

preacher of middle age "who has been lecturing in the past thirty years in Germany, Hungary, Italy, Switzerland, France, and the United States." He is being employed for a few months by the Irvington Church for Bible and evangelistic work. A three weeks' campaign was begun October 2. Three lectures scheduled for as many dates are entitled, "World War or World Peace—What Will the Future Bring?" "The Unknown God—Where Will We Find Him?" and "What Is Truth?—the Truth Will Make You Free." These public meetings are being held at the Elks Club, Irvington, 925 Springfield Avenue. A "Friendly Invitation to the German Public Lectures" is neatly printed on a card in two languages. The lectures are to be followed by interesting public discussion.—EDITOR.

WHAT OUR LIQUOR BILL COULD BUY

The state organ of the W. C. T. U. of New York presents some startling figures by S. Carrie McCurdy as to what could have been done with the \$3,448,302,870 spent for drink in 1935. This amount, suggests the writer, would have purchased:

750,000,000 loaves of bread @ 11c	....\$82,500,000
750,000,000 bottles of milk @ 12c	.... 90,000,000
150,000,000 dozens of eggs @ 25c	.... 37,500,000
150,000,000 pounds of beef @ 40c	.... 60,000,000
50,000,000 chickens @ \$1.50	..... 75,000,000
5,000,000 tons of coal @ \$12	..... 60,000,000
275,000 old-age pensions could be paid @ \$600	.....165,000,000
375,000 home mortgages @ \$2,000	.750,000,000
50,750,000 men's neckties @ \$1	..... 50,750,000
50,267,250 ladies' hats @ \$5	.....251,336,250
525 schoolhouses could be built, each costing \$300,000	.....157,500,000
To the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. could be given	.....125,000,000
To child welfare and tuberculosis clinics could be given	....250,000,000
General education and state colleges could be given	.....725,000,000
For alcohol education of the country would be left	.....443,716,620

Well, if you spend it for booze, you can't spend it for shoes.—*The Voice, organ of the Methodist Temperance Board.*

ALCOHOL A REMOVER

Alcohol will remove grass stains from summer clothes.

It will also remove summer clothes, also spring and winter clothes, not only from the man who drinks it, but also from his wife and children.

It will also remove household furniture from the house and eatables from the pantry, the smile from the face of his wife, and the happiness from the home.

As a remover, alcohol has few equals.

—*From Civic Bulletin.*

NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual meeting of the Minnesota and northern Wisconsin churches will convene with the Dodge Center, Minn., Church, October 15, 16, and 17. Theme: "The King's Business"—Luke 2: 49.

MRS. HENRY BOND,
Corresponding Secretary.

MARRIAGES

BEARDSLEY-ATWOOD.—At the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage, De Ruyter, N. Y., September 5, 1937, Mr. Robert W. Beardsley of Lincklaen and Miss Edna Atwood of De Ruyter were united in marriage by Rev. Neal D. Mills.

MITROFF-HEMPHILL.—At the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, Plainfield, N. J., September 23, 1937, by Rev. Hurley S. Warren, Gertrude Hemphill and Paul Mitroff, both of New York City, the new home to be at 310 West 73rd St., New York City.

SACKETT-BURDICK.—On Sabbath morning, September 4, 1937, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Burdick, Miss Thelma Burdick of Richburg, N. Y., and Mr. Harry N. Sackett, son of Dr. and Mrs. Sackett of Bolivar, N. Y., were united in marriage by the bride's pastor, Rev. E. H. Bottoms. They will make their home in Bolivar, N. Y.

RECORDER WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

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A PILOT UNDISMAYED

I do not know myself the ways
Across the ocean's pathless maze—
I only know the Pilot—He
Has erstwhile sailed this self-same sea.

He knows the islands and the stars;
He knows the ledges and the bars;
He knows the shallows and the deeps,
He keeps the watch—He never sleeps!

He knows the clouds that form on high
Along the wide and widening sky;
He knows the darkness and the light;
He knows the pathway of the night.

The storms, the currents and the calms
He holds secure within His palms;
The mists that slowly rise and roll!
Dear Pilot, hold Thou close my soul!

Hold Thou my soul—I am the ship—
And let no loose-flung cable slip;
Let no sail lose its eagerness:
My voyage and my ventures bless.

I am Thy ship—my Pilot Thou—
Sailing the seas of here and now.
Out to far lands I do not know
With Thee in confidence I go.

Out—and with singing in my sails;
Out where the wind in fierceness flails;
Out where the typhoon hunts its prey;
Out on the traveled, trackless way.

Out where the morning breaks its bands
On new—and to me—unknown lands—
But lands that have been known to Thee
Forever—from eternity!

Where I look but through mist-blurred eyes
Thou seest far beyond the skies.
Where I am trembling and afraid
Thou art serene and undismayed!

—William L. Stidger.

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less expressly renewed.

Commission's Report The splendid report of the Commission to Conference should have all the publicity possible. While it will soon appear in the 1937 Year Book, it may be buried there. Too often valuable material and information suffer that fate. Some pastors have already made use of the report in discussion groups and other ways, with benefit to their membership. Others will doubtless do so. Its appearance in the SABBATH RECORDER may help to keep the matters of vital importance contained in this report before our people. The report deserves careful reading and study.

The present report is the result of more than four days of painstaking and devoted application on the part of the Commission—all members but two being present throughout, three sessions a day, from three to five hours per session. No problem discussed was set aside until some definite conclusion had been reached. Few asides with unprofitable discussion were indulged, but the main issues were pursued with wholesome and persistent purpose to find the right answer. It seemed to us, often, rather marvelous, no matter how divergent at the beginning were our views,

that almost invariably at the time of decision unanimous action was whole-heartedly taken. Attention in particular should be called to items 2, 3, 10, and 11.

The report is the work of the whole Commission—collectively selecting the points to be brought before Conference, rather than one man's formulating it. The conclusion should challenge us, our faith, our loyalty—the highest, indeed, within us—to look up and out and on, and go "Forward With Christ."

REPORT OF COMMISSION

As revised and adopted by the General
Conference.

To the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in session in Shiloh, N. J., August 24, 1937:

Your Commission would respectfully submit the following as its annual report for the year ending with this session of the General Conference.

Members of the Commission for this year were as follows: Loyal F. Hurley, Riverside, Calif.; Harold O. Burdick, Alfred, N. Y.; Orville B. Bond, Lost Creek, W. Va.; Paul Hummel, Boulder, Colo.; D. Nelson Inglis, Milton, Wis.; Herbert C. Van Horn, Plainfield, N. J.; William L. Burdick, Ashaway, R. I.; Corliss F. Randolph, Maplewood, N. J., and John F. Randolph, Milton Junction, Wis. Courtland V. Davis, Plainfield, N. J., was secretary.

The Commission met in Boulder, Colo., on August 23, 1936; in Plainfield, N. J., on December 30, 1936-January 2, 1937; and near Shiloh, N. J., August 17-23, 1937.

Orville B. Bond was unable to attend the Boulder meeting, and Paul H. Hummel and Corliss F. Randolph were absent at Shiloh. All members were present at Plainfield.

Loyal F. Hurley was elected chairman and has acted in that capacity throughout the year.

Howard M. Barber was designated to countersign checks of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget, and Carroll L. Hill those of the treasurer of the General Conference.

The president of Conference was directed to prepare the program of this session of the Conference, making whatever extension of time he might find to be necessary to include the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the Shiloh Church, if so desired by the church.

A form for certificate of church membership has been drawn up by the Commission as

directed by Conference. Typewritten copies are available in the hands of the secretary of the Commission but no arrangement has yet been made for printing.

The Auditing Committee of the Commission has scrutinized and signed all bills presented to the Conference treasurer for payment, and certifies that the reports of both the treasurer of Conference and the treasurer of the Denominational Budget have been properly audited.

The official list of ministers of the denomination has been drawn up for publication in the 1937 Year Book and is now in the hands of the secretary for examination by any who may be interested.

The Conference president has reported to the Commission that much of the work which he had been able to do as Conference president had been made possible because of his opportunity to use occasions when expenses had been taken care of by the Tract Society.

A committee appointed to draw up for publication some questions and answers on the Seventh Day Baptist Building has made a preliminary report.

A committee is at work on a study and survey of possibilities for a denominational-leadership training camp.

The following memorandum was received from the Committee on Ministerial Relief:

If full payments are made to the present list of beneficiaries there will be needed during the next Conference year \$3,576. The net income anticipated from the fourteen funds for Ministerial Relief will be approximately \$3,030. There is an overdraft as of May 31, 1937, in the Distribution Fund of \$2,455.24. Since the overdraft is being carried by other funds, the board believes that it should be reduced at least \$500 during the coming year. Therefore, the net income expected to be available for distribution will be approximately \$2,550. This will leave \$1,026.00 to be made up through the Denominational Budget or some other source.

Expected payments	\$3,576.00
Anticipated income	2,550.00

To be raised through Denominational Budget	\$1,026.00
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Provision has been made in the budget to meet this request.

In reply to a question from the Memorial Board, it was voted that it is the sense of the Commission that, in the event its funds are insufficient to maintain its present rate of payment to persons on ministerial relief, all payment be reduced pro rata rather than that any attempt be made to determine apparent need.

The Commission has added to the budget of the Missionary Society the sum of \$1,900 for the salary and expenses of a missionary-evangelist. This does not add sufficiently to the income of the Missionary Society unless the gifts to the Denominational Budget are proportionately increased.

The Commission has recommended that the president of the 1938 Conference request the treasurers of the various denominational boards and agencies to get together for the purpose of devising a uniform financial statement for the use of all treasurers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission recommends:

1. That, since the Commission and the General Conference have, from time to time, stressed the need of strengthening and deepening the spiritual life in our churches, and, as a means toward this deepening of the spiritual life, as an aid in developing meditation and prayer, as a means toward making people conscious of the church as a spiritual force in the community, the Conference suggest that, where feasible and possible, churches consider working out plans and schedules whereby the church buildings be opened during the week to those who will enter to pray, meditate, or worship in any form. It is suggested that there may be those who would like to serve the church on these occasions as guides or caretakers, without expense to the churches, and who would assume responsibility for maintenance of order and neatness in the buildings.

2. That whereas questions of grave concern and of vital importance confront us concerning our denominational equipment and methods of life, organization, and work—for example, the final settlement of the Seventh Day Baptist Building program, the consolidation of certain boards as proposed by the Sabbath School Board, and the revitalization of our spiritual life; the Conference direct that the program of the 1938 Conference be largely a constructive survey-council to study and appraise our denominational work, and to point us the way in which better we may advance the cause and kingdom of Christ with larger vision, renewed courage, and deeper loyalty.

3. That if the above recommendation be approved, the president of the 1938 Conference, working with the Commission, be directed to draw up plans and make necessary arrangements for such a council.

4. That the Conference adopt as a policy that in the appointment of committees which will find it necessary to incur expenses, provisions for covering those expenses be included in the action taken.

5. That the Conference recommend to the various denominational agencies that contributions made for the expense of special services of their employees be accepted for the agency rather than for the Denominational Budget, with the understanding that contributions for other than expense purposes be for the Denominational Budget and turned over to its treasurer.

6. That the Conference require that estimates of proposed expenditures for music and local entertainment items chargeable to the General Conference be submitted to the president of Conference and approved by him before such expenditures are made or contracted.

7. That the Young People's Board, having last year contributed \$250 to the Denominational Budget, be permitted to raise such funds as may be needed in addition to that coming from the Denominational Budget during the current year through appeals directly to the young people's societies.

8. That the Conference again suggest that an offering be made quarterly by each of the Sabbath schools for one of the following objects: first quarter, Missionary Society; second quarter, Tract Society; third quarter, Sabbath School Board; fourth quarter, any special object, e. g., Young People's Board, American Bible Society, etc.

9. That the Conference request denominational agencies participating in the Denominational Budget to present budget statements in such form as to show amounts budgeted for the preceding year, actual amounts expended for those particular items, and the amounts proposed to be budgeted for the work of the coming year.

10. That for the year 1937-38 all items relating to the Seventh Day Baptist Building be removed from the Denominational Budget and made an object of special appeal, and that the Tract Society be asked to carry on such an appeal, expense to be met from the proceeds of the campaign.

11. That the agency entrusted with the duty of conducting the campaign for raising the budget for the Seventh Day Baptist Building be authorized to keep before our people

the need of, and if expedient, to seek, endowment for the maintenance of the building.

12. That the budget of the Seventh Day Baptist Building be as follows:

Current Expenses	
Maintenance (July 1, 1937 to June 30, 1938)	\$1,085.00
Taxes (July 1, 1937 to June 30, 1938)	1,391.00
	<u>\$2,476.00</u>
Taxes due July 1 and unpaid	\$1,209.76
Interest on same	184.13
	<u>1,393.89</u>
Amortization of loan for taxes	\$1,333.33
Interest on same	166.67
	<u>1,500.00</u>
	<u>\$5,369.89</u>

13. That the Conference adopt the following as its budget for 1937-1938:

Proposed Expenditures	
World Conference on Faith and Order \$	25.00
Baptist World Alliance	40.00
Federal Council	75.00
Year Book	600.00
Committee to Promote Religious Life	100.00
Committee to Promote Financial Program	100.00
Expenses of Conference	1,200.00
Contingent Fund	310.00
	<u>\$2,450.00</u>
Anticipated Income	
Requested from Denominational Budget	<u>\$2,450.00</u>

14. That the denominational agencies having presented budget requests for participation in the Denominational Budget as follows: Missionary Society \$18,250, Tract Society \$4,423, Education Society \$2,140, Sabbath School Board \$2,500, Ministerial Relief \$1,026, General Conference \$2,450, the Conference direct that the receipts for the Denominational Budget during the current year be distributed on the following basis:

Missionary Society	52.0	per cent
Tract Society	14.0	" "
Education Society	7.0	" "
Sabbath School Board	8.0	" "
Woman's Board	0.5	" "
Young People's Board	1.0	" "
Historical Society	0.8	" "
Ministerial Relief	6.0	" "
General Conference	10.7	" "

IN CONCLUSION

In concluding this report the Commission feels impelled to acknowledge most devoutly a sense of gratitude to God for the leading of

the Spirit as his assistance has been sought in the solution of perplexing problems. Our problems are many and real, and our handicaps and limitations quite apparent. "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed."

Seventh Day Baptists have many assets: A sturdy church people worshiping, in most cases, in attractive church-homes. We have boards that are working most zealously to promote the various interests for which we stand. Notwithstanding discouraging situations and sometimes apparent attitudes of indifference toward the appeals of boards and committees, the Commission feels that encouraging notes dominate over the minor chords and discordant measures. May the following citations illustrate the basis for this triumphant note?

Debts that have concerned us deeply have been materially reduced during the year, while during the same period gratifying additions have been made to our endowments. Increased spiritual blessings have accompanied increased faithfulness in stewardship in the experience of many. The SABBATH RECORDER has been restored to a weekly basis. Funds have been received from outside the Denominational Budget which enable the Missionary Board to return the Thorngates to China as soon as the conditions of that troubled country permit. In other parts of the world new fields are opening for missionary service.

It is a matter of gratification to many that a satisfactory settlement of the problems connected with the Seventh Day Baptist Building seems likely to be reached in the near future.

The theological seminary is being further strengthened, and not in many years have there been so many promising young men considering the call to the gospel ministry. More than a dozen such men are known to be giving serious consideration to this calling. More of our churches should be encouraging their gifted young men to dedicate their lives to the ministry of the Word.

Consciousness of the need of a richer and deeper Christian experience is evidenced by the participation of our people in the Preaching Missions and other forms of evangelistic effort resulting in baptisms and increased membership. New churches and Sabbath-keeping groups have been formed, and provision is being made in the budget for a full time missionary-evangelist.

The growth of spiritual hunger among our people is apparent. From coast to coast of America, from foreign fields, and from the islands of the sea comes the knowledge of people beseeching at the Throne of Grace for the blessing of God upon our churches and upon this General Conference.

The theme of this Conference is "Victorious Living." Such triumphant experience of the grace and power of God is possible for a denomination as truly as for an individual, and its conditions are the same. The individual enters into victory only as he fully surrenders himself and his talents to Christ and implicitly trusts Christ to work out his blessed will in and through that dedicated being. Likewise a denomination must as surely dedicate itself completely to the Lord and as implicitly and expectantly trust him to work out his beneficent will in the life and activities of such a dedicated people.

Let us, therefore, fully surrender ourselves with all our abilities and powers, both material and spiritual. God's love in Christ is infinite; his purposes are all-wise and his power is all-sufficient. Let us, therefore, calmly trust and confidently expect that all needed grace and power will be granted unto us as a people to lead us into victory in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

LOYAL F. HURLEY,
Chairman,
COURTLAND V. DAVIS,
Secretary.

CONFERENCE SECRETARY

At the Shiloh General Conference, Rev. Hurley S. Warren was regularly elected corresponding secretary in place of Courtland V. Davis who was elected president. But since the 1938 Conference will meet next August, 1938, at Plainfield, N. J., where Mr. Warren is pastor, it was felt by him unwise to serve as corresponding secretary. At its first meeting August 29, 1937, the Commission accepted Mr. Warren's resignation and appointed Rev. James L. Skaggs of 1107 Webster Ave., West Englewood, N. J., to fill the vacancy. The home address of the corresponding secretary is as above; but he will maintain an office in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J. Correspondence will reach him at either address.

MISSIONS

CHRIST THE SANCTION FOR CHRISTIAN MISSIONS AND THE GUARANTEE FOR THEIR SUCCESS

People are constantly asking, Why promote Christian missions? And it is well that they do, for men have a right to think things through. They have more than a right, they have a duty. It is good that the reason for Christian missions be kept constantly in mind and before the public. There are many reasons why the Church should engage in mission work and all of them should be taken into account; but there is one which should never be overlooked, and that is Christ himself. Christ is the great sanction for Christian missions. There is not simply his command; there is his eternal existence with the Father, his incarnation, life, teaching, death, resurrection, ascension, and work through the centuries. The place of Christ is finely set forth by Professor Ismar J. Peritz in the *Journal of Bible and Religion*. Speaking of the authority of Christ he says:

According to the Bible, of the three races that survive the Flood—Shem, Ham, and Japheth—it is the Shemites or Semites that yield themselves as vehicles of the good life. Within the Semites, it is the family of Abraham, narrowing down to Jacob or Israel. Within the Israelites, it is the prophets; and among the prophets, it is the prophet of Nazareth who brings social and ethical principles to their height. Thus the pyramid reaches its apex. Jesus becomes within the Bible the highest authority on social, ethical, and religious ideals: he is the touchstone by whom every principle must be tested.

This authority does not rest on mere externals, but on the merits of his personality, teachings, and evident divine mission. Jesus stands on the shoulders of the prophets of old — reiterating their best thoughts, bringing them to more perfect forms, and universalizing their application. He teaches the universal fatherhood of God; the universal brotherhood of man, with emphasis upon the supreme value of each human being, and the Golden Rule; happiness to be found in being rather than in having; the essence of religion to consist in loyalty to God and man; the kingdom of God a social order in which the will of God is worked out; and self-sacrificing love the supreme motive in life. Not only did he teach these truths, but he lived them, showing that they were practicable. And, further, he possesses the power to reproduce his teachings and his life in the lives of those who join themselves by faith to him. Herein we find the authority of Christ, and with it the authority of the Bible. Evolution reaches its climax in man; and among men in Christ Jesus.

Doctor Peritz, in the foregoing quotation, is speaking in a general way of the authority of Christ, but it applies to missions and evangelism, home and foreign. Christ is not only the sanction for missions; but as Doctor Peritz points out, he is the guarantee that missions will succeed and his kingdom will triumph, for he who has absolute authority in the universe can and will carry out his purposes. Away with pessimism and defeatism!

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CONFERENCE IN JAMAICA

The Seventh Day Baptist Conference of Jamaica, B. W. I., was held in Bath, September 16-20. This conference corresponds to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in America and was the fourth country to hold such a conference within the last three months. When the work was first organized in Jamaica, fourteen years past, the churches established a Seventh Day Baptist Association. This did good work for a few years but it was discontinued. It is well that Seventh Day Baptist churches in every country have a conference of their own, and it is gratifying that those in Jamaica have been thus organized. The session held last month was a marked success, as will be seen from the following account gleaned from the report of Rev. G. D. Hargis. Brother Hargis under date of September 28 writes in part as follows:

DEAR BROTHER BURDICK:

I am glad to report to you one of the finest conferences I have ever been able to attend. I say this because of the problems that had to be overcome to make the conference possible.

Our conference convened in Bath on September 16, at 4.30 p.m., and every hour of every day was full of something worth while to do. The Bath Church deserves much credit for their care of the delegates and guests. There were forty-five registered delegates and many others, taxing to capacity the homes of the church. The men of the church had built a lean-to booth on the west side of the church for a dining room. A kitchen was also built to the rear of the church where seven cooks prepared the meals. We served over 1,050 meals in the five days.

The sessions were definitely spiritual, starting at 5.30 a.m. with prayer meeting. We had round table discussions, Bible studies, business sessions, and evangelistic meetings. Every service was well attended, the spirit of song and worship excellent, and in the evening people jammed the building to capacity. The spirit of love and co-operation was of the very best and our work is unified as it has never been before. The Bath choir sang until they were so hoarse that they could hardly sing the last evening. The programs and other

items were generously contributed by Mr. N. O. Moore of Riverside, Calif.

During the conference there were decisions for Christ and many renewed their allegiance to his cause and work. On Sunday morning we baptized seven candidates before an audience very near four hundred.

The weather in Bath was a special gift of God, for usually Bath has rain and is hot; but we had cool days and nights with a tropical moon of the rarest sort.

Our conference was financed by contributions from the churches, of one shilling per month per delegate sent for each month of the conference year. We have worked on this one year and raised \$60. This is not enough to cover expenses, but they will be covered.

We have organized the island into a working unit with central treasury, etc., for carrying on the work. The workers are to be called col-porteurs, evangelists, pastors, and ministers. The native worker program was very satisfactorily worked out.

Pastor Mignott attended the conference, gave one Bible study on Friday, was to preach on Sabbath but at close of Sabbath school had a convulsion. We removed him from the church into the dining booth and he rallied so I could take him in the car to his stopping place. Then Monday morning I left the conference and carried him to the home of friends in Font Hill.

Be sure of our interest in all matters at home and abroad. Kindest greetings to you.

Sincerely in Him,
G. D. HARGIS.

MISSIONARY EMERGENCY FUND CONTRIBUTORS

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North Loup, Neb.,	
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Anonymous, Andover, N. Y.25
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A. E. Felton, West Edmeston, N. Y.	5.00

Miss Edythe Berry, Evans, Colo.	
(Credit to Boulder Church)	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. George B. Utter,	
Westerly, R. I.	20.00
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	\$1,233.03

KARL G. STILLMAN,
Treasurer.

October 12, 1937.

RELIGIOUS LIFE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Religious Life held its first meeting of the new year on September 22, at the home of the chairman, Rev. A. L. Davis of Verona. All members were present except Rev. Paul Burdick who was in Waterford, Conn., on account of the death of Mrs. Burdick's mother, Mrs. Burtis Brooks. The committee expressed sympathy for Mr. Burdick and his family, and his counsel in the deliberations was missed.

The committee will continue to strive toward the attainment of the same objectives as set up in the program for last year. In these times when the material affairs of life seem so demanding of our attention, and numerous forms of amusement are so attractive, we need greater and more definitely planned activity for the cultivation of the spiritual side of our lives. Personal and family religion needs to be vitalized through family worship, the discussion of religious subjects, and the reading of the Bible and other inspiring literature. Our children need religious training, both in the home and in the church.

The committee is gratified that so much use has been made of "The Upper Room" for daily devotional reading. That or some other such material is recommended for family worship and the personal quiet hour. There ought to be more religious literature in our homes and more time spent reading it, instead of much of the popular literature which at best serves only to pass away the time. This committee plans to recommend a few especially fine books which may be secured and passed about among the homes of the parish. It would be appreciated if any one who knows of a particularly good religious book would notify the chairman or secretary of this committee.

Let us this year stimulate a more active church life and a closer fellowship among church members. Let each church consider itself the nucleus of a large company of believers that may be gathered into the fellowship, if each member will do his share of wit-

nessing and co-operate in carrying out the program of the church.

The Preaching Missions of last year did much to nourish the spiritual life where they were held, and all of our churches are urged again to consider holding them this year. It is hoped that a plan of co-operation will be devised by which the churches can share in the leadership of the missions.

The Religious Life Committee pledges its hearty support to the stewardship program of the denomination. We must recognize, if we are Christian, that our time, our talents, and our possessions belong to God, and acknowledge it by generous support of his kingdom. Tithing or any other method of systematic and adequate support of the Lord's work is to be commended.

The present crisis in China is a challenge to our denomination as it is to others. It is a test of our determination to preach the gospel in spite of great difficulties and losses. If God wants us to carry the message of Christ and his Sabbath to China he will make it possible to re-establish our mission, perhaps on a much larger scale than before.

Let us meet the challenge of these times with our full support in time, money and energy to God's work, and prove our loyalty to our church, our denomination, our missionaries in every field, to the Sabbath, and to Jesus Christ.

NEAL D. MILLS, Secretary,
Committee on Religious Life.

De Ruyter, N. Y.

WOMAN'S WORK

AT HOME ON ALL LEVELS

HE EATETH AND DRINKETH WITH
PUBLICANS AND SINNERS.

READ MARK 2: 14-20.

Some workingmen would be embarrassed at a Chamber of Commerce dinner; and some Chamber of Commerce big-wigs would be like fish out of water at a grange or labor union meeting. Most of us are socially provincial, which is a factor in the present class consciousness.

One big truth about Jesus that everybody should ponder is that he was at home on all social levels. At a Pharisee's sumptuous feast and at a fishermen's shore dinner, he was equally serene and at ease. A working man,

he yet fraternized with the rich. A palace did not embarrass him, though he sometimes had nowhere to lay his head.

In a word, Jesus was the world's truest cosmopolite; and his voice sounds today, "Follow me."

Like our Master, we would be brothers of all men, whatever their degree. Give us, we pray, such a sense of thy Fatherhood that we shall be at home with all thy children. Amen.
—Christian Herald.

WOMAN'S BOARD MEETING

The Woman's Board met at the home of Mrs. Okey Davis October 10, 1937, with the vice-president, Mrs. Geo. B. Shaw, presiding. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Okey Davis was asked to be secretary pro tem. The following members were present: Miss Lotta Bond, Mrs. Orville Bond, Mrs. Orestes Bond, Mrs. Clark Siedhoff, Mrs. Edward Davis, Mrs. G. H. Trainer. Mrs. Shaw conducted devotions using the Twenty-third Psalm in concert. Mrs. Trainer offered prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. The treasurer read the following report which was accepted:

Venie E. Bond, Treasurer,	
In account with the	
Woman's Executive Board	
Balance, September 12, 1937	\$ 148.25
<i>Receipts</i>	
Harold R. Crandall,	
Denominational Budget	\$6.50
Marguerite Carpenter, refund	.25
	6.75
	<u>\$ 155.00</u>
<i>Disbursements</i>	
Mrs. Okey W. Davis,	
Conference programs	\$2.00
Fox Printing Company,	
Printing Conference reports	6.75
	8.75
Balance, October 10, 1937	146.25
	<u>\$ 155.00</u>

Correspondence was read from Rev. Lester Osborn, Nortonville, Kan.; Rev. H. C. Van Horn and Mrs. Frank Hubbard of Plainfield, N. J.; Miss Florence Tyler of the Foreign Missions Conference; Mrs. Theodore Van Horn, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Voted that the board express to Mrs. Van Horn their appreciation of the beautiful

"Worship Programs" prepared by her, and that she be asked to continue the work for the ensuing year.

Voted \$2 to Mrs. Van Horn for expense of "Worship Programs."

Voted \$75 be sent the Missionary Board for the emergency fund to return our missionaries to the homeland.

These minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet with Mrs. Edward Davis the second Sunday in November.

Nellie B. Shaw (Mrs. George),
Vice-President,
Frances E. Davis (Mrs. Okey),
Secretary pro tem.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, September, 1937

	Receipts	Sept.	Total
Adams Center	\$ 40.00		\$ 82.00
Albion	20.00		20.00
Alfred, First	95.40		235.94
Alfred, Second	47.80		67.70
Battle Creek	\$ 15.00		
Special	18.50		
	\$ 33.50	33.50	
Berlin Ladies' Aid society	50.00	50.00	
Boulder		12.90	
Brookfield, First		26.75	
Brookfield, Second	5.00	35.25	
Carlton		10.00	
Daytona Beach	15.00	15.00	
Denver	14.00	34.00	
De Ruyter	\$ 19.00		
Special	40.00		
	\$ 59.00	123.00	
Edinburg	13.00	26.00	
Farina	75.00	75.00	
Fouke		6.85	
Friendship		4.70	
Genesee, First	\$ 30.70		
Special	64.13		
	\$ 94.83	152.34	
Gentry		5.00	
Hartsville		25.00	
Hebron, First		17.24	
Hopkinton, First, C. E. society,			
special	\$ 3.00		
Intermediate C. E. society,			
special	1.00		
	\$ 4.00	50.50	
Hopkinton, Second	3.50	4.75	
Independence	10.00	14.00	
Little Prairie		5.00	
Los Angeles		8.20	
Lost Creek		27.64	
Marlboro	21.74	21.74	
Middle Island		30.10	

Milton	116.50	354.65
Milton Junction	50.25	136.10
New Auburn		7.68
New York City	\$ 79.50	
Special	75.00	
	\$ 154.50	171.89
North Loup		5.00
Nortonville C. E. society	5.00	10.00
Pawcatuck	\$ 250.00	
C. E. society, special	3.00	
	\$ 253.00	759.00
Piscataway	\$ 16.00	
Special	6.00	
	\$ 22.00	22.00
Plainfield		165.10
Riverside	\$ 176.74	
Special	73.26	
	\$ 250.00	313.50
Rockville	\$ 11.20	
Sabbath school, special	10.00	
	\$ 21.20	41.40
Salem	62.00	92.00
Shiloh		89.30
Stonefort		2.00
Verona	\$ 5.00	
Special	30.00	
	\$ 35.00	45.00
Waterford	\$ 14.00	
Sabbath school, special	.84	
	\$ 14.84	51.33
Welton		26.00
White Cloud		17.51
Individuals		63.52
Southeastern Association		32.33
Southwestern Association		8.84
Conference offering	93.12	563.12
Miscellaneous		1.54
Seventh Day Baptist C. E. Union of New England, special	.16	.50
		\$4,199.41

September Receipts

For budget	\$1,354.45
For special	324.89
	\$1,679.34

Disbursements

Missionary Society	\$ 676.00
Special	295.63
	\$ 971.63
Tract Society	
Sabbath School Board	\$ 104.00
Special	10.25
	114.25
Young People's Board	\$ 13.00
Special	1.00
	14.00
Woman's Board	
Ministerial Retirement	\$ 78.00
Special	18.01
	96.01

Education Society	91.00
Historical Society	10.40
General Conference	139.10
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	\$1,624.89

HAROLD R. CRANDALL,
Treasurer.

118 Main Street,
Westerly, R. I.,
October 1, 1937.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I surely have been busy this summer. I went to 4-H camp, Bible school, and several other places. I made a booklet in Bible school and Miss Ada Keith took it to Conference. I just thought to myself, "My booklet has been where not very many from the Bible school at Berea have."

I am very busy in school but thought I had better write before you forgot me. I have also encouraged some of my friends to write with me. Maybe I can send a big envelope next time.

Your RECORDER friend,

Dortha Lee Bonnell.

Berea, W. Va.

Dear Dortha Lee:

I enjoyed looking at the various booklets and exhibits in the Junior room at Conference. Yours was very good indeed and showed careful, conscientious work. Now I'll have to ask you a question which I hope you'll answer when you send that "big envelope." I notice that you say Miss Keith and some of the children wrote Mrs. Keith, so I'm rather mixed. I'm sure you can give me the correct answer.

Thank you very much for encouraging your friends to write. I'll be looking for that big envelope.

Your loving friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I forgot to write to you this summer. I have been busy traveling most of the time. I have gone to two 4-H camps, one Seventh Day Baptist camp for girls, and then I spent two weeks and four days in Ohio. I have not missed but one Sabbath day in church this summer.

School started the eighth of September. It was lonesome when we started in, but it has changed entirely. I am in the eighth grade.

We have a fine teacher. He is a First Day Baptist.

Well, I wish you good luck in every way. I will try to write again.

Your RECORDER friend,

Mary Genevieve Sutton.

Berea, W. Va.

Dear Mary Genevieve:

I am glad that both you and Dortha Lee belong to 4-H Club for I know it will help you to become the best kind of homemakers. 4-H work is very popular in our part of the country, too. And I think, don't you, that Bible school helps to make good Christian boys and girls, later to be good Christian men and women?

Yes, it is a little hard to get into the spirit of school work after a care free vacation, but as you say it is entirely different when one has had time to become really interested in her work. Here's hoping you have a pleasant year's work.

Your loving friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is the first time I have ever written to you. I am seven years old and I am in the second grade. My little brother is in the kindergarten in the same school.

In Sabbath school I am in the primary class. This letter is a project of our class. Our teacher asked us to write. My teacher is my aunt also. There are seven in our class.

This is the first time I have ever written on a typewriter and this is a lot of fun.

I hope that you will hear from others in my class soon.

Sincerely,

Richard Burdick.

943 W. Ellsworth Ave.,

Denver, Colo.,

Dear Richard:

Of course I like this project you are having in your class very much, and like your letter, too. You must tell your teacher "thank you" for me.

Yes, it is fun to write on a typewriter, especially the first time. You have written so nicely, though, that I wouldn't know it was your first time if you hadn't told me. I hope you will use that typewriter often in writing letters for the Children's Page. That would be good practice for you and good news for me.

Lovingly your friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am Richard's brother that he told you about. I am in the kindergarten. We live with our grandparents and daddy.

Dicky and I go to church and Sabbath school at Denver, Colo. My teacher is Mrs. Ada Davis. She is our teacher of the Kindergarten class.

My aunt is letting us use her typewriter to write these letters to you. I am five and a half years old and cannot spell very good yet, so I get help from someone.

Yours very truly,

Eddie Burdick.

943 W. Ellsworth Ave.,

Denver, Colo.,

September 23, 1937.

Dear Eddie:

Your letter, too, is very nicely typewritten. It's fun to learn to spell with a typewriter, isn't it? I think all little girls and boys would like to learn that way. Our kitty, Skeezics, acted the other day as though he were trying to use the typewriter for I caught him climbing over it and pressing down the keys. I didn't like his spelling though.

Now I must stop for another of Mrs. Bond's animal stories. I hope you will write to me again.

Yours with love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

A PET HEN

Mrs. Newman tells of Belinda, a pet hen belonging to one of her friends. She would come to the door with a "Caa-ca-ca-ca-a-a." The master would open the door and say, "All right, Belinda, come on in." She would fly to the arm of a certain old rocking chair, and if anyone was sitting there she would fuss and fret until they got up. Then she would settle down on the cushion and lay an egg, after which she would cackle the news from the chair arm. The mistress would give her a bit of meat or morsel of some kind, and she was ready to go out of doors again.

HAVE YOU AN ORGAN?

Notice of the great need of an organ in the Yonah Mountain (Cleveland, Ga.) mission was expressed in an editorial of the SABBATH RECORDER, October 4, 1937. Have you looked in your store room (or neighbor's attic) in search of such an unused instrument that

could be donated for this purpose? Please read again the paragraph in editorial referred to and bear this upon your mind and heart.

This is the editor's idea, and not Mr. Conyer's or any of the mission people. Thank you.

OUR PULPIT

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

(Sermon preached at Newport, R. I., October 17, 1936, by Rev. H. C. Van Horn)

Text.—"Lo, I am with you always." Matthew 28: 20b.

One were indeed callous who is not stirred by the history of Rhode Island's three hundred years. It is good that her loyal sons and daughters have taken time and pains in this year of her tercentenary, by pageant and drama and by other helpful forms of celebration, to focus the attention of her citizens upon her early struggles and sacrifices, upon her development and achievements.

It is well for the world—at a time when economics, social adjustments, racial prejudices, internal distractions, political upheavals, and national and international conflicts have turned men's minds and hearts from God—to have attention brought back to the facts that the great Creator has a vital part in shaping human affairs, as seen in the founding of this colony, three hundred years ago, in the struggle for religious freedom.

Seventh Day Baptists have a justifiable pride that in the early struggles for the ideals held, and suffered for, by Roger Williams, they had a part. The colony and experiment were but thirty-five years old when Stephen Mumford's early converts to the Sabbath founded this now historic old Newport Seventh Day Baptist Church. From that time on they and their descendants had an honorable part in the development, not only of this commonwealth, but also of various other parts of North America.

Wherefore, it would seem fitting indeed for us to worship here today, find blessing in fellowship and communion, and to remember together some of the ways in which God has led us. It is more than satisfaction; it is encouragement and inspiration to realize again the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus to be with us always.

Oh, precious thought, I need not walk alone;
 A dear Companion waits not far away
 To take my outstretched hand within his own,
 And guide my faltering footsteps, lest they
 stray.
 My human friends forsake me when I fall,
 Humbled and spent, beside the path; but he
 Seems not to think the less of me at all—
 But raises me once more, so tenderly.
 Life's pathways may be dim and dark with doubt,
 My eyes so often blind with bitter pain;
 But all I need, to do is just reach out
 My hand to him, nor ever is it vain.
 Oh, precious thought, I need not walk alone;
 There is a Friend whose hand awaits my own!
 —Grace Harner Poffenberger.

No small amount of comfort has been found in the words of the Master lying back of these lines (*The Messenger*) by Christians of all ages and places. But I feel justified in thinking that through the centuries Seventh Day Baptists have been morally and spiritually uplifted and strengthened by the thought that they walked not alone, but by their sides stood and moved the Son of God who said, "I am with you always."

Since the days of the Trasks, Brabourne, and John James, the martyr, they have had to stand where others too have stood who dared to accept and espouse a truth, or defend a course of action from which and in which large majorities have differed. Through trials sore, persecutions bitter, sufferings poignant, even cruel death, they have stood fortified and comforted in the thought, "I need not walk alone," for "Thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me," backed up with the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The sufferings of Roger Williams that culminated in his exile and the founding of this colony were antedated by suffering for religious liberty on the part of Seventh Day Baptists in England. John Trask and his wife were incarcerated in prison for many years. The "crime" attributed to Trask, pastor of the Mill Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church, organized in 1617, and for which he suffered was writing and preaching in defense of the Sabbath. Greene and Gamble, in "The Sabbath in England," (See SDBs in Eu. and Am. vol. 1, p. 108) report two or three authenticated statements concerning J. Trask. One was that he "was sentenced on account of his being a Sabbatarian, to be set upon the pillory of Westminster, and from thence to be whipped to the Fleet prison, there to remain in prison for three years." Another state-

ment has it that he "was tied to the cart's tail and whipped all the way to Fleet prison, probably about two miles, there to remain a prisoner." A third report includes in his sentence the branding of the letter "I" upon his forehead. This statement is seriously questioned by some. The sentence against him, it is said, was executed in full. Small wonder that one should weaken under such treatment and repudiate what so few would stand for! At any rate, Trask made a real contribution by his suffering — to the cause of religious freedom. However, his wife, Mrs. Trask, remained faithful to the end, turning a deaf ear even to her husband's pleadings for her to give up the struggle and recant. For fifteen years or more she suffered the hardships of prison, subsisting on bread and water supplemented by roots and herbs. No list of Seventh Day Baptist worthies, or others who have suffered for the cause of religious liberty, is complete without her gracious name. A contemporary, though no friend of the Sabbath, has written of her and of her loyalty in glowing terms. She was a teacher of unusually great ability, and for refusing to teach her regular classes on the Sabbath (Saturday) she was imprisoned.

On a Sabbath day, October 19, 1661, almost exactly 275 years ago today, and three years before Stephen Mumford came to Newport from England, and while preaching peacefully in his own church in Bull Stake Alley, Whitechapel, London, (now known as the Mill Yard church), Rev. John James was rudely interrupted and taken from his pulpit on trumped up charges, later unsupported by evidence. Railroaded through the courts, he was "sentenced to be hanged at Tyburn, near Hyde Park, and while still alive to have his entrails drawn and his heart taken out and burned; his head to be taken off and placed first on London Bridge, and afterwards set up on a pole in Whitechapel Road opposite the meeting place in Bull Stake Alley; his body to be cut in quarters and placed on four of the seven gates of the city." Petitions for clemency accompanied by evidences of his innocence were rudely disregarded by the king. When asked if he had ought to say why sentence of death should not be pronounced upon him, Mr. James answered, "As for me, behold I am in your hands; do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you. But know ye for certain if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves

and upon this city and upon the inhabitants thereof." When sentence was pronounced, he at once replied, "Blessed be God; whom man hath condemned, God hath justified."

How little we probe the significance of it all, when we sing:

"Faith of our fathers, living still,
 In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
 Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 When ere we hear that glorious word.
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
 We will be true to thee, till death."

Will me? Only those who walk with the living presence of the strong Son of God by their side can endure.

According to all accounts John James was a gentle, loving, sweet spirited inoffensive, benevolent man, loved and respected by his neighbors, without blemish in his character, and guiltless of every indictment brought against him.

Of the life and record of such a man Seventh Day Baptists may justly be proud, and by such be encouraged to loyalty to truth, conviction, and conscience.

Of the martyrdom of John James (I quote from a foot note in "Sabbath and Seventh Day Baptists," by Dr. Corliss F. Randolph):

1. Of his martyrdom, the Rev. Thomas Armitage, D. D., LL. D., the author of a well-known *History of the Baptists*, in a public address on the occasion of a reception given in honor of the Rev. Jonathan Allen, D. D., LL. D., then president of Alfred University, by the alumni of that institution, at the Murray Hill Hotel in New York City, May 6, 1891, said: "The blood of John James the martyr alone is sufficient to perpetuate the Seventh Day Baptist Church for a thousand years."

With such a background it would be the genius and courage and faith of Seventh Day Baptists to identify themselves with every movement for democratic government and religious freedom. Here in America for these nearly three hundred years this has been true of Seventh Day Baptists. While sometimes meeting with determined opposition and unsympathetic discrimination, they have cheerfully carried their burdens in faithful and not unfruitful effort to be loyal to truth and conviction and to him who said, "Ye are my friends, if ye do the things I have commanded you."

Familiar to you, for the most part, are the stories of Stephen Mumford, the Hubbards, the Clarkes, Burdicks, Collins, Wards, and others who early wrought their lives as warp into the woof of this state's splendid history.

Growing out of the faith and activities of this historic church, the movement extended across the bay. The names of Tobias Saunders, Robert Burdick, and Joseph Clarke, Jr., are closely coupled with early struggles of the state. These men braved the wilderness and endured the hardships of pioneers in settling Misquamicut, and later suffered persecutions and imprisonment in the cause of holding that territory for Rhode Island. To such men who turned to the Scriptures as the supreme arbiter of their opinions and practices in serving Christ, and who asserted their right to complete control and management of all local affairs, we owe much of our system of laws and direction, the basis of pure democracy in our country. So declared the late president of Milton College, Dr. Wm. C. Whitford, in a commemorative address in dedicating the Ministers' Monument, near Ashaway, R. I., August 21, 1899. No little credit may be claimed by these our progenitors in effecting not only the complete separation of Church and State, but also, Doctor Whitford assured us, the "absolute toleration of all religious belief and of morality."

It is no small matter of gratification that among the stalwart promoters of man's rights—rights later to be built into the Constitution—true and loyal Seventh Day Baptists, men living here in Newport and at Westerly, were among the foremost.

I need not tell you the Wards were Seventh Day Baptists, prominent in the early history of Rhode Island. Two of them were governors, Richard, 1741, 1742; Samuel, 1762, 1765, 1766, and later a member of the Continental Congress, a position of grave responsibility which he was filling at the time of his death.

In the early years of the twentieth century, the Honorable Geo. H. Utter, another loyal Seventh Day Baptist, was governor and later represented this state in the Congress of the United States.

Time hardly permits to mention names of men among us who filled places of trust and made praiseworthy records in civic affairs, medicine, science, the arts, education, and in the religious world. In the field of education have they been outstandingly useful and successful. Both in organization and administration have they found prominent opportunity for service. Before the high school system as a public institution came into be-

ing Seventh Day Baptists established academies and institutes in Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, Wisconsin, and West Virginia. Two of these later became colleges and another a noted university, and all are successfully meeting needs by their continued operation today. In Wisconsin, while superintendent of public instruction, President Wm. C. Whitford of Milton College gave that state its system of graded studies than which there is none superior. The school systems of many of our cities in this state, New Jersey, New York, and others in many instances bear the imprint of the scholarly and specially trained minds of Seventh Day Baptists.

In religious circles our men and women have been respected and honored for their unselfish service and able non-sectarian leadership. I was interested in recent reading to note that the "singing of devotional hymns was introduced as a part of the worship" in Newport and Westerly in the early days, "an innovation," the writer says, "not countenanced by other Baptists in New England." "The prayers," we are told, of the religious leaders, "were uttered with such earnestness and fervor that they seemed really to have audience in the court of heaven."

These things are no cause for boasting, and I trust such review and mention are not out of good taste. But our youth should be thrilled whenever they hear of the achievements and progress through suffering on the part of their ancestors. We older ones may well be benefited by such review and be stimulated to emulate the sterling worth of the early characters. Others than Seventh Day Baptists do not miss being stirred by the recounting of the noble deeds of men and women who stood side by side with their ancestors for religious liberty and the advancement of culture and truth. And we who carry the burdens of inherited responsibility do find a measure of encouragement as we recall again those early struggles and sacrifices for rights which we today take as a matter of course.

But the day is not done. We are on the march. Our history is being written by you and me—today. We live in a decadent age. Some of our liberties are in danger. We must be alive and alert.

The Church has lost the Sabbath and is near to losing God. Many no longer believe in a changed life or a redeeming Christ.

Never was the need greater or opportunity of the Church greater. Great church leaders are crying out to save a Sabbath, which one great New York preacher says is necessary to save the Church. "The prosperity of the Church," he says, "depends upon the Sabbath." Another great preacher of that great city declares the Sabbath must be used for worship, prayer, and reading of devotional and other good literature, the Bible in particular. What better opportunity for Seventh Day Baptists were needed, at such a time and under such admitted conditions, to stand loyal to the Sabbath of God, as revealed the Bible, the Sabbath of Christ, the apostles, and early Christian Church. The weekly return of the Sabbath, the seventh day, is a call of man to remember that God is and that his love and will is for man to obey him. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you."

To evaluate the Sabbath rightly for man's good and to restore it to a needy Church and a needy humanity, is the unfinished task of Seventh Day Baptist Christians. All the glorious history of 266 years will be justified, and sacrifices rewarded if present day Sabbath keepers shall faithfully work to this end. And "Lo, I am with you always."

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

ALFRED, N. Y.

"Play your football, stage your drama, publish your periodicals, run your races, manage your fraternities and sororities, but whether you are an engineer, or artist, or physician, preacher, lawyer, business man or woman, or what not, you can be scholars enriching your own personalities and those of your associates through all the coming years," was the closing statement by President Norwood, as he discussed "Scholarship and Scholars," at the opening convocation of the one hundred second year of the college.

He had contrasted the traditional scholar—tall, thin, a recluse and likely to be a pedant, a parader of knowledge, either too reticent or too loquacious, with stoop shoulders, seedy clothing, a meat ax or ascetic face, large spectacles, a far-away look, and a bundle of manuscripts under his arm—with the 1937 scholar who is of normal physique, probably enjoys participating in sports, enjoys social life, is no recluse, and is well dressed.

"Any well dressed, smiling man or woman you meet walking down the street may be a real 1937 scholar," he told the students.

"A scholar grows in personality until he becomes a ripe seasoned individual with whom people like to visit," he said.

"Scholarship escaped from the cloister recently and is now building bridges and airplanes, or disturbing the dry bones of traditionalism in red-tape bound government offices in Washington," he asserted as he discussed the fact that the 1937 scholar lets his knowledge get under his skin.—*Alfred Sun*.

NORTH LOUP, NEB.

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Hill and son, also Iva Stillman, Ersel Goodrich, Maxine Johnson, and Lillian Babcock attended a Christian Endeavor rally held at Fish Creek, Monday evening. Betty Cooper, state worker, was present, and told the gathering of about thirty young people of the recent meeting held in Grand Rapids. Mr. Hill led a thirty-minute praise service. A very enjoyable time was had at the gathering.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Carrie Green, the family Bible owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Green, known to many as "Uncle Lee and Aunt Lois," was presented to the church. It was accepted with thanks, and will be placed in the historical room for safe keeping.

The church has voted to send delegates to the meeting at Boulder, beginning November 6, if it is possible for any to leave at that time. Interest was shown in such a gathering, and the secretary was so instructed to write to the Boulder Church. There was also much discussion concerning the Preaching Mission advocated by our denomination.

The church treasurer, Mrs. Ed. Hurley, reported that over \$36 was in the special collection Sabbath day. This will be sent to the aid of the Chinese missionaries.

The communion service Sabbath morning was noticeable in its observance. The hymns played by the pianist and organist added much to the service.

—*From North Loup Loyalist*.

MILTON, WIS.

One hundred fifty attended the party given by Milton Grange and members of the family for Mr. and Mrs. Miles Rice, who observed their sixtieth wedding anniversary, Monday night in the Grange hall.

During the program, twenty-five members of the I.O.O.F. marched into the hall and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Rice and sang a song. Other numbers included: two songs by the women's chorus; poems by Mrs. Grace Cary and Mrs. Ivah Maltpress; talk by Rev. Edwin Shaw; solo by Miss Bernice Todd, accompanied by Mrs. Ruby Todd; and short talks by Mr. and Mrs. Miles Rice.

Five guests were present who had attended the wedding sixty years ago. Mrs. Rice wore her wedding dress and slippers and also carried the same handkerchief and fan. Mr. Rice had kept a white vest and hat which he wore when he married.

Roy Cary, past master, presented Mr. and Mrs. Rice with a purse of money and their son, Ed. Rice, gave them a large wedding cake.—*Janesville Daily Gazette*.

MARLBORO, N. J.

Rev. H. L. Cottrell is president of West District, which comprises three Sunday churches and the churches of Shiloh and Marlboro. Miss Eunice Bivins and Roy Tomlinson have returned to Salem College, also Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cruzan. Miss Harriet Cottrell has accepted a position as teacher of music and English in the high school of Anawalt, W. Va.

A good interest is taken in our Ladies' Aid society. Several new members have recently joined. Mrs. Jonathan Davis is president.

The young people will have charge of the Friday evening services once each month.

Mrs. H. L. Cottrell and Mrs. Melvin Cobb are children's division superintendent and teacher, respectively, in place of Miss Harriet Cottrell and Mrs. Joseph DuBois (resigned).

CORRESPONDENT.

NEW MARKET, N. J.

We were pleased to receive into our membership by letter from Little Genesee, N. Y., Myron Burdick, a young lad who has returned to live in his parental home.

For our prayer service of September 24, three of the Kellogg brothers arranged a vesper. Through their musical talent we had a rich religious experience.

The Middlesex W.C.T.U. county convention was entertained by our church September 30. Mrs. D. L. Calvin, vice-president of the National W.C.T.U., was the main speaker.

Due to our small numbers in Bible school the juniors and intermediates have been united into one class with the pastor as teacher.

The class has its own opening worship, has elected officers, and has chosen as class name, "Victors."

October 9, Rev. H. C. Van Horn led a forum on the mission work of J. B. Conyers in Georgia.
CORRESPONDENT.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.

Since the summer vacation time is past, the different lines of church work are getting under way for the coming year. A joint picnic of the Sabbath school and Woman's Society which was to have been held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irving A. Hunting, September 19, was held in the church on account of rain. A good time was enjoyed, nevertheless. Church night was held October 1, each family bringing its own basket supper. On October 2, a generous collection for the Missionary Emergency Fund was taken. Rally and Promotion Day was observed in the Sabbath school.

Our church should feel honored in having the president of Conference chosen from our number for two successive years. All who attended Conference this year can attest to the success of the year's work of the denomination through the leadership of President Herbert C. Van Horn, and we feel confident that our new president, Courtland V. Davis, will be a most satisfactory successor. Both are very busy men and it is quite an extra burden to take on the duties of Conference president, but we are sure that Mr. Davis will give to the office his earnest and conscientious service, and this coupled with his ability and experience will insure him and us a successful year.
CORRESPONDENT.

QUARTERLY MEETING

(Received too late for last issue.)

Program of the Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches Albion, October 15 and 16

Friday, 7.45 p.m., Vesper service by Albion choir. Sermon by Rev. John F. Randolph.

Sabbath, 10.30 a.m., Sermon by Dr. Edwin Shaw.

2.00 p.m., Sermon by Rev. Carroll L. Hill.

3.00 p.m., Young people's program, arranged by Edward Rood.

7.30 p.m., Business meeting.

8.00 p.m., Program arranged by Circle No. 3 of the Milton Church.

"Not how much of my money will I give to God, but how much of God's money may I use for myself."

NOTICE OF INTEREST

Several have requested that the story, "A Matter of Loyalties," by G. O. Restle, which appeared last summer in the SABBATH RECORDER, be published as a booklet. This can be done, in forty-eight-page booklet form, if those so desiring will finance it. The story will cost you twenty-five cents per copy, or five for \$1. How many can you use? Or would you like to give \$5 or \$10 toward its publication?

Address replies or gifts for this purpose to Miss Nannie Greely, Nortonville, Kan.

"Human wisdom is so limited and man's judgment is so feeble that the only qualities that we can possess in perfection are love, faith, and a determination to be loyal to God. He accepts the latter and in return gives the former graces. This is the whole of Christian perfection."

MARRIAGES

RILEY-CRANDALL. — Miss Elisabeth Crandall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linton Brown Crandall of Connecticut State College, Storrs, Conn., and Mr. Frank Huthwaite Riley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Riley of Lon Hill Road, Shelton, Conn., were married October 9, 1937, at 12.30 at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Garland Waggoner of the Storrs Community Church, in the presence of the immediate families.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Riley are graduates of the Connecticut State College. Mr. Riley is employed by the Shick Shaver Service Corporation of Stamford, Conn. They will reside at 100 Strickland Road, Coscob, Conn.

OBITUARY

GURLEY.—Davis S., son of Harrison D., and Ann Augusta Gurley, was born in Adams Center, N. Y., January 24, 1867, and died in a Janesville, Wis., hospital, September 23, 1937.

He was married to Susie Williams, October 18, 1888, who survives him. To them were born two daughters: Anna, who died in 1915; and Eva, who for several years has resided in Milton, Wis.

He was baptized in 1882 and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Adams Center and has always been an active member, as well as devoting much time to the work of the Daytona Beach Church during the winter months.

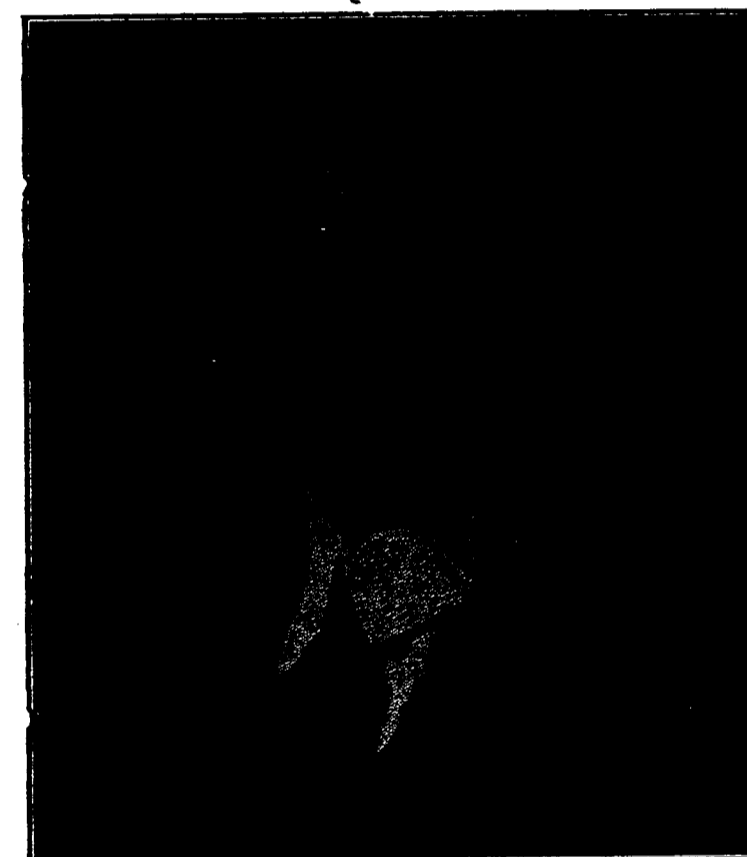
The funeral was held September 27, from the home in Adams Center, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock, with burial in Union Cemetery.
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