

and interpret. Language was a big human factor in this convention and yet of no importance to the Lord who looketh to the heart of the singer or the speaker. Another effect of the government act of closing the port of Santos was the absence of 300 delegates at the convention who were due to arrive from the state of Sao Paulo. How they had looked forward to the coming of this great gathering of Christian workers only to be disappointed at the last minute because of the turn matters had taken! It is only another evidence of the instability of South American governments and the impulsiveness of its people.

After preliminaries and the singing of "The Hallelujah Chorus" by the choir, Dr. W. C. Poole gave the opening address on the convention theme, "O Christo Vivo," "The Living Christ." One sentence will suffice to give the gist of what was said "Call Him by no name but *Follow Him*." On this first night our own President Hoover had sent a telegram. There was also a cablegram from Sir Mackintosh reading, "May the Spirit of the Living Christ bless the convention."

The massing of the national banners is always an impressive sight at a Sunday school convention. Some carried their country's flag, but we looked in vain for our Red, White and Blue, only a very insignificant shield bearing the words, "The International Council of Religious Education—U. S. and Canada." In commenting upon this latter we were told that it was distinctly understood that there were to be no national flags carried. Some one had disregarded this, but we felt better when we knew that N. A. had done the courteous thing.

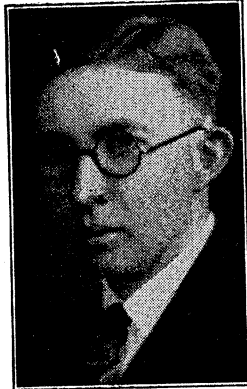
A procession of children came by twos representing the caption, "*A Little Child Shall Lead Them*."

At the afternoon session on Tuesday Dr. Kelly gave us a resume of Christian education in Europe. Among the forces that are at work to destroy, he mentioned communism, unemployment, heavy debt in churches, and youth's different outlook on life. The brighter picture was in the signs of some progress having been made. Spain: S. S. forces have reorganized. Italy: Religious freedom established 3 years ago. France: Call has come to French S. S. Ass'n for training schools. Germany: Increase in S. S. attendance against heavy odds. Hungary: Marvelous growth during last 6 or 8 months. Poland: Hardest battle for Protestant church. During last two years S. S. Ass'n has reached out to Ukraine and Russia. In Roumania and Jugoslavia S. S. Ass'n has organized Sunday schools. Jewish children present another problem. Many youth are seeking Protestant council and 4,000 have been baptized.

## FROM ALASKA

### The Family Song Evening

Dear Friends of the COVENANT COMPANION: This evening, while the impression is fresh, I wish to take you along on a



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little visit to the Mission in Unalakleet. Many things might be mentioned about the surroundings. The potatoes, turnips, rutabagas, lettuce, etc., which Brother Larsson raises are doing very nicely. The little greenhouse is very beautiful with the different flowers which are in bloom. There are peas, astors, geraniums, snapdragons, and even a rose bush.

Now I wish to bring you along into the parlor where we are to spend the evening. Everything is clean and in order. In the center is a home-made library table which has a number of books upon it. In one corner is the davenport which also serves as an extra bed on occasion. In another corner is the piano which if it could speak, would have many interesting stories to relate. In another corner is the portable organ which can easily be carried from place to place. Around the room are a number of chairs and rockers.

Just after a bounteous supper, Brother Larsson announced that the dishes should wait until later in the evening. We must go to the parlor and sing. You see here are a number of guests. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Gonognon, our native missionaries from Mountain Village have made an extended visit here. Their little grandson whose name is Eric is with them. Then Mr. and Mrs. Misha Ivanoff, and Cyrus from Nunivak Island are here. They are government teachers out on that lonely island and also carry on mission work among the natives there. I am here for a couple of weeks.

We obeyed the orders and spent an hour or more of singing the good Gospel hymns. The program was varied, so could not be monotonous. A little while after starting, several others had arrived to take part. There were solos, duets, male quartets, etc. The Ivanoff's sang one anthem in the native dialect of the Nunivak Islanders. A violin played by Harry Soxy also took part.

It could not but remind me of home. It was not lonesomeness, but I did wish the home folks could be along. It reminded of the times our family would

gather around the piano to sing. It was the opinion of my folks that it is better to provide good music at home, than for young people to use money in seeking entertainment outside of the home. I think it was an influence for definite good in my youth. It is a mistake to get away from such a custom. Home should be so attractive that we like it better than other places. Of course, the church services should not be neglected at any time.

These are a few thoughts which come to me this evening. I hope they may be of help to someone.

In a few days, we must part from each others. Duty calls us to our different fields. Travel is difficult and expensive so we cannot meet as often as we would like. You cannot wonder that we look forward to the time we may meet again.

Our wish and prayer is to bring many along with us to the home where there will be no partings. May we be careful about the use of our time, for our time may be limited. May our friends remember us all in prayer.

Yours in the Master's service,

R. H. Pearson.

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### A Christian Wedding in Alaska

In the issue of July 16 we published a notice about a wedding at White Mountain, Alaska, written by our missionary Ralph H. Pearson. He sent us a photo of the bridal pair, but it came too late for the article. As we think our readers will be interested in seeing the Eskimo bride we publish the picture.



—"*She wore a white dress and veil, and carried a bouquet of white anemones which are blooming in abundance at this time.*"