

Campaign for Decent Motion Pictures

Every Seventh Day Baptist pastor is invited to discuss the movement for decency in motion pictures from his pulpit on October 20, or some other Sabbath at his early convenience.

Also, on that date, to take up vigorously the signing, by his people, of the *Declaration of Purpose*—"to remain away from all motion pictures that offend decency and Christian morality."

The pledges should be circulated on October 20 and later, followed up by some designated organization until every church member and friend has had an opportunity, though without pressing, to sign. The cards, when filled in, should be filed in the pastor's office, and the totals reported to denominational headquarters, local councils of churches, or the Federal Council of the Churches, 105 East 22nd St., New York City.

The Federal Council of Churches has prepared a pamphlet giving valuable information on the motion picture problem in preparation for Sunday, October 21: single copy 5 cents; \$2.50 for 100; \$20 for 1,000. Pledge cards, with information on the back to guide in the selection of pictures, can be had for 30 cents per 100; \$2.50 for 1,000.

Now is the time to act!

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The Open Window A quality of soul appreciated by every true man is that which permits no misfortune, however great, to dominate life. Terrible disaster or misfortune may cripple or handicap, but it depends upon the person affected whether he be defeated or not. A man may be down but he need not be out, so long as he has life and any right use of his reason.

Now and then there comes to attention some outstanding example of spiritual heroism by which one has lifted himself from apparent defeat and helplessness to a position that might almost be envied by the common run of mortals. There is a woman in the mountains of West Virginia who, a cripple for years and bedfast upon her back, compelled to look straight up, and with the use only of her hands in a certain position, yet who is reported to have earned a living for an aged mother and other dependents for years. An arthritic cripple of years standing, of Nantucket Island, does things almost unbelievable, such as beautiful works of art in Christmas, birthday, and other special cards with water colors and can-

celled postage stamps. Her messages and poetry come from an uncrippled soul.

But this was to be a message on "The Open Window." These souls are living by open windows, windows they have opened themselves by their faith and indomitable courage. Misfortune came but it could not conquer. One need not go far afield for living examples of this kind. Most communities have one or more. The other day the editor, stepping down the street, saw one of these open window souls in her limousine in front of his office. She too has been overtaken with paralyzing disease. But her mind, too, is bright, and sympathy and interest in others and their work are great. Her smile and pleasant word carry cheer and encouragement. Constantly her car and chauffeur are upon errands of help and mercy. An aged friend is deaf and cannot hear a word of sermon or Scripture read, but she is invariably present in her place at church, her cheery smile and presence a constant source of joy to her pastor and a benediction upon all present who know her. She, too, lives by the open window.

On a recent Sabbath some friends of olden days sat in our worship service. One of them, herself a semi-invalid, interests herself much in work with shut-ins. She affiliates with the Shut-in Society. When in a city where members of this society dwell, she plans to call. It was the writer's privilege to accompany her in one or two such calls a few years ago. From her he has just received a copy of the monthly paper published for shut-ins, and it is called "The Open Window." Is it not symbolic, at once an encouragement and a challenge? The motto and slogan of the sheet seems to be, "The window of my soul I throw wide open to the sun." The blind, the cripple, and the healthy may well remember the refrain of an old song, "Open up the window, let a little sunshine in." We open our own windows.

Faith Needed Faith is the need of the hour, Christianizing faith. Faith was strengthened in the heart of the poor lad's father who besought Jesus to cleanse his son, and who cried, "I believe, help thou my unbelief." Whatever the influence of the circumstances or the inspiration of the contact, there was a compelling belief, a vital faith.

We are interested in all that is helpful and promising in building up the church and the denomination. Any careful analysis of our condition reveals that there are many things

we need, but at bottom and permeating them all is this need of a vitalizing faith.

Jesus told inquiring disciples that the sort of demon possession alluded to could not be affected save by prayer. All observers of the times and searchers of their own hearts know that we do not pray as we ought. There have been times when men thought their attendance upon solemn assemblies was sufficient, but liturgies and enriched worship services, however valuable, are not enough. Amos rang up the danger of depending upon these things at Bethel when he spoke for God, "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will take no delight in your solemn assemblies." There was something the lack of which did not make for peace with God, sound morality, or social justice. That lack led to godlessness, disloyalty, and religious and national disintegration. "Religions die when they cease to give men the pulse of a vital faith, when they no longer help men to meet the crises of their life." We must do more than invite men to church, or invite them to become Seventh Day Baptists. We must do more than ask men to worship God. They must be led to a faith that will suffice them in their hour of need. The church that has in it those who can do this is the church that has a right to grow. We must be able to inspire men with a faith in Christ if the grave problems before us are to be solved. Have we such a faith, even as a grain of mustard seed? The results of the efforts of the early disciples to win men to this saving, working faith, were marvelous. But then, those early followers of Christ themselves had faith. "Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief."

Church News We are social creatures and our religion cannot help being social. Interest in the kingdom work is enhanced, and desire to be more loyal to the Master is quickened through social interaction. One of the compensations of being a small denominational group is found in the larger fellowship and personal interest among our members that cannot be found in larger communions. While this should not deter us in seeking to lengthen our cords, it is of value in strengthening our stakes. Favorable comment upon the "Denominational Hook-up" confirms this opinion.

Locally, more can be done in many of our churches than is being attempted at present. Some pastors in years past have appreciated this fact and have published parish papers and bulletins and used other methods of keeping

members in touch with one another. Economic difficulties have discouraged much of this effort. But careful reflection often reveals that economy attempted at this point is often depressing, if not disastrous. Much can be accomplished through perseverance and loyal cooperation. In many churches will be found typewriters, mimeographs or other duplicating machinery, use of which may be secured with little cost, if any. Then too, there will be found those who can and are willing to do the mechanical work.

An outstanding illustration of all this is found in the "Boulder News"—at present issued semi-annually. The October number, just at hand, is a twenty-page paper of letter size, eight and one-half by eleven inches, mimeographed both sides in double columns, and the sheets stapled together. It is full of breezy news items, reports, and observations that interest and inspire. It is not got out by the pastor, though his spirit and influence are reflected throughout. It has an editor, two typists—named on the front page—and at least a dozen other contributors. Fancy this news home church sheet going into the homes of the non-resident members. It mentions their friends by name and tells what they have been doing the past six months. It carries the news of the church's activities, its prayer meetings, its woman's societies, its Sabbath school, its special study classes, its camps, and Vacation Bible School. How cheering and inspiring are the reports, from young and old. Then the people right at home are surprised and helped to read how many good things have been done right in their midst, and to realize perhaps for the first time that what they have contributed was in any way worthy of mention. Some of the items have appeared in the "Hook-up" and others would be of general interest if published. Among many fine things recorded, this is of special significance: "The young people believe in prayer because they have seen their prayers answered."

The method of carrying church news is not copyrighted. What one church does, others can do. Blessings will come to any church so doing.

Crescent Avenue The week of October 7-14 **Dedicates Church** was one of special moment to the people of a sister church, the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian, in Plainfield. This church, locally, is of interest at the Seventh Day Baptist Building, standing as it does fac-

ing the street on which our building is located and in full view from the editor's window, a block and a half away.

The former building, of fine architecture and ivy clad, burned down November 17, 1931. The new one built on the foundation of the old and on some of its walls is a beautiful edifice, grander and more imposing even than the old. It was dedicated formally October 7, but various services were held during the week following. These ceremonies included a Fellowship night, when all the pastors and churches of the city were invited. This service partook also of the nature of the Fellowship day promoted by the Committee on Welfare and Religion. Rev. Robert Wicks, dean of Princeton Chapel, delivered a challenging and impressive sermon. On another night the organ was dedicated and many of our people attended. Plainfield is a city of beautiful homes, fine buildings, and is especially proud of her noble churches.

Red Cross Since the World War few people have to be told what the American Red Cross is. However immeasurable in its value in war time, its peace time program is varied and widespread and is worthy of the support of all. Support of the American Red Cross is a form of disaster insurance. Scores of times each year it answers the call of distress. It is at the service of need every day of the year. It teaches health and safety, nurses the sick and the needy, gives friendly assistance in hospitals, co-operates with the schools, participates in relief and welfare work—in short it ever stands ready to meet any and every disaster emergency. In time of flood, storm, earthquake, fire, drought, or other great calamity the Red Cross is the first thought, and never fails the sufferers.

With other welfare agencies the Red Cross is suffering from lack of sufficient funds. The annual roll call, November 11 to 29, will afford all an opportunity to do their bit in a helpful way. The whole American citizenship is invited to membership.

Helping Others On another page is a letter setting forth needs of children of our neighbors in the southern mountains. There are so many needs coming constantly to attention and so many demands insisting upon being immediately heard that it is not easy to discriminate and to know which ones should have our own attention. There is something about

the dire needs of little children that makes effective appeal to most hearts. The SABBATH RECORDER has turned deaf ears to many agencies clamoring for help. Its readers and supporters have regular avenues through which their sympathies are being largely expressed. But, perhaps, the appeal in the letter referred to may find those who are able to help a little more and who will experience a fresh joy in ministering to others. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me."

A New Tract Fresh from the Recorder Press is a new tract setting forth the differences between Seventh Day Baptists and Seventh Day Adventists. The author, Rev. L. Richard Conradi, was for more than fifty years a loyal minister, accurate historian, and zealous missionary and religious leader among the Adventists. Historically and evangelically, however, he has been, in reality, more a Seventh Day Baptist. His affiliation with them, therefore, has been really a home coming.

The new tract deals faithfully but sympathetically with the vital differences between the two denominations. It is written with the view of helping the multitudes of faithful Sabbath keepers who, no longer able to maintain their faith in certain Adventist beliefs and interpretations, are unattached, singly or in groups, to find a denominational home. In concluding his admirable discussion he points out a mark of difference perfectly obvious to those who know both people. His final sentence is: "In fact, the Seventh Day Baptists differ from Seventh Day Adventists in a marked manner, by granting to all their members that liberty of conscience and understanding of the Bible which should characterize all who make the Bible the sole rule of faith and its own interpreter."

Brother Conradi is a minister of the gospel in good and faithful standing with Seventh Day Baptists, and is doing a valuable work in Germany, where he has raised up thirteen Seventh Day Baptist churches in the past two years with more than four hundred fifty members.

The tract of thirty-two pages is published by the American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., and can be had at five cents per copy, or twenty-five for one dollar. Every Seventh Day Baptist church should have this tract in its rack.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INTERESTS

BY REV. JAMES L. SKAGGS, PRESIDENT

Our Christian consecration must logically carry with it all that we are and all that we have. We cannot serve "God and mammon." For convenience' sake it may be necessary to emphasize fragments of belief, action, or experience; but in reality we cannot divide our spiritual experience up into unrelated segments.

We have our boards, societies, committees, all related to the General Conference, and each dealing with some particular element of our one great Christian purpose. "We have many members in one body." No member can be independent of any of the other members. Each member must do its part, if the body as a whole is to be healthy and effective.

At times the activities of our boards, societies, committees may overlap. We may feel that we have too many organizations, that there should be a re-grouping and the elimination of some of our machinery. Surely we should strive for the greatest possible efficiency in organization. On the other hand some overlapping may not be wholly objectionable; it may only emphasize the oneness and the importance of our objective.

It is really pleasing to note the "overlapping" as it appears in the SABBATH RECORDER, issue of October 15, in the work of the Religious Life Committee and the Committee to Promote the Financial Program of the General Conference. Note the following from the Religious Life Committee: "We recommend that the month of November be set apart in all our churches as Stewardship Month. These times cry out for a baptism of Christian stewardship which will say to every man: 'Your time, your wealth, your life, your career are not your own. Your farm, your cattle, your coal and oil, your business, your stocks and bonds belong to God.'"

Then note the following from the Finance Committee: "In spite of the difficulties that surround us all, shall we not work this year to deepen the spiritual tide which seems to have turned back again into our denominational life? Shall we not take up our work with renewed enthusiasm this fall? Let us have more prayer and more faith; more sacrifice and more service; more effort to raise the budget—not merely to raise money, but to maintain and increase the spiritual tide. Let

us have more evangelism until the tide becomes a flood. "Let's begin now."

What could be finer than to have these two very important committees each sharing the burden of the other, while each is diligently pursuing its assigned task.

Was it not Doctor Conradi who said in effect at our recent session of the General Conference, if we can produce a fine spiritual life in our people, we will not have to worry about our finances? This is in harmony with the sentiment of both the committees from which I have quoted. Should not evangelism be the watchword in all our churches? In the address of the president of Conference twenty years ago we find this appeal: "The individual is the unit and the whole is made up of a collection of units. If the units are strong, the organization will be strong. If the units are weak, the organization will be weak. How much then the strength of the organization depends upon you and upon me, its individual units. Each of us has his or her part in this great work of evangelism." Here we have a permanent truth well stated. "Let's have more evangelism until the tide becomes a flood. Let's begin now!"

SPIRITUAL RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Religious Life Committee in presenting the program last year said: "We believe that now is the hour to sound an advance. The people are ready to hear the word the Lord Christ is speaking, 'Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up.' It is the hour for an aggressive educational program. We must drop the apologetic note."

We have no reason to change that belief. We believe the fog is lifting and the sky clearing; that there is among us a growing interest in the things of the spirit; that there is a rising tide of optimism; and that there is evidence that the "graph" is turning upward. We are encouraged in this belief by generous responses from the field, by the many expressions of approval, and by pledges of co-operation from many quarters. It is the unanimous sense of the committee that the program launched last year should be carried forward with renewed zeal. Even though we lay ourselves open to the charge of narrowness, we believe that we must create a deeper sense of denomination-mindedness or lose our identity as a people.

The program revamped to meet new conditions follows:

1. *Our Teaching Ministry.* The committee recommends: That our churches in pulpit and pew, in sermon and class room, magnify their teaching ministry; that they exalt the ministry of the Word of God; that the great doctrines of Christian faith have a large place in our preaching and teaching; and that we give special emphasis to our own denominational doctrine, history, and polity.

2. *Home Training.* That renewed emphasis be placed upon the training of the children in our homes; that fathers and mothers, in conversation and conduct, lead the way toward a glad and loving obedience to the Sabbath law as well as to all of God's other requirements. (Suggestion: The Woman's Board might well make this a special objective in their work.)

3. *Young People's Groups.* That in summer camps for young people, in Sabbath school and Christian Endeavor work, in young people's conferences, we utilize the great opportunities afforded us to create a denominational consciousness, inspire Sabbath loyalty, and help young people to see that Sabbath-keeping is not a grievous burden, but a high privilege of making a contribution to the world's need. (Suggestion: The newly created Young People's Board may find their major task here.)

4. *The Conference and Associations.* We believe the hour calls for doctrinal teaching and preaching. It speaks in trumpet tones, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Doctrinal preaching is setting forth for mind and heart the meaning of our Christian faith. We appreciate the consideration given the recommendations of the Religious Life Committee last year. We urge that continued prominence be given to the great doctrines of our faith, to evangelism, and to study group conferences, with special reference to our own doctrine, history, and polity.

5. *Denominational Boards.* We appreciate the encouragement and support given the past year by all our denominational boards. Two boards have contributed outstanding service:

(1) The Sabbath School Board has now in preparation a series of lessons on our "Exposé of Faith and Practice" which will appear in the *Helping Hand*, the second quarter, 1935. We urge that generous use of these lessons be made in all classes in the young people's division and adult department of our Sabbath schools.

The committee believes that in the week by week treatment of the International Sabbath school lessons, applications can be made which will bear upon the vital problems affecting Seventh Day Baptist young people as well as adults, and we look to the *Helping Hand* to point the way to the making of such application in our Sabbath school classes.

(2) The Tract Board. The SABBATH RECORDER has been the vital channel through which the program has been propagated. In the main, it has been our publicity agent. The editor by his strong

and helpful editorials has rendered invaluable service. We covet their continued support.

6. *Stewardship.* We recommend that the month of November be set apart in all our churches as Stewardship Month. These times cry out for a baptism of Christian stewardship which will say to every man: "Your wealth, your time, your life, your career are not your own. Your farm, your business, your stocks and bonds belong to God."

7. *Personal Visitation Evangelism.* In the mind of the committee, all the above recommendations are vital. They all should contribute to our major task—*Winning Men to Christ.* It is our judgment that personal visitation evangelism should be recognized as a regular, continuing feature of our Christian work. We recommend that such a campaign be carried out in every church this Conference year, preferably this fall or early winter. Keep in mind this four-fold objective:

- (1) To win men to Christ.
- (2) To place the claims of the Sabbath before others.
- (3) To win back to the Sabbath those who have left it or have grown indifferent to it.
- (4) To create a deeper spirit of loyalty to the Sabbath and a greater interest in all our denominational work.

By personal evangelism, the committee has in mind two special methods:

- (1) Individuals working for individuals. This should be a continuous, sustained effort throughout the year.
- (2) Campaigns at special times and seasons. We are urging that each and every church set apart a definite time for special evangelistic work, to be conducted as personal visitation work through groups of personal workers, or as special revival services, or both.

As aids in such work we suggest:

- (1) That we make much of prayer. Organize prayer groups. Let us set aside the first Sabbath in January as a special day of prayer for our work.
- (2) Organize training classes for church membership among the young.
- (3) Use a neighboring Seventh Day Baptist minister to assist in the visitation campaign or revival service. The pastors need the inspiration of such work. Both churches and pastors will be blessed.

Revival services, personal visitation, and stewardship campaigns may all be blended into a blessed undertaking of building anew the kingdom of God.

Faithfully submitted,

A. L. DAVIS,
T. J. VAN HORN,
H. L. POLAN,
P. S. BURDICK,
O. W. BABCOCK,

COMMITTEE.

MISSIONS

HARMONY

For successful mission and all Christian work there must be harmony among the workers. Discord grieves the Holy Spirit. The truth of this statement is apparent when we call to mind the fact that the message of the angels announcing Christ's birth was "Peace on earth, good will to men." There are few, if any, ways by which the forces of evil can more easily defeat that which is good than by stirring up strife among those who would advance truth and righteousness. Let a group of Christians begin to fight one another and the cause is lost.

Many churches have become extinct because of contention within. Seemingly, a lack of harmony does its deadly work more quickly in a small, or missionary, church than in a large group. In a large company of Christians the disastrous work of the contentious is in a measure overcome by the influence of the faithful workers, and the harm of strife seems not to be so great; but its influence is felt nevertheless.

The greatest damage coming from contention is to the character, as well as to the happiness, of those who indulge in it. It is a deadly poison.

A warning against strife does not mean that we are to yield to everything, for it is wrong not to resist some things. We must proclaim the truth of our Master, though it be disagreeable to some. The spirit in which we disagree with others makes all the difference in the world. If we oppose the things others want in the spirit of love, forbearance and a passion for the good of men, our antagonists must respect us unless they are degenerate.

It is impossible that people, even Christians, should always see alike. Misunderstandings are bound to come and individual interests to conflict. Here again the spirit exhibited in these matters determines whether the cause is wrecked by discord. The Christian way is to try to see things as our brothers in Christ see them, seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and work with all our might though our ways have not been adopted.

It takes but little thought to see how important harmony is in church and mission work.

FROM THE PRESS

The Protestant Episcopal Church held its convention this month and the religious world followed with interest the decisions made. The discussions regarding the appropriations were of especial interest to those responsible for financial matters in all denominations. The budget proposed by the National Council was \$2,700,000. This was cut \$386,885, leaving the budget as passed \$2,313,115. This is a cut of nearly fifteen per cent.

The Episcopal Church has a deficit of nearly \$800,000. "The convention voted \$15,000 for the amortization of this debt and resolved that all undesignated legacies hereafter would be divided and applied equally to the payment of the debt and to the promotion of the Forward Movement, to recuperate the retrenchments made by the church during the depression." This action regarding undesignated legacies is worthy of consideration.

The effort to change the name of the church by dropping out the word "Protestant" failed.

"The time has come to acknowledge frankly that the present threat to the missionary enterprise is of a kind that will not yield to mere practical effort and human ingenuity. All our planning and inventiveness, even our busyness and our zeal, seem only to emphasize our inadequacy and impotence. To be forced to learn this lesson is proving a hard and humiliating experience. Yet true wisdom may well begin by learning it thoroughly. Behind the discouragement and partial defeat of our home organization departments stands a spiritual inadequacy in our missionary leadership; and, behind that again, spiritual poverty in the Church itself. Someone has asked whether we at home possess an 'exportable' religion." — *From International Review of Missions.*

"Toward the end of a period of acute depression in Canada, when it was generally expected that the Church would be unable to maintain its missionary giving, there came the further calamity of the failure of the crops. The missionary outlook was very dark. Yet the Church was not crushed. On the contrary, it responded in an almost miraculous fashion, and not only raised money enough to maintain its normal missionary work, but went beyond that and secured additional income. Those who were closely associated with the Church stated that this result was due, not

primarily to good organization, nor even to an urgent call in a desperate hour, but to a renewal of the Church's spiritual resources, and a consequent rising tide of religious life. — *From World Dominion.*

TREASURER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT

September 1, 1934, to October 1, 1934

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer,
In account with
The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

GENERAL FUND

Permanent Fund Income	\$ 378.75
Denominational Budget for September	460.08
Los Angeles (foreign missions)	2.00
Seventh Day Baptist C. E. Union of New England for native Jamaica workers	20.00
Young People's Board in Holland toward Jamaica travel expense	5.00
New York City Church	15.00
First Hebron Sabbath school	2.78
Julie E. H. Flansburgh (foreign missions)	1.00
Overdraft October 1, 1934	1,849.24
	<u>\$2,733.85</u>

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Interest	\$ 121.19
G. D. Hargis, September salary, rent, children's allowance, traveling expenses and native workers	191.25
G. D. Hargis, from Seventh Day Baptist C. E. Union of New England for native workers	20.00
Check tax	1.08
Wm. L. Burdick, September salary	112.50
Wm. L. Burdick, traveling expenses, rent, clerk, office supplies	153.71
E. R. Lewis, salary	22.91
Verney A. Wilson, salary	22.91
R. J. Severance, salary	22.91
R. W. Wing, salary	50.00
A. T. Bottoms, salary	33.32
S. S. Powell, salary	22.91
R. H. Coon, salary and traveling expenses	45.40
C. L. Hill, work in Stonefort	15.00
E. F. Hurley, salary	25.00
A. L. Davis, work in Syracuse	10.00
L. R. Conradi, salary	41.66
G. Velthuisen, salary	250.00
Treasurer's expense	20.00
China payments for September as follows:	
H. E. Davis, account salary and children	\$137.50
Principal Boys' School	33.34
Boys' School	8.34
Incidentals	25.00
Rosa W. Palmberg	41.66
Anna M. West	41.66
Girls' School	16.66
	<u>304.16</u>
Overdraft September 1, 1934	1,247.94
	<u>\$2,733.85</u>

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MISSIONARY BOARD

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held today at the Pawcatuck church, Westerly, R. I.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Clayton A. Burdick.

The members present were:

Albert S. Babcock, Rev. Willard D. Burdick, Karl G. Stillman, Corliss F. Randolph,

Rev. Clayton A. Burdick, Rev. W. L. Burdick, Robert L. Coon, James A. Saunders, George B. Utter, Edwin Whitford, Rev. H. R. Crandall, Allen C. Whitford, Mrs. W. D. Burdick, Mrs. Elisabeth K. Austin, Walter D. Kenyon, Mrs. Anne L. Waite, Morton R. Swinney, Charles E. Gardner, Rev. Everett T. Harris, John S. C. Kenyon, Herbert C. Van Horn, Asa F. Randolph, Rev. James L. Skaggs, Albert N. Rogers.

The guests present were L. H. North, Orra Rogers, Mrs. Allen C. Whitford, Mrs. Harold R. Crandall, Miss Marjorie J. Burdick, Mrs. James L. Skaggs, Mrs. Lyra B. Irish, and Mrs. Ira B. Crandall.

The quarterly report of the treasurer for September 30, 1934, and a statement of condition as of the same date, was accepted and ordered recorded.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT

July 1, 1934, to October 1, 1934

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer,
In account with
The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

GENERAL FUND

Memorial Board income	\$ 94.58
Permanent Fund income	1,541.56
Denominational Budget	1,510.08
Organizations	259.00
Individuals	14.00
Special gifts	242.13
Interest Dea. J. O. Babcock Bequest	8.45
Overdraft October 1, 1934	1,849.24
	<u>\$5,519.04</u>
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Corresponding secretary and expenses	\$ 726.49
General missionaries and expenses	139.41
Churches and pastors	675.00
China	912.50
Holland	250.00
Jamaica	595.75
Treasurer's expenses	258.13
Interest	263.69
Taxes	1.74
Special gifts	248.13
South American field	48.19
Germany	125.00
Printing	84.80
Overdraft July 1, 1934	1,190.21
	<u>\$5,519.04</u>
Net indebtedness July 1, 1934	\$29,687.30
Net indebtedness October 1, 1934	30,341.30
Increase for the quarter	\$ 654.00

STATEMENT OF CONDITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1934

The Society Owns:

Cash:	
In checking accounts:	
Washington Trust Co.	—\$1,849.24
Industrial Trust Co.	101.00
	<u>—\$1,748.24</u>
In savings accounts	636.15
	<u>—\$1,112.09</u>

Investments: Stocks, bonds and notes	\$104,750.62
Less - Reserve for depreciated securities	6,600.00
	<u>98,150.62</u>
	\$ 97,038.53
Real Estate:	
In China	\$ 55,829.86
Georgetown	2,500.00
Jamaica	6,000.00
Nebraska	1,000.00
New York State	2,200.00
Minnesota	162.50
	<u>67,692.36</u>
	\$164,730.89
The Society Owes:	
Notes Payable:	
Washington Trust Co.	\$ 24,500.00
Ashaway National Bank	2,000.00
Anne L. Waite	500.00
Permanent Fund Savings Account	1,462.22
	<u>28,462.22</u>
Excess of assets owned over amounts owed	<u>\$136,268.67</u>

The above excess is applicable as follows:

Funds - Principal Amounts:	
Permanent Fund	\$ 95,645.31
Alice Fisher Relief Fund	3,480.00
H. C. Woodmansee Relief Fund	425.00
Ministerial Education Fund	134.36
Franklin F. Randolph Memorial Fund	41.04
A. J. Potter Ministerial Relief Fund	1,000.00
Amanda M. Burdick Scholarship Fund	1,000.00
Securities - Profit and Loss Fund	16.06
	<u>\$101,741.77</u>
Funds - Unexpended Income:	
Permanent Fund	\$ 101.00
Alice Fisher Relief Fund	18.62
H. C. Woodmansee Relief Fund	189.29
Ministerial Education Fund	19.59
A. J. Potter Ministerial Relief Fund	105.67
Amanda M. Burdick Scholarship Fund	75.30
	<u>509.47</u>
Funds - Other:	
Gifts for special purposes:	
Bible distribution	28.87
Real estate equities	64,329.86
	<u>\$166,609.97</u>
Less - General Fund deficit	30,341.30
Net total of above fund and equity balances equal to excess of assets owned over amounts owed	<u>\$136,268.67</u>

The quarterly report of the corresponding secretary was presented, approved, and ordered recorded. It follows:

QUARTERLY REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

As corresponding secretary I would report that, following the last regular meeting, some time was given to the publication of the Annual Report of the Board of Managers, copies of which were sent to all members of the board. August 10-12 I participated in the centennial celebration of our church in Independence, N. Y., and from there went to the meeting of the Commission, which convened in Salem, W. Va., August 17-21. Friday night, August 17, I assisted Pastor Eli F. Loofboro in a week-end evangelistic campaign.

I attended the General Conference held in Salem, W. Va., August 21-26. September 8 was spent with our churches in Syracuse and Verona, N. Y., during which time conferences were held with Pastor A. L. Davis, chairman of the Religious Life Committee. During the week-end of September 14-17, I was with our people in Chicago, preaching to them and holding conferences with a view to learning the needs of our work in that city. The week-end of September 21-24 was given to conferences with Brother L. Richard Conradi and to meetings connected with his work. September 29 I participated in the ordination of Rev. F. F. Stoll, pastor of our church in Irvington, N. J. Usual attention has been given to the correspondence and to work connected with the Missions Department of the SABBATH RECORDER.

Faithfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. BURBICK,
Corresponding Secretary.

Ashaway, R. I.,
October 20, 1934.

The Missionary - Evangelistic committee, made the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. That the appropriation of the Los Angeles Church be changed to "The Pacific Coast."
2. That Rev. Erlo Sutton, or someone else, be asked to supply the Chicago Church once a month, the Missionary Board to pay traveling expenses.
3. That the traveling expenses of available ministers be paid for monthly visits to the church at Salemville, Pa., the necessary funds to come from the appropriation for the Salemville Church, as may be arranged by the secretary of the board.

Voted that the three recommendations of the Missionary-Evangelistic Committee as passed become effective January 1, 1935.

Rev. Everett T. Harris, chairman of the Tropics Committee, reported that the missionary in the Jamaica field was finding some difficulty in covering the field on the amount of money allowed for traveling expenses. He said that a report had been received from N. O. Moore, who has made a visit to the Jamaica field accompanied by Mrs. C. H. West, Mrs. N. O. Moore, and K. Duane Hurley. The report was read to the board.

Voted that the corresponding secretary convey the appreciation of the board to the members of the party which visited Jamaica.

The Committee on China suggested a policy regarding retirement in conformity with the recommendation of Conference. The report was as follows:

Pursuant to the action of the board at its last meeting, your committee has given careful consideration to the question of retirement of

missionaries on furlough and to the recommendation in the report of the Commission as adopted by the General Conference asking the board to formulate a general policy for retiring missionaries.

The committee is not prepared to submit a complete plan for retirement; but as a part of such policy, we recommend, as follows:

1. That all foreign missionaries employed by the board be retired at the age of seventy years.
2. That since Miss Susie Burdick has reached the age of seventy, she be retired at once, her present salary schedule to expire on December 31, 1934.
3. That Miss Susie Burdick's retirement allowance for the year 1935 be at the rate of \$30 a month.

Voted that the report on retirement policy be approved and the recommendations adopted.

Voted that the chair appoint a committee of three to study and make further recommendations as to the retirement policy of foreign missionaries. He named H. R. Crandall, Asa F. Randolph, and W. L. Burdick.

The Alice Fisher Fund Committee made a verbal report.

The Investment Committee made a report, which was adopted and ordered recorded.

The committee to complete records regarding past bequests, Karl G. Stillman, chairman, said that work was progressing and records were being completed as fast as possible.

Voted that accrued interest be added to the principal remaining in the Ministerial Education Fund of the society until further action by the board, if there be nothing in the terms of the bequest that may prevent it.

The Budget Committee had no suggestions to make, but presented the Budget which had been approved and presented to the Commission for the Conference at a previous meeting. [This will be printed in next issue.]

A number of items growing out of communications were brought up by the corresponding secretary.

Voted that Corliss F. Randolph be asked to represent the board at the Conference on Annuity rates to be held in New York, November 20, 1934.

Voted that the suggestion of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of New York that their pastor go to Salemville, Pa., for two or three weeks in the year and that he also be used by the board during July, 1935, be accepted, and the secretary was instructed to make arrangements.

Voted that the secretary be advised to attend the Southwestern Association, meeting in

November of this year, if in his judgment it seems best.

The secretary had correspondence from the Iowa field. The need there is great.

The president was authorized to appoint the standing committees. He announced the following appointments, which are the same as last year:

Missionary-Evangelistic—Morton R. Swinney, Chairman, Clayton A. Burdick, Corliss F. Randolph, Charles E. Gardner, George B. Utter, Mrs. Clayton A. Burdick, LaVerne D. Langworthy, Herbert C. Van Horn, Albert H. Rogers, John H. Austin, William L. Burdick.

American Tropics—Everett T. Harris, Chairman, Ahva J. C. Bond, Allen C. Whitford, James A. Saunders, James L. Skaggs, Hiram W. Barber, Jr., Walter D. Kenyon, Robert L. Coon, William L. Burdick.

China Committee—Harold N. Crandall, Chairman, Edwin Whitford, Charles H. Stanton, Mrs. Anne L. Waite, John S. C. Kenyon, Asa F. Randolph, Mrs. Elisabeth K. Austin, Mrs. Willard D. Burdick, William L. Burdick.

Ministerial Relief—Karl G. Stillman, Chairman, William L. Burdick.

Investment Committee—Karl G. Stillman, Chairman, George B. Utter, Allen C. Whitford.

Auditing Committee—John H. Austin, Chairman, LaVerne D. Langworthy, Harold R. Crandall.

Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn reported on the work of the Sabbath Tract Society which is helping in the work done by the Missionary Society. Quarterlies and other literature are being sent to foreign fields.

The minutes were approved.

The meeting adjourned.

GEORGE B. UTTER,
Recording Secretary.

THE RED CROSS REACHES INTO MILLIONS OF HOMES

The Red Cross—as a symbol of service or a symbol of mercy—touches the lives of millions of Americans.

In five years of economic depression and partial recovery Red Cross has given direct relief to one out of every five persons in the United States. These were victims of unemployment, drought, tornado, flood, earthquake, and other catastrophes.

An average of one hundred disasters each year calls for Red Cross aid to thousands of sufferers, who are given food, clothing, shelter, medical aid, and help in regaining self-support.

More than a million men and women, boys and girls, wear the insignia of Red Cross Life

Saving or First Aid. These safety services were taught this year to 70,000 men employed on federal relief projects and to key men in every Civilian Conservation Camp.

Each year a quarter million disabled ex-service men and dependents, and men in the regular Army, Navy, and Marine Corps and their families receive the friendly assistance of the Red Cross worker.

Red Cross public health nurses visit the sick in city and rural homes. They have aided at the birth of more than 19,000 babies during the depression years and also made 1,289,000 visits to or in behalf of more than 100,000 maternity cases. Thousands of children reached by these nurses, have had conditions of malnutrition discovered and checked.

In homes and in institutions the blind are furnished with Braille literature through the skill of Red Cross Braille workers who print thousands of these books.

Almost 7,000,000 school boys and girls, members of Junior Red Cross, wear buttons with the motto "I Serve."

To carry on this humanitarian work more than 100,000 men and women volunteer their services through the 3,700 chapters and 10,000 Red Cross branches which cover the nation.

Four million men and women join the Red Cross as members every year. Their membership dues furnish the funds for Red Cross work.

OBSERVATIONS

BY THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE TRACT SOCIETY

More than one hundred people of New England and from other eastern points gathered Sabbath morning, October 20, at Newport, R. I. Not to visit America's great watering place and fashion resort; not for some great international contest or other sporting event did these pilgrims from various churches come. Rather they made this journey to worship again together in the first Seventh Day Baptist shrine in America, the old Newport church. This Seventh Day Baptist church was organized in 1672 and its members were participants in the great, age-long movement in behalf of religious liberty. The building itself, ancient, and of simple colonial structure, is now preserved by brick walls by the New-

port Historical Society. The interior is much as it was when last used by the congregation many years ago. The gallery, on three sides, the high pulpit and sounding board, with the historic old clock facing the pulpit, are still as they were. One regrets that the old pews are gone.

The congregation this morning was made up of descendants, largely, of the founders and early members. The early morning drive from across the bay was delightful, whether by ferry at Saunderstown, or by Mount Hope (new) Bridge, with gorgeous foliage painting landscape and roadside on every stretch and turn of highway. Such colors painted on canvas might call forth the criticism, "overdone." But the Master Painter spreads on the colors from nature's paint pot that challenge but never clash.

Newport is located at the southern end of the island of Rhode Island, lying some twenty-eight miles south of Providence and near the mouth of Narragansett Bay. It is a beautiful city of itself with its many miles of ocean drives, cliff walks, and palatial summer homes.

Once in five years the Seventh Day Baptist churches of New England hold their "yearly" meeting at Newport in the old church, the privilege of the building being freely extended through the courtesy of the Newport Historical Society.

The Sabbath morning program was conducted by Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor of the Pawcatuck Church, assisted by Albert N. Rogers, pastor of the Waterford Church, and Rev. Everett Harris, pastor of First Hopkinton, daughter church of Newport, with a history almost coextensive with the mother church, and a separate entity since 1708.

The pastor of the Rockville and Second Hopkinton churches, Rev. Willard D. Burdick, preached the sermon from the high pulpit. Briefly he sketched the beginning of the movement resulting in the organization of the first church of our faith in this country, and then declared a powerful message on the unfinished task of achieving religious freedom.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper followed, administered by pastors Crandall and Harris, assisted by Deacon Edwin Whitford of Westerly and Deacon Albert Brooks, Waterford. The old communion set, more than two hundred years old, was used and seemed to draw the group even closer than usual into fellowship with one another and with God.

At the close of the service all were seated and a most pleasant and unexpected surprise was sprung by Dr. Corliss F. Randolph, who after a few appreciative and feeling words introduced Mrs. Maud Howe Elliot, daughter of Julia Ward Howe, author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," a direct descendant of the colonial governor, Richard Ward, and of Samuel Ward, governor of Rhode Island at the time of the Revolution.

Mrs. Elliot, now eighty years of age but alert and keen, was also deeply affected by the service, and as she told of visiting this church as a girl in company with her distinguished mother. So interesting was this address I am incorporating it in this column, as reported in the *Westerly Sun*. Her quotation from the Japanese general may well come to us as Seventh Day Baptists as a message and challenge: "We went out and looked up . . . remembered our ancestors and dared."

MRS. ELLIOT'S ADDRESS

The past few moments have touched me deeply as I remembered associations with this beautiful old church. I will tell you about the church as I remember seeing it the first time I entered it. My mother brought me here when I was a girl of about fourteen. I think it was fourteen, because I remember it was about that time my mother was trying to interest me in other things to take my mind off beaux and dances.

As we entered the church I was impressed by its great age. Everything was left just as it had been after the last service. My mother found the Ward pew and we sat in it. On the altar was a plush cushion that evidently had been crimson but had faded to a lovely rose. On it was the Bible, which I hope is in the possession of the Historical Society, closed just as the minister had left it after the last service.

As It Was Left

The church was in apple pie order. Everything was straight and arranged perfectly. But one of the things that impressed me with the great age of the place was the thin film of gray dust which covered everything. It was spread over the plush cushion, the Bible, the floors. As my mother and I walked up the aisle our footprints were clearly marked, and I felt somewhat the same way as I did viewing a tomb in Egypt that had been recently opened and a footprint, supposedly left in the sand by those leaving it two thousand years before, was pointed out.

The pews were as they had been when the church was in use and each pew had a name on it. From the time we entered the Ward pew my mother seemed to forget me. As we sat there I could not understand nor feel as my mother felt. It seems it must have been the way she felt when she wrote that beautiful hymn,

"In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,

While God is marching on."

Talks With Japanese

Soon after the Russo-Japanese War I met and talked with one of the Japanese generals and I asked him how a small country like Japan could dare to take up arms against a great country like Russia. He said, "We went out and looked up to the sky, remembered our ancestors, and dared." I have often thought of that and it has helped me. When there has been some particularly trying situation, I have gone out and looked up to the sky and thought of my ancestors—of those two great ancestors, Richard Ward, the Colonial governor of the colonies, whose ancestors fought with Roger Williams for religious freedom, and of that later one, his son Samuel, who was governor at the time of the Revolution.

I do not remember when this church building was built, but I know my ancestors worshiped in it; and it means much to me. Those are my recollections of it.

APPRECIATION OF TWO DEACONS

(Item adopted by the Rockville, R. I., Church, at its communion service September 29, 1934.)

The Rockville Church, quite recently, has lost by death, two deacons, both faithful, both beloved by all their co-workers.

Deacon Charles O. Crandall was ordained October 23, 1909, and died May 1, 1934.

Naturally of retiring manner, feeling the responsibilities of his office, not assuming leadership, he walked steadily with us, always ready and faithful in any appointed service.

Stephen Bowen Andrews received ordination as deacon, November 17, 1928; he died September 13, 1934.

Kind and friendly to all who met him, he was always among friends. He was conscientious, generous, interested, faithful.

We place upon record this testimonial to the worth and usefulness of these brethren, and of our love and esteem for them as mutual helpers in our Christian work.

A. S. BABCOCK,
Clerk.

NOTICE

Those who have SABBATH RECORDERS to send to Mr. Frank Jeffers will please notice that his street address has been changed. Mail now should be sent to him at 1632½ Center Street, Racine, Wis.

WOMAN'S WORK

Not on the world's great stage dost thou call the most of us, O Lord, to play our parts. But "in lowly paths of service free" we find thy dearer, sweeter company, and the ministry that bears fruit in thy glory. Amen.

Happiness comes not from the power of possession, but from the power of appreciation. Above most other things it is wise to cultivate the powers of appreciation. The greater the number of stops in an organ, the greater its possibilities as an instrument of music.—H. W. Sylvester.

MISSION STUDY BOOKS

Some one has said, "We must study geography until there is no foreign land. We must know personality until there is no foreign man."

The following helpful books may be ordered from the Publishing House of the American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

"World Tides in the Far East," Basil Mathews, cloth, \$1.00; paper, \$.60.

"Christ and Japan," Toyohiko Kagawa, cloth, \$1.00; paper, \$.50.

"Foreign Missions Conference Bulletin" (bi-monthly) for general information, 1 year subscription, \$.25.

Leaflet—"A Course for Leaders of Adult Groups Studying Japan," T. H. P. Sailer, \$.25.
"A Daughter of the Samurai," Etsu Inagaki Sugimoto (Fiction. Probably can be obtained from a local library.)

"Suzuki Looks at Japan," Willis Lamott, cloth, \$1.00; paper, \$.60.

"The Tinder Box of Asia," by George E. Sokolovsky. (Highly recommended by best authorities for accurate information and unbiased statements of the Far East situation. For extensive reading and hard study. Not suggested for general group study.)

Junior Study Books:
"Rainbow Bridge," by Florence C. Means, (Fiction - good), cloth, \$1.50; paper, \$.75.
Japanese Village Cutout, \$.50.
Picture Map of Japan, \$.50.

Japanese posters can be procured, free on request, from the Japanese Tourist Bureau, 551 Fifth Ave., New York City.

"Orientals in American Life," (Study book for home missions by Albert W. Palmer), cloth, \$1.00; paper, \$.60.

The history of people of China and Japan (also Russia) are so closely interwoven that

some books of last year's study of China are equally applicable and useful this year, such as:

*"Living Issues of China," Henry T. Hodgkin, cloth, \$1.00; paper, \$.60.

*"Clash of World Forces," Basil Mathews, cloth, \$1.00; paper \$.60.

"East Wind, West Wind," Pearl Buck, (Fiction).

"The House of Exile," Nora Wain, (Fiction).

*Can be borrowed from the Circulating Library, Woman's Board.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S BOARD

The Woman's Board met Sunday, October 14, 1934, in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Hulin, the president in the chair, all members present except Mrs. S. O. Bond and Mrs. E. F. Loofboro.

Mrs. Shaw read a passage from Matthew 5th chapter. Prayers by members.

The minutes of the September meeting were read. The treasurer made the following report:

Frances E. Davis (Mrs. Okey W.), Treasurer

In account with the

Woman's Executive Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

Receipts

Balance September 9, 1934	\$ 99.63
Harold R. Crandall, Denominational	
Budget	4.86

\$104.49

Disbursements

Mrs. Eugene Davis, bank draft	\$ 10.05
A. A. Davis, lantern slides	19.60
Lotta Bond, supplies for corresponding secretary	3.00
Mrs. George B. Shaw, postage	1.15
Federal tax	.08

Total	\$ 33.88
Balance October 14, 1934	70.61

\$104.49

Salem, W. Va.,
October 14, 1934.

The committee to judge the contest papers reported as follows:

Two excellent papers were sent from the Central Association. After much deliberation, the paper, "Friends of Africa," was given first place.

A most excellent paper, written by Mrs. Mary V. Evans, was sent from the Northeastern Association; but for lack of competition, could not be awarded the prize, but will be published later.

Voted that the theme for the contest for another year shall be some phase of Mission Study.

Voted that the associational secretaries be allowed for traveling expenses to the churches of their respective association, an amount not exceeding \$5 for the smaller, and \$10 for the larger associations.

Correspondence was read from the Foreign Missions Conference, The World's Peace Conference, and Mrs. Frank J. Hubbard.

Voted that Mrs. Hubbard be asked to represent the Woman's Board at the Foreign Missions Conference.

The committee to investigate the movement for better motion pictures recommends that the board go on record as favoring the movement.

The minutes were read and approved. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. G. H. Trainer, the second Sunday in November, 2 p. m.

MRS. GEORGE B. SHAW,
President.
MRS. ORIS O. STUTLER,
Secretary.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The Secret Power of Prayer—Matthew 7: 21; Psalm 66: 18, 19, 20; John 6: 37; 1 John 5: 14.

Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then doing of your work will be no miracle. But you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life, which has come to you by the grace of God.—Phillips Brooks. M. S. L.

TRACT BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in regular session in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, October 14, 1934, at 2 p. m., President Corliss F. Randolph in the chair.

Members present: Corliss F. Randolph, La Verne C. Bassett, Herbert C. Van Horn, Asa F. Randolph, Neal D. Mills, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Ahva J. C. Bond, William M. Stillman, Orra S. Rogers, Irving A. Hunting, Franklin A. Langworthy, George R. Crandall, A. Burdet Crofoot, Frederik J. Bakker, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Everett C. Hunting,

James L. Skaggs, and Business Manager L. Harrison North.

Rev. Neal D. Mills led in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Corresponding Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn read his report.

Leader in Sabbath Promotion Ahva J. C. Bond read a report from Rev. Ralph Coon on the Rocky Mountain Young People's camp, held this summer.

The quarterly report of the treasurer, Ethel T. Stillman, was presented as follows:

Ethel T. Stillman, Treasurer,
In account with the
American Sabbath Tract Society
For the quarter ending September 30, 1934
Dr.

To balance on hand July 1, 1934:
General Fund\$1,295.77
Denominational Building Fund 2,278.02
Maintenance Fund 619.93
\$ 4,193.72

To cash received since as follows:

GENERAL FUND
Contributions - individuals\$ 19.00
Denominational Budget 339.23
Denominational Budget—Lewis Camp 5.00
Income from invested funds:
Permanent Fund and Annuity 332.53
Gift income 332.53
Receipts from publications:
"Sabbath Recorder" 438.35
"Helping Hand" 367.79
General printing and distribution
of literature 31.86
Contributions, publishing Conradi
tract 50.00
Washington Trust Co., Westerly,
R. I. - dividend check, incorrect
amount 105.00
1,688.76

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING FUND
Interest on note, Silas G.
Burdick estate 21.00

MAINTENANCE FUND
Rent from publishing house 150.00

PERMANENT FUND
Transferred from savings account
for investment\$4,700.00
Payment from Denominational
Building Fund account loan 100.00
4,800.00
\$10,853.48

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GENERAL FUND
Sabbath Promotion Work\$ 60.54
Expenses - "Sabbath Recorder" 1,606.27
"Helping Hand" 375.09
General printing and distribution of
literature 173.20
Corresponding secretary - salary 356.50
Expenses 79.65
Recording secretary - typing,
stationery, etc. 9.50
Treasurer's expenses 67.00
Annuity Gift income payments 390.00
Plainfield Trust Co. - account notes 500.00
Plainfield Trust Co. - interest on notes 73.16
Washington Trust Co. - refund
of dividend check sent in error 105.00
Check tax:
Plainfield Trust Co. 1.10
Plainfield Savings Bank02
\$ 3,797.03

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

IT IS TO THINK

Today I have grown taller from walking
with the trees,
The seven sister poplars who go softly
in a line;
And I think my heart is whiter for its
parley with a star
That trembled out at nightfall and
hung above the pine.
The call-note of a red bird from the
cedars in the dusk
Woke his happy mate within me to an-
swer free and fine,
And a sudden angel beckoned from a
column of blue smoke—
Lord, who am I that they should
stoop—these holy folk of thine?
—Author unknown.

THE CHALLENGE

WORSHIP SERVICE USED AT THE CLOSE OF THE
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE,
SALEM CONFERENCE

(This service is printed on this page as sugges-
tive of other services that may be worked out
by the young people for use in their Christian
Endeavor meetings.)

Theme—Stewards of the Abundant Life.
(Explanatory words by the leader.)

Hymn—This Is My Father's World.
Antiphonal Scripture—

Reader A—In the beginning God created
the heaven and the earth. Genesis 1: 1.

Reader B—The heavens declare the glory
of God and the firmament sheweth his handy-
work. Day unto day uttereth speech, and
night unto night showeth knowledge. Psalm
19: 1, 2.

Reader A—The earth is the Lord's and the
fulness thereof; the world, and they that
dwell therein. Psalm 24: 1.

Reader B—The Lord reigneth; let the earth
rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad
thereof. Psalm 97: 1.

Quartet—Praise God From Whom All
Blessings Flow.

Reader C—O Lord, how manifold are thy
works! In wisdom hast thou made them all;
the earth is full of thy riches. Psalm 104: 24.

Reader D—The sea is his, and he made it;
and his hands formed the dry land. Psalm
95: 5.

Reader C—The heavens are thine, the earth
also is thine; as for the world and the fulness

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING FUND

Payment to Permanent Fund
account loan\$ 100.00
Furnishings for Historical Society
rooms, from special Daniel C. Waldo
Fund 879.50
979.50

MAINTENANCE FUND

Janitor\$ 33.00
Coal 72.50
Removal of ashes 1.40
Repairs to roof 6.62
Transferred to savings account 200.00
313.52

PERMANENT FUND

Loans on bond and mortgage, on
real estate\$4,700.00
Transferred to savings account 100.00
4,800.00
By balance on hand:
Maintenance Fund\$ 456.41
Denominational Building Fund 1,319.52
\$1,775.93
Less overdraft, General Fund 812.50
963.43

\$ 9,890.05

\$ 456.41

1,319.52

\$1,775.93

812.50

963.43

\$10,853.48

Total amount of indebtedness, General Fund ..\$ 7,000.00
E. & O. E.

ETHEL T. STILLMAN,
Treasurer.

Plainfield, N. J.,
October 1, 1934

Examined, compared with books and vouchers, and
found correct.

J. W. HIEBELER,
Auditor.

Plainfield, N. J.,
October 13, 1934.

For the Committee on Distribution of Lit-
erature, Neal D. Mills presented the follow-
ing report which was adopted with its recom-
mendation:

We voted to send 125 copies of back *Helping
Hands*, including 25 copies of the special Sab-
bath issue of first quarter, 1926, to Mr. Joshua
Chateka in Angoneland, Nyasaland.

Pursuant to the action of the board on April
22, we voted to republish the tract, *Pro and Con*,
in the amount of five thousand.

We recommend that 150 copies of the *Helping
Hand* for the year 1935 be sent to Jamaica for
use under the direction of Rev. G. D. Hargis.

In September, 851 tracts, 61 *RECORDERS*, 3 *Help-
ing Hands*, and 1 *Year Book* were sent out.

The Supervisory Committee reported that
the regular meeting was held today at 12.30.
A small profit for the month of September was
noted.

The report was accepted.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjournment.

NEAL D. MILLS,
Recording Secretary.

thereof, thou hast founded them. Psalm 89: 11.

Reader D—And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. Genesis 2: 15.

Quartet—Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult.

Leader—Let us consider the words of Jesus concerning our duties as keepers of the garden of life.

Jesus said:

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10: 10.

Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Matthew 6: 25b.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness. Matthew 6: 33a.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15: 14.

These things I command you, that ye love one another. John 15: 17.

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Matthew 7: 16, 17, 20.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do. John 14: 12a.

Talk—Stewards of the Abundant Life.

Prayer and Quartet—"A Charge to Keep Have I."

Arranged by MARJORIE BURDICK.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUMMER CAMP

This year, as usual, there has been much prayer for the success of our camp. There have been both individual and group prayers. At least one prayer meeting was held especially for the camp. The same spirit continued throughout the week of camp. The young people believe in prayer because they have seen their prayers answered.

Pastor Osborn of Nortonville was a great inspiration to the camp this year. An exchange of pastors was arranged whereby he was with us, and our pastor, two weeks later, assisted him in a young people's conference at Nortonville. It is hoped that next year we may arrange a triangular exchange to include the North Loup young people and their pastor.

Pastor Osborn taught us a number of splendid choruses which were sung on all occasions through the camp time. His studies on the Sabbath and on why we believe the Bible were very helpful. Several of the young people bore special testimony to the value of these courses in their own lives. One afternoon a special question and answer discussion hour was held. The most practical and some of the most difficult problems of young people's lives were brought up and discussed with the idea of determining what the Master would have us do.

All who had any part in the camp this year feel that the Lord has abundantly blessed and that lives have been changed for eternity. This will be shown by the following summary of the decisions that were written out and handed in the last night of camp. The largest number of decisions is represented by the first item, fewer by the next, and so on.

1. Decision to pray and read the Bible regularly.
2. To take the gospel to others.
3. To keep the Sabbath with a new loyalty.
4. To be out and out for Christ.
5. To overcome temptation.

R. H. C.

LETTER FOR HELP

DEAR SIR:

Thousands of American children have no chance at even an elementary education.

In hundreds of isolated communities in the southern mountains children of America's frontiersmen are living in privation and want. Undernourishment and sickness are rife. Very many are even denied their one opportunity, attendance at the one-room mountain school, because they have not clothes to wear. I do not mean such clothes as you are used to seeing on school children; I mean overalls and two shirts for a boy and two simple dresses for a girl. Of thirty-five children in one mountain school, only two had shoes.

The Save the Children Fund of America is doing a thorough-going work of child welfare in a number of mountain areas. Just now the workers are almost heartbroken because they do not have clothes with which to keep children in school. Three dollars will furnish a complete kit of clothes for a boy or girl—underclothes; simple dresses and sweater, or overalls, shirts, and jumper; coat; and shoes. Or used clothing will be gladly received. Almost anything sturdy can be used. It will be re-

modeled if necessary by sewing groups directed by the workers.

Surely every family that reads this has two or three used garments or some outgrown shoes that could be spared. A club, class, or other group can easily get together a shipment that may mean keeping a whole school going. Even one garment will be welcome. Please send direct to Save the Children Distributing Center, LaFollette, Tenn.

School books are almost as badly needed. So are hot school lunches, cod liver oil, child health clinics, recreation material, toys and games, traveling libraries. Supplying any of these things for one little mountain community would make a fine project for a group. If you are interested, please write for definite information to Save the Children Fund, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN E. WHITE, Minister.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

DEAR MRS. GREENE:

This is my first letter to the SABBATH RECORDER. I am six years old and in the first grade.

I have a baby brother named Arthur and another brother named John Eugene who will soon be four years old.

I like the children's letters in the RECORDER and I like to go to school.

Sincerely,

NAOMA BLAKE.

Bitely, Mich.,
October 14, 1934.

DEAR NAOMA:

I was very, very much pleased to receive your very first letter, but I hope it will not be your last one. I'll not be satisfied unless you write often. Now don't forget, will you?

I have just been listening to the radio and of course Skeezics had to sit on my lap to warm his feet. When I put him on the floor to answer your letter he was quite disgusted, but soon he climbed on top of the radio and now he can warm his feet to his heart's content, for of course when the radio is on it is warmer than my lap.

I am glad you enjoy your school and also

that you like RECORDER letters enough to write one yourself.

Your sincere friend,

MIZPAH S. GREENE.

DEAR MRS. GREENE:

It has been a long time since I have written to you, and now my sister Naoma is big enough to write, so we will both write this time.

We have had potato digging vacation this week, but tomorrow we go to school again. I am in the fifth grade this year. Mr. Rollie Paulson is our teacher. We like him very much.

The woods around here are very pretty just now. We enjoyed the pretty colors so much on our way to Sabbath school yesterday.

We have nine cows and three calves.

I think I will close now and wash dishes for mother.

Your friend,

DOROTHY BLAKE.

Bitely, Mich.,

October 14, 1934.

DEAR DOROTHY:

I have thought a good many times, "I wonder why Dorothy Blake does not write any more?" You see you write such nice letters that I missed them greatly when they failed to come. I am so glad Naoma is big enough to write, too.

I think you have a pretty fine family, with two girls and two boys. You surely must keep mother pretty busy, so it is fortunate that she has a big girl like you to wash dishes and help her in other ways. Of course you enjoy taking care of that dear baby brother.

The Independence children almost always have a week or two for potato digging vacation. I hope Michigan farmers are getting a better price for potatoes than New York farmers are — just twenty cents per bushel. We are eating a good many potatoes out this way this year, and they are fine big ones, too.

The woods around here are very beautiful, too, this fall. I don't believe I ever saw them prettier. No living artist can paint nearly as beautiful pictures as God, the Master Painter.

Sincerely your friend,

MIZPAH S. GREENE.

DEAR RECORDER CHILDREN:

Have you ever wondered about the editor of the Children's Page—how she looks, how old she is, and who under the sun she is anyway?

Well here she is, as the photographer saw her, and here are a few brief facts about her. After seeing this photo and reading the following facts perhaps you will want to say to her as one little girl did after seeing her for the first time, "I didn't know you were so old."



When your editor was a little girl her name was Mizpah Sherburne, and she was born on the old Sherburne farm about two and a half miles from Walworth, Wis., April 15, 1874. Now you know just how old she is, do you not? When she was six years old she went to Chicago, Ill., where she lived for three years, returning to Walworth at the end of that time where she made her home, until, at the age of sixteen, she went back to Chicago to live with her aunt, Mrs. Phoebe Covey, and entered high school. After spending four years in high school and one year in teacher's training school and practice teaching, she began her work as teacher in the Chicago public schools and taught nine years. At the age of twenty-one she became a member of the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church.

On August twenty-first, 1904, she was married to Walter L. Greene of Alfred and went to Alfred to live for one year. "Where has she been since then," do you ask? Well, she spent eight months in Dunellen, N. J., nine weeks in Little Genesee, N. Y., and the rest of the year in Alfred, two years in Brookfield, N. Y., six more years in Alfred, ten years in

Independence, and has just finished ten years in Andover.

Now if you have not already found out the age of Mizpah S. Greene, contributing editor of the "Children's Page," a simple problem in addition will give you the right answer without doubt.

Three children came to bless the home of your editor—John Stanley, who went to the life beyond at the age of sixteen; Edwin Claire, twenty-two years old May seventh, who has begun his second year in medical school at the George Washington University, Washington, D. C.; and Eleanor May, seventeen, a senior in Andover high school. If you want any more information, please ask the editor.

OUR PULPIT

TAKING SECOND PLACE GRACEFULLY

(Preached by Rev. A. Clyde Ehret, pastor First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, at Conference, 1934)

One of the most familiar stories in the Old Testament is that of David and Goliath. Generations of children have been brought up on it, and the details have become part of the folklore and literature of our race. The sequel to that story is less familiar but far more suggestive for modern life. When Saul returned after the battle he expected to be received enthusiastically by his grateful subjects. To his immense chagrin he discovered he was not the center of attraction. The villagers were giving him credit, to be sure, for slaying thousands of Philistines. But they were adding that David had killed ten times as many. How their song must have angered the king!

Saul was not the last man to encounter this irritating situation of being unceremoniously shoved into second place. Sooner or later, life forces all of us to accept a subordinate position. Some of us began to meet that experience when we were only children. In school and college we had always fancied that we would be one of the leaders of the class—a hero in athletics, a prize-winner in scholarship, one of the class officers at graduation. Then we had to learn that there may be thirty men on the football squad, but only eleven men on the first team, and only one captain on the field. How it galled us to deflate our dreams and slip down into second, third, or even fourth place! Still harder were the readjustments of later years. Sooner or later all men

in their fifties and sixties must surrender their position to a successor. It is not always easy to see this intruding youngster take over the business, re-arrange the school's policies, or preach a new gospel from the old pulpit! Sooner or later the parents must watch perhaps a stranger enter the family circle and take first place in the life and affections of one of the children. What does marriage mean but that? Second place for father and mother and first place for a new comer, often a very youthful and puzzling newcomer, too.

It is an open secret that thousands of people fail utterly when life forces them to meet this problem. Some men and women openly refuse to surrender their primacy and persist in making a scene whenever they are asked to do so. The parents who attempt to manage the affairs of their married children belong in this group. Other individuals, forced toward a second place, finally make the move, but do so with inward rebellion, and a deepening sense of sorrow. They never adjust themselves to the new situation. It is safe to say that most of the malicious gossip which circulates in a modern community has its origin in the vindictiveness of individuals who are now filling a second place rather than a first place.

How can we solve this perennial and universal problem? How can we step down into second place without irritation or resentment? There are several facts all of us would do well to remember.

To begin with, we should remember that the process of passing from first to second place does not mean that the person who makes the change is losing his ability or charm, or that he is entering a dreary period of diminishing usefulness. Rather it means that a time has come when his experience and his judgment, rather than his physical energy, are the man's assets. In many instances the man who fills second place has quite as many abilities and opportunities as the man in first place. Time and again the men who occupy second place discover there, opportunities of startling greatness, and eventually win victories that transform the life of the individual.

There is another fact which has brought courage and hope to many. There are times when God holds people in second place because there lies the work he has for them to do. We may be puzzled and disappointed, but in the course of time his wise and loving guidance becomes plain. God is at work in

our lives today, shaping circumstances, overruling coincidences, countering mistakes and misfortunes, and gradually making all things work together for good. You and I find ourselves in a second place; but perhaps it is not a second place at all. Perhaps it is a first place, the place that God himself planned for us. In it lie our tasks, in it lie our opportunities. Some day its true splendor will become plain.

—Taken from Alfred Sun.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

NEWPORT, R. I.

While the Seventh Day Baptist churches in New England were closed yesterday, more than one hundred members and all the pastors met at the old Newport church for a meeting which is held there every five or six years.

The Newport church is one of the gems of architecture in that city and has been made a part of the historical society's buildings. It was built in 1729. The Seventh Day Baptist Church was organized there in 1672. It was from Newport that a group of Baptists keeping the Sabbath came to Westerly and settled. At that time such men as Tobias Saunders and Robert Burdick had attempted to settle in the region of Springfield, in the domains of Massachusetts and later in Hartford, Conn.

But they were driven out of both colonies because Baptists were not tolerated. They came to the valleys of the Pawcatuck, finally, where they found as they believed religious freedom. They settled in Westerly, which then comprised the towns of Richmond, Hopkinton, Charlestown, and Westerly, known as the Misquamicut purchases. The membership still cling to the Newport church.

The sermon was preached by Rev. W. D. Burdick of Rockville, who reviewed the history of the Sabbatarian faith in America. Rev. Harold R. Crandall of Westerly presided at the services and he and Rev. Everett Harris of Ashaway broke bread and poured the wine at communion. The communion set used is more than two hundred years old and is owned by the Newport Historical Society.—*Westerly Sun.*

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.

Church night was observed at the Seventh Day Baptist church, Sunday night, October 7. A very pleasant evening was planned by a committee consisting of Mrs. E. R. Hull, Mrs. Florence Robinson, and Mrs. Glen Ferguson.

Supper was served about seven o'clock. After much singing at various tables, a musical program was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Randolph. The program consisted of male quartet selections by Donald Gray, Robert Randolph, James Shelton, and Loren Shelton, "The Cardinal Four"; two piano duets were played by Mrs. Robert Randolph and Mrs. Donald Gray.

After the quarterly business meeting of the church was conducted by the moderator, R. E. Greene, the people gathered in groups for visiting or committee meetings. The meeting closed informally. Ninety-five people were present and all had a good time. — *Milton News*.

BROOKFIELD, N. Y.

Rev. H. L. Polan is in De Ruyter, assisting Rev. T. J. Van Horn in evangelistic meetings this week. Mrs. Polan had charge of the service at the local Seventh Day Baptist church Sabbath day. — *Courier*.

ALBION, WIS.

Pastor and Mrs. Thorngate left Monday for Dodge Center and Rochester, Minn., where they met their daughter, Marguerite, and son, the boy being in the hospital for treatment.

Rev. E. E. Sutton had charge of the morning services in the absence of the pastor who attended the semi-annual meeting of the northern Wisconsin and Minnesota Seventh Day Baptist churches held at Dodge Center, October 6 and 7. — *Milton News*.

DE RUYTER, N. Y.

The church has been much edified by the inspiring and helpful sermons of Pastor Herbert L. Polan of Brookfield. He has preached every night this week up to Friday, and has driven many miles with Pastor Van Horn, visiting nonresident members. We trust that his visitations and ministrations among us will be a permanent blessing to all. — *Gleaner*.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

The vesper services, Friday evenings, conducted by different people each time, are well arranged and well attended. A men's chorus, recently, rendered fine music.

"Go to Church Week" was observed October 6, with Loyalty Sabbath as suggested by our Religious Life Committee. A four-page mimeographed bulletin was distributed in the

vicinity of the church on Friday. Post cards were sent to members, reminding them of Loyalty day. Said the bulletin,

This is special "Go to Church Week." If you are not in the habit of attending church, go this week anyhow. The church sponsors the biggest project man ever undertook, the salvaging of humanity, physically, morally, spiritually, from degradation and ruin, by and through the religion of Jesus Christ. You owe such a project your sympathetic interest, and such support as you can afford.

The church placing this program in your hands invites you to attend its services. Announcement of the Sabbath appointments for this week are inside. . . . Sabbath School with study classes for every age; Sabbath worship and sermon at eleven. We will look for you.

EDWARD M. HOLSTON,
Pastor.

The pastor's text was, "The Church's Task." The large, ladies' choir sang "Thou Visitest the Earth."

—Gleaned from bulletin.

FOUKE, ARK.

The drought, which is not yet broken in this section, and the hard times which have seriously affected every family in our church, have failed to make us pessimistic. We have been deprived of many of the material things, but we have had several spiritual feasts that have strengthened our hands for humble tasks, and given us renewed courage and zeal to press on in our work for the Master.

In the spring Rev. Geo. B. Shaw visited us, and then came Rev. and Mrs. Sutton, and each had a message of encouragement that brought a rich blessing.

In June the West-Moore-Hurley party found a hearty welcome here. Mrs. West, with her cheerful spirit, bright eyes, and happy smile, and Mrs. Moore who is very much like her mother, brought sunshine to our souls. Mr. Moore is always interesting and instructive, and his talks brought forcibly to our attention the various needs of our denomination and the part each should feel in meeting these needs. Duane, with his songs, pictures, and interesting talks, won for himself a very appreciative audience.

Just now we are busy preparing for another spiritual feast. Fouke is to have the Southwestern Association November 8-11. We hope many may be able to attend from other churches.

CORRESPONDENT.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ODDS AND ENDS

Home again! How often these words bring a feeling of relief to those who are engaged in field work for our denominational boards, especially when nine out of twelve months have been spent away from home, as in this case.

It was on September 15, 1933, that the director of religious education and his wife loaded into their auto clothing for winter and summer use, a tent, bedding for camping, a cooking outfit, books, a typewriter, etc., and left home for a trek that would take them to the Pacific States, then through the Southern States, a distance of nearly eight thousand miles on this single trip.

After spending seven and one-half months on the field, we returned home April 27, 1934, where we remained one month. A trip was then made to Columbus, Ohio, for a meeting of the Improved Uniform Lesson Committee, and then on to western New York, for special work. Returning the last of June, we were at home two months when we started for General Conference at Salem, W. Va.

Work had been planned for the South-eastern Association that would require two months. However, these plans were only partially carried out. As shown in the report of the Sabbath School Board to Conference, the director's salary was \$400 short, and he had paid about half his traveling expense during the year. This, together with the fact that he must financially aid his son who is in the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and who is not receiving as much aid from the denomination as such students formerly received, made it impossible longer to bear his own expense out of his greatly reduced income. Therefore, on the morning of September 17, we set our faces toward home by the way of Kentucky and Illinois, leaving Trevah at the seminary in Louisville.

The week-end of September twenty-second was spent with the church at Stonefort, Ill., and that of the twenty-ninth with the church at Farina, Ill. We reached home on the evening of October first, and found Gladys and Robert preparing supper for us. But how strange and lonesome it seemed to find the daughter's room vacant, her furniture and piano having been moved to their apartment in

Milton during our absence. We had grown accustomed to Trevah being away from home during the past three years, but it is difficult to realize that they are both gone.

In addition to the work represented by the Sabbath School Board, we have aided in six special evangelistic meetings of from two to three weeks' duration since the middle of September, 1933, making the most strenuous year's work in our twenty-nine years in the ministry. In doing this work on the field, more than fourteen thousand miles have been traveled in our own auto, and several hundred miles in autos of pastors and other friends who took us to visit members of churches.

Yes, home again, weary, but happy, feeling that the year has been well spent, and that we have tried to do a little in advancing the kingdom of God. While a short rest may be necessary, there is still much work ahead, — lessons to be written, articles prepared for the RECORDER, letters written, and perhaps other trips to be made and meetings held.

As stated some time ago in the RECORDER, the Sabbath school lessons in the *Helping Hand* for the second quarter of 1935 are to be special lessons on our denominational beliefs, using as the basis the *Exposé of Faith and Practice* adopted by General Conference in 1880. One lesson will be given to each of the eleven articles with "The Christian Church and Seventh Day Baptists" and "Christian Missions and Seventh Day Baptists" to make up the other lessons of the quarter.

The editor of the *Helping Hand* would like to have helpful suggestions concerning any article of the *Exposé* from our ministers and Bible School workers. Any sermons or addresses along this line, or suggestions will be gladly received and the manuscripts returned if so desired. Such helps must be received at once, for material must be in the hands of the printer early in January, and preparation will take time.

It is hoped that every school in the denomination will study these lessons, including the intermediates and up. Let us make this a real study of our denominational beliefs, ordering at once extra copies of the *Helping Hand* so that our publishing house may know how many to print for this issue. It might be a good thing to order extra copies to file or distribute among friends.

ERLO E. SUTTON.

Milton Junction, Wis.

MEETING OF SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD

ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING

The annual meeting of the corporation of the Sabbath School Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference was held at Alfred, N. Y., Wednesday, September 12, 1934.

The following members were present in person or by proxy: Edgar D. Van Horn, A. Clyde Ehret, Erlo E. Sutton, Alva L. Davis, John F. Randolph, Willard D. Burdick, A. Lovelle Burdick, Charles W. Thorngate, Eli F. Loofboro, and L. Ray Polan.

Edgar D. Van Horn was appointed chairman, and L. Ray Polan secretary of the meeting.

It was voted that the officers and trustees as nominated by the General Conference be elected as follows:

President—John F. Randolph, Milton Junction, Wis.

Secretary—Russell W. Burdick, Milton, Wis.

Treasurer—Robert E. Greene, Milton, Wis.

Director of Religious Education—Erlo E. Sutton, Milton Junction, Wis.

Editor of Children's Page of the SABBATH RECORDER—Mrs. Walter L. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

Vice-Presidents — Willard D. Burdick, Rockville, R. I.; Roy F. Randolph, New Milton, W. Va.; Rolla J. Severance, Fouke, Ark.; Claude L. Hill, Farina, Ill.; Mrs. Herbert L. Polan, Brookfield, N. Y.; N. Olney Moore, Riverside, Calif.; Walter L. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

Trustees—Louis A. Babcock, Mrs. Louis A. Babcock, A. Lovelle Burdick, Russell W. Burdick, George H. Crandall, Jay W. Crofoot, John N. Daland, Robert E. Greene, Carroll L. Hill, D. Nelson Inglis, Edwin Shaw, Leland C. Shaw, all of Milton, Wis.; John F. Randolph, Milton Junction, Wis.; Mrs. Edwin Morse, Edgerton, Wis.; Edgar D. Van Horn, Alfred Station, N. Y.

It was voted that the next annual meeting be held on Wednesday, September 11, 1935, at 2.30 p. m., at Alfred, N. Y.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjournment.

EDGAR D. VAN HORN,
Chairman,

L. RAY POLAN, Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

(Read in a memorial service at Sabbath school,
October 10, Plainfield, N. J.)

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;

In feelings, not in figures on a dial.

We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives

Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

—Philip James Bailey.

Henry Martin Maxson, who entered into rest August 20, 1934, had lived more than the fourscore years allotted to man, but those years were filled with service to his friends, to his city and to that larger world with which he had broad contacts.

Coming to Plainfield in 1891, Doctor Maxson at once affiliated himself with the various departments of our church work. In 1892, he became assistant superintendent of the Sabbath school, filling that office until his retirement in 1920. On that occasion, one who is no longer with us wrote of him:

"Today, for the first time in twenty-eight years Dr. Henry M. Maxson sits among us in the capacity only of a teacher, having relinquished the office of assistant superintendent at the last annual election, held one week ago. During all these years, there has been no task too great, no service too small, for our brother to undertake. His sweet-spirited co-operation and keen interest in all that has pertained to the welfare of the Sabbath school have been ever manifest. To those who have worked with him in the executive family, his helpful advice and cordial support have been most willingly given. The Sabbath school therefore honors itself in thus expressing its appreciation of Doctor Maxson and his labors on its behalf, and assures him of its abiding affection in the years to come."

During all these years and more (1891-1928) Doctor Maxson taught the class in our school which bears his honored name. It was a pleasure to sit under his teaching. He always came to class with a thorough preparation of the lesson. If some point in question aroused lively discussion and we wandered far afield, it was he with a twinkle in his eye and a happy smile who eventually brought us back to the subject in hand. This memorial service today, as well as the beautiful flowers from the class at the farewell service, testify of the love we bear for one "we have loved and lost awhile," whose life has influenced ours in desiring the better things.

As trustee for thirty-one years (1897-1928) and secretary of that board for twenty-two (1905-1927), Doctor Maxson always worked for the best interest of the church in its business transactions.

Few of us older members of the church can even yet attend the communion service without visualizing that familiar figure as he sat at the Lord's table or brought to us the emblems of the broken body of the Master. He was consecrated as deacon by the church, March 6, 1920; and it had been his pleasure to of-

ciate until very recently when continued absence from Plainfield prevented his active participation.

Much has been written of Doctor Maxson's valuable contribution to education in Plainfield in the thirty-five years of his superintendency (1891-1926). As a tribute to his character, one of his teachers whose term of service nearly paralleled his own, wrote: "From my first meeting with Doctor Maxson, his ideals were so high I always felt I must stand on tiptoe to reach them, but he was the inspiration to make you wish to do so." His sunny smile and sane advice untangled many a seemingly insurmountable difficulty for his teachers and sent them back to their work with a new vision.

Doctor Maxson had three loves—his home, young people, and nature. Of the first, too much cannot be said of his faithful wife whose kindly ministrations, wise counsel, and constant encouragement were never failing in their more than half a century of congenial companionship. His home with its family was his dearest possession.

Concerning his love for children, one wrote: "He never came to the kindergarten that he wasn't surrounded by a group of children, his face wreathed in smiles, and more often than not his hand lay on the head of one or another of the little ones." Asked one day by the teacher, when Doctor Maxson had gone, who he was, one little child piped up, "I know—he's Santa Claus."

One day last summer, I looked across the road, up past the pasture with its grazing sheep, to the pines that crown the mountain top, and half way up a figure seemed to be outlined against a broad rock there. Later when Doctor Maxson came to the bungalow for his daily visit, I said, "Was that you up there against that rock?" "Yes," he replied, "I love to go up there just to sit and enjoy the marvelous view; the world is so beautiful."

Another day, he brought me a bunch of forget-me-nots, beauties they were. Asked where he had found them, he said, "I planted some, years ago, all along the brook, up in the pasture, and now there are great patches of blue there. I wanted to leave the world better than I found it."

Doctor Maxson has written his own epitaph. By kindly deed, by Christian example,

by inspirational living, he has left his world better than he found it.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord—that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

MABEL POTTER HUBBARD.

October 13, 1934.

MARRIAGES

CLARK-ORMSBY.—Miss Marguerite Irena Ormsby of Alfred Station, N. Y., and Milford Germaine Clark of Hartsville, N. Y., were united in marriage, September 15, 1934, at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage in Andover, N. Y., by Rev. Walter L. Greene.

DEELEY-ECKLE. — At Trenton Assembly Park, Trenton, N. Y., August 16, 1934, Rev. Myron E. Van Ornum officiating, Mr. Leman Arthur Deeley and Miss Ivah Louise Eckle, both of the town of Vienna, Oneida County, were united in marriage. The groom is the youngest grandson of the late Rev. John P. and Lucetta Coon Hunting.

EITEL-MYERS.—At the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Gladys Stebbins, New Market, N. J., Theodore Joseph Eitel of Westfield, and Miss Dorothy Mae Myers, Plainfield, were united in marriage, October 7, 1934, by Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn.

OBITUARY

ANDREWS.—Stephen Bowen Andrews, son of Burrill Washington and Hannah A. Clark Andrews, was born in Rockville, R. I., April 26, 1867, and died at his home in Hope Valley, September 13, 1934.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marianna Corey Andrews, and by three brothers, Devillow Andrews of Shannock, William C. Andrews of Westerly, and Oscar O. Andrews of Anthony.

On October 5, 1912, he was baptized by Rev. Alonzo G. Crofoot and united with the Rockville Church. On November 17, 1928, he was ordained deacon in the church.

Deacon Andrews is universally spoken of by those who knew him as a good man. Strictly honest, and a man of good judgment, he was repeatedly called by his townspeople to fill official positions of trust and service. At the time of his death he was a member of the building committee of the Hopkinton Junior High School that is being built at Hope Valley.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at the Avery Funeral Home, attended by a very large company, including the Grange of which he was a member. His pastor had charge of the services and was assisted by Rev. Bowen Squire. Burial in the Pine Grove Cemetery at Hope Valley.

W. D. B.

PRAYER AT NEWPORT

By ALBERT N. ROGERS

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us, and grant us thy salvation. O God, make clean our hearts within us, and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Eternal Father, in this thy house where so long ago prayer was wont to be made, we offer thee the common supplications of our hearts as we bow before thee. Our lives need the cleansing, invigorating influence of thy spirit as keenly as did ever a man or woman who worshiped here. Thou hast taught that in returning and rest we shall be saved; help us to test our lives by thine. Re-affirm our faith that truth is eternal and will prevail; consecrate us anew to the service of beauty and goodness.

We would bring to thee, gracious God, our thanksgiving for all the influences for good which thou hast prepared for our well-being. We call to mind on this occasion the lives of those who struggled here to give birth to religious freedom. We admire their example of loyalty to conviction and willingness to sacrifice friends, reputation, livelihood for the sake of an ideal. We should be false to thy continual teaching if we did not strive to profit by their mistakes; let us not be content with their achievements, but keep us searching for the more excellent way. We give thee thanks that this thy world is incomplete, and that man's eternal wistfulness keeps him restless until he rests in thee.

Thou who dost continually beckon us on to new duties and privileges; grant that we may increasingly appreciate the worthiness of the example of Jesus Christ to whom we have dedicated our days. In countless ways we are unworthy to bear the name of Christian. Our attitudes and actions are determined too largely by the conventions of men, and by our own indifference. Save us, we pray, from hatred of race, or class, or creed; from lust of flesh, or power, or profits; from any unwillingness to co-operate for the common good. Give us wisdom and courage, O Lord, to align ourselves squarely on the side of justice and mercy with respect to the many problems of our social life. Help us to preach good tidings to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty them that are bruised. May this year be acceptable in thy sight. Hasten the time when men shall not hurt or destroy in all thy holy mountain, and lead us to the bringing in of thy beloved community.

Hear our prayers now from this thy sanctuary; and in days to come from our homes, our farms, our offices, our studies, in so far as they are worthy of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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CHALLENGE OF THE HOUR

These are times of great difficulty and peril, but of thrilling possibility and opportunity. And as in all the great days of the Church, so today God will honor faith, heroism, and consecrated service. The hour has come for our churches to face anew their responsibilities in a world that is in desperate need of what Christ alone can give. We believe it possible for a reawakened Church both to increase the Christian forces of our land beyond all merely human expectation and to set a new tide of salvation flowing in the world.

—Quoted by the "Christian Advocate" from
"British Weekly."

Stir me, O stir me, Lord, I care not how,
But stir my heart in passion for the world.
Stir me to give, to go, but most to pray;
Stir till the blood-red banner be unfurled
O'er lands that still in deepest darkness lie,
O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.
Stir me, O stir me, Lord. Thy heart was stirred
By love's intensest fire, till thou didst give
Thine only Son, thy best-beloved One,
Even to the dreadful cross, that I might live;
Stir me to give myself so back to thee
That thou canst give thyself again through me.

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