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The Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and
Church Extension of The Methodist Church records with regret the death of
the Reverend Bishop John L. Nuelsen, at the age of seventy-nine, on June
26, 1946 in Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, after an illness of sev-
eral months.

Born on January 19, 1867 in Zurich, Switzerland, of American
parents, Bishop Nuelsen received his preparatory education in Germany.
He attended Central Wesleyan College in Warrrenton, Missouri, and received
his B.D. from Drew Theological Seminary in 1898, and an M.A. from Central
Wesleyan two years later. Bishop Nuelsen taught for two years, 1898-99
at St. Paul's College, Minnesota, and then spent a year studying at the
University of Berlin and Halle. On his return to America, he held a preach-
ing appointment for a year, and in 1894 returned to teaching, as a profes-
sor of exegetical theology, Central Wesleyan Seminary. In 1899 he trans-
ferred to Nest Theological Seminary, Berea, Ohio, where he remained until
1900, when he was elected to the episcopacy. He spent one quadrennium in
the Omaha Area before being assigned to the Zurich Area. Bishop Nuelsen
supervised the work in Germany until 1936, when Bishop F. H. Otto Halle
was consecrated, and then continued his care of the Methodist work in
Switzerland and other parts of Europe until 1940, when he was retired from
active service.

Bishop Nuelsen was the author of ten theological books and many
articles in encyclopedias and periodicals. In the first World War, and
for a time afterward, he was a member of the executive committee of the
Central Bureau for Relief of the Evangelical Churches in Europe. He re-
ceived the D.D. degree from the University of Denver in 1903, and both
Nebraska Wesleyan, in 1910, and Baldwin Wallace, in 1925, gave him an LL.D.
He received a Th.D. from Berlin in 1922.

Bishop Nuelsen is survived by three sons and a daughter, with
whom we would rejoice in their father's record of meritorious and construc-
tive service to the Church.
Bishop Nuelsen's Mother Departs.

Bishop Nuelsen's mother, Mrs. Rosalie Nuelsen, passed from earth Tuesday evening, May 12, of last week. Since the death of her husband, Rev. Henry Nuelsen, in 1911, Mrs. Nuelsen has made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Henry Kruse, in this city. She was born in Basle, Switzerland, August 24, 1822, and there was married. Whilst they were in the pasture at Zurich, their son, John L, was born, and today, having served as pastor and professor, that son has ascended to the Episcopate and since Providence in the great romance, has his Episcopal residence fixed in Zurich, where he was born in 1888. Henry Nuelsen retired from the active ministry and moved to America, settling in St. Louis, where he died. Mrs. Nuelsen was a retiring disposition, amiable, steadfast, a tender though quiet mother. She is survived by five daughters and three sons who idolize her memory. Tender funeral services were conducted in our German church by Rev. E. S. Hariquurs, D.D., her pastor. The burial was in St. Louis. Bishop Nuelsen is in Europe and unable to be present. Strong in faith, strong in character, but beautiful in her influence, she lived, loved, toiled, and saw that her labor was not in vain in the Lord. Her memory is blessed.

BISHOP NUELSEN

Bishop John L. Nuelsen was born in Zurich, Switzerland, January 19, 1867. His father being at that time a missionary and a member of the Switzerland Conference. He attended high school at Katholische and Hermat, Germany, and graduated from the latter at the age of nineteen. He then attended Central Wesleyan College, at Warrenton, Mo., where he received his degree of Master of Arts. From Drew Theological Seminary he received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1890. He received a Fellowship at Drew and studied at Berlin and Heidelberg. In 1891 Denver University gave him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was then but thirty-three years of age. In 1880 he entered the West German Conference, and served parishes in Kansas City, Mo., in Sedalia, Mt., and Shopp Eys, Missouri. He then entered Central Wesleyan College, at Warrenton, Mo., where he taught biblical literature and languages for five years. For eight years he has held the chair of expository theology in West Theological Seminary, Reutier, III. He was married to Miss Lucretia Elizabeth Stueben in 1881, in Brooklyn, N.Y. Dr. Nuelsen has written, Leader, the Leader of the nations, Men of the Kingdom, the Modern Phases of German Theology. He has written in German an edition of Wesley's Select Sermons and Life of Christ. He also wrote the article on "Methodism in America" in the Theological Encyclopedia, edited by Professor Hennig, of Leipzig. He is editor-in-chief of the Amerikanische Zeitschrift der Theologie und Kirche.
Canada puts us to shame to see the churches into one. What would we think if it was proposed to unite the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist denominations? We would probably excuse ourselves long enough to telephone for the ambulance and order a ticket for the lunatic asylum. We cannot get along unless we get up some sixteen varieties of Presbyterians side by side in this land of liberty. There are not so many Methodist denominations; but there are altogether too many.

In Canada there is no fight when such unification is proposed. Some few “Little Ween” make a din and rush for the courts, but the current sweeps on in spite of them.

The Church Union Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has held a meeting in Toronto, at which it was decided by a vote of 31 to 8 to proceed with the proposed merger of the Presbyterian, the Methodist, and the Congregational churches of the Dominion. It was agreed to ask for an additional article to the creed on the subject of prayer, and some slight modifications of the plan for settling pastors. That’s all.

It is interesting to learn that as a preparation for the further discussion of the subject the committee requested the other denominations to assist in making a general national survey of the religious conditions in Canada. It is believed the results of this survey will show a great over-churching
BISHOP ELECT NUELSEN

Prof. John L. Nuelsen, D.D., who fills the chair of exegetical theology at Nazarene Theological Seminary—a training school for German Methodists—preacher—was elected Bishop on the second ballot yesterday by a vote of 146, or 20 more than enough to elect. He had received 446 votes on the first ballot. Dr. Nuelsen, or Bishop-elect Nuelsen, gives promise of a long life of unusual usefulness.

John Lewis Nuelsen was born in Zurch, Switzerland, January 19, 1867. His father, Rev. Henry Nuelsen, was at that time a missionary in company with Dr. Henry Jacoby, the uncle of Bishop Nuelsen. The father still lives in St. Louis, Mo., happy in the ripe old age of 85, after having spent more than thirty years in the Methodist ministry. He is the oldest German Methodist minister living, a member of the Switzerland Conference, and is the only living minister who was sent out to Germany by our Church. Dr. Nuelsen is an American citizen of the third generation, though he was born in Switzerland during the missionary service of his father. He attended the grammar school, or high school, at Karlsruhe and Breun, Germany, and graduated from the latter at the age of 18. He then attended Central Wesleyan College at Warren-Ton, Mo., and there received the degree of A. M. He then attended Drew Theological Seminary, and left that institution in 1880 with the degree of B. D. He secured a fellowship at Drew and studied at Berlin and Halle. In 1880 Denver University gave him the degree of D. D. He was then but 23 years of age.

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Bishop-elect Nuelsen was married to Miss Loelia Elizabeth Stroeter, in 1886, in Brooklyn, N. Y. He said concerning her: "That is the best thing I ever did." Mrs. Nuelsen attended Denver University for five years, where her father was the professor of Latin, for many years. Her father, Prof. E. L. Stroeter, is now living in Berlin, where he is doing exegetic work under appointment of his conference. Mrs. Nuelsen had one sister and three brothers, but all are now dead. She is close left.

Bishop and Mrs. Nuelsen have three boys. The first one is eleven years old and is named Albert. The second one is seven years old, and was christened Ted. The baby, now six "you'ns" old, is called after his father, John Lewis.

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He is editor-in-chief of the "American Zeitschrift fur Theologie und Kirche." It is readily seen that a man of 30-one years of age, who has done such an amount of literary work is a tireless worker of very remarkable ability.

Bishop-elect Nielson's father was married twice. Dr. Nielson is the eldest son of the second marriage and his mother is now living at the age of 77. His half-brother, Clement A. Nielson, is with the Philo & Thömmes Paint and Glass Company in St. Louis. His full brother, William A. Nielson, is in the art supplies in Los Angeles, California. He has three half-sisters: Mrs. J. B. Reeder, wife of the principal of Enterprise (Kan.) Academy, a German Methodist school; Mrs. Henry Creese, of Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Aline Nielson, who is with her parents. He has two full sisters, Anna Martin and Lena, who are also at home. A sister and a brother have died.

Dr. Nielson speaks German regularly. Having lived in Switzerland for the first nineteen years of his life and in a German colony, he is at home with this tongue. He speaks German regularly in his home and in his teaching. As the German eloquent was suddenly back of all the intelligent and their request that they be given recognition on the Episcopate Board by his election. He also speaks French. Bishop-elect Nielson will make an ideal presiding officer in Europe: He is always well pleased, carefully considerate of all sides of the question and always sure of his position before taking it. He has judicial power, a breadth of heart, and close personal knowledge of pastoral conditions. He is well trained in church matters. He has a deep and vital religious experience. He commands friendships and draws confidence everywhere. In every way he is fitted to make a worthy Bishop, who will prove to be a valuable leader, knowing the church and glorifying the kingdom of Christ.
It was suggested that we adjourn until 8 o'clock to hear report of the tellers. The secretary reminded the conference that the tellers might be ready to report before the close of the conference session. The Bishop announced that at the opening of the conference after recess he would have Hindoosingers ready to be heard.

At the close of the recess two natives of India, who are delegates to the General Conference, and who regularly dress in native costume, including ornamental headgear, and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Blyars, missionaries, sang as a quartet. Mr. Blyars told the delegates the words in English and then sang them in the native language. The voices blended beautifully together, and the effect upon the audience was noticeably enduring as they sang—
"Victory, victory"—victory to Jesus who is crucified.

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The Board of Education report was again stopped just as another section was about to be put on the table by a request from Dr. Tipple, a member of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates. The report stated the fact that Rev. Ushar Sasamori, Ph.D., president of the College at Nagasaki, and the first fraternal delegate from the Methodist Church in Japan, must leave soon. Dr. Tipple requested that he be heard. The request was promptly granted, and Dr. Sasamori was introduced by Dr. E. F. Tipple, and was enthusiastically welcomed by the delegates. He spoke English with clearness and with a great deal of ease. He is a graduate of De Paul University of our own land. Among many things he said: "I was greatly honored by being elected the first fraternal delegate from the Japanese Methodist Church. We have a new discipline compiled from the three disciplines of the uniting Methodist families, and we believe that it is one of the best of its kind.

"We are sorry to be separated from you, but consolidation was impossible without it. Every missionary appointed by you has every right that our native workers do in our Annual Conferences.

"Our Church has 20 districts, 167 appointments, two conferences, 14,000 members. We have only 16 self-supporting churches. It still needs your help."

Dr. Tipple then requested the privilege of introducing the fraternal delegate from the Evangelical Association. His first task, however, to hear the report from Rev. A. J. Nuss, our fraternal agent, to that body.

Dr. Nuss began by saying that the Evangelical Association has always been considered as a part of the Methodist family. Its founder, J. B. Bly, though not converted at our altar, joined our Church immediately afterward. He received the first license given by our Church to an elder in the German language. When he was moved to form a new organization to reach the Germans of Eastern Pennsylvania, he named it "The Newly Formed Methodist Conference." They have sent as their fraternal delegate Rev. Dr. J. H. Lamb, the agent of their publication house in Cleveland, Ohio.

The delegates received Dr. Lamb as in their custom with fraternal delegates by standing to their feet. The words of

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He has been a steady churchman from the
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tist Church in New York City, and has
been a deacon for many years. He has
written many sermons and addresses,
and has contributed to various church
journals.

BISHOP-ELECT NUelsen

Prof. John L. Nuelsen, D. D., who fills
the chair of exegetical theology at New
Theological Seminary—a training school
for German Methodist preachers—was
elected Bishop of the second ballot yester-
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John Louis Nuelsen was born in
Zurich, Switzerland, January 19, 1857.
His father, Rev. Henry Nuelsen, was
a Unitarian in his youth, and his
mother—a Unitarian—died when he
was a child. In 1870, he entered the
Zurich theological seminary, and
received his degree in 1880. He
then attended the University of
Heidelberg, Germany, and
received his doctor's degree in
1884. He returned to the United
States in 1885, and has been
teaching at the New Theological
Seminary ever since.

Dr. Nuelsen's wife is a Unitarian,
but they live in a religiously neutral
house in New York City. The
family consists of three children:
two boys and a girl. The boys
are studying theology, and the
daughter is attending college.

The election of Bishop-elect Nuelsen
has been hailed by many as a
great step forward for the
Methodist Episcopal Church in
Germany. He is a man of
great learning and ability,
and is sure to be a
great asset to the
church in Germany.
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Bishop-elect Nuelsen was married to Miss Amelia Elizabeth Broend, in 1886, in Brooklyn, N. Y. He said concerning it: "That is the best thing I ever did." Mrs. Nuelsen attended Denver University for five years, where her father was the professor of Latin for many years. Her father, Prof. E. T. Broend, is now living in Berlin, where he is doing ecclesiastic work under appointment of his conference. Mrs. Nuelsen had one sister and three brothers, but all are now dead. She is alone left.

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funds into the Home and Foreign Board.

Dr. Clark moved an amendment to the committee's report preserving the identity of the Tract Society. He said: "I do not care to take the time of your body, but I am sure that many people in Methodism who will seriously object to the obliteration of this important corporation. We are compelled to distribute literature among many nationalities, both in this and foreign lands. I speak, however, more particularly for foreign mission work."

Dr. Hains also heartily supported this amendment out of the information gained from experience.

Dr. Horner C. Huntz, the long-experienced mission worker in many lands, around the floor and vigorously supported the amendment. He said: "It was my lot to serve as publishing agent in Calcutta. I have had experience in other places. If you do not pass this amendment I fear that we shall be greatly crippled in this department of our work. In Mombasa we started a small circulating plan and put out the first year about 40,000 pages of Christian literature. Last year we issued 1,000,000 pages and the encouragement to it all came from the Tract Board. We could not have done it without this help.

Dr. Frank A. North heartily supported the motion because it would cut off the twin-feeding of the mission work. The many foreigners in those locations demanded literature in their own language and no other society existed to help them."

Dr. A. B. Leonard also favored the vote laid on the table so that Chicago is assured as the location for the new Sunday School Board.

It was suggested that we adjourn until 1 o'clock to hear report of the letters. The secretary reminded the conference that the letters might be read before the close of the conference session. The Bishop announced that at the opening of the conference after recess he would have Hindoo singers ready to be heard.

At the close of the recess two native of India, who are delegates to the General Conference, and who regularly dress in native costumes, including ornamental head gear, and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Byer, missionaries, sang as a quartet. Mr. Byer told the delegates the words in English and then sang them in the native language. The voices blended beautifully together, and the effect upon the audience was noticeably enduring as they sang:

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The Board of Education report...
Dr. A. B. Leonard also favored the vote laid on the table so that changes be assured at the location for the next Sunday School Board.

It was suggested that we adjourn until 6 o'clock to hear reports of the teachers. The secretary reminded the conference that the reports might be read to report before the close of the conference session. The Bishop announced that at the opening of the conference after recess he would have Hinton singers ready to be heard.

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Bishop John Louis Nuelsen

Bishop John Louis Nuelsen, 75, a retired bishop of The Methodist Church, died in Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 26, following an illness of several months. Funeral services were held in the chapel of the hospital Saturday afternoon and interment was in Cincinnati.

Bishop Nuelsen was elected bishop by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of 1908. He supervised the churches of the Omaha area for four years, then was assigned to administer Methodist work in continental Europe. He resided in Zurich, Switzerland, the headquarters of his area, until 1940, when he retired.

Born of American parents in Zurich, January 19, 1867, Bishop Nuelsen's preparatory education was in the gymnasium in Karlsruhe. He came to this country, attending Central Wesleyan College, Warren, Missouri. His bachelor of divinity degree, he earned at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. Later he did graduate work abroad in the University of Halle and in the University of Berlin, receiving his doctorate in theology from Berlin. The University of Denver, Nebraska Wesleyan, and Baldwin-Wallace College conferred honorary degrees upon him.

Bishop Nuelsen was ordained to the Methodist ministry in 1889. After a brief period in the pastorate, he became professor of ancient languages at St. Paul's College, Minneapolis, and of exegetical theology in Central Wesleyan College and professor of theology in Nast Theological Seminary, Baldwin.

German Ambassador Honors Bishop Nuelsen

The German ambassador to the United States, the Hon. Hans Luther, former chancellor of Germany, gave a luncheon at the embassy December 7 in honor of Bishop John L. Nuelsen. Among other guests on the occasion were Bishop John W. Hamilton; Chaplain of the House of Representatives, James Siers Montgomery; Dr. Benjamin W. Meeks, superintendent of Washington District; Dr. Henry End Woolsey; Dr. John W. Landaule; President Arthur C. Christi of American University; Dr. Adolf Keller of Geneva, Switzerland, representing the Universal Christian Council; and others. Bishops Hughes and McDowell were absent from the city. The theme of conversation centered around the advancement of Christian ideals in Germany and the United States.
W. W. Reid
Board of Foreign Missions
Methodist Episcopal Church
160 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y....

Bishop John L. Nuelsen, resident bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Zurich, Switzerland, will address a special session of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Alton (Illinois), on the evening of Thursday, October 1. Bishop Nuelsen, who has exercised supervision of the work of the denomination in Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Hungary, will speak of the social and religious conditions existing in those lands.

Bishop Nuelsen was born in Zurich, Switzerland, the son of Methodist missionary parents to that country. He attended high school at Karlsruhe and Bremen, Germany, and graduated from the latter at the age of nineteen. He then attended Central Wesleyan College, at Carleton, Missouri, where he received his degree of Master of Arts. From Drew Theological Seminary he received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1890. He secured a fellowship at Drew and studied at Berlin and Halle. In 1890 Denver University gave him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was then but thirty-three years of age.

In 1892 he entered the 1st German Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and served pastorates in Kansas City, Missouri, in Odessa, Missouri, and Sleepy Eye, Minn. He then entered Central Wesleyan College, at Carleton, Missouri, where he taught Biblical Literature and Language for five years. For eight years he held the chair of theology in East Theological Seminary, Berea, Ohio.

In 1906 Prof. Nuelsen was elected a bishop of the church and assigned to service in the city of his birth. Since the World War he has aided greatly in interpreting America and Germany to each other, and has done much to minister to the relief of churches and ministers suffering during the economic crisis in Central Europe. Bishop Nuelsen has written books in English on Martin Luther, on John Wesley, and on questions in modern German thought and theology.
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THE BETHESDA DEACONESS HOME
LILIANA SPIERES

The summer season, which was ushered in rather suddenly, is rapidly coming to a close and plans for the activities of another year must be made. Time surely flies and it seems as if there is always more to do, in all departments of our work, than can be accomplished. How thankful we are when we have the necessary health and strength for the performance of our duties. There are so many constantly needing help in sickness, infirmities of old age and in many other ways, that there is work just waiting to be done and the manifold duties of the parish worker, and not enough workers to render the service which is needed.

During the summer time, it seems as if there is a constant coming and going in our house as the different ones leave for their vacations and others return. How welcome the vacation season is when one is tired and worn out and can get away for a time of relaxation and rest. And then, how gratifying it is to have the workers return, rested in body and refreshed in mind and soul, ready to take up their duties anew. Some of our deaconesses, who are working in other localities, spent part of their vacations with us. We were also happy to welcome numerous other visitors.

Katherine Leipenberger returned from Florida in May. She is much improved in health and happy that she can again render some service in the hospital.

Bertha Ott, who entered the Deaconess service in the year 1902 and had charge of our hospital pharmacy from 1905 to 1943, at which time she was retired, left for Texas in April of this year to make her home with her youngest sister. Miss Ott was born and raised in Texas and has a large number of relatives living there and she is very happy to be there. Her heart has always been in Texas.

Hannah Cramer, who worked with Miss Ott for a number of years in the pharmacy and had charge the past years, reached retirement age this year. She was recommended for retirement at the session of our annual deaconess conference in March. Miss Cramer underwent a cataract operation on one eye last year and one on the other eye this year. She made a splendid recovery and is very happy to have recovered her sight and to again be able to help in the pharmacy.

Several of our deaconess family were bereaved by the death of a relative during recent months. Ida Starkebaum lost her mother; Hannah Cramer, a sister; Sarah Broecker, a brother and Minnie Beek, a nephew.

Katie Bauman, the oldest member of our deaconess family and who is in her 80th year, has become more feeble during the past year. It is a joy to visit with her and to behold her beautiful, Christian spirit. She is so thankful that she has retained her mental faculties and is still able to read. Much of her time is spent in meditation and prayer.

Anna Waecheli is spending several months in Tucson, Arizona in order to regain her health and strength. She is with a friend who has a home in Tucson. We are glad to know that Miss Waecheli is feeling much better and trust that she may soon be restored.

Dorothy Reihmann, who completed a course in Public Nursing at Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee last year, continued her studies by correspondence and in June of this year, returned to Nashville to complete her course. She graduated the 23rd of August receiving her B.S. degree. We congratulate her on her achievement.

Homer Clark, who attended school in Chicago the past two years and did part time parish work while at school, has been appointed to district work in the Northeast Ohio Conference and has his headquarters at the Hallway Deaconess Home in Bridgeport, Ohio.

Catherine Colson, who has been teaching in the Alva Dean School in Pine Ridge, Kentucky the past four years, is taking some special work in a summer course at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky this summer.

Mathilda Schimmelbeen attended the School of Christian Service of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Cincinnati, Dayton, Springfield and Wilmington districts of the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Church, at Babina, Ohio from July 8 to July 12, 1948. The theme for the conference was: "The Christian in a Walking World." Miss Schimmelbeen enjoyed the conference greatly. We will let her give her impressions in a later issue.

John Louis Nuelsen

FUNERAL SERVICES OF BISHOP JOHN LOUIS NUELS\N

Bishop Nuelsen died unexpectedly on Wednesday morning, June 26, at eleven o'clock. While at breakfast that morning, he suffered a stroke from which he did not regain consciousness.

The funeral services, conducted by Bishop H. Lester Smith of the Cincinnati area, were held on Saturday afternoon in the beautiful Bethesda Chapel. Dr. I. E. Miller, Superintendent of the Cincinnati District, spoke the prayer. A representative of the Missionary Society read the Scripture. The Bishop spoke on his several visits with Bishop Nuelsen while Residence Bishop of the Zurich area, relating many interesting incidents and expressing his very high esteem of the Bishop's statesmanlike leadership of our European work during days as difficult as those in which it finds itself today.

The writer, as an intimate friend of the deceased for more than forty years, gave the Eulogy printed in this issue of THE BETHESDA. An impressive feature of the services was a song sung by the preachers of the Cincinnati District: "For All the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest." The following friends of the Bishop served as pall bearers: Preachers Paul Phillips, Matthew Herrman, C. B. Koch, E. I. Klotz, B. Johansen, and Mr. Henry Zimmerman.

Burial took place on Monday morning, July 1, on the Bethesda Deaconess lot in Spring Grove Cemetery. Here he now rests beside the graves of Doctor Christian and Louise Golder, lifelong intimate friends of his.

JOHN LOUIS NUELSEN

IN MEMORIAM

"Wist ye not that there is a Prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel."

This eulogy, spoken of one of old, I am very sure, is eminently applicable to the life and the death of our departed brother. Bishop Nuelsen was a prince of a man and he was a prince in the Church of God. The appellation of greatness, too, easily belongs to him. In his early career, Bishop Nuelsen showed real greatness as a leader of youth, later as a Bible lecturer, then as a theological teacher and scholar, as editor of several theological periodicals and a number of learned books, and finally he proved himself great as a Bishop in the Methodist Church, in which position he became recognized as a church statesman of tall stature, a leader to whom the Church pointed with pride and honor.

All through his ministerial life, Bishop Nuelsen was blessed with robust health. His strong, erect and tall body quickly pointed him out head and shoulders above his brethren in any group. A man of fine culture, poised and urbane manners, he was highly respected and honored by every group in which he moved. In addition to these graces, he possessed a strange and impressive personality which opened difficult doors to him, seemingly without effort, and by which he gained the confidence of large circles in a surprising manner and degree. In all these diversified relationships and activities Bishop Nuelsen throughout his long minis-
terial life kept his character and reputation "unsullied from the world," and "proved himself a workman who need not be ashamed of his labor."

Born on January 19, 1867, John Louis Nue-lsen was the son of a parson. He was the sixth child to be baptized in Switzerland Methodist, on Conference Sunday, March 30, 1867, Bishop Calvin King Roberts officiating. It was a strange and a beautiful coincidence that on the thirtieth of March 1940, Bishop Nueelsen presided over the same Conference, in the same church in which he had been baptized seventy-three years before, and on that Sunday in that church on that day he closed his episcopal service of thirty-two years. The farewell reception given him by loyal people on that occasion was a most eloquent testimony of their admiration, love and affection for him. They were saying goodbye not only to their Bishop, but to one who had been a spiritual father to them all.

Educated in the gymnasiums of Karlsruhe and Bremen, Nueelsen came to America at the age of eighteen. He continued his studies in Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. and Central Wesleyan College in Warren, Michigan, and later in the Universities of Berlin and Halle. I first heard of Bishop Nueelsen when he was appointed professor of ancient languages in a little Methodist college in St. Paul, Minnesota. Immediately the church took notice of this young scholar. Through his brilliant lectures at Sunday School and Epworth League Conventions and his profound Bible talks at camp meetings, he directly became a sensation among young and old.

At the General Conference of 1906, at the age of 41, he was elected Bishop on the first ballot and by an overwhelming vote, one of the youngest men ever elected to this high office. His first assignment was the Omaha Area. Nothing much happened during that quadrennium. Nueelsen cautiously watched his step, watched his colleagues, emulating their wisdom and avoiding their mistakes. He applied himself diligently to the mastery of two books: "Bishop Nueelsen's sermon" and "Letters of Order" and that little black book known as "The Discipline of the Methodist Church." As a result of this study he soon became a recognized authority on parliamentary procedure and a skillful chairman at sessions of Annual and General Conferences.

At the General Conference of 1912, Bishop Nueelsen was sent to Europe as the residing Bishop over the Zurich Area, which at that time comprised our entire work in Europe from Scandinavia to Russia, including the Church in Leningrad. He was a hard-working man and the Church in every country he visited prospered under his leadership.

In 1917, during World War I, Bishop Nueelsen was appointed to the task of organizing a relief agency for the children of the United States who were in Europe. He succeeded in raising $1,000,000 for this purpose.

In 1918, Bishop Nueelsen returned to America and was appointed Bishop of the Central Pennsylvania Area. He was instrumental in the organization of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. He was also a member of the General Conference of 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924.

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On June 14th, 1940, The Bethesda Hospital lost one of its most distinguished and best beloved physicians.

Dr. Bader, a nationally recognized ophthalmologist and radiologist, who had been closely associated with the patients, the personnel and the staff of our hospital since the opening of the new building in 1936. Until the death of his associate, Dr. William M. Doughty, Dr. Bader was in personal charge of our X-ray Department, on the job daily for almost twenty years.

His professional achievements earned him the deep respect of his colleagues in medicine as well as that of the nursing personnel. His wholehearted generosity, his unswerving honesty of judgment, his personal charm and policy of absolute square-dealing with every one won him the loyalty and sincere affection of those who were privileged to work with him.

The Medical Staff, the Board of Managers, the Nurses, Administrative officers, and above all, the X-ray technic workers of Bethesda, all unite in a feeling of pride that this great man was one of ours, one of great love in his going, and one of deepest sympathy for those who knew and loved him best.

A. N. McGinniss

NOTICE OF SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Entrance of Fall Class Bethesda School of Nursing
Tuesday, August 27

SPECIAL MEETINGS:
1. Bethesda Annual Fellowship Day
Thursday, October 17
2. Annual Meeting, Board of Directors Bethesda Home for the Aged
Friday, November 1
3. Annual Meeting, Bethesda Hospital and Physicians Association
Thursday, November 21
4. Annual Meeting, Board of Managers, Bethesda Hospital
Thursday Afternoon, November 28

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES
During Week Preceding Christmas Day

WITH THE PASSING OF DR. ELLIS R. BADER, ON JUNE 14TH, 1940, THE BETHESDA HOSPITAL LOST ONE OF ITS MOST DISTINCTED AND BEST LOVED PHYSICIANS.

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WHOSE HOSPITAL IS THIS ANYWAY?

ALBERT N. McGINNIS

Under modern living conditions there has to be a hospital available for every person, old or young, rich or poor. Practically every one makes use of his or her hospital to be born in or at some time later. At times we think that everybody wants to move in at once, however, though we do occasionally have scrambles over rooms, so far as we know no one in this community at least, has suffered seriously on account of delay in obtaining accommodations somewhere.

When you need your hospital, for yourself or someone near and dear to you, will it be ready?

Readiness entails a lot of planning, preparation, and expense. To begin with, your hospital has to have nurses. They are the most essential part of a hospital. Hospitals are built around nurses and nursing. The only nurse-producing institutions in existence are hospitals—a nurse can get neither training nor experience anywhere else. Before we can enroll young women to be trained as nurses, we must have college-trained instructors, class-rooms, books, anatomical models, and charts, projectors, and other visual education equipment, chemistry and dietetic laboratories, and dormitories comparable to those of any other college.

To attract these young women to the study of nursing, your hospital must assure them of salaries and working conditions at least equal to those positions open to any other profession that requires three years of streamlined and accelerated post-high school education.

Your hospital must have a Board of Managers or Trustees to direct its policies, control its investments, safeguard the handling of properties and represent the community’s interests. This Board is the final authority over the administrative officers of your hospital, and is made up of public-minded citizens who give, without pay, the benefit of their experience as leaders of business and finance in your community.

Your hospital must have a medical staff, an association of physicians—most of whom must meet up to the most exacting standards, who band together for the protection of the patient, the sharing of experience and discoveries in medical practice, and the general elevation of the profession in all ways.

One part of the hospital’s responsibilities that is often very heavy in the minds of patients is the status of internes. As a matter of fact, your hospital is a post-graduate school for men who have finished their book education. Many states, Ohio included, do not grant a license to a medical doctor until he has served at least one year of internship within an accredited institution like Bethesda. Hospitals also conduct postgraduate courses in specialties under certified Board members. In this plan, a resident receiving a rather grueling and concentrated term of instruction and members of some specific Board for a three-year period has less difficulty in establishing his eligibility for ultimate certification by such boards.

Your hospital must have laboratory facilities for diagnostic work as well as research; a pathologist of long years’ special training; a group of technical assistants in the diverse departments of this field—chemistry, bacteriology, tissue pathology, hematology, etc. Expensive equipment of great accuracy and delicacy is needed.

The radiological laboratories must also be staffed by a specialist of the highest available training and skill. So much depends upon the proper reading of X-ray films and fluoroscopic determinations that the equipment involved in the most expensive single part of your hospital and the technicians in this department of laboratory work must possess an unusual combination of training, native skill, tact, and ruggedness.

The Pharmacy is a prime requisite of your hospital. As far as the range of pharmaceuticals is concerned, the hospital pharmacy must carry almost every article of medicine that is usually found in all of the drug stores in the whole area. Your hospital may, and Bethesda does, carry drugs for more than one school of medicine. Again, the staff in this department must be college trained and registered under state rules.

Physical therapy is one of the modern essentials of your hospital. In the old days, massage and heat treatment were occasionally indulged in; some conditions now many forms of dithtermy, shock treatments, vapor, water, and other mechanical devices are used to help bring back patients to health. Again the operation of this department requires specially trained personnel.

Not every hospital has occupational therapy. We think it is extremely important and are proud of our work along this line. The training of injured hands to new skills; the provision of employment to fill the tedious hours of convalescence; and beyond this—the help in retraining shattered nerves and in redirecting

ABOUT $40,000 CONTRIBUTED

Thus far about $40,000 has been contributed by kind friends from across the States toward the $100,000 Relief Fund for stricken Methodists in Germany. The adherents of many denominations are rendering the same Christlike service to their brethren in the faith, and powerful civic organizations are raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for general distribution. We had and have only condemnation for the Nazi form of government; but the tragic lot of starving children, aged and sick appeals to our conscience and sympathy.

We are hopeful that our call for $100,000 will be met by Christian friends at an early time.

We wish to thank the Editor of The Christian Advocate and those of several other church papers for printing our appeal. Much money has come as the result.

Our committee is working under the auspices of the Methodist Church Relief Committee, through which all contributions are immediately forwarded to leaders of our church in Europe to be distributed among the most needy in the form of food, clothing, medicine and immediate needs.

Checks should be made out and sent to one of the following Relief Committee members. In sending contributions please use card printed on page 15.

Rev. F. Ernest Stoefferl Dr. J. A. Dickmann Rev. R. Zurbuchen
5706 North 16th Street Bethesda Hospital 402 East Villa St
Philadelphia 41, Pennsylvania Cincinnati 6, Ohio Pasadena 4, California
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lives that seem without aim and purpose: these are tasks worth doing and doing well.

Your hospital, to meet all community needs, must have operating rooms where all types of surgical instruments and equipment await use. These must be sterilized in specially built apparatus. Unusual quantities of dressings must be on hand. Germicides and disinfectants play their part. The variety of sponges alone that must be kept waiting in case you fall or are injured in an automobile accident would be most surprising to any layman. An unusual amount of rubber gloves and other rubber articles is used daily—sterilized and kept in excellent condition.

The basic furnishings for each individual room for each patient consist of a specially constructed hospital bed with special covers and a specially built mattress; the very best of linens, blankets, pillows, with changes of all this bedding as often as needed. A dressing, and what we term a "bedside table" are some of the very necessary pieces of furniture. A washstand must be available with plenty of soap and towels. Then there are the 1001 items the patient needs—from rubber sheets, bed pans to comb and tooth brushes. Large supplies of these must be on hand in the hospital's central storage and distribution department to take care of all needs any hour of the day or night.

Staffing your hospital, there are many experienced nurses—trained in surgical, obstetrical, and medical procedures. There must be three shifts of all nurses, of orderlies and attendants. The attendants may include, as Bethesda does, men trained in military hospitals who give great assistance to the nurses. Others are janitors, elevator operators, groundkeepers, and on the female side, nurses' aides and housekeeping maids.

After the first three days, the most important thing about a hospital to the patient seems to be the meals. Your hospital must have trained and alert dietitians who can direct the preparation of the proper kind of meals, make them tasty and attractive to the eye as well. These meals must be served hot! Bethesda has a splendid Chief Dietitian with a group of excellent assistants. The problems of correct feeding or dietetics, of good cookery, rapid service, and warm meals have all been solved with us.

The engineering problems arising in your hospital daily are manifold. They must be under the general supervision of a skillful, versatile and altogether dependable Engineer with a corps of helpers who are assisted by pipe fitters, steam fitters, boiler makers, electricians, and other mechanics.

Your hospital rooms must be cleaned each time a patient is discharged. This requires wall washers. This constant cleaning makes redecoration necessary much more often than in other public buildings. A year-round crew of painters and decorators must be maintained. Maintenance of all buildings and all of the equipment requires cabinet makers, carpenters, and metal workers. Bethesda is most fortunate in their men in this category.

Part of your hospital that you don't think about till you get there yourself is the laundry. All of the textile articles—uniforms, caps, masks, sheets, drapes, napery, towels constantly traveling through the laundry—a plant comparable to the best commercial laundry is required. The personnel must be better than the average and must be available in times of breakdown, flood, or any other catastrophe. The preparation of linen and their distribution is a big job in itself. Your hospital must have a crew of seamstresses, sorters, and distributors. Bethesda is most grateful for an extremely efficient director of this work.

For the purpose of the physician's study not only of each individual case but of all the patients who pass through the institution a very complete and specialized department of medical records is required. The medical record librarian has to know more about medical terms than almost any one doctor usually does. She has to know what the hospital routines and nursing procedures. She must be assisted by adequately trained clerical workers.

Your hospital must maintain a constant contact between the patient and all services. The happiest way we have found for doing this is through the services of the Hospital Hostess, who brings up the mail daily, circulates books from the public library to the convalescents, supervises distribution of flowers and other gifts, arranges for pastoral calls, takes care of patients' voting on election day, welcomes the coming and sends the parting guests, and still finds time to bring a lot of sunshine to the sick and lonely by her frequent visits.

The telephone is one of the nerve systems of the hospital. Bethesda is happy in possessing a keen, sympathetic, and dependable personnel in this work.

With every department working to full speed every day, the individual department heads do not have time to procure or even interview workers for replacements or any new positions, so that in your hospital a personnel department is highly important.

The distribution of stores and supplies through a central systematised store room is not only economical but adds greatly to the efficiency of all departments.

The increased volume of hospital care insurance, the governmental agencies dealing directly with hospitals, the general economic control, and many other factors of modern life have made necessary much more clerical work than formerly. Our office force—admitting, information, bookkeeping, payrolls, purchasing, patients' accounting, credits, collections, and auditing divisions are kept extremely busy.

Your hospital may have, and Bethesda does have, a Social Service Department which not only serves to investigate needy and worthy cases suggested for charity, but carries out a program of home nursing, following up patients who have left the hospital until dismissed as cured by their physician.

These are a few of the services which must be ready when, as, and if you need hospitalization. Helping the administration attain and maintain this condition of readiness is not just anybody's business and certainly not just everybody's business—it is your business! Bethesda is not just my hospital; it is not just our hospital; it is your hospital with all of the obligations that the possessive pronoun implies. These obligations are first of all—interest, second support when needed, and third understanding and appreciation of what we do and what we are attempting to do.

When the time comes that you need a hospital, with your help, your hospital will be ready for you.

A BEAUTIFUL HOSPITAL ANNUAL

The Christian Hospital of Cincinnati, Ohio, recently issued its Fifty-Sixth Annual Report in a very elegant, highly informative, and beautifully illustrated cover of seventy pages. In his report Judge Alfred K. Nippert, President of the Board of Trustees, makes the following historical statement:

Some fifty-seven years ago, in 1868, Dr. Cornelia Gertrude Comer, a contemporary of Daniel Drake, was called upon by the founders of The Elizabeth Gannett Deaconess Home Association to organize and establish a Charity Hospital under his professional guidance and under the auspices of this Association, which then had been in existence since December 1858.

Mabel L. Thoburn of Waynesboro, a sister of the beloved Missionary Bishop, J. M. Thoburn, was in charge of the Deaconess Home on York Street and, at the request of Dr. Comer, became the first Superintendent of the new venture which was named "The Christian Hospital."

The establishment of a charitable hospital under the leadership of consecrated Protestant men and women was something new in our city, where up to that time only The Good Samaritan Hospital had been doing this very necessary and worthwhile work among the poor and needy of our city."

Thus from these modest beginnings this institution, ranking now as one of the three or four greatest hospitals of Methodism, in its development too verifies Christ's parable of the grain of mustard seed, which, though the least of all seeds, when grown becomes great among the herbs, a tree whose branches afford nesting to birds and shade to man and beast.

J. A. D.

CAPPING EXERCISES

At a beautiful service held in the Bethesda Chapel on Sunday evening, June 28, six nurse students received their nurse caps, an experience to which every student looks forward with joyful anticipation. The large audience were greatly pleased by the fine talk given by the Reverend Harold R. Weaver, of Columbus, and the solo rendered by Miss Ada Louise Weishar.

The following are the students who received the nurse cap on this occasion:

LUCILLE BORGMAN, Rainsville, Illinois
BERNICE BRADBURY, Seymour, Indiana
ELAINE BURCH, Cincinnati, Ohio
HAVIN PHELPS, Marion, Ohio
MARGARET RIDE, Lafayette, Indiana
GROVE SPRING, Kenton, Ohio

HAVE YOU MADE A CONTRIBUTION?

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ALUMNAE NEWS

By the time you read this article, summer days will be slipping into fall and vacation time will be days to be remembered. Here’s hoping you had a nice summer.

In June the Alumnae members had a picnic at Mt. Airy Forest. Those who were there had an enjoyable time.

We are all happy to hear of the arrival of “little ones” who add joy to the homes of our Alumnae. Congratulations to: Mareille Johnson, boy; Dorothy Hare Egbert, boy; Jane Shaw Kane, boy; Ruth White Adamson, boy; Elizabeth Lowmiller Lang, boy; Bunetta Peters Lyons, boy; Ruth Sharrock Anderson, girl; Betty Ann Graham Woodward, girl.

Wedding bells have been ringing for: Henrietta Kurzinski Griffin; Virginia Little Collette, Eileen Farmer Stonecipher; Virginia Guard Cervenka; Marilyn Kuebler Schlosser; Barbara Pence Graham McHugh; Kathryn Greene Mays; Frances Taylor Higginbotham; Lois Hunterman Roberts; Irene Schroeder Smith. Congratulations and best wishes to you all.

Our deepest sympathy to the following members: Bertie Fender Bryant—death of her mother; Mabel Findlen—death of her husband; and Helen Moore Pelts—death of her father.

It seems that very few have been ill during the past few months. Of course, we are always glad when this list is short. Miss Elizabeth Stibbs, Dorothy Seter Haas, Mrs. August Klaiber, Rose Billar and Hulda Hagner. We trust that they are well again.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Weiss (Hilda Seiter) and children stopped at Bethesda for a few hours July 11. They are on their way back to China.

Word was received that Ruth White Adamson and husband and child are making their home in Ohio again.

Miss Martha Pfeiffer and Miss Lily Schneider will attend the biennial convention of the American Nurses’ Association, the National League of Nursing Education and the National Organization of Public Health Nurses in Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 23-27.

When fall comes we naturally think of “Fellowship Day” at Bethesda, so we’ll be seeing you there. Don’t forget to come to the Alumnae meetings which will be resumed in the fall.

Remember, news is always welcome.

GENEVA RUMINS, Reporter

BETHESDA HOME FOR THE AGED

Good old summer time means vacation days. No season is filled with more anticipation and wholesome thrills than the vacation period. Members of the Home as well as employees look forward to the days when they can leave the Home or get away from the daily grind of toil. Improved travel accommodations have made it possible for some members to visit relatives and friends, and others are enjoying the inspirational and educational programs at such resorts as Lakeside and Winona Lake.

Post war days have not brought the expected relief in shortage of help in our institutions. The souls as well as the patience of those responsible for the management of our Hospitals and Homes are being sorely tried. It is impossible to get competent help at a price that Homes can afford to pay. Voluntary help on the part of many members in the Home has been a Godsend. We greatly appreciate the fine spirit of members of the Home who have manifested during the crisis.

Some of our members are very ill and others exceedingly feeble, but generally speaking the health of the family is good. Since our last report the following members have died: Alice A. Fasig, Mrs. Mary Schaub, Miss Anna Haas, and Mrs. Matilda Ceresa Rowley. Mrs. Mary Schaub had been a resident of the Home for 26 years and 6 months. She was the record for years in the Home. She was a remarkable character and a credit to the Bethesda family. New members recently received are Mrs. Margaret K. W. Kennedy and Mrs. Lily L. Smith. Within the next few weeks two other applicants will be entering the Home.

As time goes on it is becoming more evident that some more adequate provisions must be made to provide homes for aged people. We now have a long waiting list. Almost every day some one comes pleading to be received. In that matter we are helpless since our Home is filled to capacity at this time. Our home has become so popular that at times it becomes embarrassing.

R. JOHANSEN, Superintendent

“And thy old age
shall be as thy youth”

BISHOP OTTO MELLE’S CRITICS

J. A. D.

Bishop Melle of Germany Methodism has been very unkind and it would seem, wrongly accused a number of members with the Nazi government during the war. Statements to that effect have appeared in the church papers throughout America and have done great harm not only to Bishop Melle but to the Methodist Church in Central Europe.

Editor Roy Smith of the Christian Advocate who has recently returned from an extended European trip, wrote in the issue of July 26th:

“The Editor of The Christian Advocate, during his recent visit to Europe, made it a special responsibility to inquire of Methodist leaders in the occupied countries concerning Bishop Melle’s activities as an administrator of the Church’s interests during the war, and heard no word of criticism of any kind concerning the points covered by the United States Army Report.”

In a personal letter dated July 20, 1946, a prominent Methodist leader makes this statement:

“While a Chaplain in the Army, I was stationed for five months in Berlin and had a number of interviews with Bishop Melle and other Methodist Ministers. I am convinced that they have remained true to the principles and teachings of Christ and were in no way friendly to the Nazi Party.”

In judging Bishop Melle the following should be remembered. As the responsible head of a great religious movement, whose headquarters were located in an enemy country, he was constantly watched by the eagle eye of a gangster organization, the Gestapo. A single thought—word, a bad act, however innocent, but displeasing to the government, might have meant not only the destruction of the church he represented but a bullet for him.

A relative of mine, a fine upstanding Christian and the head of a family of Christian sons and daughters—neglected, or refused, to “Heil Hitler” on a street car and, without any trial, was shot dead in the presence of his family. How many of Melle’s critics would be bold and out-spoken against such a gangster rule if it happened here?…”

Excerpts from a recent letter from Bishop Melle brings information that Bethesda readers will be interested to have:

“Great are the losses we have suffered and deep is the humiliation of the German people; but our faith in the help of the Lord is unshaken, and we pray God for grace, that the fellowship of the spirit with all the believers in Christ and our uniting love may not only remain but become strengthened. We want to hear the judgments of God that have come upon us, as He expects us to in the greatest crisis the world has ever seen. This shall also be our reaction to all the misunderstanding, false judgment, and misery we suffer. Indeed the following crisis is the greatest and it touches all Germany. I wish to make the following statement concerning the losses we have suffered during the war in property, in the ministry, and in the membership. In property we lost mostly by bombing—84 churches and 79 lodgings, together 141 buildings. In American language this means a loss of $1,258,165. In addition to this the damage suffered by the Deaconess Work in Frankfurt a.M., the Deaconess Work in Nuremberg, the Book Concern in Bremen and the Theological Seminary in Frankfurt a.M., amounts to $1,112,500. A total of $2,370,665.

In 1938 we had 277 preachers of whom 55 are retired. Of the 222 active preachers 150 had to serve in the army, some of them six years; fifteen have fallen at the battlefield, four were killed at home by bombs. 78 preacher families lost everything they possessed, many of them could only save what they carried on their bodies. The statistics of 1940 reported 35,382 Methodists in the annual Conferences. Of the male members about 10,000 had to serve in the army; 1,650 fell on the battlefield; war prisoners numbered 2,750 of whom many have not yet returned home. About 6,000 members lost everything they possessed in air-attacks, not to speak of the thousands of dislocated fugitives. I am just about to leave for the Western Zone to hold the Annual Conferences. The U. S. Military Government kindly promised to take me there on the U. S. Military train and the British will bring me back from Hamburg to Berlin by airplane. We look forward to these conferences with great expectation. They will take place: May 30 in Stuttgart, May 17 in Saarbrucken, May 14 in Zweibruck and June 3 in Berlin. My chief task now is to help our good people to come through this horrible time, strengthened in their faith and equipped by the Lord for the great tasks before us. Methodist in Germany in the new Germany will have a great future, if we remain faithful to our call.

The food question is the most important problem. Many people are hungry and starving. We realize that here as yet nothing can be done. The time may, however, not be
far off when the U.S. Government will allow that food can be sent.

For the 70 preachers who lost their libraries, I hope books—German and English—can be collected for the time when books can be sent to Germany. We must furnish each of these pastors with a small library. Some of them have not even saved a Bible.

Clothing is another problem. New clothes cannot be bought for years. We German Methodists did not wear pulpit gowns. The Conferences were against it. But in our present situation, it would be helpful to have a gown to wear over the old wornout coat and shabby trousers. I wonder if it would be possible to get the material for such gowns for my preachers.

If we could only supply each family with financial help to restore their furniture, their beds, their linen, etc.—how thankful they would be.

And may I be so bold as to express the hope that some friend might furnish me with a CAR? I think that with the help of the U.S. Military Government, I would get permission to use it and then I would be relieved of the many hindrances, delays and other transportation difficulties in visiting my churches.

Please remember me to all who may not have forgotten me, and please also remember us in your prayers. Tell the friends we are trying to be faithful Christians and Methodists, and that the Lord is with us. He is giving us a glorious revival.

With many kind greetings,
Yours in the Love and Fellowship of Christ and His work,
F. H. Otto Miller

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS MORE THAN ATOMIC BOMB DEFENSES

Fewer diplomats, grown-ups, smart-pants and politicians and more straight-shooters, educators and evangelists.

Less dependence on Big Threes and the Big Fives and more dependence on the Big Ten (Commandments).

A general realization that nothing that can happen at London, Moscow or San Francisco can be as important as what happened at Bethlehem.

Less concern about the atomic bomb and more concern over an atomic faith.

A consecration of church, college, school and home to the tremendous job of arousing a deep and sincere regard for religious values.

An aroused, zealous, forceful clergy, impatient with forms and affairs with a determination to build, strengthen and perpetuate faith.

A return to the era when men of God were vital leaders of their flock, stoning home the eternal verities, never everlasting to thin-skinned, never pulling a punch and talking turkey every Sunday and Sundays in the year.

The return of the Sunday sermon as a powerful influence for guidance, instruction and spiritual inspiration and no yielding to those restless churchgoers who think a half hour in church is a strain on their patience.

A general realization that religion is no more Sunday routine, and that its mood must be carried into the shop, office, market place, and home 365 days a year or ever.

A return to prayer in the devout, clear-toned fervor of our forefathers in the woods of Massachusetts.

From the Cincinnati Times-Star

MRS. MARY STROHMAN SCHAUB
DEPARTED

Mrs. Schaub, wife of Doctor Frederick Schaub, passed away on June 15 at the Bethlehem Home for the Aged in her 89th year.

Having mothered the growth and training of four younger brothers, her place as a helper and mother in her own home was a natural place for young Mrs. Frederick Schaub. Her husband, who nine years ago passed from time to eternity, spent most of his ministry in the cause of Christian education, and his wife consistently fulfilled her place beside him as an ideal mother.

Five children blessed the home and life of Mrs. Schaub. E-ther went on before while still in childhood. The other four, who survive with six grandchildren, are:

Mrs. Florence Klemet, Cov Bay, Oregon
Mrs. Thomas E. Moore, Toledo, Ohio
Lincoln P. Schaub, New York City
Edward L. Schaub, Evanston, Illinois

Burial took place on the Home's lot, Spring Grove Cemetery.

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her own words: “It was a special privilege to attend the Sabina School of Christian Service. We heard from others, who had attended in previous years, of the splendid opportunities and the school afforded. I arrived on the conference grounds in the late afternoon on Monday, July 8. The heavy rain storm in the afternoon had cooled the atmosphere, after the intense heat of the day, of every blade of grass and every flower of the field seemed to praise God for the refreshing rain. In the auditorium, an impressive worship center had been arranged with a cross, candelabras, draperies and two large, hand-drawn pictures.

“Mrs. E. F. Andree, President of the Ohio Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Dean of the School, was an inspiration to all with her fine Christian grace and splendid leadership. Mrs. E. H. Dickey directed our singing so joyfully from early Morning Watch until our bed-time circle of prayer. Three times daily, we gathered in line at the cafeteria where we enjoyed good food and fine fellowship.

“Every morning and evening, we walked along the wooded pathway of quietness to the lovely Tolbert Chapel in the woods. The Morning Watch was at 7:30 before breakfast and Vespers at 6:45 after the supper hour. It was a beautiful setting for an outdoor chapel with a wall of rock formation and a row of evergreen trees for a background, in front of which stood a sturdy cross in the center. A beechen, a pulpit and two benches completed the worship center. Plain white benches served as seats for the worshipers with a path of flag stones between the two rows of benches over which we had a quiet procession, leaving this place of beauty and holiness with renewed courage and spiritual strength.

“We heard many good messages during the five days spent at Sabina. We can give only some of the high lights. Rev. Karl W. Schaeffer shared his experiences as chaplain in the United States Army in North Africa. His topic was: 'The G.I. and the Great Commission.' He left the following thought with us over which we might ponder in a time like this, namely, 'How wonderful it would be if our Christian youth going into business in foreign fields, would go with the same evangelical, eager spirit which our missionaries carry with them and be propagators of our faith in their daily living.'

“An interesting address was given by Dr. Gustave Carlson, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Cincinnati, on the race problem entitled, 'Group Antagonism in the Modern World.' He stated that there is no scientific basis for race prejudice or race supremacy because the scientists have found no difference in the brain of white or colored races and the blood is the same. Dr. Carlson said that facts are dangerous if not properly interpreted. We have sufficient knowledge about the race problem but we do nothing about it. Mrs. C. M. Waggoner of Pfeiffer Junior College, Greensboro, N.C. said there is no race prejudice in South America. They recognize no race prejudice and so there is none. Let us pray that no American of our country will take it down there. Christian love and understanding with goodwill and brotherhood must take the place of prejudice.

“Elizabeth Hoge, who spent 42 years in India in educational and evangelistic work, was introduced as citizen of the world with her heart in India. She spoke on our new study book for the year, 'India at the Threshold.' She told of her work in India and brought human interest stories of her experiences as missionary associate with Isabelle Thoburn Mildred Shepherd, missionary, doing educational work in Lucknow, India, spoke on the subject, 'Christian in India,' and added her recent experiences.

“Marie Grenzenburg, Scientific Temperance Instructor of the State of Ohio for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, brought information in a very interesting manner as to the valued use of alcohol outside of our bodies, the effects of alcohol when used as a beverage and the liquor situation as it is to-day. We appreciated her practical and splendid manner of presenting this scientific information and also her helpful suggestions as to literature on the subject. The liquor people would destroy the Church if they could: The Church people could destroy the liquor traffic if they would.'

“The teaching of stewardship is an important function of Christian education and one of the studies in the church is this year. Dr. David Wesley Soper of Union College, Barbourville, Ky., spoke on conviction and sincerity on 'Stewardship of All of Life.' It thrilled us to hear him read the Scripture from memory.

“We heard other good speakers and many interesting messages and came away refreshed and strengthened and thankful to God for the opportunity of Christian fellowship and the spiritual blessing and uplift.
APPOINTMENTS OF DEACONESSES

Following are the appointments for the deaconesses of the Bethesda Deaconesses Association, who are members of the Ohio Deaconess Conference for 1946-1947. Appointments are in the Bethesda Hospital except where differently stated.

Beeck, Minnie — Supervisor of Sewing Room and Linen Department
Bilang, Rose — Staff Nurse
Binggeli, Frieda — Assistant in Dressing and Supply Room
Brachus, Tillie — Supervisor of Dressing and Supply Room
Broeker, Sarah — Matron Bethesda Deaconess Rest Home
Buss, Alma — Leave of Absence
Clark, Hanie R. — Awaiting Appointment
Colton, Catherine — Teacher Allyn Drew School, Pine Ridge, Ky.
Cramer, Hannah — Recommended for Retirement
Dancy, Mary — Supervisor of Surgery
Draher, Minnie — Leave of Absence
Ehmer, Hilda — Leave of Absence
Greenhush, Katherine — Office Clerk
Hartley, Elizabeth — Director Occupational Therapy Department and Teacher Bethesda School of Nursing
Jacobs, Bath — Secretary Nursing Office
Kramer, Elizabeth — Clerical Work
Kreutzer, Susan — Dean of Women and Musical Director School of Nursing
Lohr, Carrie — Matron Scarlet Oak Home
Lienhard, Rose — Leave of Absence
Marr, Lillian — Chaplain and Hostess
Musil, Martha — Clinical Supervisor Medical Floor
Pfeiffer, Martha — Director of Nurses
Powell, Hazel — Librarian School of Nursing
Rapp, Nellie — Staff Nurse
Reichard, Dorothy — Director Field Work, Clinic and Social Service
Ross, Lillian — Housekeeper Nurses Home
Rubin, Genevieve — Instructor School of Nursing
Schafer, Caroline — Supervisor Physical Therapy Department
Schumpp, Mathilda — Housekeeper Deaconess Home
Schneider, Ida — Assistant Director of Nurses
Schreiner, Meredith — Supervisor Medical Floor
Spickler, Lillian — Superintendent Deaconess Home
Spillner, Louise — Staff Nurse
Strehl, Louise — Instructor School of Nursing
Tompos, Julia — Recommended for transfer to the Rock River Conference
Unger, Helen — Secretary Radiology Department
Waelhle, Anna — Temporary Leave of Absence
Wolf, Hilda — Parish Worker Bethesda Methodist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

THE BETHESDA DEACONESS MEMBERS OF OTHER CONFERENCES

Bartow, Pauline — Parish Worker and Assistant in Good Will Industries, Paris, Haute, Indiana
Bergel, Catherine — Superintendent Young Women’s Bethesda Home, Chicago, Illinois
Black, Pauline — Parish Worker, Pikesville, Okla., West Okla. Conference
Boettcher, Ada — Parish Worker, South Bend, Ind., North Ind., Conference
Bueschel, Emma — Supervisor of Nurses, Zon Home, Allison Park, Pa., Pennsylvania Conference
Krause, Carrie — Assistant Superintendent, Young Women’s Bethesda Home, Chicago, Illinois
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RETIRED DEACONESSES

Baum, Katherine — Hilmer, Sophia
Baur, Johanna M. — Neumann, Marie
Cass, Carrie — Schonberger, Katherine

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"The Veil Drawn Aside"

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And preceding the main performance a half-hour of light entertainment:

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And the Bazaar with traditional baby, doll, fancy-work, and bakery booths among many others

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