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The Upton Challenger

UPTON EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH
3611 Upton Avenue

VOLUME I

SEPTEMBER, 1946

NUMBER 1

World Wide Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6th, will be observed throughout all the world as World Wide Communion Sunday. Christians everywhere will join in this great world-wide fellowship. Will you join with us?

A free-will offering will be taken to help relieve the suffering in the needy, starving portions of the world. I know that you will want to share. It is your privilege to see that some life is spared from death.

Members will be received into the church on this Sunday. Should you contemplate becoming a member we should like to have you contact the pastor either in person or by phone. Call Ki. 4700.

On this Sunday we begin our winter schedule with Sunday School at 9:30 and Worship at 10:30.

Every Member Canvass

Sunday, October 20th, will be Every Member Canvass Sunday. On that day pledges will be turned in in an act of worship. Each member should see that his pledge is in for that occasion even though he cannot be present in person. Call Mrs. O. E. Coder, La. 0936.

Those not responding will be called upon during the afternoon between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock. If your pledge is not in you will aid greatly by being at home at this time.

Every person who is a member of the church can help so much by seeing that the church has your pledge without their having to come to you. PLEASE—Mail it in, phone it in, send it in, or best of all, bring it in on the 20th. Your cooperation in the past has been splendid. We know you will do your best now.

Weddings

The wedding of Russell Brewington and Elsie Marie Beck took place in the Upton Church at 7:30 P. M. August 18th with the pastor reading the double ring wedding ceremony. The couple was attended by Mrs. LeRoy Beck as Matron of Honor and Mr. Richard Freeman as best man. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. LeRoy Beck.

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September's weddings will have taken place by the time this copy of the Upton Challenger reaches you but reporting will come in the next issue.

PLEASE

1. Please! Notify us immediately of any change in addresses or phone numbers.
2. Please! Notify us immediately when persons are taken to the hospital or are seriously ill at home.
3. Please! Notify your pastor when you have a specific need that he call.
4. Please! Remember that the pastor is always at your service for consultation by appointment.
5. Please! Notify your pastor when he can help others who are in need.
6. Please! Feel free to call upon your pastor in any case where you feel that he can help.
7. Please! Don't expect your pastor to ferret out all cases of need, or to help where he knows of no need. Help him by notifying him.

Board of Trustees

The Upton Board of Trustees began the Conference year of 1945-46 with an indebtedness of \$10,000 on our church property. Through the splendid giving during the year \$5,000 and interest was paid on the debt and in addition the regular upkeep of the church property was properly cared for. In fact the physical condition of both the church and the parsonage is as good, if not better, than ever before in all our history.

We begin the new conference year of 1946-47 with a total debt against our church property of \$5,000. We are looking forward to clearing the church of all indebtedness by Easter of this church year. With your prayers and giving we are certain God will see us through.

As a Board, we wish to take this means of thanking Mr. E. A. Butz, our retiring member for his long and faithful years of service on this Board and to welcome Mr. Fred Leonard, our new member.

We, as a Board, realize the task ahead of us. October is the month of the *Every Member Canvass* in the interest of the Current Expense, Benevolence, and the Building or Trustee Fund. Let us, each and every one, pray much about this matter that the Lord may lay upon us the need for promoting the Kingdom.

In November we shall again observe our Anniversary Day. Program for the day will be in next month's issue of *The Upton Challenger*.

Homer E. Knisely, Pres.

Pastor's Column

It is with joy and thankfulness that we share with you in this first issue of our Parish Paper. For quite some time it has been increasingly apparent that we must have some medium whereby we could keep in closer contact with one another. We invite all to share in this venture in two ways. First, it is hoped that each person will read each issue of the paper. Second, be sure to see that any item of interest is available to the editors for the paper. Personal items, such as sickness, or new babies, or weddings, etc., should be looked after by the families of persons involved. Please!

It is important that we remember that all items for the Upton Challenger be in the hands of Mrs. O. E. Coder, church secretary, or the pastor by the 5th of the month. A review of work done in the preceding month and announcements for the succeeding month will be in order. In other words, our October issue will carry a review of activities in September, and a preview of activities for November, etc. All items should be handed in accordingly. Your suggestions in helping make this paper of utmost interest to all our people will be much appreciated. Feel free to suggest and constructively criticize this venture.

Let us turn now for a bit of review of our Church activities:

Since this is the first issue of *The Upton Challenger*—and since August closed our Annual Conference year you will no doubt be interested in a few statistics for the past year. We received 115 members during the year. Ninety-nine of these were received on confession of faith. With all losses our report showed 700 members reported to the Annual Conference.

Finances showed increases in all departments. Our designated Benevolences were increased by some 250%. Our portion in this field is not yet as large as it should be. The total budget for the year was more than \$18,000, the largest in the history of the Church.

Perhaps the place where we should
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Note

It will be our policy beginning with the next issue to report all new babies, all cases of hospitalization, and all items of personal interest but the responsibility for seeing that they are reported lies with the home. The home must inform the pastor or secretary either in writing or by phone. Please help us.

Church Attendance

(Editorial)

The month of October for a number of years has been the month looked upon as the time when people should and can and will come back from the summer vacations to more regular attendance at the services of their church. We trust that it will be so with many of our own number and feel sure that we will not be disappointed.

The attendance of the summer has been better than any that we have had in all our pastorate here. If this be an indication the coming year will see the greatest dynamic loosed in our midst that we have ever known, for loyal consistent attendance at the services of the church has much to do with the loosing of the forces of our God upon the life of the community.

Loyal, regular church attendance on the part of any person is a testimony that the church and all that she stands for is meaningful to his life. More spoken than can ever be put into words before friends and neighbors and loved ones when on a Sunday morning a good man is seen going to his church to worship God. Too long the church, and Protestantism in particular, has been guilty that far too many of its members' conduct of saying to the populace that the church is little more than a convenience to be kept at hand for any emergency that may arise if indeed she matter at all! I doubt if anything more effective in promoting evangelism could be effected—and by evangelism I mean the bringing of man and God together to the redemption of man—than by bringing about the regular attendance of the membership of the Protestant Church in America at the Sunday morning worship hour for in that we should have a seemingly irresistible testimony to the worth of the Christian church and of her God for whom she testifies in the lives of men.

Regular church attendance is a continuous saving force in the life of the individual and the individual needs constantly to be saved. He needs to be saved from his present ignorance and the church if she be truly the church must be constantly seeking to find the fullness of truth for herself and her members. How we need to be constantly reminded of the great underlying principles pertaining to right human relationships in such an hour as this. Tomorrow will not be determined by our ability to use atomic energy. More subtle, yet more potent forces will determine tomorrow. I speak of those forces of the spirit. On the one hand is selfishness, greed, and hate. On the other is selfishness, liberality, and love. It is still true that greater—and I mean greater in power and potential—"is he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." Nowhere else as in the church is there so constantly expended the knowledge and the grace that saves us to the right use of our lives in the directing of the power

that is with us and in us as we find in the church when we consistently seek by our regular attendance that which she is and has.

Regular attendance at the services of the church also brings one into constant contact with that which can save us from nervous, distraught, and frustrated lives. Dr. A. E. Wiggam, D. Sc., says, after commenting that Sunday School attendance adds to the possibility of marital success, "Religion is the surest guarantee of married happiness as it is also of character." Such a position cannot be proven or established by argumentation. Experience and personal testimony alone will suffice. Byron U. Hatfield wrote some time ago in our church paper, *The Religious Telescope*,

MY CHURCH HELPS ME:

To keep a sky in my life and to look up.
To keep my hand in God's and hold on to him.

To see the eternal values above the material.

To lift life above self to service for Christ.

To see the good in others and praise it.

To keep sweet and to keep busy for him.

To have a seeing eye, feeling heart, helping hand.

To test the motive of life and choose the best.

To do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly.

One may criticize the poetry but certainly one cannot disparage the worth of the benefits listed nor can one justly deny the reality of their happening. Attendance at the services of the church brings us into touch with that which can save us from frustrated living.

If, then, we have the testimony before our fellowman of our estimate of the worth of the church in our lives by our loyalty as shown in our attendance at the services of the church and if the lives of us who attend are enriched and ennobled what think ye of the results for the common good to our day? Surely the answer is such that each of us will be saying that we cannot deny our world, our generation, our locality the benefits that will derive from our heeding the call of this month of October as it calls everywhere to renewed loyalty to the services of our church.

O. E. J.

Choir

The Choir of the Upton Church meets every Thursday at 8 P. M. At present we are, in addition to our regular music, working on Johannes Brahms' beautiful anthem, *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*, which we wish to present on our Anniversary Day, November 17th.

Men are particularly wanted, both bass and tenor. See Mrs. Rathke or come to the choir rehearsal.

All Young People interested in a Young People's Choral group—12 years of age and above—should see Mrs. Rathke at once.

Mrs. Mary Rathke, Director

Our Sick And Shut-Ins

Mr. Paul Dingler is in the sanatorium at Green Springs, Ohio, for a rest cure. He has been ill for many many months.

The following are, because of health or age, kept for the most part, at their homes:

Mr. M. N. Webb—1736 Balkan Place.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bean—

2133 Lawrence Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence—

Ottawa Lake, Michigan

Mrs. Wm. Bader—1921 Barrows.

Mrs. E. A. Butz—

Route No. 8, Box 149, Toledo 12, Ohio

Mrs. Cynthia Campbell—2136 Fulton St.

Mrs. Cora Harrer—15 Rosalind Pl.

Mrs. Geo. Herbster—2039 Berkshire Pl.

How fine a call, or a card, or some other little token of love in word or deed would be to these our Brothers and Sisters in Christ now!

Brotherhood News

The Otterbein Brotherhood has been very active in the year that just closed. This is evidenced by the fact that the average attendance at the meetings has been 57, which included men, women and children.

The entertainment committee, together with the officers, decided to have family night programs to which the entire family was invited. The programs were varied and interesting, which not only stimulated interest on the part of men to attend and bring their families, but also the mothers to encourage their sons to attend.

The meeting that climaxed all others during the year was the Fathers and Sons Banquet. This dinner brought together the largest number of men and boys in our church, for any meeting of a similar nature, that has ever been assembled since the church was erected. There were 149 men and boys present and while they were not all members, they represented a potential membership. The officers feel sure that interest in the Brotherhood will increase with the return of so many men who were in the armed forces. All men and boys are invited and urged to attend all Brotherhood meetings, as this is the Men's and Boy's organization of the church, and affords an excellent opportunity to become acquainted.

Edw. Riendeau

WHEN LITTLE BOYS PRAY

When little boys kneel by their beds
And fold their hands and bow their heads
And shut their eyes and start to pray
I don't think God is far away.

I think he listens with intent

To any message that is sent

By little boys who kneel at night;

I think God tries with all His might

To answer prayers that small boys make

In His Son's name, for His Son's sake.

—Gates Hebbard

The following 6 pages contain all articles and news from our Sandusky Conference as compiled and edited for the Sandusky News by the staff thereof. A splendid opportunity to become acquainted with a great conference.

Sandusky Conference Annual Institutes

(Thirty-seventh Year)

SEPTEMBER 23 TO 27, 1946

"Partnership with Christ a Sacred Stewardship"

Defiance and Churches West of Toledo
..... Monday, September 23, Montpelier
Lima & Van Wert District
..... Tuesday, September 24, Lima High
Marion & Shelby District
..... Wednesday, September 25, Bucyrus
Fostoria & Toledo Districts
..... Thursday, September 26, Woodville
Findlay & Bowling Green
Friday, September 27, North Baltimore
Emphasis

Thy Kingdom Come Through a Sacred Partnership

Text "We must work the works of Him that sent me"—John 9:4 (Amer.)

MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK
(Local Church Time)

District Leader Presiding

Devotions

Sharing with Otterbein Home

Sharing with Seminary Auxiliary

Roll Call and Awards

"Our Children" Mrs. Roy Cramer

Introduction of Missionary

..... Mrs. Edward Nagel

Announcements

Prayer Period.

AFTERNOON, 1:30 O'CLOCK

W. M. A. District Leader Presiding

Scripture and Prayer

Missionary Message Mrs. Nagel

Offering

Special Music

Play

Partners in Conference Work

Group Meetings.

EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK

(Young People in charge)

Opening Song Service

Devotions

Roll Call

Special Music and Offering

Address by Missionary Mrs. Nagel

Benediction.

NOTES

Chapters and Locals having all officers present will receive an award as well as the one having the largest percentage of its membership present.

Both meals will be tureen style.

If your church has no local or chapter please urge some of your girls and women to attend for the inspiration they will receive and carry back to form the so-

NOTICE

Because of an advance in the cost of printing the News it was ordered by the Conference that the price of the News be advanced to 50 cents per year straight, beginning with the October issue. This may mean that those remitting under the old price will be billed for the balance. We regret this change, but we have no alternative.

Report Of The Committee On Policy

We recommend:

1. That the program presented by the Evangelistic commission be the evangelistic policy of the conference. Attention is called to paragraph 372 of the proposed Discipline of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, which will be in effect on and after January 1, 1947; "He (the minister) shall not engage an evangelist other than one appointed by the Annual Conference without first securing written consent from his Conference Superintendent."

2. That pastors seek seriously to instruct the children of the church through catechetical classes or other systematic Christian teaching, looking to their personal acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord and membership in the Church.

3. That the Holy Communion be observed quarterly in every church, and that wherever possible additional celebrations to be held on World Wide Holy Communion Sunday, on Maundy Thursday; that the celebration of the Holy Communion be made an occasion of high spiritual privilege and commitment.

4. That each church seek to enlist tithers and study seriously the great lessons of the stewardship of life. We do not approve of hoarding the Lord's money in any of the treasuries of the local church except those for special purposes.

5. That we increasingly seek to enlist

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ciety you need to have.

All our churches need a new missionary vision so let us go "Forward Together" in all departments.

Have some one prepared to give your plan for presenting missions to the Sunday School.

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Seventy-five Years of Service

By President Walter N. Roberts

On October 11, 1871 the Seminary opened its doors to students for the first time. At that time it was called Union Biblical Seminary. On January 20, 1909 it changed its name to The Bonebrake Theological Seminary.

This year on October 15 to 17, there will take place in Dayton, Ohio, a celebration of the Seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Seminary. All alumni, pastors, and other friends of the

Pageant will be presented Thursday, October 17 at 8:30 P. M. at the National Cash Register School Auditorium at Dayton. Ministers and laymen will be admitted without ticket at the door.

Seminary are cordially invited to attend the exercises of the celebration. Copies of the program for the Celebration have been sent to all the pastors in the United Brethren Church. Others desiring copies should write to The Bonebrake Theological Seminary, Dayton 6, Ohio, and request copies of the program.

This seventy-fifth anniversary calls for reflection. What has the Seminary been doing in these seventy-five years? What service has it rendered? This article seeks to answer those questions in a brief and sketchy way as follows:

1. It has been preparing men primarily for the pastorate. It has graduated 1073 students, but 920 of them have been pastors and many others have been pastors' wives. The courses at the Seminary are designed to prepare men for the pastorate. That is the chief business of this "School of the Prophets." It is the purpose of the Seminary to exalt the pastorate and to help young men to be good ministers of Jesus Christ.

2. It has been strengthening the faith of young men who attend this school. It is almost the universal testimony of Seminary graduates that their faith as well as their knowledge and skills have been strengthened. The spiritual atmosphere of the Seminary has always been wholesome and conducive to spiritual growth. The intellectual life of the Seminary has been a means of undergirding the student's faith, helping him not only to understand more adequately his beliefs but also to be more fully convinced of the reality of his convictions. If a man is going to preach, he must have great conviction.

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EDITORIAL

One thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal, unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Phil. 3:13, 14

Conference is over and past. Last year with its successes and failures is now history. What is done is done and cannot be changed. What is undone is so recorded and that cannot be changed. Some pastorates continue. Others are ended and new ones begun. Some will be pleased. Others may not be. That is one of the results of the fact that no one of us is infallible. Our Roman Catholic brethren believe that the Pope is divinely protected by the Holy Spirit from making an error. No Protestant leader has ever made such a claim.

So we acknowledge that errors may be made. But we have entire confidence that those to whom responsibility was committed have done the best that they could, according to the information which came to them, and the best judgment which God had given them. More no one has a right to demand.

So let us forget the past. The future is before us. Sometimes the way will be pleasant. At other times there will be difficulties in the way. We may be afraid of the difficulties afar off. But those of

us who are familiar with Pilgrim's Progress remember that while Christian was terrified of the lions in the way, when he got to them he found that they were bound, and for the most part not very dangerous anyway.

There is work to be done. There are discouraged men and women to be cheered. There are sorrowing people to be comforted. There are boys and girls to be guided in the way of life. There are young people waiting for their pastor to give them the nuptial blessing, and to have his guidance in the establishing of a new home. There will be new babies to be baptized, giving an opportunity to bestow a Christian blessing on the most sacred experience in life. There will always be the opportunity to turn men and women, boys and girls from sin to righteousness; to receive them into the fellowship of the church; to build them up in the most holy faith. And to do this work we cannot be forever dragging about with us the impedimenta of the past. Therefore, let us turn our backs on the past, our faces to the future, and with trust in God go forward!

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

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tions. No man can have a great faith without great convictions. We want our students to be men with a great faith grounded in convictions of eternal truths.

3. It has been helping to put "united" into United Brethren. Men come to the Seminary from north and south, east and west. They have had a great fellowship. They have had great teachers. They come to know our great church at its very center and headquarters. They come to know the splendid Christian workers we have as General Officers. They feel the heart-beats of the denomination at Dayton in the Seminary. They go out with a sense of oneness with other men of the same ministry. The Seminary is a great unifying factor in our church.

4. The Seminary has been growing into a great institution of the church. It began seventy-five years ago with no money and no property. It now has a campus of thirty-five acres, a dormitory that houses over a hundred people, an administration building for offices, classes and (temporarily) for a library and chapel. Its endowment amounts to \$25,000. Its total assets amount to more than \$1,250,000. Its academic work is recognized and is accredited by the highest accrediting agency—The American Association of Theological Schools. The Church of the United Brethren in Christ has a right to be proud of its theological seminary. This "School of the Prophets" did not come into being in a few years. It is the result of seventy-five years of "blood, sweat and tears" as well as of "fasting and prayer."

To meet the challenge of the days ahead and serve the ministry of tomorrow in the best way possible, the Seminary needs, most urgently, the following:

The fervent prayers of the membership of the church.

The love and loyalty of all United Brethren members.

Sufficient financial undergirding to meet the pressing needs of the institution as outlined by the Board of Trustees; \$75,000 for a new Chapel; \$150,000 for a Library building; \$50,000 for duplex apartments; and \$175,000 for additional endowment.

It is our prayer that some reader, who sees these needs, will purpose NOW to remember the Seminary in his Will or in an Annuity to help make the Seminary in the next seventy-five years as adequate for the years ahead as it has been in the last seventy-five years.

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It is our hope that all churches will have a meaningful observance of Seminary Day, October 13, 1946. It is a most appropriate time not only to inform the church membership about Bonebrake Theological Seminary but an ideal time to present the challenge of the Christian ministry. This challenge should be sounded in every church. October is also the time to promote the interests of the Women's Auxiliary of the Seminary and secure the twenty-five cent memberships for the Auxiliary. This is a great help to the Seminary, not just because of the money that is raised, but because of the manner in which it helps to make United Brethren church members "Seminary conscious."

The Problem Of Wealth

There is spiritual danger connected with the possession of wealth. The Bible has great fears about men who have large means; but they are like the fears of the insurance companies about men who work in powder mills. The insurance companies have no personal dislike to these men. They do not by any means assert that such men will certainly be blown to pieces. But they know that a powder mill did explode the other day, and that other powder mills have exploded before, and they decline to take the risk.

The rich man is in spiritual danger because it is so easy and natural for him to be wholly occupied with things temporal and material. Where his treasure is, there will his heart be also. His thought and life will be filled with the consideration of that which can be seen and felt and weighed and measured and counted. No man makes a great deal of money without giving his mind to it. And it is plainly possible to give one's mind so lavishly and unreservedly to this business that there is no interest or attention left for anything else. Indeed, to one who is entirely occupied with these matters, the enthusiasms, enjoyments, and purposes of religion must in the nature of things seem rather vague, and hard to understand.—Dean Hodges, in *The Human Nature of the Saints*.

Excerpts From Conference Treasurer's Report to the Annual Conference

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1945-1946
(From August 28th, 1945 to August 26th, 1946)

RECEIPTS

Benevolences:	
Undesignated Benevolences	\$ 44,842.16
Designated Benevolences:	
Foreign Missions	1,045.11
Home Missions	602.30
Otterbein College (Ed. Day)	99.00
Seminary	216.78
Young People's Anniversary	316.05
Children's Day	837.03
Total Benevolences	\$ 47,958.43
Conference Expense Fund	\$ 461.31
Conference Preachers' Aid Fund	6,650.32
Conference Church Extension Fund	25.00
Conference Christian Education Fund	1,160.33
Sandusky News Account	904.01
Conference Trustee Fund	5,350.31
Otterbein College Centennial Fund	15,427.53
Preacher Pension Endowment Fund (Bond)	18.50
Otterbein Home (Christmas)	29,038.80
Otterbein Home (Projects)	71.74
Conference Brotherhood	10.00
Foreign Relief and Reconstruction	3,821.06
China Relief	10.00
Offerings for Mrs. C. L. Sayre	1,066.04
Support Wavelene Babbit (By Lima High)	1,440.00
Support Emily Keck (By Fostoria)	500.00
Support Roy Carpenter (By Shelby)	50.00
Barnett's Creek Mission (By Shelby)	25.00
American Bible Society	15.00
Total Receipts	\$ 114,023.58
Total in Treasury	\$ 138,916.74

DISBURSEMENTS

To W. O. Clark, General Church Treasurer:	
Undesignated Benevolences	\$ 23,145.02
Designated Benevolences:	
Foreign Missions	\$ 995.11
Home Missions	602.30
Otterbein College (Ed. Day)	99.00
Seminary	216.78
Young People's Anniversary	316.05
Children's Day	837.03
Total Benevolences	\$ 26,211.29
Preacher Pension Endowment (Bond)	\$ 18.50
Foreign Relief & Reconstruction	3,821.06
China Relief	10.00
Support Wavelene Babbit	1,440.00
Support Emily Keck	500.00
Support Roy Carpenter	50.00
Barnett's Creek Mission	25.00
American Bible Society	15.00
Total to General Church Treasurer	\$ 32,090.85
To—	
Conference Expense Account	\$ 7,417.56
Conference Preachers' Aid	8,680.18
Conference Church Extension	2,090.00
Conference Christian Education	2,928.14
Sandusky News Account	914.30
Conference Trustee Account	11,454.83
Otterbein College Centennial Fund	15,450.03

Otterbein Home (Christmas)	29,038.80
Mrs. O. Richards, Treas. (Otterbein Home Projects)	71.74
Conference Brotherhood Account	10.00
To Mrs. G. L. Sayre, Offering	1,383.54
Investment in U. S. Bond (Series "F") per value \$13,500)	9,990.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 89,429.12
Total Disbursements	\$ 121,519.97

Cash Balance in Treasury, August 26, 1946	\$ 17,396.77
Treasury Balance Including Bonds at cost	\$ 27,386.77

SUMMARY OF BALANCES (August 26th, 1946)

Undesignated Benevolences	\$ 2,719.55
Foreign Missions	50.00
Conference Expense Fund	2,519.90
Conference Preachers' Aid Fund	2,084.88
Conference Church Extension	2,565.84
Conference Christian Education Fund	785.89
Sandusky News Account23
Conference Trustees Fund	6,670.48
Total Cash in treasury, August 26, 1946	\$ 17,396.77
U. S. Bonds (Series "F")—Par Value \$13,500) credit- ed to Conference Preachers' Aid Fund at cost	9,990.00
Total Cash and Bonds	\$ 27,386.77

Sandusky Conference Statistics

Of interest to every member of Sandusky Conference is the following statistical report for the year just closed. It is an outstanding record of accomplishment and one that everyone can be justly proud. We urge that you read it carefully.

Membership and Worship

Members reported at close of last year	25523
Total members received during year	1706
Total in church during year	27229
Present membership	26015
Net increase	492
Number of non-resident members	4120
Number of contributing members	14506
Number of enrolled tithers	1332
Number of conversions	1475
Average attendance at main worship service	11704

Christian Education and Activities

Total Sunday School enrollment	23480
Average attendance	12807
Number in Week Day School of Religious Education	591
Number in Vacation Church School	2216
Number in Catechetical Class	482
Members in Young People's C. E. Society	1129
Members in Women's Missionary Society	3292
Members in Women's Aid Society	4300
Members in Otterbein Brotherhood	1211

Literature Taken

Religious Telescope	1685
The Watchword	6219
The Evangel	2231
The Sandusky News	2839

Finances

Salary contract	\$162914
Pastor's salary paid by church	\$161796 \$ 161796
Conference Missionary appropriation	2950
Value of parsonage rent	22261 22261
Total received by pastor	\$ 187007
Paid for church repairs	60106

Paid for parsonage repairs	16794
Paid for local Sunday school expenses	50390
Paid for local C. E. expenses including Junior and Intermediate	3090
Paid for all other local church expenses	96207
Total current expenses of local church	\$ 410644
Paid on church debt	30944
Paid for interest	1904
Paid for new church	3000
Paid for new parsonage	12812
Total paid for church property and interest.....	\$ 48660
Total for all Local Purposes	\$ 459304

Benevolence Budget Apportionment	\$46980
Paid on Benevolence Budget through regular church offerings	45623
Designated benevolence budget gifts & offerings as follows:	
Administrative Work, etc.	75
Board of Christian Education	800
Bonebrake Theological Seminary	221
Colleges	683
Foreign Missions	1668
Home Missions and Church Erection	464
Ministerial Retirement Aid	225
Total paid on Benevolence Budget Appor.....	\$ 49959

Benevolence Contributions not in Budget	
Apportionment:	
Home and Orphanages	28711
Temperance	2141
Women's Missionary Contributions	19921
Otterbein Guild Contributions	2901
Paid on Ministerial Pension Endowment	
Fund this year	280
Conference Preachers Aid	3588
Conference Board Education	304
Otterbein College Centennial	13006
Miscellaneous	16644

Total Benevolence Contributions not in Budget Apportionment	\$ 87496
Total Benevolences	\$ 137255
Total for All Purposes	\$ 596559
<i>Property</i>	
Value of church building	\$2099400
Debt on church property	32535
Net value	2066865
Value of parsonage	308530
Debt on parsonage property	2800
Net value	305730
Amount of Insurance carried on church buildings	\$1454000
Amount of Insurance carried on parsonage	222203
Balance in Treasuries	308031
Current Operating Debt	88
Number of Quarterly Conference Licentiatees	18
Conference Minutes wanted	468

Union Brotherhood And C. E. Meeting

Almost 250 members of the district United Brethren churches attended the union brotherhood and C. E. meeting held in Tiro, Sunday, July 21. The Attica Federated church, Pastor Rev. T. W. Bennett, won first place in the attendance contest, receiving the picture which constitutes the award. Shelby District placed second.

The union service, which was held on the church lawn in the evening, opened with a song service led by John Searle, Jr., of Bowling Green, son of Rev. J. C. Searle, formerly of Shelby. Brotherhood President Lowell Flowers of Galion presided at the service and several ministers of Shelby District took part. The religious film "Journey Into Faith" was shown in place of the usual evening address, preceded by a hymnologue "Tell Me the Old, Old Story" and concluding with a solo "The Lord's Prayer."

The next district meeting is to be held Sunday afternoon and evening, October 20, with a supper to be served at the Attica Grange Hall, Rev. Bryan announced. A district C. E. rally will be held the same day at Attica. Brotherhood night at Sandusky Conference on September 4 at Fostoria was also announced.

Rev. Donald Williams, pastor of the Pasco United Brethren church, spoke to the young people of the district in the afternoon, discussing the problems young people face today.

Joe Graham of Tiro, accompanied by Marilyn May of Tiro, led the song service. A solo was presented by Dwight

Bennett, son of Rev. T. W. Bennett of Attica, followed by a scripture reading by Donna Good of Willard and prayer offered by Ronald Smith of Shelby.

District President Richard Monn of Shelby presided at the business meeting, announcing Thursday night, Sept. 5, as Young People's Night at Sandusky Conference.

A picnic supper was served on the lawn to all the guests by the Tiro ladies in the late afternoon.

Our Souls No More Resemble Each Other Than Do Our Bodies

During his last illness Drummond remarked that, at the age of twelve, he made a conscientious study of Bonar's God's Way of Peace. "I fear," he said, "that the book did me more harm than good. I tried to force my inner experience into the mould represented by that book, and it was impossible." In one of Moody's after-meetings in London, Drummond was dealing with a young girl who was earnestly seeking the Savior. At last he startled her by exclaiming, "You must give up reading James' Anxious Enquirer." She wondered how he had guessed that she had been reading it; but he had detected from her conversation that she was making his own earlier mistake. She was trying to think as John Angell James thought, to weep as he wept, and to find her way to faith precisely as he found his. Drummond told her to read nothing but the New Testament, and, he said later on, "A fortnight of that put her right!"

There lies the whole secret. Our souls

no more resemble each other than our bodies; they are not made in a mould and turned out by the million. No two are alike. Ready-made clothes will never exactly fit. Bonar and James, Bunyan and Law, Doddridge and Wesley, Muller and Spurgeon, may help me amazingly. They may help me by showing me how they—each for himself—found their way into the presence of the Eternal and, like Christian at the Palace Beautiful, were robed and armed for pilgrimage. But if they lead me to suppose that I must experience their sensations, enjoy their elations, pass through their depressions, struggle and laugh and weep and sing just as they did, they have done me serious damage. They have led me away from those secret chambers in which the King adorns the soul in beautiful and comely garments, and they have left me a mere wearer of ready-made clothes.—J. H. Boreham, in *Mushrooms on the Moor*.

Barriers

Barriers and prisons are of two kinds: There is a wall of stone in Sing Sing; it is a barrier. There is a sea around Patmos, the convict island; it is also a barrier. Dives dug a gulf between himself and his fellows; it was a barrier. and beyond that abyss he could not pass. With golden spade Dives dug that gulf and isolated himself, seeking an end named happiness; nature and God made the gulf to be fixed, and lo, the end was misery and pain. For the aristocracies of selfishness divide men, while the democracies of Jesus unite society in the interest of unity, growth, and happiness.—N. D. Hillis.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON POLICY

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the interest of our people in district meetings and rallies so that Christian fellowship might be increased and a better spirit of understanding prevail in our common tasks.

6. For several years the Conference Board of Christian Education has authorized the preparing of a Program Guide for the year. We endorse this guide and urge its consistent use throughout the year.

7. We feel that much good is being accomplished through Camp Sandusky and the Mid-winter Convention for our Youth, and we pledge our support to the entire Christian Education program.

8. We recommend that each pastor make an honest effort to reach his quota of subscriptions to the Sandusky News at the ratio of one subscription to every nine members.

9. We recommend that at least two quarterly conferences be held on each charge, that during the development of the new camp site on Lake St. Marys, the Conference Superintendent be relieved of the duty of attending quarterly conferences in person, except in emergency situation. The Superintendent shall prepare a schedule of quarterlies and conduct in person if possible, one on each charge.

10. That reports to the Conference Superintendent and Treasurer be sent immediately following the last Sunday of the month except for the month of August, when all reports are to be in the hands of the conference officials at least 14 days before the convening of the annual conference.

11. That each pastor do his best to see that the benevolence budget is paid in full and in regular monthly installments.

12. That we encourage our pastors and people to attend the Ash Wednesday retreat.

13. We present the name of Rev. John C. Searle as a representative to present our greetings to the W. M. A. Convention next spring.

14. That the Bishop, the Conference Superintendent, the Recording Secretary, the Pastor and the lay delegate of the entertaining church comprise the conference program committee.

15. That 1000 copies of the stationing committee's report be printed and distributed at the close of the Friday night session.

16. That the provision of the proposed Discipline, section 364, relating to Successor's Records be observed.

17. That we continue our support of the denominational literature. We urge a sincere attempt to reach the quota of one Telescope subscription to each ten members.

18. That we observe all special days designated by General Board of Adminis-

tration.

19. That we continue our goal of one dollar or more per member for the Christmas offering for the Otterbein Home.

20. That it be the policy of the annual Conference to build strong centers in strategic locations of the conference, first by reducing the number of preaching points on circuits and by encouraging the stronger churches now on circuits to become stations, receiving the full time service of the pastor.

21. That we enthusiastically endorse the work of the Otterbein Brotherhood and urge every church to organize an active chapter, and that district leaders and pastors be urged to arrange their programs that full cooperation may be given to the District Brotherhood Meetings.

22. That it be the policy of this conference to increase pastors' salaries in proportion to the increase of living.

IN ORDER TO MAKE A SMOOTH ADJUSTMENT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW DISCIPLINE WE MAKE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE OF 1947

1. That the Conference Treasurer be declared the treasurer of all boards, and be designated to hold all funds over which the annual Conference has control; that he be an ex-officio member of all boards whose funds he holds.

2. That the committee on Boundaries be the council of Administration with such additions as may be made by the Conference Superintendent.

3. That the Conference Board of Missions be the successor of the present Board of Church Extension.

4. That the Conference Board of Trustees handle all the real estate of the Annual Conference; that they be the body to purchase all locations, initiate new church projects and other projects involving the purchase or sale of real estate or the borrowing of money; that the Conference Superintendent and Conference Treasurer be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees; that beginning in 1947 elections to this board be for terms of three years in accordance with provisions of the new Discipline, paragraph 686.

5. That the Conference Council of Administration be constituted of those named specifically in section 546 of the new Discipline, and in conformity with the last clause thereof, the district leaders as appointed by the stationing committee, and the editor of the Conference paper as elected by the Conference Board of Publication are hereby declared elected to the Council of Administration.

6. That the Committee on Conference Relations be so appointed as to provide for sub-committees as follows:

a. On licensure, to examine and recommend candidates for probationer's license. Every candidate shall fulfill the provisions of section 339 of the new Discipline.

b. On courses of study.

c. On transfers and classification of the ministry. Every candidate shall fulfill the provisions of section 339 of the new Discipline.

d. On Elder's Order. All persons coming with credentials of ordination from other churches shall present themselves before the sub-committee on elder's orders and give satisfaction as to their agreement with the doctrinal position of this church.

7. That a special committee be appointed at this session of conference to prepare a new classified roll of the ministry according to section 311-328 of the proposed discipline; that this roll be presented to the Council of Administration for approval before the sitting of the next annual Conference, and that upon this approval, this be the roll to be read at the opening session of the conference of 1947.

8. That the committees on Ways and Means, Appropriations, and Finance be consolidated and made a sub-committee of the Conference Council of Administration.

9. That terms of all quadrennial boards expire with the session of 1947 and that the nominating committee for next year make its nominations in conformity with the new discipline.

10. That the Standing Resolutions be amended to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED:

I. That a committee of five on nominations be appointed to report twice the number of persons to be chosen for all elective positions.

II. That the elections be by ballot, and all nominations receiving a plurality of votes polled shall be declared elected.

III. That the Nomination Committee shall report its work in three sections as follows:

1. Conference Treasurer, Conference Board of Trustees, Conference Board of Christian Education (quadrennial), this report to be submitted in the first morning session.

2. Conference Historian, Board of Missions (quadrennial), Preachers' Aid Board (quadrennial), Judicial Committee (Sec. 511) Court of Appeals. (Sec. 517), quadrennial. This ballot to be submitted in the morning session of the second day.

3. Trustees of Otterbein College, Recording Secretary, Statistician, Representatives to the Ohio Council of Churches, and trustees of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League. This report to be made in the morning session of the third day.

IV. That the Nominating Committee shall not report on Section Two until after the election and report on Section One; and that they shall not report on Section Three until after election and report on Section Two.

V. That the Nominating Committee must respect the time expirations of terms for the members of the various boards.

VI. That all pastors reports to the Conference Superintendent, Treasurer and the Statistician must be in their hands

not later than the evening of the fourteenth day before the opening day of the Annual Conference.

VII. That these officers are not required to make a supplementary report.

VIII. That it be the policy of the Sandusky Annual Conference that no church begin the construction of any church building or repairs or improvements beyond 10% of the valuation of their property until the Conference Board of Trustees has approved the plans and specifications which together with a statement in writing of the finances available for such building enterprise must be submitted to the Board for its approval. Further, no church shall place a mortgage upon its property without the consent of the Conference Board of Trustees.

Fay M. Bowman
Howard McCracken
C. P. Archer
Roy Cramer
C. J. Mericle

What Jesus Taught About Living With Others

He said that the whole duty of man is summed up in two commandments—that we love God, and that we love our brother also. And he spent the most of his time teaching the second of the two. Take the Sermon on the Mount: how little there is in it of theology, the science of God, and how much of sociology, the science of society; how entirely it is taken up with the divine task of making this life better, leaving the next life till we come to it! It is a sermon that conduct, about the art of living with others, and about the social virtues, about brotherly love. And then consider the parables and the miracles; see where Christ put the emphasis of his teaching. The purpose that he lived for was to make this planet a better place to live in. He came to save us from our sins—that is, to help us out of our vices, our uglinesses, and our tyrannies, and our meanness, and all our unbrotherliness, and to make us pleasanter people to live with now. You know the list he gave of examining questions for admission into heaven—not one of them containing a mention of theology: Have you fed the hungry? Have you visited the sick? Have you cared for the sinner? That shows what Christ considered to be the biggest and best part of Christianity. He meant that Christians should be known, not by their doctrines about theology, but by their ministrations in society. He said that if heaven is ever going to begin for man, here is the place and now is the time. "Behold, how these Christians love one another!"—that is what Christ wanted everybody in the world to say.—Dr. George Hodges, in Christianity Between Sundays.

Temptations are of two kinds—those that come as penalty, and those that lie in opportunity.—Stimson.

Conference Stationing Committee Report

A. R. Clippinger, D.D., L.L.D., Bishop
V. H. Allman, D.D., Superintendent

The names marked with star (*) are District Leaders.

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Thank You!

The ministers of the Findlay District were very appreciative lately when they were the guests of the Rev. Mahlon Wenger and the Ladies Aid organization of the Trinity United Brethren church, at a very delicious picnic in the Duke Community Center. Mrs. Floyd Dukes was in charge of the preparation of the noon meal and a good time was had by all.
Paul C. Walter, Sec'y.

Calendar For Month Of October

Sunday, 9:30 A. M.—Sunday School.
 Sunday, 10:30 A. M.—Worship.
 Sunday, 6:30 P. M.—Christian Endeavor.
 Monday, 7:30 P. M.—Boy Scouts.
 Thursday, 8:00 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
 First Tues., 1:30 P. M.—Ladies' Aid.
 First Tues., 8:00 P. M.—Official Board.
 First Fri., 8:00 P. M.—Women's Missionary.

Second Wed., 8:00 P. M. Otterbein Guild.
 Third Tues., 8:00 P. M.—Trustee Board.
 Third Wed., 5-7:30 P. M.—Public Supper.
 Third Fri., 8:00 P. M.—Otterbein Class.
 Fourth Tues., 8:00 P. M.—S. S. Board.
 Fourth Wed., 8:00 P. M.—Willing Workers Class.

SPECIAL DATES—

Sunday School Rally Day—

Sunday, Sept. 29th at 9:15 A. M.

World-Wide Communion—

Sunday, Oct. 6th at 10:30 A. M.

Public Supper*—

Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 5-7:30 P. M.

Every Member Canvass—

Sunday, Oct. 20th at 10:30 A. M.

World Mission Advancement Day—

October 27th at 10:30 A. M.

City Wide Survey & Evangelism—

October 27th at 2:00 P. M.

Anniversary Day—

November 17th—9:30 & 10:30 A. M.

with Noon-day Fellowship Luncheon.

*Due to the difficulty in securing meat this announcement may have to be changed. Keep in touch with the local church or call Mrs. Clyde Thomas, La. 9994.

Sunday School

August has been a very successful month in our Sunday School. Despite the fact that vacations, hot weather, etc., tend to curb our regular attendance during the summer months, yet we have enjoyed a very good summer. Our August attendance averaged 183 per Sunday. Also, many of our members while out of the city during the summer saw to it that they attended Sunday School elsewhere. In one instance, one of our families who were away on a trip this summer, which required that they be gone five successive Sundays, sought out and attended a Sunday School each Sunday they were away. This is an indication of the loyalty of our people to the Church and to God.

On Sunday, Sept. 29th, we will observe Rally Day in our school. If you have not been a regular attendant with us, wouldn't this be an ideal time to resolve to be present in our Sunday School throughout the year?

On Tuesday evening, October 27th at 8 o'clock we will hold our regular monthly Sunday School Board Meeting at the church. We are urging that all Sunday School officers and teachers make a special effort to attend these important meetings.

Edson McShane, Supt.

Otterbein Home

Having come to the close of another Conference year, it is altogether fitting that we glance backward for a moment, not only to determine what has been accomplished, but, in order that those results may serve as a sign post, pointing out to us the best course to follow, in the year that lies ahead.

Last fall we gathered in almost 200 jars of fruit, jams, jellies, juices and vegetables, besides several boxes of soaps, soap powder, facial tissues, jig-saw puzzles, comic books and hankies which had been lost in the pews. These were carefully laundered and brought in by Mrs. Calendar. This offering fell almost 100 jars short of the previous year, but, considering the scarcity of fruit and sugar, I feel that a real willingness to share was represented by this giving. Now if you were among those who forgot, won't you please mark October 27th on your calendar today? That is the date when your fruit must be in, if you wish to share in this work. We have set the date much earlier than in former years due to the fact that we have encountered difficulty in arranging for shipment, on account of freezing temperatures. You may bring your offering to the church any time between now and October 27th or call La. 9477 and we shall be glad to call at your home and pick it up. Either home or commercially packed fruits and vegetables will be acceptable. We have a limited number of empty jars for those desiring them.

S. S. classes what do you say? Let's make our goal one can per member! Teachers please stress!

Now, just a word about our Christmas offering, which last year was the largest in the history of our church, \$600. This was the largest offering among the Toledo U. B. churches. Naturally that is an achievement to be proud of, but also one to live up to. It is always an occasion for rejoicing when we ask for an offering for our own church, and meet that goal, but, it is even a deeper satisfaction to know that our spirit of giving is not confined to Upton U. B. alone, but, that we are willing to reach out a helping hand to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Won't you help us to have a bountiful Harvest Offering by bringing in your gift promptly?

Gladys Schmitt, Chm.

Winter Schedule

Beginning with World-Wide Holy Communion Sunday, October 6th, we shall resume our winter schedule for our regular Sunday Morning services. Sunday School will convene at 9:30 A. M. and Worship at 10:30 A. M.

Husband: "It was fearfully hot at the game this afternoon."

Wife: "Why didn't you get one of those baseball fans they always have at the games?"

Otterbein Class News

The Otterbein Class is beginning its third year under the able leadership of William Schmitt. As president, he has worked long and hard through a very difficult time to bind our group into a class of which we may all be proud. He deserves the cooperation of every member of the class, and we should be present every Sunday if at all possible.

The attendance through the summer months has been very encouraging. We have been honored by visitors from Detroit, Washington, D. C., San Bernardino, Calif., Chicago, Reading, Pa., Ft. Wayne and Angola, Ind., Findlay, Elyria and Columbus, Ohio. It is nice when folks away from home come to visit us.

Our class has gained 22 new members during the past year. However, there is "no great gain without some loss" as we have had two families move from the city. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Knisely have gone to Edon, Ohio, to make their new home, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Spencer have moved to Blissfield, Michigan.

New babies have been born to the following members of our class: Mrs. Cy Roscoe, Mrs. Guy Fain, Mrs. F. J. Leonard, Mrs. Edson McShane, Mrs. Robert Grimes, and Mrs. Paul Huffman.

There has been much illness during the past few months. These people have been absent because of time spent in the hospital: Mrs. Blake Wendt, Mrs. Irene Myers, Mrs. Everett Dotson, Mrs. Howard Meredith, and Mr. George Godshall. Our prayers and best wishes are with them always and we hope it will not be long before they are with us again.

Our new teacher, Mr. Joel Mosely began his new duties Sunday, Sept. 8. We are looking forward to a very successful year with him. May God richly bless him in his new work. He needs the support of every member.

Pearl Riendeau, Scribe

Otterbein Guild

A surprise shower was the highlight of the September meeting of the Otterbein Guild. The shower was for two of our girls who were recently married, Mrs. Mariam Turner, nee Pratt, and Mrs. Clara Young, nee Stock. A group of the old Guild members were guests at this meeting. Marietta Sautter was hostess with the meeting being held in her home. The devotions were led by Henrietta Sautter.

The Guild meets the second Wednesday of every month. All young women of the church are invited to attend. We would be glad to see more of you become interested and attend regularly.

Mary Ann Papenfuss, Pres.

Best Not to See Too Much

A good housewife noticed a statement to the effect that an ostrich could "see very little and could digest anything." Which led her to ejaculate, "What an ideal husband it would make!"

PASTOR'S COLUMN

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blush most is in the number of Religious Telescopes, the denominational church paper, taken by our people. We reported 23. Our quota for this year will be 70. Certainly our people read . . . But What? There is no better paper for United Brethren people than this paper. It carries news from throughout the Church. Such information cannot be ignored in good churchmanship. Take the paper—why not subscribe now? See or call, Mrs. George Baker, (nee Marvelle St. Aubin), La. 3162. The subscription price is \$2.00 per year.

In attendance our Sunday School showed an average attendance of 246. This is an increase of 20 per Sunday over last year. Worship had an average attendance of 221, an increase of 22 per Sunday over the preceding year. All this has been due to the blessings of God upon the efforts of our people under the competent leadership of our department heads. Let us keep praying and cooperating for greater things.

Now for the future:

Sunday, September 29th, is Rally Day in the Sunday School. All should be present to make this the largest attended Rally Day in the history of the Church. If you attend Worship but not Sunday School won't you be present for this one day? There is a suitable class for YOU.

October 6th is World Wide Communion Sunday. Christians all over the World will be observing the Holy Communion on this day. You should not be guilty of breaking this golden chain of fellowship on this day by absenting yourself from the Lord's table. Service at 10:30 A. M.

October 13th will be Seminary Day in our denomination. Bonebrake Seminary is our one theological training school for ministers, missionaries and all special workers of the Church. We will remember Bonebrake in our prayers and good wishes.

October 20th will be our Every Member Canvass Sunday. Each member should plan definitely to make his pledge and hand it in at the morning service on that day. If you cannot be present on that day send your pledge in or call Mrs. O. E. Coder, La. 0936.

October 27th will be World Mission Advancement Day. Further announcement is elsewhere in this issue. Also on this day, we shall, as a church, unite with the rest of Protestantism, in the city of Toledo, in a city wide survey and home visitation and teaching evangelism crusade under the auspices of the Toledo Council of Churches. It is planned to survey the entire city in about two hours on Sunday afternoon, October 27th. Many of our people will be asked to help. Work will be carried on during the ensuing week under the direction of Dr. Harry

Munro of Chicago, Ill. Following this week work will continue in each local parish.

You will keep in mind our Anniversary Day to be held Sunday, November 17th. We hope to make a substantial step forward in liquidating our remaining debt of \$5,000. It is our hope and prayer that all the debt will be cleared by Easter, 1947. We invite you to share.

O. E. J.

Junior Church

Junior Church will be in session for each Sunday of the Winter schedule beginning Sunday, Oct. 6. Mrs. N. E. Kane will be in charge. Hour of service will be at 10:30 to coincide with the adult worship hour. Boys and girls five years of age to 10 years, inclusive, are most welcome.

It is endeavored that here the worship will be adapted to the needs and understanding of this age teaching them the importance and helpfulness of worship in these impressionable and formative years.

Younger children will be cared for in the two nurseries. One for children up to 18 months of age and another for 19 months to four years of age inclusive.

Please cooperate in this effort to help all by observing the wishes of those in charge. Feel free to come and worship and while you worship leave your children in the hands of our competent leaders.

Nursery News

Upton Church is blessed with many babies and wee folk. Several months ago we saw the necessity of setting up a second nursery. The little ones up to eighteen months are to be cared for in the original nursery. Those from nineteen months up to four years are cared for in the Scout room. There is very capable supervision each Sunday with a married woman in charge and a young girl assistant. Several of the mothers have offered to supervise one Sunday a month. We have no trouble in finding girl assistants for we have many clamoring for that job. Everybody loves the babies. If any other woman wants to give a Sunday occasionally please get in touch with me. Also we do not want to deny any of the girls a chance to help entertain these little ones so I will be glad to have your names also. No one will be expected to serve more than one Sunday per month. This nursery service enables parents to enjoy the worship service with the knowledge that their children are being well cared for. However, for precaution to all we do ask parents not to leave children in the nursery who have colds or have been exposed to any disease. We are sure all will appreciate this and this will cause all to feel more free to leave them.

Mrs. O. E. Johnson

Aid Society Activities

The Upton United Brethren Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Donohue on August 6th for an all day meeting. Planned pot-luck was served at noon to 13 members. Business meeting opened with devotions by President, V. Mark, speaking on "Teach Us to Pray." Matters pertaining to sale of Christmas cards and subscriptions of magazines discussed. The carpet rags on hand were finished due to consistent efforts of all present. The ladies all appreciated the generosity of the gracious hostess in inviting them to her new home.

The September meeting was held in the church basement on Tuesday afternoon, September 3. Meeting opened with devotions by President reading from Luke 18, and talking on "What to Labor For." Meeting then turned over to new President, Marie Thomas.

The regular meeting of the society will be held the first Tuesday of each month. Suppers will begin Wednesday, September 18, and will be served monthly thereafter. The next one will be October 16.

The President stressed the bringing in of tax stamps by all the members. A rummage sale will be held the first week of November and all church people are asked to contribute whatever they have. If impossible to bring to church, arrangements will be made to collect it. Metal sponges will be for sale in near future.

Mrs. Vada Mark, Reporting

Note:—It will be of the utmost importance that all keep in touch with the local church for future announcements concerning public suppers as the difficulty in securing meats may make it impossible to carry out all plans.

Women's Missionary

Now that vacations are over let us resume our missionary work with renewed interest and enthusiasm.

The society will meet with Mrs. N. E. Kane, Metamora, Ohio, on Friday evening, October 4th at 8 o'clock. This is the annual literature meeting with Mrs. Vada Mark, literature secretary, as leader. Mesdames Edson McShane and Carl Rothlisberger will be the assisting hostesses. All ladies of the church are cordially invited to attend these monthly meetings.

World Missions Advancement Day will be observed on Oct. 27th in the regular worship service. Watch for further details concerning the program. Envelopes will be distributed among members of the society. Any one who wishes to share in this offering may do so. Projects for our offering this year are: Foreign, Harford School for Girls, Sierra Leone, West Africa. Home, New Latin Mission Bldg., Tampa, Florida, and Heating Plant, Santa Cruz, New Mexico.

Mrs. Loa Costin, President