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An Inviting Path
Through the October
Woods.

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What's Happening

● The Kossuth Baptist Church near Manitowoc, Wis., has asked the Rev. Hugo Lueck of Warsaw, Poland, to supply its pulpit for one month beginning with Sunday, September 29. Mr. Lueck has been in the United States since the Baptist World Congress in August, 1939, and since the outbreak of the Second World War. Mr. Lueck has also visited many of our churches during the intervening months.

● The Rev. David Littke, pastor of the Baptist Church of Streeter, No. Dak., has resigned and has accepted the call of the New Leipzig German Baptist Church of Leipzig, No. Dak. He will serve two churches on the field, one of which is in the town of Leipzig and the other in the country. The church has been without a regular pastor since the departure of the Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Matz several years ago.

● The Freudenthal Baptist Church of Carbon, Alta., Canada, held two baptismal services during the past summer. In July the Rev. F. Alf, pastor of the church, had the privilege of baptizing 7 young people, and on Sunday, September 15, he baptized a married couple. Mr. Alf wrote that the church "expects great help from these new soldiers of Christ." Plans are also being made for four weeks of revival meetings to be held in the fall.

● Mr. Joseph Kornalewski of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, has accepted the call extended to him by the First German Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, to become its pastor. Mr. Kornalewski was scheduled to return to our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., for his last school year but unsettled conditions in Canada prevented his entry into the United States. He has already begun his ministry in the Leduc Church succeeding the Rev. Erich Gutsche, now of Benton Harbor, Mich.

● On Sunday, September 15, the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington, So. Dak., observed its annual Harvest and Mission Festival with the Rev. L. B. Berndt of Sheboygan, Wis., as guest speaker. The pastor of the church, Rev. A. J. Fischer reported that "the church always observes the festival with fine and encouraging results. It created a fine fellowship in bring visitors and our distant members to the church and it keeps our people missionary minded." The mission offering of the festival amounted to \$90.

● Mr. Paul Hunsicker, a Senior student in the Rochester Baptist Seminary, has received a call extended to him by the Baptist Church of Cathay, No. Dak. He has interpreted the call as the guidance of God and has joy-

ously accepted it. He left the seminary halls soon thereafter and with October 1st began his pastorate in Cathay, where he will succeed the Rev. Arthur Ittermann. Mr. Hunsicker served the field at Bison, So. Dak., during the past summer, a report of which appears in this issue of "The Baptist Herald."

● Miss Clara Meyer of Buffalo, N. Y., the former matron of the Students' Home at our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., wishes to thank all ministers and former seminary students who signed a letter of hearty greetings and sincere appreciation that was sent to her from the General Conference at Burlington, Iowa. The Rev. Paul C. A. Menard reports that the letter brought her real comfort and great joy. Miss Meyer is not enjoying the best of health at present. Those who would like to write to her can address letters to her at 139 Northampton St., Buffalo, N. Y.

● Miss Dorothy Lehr and Mr. Otto Bleeker, both of Emery, So. Dak., were united in marriage on Saturday, September 14, at the home of the Rev. John Wobig, pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., who officiated at the service. Miss Lehr has edited "the Children's Page" of "The Baptist Herald" on several occasions, and Mr. Otto Bleeker was formerly president of the South Dakota Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. The former Miss Lehr is a member of the Plum Creek Church and Mr. Bleeker a member of the Emery German Baptist Church.

● On Monday evening, September 16, Mr. Robert Harkness of South Pasadena, Calif., composer of many well known hymns, presented a unique musical program in the Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill. Besides giving original piano variations on a sacred theme and the story of his hymn, "Why Does He Love Me So?" Mr. Harkness also composed an impromptu chorus for Ecclesiastes 12:1. Mr. Harkness is also the composer and author of such hymns as "No Longer Lonely," "Shadows," and "Sometime." Mr. Harkness was introduced by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Theo. W. Dons.

● The Rev. Pieter Smit, D. D., pastor of the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., spent the entire Sunday of September 1st reporting the General Conference at Burlington, Iowa, to the members of his church. In the morning service he brought his general impressions, and in the evening spoke on the topic, "How We Raise Our Money as a Denomination." The B. Y. P. U. of the church also heard General Conference reports that same Sunday evening at its meeting, and the session of

the Women's Missionary Society on Thursday afternoon, September 5, was devoted to the same purpose.

● On Tuesday evening, September 24, Miss Frieda L. Weisser of Camrose, Alta., Canada, and Mr. Dennis Brown of Edmonton, Alta., were united in marriage at the Bonnie Doon Baptist Church of Edmonton. A reception was held in the church following the ceremony, at which their many friends wished them God's blessing. Miss Weisser for a number of years was missionary of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa. Later she served the Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., at its mission station. Last winter she was active in the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton.

● Recently a young people's society was organized in the Baptist Church of Lockwood, Sask., Canada, by the pastor, the Rev. E. Wegner of Nokomis. Twenty young people became charter members. The following officers were elected: Mary Wiebe, president; Hugo Leuck, vice-president; Eleanor Ediger, secretary-treasurer. The first of a series of monthly programs was held on Sunday, August 11. Recitations were given by Hugo Leuck, Emmeline Ediger and Reinhart Schaline, and musical numbers were rendered by Eugene and Hugo Leuck and Dorothy Krell. The pastor also sang a solo number and brought a brief message.

● The Rev. Assaf Husmann, pastor of the Second Church of Philadelphia, Pa., presented his resignation to the church on September 29th. With deep and sincere regret it was accepted by the church, as the members realized that the church was losing its pastor in order to give him to the larger work in the denomination. Mr. Husmann (Continued on Page 386)

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EDITORIAL

THESE are times that try men's souls. "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" are as elusive as the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow. For millions of people

life has become a "Be of Good Courage!" gamble with the next arrival of the dreaded bomber in the sky. It may take Diogenes with his lantern to find the last vestiges of liberty in the modern world. National foundations are crumbling, and the pursuit of happiness for many people has been changed into a flight of fear. As never before the words of Jesus Christ are charged with meaning for this day. "Be of good cheer!" For this is the equivalent of "good cheer."

Who can ever record the thoughts that surge through the minds of those who crowd the European air raid shelters night after night? Their tightly drawn lips and furrowed brows suggest the legion of fears that make of their souls a scarred battlefield as much as the streets of their city. Has God deserted them? Of what earthly use is their Christian faith? Is there any light in this blackout of life? For those who truly follow Christ as Savior and Master, a heartening vision is seen and words are heard that bring comforting peace and spiritual fortitude. "Be of good courage!"

The forces of iniquity have unleashed their fury upon the world at large. Christianity is being challenged by pagan ideologies and irreligious powers. The storms of religious persecution are sweeping like gales across many sections of the world. The faith of many a disciple of Christ is being tested in the fires of opposition and adversity. In the moment of wavering the Christian hears again those reassuring words of his Master and rallies valiantly for the Truth. "Be of good courage!"

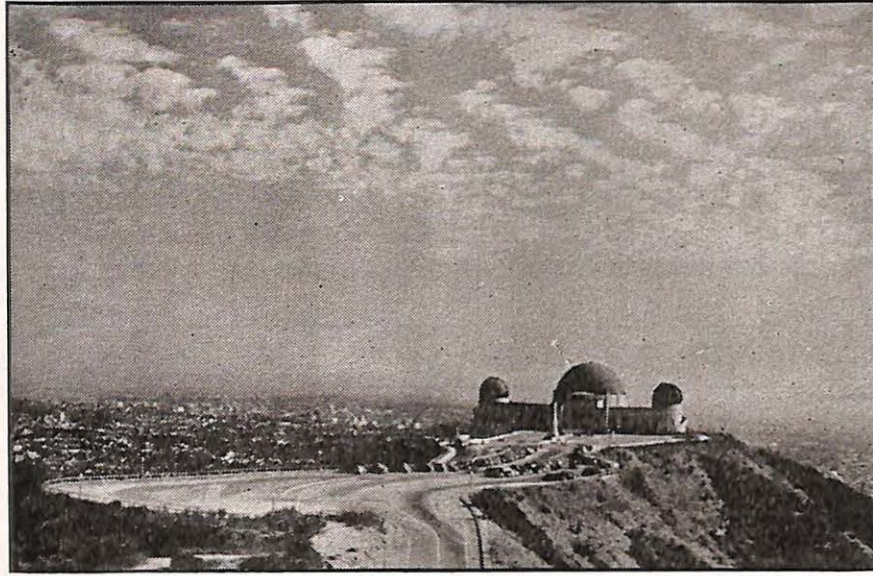
A leading newspaper of Tokio, Japan, recently reported that leaders of Japanese patriotic or-

ganizations have taken up a campaign to eliminate Christianity from Japan. Resolutions have been adopted calling for the speedy reorganization of Christian educational institutions and for the dissolution of the Salvation Army in Japan. The resolution went on to say that "Christianity, a device of Jewish ideas, threatens to encroach upon the spirit of the Japanese race." The renowned Christian mystic and evangelist, Toyohiko Kagawa, is again imprisoned for his utterances. For missionaries and native Christians alike these are critical days in Japan that demand ceaseless vigilance and courage.

A dark picture, you say? Yes, the world has come to a sorry state of affairs, in which life is cheap and Christianity is engaged in a struggle for its existence. But when the darkness is greatest, the Christian knows how to listen to the words of One, who is a Conqueror Invincible, the King of kings and the Lord of lords. His words impart life-giving strength and joy. "Be of good courage!"

The world of Jesus' day did not offer much hope to his disciples. They were wrestling with evil powers that were entrenched in the social and religious organizations of that day. They were woefully outnumbered by those who doubted that "any good thing could come out of Nazareth." They lost heart when the forces of opposition were arrayed against them. But Jesus' words, "Be of good courage!," sent them forth to become more than conquerors through him.

The secret lay in the fact that Jesus Christ went before them, infusing them with his power and strengthening them by his courage. As the world's Savior and the risen Lord, he could declare, "I have overcome the world!" In him we shall never fail. Through him we shall always conquer. For these words of his will ever be the fountain of our renewing strength. "Be of good courage!"



From Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, California, One Can Gaze at Distant Stars and Planets

Visions of the Future

Sermon of REV. A. E. KANNWISCHER of Brooklyn, New York, Delivered at the General Conference

In a momentous present such as ours, fraught with chaos and conflict, prophecy in the sense of foretelling or predicting the future becomes the pet hobby of people in many spheres of life. Each offers his panacea. Thus, we have political prophets, economic prophets, social prophets, and religious prophets. I do not presume to possess these miraculous powers of prognostication. My task, as I see it, is not to unveil before you the future of our beloved denomination—that is in God's hand—but to present in outline an ideal, a goal, a mission toward the realization of which we might strive.

Such a task involves the obvious risk of being regarded as an impractical visionary. But vision interpreted rightly is never impractical. While it is true that vision without action is to be distrusted, it is likewise true that action without vision is doomed to failure. For what is more dangerous than blind zeal?

"The World of Tomorrow"

Several years ago the planners of the New York World's Fair envisioned an exposition which would graphically portray the "World of Tomorrow." They undertook to carry out this plan by transforming one of New York's most unsightly swamplands into a place of lasting beauty. While their original purpose was to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as the first president of the United States, they were early persuaded that this anniversary was more than an opportunity to build a great exposition with a purely commemorative theme. To them

the future seemed even more meaningful than had been the past with its fateful achievements. Hence, the Fair as it stands today in all of its grandeur and splendor was a vision in the minds of a few daring men only a few years ago. It is a vision translated into reality by ceaseless effort!

In the book of Proverbs 29:18 we read: "Where there is no vision the people perish." The truth of that proverb was never more evident nor more challenging than in our day. Let us therefore consider "Visions of the Future" as an essential prelude—a God-given prelude—to action. In that light it will take on new meaning and added significance!

Unless our spiritual forefathers had dreamed dreams, we should have no basis for "Visions of the Future." However, inasmuch as they have dreamed, and dreamed daringly, let their noble dreams be the inspiration for our visions.

Visions of Our Task

In order to gain an adequate vision of our future task, we must bear in mind our heritage from the past. For only within its matrix or framework can the future of our work continue to maintain its unique significance. In proceeding upon that premise let us, however, seriously take to heart the admonition uttered recently by Philip Cummings to the Daughters of the American Revolution in conference in New Jersey: "It is not the bones of your ancestors that you are here to commemorate, but their visions. The ideals of your forefathers will live, not

if you merely say what they said, but if you do as they did."

How did our forefathers do? These intrepid pioneers boldly evangelized, taught, and organized! The success of the work depended largely upon a few men who grasped every opportunity to preach the gospel of a spiritual rebirth. They acquitted themselves like men whose souls were aglow with unflagging zeal to proclaim salvation through Christ in season and out of season.

The fundamental characteristic of our churches was a simple, evangelical type of Christian life and worship. Sincere love of Christ and of their fellowmen constrained the members of these churches to give sacrificially, to give not of their abundance but of their want.

A Superannuated Denomination

There are those who feel that our peculiar mission has been fulfilled, that our task is ended, that our course is finished, that the purpose for which our forefathers organized is accomplished. Consequently, there is no longer any need for our existence. We are superannuated and therefore ought to give up the ghost! These prophets of doom have been with us from the beginning, for the Rev. G. A. Schulte reports in his memoirs that at the beginning of his ministry in the early 1860's predictions were made that our work would not exist longer than forty or fifty years.

Some time ago I heard the story of a man who was greatly troubled. He was obsessed by the thought that he was dying. This obsession not only made him an unpleasant companion at home, but also—and that was infinitely worse—it made him unfit for any work. After being assured by competent medical authority that her husband was physically sound, the exasperated wife finally said: "Well, go ahead and die! I'll wake up in the morning and find you." Although it was a drastic cure, it was nevertheless effective in that it turned the husband's mind towards overcoming his obsession. We must overcome ours!

Let us be done with predicting our corporate death, lest we become unfit for God's work. The will to live as an instrument of God is one of our greatest assets! Let us remember the words of one high in political authority who said: "While there are many 'isms' that perplex us, there is only one 'ism' that kills the soul, and that is pessimism." If pessimism has no place in politics, it certainly has none in the work of God's Kingdom. Pessimism kills the soul, it breaks the spirit, and "a broken spirit saps vitality," says the writer of Proverbs. (17:22.)

Our Peculiar Mission

Certainly, the changes since the days of our forefathers have been epochal and tremendous! Particularly rapid as well as radical have been the changes following the recent immigration laws. We must not only recognize these changes, but also adapt

ourselves to them. As individual churches we have done so by the increasing use of the language of the land. Thoughtful consideration, however, must bring us to the realization that our mission is not merely a linguistic one. Hence it does not end with the adoption of the American language. Language is, after all, only the medium of expressing an eternal truth, for in the final analysis the Kingdom of God is not governed by man-made laws, nor is its progress dependent upon the use of one language.

Our most precious heritage is a spiritual one, as is also our mission, namely, the preservation and preaching of the simple evangelical type of Christian life and worship, untrammelled by man-made tradition and dictates. This mission, while it should be first to those of a similar cultural heritage, because, having something in common, we can approach them more easily, need in no sense be exclusive.

It is quite natural that at this point we should consider our relationship

to the larger Baptist brotherhood. While artificial barriers ought not to stand in the way of closer fellowship and cooperation with all Christian forces of our land, our relationship to the Baptist brotherhood at large ought to be particularly close. We German Baptists are the oldest of their foster-children. We acknowledge them with pride and gratitude as our benefactors. Individually our churches are a part of this greater body, sharing with it

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The Dakota Prairies Preach a Sermon

By MRS. ELLA ALBUS BONIKOWSKY of Carrington, North Dakota, a Message Brought at the General Conference Young People's Banquet

You have probably heard of the hardships of the Dakota prairies, and that is true. Nevertheless, I like to compare the situation with the story of the new bride and groom who were driving through a long dimly lighted tunnel. Just as they were coming out, the groom kissed his bride. Because of the embarrassment of the moment, he quickly said: "Do you know that it cost ten million dollars to build that tunnel?" "Oh, yes," said the bride, "but it was worth it."

It costs something to live in the Dakotas, but all we can say is that it is worth it! I would like to proceed by telling you two stories. Here is the first.

Mr. A came to the Dakotas about 60 years ago, full of anticipation for a happy, prosperous life. To him it was a land flowing with milk and honey, only in terms of wheat. For some years he fully realized his expectations. Then drought came; hail took much of his crops; grasshoppers and rust caused destruction; dust storms clouded the prairies and uprooted all the seed which had been planted; and the soil began to wear out since it had been thin in the first place.

Mr. A has every reason to be discouraged, but he is not, for he learns that his hardships are for his benefit. He experiments with a rust resistant wheat. He invents devices to check the grasshoppers. He looks for such vegetation that will withstand drought. And he finds that there are other things one can do in the Dakotas besides raising wheat.

When Mr. A is asked whether he intends to remain in the Dakotas, he answers with those famous words of our Dakota poet, James W. Foley, who wrote these words to his father:

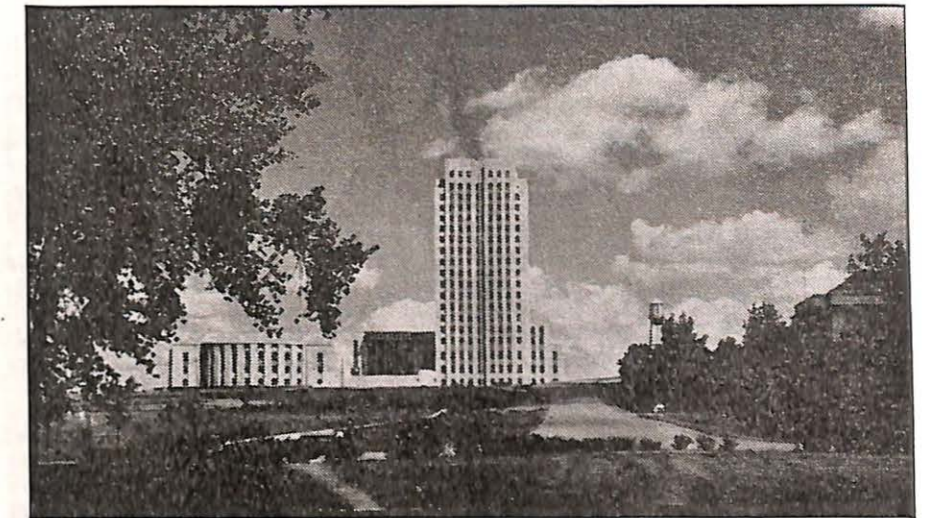
"Like to come back East to visit, but I wouldn't care to stay.
Glad you're doing well and happy; glad you like your country best,
But for me, I'll always hunger, for the freedom of the West;
There's a wholesomeness about it that I couldn't quite explain,
Once you breathe this air you love it, and you long for it again;
Makes you bigger, broader, better, makes you know the worth of toil;
Makes you free as are her prairies, and as noble as her soil."

Mr. A remains in the Dakota prairies.

The second story is as follows: Youth becomes a Christian. Youth enters this new life full of enthusiasm. It is, indeed, a life of promise and untold happiness.

we come to the place where we can go no farther, when we have seemingly reached the end then, dort ist Gott! (There is God!)"

Youth remains a Christian. Not all Dakota people have looked upon their hardships as an incentive to



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For a time youth finds it just so, and then dust storms of doubt hide the Savior's face and uproot all the seed that was planted. Grasshoppers of unbelief and disillusion come as well as rust of discouragement and disappointment. Hailstones of temptation fall all around him. There is a drought in all the happiness and joy he once had.

Christian youth has every reason to be discouraged but he is not. Christian youth is courageous. His hardships also are for his benefit, for he searches his Bible more, he prays more, he secures Christian literature and makes use of it. He becomes actively engaged in church activity, and he seeks the fellowship and friendship of Christian people.

When youth is asked whether he will remain a Christian or not he looks into the face of his inquirer and answers with those words of that famous scientist, Einstein, who said: "When

their initiative. They have allowed their difficulties to discourage them and they have left the Dakota prairies.

Is this not also true in Christian living? It takes the most hardy to battle for existence in the Dakotas. It also takes the very best to battle for our Christ.

In the Dakotas we have learned that we do not always reap what we sow, but this is not true in the Christian life. For by living a Christian life we will reap Christian character. We will become strong and grow in grace. Yes, we will become the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

Often the Dakota people battle alone. The Christian never needs to battle alone, for there is One who abides in all situations and circumstances.

Christian youth, we need not fear to go forward, for when we have done all that we could, and seemingly are at the end, then "There is God!"

The Seminary Opening

Reported by PROFESSOR FRANK H. WOYKE
of Rochester, New York

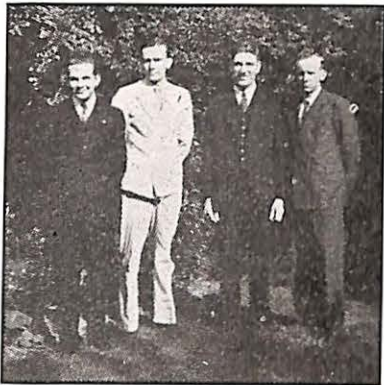
Another year of activity has begun for our seminary in Rochester, N. Y. The first joyous gathering of faculty and students was held in the chapel on Friday morning, September 13. This first meeting of the year was again given over to the sharing of our summer experiences. Each enthusiastic report strengthened the conviction that God had opened many doors for service, and that he had blessed our efforts.

Ten men held regular student pastorates during the summer. Many others served churches while pastors were away on vacation. In all, over 500 sermons were preached by students. Incomplete reports reveal that 21 were converted, 18 baptized, and 18 added to churches as the fruit of student activity during the summer. It should be especially noted that our students are interested, not only in persuading people to begin the Christian life, but are also concerned about having them unite with a church in order to receive Christian nurture. . . . May God bless the churches who gave us this opportunity to be of service!

In the evening of the same day, many friends gathered with us to mark the official opening of our school year. After Dean A. Bretschneider, who presided, had welcomed our friends, Professor O. E. Krueger, the beloved and honored moderator of our General Conference, delivered the address of the evening entitled: "A Rapid Stride Through 100 Years of German Baptist History." He thrilled us all with his vivid portrayal of the history of our work and inspired us to accept courageously the challenge of the future. We wish that he could have been "on the air," so that every German Baptist in America could have heard his moving address.

Since that was impossible, I quote a few of the things he said.

"Our seminary is now known as 'The Rochester Baptist Seminary'. . . During the next three years we shall be thinking historically and prophetically concerning our own German Baptist group. . . We are thinking of the achievement of these 100 years as a conquest. . . In this conquest we must think of continuation, conservation, and cooperation. . . First of all, this conquest is marked by the initiative of the Holy Spirit. The movement came from within, not from without. . . Our German Baptist conquest is further marked by the stamp of the stalwarts. 'There were giants in those days'—mighty men of God. . . Again our conquest is marked by the unity of the united. . . Another distinguishing mark



New Seminary Students
(Left to Right: Gilbert Schneider of Dallas, Ore.; Vincent E. Sprock of Houston, Tex.; Friedrich Hoffman of Springside, Sask.; and Wolfgang G. Gerthe of Branch, La.)

of our conquest has been the good will and generosity of our foster mother, the American Baptist Mission Societies. . .

"During these 100 years we have baptized approximately 85,000. . . Our contribution in men to the larger Kingdom tasks outside our group is a record of honor. We gave P. Bickel to Cassel, George Fetzer to Hamburg, H. C. Gleis to Detroit, Mrs. Orrin Judd to American Baptist women, Mrs. Emma Rauschenbusch Clough, J. Heinrichs, J. Speicher, George Geis and many others to the mission fields; and we gave Walter Rauschenbusch to the world. This is a very fragmentary list. . . And now, shall we rest our oars? The stalwarts and the pioneers of the first generation are calling down through the century: 'Look to yourselves that ye lose not the things we have wrought.'"

An important part of the opening service was also given over to welcoming the new students. A new school year would, of course, not be really new without a freshman class. This year's entering class consists of four young men: Gilbert Schneider of Dallas, Oregon; Wolfgang G. Gerthe of Branch, Louisiana; Vincent E. Sprock of Houston, Texas; and Friedrich Hoffman of Springside, Saskatchewan, Canada. Ralph Rott, president of the student body, extended a most hearty welcome to them. A final "welcome back" was extended to all students by the Rev. Daniel Fuchs on behalf of the Andrews St. Baptist Church. Mrs. Storz, our matron, and her helpers served delicious refreshments following the service.

We covet the prayers of our churches as we dedicate ourselves to the tasks of the year upon which we have entered, for we know that then God's blessing will not be withheld.

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mann will assume his position as promotional secretary of the denomination on February 1, 1941, and will move to Forest Park, Ill., with his family soon thereafter. A formal letter of acceptance of this position, to which he was elected by the recent General Conference in Burlington, Iowa, has been received by Dr. William Kuhn, executive secretary of the General Council.

● The Cleveland churches observed the 75th anniversary of the Publication Society on Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15. On Saturday evening all the employees of the society and their wives met for an anniversary dinner at Ander's Cafe. Thirty-six people were in the group. The illustrated lecture on the Publication Society was shown. On Sunday evening the anniversary service was held in the Erin Avenue Church with Mr. H. P. Donner, business manager, bringing an illustrated lecture on the history of the Publication Society. The Rev. W. J. Zirbes of Patterson, N. J., was also present and took part in the service. It was a memorable occasion for all who attended the fine anniversary program!

● Rally Day was observed by the White Avenue Baptist Church and Sunday School of Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday, September 29. On the previous Sunday afternoon the annual retreat for all Sunday School workers was held to consider the plans for the coming year. "The Ever Ready Circle" of the church, which is well known for its missionary service and money raising ability, has decided to give 10% of all monies raised during the next three years to the Centennial Jubilee fund of the denomination. The Rev. W. S. Argow was the guest preacher on Sunday morning, September 8. The Rev. William C. Schoeffel, pastor, began his active work on Sunday, September 15, after his vacation.

● The Beaver Baptist Church near Auburn, Mich., observed Rally Day on Sunday, September 22, with the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. The Sunday School attendance was 105, which equalled the school's enrollment. The superintendent, Mr. Herman Majeske, was in charge of the program. Among the guests were also Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grosser of River Forest, Ill. Mr. Leuschner brought the morning message, conducted a discussion for church workers in the afternoon and showed missionary pictures in the evening. On the preceding Sunday, September 15, the church was privileged to have the seminary students, Mr. Hugo Zepik and Paul Hunsicker, who brought messages at the services and showed pictures of the seminary. The Rev. Herman Kayser is the pastor of the church. Miss Alma Keyser has recently begun her service as a teacher in the High School in Vernon, Mich.

B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

Edited by the REV. MAX G. MITTELSTEDT of Kyle, Texas

Sunday, November 17, 1940

THE WORLD'S NEEDS

There is no need to discuss in detail the deplorable state in which the world is today. We are all very much aware of it, because we are all suffering from it. The forces of evil seem to have their day, and men everywhere suffer. Many attempts have been made to eliminate certain evils that are the curse of mankind. It must be admitted that most of these attempts have met with little or no success. This fact has caused many to give up in despair, having lost all hope. Others still long and wait for a better world to live in. Is there any hope that such a better world will ever be established? Jesus has promised man a rich and an abundant life under certain conditions. That promise has become a reality in the lives of many individuals. It will come true in ever wider circles as men are ready to comply with the demands made upon their lives by the author of that promise, and are willing to adhere to the basic principles that make for such a life.

1. Acknowledging God's Authority

Scripture References: Exodus 20:1-11; John 5:30.

Very few people deny the existence of God as the Supreme Being of the universe. Theoretically, his absolute authority over man is acknowledged by millions of people. Actually, however, the authority of God over the actions of men is ignored by most of those who admit this authority in theory. The will of God is done, therefore, only when it does not happen to interfere with their own will. The world is not conscious of God, his authority, his will, in the practical affairs of life. Instead man has set up for himself a number of "little gods" to serve them. They are the gods of his own making and consequently to his own liking. They are always before his eyes. He at first loves to serve them, but, finally, they assume complete mastery over him and dominate his whole life. The conflicting ambitions and desires of these little gods, selfish in their nature, lead to injustice, hatred and strife among individuals as well as among nations. The world needs to acknowledge in practice as well as in theory one central authority—God. Jesus was repeatedly tempted to determine the course of his life and his ministry his own way, ignoring the will of God. He triumphed over these temptations because of a deep consciousness of his Father's authority over him. "I do not seek my own will, but the will of him that sent me," was the guiding prin-

ciple of his life. The world needs to learn that lesson.

Discussion: Name and discuss some things that often threaten to assume priority over the will of God in the lives of individuals and among nations.

2. Respecting the Rights of Others

Scripture References: Exodus 20:12 to 17; Rom 13:8-10.

In the above scripture references the principle is laid down which must govern the relationship between men. Such a relationship can exist only, if it rests upon the sure foundation of love. Love God . . . love thy neighbor—these commandments belong together. Love of God finds its practical application in love of our fellow men. The world needs a deeper conviction of the fact that to ignore the God-given rights of man is to trespass against God. To sin against a neighbor is a sin against God. Adherence to principles as outlined in these scripture passages will eliminate greed, selfishness, hate, envy, covetousness, exploitation, the characteristics of sinful nature responsible for the misery and suffering of the world. Love works no ill to his neighbor, but seeks his good.

Discussion: Discuss Rom. 12:21—"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

3. A Witnessing Church

Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:13-16.

The world needs an aggressive Church that will boldly proclaim God's rightful demands upon man. The Church must insist that man's first duty is obedience to God. It must hold before the eyes of man the new life, the motive of which is love, as revealed in Jesus Christ. It must insist on the practical application of the teachings of Jesus in the life of individuals, in our social life and among nations. But sinful man can not live up to such a high standard. The good life can not be decreed by law, it must come from within. The Church therefore must proclaim the good news of salvation from sin in Jesus Christ. The world needs a host of Christian people who through word and deed witness to the power of God in Jesus Christ which overcomes evil and does good.

Sunday, November 24, 1940

CHRISTIANITY UNDER FIRE

Scripture References: 1. Peter 4:12-19; John 15:17-21.

Christianity always has been under fire. It is today. It will be under fire so long as the struggle between good and evil continues. Jesus told his disciples that they should have to endure

trials, tribulations and persecution. The apostle Paul was convinced that "all who would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." The "fiery trials" of the Christian Church are not always of the same type, but they are always present in one form or another. We can not discuss all the trials and tribulations that Christians must endure. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said, "Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Christianity has for centuries endured the persecution of severe criticism. There is much criticism of Christianity and the Christian Church today. It is our aim in this study to determine how much of this criticism is false, what portion of it is fair criticism, and the effect that it has on the Christian Church.

1. The Fire of Criticism

It is a common characteristic among men to shift the blame. When something goes wrong in life, every one and every group attempts to place the responsibility for it upon the shoulders of others. Much of the criticism directed against Christianity, against the Christian Church and its leadership, is of that type. There is much economic and social injustice in the world—Christianity is blamed for having failed to bring about a righteous world. There is much strife and hatred between various groups, social classes, nations and races—"Christianity has failed to bridge the gap between these hostile factions." The Brotherhood of Man is a beautiful Christian conception, preached from the pulpit, but there is little evidence of it in real life. In this respect, we are told the Church has also failed. The Church is pledged to preach peace and good will among men—"it has failed to keep even Christian nations from becoming involved in another terrible war." Is such criticism fair? The Church is not without fault. It must admit its share in the common guilt of mankind. But to place full responsibility at the door of the Christian Church for all the ills of the world is obviously unfair criticism. Christianity has never been given a chance to minister to the ills of the world on a large enough scale, employing its methods to cure these ills. Christianity has the power to transform individuals, it also has the power to transform society.

Not all criticism, however, can be dismissed on the ground mentioned above. The Church has made slow progress in its supreme task of evangelizing the world. It has often failed to speak clearly on practical issues that definitely come within the province of religious authority. It has

neglected to call wrong practices within and without the church by the right name—SIN. Instead of imbuing the world with the Spirit of Christ, it has permitted the spirit of the world to enter its doors. In an editorial of Fortune Magazine (January, 1940) this statement is made, "The flock is leading the shepherd." This criticism is directed against the leadership of the Church. The clergy, instead of providing spiritual leadership, has submitted to the leadership of the masses. A similar criticism must be made against the Church. Instead of leading the way, it has too often chosen the course of least resistance, submitting meekly to the demands of worldly powers, thus surrendering its leadership. It is a just criticism that the Church has repeatedly submitted under pressure to a disastrous compromise which always resulted in a loss of spiritual energy. To the extent as these criticisms are correct the Church has failed to be the light of the world, dispelling the darkness and showing the way.

2. Its Effect on the Church

Just criticism of Christianity, when recognized as such, will have a wholesome effect on the Church. We are usually not aware of our shortcomings until our failures are pointed out to us. The Church must face the charges brought against it frankly, it must admit its failure instead of offering excuses, and must change its ways accordingly. It is impossible to predict what effect the modern "fiery trial" of severe criticism of Christianity will have on the Church. It should not be so difficult to reach an agreement concerning the desirable results that this criticism should effect within the Church. Consider the following statements as suggestions for further discussion.

1. The criticism of Christianity challenges the Church to a more determined effort at world evangelization.
2. The Church must sound a clear note on all issues that come within the province of religious authority without compromise, even at the risk of persecution.
3. If the Church would be the salt of the earth, saving the world from destruction, it must keep itself free and pure from all things that are foreign to the Spirit of Christ because they destroy its spiritual energy and effectiveness.
4. The Church must lead the way, accepting as its Supreme Leader and Sole Authority Christ, the Head of the Church. It dare not let any group, any combination of groups, or popular opinion, (the last is probably today the greatest danger) determine its course.
5. There are many reasons why we can be grateful to the Christian Church. It has meant a great deal to us and has left its influence for good upon mankind. State some of your reasons for your thanksgiving for the Church.

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the joy of every victory, feeling the shame of each defeat.

There is, however, no reason why we should not maintain our organizational integrity as German Baptists, that is, we must remain an autonomous body within the larger brotherhood of Baptists. We have a specific work which is our responsibility. On the home mission field there are millions of Germans of their descendants in need of the gospel. On the foreign mission field we are doing pioneer work in the Cameroons and among the forgotten people of Europe. That is a trust which we dare not betray! As a denomination we have a fellowship among our pastors and people second to none in beauty, largely because of its intimacy. This mission is in no sense contrary to the aims and purposes of our parent body.

A merger now can be of no benefit to the body at large nor to us. In spiritual enterprises centralization does not necessarily result in greater loyalty to the common cause, nor is it synonymous with greater efficiency of operation or greater achievement.

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patterned after that blessed tie which binds our hearts, namely, Christian love. Let our fellowship with them be one of kindred minds in Christ, our common Savior and Lord.

Visions of Inward Unity

As a denomination let us have no delusions of grandeur. Numerically speaking, we are comparatively small. Yet even of the man with one talent God requires faithfulness. In order to be faithful to our trust, we shall have to close all the gaps within our ranks and stand united. This unity—as all true unity—must be based upon common love of the Savior and the denomination. It must further be based upon a clear recognition of the diversity of gifts within the body. Of these Paul speaks in 1. Cor. 12:4: "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit." Attaching worn-out labels to one another is an un-Christian practice, utterly destructive of the spirit of unity.

"The Chicago Herald-Tribune" recently published a striking cartoon on the political campaign now getting under way. It showed the elephant upon a high plane, while the donkey was in a pool of mud with a mud gun in its hands. The question was: Shall the campaign be conducted upon a high plane or will it degenerate into a mud slinging contest? The lesson to be drawn from that cartoon is obvious. We as a denomination, as pastors and people of its various churches, face a choice. May God grant us grace to conduct ourselves in relation to one another upon a high plane. May it never be said of us that we have slipped into the mud pool and picked up a mud gun in order to besmirch a fellow-Christian! Unity must be based upon mutual confidence and tolerance, both of which recognize the diversity of gifts, but hold fast to the unity of the spirit.

Inward unity requires a clear vision of our work as a whole, a vision of all of its phases and branches in relation to one another. Inasmuch as all are essential, none ought to predominate to the detriment of the others. All must be permitted to share the privileges in accordance with their need; all must bear responsibility according to their varying ability.

A Venture of Faith

In the final analysis, our work from its very inception was, and is at present, and will be in the future a work of the spirit, a venture of faith. The vision of the magnitude of our task will, therefore, be in direct proportion to our faith in God. The higher the plane of faith, the larger both the range and clarity of vision. Our task then will be limited not by its nature, but by the horizon of our visions and consecration to translate them into reality.

May God vouchsafe to us a clear vision of our task and courage not to turn back, but unitedly to dare to march on towards its realization.

"Hail, Son of a Lion!"

This Native Greeting for Miss Carrie M. Swyter, Missionary in Nigeria, Africa, Who is Now at Home in George, Iowa, on Furlough, Forms the Basis for an Intensely Interesting Article

"Oku, Danzaki!" (Hail, son of a lion!) Titles for women are few in Nupe land. When the Christian natives gathered to decide what rank I should hold, they resorted to one for a prince. Thereafter I was known as "Danzaki." Today I glance back to those of whom I thus became one. It is impossible to think of the title given me without recalling some of the people who most frequently used it.

Again I see them and the groups they represent. Watch them as they pass!

Sheshi

Looking back I see Sheshi, a Mohammedan. He always saluted me with a broad grin. Whenever we engaged in conversation I found him exceedingly agreeable, no matter what the subject we discussed. Sheshi very hypocritically assented to all that was said concerning our Lord Jesus Christ. I doubted his sincerity, for, once his own daughter, standing beside me, under her breath, said "Hypocrite." His kind are many. Often, while pleasantly saluting, have men like Sheshi quickly gathered their robes around them, lest in the narrow path something on my person by contact should defile them.

Sheshi, they write me, is gone now—gone from this earth. Those others must go too some day. Their childhood training forbids them to listen to the God-given message of Christ. The natural reaction to these self-righteous ones is one of disgust and a desire to refrain from giving forth the Word of Life. The voice of One more righteous and compassionate speaks from within, however, and his words are none other than, "Preach the gospel to every creature." That, of course, includes the Mohammedan.

Nda

Then I see Nda, as I called him. I never did learn to know his name. Almost daily he was near his home as I passed to go to school. Smiling solicitously, Nda would bear down with peculiar emphasis on the last two syllables of my title so that I could hear only, "Zaki." Nda is a Mohammedan object of almsgiving, for he is a leper.

He no longer has fingers or toes. He makes his living by divining in the sand—a kind of fortune-telling. His attendance in the services was always very good, and one was so vividly reminded of the fact that he needed to be made whole—spiritually whole.

Nda has numerous companions in suffering, for there are so many lepers. Some, like one of our Christian Nupe lads, have sought refuge in our leper colonies where servants of God minis-

ter to the physical needs of such afflicted. We rejoice, whenever possible, to arrest this dreadful disease in the individual leper.

Fatima

This young girl frequently called to me as she came running down the path on her way to school. To her everything was a comedy, even her own stupidity. She was keen to learn to read, but unwilling to listen when the Word was discussed or explained. But the day came when after school I heard Fatima timidly call, "Danzaki." As

Others of his age, who have learned to know and love the Lord, are unable to seek help in the Book by themselves. They will always need to be guided by others who are more fortunate than they.

Sam

Here was a missionary—one sent to his own people. It was a joy to hear Sam's voice in salutations. Sometimes he came in on market day from the village where he with his wife, Amina, were doing a fine bit of work for the Lord. He preached and taught until a



Miss Swyter With Her Nupe Friends of the Patigi School, Nigeria, Africa

we walked homeward together she revealed what was then uppermost in her mind.

"What does it mean to trust Christ?" she asked.

Those were happy moments, as we together quoted the promises of Christ. Fatima confessed Christ the following Sunday, and since then her whole attitude has changed. She is but one of the girls who have not only learned to read the Word of God but have also accepted the Savior therein revealed.

Nakoji

This man was a determined old soul—determined to read the Word of God. I shall never forget the time when he plead, "Danzaki, won't you teach me to read?" He was about thirty-five years older than I cared to have my pupils be, but with determination, cooperation, and a few brains much can be accomplished.

His courage, I believe, was stimulated by his firm conviction that to reach his fellowmen he must be able to read the Word as well as quote it. That was a long steep hill we climbed together. The last time I heard him read he was not as yet a fluent reader, but, thank God, he could read!

small group of professing Christians were ready to build their own church in the village.

Once while visiting the village where Sam was at work I had the privilege of watching him spend his day. He began the day with a morning prayer meeting and concluded the day with a regular school session. Apart from this, however, he gave private instruction to any and all who sought his help throughout the day. He never seemed to tire of his task, and God gave the increase.

Oh, for more who will carry the gospel to the villages where there is no witness for Christ. To think of these places is to be reminded of the great unfinished task!

I am looking back, back to the boys and girls, men and women in Nupe land who need "the Good News." As I look and listen in meditation I find I am also looking ahead. "The sacrifice is great," I hear some say, "both physically and materially." Is it worth the price? Only if our evaluation is made in the light of eternity! Over and above the arguments of the multitude I again hear the words of the multi-whose voice I know, "Go . . . and lo! I am with you."

The Boy from Hogan's Alley

By Eleanor Kees

SYNOPSIS

A cold and stormy night was the beginning of a long string of adventures for Jimmy, an orphan boy from "Hogan's Alley," and his dog, Toby. While stealing a dinner in a fashionable house, they were caught by the master of the place, Mr. Howard Ormsby, who took a peculiar fancy to the boy. In spite of the protest of his invalid wife and the cook, Kathleen, Mr. Ormsby gave the boy and his dog a place to sleep and decided to take care of them. Jimmy received an outfit of new clothes and was given a new name by Mr. Ormsby, which was to be James Crandall. While preparing the boy for his first trip to school, Mr. Ormsby revealed the secret of his strange interest in the lad. He had a son of his own, whose name was James, who had died when he was six months old. Then the two walked to the garage and Jimmy's heart thumped like a sledge hammer as he anticipated the thrill of riding in a big car for the first time in his life.

CHAPTER FOUR

"I think," said Howard kindly, "that you had better leave Toby here. We'll have to go into the stores, and to the schoolhouse to see the teacher, so Toby would only be in the way."

Jimmy's spirits sank.

"He—he—won't stay. He'll—he'll—run off. He'll—he'll—try to follow us, an' get lost, or worse'n that, mebber get runned over an' killed," he said, his voice trembling. He was on the verge of tears.

"Oh, no. Toby's going to be perfectly safe. I'm going to see to that," said Howard cheerfully. "Now you step away from the door until I back the car out, then we'll put him where he can't get away. You see, he must learn to be separated from you for a few hours. He can't go to school, you know. No boy can take his dog to school."

"Why?" asked Jimmy. He wasn't certain he wanted to go to school if he had to leave Toby behind. He wondered if it wouldn't be wiser to take Toby and travel on.

"If every boy took his dog to school, there would be so many there that they could not study. The dogs would fight, and there would be such confusion that the teacher could not teach them anything. Toby will learn to stay at home, and he'll be so happy when you get back that you'll be glad you left him behind just to see him romp

and play when you do return. Now stand back out of the way."

Howard climbed into the car, and Jimmy took Toby and stepped back. There were strange misgivings in his heart. He felt a choky feeling in his throat, and a misty feeling in his eyes. Even with the prospect of a good home in view, he felt that something unpleasant was about to take place.

He watched the big machine glide out of the garage; then the man got out and beckoned for him to follow him. They went inside the garage, and Howard opened a door which led to steps going downward under those leading to the room above.

"Down this way," said Howard, and Jimmy followed him into a basement beneath. Numerous articles which accumulate around a home were stored there, including some old pieces of furniture, pictures in old-fashioned frames, dishes, quaint pottery, paint buckets, several worn automobile tires, garden hose, and tools of various kinds.

"This will be a good place to leave him," said Howard. "He will probably howl quite loudly, but he can't get out, and he'll finally give up and wait for you to come home. See, he's interested in the place," he added, as Toby began running around and sniffing at various things. "Now you slip quickly up the steps while he isn't looking."

But this was easier said than done. Jimmy was somewhat handicapped by the large shoes on his feet, and no sooner had he started than Toby was at his heels, and bounded ahead of him. Jimmy stopped short.

"I guess we can't work him that way," he said. "He'll have to go along."

Howard reached up and patted the dog as he paused on the steps.

"Toby," he said, "James is going to school to learn some things he does not know, and we will have to teach you some things you do not know. The first thing you must learn is to stay at home. You are a nice dog, Toby. You see you must learn how to be good so James can learn the things he wants to. Some day he's going to be a fine man, and you must learn to help him. You'll feel badly at first, but soon you won't mind it a bit. It will be lots better than being cold and hungry, and having no place to sleep. Don't you think so, too, James?" he asked, turning to the boy.

James swallowed hard. It was terrible to have to think of Toby suffering from loneliness. He could understand why the man wanted the dog left

behind, but Toby could not. Oh, if he could only know what the man was saying! If he could only realize that it would be best for him in the end!

"You see, Toby," went on Howard, appearing not to notice that James was suffering untold misery over his beloved pet's predicament, "there are boys who like to tease dogs, and, if you did not learn to stay at home, you might go to school some day and they might throw stones at you and hurt you. Sometimes they even take a tin can, put some small stones in it, tie it to the dog's tail, then turn him loose. The stones rattle in the can, the dog gets frightened, and starts to run. He just runs and runs until he can't find his way back, and his master never knows what becomes of him. It's lots better for him to stay here, isn't it, James?"

James was won completely over. Visions of Toby, a tin can tied to his tail, and running wildly through the streets, decided him.

"You go on up," he said to Howard. "I'll foller, an' we'll just shut the door on him. He's got to learn things just like I've got to learn to read books."

Howard went up the steps. James followed with Toby beside him. They went through the door, and James took the dog by the back of the neck, pushed him back on the landing, and abruptly closed the door on him.

Toby immediately set up a wail, and flung himself against the door, scratching vigorously, but James set his jaw in a firm line—although Howard could see a battle was going on in the little breast—helped close the garage doors, then took his seat in the car beside his newly-found friend.

Kathleen did not find time to clean the basement bathroom the next day until the lunch dishes were cleared away. There were many duties in the Ormsby household, although no one was ever overworked.

Kathleen seldom had any work to do upstairs, and never waited upon the invalid. A woman came in every morning and cleaned the entire upper floor, and Miss Childs, a nurse, cared for Mrs. Ormsby and little Jean in the daytime.

The invalid usually slept well all night, so if she needed any attention during the night her husband always waited upon her. She was not a sufferer. Paralyzed since the birth of her child, with no hope of every being any different, she was merely helpless from

her waist down. Previous to the birth of her baby she had been a society woman, but owing to her condition her husband had purchased a more modest home in a quiet part of the city. They had discharged their force of servants, and gone into social retirement. Howard Ormsby's business kept him downtown during the day, but his evenings were always spent at home with his family, trying to bring a bit of cheer to his lonely wife, and trying to be a real companion to little Jean.

Kathleen put away the last of the lunch dishes, swept the kitchen floor, then started down into the basement. She wanted to get through with her work so that she could lie down and sleep a little while. She had been out very late the night before, and she had to get some rest.

She was glad that "little ragamuffin," as she termed James, had not been back to lunch. Besides making extra work for herself she did not like to have him sitting around in her kitchen. She hoped Mr. Ormsby would take him down into the city and lose him, or perhaps turn him over to the officers.

She wondered how he came to be in the house, anyway. She had tried to question Mr. Ormsby about it, but he had evaded her questions. She was positive he had been stealing food, and that he had fed the dog on the expensive rug, but she had been unable to find out any more than she knew when she was called upon to show the lad to the basement.

She stopped short when she opened the bathroom door. Part of the water had evaporated from the floor, but there were still some tiny puddles in several places. The soiled bath towel, and the lad's discarded rags lay scattered about. There were marks and streaks left on the wall where the dirty water had splashed up and run down behind the tub. Kathleen gingerly crossed the room and looked into the tub, then uttered a wild exclamation of disgust and an anger.

"The little heathen! The little devil!" she cried, her eyes blazing, and her face flushing with anger. "He even bathed his measly dog in the bathtub! Oh, but I'd like to have my hands on him now!" And she ground her teeth in her fury.

She pulled the chain in the tub. "The little imp!" she snapped scornfully. "He didn't even have the decency to drain out his bath water! I wish I dared report this to Mrs. Ormsby. I wonder if she knows he was here. Like as not Howard wouldn't tell her."

She gathered up the ragged clothes, picked up the dirty towel, and left the tub to drain while she put the towel in the laundry room and consigned the rags to the furnace flames. Going back to the bathroom she looked into the tub. It had stopped draining. The dog hairs had clogged the outlet.

Kathleen's vocabulary contained some words which she used only to herself, or when she was in the presence of some of her rough friends, and she

made use of every one of them as she went back to the laundry room to get some necessary things to aid her in cleaning the hairs out of the tub and drain pipe.

"I just hope these don't clean it!" she sputtered to herself. "I just hope I have to have Howard Ormsby call in a plumber, so he can see what kind of a mess this is!"

But, much to her disgust, she soon had the drain cleared so it was necessary for her to go ahead and clean the tub and bathroom. She was so upset by her anger, however, that she could not sleep when she finally got through and laid down to rest, so when Howard Ormsby arrived for dinner she was not in a very pleasant frame of mind.

Howard drove his car up the drive and paused before the garage doors. The machine was scarcely stopped when James was out, calling back, "I'll open 'em, Mr. Ormsby," and jerked the doors open. He couldn't wait another minute to see Toby.

He jerked the inner door open, and out jumped the dog. It was hard to determine which was the happiest over the reunion. The dog jumped up, almost upsetting his little master, licking his face and hands, and wagging his tail with all his puppy strength. James twined his arms about the dog's body, murmuring words of pity to the animal for the long separation. Howard Ormsby sat in the car and waited, his motor running, unwilling to spoil the joy of the two. And there was a tender light in his eyes which had not been there for ten years.

At last James straightened up suddenly. "Toby," he said, "we're keepin' Mr. Ormsby from puttin' the car in!" and he dragged the dog out of the way.

Howard drove the car into its place, a smile lighting his features.

"I'm sorry," began James, following him in. "I clean fergot you was a-waitin'. Gee, but Toby was so glad to see me! I bet he's hungry, too."

"Go on in and tell Kathleen to give you both something to eat," said Howard. "Maybe you had better take your clothing up to your room first," he added, taking several packages from the back seat of the car. He unlocked the door, and they went up to the boy's room.

"Now, James," he said, "I'm going to teach you how to make your bed after a while. You must arrange your clothes in the dresser drawer, too. I want you to learn to be very neat in your room. I shall expect to always find it clean. You'll try very hard, won't you?"

"You bet I will!" answered James. "And let's don't say 'you bet.' Say, 'yes, I will, Mr. Ormsby.' I want you to learn to be a gentleman."

"Just like you," suggested James, looking affectionately at his idol—for that was what the boy was fast making of his newly-found friend.

Howard Ormsby did not answer, but busied himself with one of the shutters

on the windows so James could have fresh air in his room.

A strange feeling swept over him. Did he want this lad to be just like himself? The question thrust itself forcibly upon him, and he suddenly felt that he was taking a tremendous responsibility upon himself. Here was a dwarfed and blighted young life unfolding, and it was up to himself to see that it unfolded properly. Here was a character to mold, and he must see that it was molded as it should be. And was he the proper pattern for this life to be fashioned after? He turned to the boy with a smile.

"Not like me, but very much better," he said.

"I don't never want to be no better'n you," declared James stoutly.

"Oh, yes," answered Howard thoughtfully. "I hope there will come a day when you will want to be better than I am. And I hope the day will come when you will be much better. Come, we must go get something to eat."

Kathleen looked up as James and Toby entered her kitchen. She surveyed the neatly dressed lad, with closely trimmed hair, for just an instant. What a contrast to the little tramp who had been so unceremoniously ushered into her presence the night before! A casual observer would never have known it was the same lad.

Kathleen had worked among people long enough to be able to distinguish between the good and the bad in the human race. She could tell when an individual had been well-born. She knew that poverty could not erase the traits of refinement and culture, and that riches did not make a lady or a gentleman if there were no real tendencies there.

So when she saw James, with all traces of the garb and grime of the alley gone, she knew that by the proper care and environment here was material for one of nature's noblemen. However, the duty she had been obliged to perform for him in the bathroom had so soured her that she was in no mood to treat him kindly.

"You here again?" she snapped.

"Yes. Mr. Ormsby said you was to give me an' Toby something to eat," answered James humbly, but if he hadn't been so hungry, and hadn't imagined Toby was almost starved, he would rather have gone to bed without a bite of food than ask this young woman for a mouthful. He feared her almost as much as he had feared her.

"What business have you got orderin' me to give you something to eat?" demanded Kathleen angrily. "Why don't you go on about your business, instead of hangin' around here?"

"Mr. Ormsby wants me to stay here," answered James meekly.

"All the time?" snapped Kathleen.

"He said so," answered the boy.

"I'd think you'd be too proud to hang around like a beggar," she declared.

"I'm—I'm—goin' t' work for him an' go t' school."

"Oh, you are, are you? Where'd you come from, anyway?," she demanded. "What is the discussion about?," asked a voice, and Kathleen turned to face her employer, her face flaming. She had not heard him open the door. She wondered how much he had heard her say.

"I was only askin' him where he lived before he came here," she answered, starting toward the cupboard to set him out some food.

"Please set out some dinner for him," said Howard Ormsby in a calm but forceful tone. "I will answer your question. He came to me from people who abused him, but I am giving him a home and expect him to be treated with respect. If you wish him to run errands he will be willing to do it for you—provided you ask within reason. I expect him and the dog to be well fed, and I am raising your wages a dollar a week because of the extra work it makes you. If at any time you are dissatisfied with the arrangement, please tell me and I will engage another maid who will be willing to do what I ask."

He turned and left the room, leaving Kathleen trembling with rage and fear. She knew now that Howard Ormsby had heard her conversation, and that her position was threatened if she disobeyed him. She knew she must serve the lad or look for a new position, and it would not be easy to find another place without a recommendation. Moreover, she knew if she left because of her unwillingness to do for the boy that Howard Ormsby would never recommend her to anyone else. She thought also that she saw a shadow of triumph cross the boy's face, and it made her dislike him all the more to know she must serve him or lose her job. She—Kathleen Skelly—serving a beggar! The thought of it ate into her like a canker.

She set out some dinner for him, however, and fed Toby until his thin sides stuck out.

"Now you can help me," she said harshly when James had finished. "Mr. Ormsby said you was to run errands if I asked you. There's a drug store down the street eight blocks. I want a box of face powder. Here's fifty cents. Tell the clerk it's for Kathleen Skelly, and he'll know the kind I want. Now hurry, and mind you, don't lose that money. If you do it'll be just too bad for you—that's all!"

She shut the door behind the boy and smiled in hateful satisfaction. She didn't need the powder just now, but she was determined to make him serve her. Besides, she didn't want him hanging around in her way. Let him earn his keep—the little tramp!

James hurried down the street, and Toby followed. He found the drug store without any trouble, and gave his message to the clerk.

"Well," said the young man, "I'm not the regular clerk who knows Miss Skelly. He's sick with a sore throat, and I'm taking his place. I'm sorry, but

I wouldn't know what kind she wants." "She'll be awful mad if I go back without it," said James.

"Well, couldn't I telephone to her?," asked the clerk.

"Mebbe you could," replied James.

The clerk picked up the directory and ran down the list of Skellys.

"What name would it be listed under?," he asked.

"I dunno," answered James. He knew what a telephone was, but he hadn't the faintest idea about the system of using one.

"Well," said the clerk, a puzzled frown on his face, "where does Miss Skelly live? What is her address?"

"I dunno that. She just give me the money an' asked me to come."

"Well, where do you live? Is she near you?"

"Oh, we both live at Mr. Ormsby's."

"Oh, maybe we're getting some place now. Do you live with Mr. Howard Ormsby?"

"Yes, that's him."

"Well, we can find out now," he said, and reached once more for the directory. But after a short conversation with the operator he turned to the boy.

"Mr. Ormsby is connected with long distance, and it may be a half hour before he is through," he said. "Do you want to wait?"

"No, I can't. She said to hurry. She'll be mad if I don't."

"Well, you had better go back and get the name of the powder she wants," said the clerk.

James trudged back. Kathleen turned sharply to him as he entered the kitchen.

"Did you get it?," she asked sharply. "No," answered James, and hastened to explain why.

"Well, you can march back," said Kathleen. "Have you got the money yet?"

"Yes," answered James.

"Let's see," she demanded. "You sure you didn't spend part of it for candy?"

James produced the money. It hadn't occurred to him to buy candy, but now a longing to take part of the fifty cents and spend it just for himself surged over him. It would serve her right for being so cross with him.

"Here," said Kathleen, handing him a slip of paper with something written on it. "Give this to the clerk, and hurry back! Now get just what I have written on the paper!"

James went obediently back to the drug store once more. The clerk looked at the slip.

"This powder has lowered in price the last few days," he said, looking at a price slip. "It is only forty-five cents. You have five cents coming to you."

"I'll take it in candy," said James.

"What kind?"

"Oh, them," he answered, pointing to some chocolates in bulk.

The clerk weighed out the candy, wrapped up the powder, and James and Toby left the store.

Toby jumped up at his master as

they went outside. He knew pretty well what was in that sack. His master had bought candy before. Barb had taught her charge a little about the value of money, and a few times James had found some article which he had been able to sell to a fellow alley-dweller near his own age, and had always invested his few pennies in candy.

He felt no qualms of conscience, however, for having used Kathleen's money for himself. He knew nothing of right or wrong. The only laws he knew anything about were those laid down by Barb and Hank. He knew nothing whatever about religion. He had never heard the name of God except in an oath, and it represented nothing to him.

So he shared his stolen sweets with Toby, and filled his mouth so full of the toothsome dainties that the chocolate ran down his chin. He did not notice that his fingers were smeared with chocolate, and that he left bold prints of it on the paper that Kathleen's powder was wrapped in. Thus he appeared before her, and handed her the package.

"You've been eatin' chocolates, haven't you?," she demanded. James shook his head.

"Say, don't you lie to me!," she cried. "How much did this powder cost?"

"Why—why—fifty cents—just what you give me," he answered boldly.

"Did you have some money besides what I gave you?"

"No—er—yes—I mean."

"You little wretch!," she cried, seizing him by the shoulders and vigorously shaking him. "You're lying to me! You stole some of my money and bought candy!"

"I didn't!," cried James, jerking away from her. Kathleen seized him once more and dragged him up before the mirror.

"Look at your face!," she cried. "There's chocolate on it! And look at this package!," she demanded, swinging him around and holding out the soiled paper to him. "Look at the chocolate on it! I'm going right in and tell Mr. Ormsby!"

"If you do I'll tell him you shook me an' hurt me," declared James, backing off, and rubbing his shoulder where the girl had grasped him so roughly. He was blinking hard to keep back the tears. "I never thought of takin' yer old money till you asked in the first place if I'd took it. I'll tell him how you talked to me if you tell him I bought the candy!" And his eyes snapped defiantly at Kathleen.

The maid controlled herself by main force. Much as she wished she might bring the matter before her employer she knew it would bring questions down upon herself.

"We'll let it go this time, but you better look out in the future," she said fiercely. "I'm goin' to watch you, an' you better do what I want you to! And the first nickle you get you gotta pay me back! Do you hear?"

(To be continued)

Reports from the Field

Pacific Conference

Third Anniversary Celebration of the Laurelhurst Church, Portland, Oregon

The Sunday following Labor Day is known as "Home Coming Day" to many churches. Vacation days are over, and everyone seems enthusiastic for the Fall activities of the church. At the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., this particular day also means "Anniversary Sunday." We are now just three years old, and the church celebrated this occasion on Sunday, September 8, and the following Wednesday, September 11.

A poem about the anniversary, composed by Marian Roach, was the outstanding number during the Sunday School period. Special music was rendered at both morning and evening services. The Rev. Fred Mueller's sermons were very inspiring and appropriate for the occasion.

Our anniversary celebration, which carried over to Wednesday night, served a three fold purpose. On one of the Wednesdays of each month we have a joint prayer service of young and old led by the young people. This meeting was led by Marion Roach. It was very encouraging to see so many present.

The second purpose of our meeting was to hear the Rev. Fred Mueller's report of the General Conference at Burlington, Iowa, which, indeed, was very interesting. The third and main purpose was the continuation of our anniversary celebration. Mr. Mueller gave a brief report of our church activities during the past three years. He reported 58 baptisms, 5 deaths, 18 marriages and a present total membership of 300. Special music was also rendered by the choir.

We praise our Lord for his wonderful guidance. We feel much encouraged and are endeavoring to do more for him the coming year.

ANNA WARDEN, Reporter.

The Baptist Church of Wasco, California, Helps Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Roskam to Celebrate Their Silver Wedding Anniversary

On Wednesday evening, August 28, the Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., publicly celebrated the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Roskam, members of our church. This is a beautiful custom, which has been observed for a number of years, to rejoice with those who are privileged, on their journey of life, to arrive at such a memorable milestone.

Many members and friends gathered in the church auditorium. A program of special songs, a poem by Mrs. Frank Penner, a daughter, and an address by

the pastor, the Rev. F. E. Klein, was rendered. Mrs. W. G. Kraft, president of the Ladies' Missionary Society, spoke words of appreciation and affection in the name of the society and presented Mrs. Roskam with some beautiful flowers. The pastor spoke on the words in Isaiah 48:17 and gave words of congratulation, wishing God's blessing upon their future years, and then presented them with a beautiful framed silver wedding anniversary motto. Mr. Roskam responded with words of thanks for the kindness shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Roskam were united in marriage on August 26, 1915, by Rev. S. Blum at Lorraine, Kansas. Fourteen children, all living, have been given to them. Most of the older ones are members of the church, filling places of service in the various branches of work. May the blessing and guidance from the heavenly Father be their happy portion in the years that are still before them.

F. E. KLEIN, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

Welcome of the New Pastor and His Wife at Hebron, North Dakota

On Sunday, September 8, the German Baptist Church of Hebron, No. Dak., had the pleasure of welcoming its new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. E. Mittelstedt. Our church in town was filled to its capacity with members and friends from near and far.

Under the direction of our deacon, Mr. J. Schmidt, a fine program was rendered. Representatives of all church organizations from both town and country welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Mittelstedt as coworkers into the activities of the churches. At the same time they pledged their full support and encouraged the new pastor in the work of this large field which is white for harvest.

We had the privilege of having our neighboring churches represented. The Rev. P. F. Schilling of Beulah and the Rev. K. Gieser of Bismarck brought us timely messages. Mr. and Mrs. Mittelstedt were given the opportunity of expressing themselves, which they both did in a spirit of love and service.

The choir of the town church and the male quartet of the country church enriched the service with their messages of song. After the program all were invited to the dining room where the ladies had refreshments prepared for all.

Our prayers are that God may bless this union and that much may be accomplished in this community of God's Kingdom!

Ordination in Carrington, North Dakota, of the Rev. Gustav Lutz, Pastor of the Baptist Church in Jamesburg, New Jersey

The German Baptist Church of Pleasant Valley, No. Dak., invited 8 nearby churches to send their pastor and two delegates on Sunday, September 1, for the purpose of examining and setting apart into the gospel ministry Mr. Gustav Lutz, a member of the Pleasant Valley Church, a graduate of our Rochester Baptist Seminary, and the newly elected pastor of the Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J. The meeting was opened by the local pastor, the Rev. E. E. Bonikowsky, Scripture reading and prayer by the Rev. D. Klein of Germantown, No. Dak. The resolution of the Pleasant Valley Church was orally submitted by the pastor in which the council learned the church's desire to ordain one of its members into the Christian ministry.

The council was organized and the Rev. Daniel Klein of Germantown was elected moderator and the Rev. A. E. Reeh of Goodrich as clerk. The candidate was presented to the council by the deacon of the church and invited to tell of his conversion, call into the Christian ministry and views of doctrine. After these had been heard and discussed, the council unanimously recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination.

In the evening a large number of relatives, friends, and members of the church were present to witness the ordination service. After the singing of a number of hymns under the leadership of Mr. Edmund Wehr of Anamoose, the minutes of the council were read by the clerk. The Rev. E. E. Bonikowsky, the local pastor, read a Scripture passage and the Rev. A. E. Reeh of Goodrich led in the evening prayer. The Rev. Thomas Lutz of the Mount Zion Church in Kansas, brother of the candidate, delivered a suitable sermon for the occasion. The Rev. A. W. Bielheimer of Anamoose gave the charge to the candidate, while the Rev. R. G. Kaiser of McClusky extended the hand of fellowship into the ranks of the ministers of Jesus Christ. The ordination prayer, with the laying on of hands, was spoken by the Rev. G. W. Pust of Fessenden. The impressive service was closed with the benediction by the Rev.

The Baptist Church in Jamesburg, N. J., has reason to be proud of their young, biblically grounded and ambitious minister. May God continuously sanctify and set him apart, who gave his testimony before the council, and may the Lord use him mightily!

A. E. REEH, Clerk.

Summer Work in the Bison Field is Crowned With Success

Many times within the last five years I have been wishing for an opportunity to get acquainted with our Baptist work in the Dakotas. Only this summer, the last of my student days, did my dream come through. God showed me the way to that field out of problems which confronted me dangerously at that time.

I began my work in Bison, So. Dak., and Hettinger and Havelock, No. Dak., on June 23rd, unaware at that time of the challenge that awaited me. A challenge it was, that large mission field with its numerous German families and unconverted young people. The entire summer was nothing but prayer and personal work on the part of Christ's workers. Continuous evangelistic meetings could not be conducted, as much as we would have liked to put forth



Baptismal Candidates at Bison, South Dakota, With Rev. Otto Lohse (Right) and Mr. Paul Hunsicker (Left)

such special effort. But what could not be done in that way was accomplished in another, at least partly.

It was the personal work that was to be crowned at the end of the summer months. Souls confessed Christ and, together with some others, were baptized on September 1st. Never shall I forget the courageous testimonies of the converts when they faced the congregation at noon, nor the actual baptismal service in the afternoon, that was attended by a large crowd that had gathered from near and far. From Isabel, a station 85 miles away, our friends had come on a special bus to share our joys with us.

As I look back to count the many blessings, my heart is filled with thanksgiving unto God, who made it possible for me to consider my student work well ended. A special "thank you" to the deacons and officers of the church, who supported me so willingly and thus helped to make the summer a success.

God bless the new minister, the Rev. R. Sigmund, who is now stationed on this field. May he, too, be able to say when his work there is done: "It was wonderful!"

PAUL T. HUNSICKER, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Richard Grenz at Napoleon, North Dakota

Mr. Richard Grenz, a graduate of our Rochester Baptist Seminary, was ordained into the gospel ministry in his home church at Napoleon, No. Dak., on Sunday, September 15. The ordination council consisted of 24 delegates from 7 churches.

The ordination sermons were delivered by his pastor, the Rev. A. Ittermann, in English, and the Rev. K. Gieser of Bismarck, No. Dak., in the German language. The ordination services were held in the School Auditorium, so as to give room for the large number of friends and members. The ordination prayer was spoken by his former pastor, the Rev. A. Heringer, with the laying on of hands by all pastors present. Rev. W. Luebeck gave the hand of fellowship and Rev. A.

leaders of the various branches of the church. In response, the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Lang expressed their sincere love and gratitude for all love and kindness shown them.

On Sunday evening, September 1, the church held a welcome reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Itterman and family. After the close of the Sunday evening service, Mr. Henry Olthoff, chairman of the board of deacons, took charge of the meeting. The program consisted of prayer, songs by the male quartet, men's chorus, mixed double quartet, and brief welcoming greetings by the various organizations of the church.

In response the Rev. and Mrs. A. Itterman said that the warm reception made them feel happy and at home, and that they were looking forward increasingly to happy relationships with the people in the work of the church.

After the program, the rest of the evening was spent in the church dining room getting acquainted with the new pastor and his wife and enjoying the refreshments prepared by the women of the church.

GEORGE J. TERVEEN, Clerk.

The Avon Baptist Church Celebrates Its Golden Jubilee

The Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak., jubilantly observed its 50th anniversary on September 1 and 2. Special features of the event were timely and inspiring messages by honored guest-speakers. The Rev. J. F. Olthoff, a former pastor having served the church more than 18 years, brought the anniversary message on "God's Helpers in Building the Kingdom," (1. Cor. 3:9), and reminisced tenderly and happily on the experiences and blessings of other days. The Rev. John Schroder, a surviving constituent member of the church, now pastor of the Baptist Church at Gilmore City, Iowa, gave a helpful address on Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and of good courage."

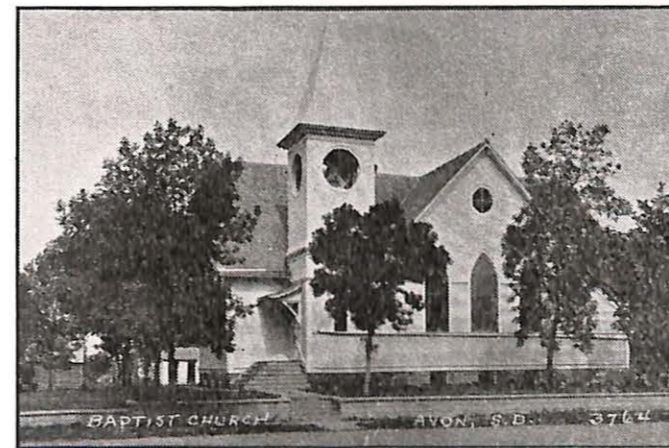
The Rev. Wm. Kuhn, general missionary secretary, spoke to the blessing and edification of all on "Planted in the Garden of God" and "Rejoice in the Lord." He also spoke before the Women's Missionary Society on "Anointing the Lord Jesus Christ" through loving and devoted service in the home and in the church. The Rev. Arthur Ittermann, as pastor of the Mother Church at Emery, brought a challenging message on, "Building Successfully." Deacon Arthur A. Voigt led an impressive Roll Call service, the members responding with Bible verses.

An original poem, co-authored by Mrs. W. R. Van Gerpen and Mrs. E. J. Pritzkau, vividly portraying important events in the life and work of the Woman's Missionary Society, was most effectively given by Mrs. W. R. Van Gerpen. Ringing testimonies were given, praising God for all his marvelous blessings during these years, and Deacon A. A. Voigt led the congregation in a prophetic forward-look with a fervent address on "Our Hope for the Future of the Church."

The following items from the historical sketch of the church will be of interest. In 1886 two Baptist families from our Aplington church, D. H. Plaatje and H. Schroder, settled near Avon. Soon a Sunday School was begun, and meetings were held in a schoolhouse. The Rev. O. Olthoff came down from Emery to preach for them. God's blessing came, and by 1890 the number of believers had by baptism and migration increased, so that the church was constituted in the home of D. J. Burfeindt with 24 constituent members.

The Rev. O. Olthoff continued to serve the small church as the first part-time pastor, and during the years 1890 to 1895, 20 persons could be baptized. On a plot of two acres of land, given by August Voigt as a site for a church and cemetery, a chapel, 22 by 32 feet representing a value of \$1500 was erected and dedicated with much rejoicing in 1891. In 1901 the chapel was moved into the town of Avon. Soon it became too small for the growing congregation, and in 1905 it was replaced by the present edifice at a cost of over \$6200. Mr. Frank Kaiser, then a theological student at Rochester, N. Y., worked on his field during the summer of 1894.

From the first a spirit of revival has characterized the Avon church, and gracious revivals occurred from time to time during these 50 years. Thus, the records show baptisms as follows: Rev. E. Wolf, 1895-1897, 16; Rev. J. Scholz, 1897-1900, 3; Rev. J. F. Olthoff in his first pastorate, 1901-1906, 26; Rev. G. E. Lehr, 1907-1913, 70; Rev. J. F. Olthoff in his second pastorate, 1913-1927, 121; Rev. Benjamin Schlipf, 1927-1935, 89; and up to the 50th anniversary of the church the



The Baptist Church of Avon, South Dakota

present pastor, Rev. F. W. Bartel, has been privileged to baptize 73.

Summing up the results of these 50 years of labor with and for the Lord, we may tabulate: 1) Additions, by constituent members, 24; by baptism, 414; by letter, 166; by confession, 22; by restoration, 16, or a total of 642. 2) Removals, by letter, 170; by death, 52; by exclusion, 52; by erasure, 37; or a total of 311, leaving the present membership at 331, the highest in our his-

tory. The church has given \$113,208.27 for local causes, and \$55,368.27 for missions, or a grand total of \$168,576.54 for all Kingdom causes.

Eight of the original constituent members still survive as living witnesses of God's rich grace. Five former members were called as ministers of the gospel. Four young women of the church are in active Christian work as minister's wives. Truly, "this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

F. W. BARTEL, Reporter.



Members of the Benton Harbor Church at Lake Michigan for a Baptismal Service

Central Conference Happy Days in the Clay Street Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan

Our summer activities are drawing to a close and fall work will soon begin. Unlike most churches in Benton Harbor, Mich., which close for the vacation period during summer or have no evening meetings at all, we of the

B. Y. P. U. to open the evening meetings with song service, scripture, prayer and special music. All appreciated this service very much.

During the coming year the B. Y. P. U. will have its meetings on Monday nights. Our leadership group, under the influence of its president, Mr. N. Moor, advocates more intensive Bible study and urges all young people to live more spiritual lives. Pastor and leaders will cooperate in efforts to raise the spiritual level of our society. Sunday, September 1, will remain

an outstanding day in our activities for a long time. On that day the congregation worshipped for the first time in the newly decorated church. In the afternoon baptism took place in Lake Michigan, and in the evening in the baptistry of the church. Four persons followed Christ in baptism.

In the afternoon the wedding of Mr. F. Veninga of our Seminary in Rochester and Miss Mauch, a member of this church and of the Extension Department of Moody's Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., took place. For this purpose church and platform were beautifully decorated, and a large audience filled the church to capacity. The Rev. H. Mauch, brother of the bride, officiated.

After the evening service the Clay Street Baptist congregation celebrated the Lord's supper, at which occasion the pastor extended the hand of fellowship to the newly baptized. The Lord is visibly with us and blesses the efforts of his children, and we are looking forward to greater progress of his Kingdom. May the work prosper and progress, and may his Kingdom come in power and glory.

MRS. E. GUTSCHE, Reporter.

Kankakee Church Holds Farewell Program for Seminary Student and His Wife

On Wednesday evening, September 4, the B. Y. P. U. of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., took part in a farewell service for Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gernenz who are moving to Chicago, where Mr. Gernenz is entering the Northern Baptist Seminary for preparation for the ministry. Mr. and Mrs. Gernenz were active in all

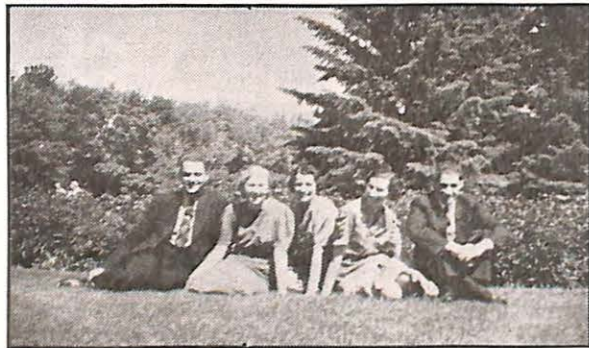
Clay Street Baptist Church of this city were privileged to keep our doors open and to conduct meetings throughout the summer. During the absence of the Rev. E. Gutsche for vacation and the General Conference we had Mr. Arthur Schulz of our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., to supply the pulpit. He also proved to be helpful in many other capacities. There was no B. Y. P. U. activity during July and August. However, it was the privilege of the

church, Sunday School and young people's activities and were greatly loved for their willingness to serve. We are certainly proud to have this young couple enter the service of our Lord and Master.

The service was opened with several hymns and a prayer offered by the Rev. F. P. Kruse. Talks were given by: Miss Polly Marketto, president of B. Y. P. U.; Miss Alma Salzman, choir director; and Mr. Arthur Salzman, Sunday School superintendent.

An inspiring talk was given by the Rev. W. J. Zirbes, a retired minister who has served in churches in Brooklyn and Cleveland. He is a veteran in the ministry and had many good thoughts to offer to the young couple.

The church pastor, the Rev. George Hensel, talked on "Discipleship" and presented Mr. and Mrs. Gernenz with a gift on behalf of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Gernenz gave responsive talks and the meeting was ended with prayer and benediction by Mr. Hensel. Refreshments were furnished and served by the B. Y. P. U. and a social time was then enjoyed in the church basement. POLLY MARKETTO, Reporter.



Edmonton Training School Quintet That Toured Canadian Churches
(Left to Right: Raymond Dickau, Agnes Priebe, Lilly Kuhn, Myrtle Hein, Reinhold Schmidt)

Northern Conference The Summer Tour to Canadian Churches of the Edmonton Training School Quintet

The morning of June 5 found five happy, excited Canadian young people ready to leave the Christian Institute building at Edmonton, Alberta, together with the school principal, the Rev. E. P. Wahl, to begin a missionary tour through the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. These young people were Agnes Priebe, Lilly Kuhn, Myrtle Hein, Reinhold Schmidt and Raymond Dickau. As we left, it was with a mixed feeling of joy and anxiety, wondering just what the next few weeks would bring with them.

The evening found us rendering a program 400 miles from home at Medicine Hat, one of our churches in the far south in our sunny province of Alberta. After visiting several other little churches that week, we crossed into Saskatchewan to be at the churches in Regina and Southey for Sunday, June 9.

It was in Regina that Mr. Wahl left us to go to Overstone, Manitoba, to conduct a Bible School and to hold evangelistic services for a period of two weeks. Although we felt like orphan children without him, we rejoice that God's power was manifested in such a wondrous way that many souls were brought to the saving knowledge of Christ, our Savior.

In the meantime, the quartet and pianist were privileged to visit many churches in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, joining Mr. Wahl again at Winnipeg. It was truly a grand experience to become acquainted, not only with the larger churches of our Northern Conference, but also with the smaller ones in our denomination.

Travelling approximately 4200 miles during the month, which we were away, we held 33 meetings, visiting 34 different churches. Happy we were to tell others what Christ had done for us and to let our praises ring forth in song and testimony! Wherever possible we sought to bring comfort and gladness to the sick and disabled as well.

It was uplifting to see the great

interest shown in the Bible School project by many churches, even to the far south in Manitoba. Our young people rejoice in the fact that we now have a school of our own, and, undoubtedly, we shall have many students from far reaching points in our conference at the school this year, the term of which will be from December 1, 1940, to March 28, 1941.

The last weeks of our tour were very strenuous. Three meetings on a Sunday and every evening of the week, including Saturdays, was not unusual. Wet roads and long distances between churches at times made it difficult, but we arrived home safely, although weary and extremely happy.

Again, we wish to take the opportunity to thank all those who opened their hearts and homes to us and who showed us so many kindnesses. To such also who gave to the support of our Christian Training Institute so liberally, we say, "Thank you!" Continue to uphold this new work in our prayers, and God will richly bless you for the same.

MYRTLE HEIN, Reporter.

Out-of-Door Baptismal Service is Held by the Onoway Church

On Sunday afternoon, September 15, the Baptist Church of Onoway, Alta., Canada, had the privilege of holding a baptismal service. There were 6 converts who were baptized in the Sturgen River with the beautiful sun shining overhead.

We had the joy of having the Rev. E. P. Wahl from Edmonton with us who conducted the meeting on that Sunday afternoon. He brought a wonderful message to every person present, especially to the young converts. The Edmonton male chorus brought a few numbers at this occasion, beautifying the service by their songs.

SELMA BREITKREUZ, Reporter.

Thirteen Converts Are Baptized and Added to the Edenwold Church

Sunday, August 4, was a day of many blessings for the German Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., Canada. Our pastor, the Rev. A. Weisser, had the joy of baptizing 13 persons on confession of their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The majority of these had accepted Christ at our evangelistic meetings last Fall when the Rev. A. Kujath of Regina assisted the Rev. A. Weisser.

We came together for the Sunday School service in the morning. After the service we had dinner in the basement of the church. At 2 P. M. we gathered at the river where the baptismal service was held. The Rev. A. Kujath brought the message.

The choir sang suitable hymns as Mr. Weisser baptized the candidates. Afterwards we went back to church and the hand of fellowship was extended to 17 persons. The Rev. Ed. Fenske of Vancouver, B. C., spoke on the theme, "A New Creature in Christ." In conclusion we took the Lord's Supper to commune with our Master in remembrance of his death as we praised God for his many blessings.

GERTRUDE KURTZ, Reporter.

Seminary Student is Active in His Home Church During Summer Months

The Baptist Church of Southey, Sask., Canada, joyously welcomed home one of her most beloved sons, Melvin Pekrul. Two years ago Melvin Pekrul left for the United States to enter our seminary in Rochester, N. Y. Our prayers and good wishes accompanied him in his desire to prepare for the Christian ministry.

Now everyone here felt that God has wonderfully answered prayer. While on his vacation Melvin Pekrul served his home church in practically every capacity. He assisted in Sunday School work, taught some courses in the Vacation Bible School, testified in street meetings, helped in the organization of a Junior church, and conducted young people's hours and regular worship services. As our people listened to his stirring messages on

topics such as, "Little Things That Count," "David Fills the Bill," "Life, and More Life Yet," they were deeply moved and inspired. At the conclusion of the services one could hear such remarks: "Wasn't it an inspiring evening," "A wonderful message indeed!" "Yes, our seminary puts out 'real men' in whom both learning and Christian zeal are combined."

Shortly before Mr. Pekrul left for Rochester again the B. Y. P. U. arranged a surprise farewell party at the home of his parents. After a repertoire of games and choruses and smiles, the pastor of the church presented a gift to him from the young people in recognition of his services. As the strains of "God be with you till we meet again" sounded forth, everyone experienced that mixed feeling of gratitude and sadness. We were thankful for the Christian fellowship but wished that parting had not come as yet. However, we also were glad that Mr. Pekrul could return to the seminary to continue his studies until the Lord will call him into permanent and full time service.

KARL KORELLA, Pastor.

Mr. H. J. Wilcke, Seminary Student, Serves the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton During the Summer

The Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., Canada, had the privilege of having Mr. H. J. Wilcke of Cleveland, Ohio, a young student of the Rochester Baptist Seminary, as supply pastor for the three summer months of June, July and August. He was a great blessing to our church, Sunday School and young people.



Young Men's Class of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., With Mr. H. J. Wilcke, Summer Pastor, at Right

Mr. Wilcke's sermons were all held in the German language and the messages which he brought, were very inspiring and of great blessing to us all. Besides the regular sermons on Sunday mornings, he brought a message for the children in the English language, which they fully enjoyed.

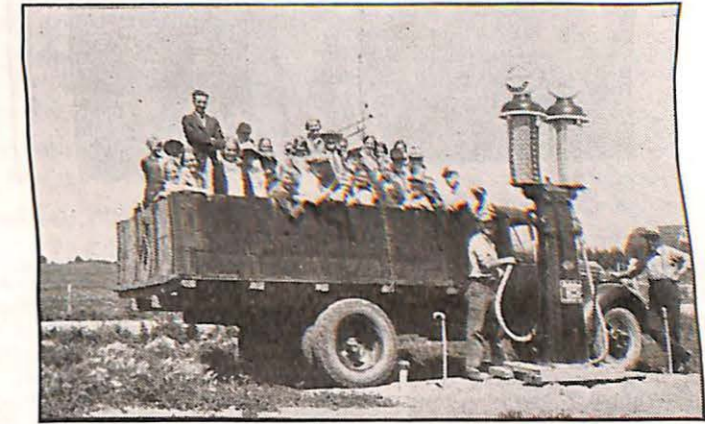
Mr. Wilcke was also very active in

the Sunday School by teaching our young men's class, which is the largest class in the Sunday School with an enrollment of about 43 members. A picture of that class appears on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

Our mid-week prayer meetings were also very inspiring. Mr. Wilcke also served the Lauderdale Church, which is a mission station, every Sunday

many new blessings were experienced by the students who attended the Daily Vacation Bible School which was held at the First German Baptist Church of Olds, Alta., Canada, from July 22, to August 2. There was an enrollment of 39 students with an average attendance of 35.

The school program was opened each day with the students marching and



Children of the Olds Vacation Bible School on Their Way to a Picnic

afternoon and mid-weekly with prayer meetings. On Wednesday evening, August 21, a large gathering of church members and friends attended a farewell reception held in the basement of the church. At this farewell luncheon various branches of the church paid tribute to Mr. Wilcke for his services rendered, and a program was also held.

Everyone of us has received a great blessing in having Mr. Wilcke with us. He won the hearts of all our young people especially. May God bless him

singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers," and then saluting the Christian and Canadian flags and the Bible. The school was divided into three divisions, as follows: Primary department directed by Mrs. G. Beutler; Intermediates directed by Vernon Link; and the Seniors directed by the church's pastor, the Rev. G. Beutler.

Some of the courses taught in the school were "Stories of Parables" and "Bible Miracles" for the Juniors, "Trip to Palestine" for the Intermediates, and "Principles of the Baptists" for the Seniors.

On Friday, August 2, which marked the last day of classes, Mr. Jonathan Hiller was so kind as to put his big truck at our disposal in transporting the students and teachers of the school to Keever's Lake for a picnic. A pleasant and happy time was enjoyed by all in swimming and with the treats which were so kindly supplied by the children's parents and the Sunday School.

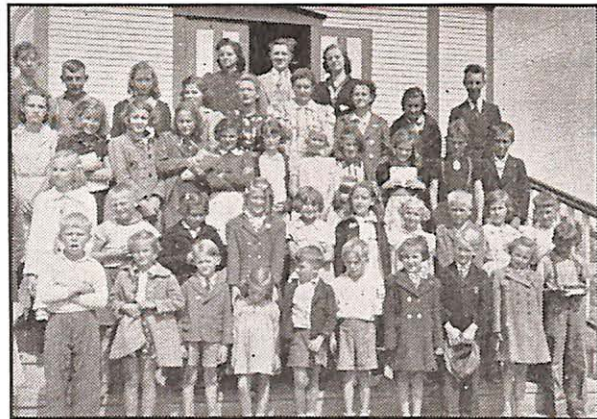
On Sunday evening, August 4, the closing program of the school was held in the church, at which a large crowd of parents and friends was present. Through the reciting of memory work, the quick and accurate answers to questions asked about the studies and the display of handwork the audience was shown how worthy it is to hold a Vacation Bible School.

Short talks of an encouraging nature were given by Mr. Ed. Suess, superintendent of the Knee Hill Sunday School, and the Rev. C. B. Thole, superintendent of the local Sunday School, who also expressed thanks to the teachers and awarded each student with a motto as a diploma. The children and mothers presented each teacher with a gift showing their appreciation for the work which they had done.

VERNON LINK, Reporter.

Third Annual Vacation Bible School Held by German Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta

Much enthusiasm was shown and



Vacation Bible School Group at Nokomis, Saskatchewan, Canada

Demonstration Program of the Vacation Bible School in Nokomis, Saskatchewan

The closing program of the Vacation Bible School held in Nokomis, Sask., Canada, from August 5 to 17 was presented on Sunday night, August 18. The church was filled to its capacity as the children marched to the platform singing, "While We're Marching, Jesus Is Our Song."

After a word of welcome extended by the undersigned to all present and to the visitors in particular, the children sang several choruses, including "The Bible Stands, Though the Hills May Tumble." Then 1. Cor. 3:11-15 was recited by Orran Bartel, a pupil on vacation in Nokomis, and Meola Felske recited Matt. 7:23-27. Both of these portions of Scripture speak of "building," and as our general school motto was "Building Character," a song, "Building, Daily Building," followed, sung by the Intermediates and Seniors.

The demonstration of the lockets, each representing one lesson, was done by ten volunteers. Each child told a little about the lesson and recited the verse on the respective locket. The next number was rather exciting, for the children demonstrated a "Bible-reference-finding competition," to show to the audience their ability in finding Bible verses. The children's favorite chorus, "The Gospel Train," followed, upon which Bernice Sailor recited Romans 8:1-11. A demonstration of the handmade books by all three classes was given respectively.

The first prizewinners in each class for handwork were Elnora Fenske, Seniors; Bel Downey, Intermediates; and Alfred Jeschke, Juniors. The first, second and third prizes for memory work went respectively to Irene Wolter, Bernice Sailor, and Orran Bartel.

The teaching staff was comprised of Miss Ruth Fenske, Miss Beatrice Ross of Winnipeg, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wegner. E. M. WEGNER, Pastor.

Reception For Rev. E. P. Wahl and Family by the Edmonton Church

Sunday afternoon, September 8, was an occasion of rejoicing for some 450 members and friends of the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alta., Canada, who gathered to welcome the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Wahl and family to their new pastorate.

Mr. Wahl has been very active throughout the western provinces in conjunction with the Bible School work. He was successful in being released from some of his duties, however, so as to be in a position to accept the unanimous call of our church, taking over his new responsibilities commencing with the first of September.

Under the capable leadership of the Rev. F. Benke and assisted by the Rev. H. Schatz and Mr. E. Nelner, the Wahl family was officially welcomed, with officers of the various branches of the church and the mission station of Lauderdale extending felicitations.

We were also privileged in having with us on this occasion the Rev. E. R. Smalley, mission secretary of the Baptist Union of Western Canada, who extended greetings on behalf of this great body. The neighboring English Baptist churches also sent greetings and the Rev. D. Young of the First Baptist Church, on behalf of the ministerial association welcomed Mr. Wahl as a co-worker in Christ.

Each of the Wahl family, in turn, responded to these greetings with 9 year old Wallace singing a solo as his part of the program. Mr. Wahl then gave us a brief outline of the work that lies ahead, stressing the need for willing workers among both young and old, and pointing out how the work of the church and of the Christian Training Institute can become a blessing and mutual help in winning mankind to a more beautiful life in Christ. Mr. Wahl will retain his duties as dean of the Bible School.

An enjoyable luncheon and friendly get-together followed the afternoon session, and it is our prayer that the Lord may fruitfully bless the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Wahl and that the relationship between church and pastor may be a harmonious one, having as its objective the building of God's Kingdom.

L. F. BORCHERT, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference The Scripture Memory Project of the Kansas Association

The results of our first attempt in Scripture Memory work in the Kansas Association were so gratifying that we took up the work with renewed enthusiasm last Fall. An executive committee, composed of G. F. Koch, H. A. Schacht, W. Helwig, and A. Weisser with J. Kornelson as chairman, was chosen to carry on the work for 1940. This committee selected a hundred verses for the children to memorize.

Lessons in Luke

During the last quarter of this year and the first quarter of next year the Sunday School lessons will be from the GOSPEL OF LUKE. This is one of the choicest books of the New Testament and it is a great privilege to spend six months with it.

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brations grew better, other delegates and visitors arrived. After the devotion led by Rev. John Weinbender, the moderator, Rev. Alfred Weiser, again assured one and all a cordial welcome. Organizations of the conference followed and the reading of church reports took place.

Among those unforgettable moments were the daily devotions led by Prof. O. E. Krueger. With the theme of the conference as a guide he spoke on the following topics: "The Saving Christ," "The Compelling Christ," "The Sheltering Christ" and as special conference anniversary speaker he presented "The Christ of Experience." As representative of the seminary and the denomination at large he led us to face facts and figures that have risen out of our relation to God and the denomination. Words fail us to express adequately our appreciation of his presence, personality and participation in the program.

Other speakers and their respective messages were: F. W. Socolofsky, "The Practice of Righteousness"; Pieter Smit, "The Power for Service and Victory"; R. A. Klein, "The Second Coming of Christ"; Henry Pfeifer, "Christ and the Challenge for His Crusade"; Theodore Frey, "An Historical Sketch of the Southwestern Conference." The Revs. John Kennitz led the devotion on Friday and J. H. Kornelson on Saturday. Among those who cheerfully led song services were the Revs. R. A. Klein, Roy Seibel, Martin De Boer, and Thomas Lutz.

Services during the day were held in the splendid Calvary Baptist Church and the fellowship was fine especially during dinner and supper. Services during the evening were held in the spacious High School auditorium with large numbers attending. After the service on Friday evening we had the pleasure to view slides and moving pictures of some of our churches presented by Mr. E. Hildebrand of Stafford.

The Ladies' Missionary Union presented its own program on Friday afternoon. The young people, anxious to see the surrounding and to know each other, spent the afternoon at the "Social-Get-Acquainted Outing" in one of the nearby parks. Reports of these activities appeared in the last issue of "The Baptist Herald." Suffice it here to say that the outstanding and unique banquet on Saturday evening as well as the inspirational program of the Sunday afternoon belong to the highlights of the conference that will linger with all of us for a long time.

The Sunday School experienced also a happy day on Sunday when large classes with competent teachers came to speak of the "Ever Present Christ." The Sunday morning worship service, under the banner of missions, was stimulating and challenging. The offering for missions amounted to \$125.25.

HENRY PFEIFER, Reporter.

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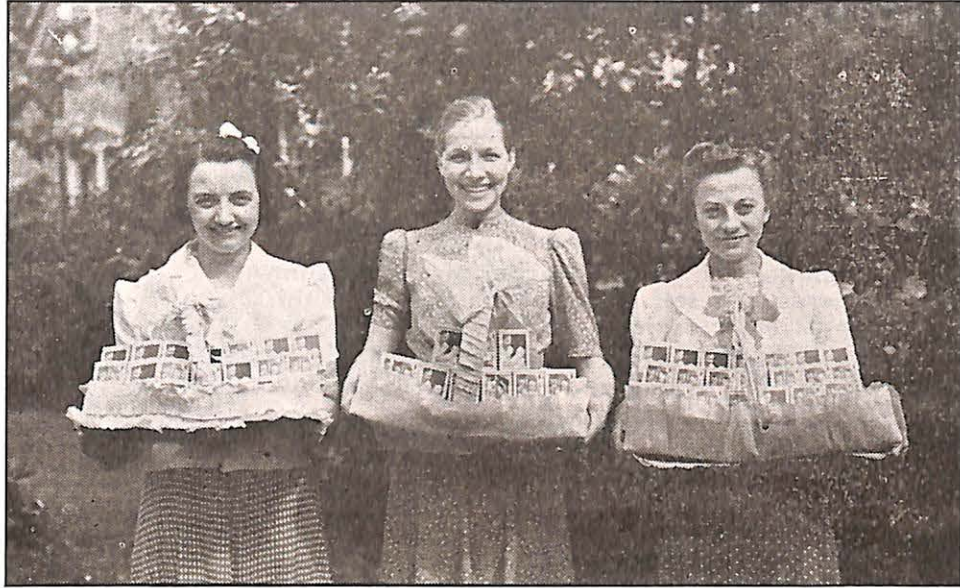


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Bringing Our Thanksgiving Offering to the Lord for the

Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, TO SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

The Missionary Secretary Speaks

During the past years our churches have been observing the "Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week." Naturally, we are always interested in winning more churches for an effective observance of this week. Unquestionably, the adoption of the plans for the observance of our Centenary Jubilee in 1943 was one of the outstanding events of this last General Conference. Every registered delegate and visitor received a copy of the pamphlet "For Christ and Our Churches." Valuable information covering our denominational enterprise as well as our ten goals to be striven for during this last triennium will be found in this pamphlet.

During all the years of our history, our first and only allegiance has been to Christ. For the years of our unknown future, we would pledge even a truer and more unwavering allegiance to him.

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Denominational Goals for 1943

- 1—Dedicating ourselves first to the Lord.
- 2—Winning the Unsaved to Christ.
- 3—Enlisting many Members for the Ministry of Intercessory Prayer.
- 4—Strengthening the Unity of Our Denominational Life.
- 5—Supporting our own Household.
- 6—Training our Youth for Leadership.
- 7—Encouraging all our people to commit themselves voluntarily to a conscientious Discipline of Daily Bible Reading.
- 8—Organizing and Conducting our Sunday Schools as a most efficient Agency to win every Scholar for Christ and our Churches.
- 9—Winning more Churches for the adoption of the Club Plan.
- 10—Completing our Missionary and Benevolent Offering Budget beside the \$100,000 Centenary Offering.

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Sunday, November 17, to Sunday, November 24, 1940