

her husband; Mrs. Paul P. Lyon, with her husband; and Mrs. Charles H. Banks; as well as two sons, John H. and Clarkson S. Bonham, with the latter's wife; also nieces, Miss Ethelwyn Saunders and Mrs. Waldo A. Titsworth, and a nephew, Chester S. Bonham with his wife and four children. Another of Mrs. Bonham's daughters, Mrs. Harold B. Milward and her husband and son arrived at the Conference later.

[Several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, a grandnephew, and great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews were also present.]

Thus the Conference drew together all of the six remaining children of Mrs. Eva S. Bonham, now aged eighty-three, daughter of Dr. Henry P. Saunders, well-known Alfred physician, and wife of Winfield S. Bonham, deceased.

A very interesting historical book comprising over one hundred mimeographed pages, was issued by the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church in connection with the celebration this year, of its two hundredth anniversary. Its authorship is by Pastor Leon M. Maltby, John H. Bonham, and Mrs. Annabel Bowden. Part of Mr. Bonham's material on "Early History" was broadcast at Bridgeton by Paul P. Lyon on the evening of the reunion. It is packed full of local, personal, and community interest, evidently the result of much research.

—Alfred Sun.

DODGE CENTER, MINN.

A special service to welcome Pastor and Mrs. Thorngate and daughter Mary was given here at Dodge Center last Sabbath, September 4.

During the summer several of the members have led the services, also planned and supervised programs on Mother's Day, Children's Day, and Father's Day. At all occasions the church has been beautifully decorated and services well attended. An especially large amount and variety of flowers were brought last Sabbath, and were beautifully arranged. Besides being very attractive, flowers create a sense of quiet and peacefulness, comfort and cheerfulness, and also express love and appreciation.

Although some may forget the words of welcome spoken during the service, many will remember the beauty of the flowers and the greeting they give.

CORRESPONDENT.

ALBION, WIS.

Rev. L. O. Greene of North Loup, Neb., will be installed as new pastor at the Seventh Day Baptist church in Albion Sabbath morning, September 11. The morning service will be followed by a picnic dinner and reception. Many local people will be in attendance at these services. No services will be held in the Milton and Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist churches, on that date.

—Milton Jct. Telephone.

MILTON, WIS.

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Plainfield, N. J., accompanied by their son, Professor Milton Van Horn and wife arrived in Milton last Friday and all were guests of the first lady's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Babcock, over the week-end. Professor and Mrs. Milton Van Horn are located in the F. D. Jackson apartment. Mr. Van Horn will be head of the biology department this year in Milton College.

—Milton Jct. Telephone.

'Arry: Heard of the latest in poisons?

Plane: No. What is it?

'Arry: Airplane poisoning. One drop is usually sufficient.

—Selected.

The hand that is intrusted with a "big stick" is always tempted to wield it oppressively.—Liberty.

RECORDER WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

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THERE ARE HOMES

By Grace Noel Crowell

So long as there are homes to which men turn
At the close of day;
So long as there are homes where children are,
Where women stay,
If love and loyalty and faith be found
Across those sills,
A stricken nation can recover from
Its gravest ills.

So long as there are homes where fires burn,
And there is bread;
So long as there are homes where lamps are lit,
And prayers said;
Although a people falter through the dark,
And nations grope,
With God himself back of these little homes,
We have sure hope.

—Watchman-Examiner.

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Sabbath

SABBATH MORNING

What a glorious Sabbath! And how up-
lifting it was to begin the public worship on
God's holy day in holy communion. This
service was in charge of Rev. Jay W. Cro-
foot and Rev. Luther A. Wing, assisted by
Deacons John T. Harris and Auley C. Davis
and visiting deacons. For some this was the
only communion service of the year, while for
others it was the second in as many Sabbaths,
with another the following Sabbath at home.

The Sabbath morning worship at the church
was conducted by Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell
who was aided by Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, Rev.
Harold R. Crandall, and Rev. Neal D. Mills.
Mrs. Rolland de Wilde was at the memorial
organ and a double mixed quartet gave the
anthem. Rev. Carroll L. Hill preached the
sermon, the subject being "The Spirit's Throne
Room." Texts: "O thou Eternal, listen to
my words and hear the murmur of my soul."
Psalm 51: 1 (Moffatt). "But the spiritual
man is alive to all true values." 1 Corinthians

2: 15 (Goodspeed). Among other fine truths
which the speaker expressed and helpful les-
sons that he drew was the one which had its
source in "Northwest Passage," by Kenneth
Roberts, which he had recently read. Pastor
Hill quoted from the flyleaf of Book I, "On
every side of us are men who hunt perpetually
for their personal Northwest Passage, too often
sacrificing health, strength, and life itself to
the search . . ." The speaker then presented
Jesus Christ as the soul's highest satisfaction
and in whom are found life's supreme values.

The congregation at the school auditorium
was led in the spirit of worship by an instru-
mental trio composed of David Davis, flute;
Louis Schaible, clarinet, and Eleanor Schaible,
piano. The well-trained Conference choir
added much to the inspiration of the service
with Gounod's "Sanctus" and Shelley's "Our
Confession." The service was in charge of
Rev. Leon M. Maltby, assisted by Rev. Lester
G. Osborn, with Rev. W. D. Burdick (on his
seventy-fourth birthday) preaching the sermon,
"The Invisible and Conquering Power of the
Gospel of Jesus Christ." Matthew 13: 33,
"The Kingdom of Heaven is like leaven which
a woman took, and hid in three measures of
meal until the whole was leavened." The
gospel of the kingdom goes on through
changed conditions to leaven the social order.
Without Christ hid in the heart the leavening
influence cannot go out from the individual
to society. . . . Many are pessimistic in these
days. In spite of pessimism we should be
optimistic for . . . God is love. Let us re-
member God lives, God loves, and God is
doing all he can to save us. Nothing glorifies
God more than the saving of a lost soul. Jesus
Christ did not argue the question of slavery
but he laid down principles. That is the way
war, intemperance, and other evils will be
driven out. People who catch his principles
will not stand for these things. "If God is
your partner make your plans large." Vic-
tory—not defeat!

SABBATH AFTERNOON

At the program of the Woman's Board,
with Mrs. Eli F. Loofboro presiding, a num-
ber of women shared in a service of worship,
"The Mission of Peace." Miss Anna West
in her address on Peace emphasized the follow-
ing suggestions: Prepare for peace, ease ten-
sions, armament reduction, co-operation, en-
lightenment. It takes time to accomplish any
worth while work. Peace is not a negative

state; it is a dynamic condition. We must
lose our superiority complex. God can change
our relationships as he works in individuals.

The men's chorus, under the direction of
Dean Whitford, gave two numbers after the
Woman's Board program. During the Young
People's Board program the Salem College
Y.M.C.A. quartet sang two numbers.

The excellent music throughout Confer-
ence was uplifting and inspiring.

The program of the Young People's Board
was presented under the leadership of its
president, Professor Burton B. Crandall. Rev.
Harley H. Sutton reported the International
Christian Endeavor Convention. "We cannot
do anything for the world until Christ has
done something for us."

Elizabeth Ormsby spoke on "The Seventh
Day Baptist in a Sunday Community." "Be
a Christian. Keep all the commandments
with no more emphasis on the fourth than on
the tenth. Share the Sabbath rather than
keep it."

Dean A. J. C. Bond followed with an ad-
dress on "What Does the World Have a
Right to Expect of Me?" The world has a
right to expect young people to prepare to
serve in a moral and spiritual realm. We
have done a little better than you or we our-
selves are willing to admit. We haven't aban-
doned you or branded you hopeless.

Dr. J. Nelson Norwood in his address,
"What Can I Expect of Life?" said you have
a right to expect from life: (1) educational
opportunities. (2) Physical fulfillment—love,
marriage, and a family; a position in life by
which you may support a family. (3) In-
tellectual fulfillment; a sense of the beautiful.
Practice a hobby. (4) Develop a philosophy
of life. One that does not center upon God,
Christ, and the Church is not worth while.

SABBATH EVENING

The evening after the Sabbath was very
full. Mrs. William Dickenson, a well-known
harpist, gave a recital of familiar airs in place
of the usual vespers by the choir. This was
followed by an illustrated lecture by Dr. Her-
bert N. Wheeler, on the conservation of our
trees, emphasizing the part trees play in our
agricultural order—trees being conspicuously
absent in the dust regions and in some of the
soil-eroded areas and flood areas. In the
wooded sections of our land—how different.
Doctor Wheeler is an authority of long stand-
ing in his field. He delivers more than a

lecture—he brings us a message! He is the
son of the late Rev. Samuel R. Wheeler who
was at one time pastor of the Marlboro, N. J.,
Church. At the close of the lecture, moving
pictures of Alfred's Centennial Pageant and
of previous Conferences were shown by Prof.
John R. Spicer and Karl G. Stillman. Many
in the audience were both surprised and in-
terested to "see themselves as others see them."

Closing Day
Of Conference

SUNDAY MORNING

At six o'clock Sunday morning the young
people held their fellowship breakfast, at
which the following program was given (as
furnished us by Mr. Duane Hurley).

Hymns—led by Wayne Rood
Violin solo—Leah V. Davis
Scripture—Duane Hurley
Talk—"People as Ships"—Duane Hurley
"Y" Quartet—"My Anchor Holds"

Wayne Rood, Alfred Davis,
Clarence Rogers, Jr., Duane Hurley

Meditation Thoughts

"Sail Boats"—Carol Davis
"The Queen Mary"—George Davis
"Y" Quartet—"Jesus Savior Pilot Me"
Silent prayer—followed by everyone singing
"Into My Heart"

At the business session Sunday morning the
Committee on Credentials reported that fifty
churches in America and one in China were
represented by 328 delegates and 81 visitors.
There were other names added to the lists,
throughout the day, and the final figure is with
the committee's report, somewhere in the
mails. According to a statement from the
registration desk there were 471 guests, which
included any who stayed at least one night.
A tremendous task well done by the Shiloh
and Marlboro people!

The seminar for ministers and their wives
at the church was well attended. After prayer
by Dr. Boothe C. Davis, Rev. James L. Skaggs
opened the meeting with an address. "We
are heirs of those who have gone before . . .
and it is a rich heritage. We can hardly over-
emphasize our potentialities as we face the
future. In face of all this, however, some
features are not so encouraging. The first
five years of the Forward Movement was a
period of marked results. Did we give our
money without giving ourselves? What effect
has interdenominational relationship and fel-
lowship had upon us? Upon our attitudes

toward baptism and the Sabbath? Do we regard all Christians as being on the same level?

"If our churches are disintegrating we pastors are responsible. If pastors and people are bent upon a psychology of defeat, we pastors must point the way out under the influence of the Holy Spirit. The destiny of our individual churches and of our denomination is in our keeping." "All power is given me upon earth."

The discussion which followed was in charge of Rev. Alva L. Davis. Many in the audience spoke briefly, emphasizing the note of courage which had been shown in this Conference. "My God can supply every need of yours." The time has come to overcome the sense of futility. People want to be encouraged. We shall go forward when we have conviction. We must go on to build larger things. We must have more confidence in each other. There is more to the gospel than keeping the Sabbath.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

In the panel discussion conducted by Rev. Harley H. Sutton, chairman of the Committee to Promote the Financial Program, and participated in by Mrs. Harley H. Sutton, Rev. Alva L. Davis, Rev. Edgar D. Van Horn, Professor Harold O. Burdick, and Dean Alfred E. Whitford, the emphasis was upon individual life and consecration. "It isn't a question of the millions, but what are you going to do with the dollar and a quarter that you have?" The chief motive for giving is that of stewardship. When we realize that all belongs to God and we respond accordingly, then we shall render acceptable stewardship.

To be chairman of a Finance Committee or to be a treasurer requires a certain amount of Christian grace.

After a solo by Miss Virginia Moulton of Battle Creek, and the singing of a hymn, Rev. Claude L. Hill preached on the theme, "Security in the Midst of Insecurity." Text: Hebrews 6: 18-20.

"The writer of the Hebrews lived in a period and a world at the end of a cycle. Such is this period. It is a tremendous experience, but a glorious one. That this is not an easy age is shown by the restlessness of this Conference—the diversity of opinion. The future is one of great promise. As we go into our Gethsemanes the only thing that can hold us is that Jesus Christ is above it all.

"We have worshiped progress at the price of progress; we have builded upon insecurity. What kind of security have we? There was a security in early persecution that this age does not have. We must have heart if we are to have life. We must have mind. Jesus Christ is an anchor sure and steadfast—an anchor around which others may draw. We have a secure haven in the midst of storm if 'our anchor is cast within the veil.'"

SUNDAY EVENING

At the opening of the closing session the right hand of fellowship was extended by the Conference president, Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, to Rev. Albert N. Rogers as an accredited minister of the denomination, and to Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, on behalf of Rev. B. B. Friesen who was unable to be present.

There come dramatic moments even in General Conference. In addressing President-elect Courtland V. Davis, President Van Horn said, as he raised his gavel, "I have come to the happy moment." How much is bound up in a brief space, oftentimes. The plans and prayers and performances of the past days and weeks and months leaped into review before our kindled imaginations. Our leader of triple-title aimed at a Conference whose major emphasis and experience was to be deeply and movingly spiritual. This he achieved with the guidance and blessing of God and the help of others.

It was a high moment when the mantle came to rest upon the shoulders of a layman who is eminently qualified, particularly in the light of the nature of General Conference for 1938. It is to be anticipated that the meeting next August, under God, will be none the less spiritual.

The vespers Sunday evening were made up of request numbers from among those that the choir had presented previously. Rev. George B. Shaw conducted the worship. He read from memory Isaiah 6. "Isaiah has given us five visions in one: holiness, sin, forgiveness, service, the future." The closing evangelistic sermon by Rev. J. Lowerie Fenrich of Salem College was, by request, addressed to the ministers. However, the speaker did not leave the laymen out of the picture entirely. Text: "In the last days men shall have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof," 2 Timothy 3: 5. Are we truly Christian? Is it possible for me, a minister of Jesus Christ, to live as he lived? Jesus was not crucified

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE TRACT SOCIETY

The ninety-fourth annual meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New York and the sixteenth annual meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New Jersey were held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, September 12, 1937, with Vice-President James L. Skaggs presiding and the following members present: James L. Skaggs, Lavern C. Bassett, Courtland V. Davis, Frederik J. Bakker, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Asa F. Randolph, Irving A. Hunting, Franklin A. Langworthy, George R. Crandall, Everett C. Hunting, Hurley S. Warren, J. Alfred Wilson, J. Leland Skaggs, L. Harrison North, Mrs. L. Harrison North, Trevah R. Sutton.

The reading of the minutes of the last meetings was waived.

The recording secretary stated that notice of the annual meetings had been published in the two issues of the SABBATH RECORDER immediately preceding the day fixed for the meetings, as required by the constitutions.

The annual report of the board, prepared by the corresponding secretary, the leader in Sabbath Promotion, the business manager, and the treasurer, and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Corporation at its meeting on July 11, 1937, was presented and adopted. (See report in minutes of that meeting.)

The special annual reports of the treasurer of the corporations were presented and adopted as follows:

To the American Sabbath Tract Society (New York), Plainfield, N. J.

Members:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 3, Article IV, of the constitution, I herewith submit the following report of the financial condition of the society as of June 30, 1937.

The whole amount of real and personal property owned by the American Sabbath Tract Society (New York) is as follows:

In the Permanent Fund in the hands of the treasurer	\$ 95,560.74
In the Denominational Building Endowment Fund	2,872.80
In Life Annuity Gifts	8,441.75
	<u>\$106,875.29</u>

The Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund holds Tract Society funds, as of May 31, 1937, as follows:

George H. Babcock Bequest (15%)	\$ 43,888.08
Eugenia L. Babcock (2/9)	10,015.00
American Sabbath Tract Society	1,198.71
Eugene and Francelia Burdick Fund (1/2)	8,005.16
Edward W. Burdick estate (approx. 7%)	589.59
Dayton S. and Mary A. Coon Fund (1/2)	234.80
Mary M. McBurney Bequest (approx. 1/12)	51.11
Mary E. Rich Fund (1/2)	1,125.00
Sarah P. Potter Bequest	1,000.00

because of what he taught, but because of what he was. Too long we have worshiped form. We need a religion of our own. Pastors cannot pass on to the people something that they do not have themselves. We must look to three laws: (1) Selfishness. "He that saveth his life shall lose it." (2) Brotherhood. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, barbarian nor Scythian, all are one in Christ." (3) Good will. "By this sign shall men know that ye are my disciples, that ye love one another."

We have magnified the form and lost the Christ.

With the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and the benediction by Rev. George B. Shaw—pronounced with the voice of victory, strong and clear—the one hundred twenty-fifth session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference became history.

H. S. W.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The appeal of our Missionary Board for the raising of a special fund of twenty-five hundred dollars "to defray the unusual and unexpected expenses attendant upon the evacuation of our China Mission" has already reached you. Its importance and immediacy are unquestioned. Every Seventh Day Baptist should and will want a part in the raising of this fund. The board is to be commended for presenting the matter so promptly and fully to our people. It is not necessary to stress here the statement of its secretary, that the raising of this fund should not be allowed by anyone to interfere with regular and increased contributions to the United Budget.

The awful question mark hanging over our work in China and over the very lives of our workers and our Chinese brethren looms largely and darkly before us all. Let us hope and pray that lives may be spared, order restored, and opportunities again opened. Meantime may we not expect much of inspiration and help for us in America from those who return from China, and those who would have gone back to China and cannot, as we have been blessed these past months by the presence of Anna West, her mother, and the Thorngates in our churches and at our denominational gatherings?

COURTLAND V. DAVIS.

Nathan Wardner estate (1/3)	3,227.90
Delos C. Burdick Bequest (1/2)	11,444.84
	<u>\$ 78,777.19</u>
	<u>\$185,653.48</u>

Following is a summary showing investment of funds in the hands of the treasurer:

Mortgage loans	\$ 74,000.00	69%
Participating interest in mortgage loan	3,195.71	2%
Loan to General Fund	1,000.00	1%
Loan to Denom. Building Fund	450.00	1%
Bonds and stock	11,731.00	11%
Real estate	10,260.00	10%
Cash in bank—savings account	6,138.58	6%
	<u>\$106,875.29</u>	<u>100%</u>

ETHEL T. STILLMAN,
Treasurer.

LAVERN C. BASSETT, M.D.,
Second Vice-President.

To the American Sabbath Tract Society (N. J.)
Plainfield, N. J.

Members:
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The whole amount of real and personal property owned by the American Sabbath Tract Society, (New Jersey), is as follows:

General Fund—cash on hand	\$ 1,942.14	
Less outstanding indebtedness	1,775.00	167.14
Maintenance Fund—cash and savings bank balances		468.41
Denominational Building Fund: Cash on hand—general account \$	38.19	
Special Waldo Fund for furnishings of Historical Society rooms	117.89	156.08
(Outstanding pledges toward erection of building, \$4,238.77)		
Denominational Building: Site	\$ 18,500.00	
Printing shop	\$43,019.73	
Less depreciation	8,388.83	34,630.90
Office Building—cost to date	\$77,896.95	
Less depreciation	8,685.69	69,211.26
Furnishings—cost to date	\$ 8,602.68	
Less depreciation	2,749.96	5,852.96
	<u>\$128,195.12</u>	
Less outstanding loan	450.00	127,745.12
		<u>\$128,536.75</u>

Those responsible for the publishing house at Plainfield submit the following statement:

Assets	
Current:	
Cash (including petty cash and postage deposit)	\$ 2,506.57
Notes receivable	\$ 4,579.01
Accounts receivable	9,117.14
Total	<u>\$13,696.15</u>
Less allowance for bad debts	1,241.86
Paper, stock, materials, work in process, etc.	12,454.29
	<u>4,675.87</u>
Deferred:	
Prepaid insurance	145.10
Miscellaneous	49.26

Fixed:	
Plant	\$38,088.99
Less depreciation	21,417.02
	<u>16,671.97</u>
	<u>\$36,503.06</u>

Liabilities	
Current:	
Accounts payable	\$ 1,697.90
Accrued payroll	422.27
Accrued interest	75.00
Accrued taxes (federal unemployment)	495.80
Accrued excise tax—old age annuities	125.93
Accrued employee income tax— withheld from wages	121.79
Deferred:	
Equipment Note (Miehle press)	4,500.00
Fixed:	
Capital	25,975.37
Surplus	3,088.91
	<u>\$36,503.06</u>

(For summary of receipts and disbursements see the Annual Report of the Treasurer.)

ETHEL T. STILLMAN,
Treasurer.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was as follows:

Officers

Corliss F. Randolph, president; James L. Skaggs, first vice-president; Lavern C. Bassett, second vice-president; Nathan E. Lewis, third vice-president; Herbert C. Van Horn, corresponding secretary; Courtland V. Davis, recording secretary; Frederik J. Bakker, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. William M. Stillman, treasurer.

Board

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Irving A. Hunting, Chairman,
Asa F. Randolph.

The report was adopted and the elections completed as indicated.

It was voted that Irving A. Hunting, Asa F. Randolph and J. Leland Skaggs be the Committee on Nominations for the ensuing year.

The minutes were read and adopted.
Adjournment.

JAMES L. SKAGGS,
Vice-President,
COURTLAND V. DAVIS,
Recording Secretary.

MISSIONS

STATEMENT REGARDING OUR CHINA MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

Our people are watching eagerly for news regarding our China missions and the missionaries, and it has been the endeavor of the Missionary Board to give information as fast as it came to hand. For nearly two weeks after the statements made in the SABBATH RECORDER issued September 6, no news was received from any one; but recently (this is written September 21) three letters have come to hand, one from Miss Susie M. Burdick, Manila; one from Rev. H. Eugene Davis, Shanghai; and one from Miss Miriam Shaw, written on the S. S. Hoover and mailed in San Francisco. Some of the new items of information are that Miss Shaw and Marcia were on the Hoover when it was bombed and are now safe in America; that the missionaries in Shanghai are well; and that Miss Burdick, Miss Chapin, and Doctor Palmborg expect to sail from Manila for home October 24. The letters are full of interest and two of them will be found in this issue of the SABBATH RECORDER. The third letter will appear later.

The letters emphasize the need for increased funds to meet the emergency, and the officers of the Missionary Board are pleased to report the request for funds is receiving a warm welcome. Individuals are already sending in contributions and there is evidence that many churches are arranging to help meet the crisis. It is planned that a report be made each week.

MISS BURDICK WRITES FROM MANILA

Secretary Wm. L. Burdick, D.D.,
Ashaway, R. I.

DEAR SECRETARY BURDICK:

Miss Chapin was just reading from today's paper that the Clipper is due in this city this

afternoon and is to leave for the U.S.A. early tomorrow morning. We were in the throes of what seemed a severe typhoon this morning, but it is not raining now and we may be able to mail a letter. We have had our first direct word from Shanghai, the first since our arrival here. Doctor Palmborg had a radio message from her Eling, reporting the family all right and schools opening in Frenchtown on September 20. We feel sure if anything had befallen the mission or any of our group there she would have mentioned it. Mrs. Eugene Davis has sent us a letter from Doctor Grace. So we're a good deal comforted. Doctor Palmborg went to see the American Consul yesterday, who advised that we do not try to stay here but that we plan to go on to the U.S.A. Doctor Palmborg took passage for three of us on the Peter Maersk, scheduled to sail October 24.

I think of my friends, about you, the Hills, Albert and Althea Crandall, and others. With kindest regards for Mrs. Burdick.

Sincerely yours,
SUSIE M. BURDICK.

501 Dakota St., Manila, P. I.
(Envelope indicates date was
September 8.)

REV. H. EUGENE DAVIS WRITES FROM SHANGHAI

Mr. K. G. Stillman,
Westerly, R. I.

DEAR MR. STILLMAN:

At the radio broadcast at one o'clock we were promised that a mail leaving tomorrow by French steamer would connect with the Clipper, so I am trying to get off some to America and also to Manila.

I sent the first account of our undeclared war to Mrs. Davis at Manila and asked her to make any additions she thought necessary. I don't know that she received the letters.

I was able through the Associated Press to get an item off just after the people were in from Liuhu. We all arrived three weeks ago last night after a very trying day. I made two trips and with the hospital car all were brought in who were at the hospital. We had been evacuating the hospital for more than a week before, and Doctor Crandall was making one or two trips daily. We left the hospital in charge of a servant and we have heard twice that it was all right. Of course there has

been almost no fighting there yet. The hospital cattle were started for Shanghai on Thursday, the twelfth of August. They arrived at Da-Zang that night. It then took eleven days to get them, together with my own cows, into Shanghai. The boys came through three times in the two weeks, but one morning a telephone call told of their arrival in the western district. I got busy and rented some stalls in a riding school and the boys are there feeding the cows and Doctor Crandall and I have an abundance of milk.

As I write here on the porch, the air seems to be full of planes and the bombs are falling about one mile away. We have had the heaviest fighting on this side of Shanghai since the affair commenced. For five hours the heavy guns have not ceased and machine guns can be heard very distinctly. And that is during the day when we have all the city noises. It looks as if there would not be a very restful night ahead.

At the strong request of the Consular officials and the Emergency Committee it was decided that Doctor Palmberg, Miss Burdick, Miss Chapin, Miss Shaw, Marcia, and Mrs. Davis would go to Manila. I secured passage steerage, for seventy-two dollars Shanghai currency, or \$432, for the six. Three of them said that they would pay back their passage. Of course, I had no power of attorney, but the situation was desperate and I signed a promise to pay. Some of these days there will be a demand for the \$432, and if the board does not help I do not know where it is coming from. The Father has so wonderfully kept and blessed I know he will give all things needful. Before the ladies left for Manila it was decided that when passage was available five would return to the States, all but Mrs. Davis. Then I took the matter of their passage up with the Consular officials, and they sent the message which I suppose you received. It was to the effect that \$1,200 would be needed for the passage of five from Manila to the U.S.A. It was sent through the State Department, as I let Marcia and Mrs. Davis have all our money. This money was to be sent to the American Consul in Manila. It is two weeks today since the people left Shanghai and no letters have as yet been received. Mrs. Davis has succeeded in getting through two amateur radio messages to me, so that I know that they arrived safely and that the Red Cross was sending Marcia to the States on the *President Hoover*. When the boat was bombed near

Shanghai, you can imagine we were anxious. We were told that the ship was not hit, so we were comforted, but the next day it was reported that a large hole was made in the ship and that much damage was done; we are eager to know how the passengers really did fare. The last radio from Manila did not speak of Miss Miriam Shaw, so we here in Shanghai wonder if she did not also get passage on the *Hoover*. The mails have been very irregular. We hope within the week to get mail from home and from the people in Manila.

We have had as many as three hundred people staying here in the schools and the church. Some have come with nothing and have to be fed. The large number are from the Presbyterian Church in Chinese territory at South Gate. Some are Liuho Church members, and some from our church in Shanghai. There are people who have worked for me at Da-Zung with their families. There are great crowds on the streets without a place to stay and almost nothing to eat. Many are being sent away by boat and launch and train. It was a great number of these poor people, mostly women and children, who were bombed at the South Station last Sabbath. This was the closest that the bombs have come to us, although the one that dropped on Avenue Edward the Seventh was very close. One anti-air craft bullet has come through the church and one in our house and one found on the playground. That is as near as we care to have them come. One of the graduates of the Boys' School last June was doubtless killed at the "great world disaster." He was walking with one of the teachers just a few minutes before the bomb fell. They parted and the teacher went in another direction, but was near enough to be thrown to the ground. Two of his classmates were in this afternoon and say they have not found any trace of him. It was three weeks ago tomorrow that that happened.

No one can even guess how long this is to continue. Mr. Chang is expecting to open school on the twentieth of September. If that is possible the students will be unable to pay as before, and many of the old pupils have left the neighborhood, or even Shanghai. The collector for the French taxes has already been here to collect. I have frankly told him that we could not pay now. However, we will have to make provision for nearly \$2,600 Shanghai money for the year. If the schools do not open, I don't know where it is coming

from. If they do open, they cannot meet it all this year. We shall have to look for at least \$500 gold for taxes, perhaps more.

We were glad to be remembered by Conference. Almost three weeks of this and not a word from our friends was depressing, to say the least. After the message was sent about the Liuho people being out, things have changed rapidly and we knew that you were getting the main news through the papers. With Miss West, Miss Phillips, and Richard in Tsingtao, six in Manila, and two of us here, there has been no message we could send except the desperate need for funds, and we went slow about that.

Some day this conflict will end and a new Shanghai will have to be built. The churches will have to be got together and find God anew in spite of all this suffering and death. Our schools and hospital will be needed more than ever and Christ will be needed by us all. It is the greatest challenge that has ever come to me, and I hope some way to make that challenge come to all our people. We need some younger people to catch the vision, and all to realize that by losing ourselves we shall find ourselves.

I notice by the last RECORDER the fact that your good father has passed on. Let me not only bring Mrs. Davis' and my very deep sympathy, but that of the whole mission. One of the great desires is that I may be permitted to see my aged mother again. Just now we are realizing how scattered our own family is. The six of us are in six different places.

I have written at length and hope I have included the things you need to know. If there are things in this letter that will be of interest to the people we represent, please send it to the RECORDER. Yours in His service,

H. EUGENE DAVIS.

Shanghai, China,
September 3, 1937.

TRACT BOARD MINUTES

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, September 12, 1937, at 2.40 p.m., with Vice-President James L. Skaggs presiding and the following members present: James L. Skaggs, Lavern C. Bassett, Courtland V. Davis, Frederik J. Bakker, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Asa F. Randolph, Irving A. Hunting, Franklin A. Langworthy, George

R. Crandall, Everett C. Hunting, Hurley S. Warren, J. Alfred Wilson, J. Leland Skaggs, Trevah R. Sutton, and Business Manager L. Harrison North. Visitor, Mrs. L. Harrison North.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Business Manager L. Harrison North reported as follows for the Supervisory Committee:

The publishing house showed a small profit in both July and August probably the first time in its history that a profit could be reported for both months.

Treasury balances were reported as follows:

General Fund	\$1,070.55
Maintenance Fund	446.28
Denominational Building Fund	
General	\$ 38.19
Special	
Waldo Fund, furnishings	
Historical Society rooms	117.89
	<u>156.08</u>
	\$1,672.91

Mrs. William M. Stillman, treasurer, reported the action of Conference concerning the proposed budget of the Tract Society.

It was voted that the request of the General Conference concerning the conducting of an appeal for funds for the Seventh Day Baptist Building be referred to the Advisory Committee and the treasurer for consideration and report at the next meeting or at a special meeting if deemed necessary.

It was voted that the chairman appoint a Committee to Nominate Standing Committees.

Committee appointed: Asa F. Randolph, Courtland V. Davis, and Franklin A. Langworthy.

That committee then reported the following nominations:

Advisory Committee: Esle F. Randolph, William L. Burdick, H. C. Van Horn, James L. Skaggs, Courtland V. Davis, Karl G. Stillman, and Corliss F. Randolph, Ex Officio. Committee to select its chairman.

Committee on Distribution of Literature: J. Alfred Wilson, chairman, Courtland V. Davis, Lavern C. Bassett, George R. Crandall, Herbert C. Van Horn, Frederik J. Bakker, Everett C. Hunting, J. Leland Skaggs, Hurley S. Warren, F. F. Stoll, and Corliss F. Randolph, Ex Officio.

Supervisory Committee: Nathan E. Lewis, chairman, Orra S. Rogers, Otis B. Whitford, Karl G. Stillman, Irving A. Hunting, Howard M. Barber, James L. Skaggs, George B. Utter, and Corliss F. Randolph, Ex Officio.

WOMAN'S WORK

WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER, 1937

BY MRS. T. J. VAN HORN

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

Scripture lesson—James 2: 14-24.
Hymn—"Give of your best to the Master."

"TITHES AND OFFERINGS"

SOME CURIOUS CONTRASTS IN VALUES

The first man whose tithes-giving is mentioned in the Bible was Abraham. Yet he dotted the land of Palestine with the altars that he built to the Lord. And it was Abraham's faith that earned him the title, "Friend of God."

Jacob at Bethel, awed by his vision, bargained with the Lord for prosperity and a happy return to his home. He gained much wealth, by sharp practices. But it was not till he made his complete surrender of self at the Jabbok that he won peace and the new name, "Prince with God."

"Wise-hearted women" brought the lovely product of skillful hands for the tabernacle. This offering of love stands in the record to this day.

Someone has written a touching little sketch of the "fifth sparrow" that the dealer "threw in for good measure" in a three cent sale. "Yet not one of them is forgotten before God."

Our Lord, sitting by the treasury in the temple, one day, saw the rich "casting in of their abundance, to be seen of men." It was a timid widow who brought to God's treasury "all her living," which was scarcely enough to buy two tiny sparrows! Yet her offering won the Master's recognition and gave us an undying lesson in true values.

The Pharisee who reminded God that he "gave tithes of all that he possessed," failed to see that money proffered without a humble, contrite heart, was worthless in God's sight.

Twice we are told that Martha served at supper for Jesus. He did not rebuke her for this expression of her love, but pointed her to higher values—a fuller understanding of the great meaning of his earthly mission. It was Mary whose "lavish waste" of the precious ointment was coldly rebuked by Judas, the thief. It was Jesus who accepted the rich gift from her whose understanding heart was

Committee on Files of Denominational Literature: Corliss F. Randolph, chairman, and Asa F. Randolph.

Investment Committee: Lavern C. Bassett, chairman, Otis B. Whitford, Orra S. Rogers, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Marcus L. Clawson, Nathan E. Lewis, Asa F. Randolph, Corliss F. Randolph, Ex Officio.

Committee on Young People's Conferences and Summer Camps: Franklin A. Langworthy, Nathan E. Lewis, Otis B. Whitford, Hurley S. Warren, Trevah R. Sutton, and Corliss F. Randolph, Ex Officio. Committee to select its chairman.

Auditing Committee: Irving A. Hunting, chairman, Franklin A. Langworthy, Nathan E. Lewis, Corliss F. Randolph, Ex Officio.

Budget Committee: Mrs. William M. Stillman, chairman, Nathan E. Lewis, Corliss F. Randolph, Lavern C. Bassett, Franklin A. Langworthy, Irving A. Hunting, J. Alfred Wilson.

Courtland V. Davis,
Franklin A. Langworthy,
Asa F. Randolph,
Committee

The report was approved and the elections completed as indicated.

Business Manager L. Harrison North presented some of the problems connected with the application of the Social Security Act to the publishing house.

It was reported that among the assets bequeathed to this society under the will of Amelia Potter, deceased, this corporation holds \$5,000 principal amount of 5 1/2% cumulative income debentures due March 1, 1955, of A-N.Y. and B-N.Y. Realizing Corporation.

That pursuant to reorganization we are asked to send the debentures we hold to president and directors of the Manhattan Company in order to have a payment equivalent to 4% of principal amount of debentures paid as of September 1, 1937, and bonds stamped accordingly and then to be returned to us; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the treasurer remit the debentures we hold as requested, and

The proper officers of this corporation be and hereby are authorized and directed, in the name of this corporation, to execute and deliver such instruments or writings as may be necessary to consummate the foregoing matter.

The minutes were read and adopted.
Adjournment at 3.40.

JAMES L. SKAGGS,
Vice-President,
COURTLAND V. DAVIS,
Recording Secretary.

wrung by the knowledge of his impending death. The perfume of that gift still lingers with us.

Dear Lord: We need to learn anew the sweet lesson of self-surrender; of faith and works that should go hand-in-hand; of humility; of the blessed privilege of working together with God; of a pouring-out of loving service. Let us not "depreciate the value of our dollars" by withholding the spiritual value of our offerings that makes them acceptable in the treasury of heaven.

Forgive us and bless us. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S BOARD MEETING

The Woman's Board met Sunday, September 12, 1937, at the home of Mrs. Geo. B. Shaw. The president, Mrs. E. F. Loofboro, presided, and the following members were present: Miss Lotta Bond, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Mrs. Okey W. Davis, Mrs. G. H. Trainer, Mrs. Edward Davis, Mrs. O. B. Bond, Mrs. Geo. B. Shaw, and Mrs. Oris O. Stutler. Visitor, Mrs. Elsie Blair, Salem, W. Va.

Mrs. Loofboro read Psalm 46. Prayers were offered by members.

The minutes of the August meeting were read.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Venie E. Bond, Treasurer,	
In account with the	
Woman's Executive Board	
Balance August 8, 1937	\$161.75
<i>Receipts</i>	
Harold R. Crandall,	
Denominational Budget	\$ 7.00
Evangelical Society, First	
Alfred Church	8.00
	15.00
	\$176.75
<i>Disbursements</i>	
Miss Mary Carpenter, fee for	
institute, Chautauqua, N. Y.	\$ 3.50
Mrs. E. F. Loofboro, expenses,	
General Conference, Shiloh	25.00
	\$ 28.50
Balance, September 12, 1937	148.25
	\$176.75

Correspondence was read from Foreign Missions Conference concerning the World Day of Prayer.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid: \$2 for programs, Mission of Peace, for use at General Conference; \$6.75 for annual reports of Woman's Board to General Conference.

Miss Lotta Bond, who was a member of the committee to consider the report of the Woman's Board to General Conference, reported on the activity of that committee, bringing very valuable suggestions to the board.

Voted that Mrs. Shaw be a committee to arrange for the worship programs for the coming year.

These minutes were read and accepted. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. Okey W. Davis the second Sunday in October.

MRS. E. F. LOOFBORO,
President,
MRS. ORIS O. STUTLER,
Recording Secretary.

NOTICE

Will the persons having in their possession the films belonging to the Woman's Board please communicate with Miss Lotta Bond, Lost Creek, W. Va.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you? Mrs. Keith has a Junior class at Conference and Miss West came to the classroom and showed us pictures. She told us about Shanghai. She brought back from China with her some toys that they make over there.

We sing songs and play games. It was Thursday Miss Anna West came, and she also told us about these Chinese friends of ours. We will have more than fifteen booklets for the Chinese children. The Berea Daily Vacation Bible School gave Miss West their frieze about Jesus living in our lives today.

Your new friend,
Eleanor Lillie Warnick.

Shiloh, N. J.,
August 29, 1937.

Dear Eleanor:

I mislaid your letter before I had copied your home address, so I have used your Conference address. You must write to me again soon so that I may know just where you live.

I liked the story Mrs. Keith told you at Junior meeting the last afternoon of Conference, and I am sure you did, too. It was such a beautiful story about our best friend, Jesus, and the title was, "If I Had Not Come." I wish some boy or girl who heard it would write this story in his or her own words and send it to me for our RECORDER Page so that all the boys and girls could read it. Don't you?

I know the Chinese children will be pleased with the present the Berea Vacation Bible School had for Miss West.

Lovingly yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am having a nice time at the Conference Junior meeting. Mrs. Ada Keith is our Junior teacher. I like her very much. In Junior we have had stories and games and songs. The songs we have been learning are "Thy Work, O God, Needs Many Hands," "Thank You, Father," and lots of others. Miss Eleanor Schaible has been playing the piano. She plays very nicely I think.

In Junior we have been making booklets for Miss Anna West to take to the Chinese children. I have made four booklets for Miss West.

I am very glad to meet you. I am going to write as many letters as I can.

Your new friend,
Florence Sheppard.

Bridgeton, N. J., R. D. 1

Dear Florence:

I, too, was glad to meet you and also pleased to have your letter for the RECORDER, and hope you will write many others.

What a happy time we did have at the Shiloh Conference, and not by any means the least of the splendid meetings were the Junior meetings which Mrs. Keith made so interesting and enjoyable for you. I know you will not soon forget the lessons she taught you. And Miss Schaible's playing must indeed have been a great help.

It is quite cold and windy today, and night before last a heavy frost killed many flowers and tender plants. But never mind, we like the fall and winter, and before many days spring will again be here with newly awakened flowers and plants. Lovingly your friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I'd like to come to see you. I have been making a book. I stopped at a pretending boat.

I like the mountains. We arrived at Grandma's and we played on the farm. We had fun. I am five years old. I have had a lot of fun playing with my grandma's cats.

I found a dead squirrel in Glen Ellyn.

I am having a nice time here in New Jersey. I think I will have to close now.

Your new friend,
Nancy Ewing.

Home Address,
316 May Ave.,
Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Dear Nancy:

I was so glad to attend your last Conference Junior meeting and think I enjoyed it almost as much as you children did; I only wish I could have been with you at every one of them.

Not only was I happy to see you at Conference, but also your brother, sister, father and mother, and Grandpa Larkin. Did you know your grandpa was my doctor in Chicago long before you were born? When Conference comes to Milton I hope to see you all again.

I, too, like the mountains and also the Allegheny Hills among which I live. Don't you wish you had some mountains in Glen Ellyn? They would look as funny there as they would in Chicago, wouldn't they?

Your loving friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We have had a lot of fun in Junior meeting. I like to read, write, lose, and win. I like to play ball, and I like to draw maps, too.

I have had a dinner and a supper over at the Shiloh church.

Your new RECORDER friend, age nine,
Winfield S. Bonham.

Shiloh, N. J.

Dear Winfield:

I know plenty of boys and girls who like to read, write, and win, but not many like to lose. Do you mean that you can be pleasant even when you lose? That's the kind of boys I like—boys who can be happy not only when they win but when the other fellow wins.

It was fun to play games at the Conference Junior meetings, wasn't it? What kind of games do you like best? Can you tell me in your next letter about the games you like to play, and why? Affectionately yours,

Mizpah S. Greene.

OUR PULPIT

THE KINGDOM, THE SABBATH, AND SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS

BY REV. HURLEY S. WARREN

(Conference address, given August 26, 1937, on the Tract Society program.)

The Kingdom—God's point of view caught by men who translate it into victorious everyday experience.

The Sabbath—God's appointed time for rest and worship, by means of which his point of view may be better understood and more adequately acted out.

Seventh Day Baptists—One of the families of God's children who are seeking to comprehend his point of view and translate it into deeds of sacrificial love.

The Kingdom, a progressive reality. *The Sabbath*, one indispensable help toward this progressive reality. *Seventh Day Baptists*, a group of folks who are trying to use this indispensable help as one way of achieving this progressive reality, the Kingdom of God.

There are three discoveries, or rediscoveries, which some of us as Seventh Day Baptists need to make in this crucial hour.

The first—God's point of view and the kind of thought, word, and deed that he requires are all important. That is, God's kingdom and his righteousness are primary and essential.

"Well and good," someone may say. "But how can we be sure that we are on the right road?"

Another group, centuries ago, made a similar inquiry of One who was able to answer them satisfactorily and whose answer has been found adequate in and for every hour since.

In speaking of his going to prepare a place for his disciples, of his coming again that his disciples might be where he is, Jesus said, "And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know."

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Jesus said unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philp? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father: and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

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; because I go unto my Father.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

John 14: 4-14.

There is sufficient assurance, truth, promise, and challenge in these telling words of the Master to engage all peoples everywhere until the end; enough to keep us spiritually employed now and as long as we shall live, and eternally.

How can we be sure that we are on the Kingdom road? When we see Jesus we behold the Father. When we behold the Father we glimpse the Kingdom. And when we glimpse God's point of view for our lives and the lives of others, and acknowledge his claim upon us, we cannot rest until we do our utmost to satisfy him.

Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life." He is the focal personality. Centuries separate us from the human-divine life among men. Only our own unwillingness isolates us from the quality of his character. Ages looked forward to his coming. Although we turn back in point of time, our eyes are front toward him in terms of spiritual growth and achievement.

Jesus came to do his Father's will. Someone has said that the will of God was Jesus' North Star. His mission was to establish that will in the hearts and lives of men. He asks us to walk in no path that he himself has not trod. Generations ago he blazed the trail for

us, yet he returns in our day to guide us and to walk with us. In these great days together and in the testing times that will come, he is becoming and will become real to us and essential to our very existence.

The first great discovery, or rediscovery, for some of us, is God's point of view as Jesus Christ understood and lived it.

The second, we can receive his point of view only as we are integrated personalities.

Those who will be both apprehenders in the realm of God's will, and actors therein, are called upon to pay a price—a price that too few of us are willing to pay. Once in a while it is helpful for a person to face reality by asking himself, "What does God expect of me?" "Have I been making my best effort, asking consistently for his help, to live up to what he expects of me?" "Since I have not, what more can I do to fulfill his expectancy?" It will make a vast difference in my life and in my attitude toward God and my fellow men, if I will take the time to think these matters through to a satisfactory conclusion, and then put forth my best effort. God is not pleased with less than the best.

Possibly one may remark, "Oh, well! God is long-suffering. He will overlook my failures and mistakes." He will forgive and forget when we are truly penitent. It seems that just certain "humans" dig up past history. Yet, in the light of our enlightenment, has not God been long-suffering long enough?

With God there is power to overcome in our personal lives. We stand or fall, succeed or fail, at this very juncture. We qualify as victors, or go down among the vanquished, in this relation.

We are created not merely to be receivers of divine energy, but conveyors of that energy, too.

As separate personalities we cannot effectively convey unless we are integrated. There is so much of disintegration today, and we are told that the drag is downward. Few there are of any mature age but who know something of the struggle to keep from going to pieces under the severe strain.

Sometimes as I go about the streets of Plainfield I meet folks who need the ministry of surrendered souls. There is written large across their features struggle, defeat, downward drift.

How helpless we feel in the face of it all. We realize again and again that we cannot point the way to the conquering Christ unless

we know him ourselves. We cannot lift them far unless we are on a higher level. We cannot help them unless we go down to where they are, sense their needs, and try to meet those needs.

Just as the unitive principle is essential to personality growth, so is it to denominational development. It is our conviction that God will use Seventh Day Baptists more victoriously in the Kingdom tasks as they become more united in spirit and purpose. The forces of disintegration are strong. The only way to withstand these forces is to experience a greater integration. As it requires every ounce of physical, nervous, mental, and spiritual energy on the part of the individual today to stand the terrific testing, so with a people committed to the message and program of the conquering Christ.

Furthermore, there are those whom God is leading to us in these challenging days, who are looking for an aggressive program of spiritual conquest. What do they find at times? They find, we fear, victims instead of victors; faint echoes of the past instead of clarion voices of the present; discouragement discernible upon the countenance of bewildered people instead of assurance and courage.

We invite your most intimate and understanding thought toward the statement that we are about to make. There are some among us, older and younger, who have been asked to go elsewhere, but who have stayed with Seventh Day Baptists, first, because we have believed it to be right; second, we believe that there is still some contribution Seventh Day Baptists can make to the coming of God's kingdom and the doing of God's will; and third, we could not feel at home elsewhere. At the same time we are unwilling to see or be a party to this denomination's growing ineffectiveness because of the lack of internal integrity. We maintain that whenever there comes to be considerable feeling that the denominational program is out of balance, internal integrity is threatened. It is not necessary that we see alike. However, it is imperative that we apprehend God's point of view as he reveals it to us in Christ Jesus, and become one in spirit and purpose in him.

This leads to our third discovery or rediscovery. It is the place and power of personal and intercessory prayer.

When did you pray the last time? Some could well answer, "I am praying now," for with them prayer is a gracious habit. Others

may have prayed ten seconds ago, still others ten minutes, and possibly a few ten hours. If there are any who have gone longer than ten hours they are getting rather hungry by this time.

Again, how am I to know your mind unless in the course of our conversation I listen to you at least a little? Certainly if I turn my tongue loose and give you no chance to express your thoughts, I shall not benefit from your point of view. In much the same manner to become so unified in our personal prayer life that we may apprehend God's viewpoint, it is essential that we listen to God speak to us. Is it possible that we have talked too much to God and have failed to listen to him?

Well do I remember that Dr. John R. Mott, as chairman of the Student Volunteer Convention held in Des Moines, Ia., December 31, 1919—January 4, 1920, urged the delegates to practice and experience intercessory prayer. It is interesting and significant that at the recent Oxford Conference on Life and Work Doctor Mott was still urging intercessory prayer. And intercessory prayer in behalf of and at that Conference has wrought wonders.

The other day I read a discussion of "Intercessory Prayer — Its Reasonableness and Efficacy" in this summer's number of *Religion in Life*. The writer, James S. McEwen, toward the conclusion of his discussion makes these observations:

May it not be the expression in the realm of prayer, of a fact which seems to appear in every sphere of human activity—the fact that we are "bound together in one bundle of life"; so that one can bless many, and (conversely) the innocent must suffer with and for the guilty?

Thus, at the physical level, the very factors which make it possible for parents to pass on to their children healthy minds and bodies, also make possible inherited disease and weakness.

At the social level, every citizen is dependent for his food, comfort, and security on a whole army of fellow citizens, who in turn are in a measure dependent on him. Through this social organism, one great man may benefit thousands; but through the very same mechanism, a bad or foolish man may bring to thousands misery and disaster.

At the mental level, we find that knowledge is in a sense a communal possession. Of the ideas "in the head" of the wisest man, only a fraction can be his own; the main body is drawn from countless past and present sources. So a great thinker can provide good mental furniture not for his own age only, but for succeeding generations; but a bad or slipshod thinker may

poison the well of knowledge and so bring unhappiness to many. . . .

This being unquestionably true in these other ranges of human activity and experience, there does not appear to be any reason to deny that it may also be true of our spiritual life and of our prayer life; that it is not merely as individuals that we stand before God, but as a prayerful company in which the individual is dependent for his blessing on the prayers of all.

Doctor McEwen emphasizes that, if because of laziness or indifference, we fail to pray with and for others in harmony with God's will, we not only lose our own blessing but do a wrong to others by cutting them off from their blessing.

In the light of this reasoning how intrinsic Tennyson's well-known words on "Prayer" become:

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy
voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them
friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

And according to James, "The prayers of the righteous have a powerful effect."—5: 16b (Moffatt).

Shall we discover anew, or continue to discover, God's point of view in Jesus Christ, and become integrated personalities who have a vital experience in personal and intercessory prayer.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y.

The Will Class of the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church met at the home of their teacher, Rev. E. A. Witter, on the evening after the Sabbath, September 18. After refreshments were served and a social time was enjoyed, some time was spent in a round table discussion of the thought, "What should be the ideal of an adult class?" Quite a free discussion was had and it was revealed that real thought of and effort to help in the training of the children of the church should occupy the minds of such a class to a large extent. It was voted that the class should purchase a helpful story book for the story period of the junior school. The following officers of the class were elected: Mrs. E. A.

Witter, president; George Whitford, vice-president; Mrs. DeChois Greene, secretary; DeChois Greene, treasurer; Miss Bertha Williams, social committee; Mrs. Nora Gardiner, missionary committee.

The reports showed a good degree of interest in the class and real financial interest in the school and church. We want to be a class of "Will, to do." REPORTER.

ALFRED, N. Y.

In spite of almost continual rain and wind, a crowd of between twenty-five hundred and three thousand gathered on East University Street hill last Sabbath afternoon at five-thirty to hear the first public playing of the Alfred Carillon by Dr. H. S. Wesson.

State troopers stationed to direct the crowd estimated that approximately five hundred cars, holding an average of five people, were driven from nearly all points in western New York and from Pennsylvania. One enthusiast drove from Boston, Mass.

Although the full clearness and tone of the bells were not apparent, due to bad weather, the listeners heard enough to realize their superiority over ordinary chimes. The music was also played in a higher key, due to the lack of the larger bells, and this affected the audition. The carillon committee hopes to be able to purchase the remaining bells. The reception of the music was beautiful over the radio.

Following the carillon concert, an informal dinner was held at Social Hall in honor of President-Emeritus and Mrs. Boothe C. Davis. The twenty-eight guests comprised the administrative officers of the university and the members of the carillon committee.

Doctor Wesson left for Texas on Sunday morning, after playing a special concert of hymns for Dr. and Mrs. Boothe C. Davis in whose honor the carillon was purchased. The weather on that day was perfect and the bells were heard at a great distance. On Sunday afternoon, almost as many cars as had appeared at the concert drove past the tower at the foot of Pine Hill, and the occupants inspected the bells. No visitors are allowed to ascend the tower.—*Alfred Sun*.

SALEM, W. VA.

Mrs. George B. Shaw, who has been a leader in the Salem W.C.T.U. for more than fifteen years, was honored by that organiza-

tion at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Truman Payne. Mrs. Shaw, who with her husband will leave Salem next month for a stay in the west before going to Alfred, N. Y., to live, was presented a gift from the members as a token of their high regard for her and the work she has done in the cause of temperance. A song dedicated to her was sung by Mrs. C. C. Keys and Miss Margaret Cottrell.

Miss Miriam Shaw, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George B. Shaw, who was driven from her post of duty as superintendent of nurses at Grace Hospital, Liuho, China, by the terrible warring in that country, will have embarked from the *President Hoover* at some California port of the Pacific by the time you are reading this.

Miss Shaw plans to go to the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. George Thorngate, at Phoenix, Ariz., and in all probability will not come to Salem, due to the fact that Dr. and Mrs. Shaw expect to leave Salem in a few weeks to join her in Phoenix.

—*Salem Herald*.

ALBION, WIS.

There was a good attendance at the installation services for Pastor L. O. Greene, September 11, at the Seventh Day Baptist church. Moderator W. M. Babcock had charge of these services. Prayer was offered by Pastor J. F. Randolph, of Milton Junction. Pastor Greene and sons, Herbert and Donald, were received into the Albion Church, Rev. C. S. Sayre receiving them in behalf of the church. Anthems were given by the senior and junior choirs. Mrs. C. S. Lawton and Mrs. M. C. Sayre sang a duet. A welcome to the pastor and family was given from the church by W. M. Babcock; from the deacons, M. J. Babcock; from the Sabbath school, Charles Williams; from the choir, Mrs. C. S. Lawton; from the junior choir, Wilma Kelley; from the Home Benefit Society, Mrs. E. G. Williams; from the Missionary Society, Mrs. C. S. Sayre; charge to the pastor, Rev. H. C. Van Horn, Plainfield, N. J.; charge to the church, Pastor C. L. Hill, Milton; response, Pastor Greene; benediction, Pastor Greene.

A picnic dinner was enjoyed by about two hundred fifty people, after which a reception was given Pastor Greene and family. Many from Milton and Milton Junction attended these services.—*M. J. Telephone*.

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"He Took the Cup, and Gave Thanks"

By Robert B. Pattison

Though soon the ruler's voice of doom,
Though soon the cruel cross and tomb,
Yet calm within that upper room
Christ took the cup—gave thanks!

The cup: God's will. Gethsemane!
"My blood poured out," on Calvary!
"God, why hast thou forsaken me?"
That cup Christ took—gave thanks!

Thus Christ shows how to face a wrong
When days are dark and nights are long,
When friends are weak and sin is strong,
To take our "cup"—give thanks!

For when our faith, like Christ's, is sure,
Whene'er our love, like Christ, is pure,
Whatever comes, we can endure
And take the cup—give thanks!

—Watchman-Examiner.

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