day to a close. Throughout the day Esther Kaiser was the pianist, and Violet Schulz of Washburn the soloist.

We are proud of our North Dakota young people, because even our Dakota storms cannot stop them from gathering for Christian fellowship and spiritual gain.

VIRGINIA SIEBOLD, Secretary.

Atlantic Conference

Inspirational Young People's Rally of Hudson County, New Jersey

On Tuesday, November 15, the B.Y.P.U. of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, New Jersey, served as host to a fine gathering of young people from the First and Second Baptist Churches of Union City, the Ebenezer Church of West New York and the Willow Avenue Church of Hoboken.

This was the first combined meeting of its kind to be held by the Hudson County churches, which had been planned by the "Jugendbund" of New York and vicinity. Our general secretary, the Rev. John Grygo from the Immanuel Church, New York City, took charge of the meeting and led the devotions. This was followed by a roll call of the various churches. Each society contributed a number toward the program. We also had the pleasure of having Mr. Alfred Orthner, our president of the "Jugendbund" talk on the purpose of this meeting and similar meetings which are planned for the different localities this coming year. A short season of testimony followed, and we could feel the fine Christian spirit and fellowship which prevailed.

At the close of the rally we had an hour of fellowship in the basement of the church, playing games and singing choruses, after which we were served with refreshments by the Jersey City society.

JULIA HARTWIG, Reporter.

Activities and Forward Looking Plans of the Atlantic Y.P. and S.S.W. Union

The Fall Retreat of the Atlantic Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, which was held at New Haven, Connecticut, was a very successful one. Friday evening was devoted to denominational enterprises with the showing of the pictures, "Seeing God's Glory," and movies of the Cameroon Mission Field.

Saturday morning devotions were in charge of the Rev. Paul Schade. The theme of the retreat was "Stewardship," and this was ably discussed by the Rev. Milton Schroeder. The afternoon was spent in viewing a freshman football game in the Yale Bowl.

The evening inspirational message was brought by the Rev. Melvin Prior. All of these discussions and talks were the means of our retreating and seriously thinking of our obligations as stewards of Christ. Christian fellowship was enjoyed around the tables while partaking of the tasty meals which the New Haven women had prepared and during a social hour at the close of the retreat. Representatives from both far and near came to attend these meetings and they felt it had been worthwhile. Special credit must be given to the Philadelphia churches for being represented by nearly 30, and Bethlehem, Pa., by 5, both cities being about 170 miles distant.

Our next activity will be a Sunday School Attendance Contest among the various schools. There will be 13 consecutive contests with a prize going to the winners and a grand prize to the school which will have the highest percentage of attendance. The contest will start January 1, 1939 and will continue for three months. Mrs. Josephine Rauscher of the Walnut Street Church in Newark is chairman of this activity.

Alice KAAZ, Reporter.

Memorial Services in the Second Church of Brooklyn for Mr. Chas. Eisenhardt

At a recent Sunday evening service the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., honored the memory of the late Mr. Chas. H. Eisenhardt, one of its prominent and influential members. Mr. Eisenhardt passed away after a brief illness on October 31 at the age of 61 years.

He was especially beloved as the organizer and teacher of the large Men's Bible Class, "the Crusaders," in the church. Many young men felt the beneficent touch of his Christ-like ministry upon their lives. Among the "Crusaders" 3 young men have entered the ministry, 5 have become earnest Sunday School leaders in several churches, 2 have become presidents of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the denomination, and many others have become deacons, trustees and young peo-

ple's leaders in various capacities. His passing is especially mourned by these young men of the organization.

In a letter to the church the Rev. Walter O. Macoskey of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the former boys of the class taught by Brother Eisenhardt, brought his personal tribute: "Brother Eisenhardt's own example of steadfastness and loyalty to the ideals of Jesus Christ inspired those same qualities in the lives of the boys and young men he taught. The personal attention he so generously gave at all times earned for him affection and loyalty of us all. I remember him now supremely as a teacher who contributed greatly to the moulding of my spiritual life."

With a keen intellect and Christian personality fitting him to be a national leader, he chose to concentrate his efforts and talents in a comparatively smaller circle as a church deacon and Sunday School teacher of men and boys for 25 years. Once a year a banquet was given in his honor, and like college graduates returning to their Alma Mater, so adult men with children of their own would gather from all parts of the country for the annual Crusaders' banquet. He preached and practised the divine plan of Christian tithing. Theological differences of opinion were never accentuated by him. He was too busy visiting the sick and ministering to the needy. From his own modest savings he bought food for the distressed and paid them rent without mentioning the fact to others.

The Crusaders' Bible Class has honored Mr. Walter R. Marklein by electing him as its leader and teacher succeeding Mr. Eisenhardt. Mr. Marklein has already assumed his duties as teacher with a solemn recognition of his great responsibility. In memory of our Christian leader, Mr. Eisenhardt, the great Christian leader and teacher Miss Mabel Kalin wrote the following poem which was read at the memorial service in the church.

Forgotten?

He lives in a hundred young men,
Three ministers echo his thoughts
again;

His boys, the Crusaders, have set out
to do

The aims and ideals of the teacher
they knew.

Forgotten

When the last scrap of art work is
thrown away?

No, his spirit of stewardship cannot
decay;

The time that he gave to God's service
here

Bears fruit for God's Kingdom year
after year.

Forgotten

When gradually others will
Humbly step in the wide gaps to fill?

No, for we'll know they're remember-
ing then

That he did first himself, what he
asked of other men.

ARTHUR R. MACOSKEY, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Happy Events in New Castle and Ellwood City, Pennsylvania

Although our churches in New Castle and Ellwood City, Pa., are very small, nevertheless there is life in them. The work in Ellwood City is entirely German, and those that make up the membership together with their friends, carry on their worship in the German language. They have a very fine field, and they testify gladly of their experience of a loving Savior. They are without anyone to lead them, however, and because of that they are often discouraged. They invited me to come for one week of revival meetings. With the consent of my church in Erie and with much prayer by many, I spent the week of September 26 to 30 with them. It was a glorious time with them, and the Lord blessed us more than we can say. They now come together again as a church group every Sunday morning and once during the week.

Soon after these services the group of devoted members from New Castle send an invitation to me to spend at least two weeks with them in revival meetings. During that period from October 26 to November 4, we gathered every night for prayer and preaching to awaken greater interest and, if possible, bring someone to the Lord. The Lord blessed us greatly in our efforts. All services were well attended.

The work there is now carried on through a very splendid and devoted man, the Rev. Louis E. Bogle. Although he devotes only part time to the work, his heart and soul are for the church. The work was neglected and had dwindled down to almost nothing, but it is now going forward and, we can truthfully say, also upward. It was my privilege to stay at the home of Mr. Bogle and we spent many hours together contemplating ways and means of building the work for God. Here is a field that needs cultivation, much prayer, and certainly many sacrifices to make it yield the fruit so greatly desired.

While laboring here, I also spend several hours again in Ellwood City. On the last Thursday afternoon we gathered in one of the homes and, after a dedicatory service, observed the Lord's supper. What a fellowship and what a blessing it was, especially for the people in Ellwood, who had looked forward with great desire to this observance.

The fields are white unto the harvest, both in New Castle and in Ellwood City. Let us together lift up our eyes, hearts and hands and pray for laborers in this harvest!

As the Lord spoke to Joshua, so he speaks to you in Ellwood City and New Castle: "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

REV. HENRY PFEIFER, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Bible School at Morris with Record Breaking Attendance

The annual Bible School at Morris, Manitoba, Canada, has become a "spring of living water" for us. And as the spring refreshes, purifies and wakens into life, so does our Bible School. Its splendid management has gained for it a truly large field of influence. Practically all officers of the young people's society, Sunday School workers and many others, both young and old, were enrolled in the school held from Nov. 7 to 11, 1938. During the 4 years of its existence here the attendance has been more than tripled. This year 81 persons in all participated in the school, of whom 28 were regular students and 53 visitors.

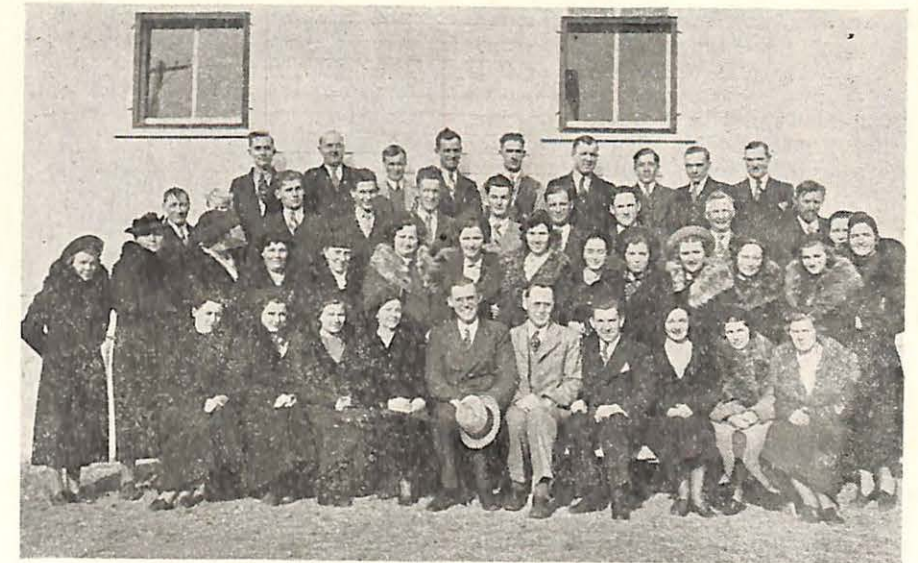
We were very happy to have the Rev. E. P. Wahl, director of Bible Schools of the Northern Conference with us. He taught "Stewardship" and "Life Triumphant." Both subjects were intensely interesting and of great practical and lasting value. On Wednesday evening, November 9, Mr. Wahl brought the illustrated lecture on "Seeing God's Glory" in our denomination, and on Friday, November 11, he showed pictures of our foreign mission field in Africa.

The presence of the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, our young people's secretary, as teacher at our school was a privilege which we enjoyed to the fullest. The enthusiasm and vividness with which he brought Europe to us in all its beauty and with its faith besides its sinister and dark aspects, made us thrill with pleasure and at the same time cast a shadow of fear over us, which drove us in earnest petition to our heavenly Father for the preservation of his faithful flocks in those distant lands. The subjects that Mr. Leuschner taught were "How Can I Become More Efficient as a Sunday School Teacher?" and "How to Make a Young People's Program Interesting." On Friday night the Rev. M. L. Leuschner showed pictures of the Danubian mission fields in Europe.

The last day of school was Friday, November 11. Students and teachers enjoyed a luncheon in the basement of the church. The Rev. E. Mittelstedt presented each teacher with books from the class as tokens of esteem and gratitude. A number of the students spoke warm words of appreciation to the teachers who responded as warmly.

This full and blessed week was fittingly closed on Sunday, November 13, with a concert. Our church choir of 48 voices rendered a wonderful program of inspiring and uplifting anthems, some of which are regarded as spiritual classics. The guest speaker, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, had chosen for his topic, "Europe at the Cross Roads." The fine offering of seventy dollars was given to our foreign mission work.

IDA J. HOFFMAN, Reporter.



Students and Faculty of the Recent Bible School in Morris, Manitoba

Pacific Conference

Thanksgiving Service at First German Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

On Thursday evening, November 24, over 360 members and friends gathered at the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, for a Thanksgiving service in which every organization of the church was represented.

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Emma B. Meier, sang a German anthem, which was followed by the Thanksgiving prayer by the Rev. Theo. Leger. A quartet number, "Sing Unto the Lord with Thanksgiving," was rendered by Mrs. Edward Neubauer, Mrs. Theresa Schiel, Mr. Edward Neubauer and Mr. Henry Bertuleit. Dr. J. Kratt gave a brief message in German on "Saget Dank." We were then favored by a number, "Love is the Theme," by the newly organized Children's Choir led by Mr. Gus Bachofner. Our pastor, the Rev. J. Leypoldt, spoke in English on "Some Reasons for Thanksgiving," which was followed by two selections from the Octet, "Ave Maria" and "This is My Creed." The young people presented the play, "Thanksgiving Ann." Those taking part were Miss Viola Kimmel, Mr. Edward May, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Passarge, after which the Harmonic Male Chorus, directed by Mr. John Neumann, sang Handel's "Holy Art Thou."

God has been very good to us as a church, and many expressions of thanks were given in a brief period of testimony. We were also given an opportunity to show our gratitude to God in a tangible way in contributing to a special offering for missions, which amounted to \$228.20. This outstanding Thanksgiving service was concluded with a short period of fellowship and refreshments.

LAURA MEIER, Reporter.

Annual Report of the Immanuel B.Y.P.U. in Portland, Oregon

Numbered among the many reasons for thanksgiving is the success of our B. Y. P. U. organization during the past year. As a group of Christian young people, we have been richly blessed. We are thankful that we have been able to be active in constructive Christian work.

Our society has gained new members during this year. At the close of the B. Y. P. U. year we had a total membership of 68 young people. Our welfare work took the form of singing Christmas carols for our sick and shut-ins on Christmas morning, and by supporting the Rev. Georgi Stefanoff, our Gypsy missionary in Bulgaria. The social and fellowship life was promoted by four very successful socials.

In November we were privileged to have the Kraft Twins, evangelists from Wasco, California, with us for two weeks. These talented young men, who have devoted their lives to Christ's various instruments. All who attended the meetings left with the desire to follow Christ closer, and many found the Savior for the first time.

On Thanksgiving night our young people presented their anniversary program which proved to be a great success. Reports of the work of our B. Y. P. U. were given by the officers of the society, and a play was presented along with various musical numbers.

Last June our B.Y.P.U. elected its new officers and as a result the following were chosen: Victor Steinfeldt, president; Delbert Deltzer, vice-president; Charlotte Stuart, secretary; Maxine Haag, assistant secretary; Ray Steinfeldt, treasurer; and Margaret Marks, pianist.

Encouraged by the success of the past year, we shall endeavor to continue in service for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

CHARLOTTE STUART, Secretary.

Evangelistic Meetings in Salem, Oregon

The German Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon, held evangelistic services from October 23 to November 4. Mr. Ralph Kraft and Mr. Roy Kraft, twin brothers, of Wasco, California, were the evangelists. The accompanying picture of the evangelists was taken in our church. We are very grateful to them for their time and services among us. Their inspiring messages in word, song and music were a challenge to everyone who attended the meetings. We thank the Lord for the blessings that we received during these meetings and for the fine spirit of fellowship that prevailed.

There were 18 persons who accepted Christ as their personal Savior, and a number rededicated their lives to the Lord. On Sunday, November 20, 13 of these were baptized on confession of their faith. This day was also a happy occasion in another way, as it marked the beginning of the Rev. J. F. Olthoff's fourth year as pastor of our church. In reviewing the three years that the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Olthoff have been with us, we sincerely believe that it was God's leading to bring them here as they have been a blessing to us in every way.

Encouraged by the past blessings, we are working toward the future with a new zeal to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

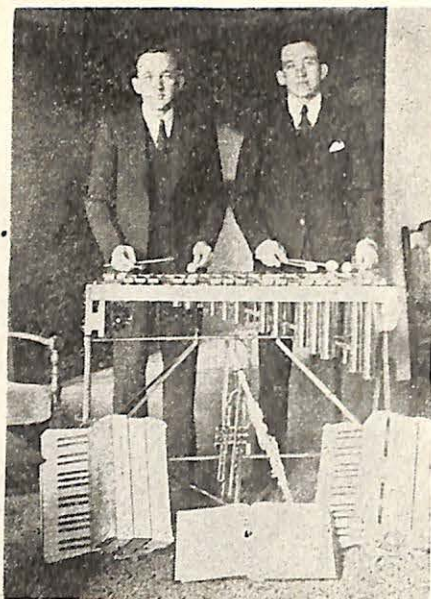
VIOLA SCHRENK, Reporter.

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Damrau in Tacoma

The song, "Wir begruessen Dich, All" was the first welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Damrau at their new church in Tacoma, Washington, on Friday evening, December 2. This song was sung as they were led to the platform by one of our deacons and deaconesses. The Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, who has ably supplied our church as interim pastor, was chairman for the evening. After a fitting Scripture passage, the mighty strains of Gounod's "Praise Ye The Father" was sung by the church choir.

Mr. L. A. Ahrens represented the church, and spoke fitting words of welcome. The Sunday School had a representative from each class, as well as the superintendent, Henry Schmunk. They gave a clever bit of verse, wherein each presented Mr. Damrau with a chrysanthemum. Welcoming talks from other branches of the church included Miss Esther Blandau for the B.Y.P.U.; Mrs. L. M. Langenbach for the Woman's Mission Society; and Peter Yost for the choir. The Rev. A. B. Nelson, pastor of the neighboring Baptist Church, spoke in behalf of the Baptist Churches in Tacoma.

Before giving the Rev. W. C. Damrau his turn, Mr. Wuttke spoke words of wisdom and advice, and admonished him to "preach the Word." The high point of the evening was now reached, inasmuch as Mr. W. C. Damrau had



Ralph and Roy Kraft of Wasco, Calif., Evangelists in Several Oregon Churches Recently

his chance to speak. His warm words of thanks and his aims and hopes and prayers for our Tacoma Church were expressed concisely and in a most friendly manner. Mrs. Damrau, too, expressed her innermost thoughts by quoting her favorite Bible verse, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice!"

Everyone in the audience that evening pledged his or her help and promised to work hand in hand with the new pastor and his wife in "winning souls to Christ, and building up the saints." A pleasant hour of fellowship was enjoyed in the lower hall, where everyone was given the opportunity of getting acquainted with the new "Shepherd" of our church. May God bless and prosper his work here in the coming years!

HENRY SCHMUNK, Reporter.

**Southern Conference
The Southern Conference
Young People Hold Their Fall
Assembly at Mowata**

Singing the song, "Gott ist die Liebe," the young people of the Southern Conference opened their annual Fall Assembly in Mowata, Louisiana, on Wednesday evening, November 23. We can say that the assembly from November 23 to 27 was a success and may be counted as one of our outstanding Young People's and Sunday School Workers' meetings.

We were, indeed, grateful to have our young people's secretary, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, with us. With his readiness and winning smile he very quickly won the hearts of the people of the assembly. He spoke to us at our opening service on Wednesday evening on "Growing in Grace" which was our assembly theme.

On Thursday morning he spoke on "Echoes of Our European Trip." On

Friday he answered questions about Germany's "Fuehrer" and the freedom of Baptists in Germany. On Saturday he discussed the persecution of the Jews and "Sailing down the Blue Danube." Each afternoon during the Open Forum, Mr. Leuschner discussed the questions which had been asked by the young people. Mr. Leuschner further delighted us with the following evening messages, "God's Glory Among the Gypsies of Bulgaria," and the picture-lecture, "Fellowshipping with God's People in Europe." The assembly was so carried away with these pictures on Friday evening, that they asked for more. So on Saturday evening after the local B.Y.P.U. had presented their inspiring playlet, "The Greatest of These is Love," more pictures of Germany and the Danubian countries were shown.

All our pastors, with the exception of two, were present. The devotional periods in the mornings were led by Rev. W. H. Buening, Rev. A. Becker and Rev. G. Schwandt. Due to the impossibility of Dr. Wm. Kuhn to be present, the Rev. C. H. Edinger taught the German course. The Rev. H. Ekert taught the music course, Mrs. J. J. Lippert the stewardship course and Miss Tillie Mae Spross the Junior course. These teachers gave much of their time and worked hard to make these classes a success.

The Rev. J. J. Lippert, our director of music, deserves much credit for his work in directing our music. The duets, piano solo, reading, and songs rendered by the local choir were also enjoyed as well as the anthem by the assembly choir. On Saturday morning the Sunday School period was divided into five minute periods, during which the pastors spoke to us. The Rev. A. Becker, brought the morning's message on "Feeding the Five Thousand," John 6.

The attendance and mileage banners were won by the Cottonwood Church. Cottonwood also won first prize in the poster contest. There were 94 registrations with 74 visitors from Texas and Alabama in attendance. The total mileage for all assembly visitors was computed to be 33, 906 miles, which represents the distance comparable to once around the world and back again to Japan, as described by Benny Spross, the Union's president.

The young people feel grateful to the Rev. P. Hintze and his church for their fine hospitality and wish to say "Thank you!" We also wish to express our gratitude to our president, Benny Spross, and the dean, the Rev. C. C. Gossen, for their splendid work. The recreation committee deserves credit for its readiness to serve at all times.

These days will be frequently spoken of and will always remain pleasant memories. May our Master keep us "growing in grace" as the Southern Conference!

VIOLA HANSEN, Secretary.

**Northwestern Conference
Reception for the New Minister
and Thanksgiving Services
in Victor, Iowa**

The Rev. and Mrs. John Walkup and daughter, Phyllis, who moved into the Baptist parsonage at Victor, Ia., during the Thanksgiving week, were honored at a joint reception and Thanksgiving service at the church on the evening of November 29th by members and friends.

A short welcome program opened the service. The Misses Virginia Shine and Doris Blome sang a welcome duet written for the occasion, and representatives of the Church, Sunday School, Ladies' Missionary Society, Junior and Senior B.Y.P.U. gave brief addresses of welcome. The Misses Helen Muller and Edna McAdam favored us with a piano selection and an appropriate piece of verse, respectively.

Mr. Walkup responded with words of appreciation for the kindnesses shown and the welcome expressed before he conducted Thanksgiving services.

EMERSON J. BLOME, Reporter.

**Livingstone Class of the
Oak Street Baptist Church
of Burlington, Iowa**

It was eleven years ago the Sunday School of the Oak Street Baptist Church in Burlington, Iowa, felt the real need for a young married people's class, and an appeal was sent out for likely candidates to form this new unit. Two people responded to this call on the first Sunday, but they in turn worked so well that the following Lord's Day found seven present to begin the organization of this Livingstone Group.

The Rev. A. J. Harms was the pastor at that time and also the first teacher. He was an able and interesting leader and this interested group grew rapidly in number. A few months later a charter was drawn up to which 34 signatures were attached, but the keen interest of the class suffered a set-back when Mr. Harms accepted another call leaving the group without a teacher.

These trying months without a leader soon caused the attendance to fall off considerably. Mr. Charles Schekle of the church took charge for a time, and he in turn was succeeded by Mr. Walter Gerdes under whose leadership the class interest grew. The enrollment as well as attendance were most encouraging. But Mr. Gerdes moved to another city after a few years leaving the class once more without a teacher. Finding a suitable teacher for this group was a difficult task, but the problem was finally solved by having Mr. William Rieke teach the class. He is still serving in commendable manner and has won the love and respect of the entire group. On the picture of the class accompanying this report Mr. Rieke appears in the front

row immediately behind the sign. Last year the Livingstone Class was privileged to celebrate its tenth anniversary, at which time a new charter was drawn with fifty-four signatures.

This year a contest was conducted by dividing the entire class into 16 smaller units, each headed by a lieutenant. This newly appointed officer was responsible for the attendance of his group and considered his three members as "talents" and urged them to help get other "talents," which was carrying out the class motto "Others." One group alone was responsible for adding five new members to the class which means that the Livingstone Class is now one of the largest in the entire city of Burlington. Eighty-four active members are now enrolled. Nine Livingstone members are teachers in the Sunday School.



Members of the Large Livingstone Class of Burlington, Iowa, With the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, Pastor of the Church

God has abundantly blessed the class in the past, for only three members have been taken by death over eleven years. The group feels that their lives have been enriched in the things that money cannot buy and the fellowship is very invigorating. While the class rejoices in such a splendid past record, they are not the kind to rest on their laurels, but are looking forward to even greater things in the future. We trust in God and give him all the glory!

E. F. HEMMYE, President.

**Wisconsin Young People's
Rallies at Pound and Milwaukee**

(The Wisconsin young people have recently held three splendid inspirational rallies in different parts of the state. The first of these rallies, held at Watertown, was reported in the December 1, 1938 issue of "The Bap-

tist Herald." (See page 457). Approximately 400 people were in attendance at these fine representative gatherings under the leadership of the president of the Wisconsin Union, Mr. Francis Guenther. EDITOR)

On Sunday afternoon, November 13, the young people of Wausau, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, and Pound, Wisconsin, had a sectional rally in Pound. The song service was led by Faythe Habeck and prayer by Leo Grosz. Matt Meyers, the local B.Y.P.U. president, had a few words of welcome. Virginia Kerns of Pound spoke on the topic, "Peace and War," followed by a violin solo by Mr. Kanstanzkas. Harold Schulze of Sheboygan spoke on "Sharing Our Problems With God," and a quartet of Norbert Nass, Oliver Rohde, Francis Guenther, and Harold Schulze sang. Helen and Ellen Zekzer

of Gillet had a duet number, accompanied by Genevive Krause.

The evening meeting was opened with a song service, Scripture by Alvina Bathauer of Sheboygan, and a choir number by a group of young people of all the cities represented, led by Mr. Kanstanzkas. Ellis Hoffman of Pound led in prayer, followed by a double duet number by Helen and Ellen Zeckzer, Mrs. Bob Krause, and Mrs. Schmidt, accompanied by Genevive Krause. There was a vocal solo by Emma Fenske of Gillet. Harold Anhalt gave a short talk on the summer assembly, urging attendance next summer. The Rev. H. Bothner, the pastor of the Pound church, brought the inspirational address, and the young people left that night realizing that they had a place and a responsibility in this world.

On Sunday afternoon, November 20, the young people of the three Milwaukee churches, Sheboygan, Racine, Kenosha, and Watertown had another sectional rally. The afternoon meeting was opened with a song service by Alex Alsesser of the Milwaukee North Avenue Church. Scripture was read by Bob Konitz of Kenosha, followed by prayer by Lucille Miller of the Immanuel Church. A violin solo, "Ave Marie," was rendered by Fred Erbach, accompanied by Mrs. Max Erbach, and a topic presented by Ruth Siefert, "What Every Baptist Should Know About His Denomination." Bob Konitz of Kenosha gave a talk on "A Consecrated Youth." Racine offered a duet, "The Way He Leads," by Caroline Genich and Elnor Janders. Dorothy Wiechers spoke on "What My Church Seeks To Do." A saxophone solo by Milton Bender, accompanied by Ruth Krause, was followed by Roger Norman who spoke on "Our Task."

The officers of the Wisconsin B.Y.P.U. Summer Assembly were introduced to the audience: Dean Rev. H. W. Wedel; president, Francis Guenther; vice-president, Roger Norman; secretary, Faythe Habeck; and treasurer, Phil Lange. The meeting was closed with the song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and prayer by the Rev. A. Engel of Racine.

The orchestra of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee gave two numbers at the opening of the evening service. The song service was led by Dr. C. A. Rohrbach of the Immanuel Church. Roger Norman of Watertown read Scripture, followed by prayer by Wallace Kerein of the Bethany Church. The choir of the local church rendered a fine number, and Mr. Wedel introduced the speaker for the evening, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, who spoke on "Sailing Down the Blue Danube."

FRANCIS GUENTHER, Reporter.

Central Conference -Echoes of Chicago's East Side- Baptist Church

During the past summer the Sunday School of the East Side Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois, conducted a Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of seventy. Our Young Women's Guild sponsored a "Mothers' and Daughters' Banquet" last spring and a "Sauerkraut Supper" in October. A local chapter of the Royal Ambassadors was recently organized by our boys.

During September our church cooperated with three other churches in evangelistic services conducted by the Rev. Louis Broeker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Michigan. A group of boys and girls, who confessed their faith in Christ during these meetings, will shortly be baptized. Since last reporting six have joined our church fellowship.

On October 18 the church remembered its pastor's birthday, and as a result an easy chair, a floor lamp, two rugs, a bookshelf and an artistic waste basket add comfort and orderliness to the pastor's room. On November 10 the church recognized the faithful services of Mr. and Mrs. Witt. A gift was presented to Mr. Witt who had served the church as deacon and sexton, and a bouquet of roses was presented to Mrs. Witt. We continue to labor, conscious of the promise that Christ shall be with us even unto the end of the age.

HERBERT L. KOCH, Pastor.

Fall Institute of the Detroit Five Church Union

The annual week of special Biblical instruction and inspirational messages which the five church of Detroit, Mich., enjoy together is one of the high spots in the Detroit Union's program. We were not disappointed this year.

Our institute began on Monday evening, November 7, at the Bethel Church, and continued through Friday evening, November 11. Each night three classes were held simultaneously, and each individual was allowed to attend the classes of his choice.

The Rev. J. O. Nelson of Birmingham, Michigan, an authority on Sunday School work, taught the Sunday School teachers, superintendents and all others especially interested in this phase of church work, attacking the problem especially from the angle of the teacher and stressing throughout that evangelism should be the prime objective of the Sunday School.

The young people and all others interested in B.Y.P.U. work were led in a study of various kinds of programs that might be presented by the new pastor of the Ebenezer Church, the Rev. George A. Lang. New ideas for devotional, missionary, stewardship and fellowship were given by Mr. Lang, and cooperation was stressed as the core of success. B.Y.P.U. workers appreciated the class very much.

Those who preferred to study in German were ably led by the Rev. Benjamin Graf of the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, whose subject for the week was "Christliche Mission."

Each evening after the classes everyone assembled in the main auditorium for a song service. Special music was also rendered by the five churches. It was our good fortune this year to obtain the Rev. L. Gittings of Chicago as our inspirational speaker. Every night he spoke to us vividly, challenging us to hold high the cross of Christ and to live the Christian life with sincerity, turning aside from temptation and self to Christian ideals and service, with Christ as our leader.

It was a week well spent and greatly enjoyed by all who attended, marking for many a new step in their Christian life, because of the fuller understanding of that life and the resolve to live it better.

F. E. ENSS, Secretary.

Revival Campaign at the Burns Avenue Church in Detroit

It is with thankful hearts that we of the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Michigan, now approach the throne of God, grateful for the souls that were won and the blessings received, during our revival campaign of two weeks in November.

Our campaign was preceded by a day of prayer and fasting. This day was not observed for our meeting alone but especially for our Baptist brethren in Rumania, who because of their faith, are suffering great persecution at the present time.

The Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Michigan, was our evangelist for the campaign. We can truly say that many of those who decided for Christ were won by his loving personality. Mr. Broeker presented the gospel mes-

sage clearly, plainly, powerfully and without fear.

On Friday of the first week we had a chalk artist and his wife with us. While the sister was singing, he drew the picture for us on the canvas. One of the songs sung and depicted was "Jesus, Rose of Sharon."

During the evangelistic services about 25 persons made their decisions for Christ. A number of these were children, while still others were adult visitors and some were those for whom we had prayed a long time. About 15, who had previously accepted Christ as their Savior, were convinced of our form of baptism during the course of these meetings. These converts were baptized on Christmas Sunday evening. The others will follow the Lord in baptism in services to be held in January and February.

All of the meetings were well attended and preceded by a rousing song service led by our pastor, the Rev. G. Neumann.

LYDIA E. BEKOWIES, Reporter.

Monthly Programs and Missionary Activities of the Amoma Class in Forest Park, Illinois

The Amoma Class of the Oak Park Baptist Church in Forest Park, Ill., has not been mentioned in these columns before, and it has occurred to us that possibly the activities of this organization, if they were better known, might be of interest and help to others. That is the purpose of this report.

We are one of the organized ladies' classes of the Oak Park Church with an active membership of 35 women. There are approximately 20 in attendance at the Sunday morning Sunday School sessions and 8 teachers in other departments of our school. Our teacher, Mrs. F. A. Grosser, has served us many years, to whom we owe a large portion of the success of our class. Miss Lydia Mihm has been re-elected as our president for the coming year.

We have monthly meetings which are varied. While these meetings are usually held in the homes of members where we enjoy good speakers, we have also experienced great joy and Christian fellowship in having several meetings each year where other organized classes meet with us. On one occasion Dr. C. B. Nordland showed the moving pictures he had taken while traveling throughout the United States and Canada in the interest of the Moody Centenary Celebration. This meeting was attended by about 200, which represented three organized classes, including the AMOMAS.

There is a real giving spirit among our members. In February we distributed mite boxes, which were opened at our recent annual meeting and \$57 was the result of this combined effort. A free-will offering is taken at our monthly meetings. It was voted to give \$25 to the church debt, \$10 each to two needy students who are preparing for the ministry, and \$25 to a mis-

sionary in the work of the South China Boat Mission.

In addition to this, the girls gave special contributions totaling \$25 to the annual bazaar for our Old People's Home in Chicago. On Monday evening, December 12, we visited these dear people, presented a program for their enjoyment and gave each of them a box containing fruit and candy. Numerous scrap books were made during the year and taken to the County Hospital together with a supply of oranges. Just recently dozens of dolls have been made which will be given to needy children.

MARIE M. ROSS, Secretary.

New Year's Meditations

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thought to think of the unrest and trouble there is in this world. Oh, that we may be found faithful and that we may do all in our power to win more souls to our Savior!

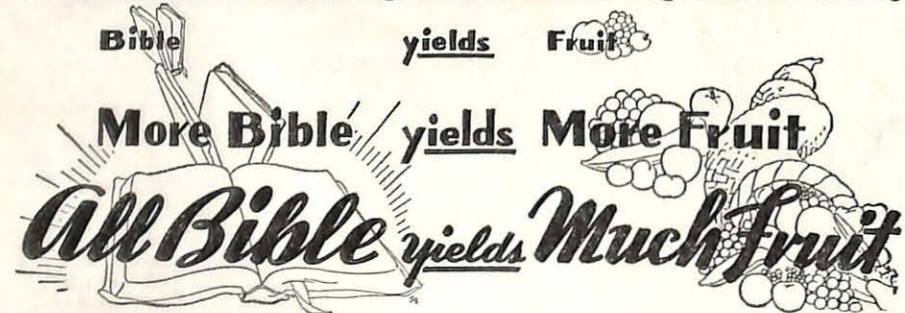
A few months ago one of our dear little school girls, about 7 years old, fainted in school. She was brought to me, and all was done that we could to

bring her around, but she did not regain consciousness. Instead, she went into convulsions and, at dawn the next day, her spirit went to be with the Lord. It was wonderful to see how her parents trusted us, although they are pagans of the pagans. They said that when they let the child come to the mission compound they gave her to us and God to become a believer. Now that she had died, we could do as we liked with the body. We were very glad that they felt this way and hope and pray that both mother and father will repent and give their hearts to the Lord as their little girl did.

The Scripture, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone but if it dies, it bringeth forth much fruit," comes to mind now, and, truly, this little life that was laid down has already started to bear fruit. It has made the other girls of the school, especially the older ones, think of eternity and whether they are prepared to meet their God.

Continue to pray for us here and the work. The harvest is here. Oh, that we may work with all our might to bring the sheaves into the garner!

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Publisher's Paragraphs

Paragraph One

This is the first issue of the HERALD for 1939 and with it go the heartiest greetings to a host of readers which had such a signal growth during the record year just closed.

Paragraph Two

Our earnest desire is that all subscribers on our list at the end of 1938 be continued without exception throughout the year 1939. During the last four months of the year we served several hundred new short-time subscribers, who became interested in the arresting travelogue series on European conditions as they touched our mission fields. Of course, they are urgently invited to remain with us.

Paragraph Three

A Club Plan was inaugurated last year and offered to the churches that pledged themselves to the placing of either the "Sendbote" or the "Baptist Herald" in every

home of the membership. This arrangement assured to them very attractive rates. The plan was sponsored by the General Council of the denomination and some provision was made for it in the denominational budget. An adherence to the plan has a manysided advantage for the churches and it is worthy of persistent effort.

Paragraph Four

Most subscriptions expired with the calendar year so that the question of renewals takes on importance. Quite a number have already ordered through the HERALD church representatives, some are coming direct, each day adding to the number, and many others will reach us with the lists now being made up. Full-time subscribers will receive their copy for the next two or three issues to prevent an undesired break in the service. But it will be very necessary to see that the order reaches the office of publication in Cleveland

either through a church representative, or direct, without unnecessary delay. In the regular course of business non-renewed subscriptions will be dropped and the mailings discontinued. So, don't fail to renew. We hope you will stay with the HERALD.

Paragraph Five

Last year it was our joy to add many new readers. While we had been working for a total of five thousand, that figure was eclipsed by reaching a total of over six thousand. It became our record year. This good work should, by all means, continue and so we are still urging a quest for more new readers. This is everyone's problem: the pastor, the booster, the young people and the editorial and business offices. Let's pull together and win the goal. It's all for the advancement of God's Kingdom and that is a gripping ideal to work to.

THE MANAGEMENT.

OBITUARY

Melita Caroline Giedd

Melita Caroline Giedd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Flemmer, was born January 17, 1909, at Menno, South Dakota. As a child she attended the Methodist church. In 1916 she moved with her parents to Washburn, North Dakota. In 1928 she graduated from the Washburn High School. The following summer she attended the State Teachers' College in Minot and was a rural school teacher near Washburn for 5 years. On November 25, 1932, Melita Flemmer and Theo. L. Giedd were married by the Rev. Jackson, pastor of the Baptist Church in Bismarck.

Soon after their marriage they moved to Avon, South Dakota. There she found the Lord as her personal Savior and was baptized by the Rev. Benj. Schlipf and joined the Baptist church in Avon where she was a member. She attended church as long as her health permitted and was a faithful Christian. After living in Avon for four years, the Giedds moved to Eugene, Oregon, where Mrs. Giedd first became ill with cancer. An April, 1938, she entered the hospital in Eugene for an operation, hoping the ravages of the disease might be checked. After the operation, the couple returned to the Flemmer home in Washburn, North Dakota. In her parent's home on December 3rd Mrs. Giedd was called from her suffering to "another home not made with hands." She leaves her loving husband, her parents, one brother, one sister and a host of friends who miss her, but they all must trust the heavenly Father.

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