

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.

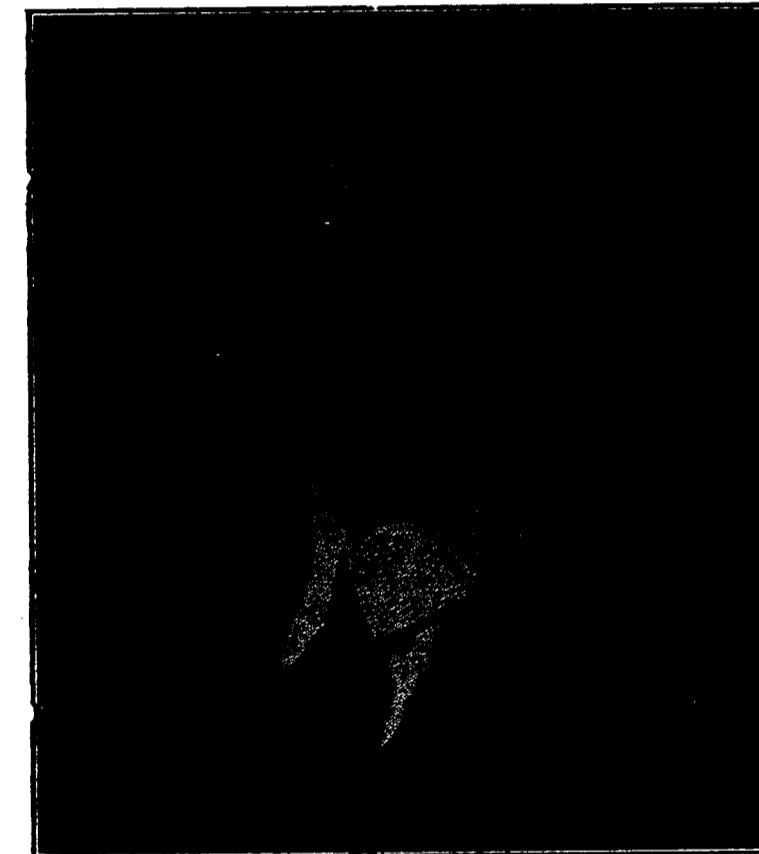
The funeral was held September 27, from the home in Adams Center, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock, with burial in Union Cemetery.  
O. W. B.

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Pastor Rockville Church, where the yearly meeting of the New England Seventh Day Baptist churches was held October 16, 1937.

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less expressly renewed.

**Working for Peace** In these days when so much of the world is either engaged in war or is closely related to it, what is being done or can be done to change minds and to show them the possibilities of widespread peace?

Homes are responsible, and must teach and practice the principles of peace. Churches cannot escape responsibility, and by sane guidance of men's thoughts and proper stirring of their emotions must lead them to understand and accept the great teachings of the Prince of peace. Our schools and colleges must cooperate with homes and church in leading to the achievement of the highest ideals of individual, national, and international life that make for peace.

There are many peace groups and organizations at work. It is not always clear, however pure the motive, that methods and procedures are wise, or in keeping with highest loyalties. College campuses are not always free from selfish or insidious propaganda. Methods of questionable nature are at times suggested and used quite contrary to the high purpose supposed to be in mind.

The University Commission of the Council of Church Boards of Education is doing much to clear up the atmosphere for Christian students when they face the peace problems on their campuses. Here follows a statement from the commission that should help, and might well be given space in student publications.

I. The University Commission expresses entire willingness to work with any group sponsoring peace, provided that the method as well as the purpose be in accord with Christian standards.

II. The University Commission urges church groups to include Peace Day activities which express specifically the Christian emphasis.

III. The University Commission suggests specifically that:

1. All Christian students be called to pray, individually and in groups, that whatever hinders peace be removed from individual, campus, social, and international relations.

2. All Christian students be called to give serious consideration on the basis of the Word of God and their relation to Jesus Christ, to their personal attitudes, decisions, and habits, and to those of the groups—campus, community, and national—to which they belong, in preserving and promoting peace. For this purpose a meeting or a series of meetings, should be held under competent leadership.

3. All students who after prayer and consideration are led to make public their convictions on peace should be given opportunity to express those convictions through the Oxford Pledge, membership in the Fellowship of Reconciliation, or other peace groups, and they should be urged to join or develop groups on the campus to cultivate peace and good will.

**Sermonettes** There has just been issued by the Recorder Press a twenty-four page booklet entitled "Sermonettes," written and published by Miss Lois Fay. It is a very neat pamphlet in light buff and printed in blue, making an attractive appearance. Nor is the inquirer who picks it up disappointed on opening it, but will be led to read every word before he lays it down.

Miss Fay has rendered a fine service in these short essays or sermonettes, as she designates them. The subjects interestingly treated are: From Youth Up, A Planet's Seasoning, Instruments of Value, A Planet's History, From appropriate and telling texts she makes observations and draws lessons much needed for warnings and encouragements in our world today.

We wish the booklet were scattered in a million homes and carefully read by five times that number of young people. Rather unfortunately nothing appears anywhere except

"By L. R. F." to indicate who is the author or where it may be obtained.

Any one interested may find how to secure the booklet by addressing Miss Lois R. Fay, Princeton, Mass. The articles collected in the pamphlet have appeared from time to time in the SABBATH RECORDER, to which periodical Miss Fay is a welcome contributor. She will be surprised by this editorial.

**New Hymn Verses** It is interesting and significant to note that writers of sacred hymns take account of present needs and trends.

From a correspondent to the New York Herald Tribune we hear of two splendid stanzas being added to the hymn for travelers—stanzas recognizing dangers on land and in the air. The hymn with the new verses is found in the new Protestant Episcopal Mission service book.

The original hymn is by John B. Dykes, 1861—the words being written by William Whiting in 1860. The title is changed from "Travelers by Sea and Land" to "For Travelers." The new version has dropped the second and third stanzas, and the two new ones are placed in their stead, as follows:

O Christ, who madest hill and plain  
O'er which our traffic runs amain,  
By mountain pass or valley low,  
Wherever, Lord, thy brethren go;  
Protect them by thy guarding hand  
From every peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent  
To spread abroad the firmament;  
O wind of Heaven, by thy might  
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,  
And keep them by thy watchful care  
From every peril in the air.

## A TESTIMONIAL

BY RAYMOND PRATI, A MEMBER AND SUPPORTER  
OF THE SEVENTH DAY MISSION,  
SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

(Requested by the editor)

For a long time I have felt impressed to testify how God in his great love cares for those who call upon his blessed name. After attending the General Conference at Shiloh, N. J., I feel sure the Lord wants me to tell some of my experience that has to do with answer to prayer and with faith in keeping true to the Sabbath.

My heart burns with love as I read the words of Jesus in the fourteenth and fifteenth chapters of his gospel according to John. The

verses 7-10 of the fifteenth are especially fixed in my mind.

It all began in September, 1933, when I was caught in the depression, besides having trouble and sickness. I was without a job and without a dollar, but I was led to a job when to me it looked impossible but was possible with God. Through all the trying time I never lacked for my daily need, or money in time to pay all my bills. For everything I praise the Lord.

One evening, returning from my work, I met a very dear brother, Lewis Fatato, brother of Nikolas Fatato, another pillar of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission in Schenectady, N. Y., where Pastor Wing of Berlin is rendering his service on Sabbath afternoons. Lewis asked me if I would go with him and a few others to sing gospel hymns at the County Home for old people. All day I had planned for my own pleasure that night. But as soon as Lewis spoke to me, right from the heart I felt the duty of service to the Lord . . . and I answered "I go." Like the prophet, we must be ready to say "Here am I, send me," and then we shall see the great wonders and leadings of the Lord. That night Brother Lewis, with his guitar, and another brother and I sang two sacred songs. Oh, the joy and gladness expressed from the brilliant faces of those well-up-in-age people! They thanked us for the great joy we brought them.

All the way home I was deeply thinking, and as soon as I got home I waited on the Lord in my room in prayer, and it came to me strongly to feel reproved for playing in the past for worldly pleasures. And my conscience spoke to me, "Why not play and make joyful sound unto the Lord?" I knelt down before the blessed heavenly Father and asked him to open the way for me to purchase a good guitar. I opened my heart and had a real good experience that night. I told the Lord that from the time I had followed him I had never been in want, and that I never complain, but if he wanted me in this new kind of service, and play for the church, he would have to lead me on. So I closed my prayer by letting the matter rest in the Lord.

A few days after this I received a letter inviting me to an interview at the office of the General Electric Company works. I could not believe I would have a chance for a job there, because some years before I had been laid off by their foreman—why I never knew, except we did not get on well together. So I

felt that only a miracle could find me work there again. So I waited five days, but finally went, my heart heavy within me. Feeling the Lord was leading me, I was sorry for waiting. When I got there the place seemed empty, but over in a corner I discovered a young lady who said, "What can I do for you, young man?" A little embarrassed, I told her of the letter I had received and that probably I was now too late. But looking at her records she smiled and said, "You are not too late, for the job is here waiting for you." The Lord hears and answers prayers. How can I express my joy and gladness, knowing for sure the Lord had led me to that job.

Two weeks later I noticed an advertisement, "Gibson Guitar for sale; just like new." I went to see it and it was so beautiful to me that I gave up the idea of buying it for fear of too much money. But I ventured to ask how much, and the man said he had just finished paying \$75 for it, but was now going into business and would not have time to learn to play and would be willing to sell it for \$25. What joy and gladness! With the second week's pay I purchased the instrument, and since then, I feel sure, I have been loyal to the Lord and have played almost every Sabbath in the church, and in other churches as well. And above all, when I am alone I sing unto the Lord, and one can not know, unless he has a similar experience, the great joy and uplift in singing, having communion with God, filled with the spirit of the blessed Comforter. How glad I am that God called me and I heard him say, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden . . . and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for my yoke is easy and my burden light."

As in times of old God tested his people in Sabbath keeping, so he does today. When I took up my job I found the old foremen had been put away. So the way was now open for me to serve here as unto the Lord. Very soon the general foreman came to have full confidence in me as reliable and a good worker. Really the Lord did great things for me, and soon put me to the test.

A gang was chosen to remodel the great, main office building and I was one of them, as brick mason, for that is my trade. The work had to be done nights, and I would be breaking the Sabbath by working Friday night, if I obeyed my foreman. So Monday night before starting work I called on the foreman of this chosen gang of about twenty-five

workmen, and told him if he really wanted a steady gang that could be depended on every night of the week, he would have to change me for another, for Friday night I would not come back to work—and the reason is the Sabbath of the Lord. He is a young man, full of worldly ambition, and felt hurt a little to hear about the Sabbath, because he belongs to the Salvation Army. Very seriously he told me that a man for refusing night work got two weeks off. To some folks it might look discouraging but not to me; so calmly I said, "Mr. Pearson, I'm not refusing night work. I am simply telling you my firm stand for the true Sabbath of God. . . ." I saw a change . . . and he said, "Prati, I admire you and want to help you. I'll see Mr. Bathrik, the general foreman, tomorrow and see what can be done. Really I like to have you with me." I worked that night and had to explain to some of the men the religion of Jesus Christ and about the Sabbath. Some said I was a Jew; others, that I would be losing my job. But all the time they were finding fault, deep in my heart I felt great honor to uphold the truth of God. The next night Mr. Pearson was waiting for me with a big smile. "Everything is all right," he says. "In a meeting, today, of foremen, it was finally decided to let you work till 12 o'clock instead of until 2 a. m." Their way of reckoning time is that of the world, and not of the Bible. As nicely as I could I said to him: "Mr. Pearson, I want to thank you and all the others, but what has been decided is not in harmony with the Scripture of truth, and I repeated that the Sabbath of the Lord began at sundown Friday and ended at sundown Saturday. Next evening Mr. Pearson said to me, "Prati, everything is all right now. The general foreman said you can stay home on the Sabbath so long as you work the other nights. He appreciates your services on this job."

A week later, when the general foreman came to inspect the work I talked with him and thanked him for what he had done. "Prati," he said to me, "I never interfere with religion, and I want you to feel sure of that. I liked you from the beginning and I am glad to have you as one of my men." We talked about the Sabbath question and we both were so pleased with one another that our relation until today is above natural.

As I think of all the Lord has done for me materially and spiritually, I think of the passage in Hebrews, "Let your conversation be

without covetousness and be content with such things as ye have . . . for he hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. So that we can boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." By the grace of God I am a soldier of the cross and I love to fight the good fight of faith. I want always to remember Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good work and glorify your father which is in heaven." In trying to do this I find joy and peace. Surely the Lord has rewarded me openly. In my heart I say with the Psalmist, "I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord. The humble shall hear thereof and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."

## MISSIONS

### RECENT NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES CONNECTED WITH THE CHINA MISSION

News from our missionaries and the situation in China is coming through more freely. Last week an interesting letter from Mrs. H. Eugene Davis in Manila brought items of information not before received; yesterday a letter from Miss Anna M. West reported that she had recently had communications from China; and this morning (October 19) a letter came from Doctor Palmberg, mailed in Seattle when her steamer arrived. Extracts from these letters are given that the readers of the SABBATH RECORDER may hear from these friends and know something about conditions.

DEAR DOCTOR BURDICK:

It was indeed a pleasure to hear from you. Doctor Palmberg, then still in Manila, was handed the letter, and remailed it to me. I was especially glad to get it as it was the first and only letter even to date which I have had from friends in the U. S. since this ruthless war began and we left Shanghai. . . .

As you see, I am remaining here awaiting further developments. I have been marvelously provided for during these weeks away from our Shanghai home. I consider this a by-product of God's mercy, as he evidently had work to be done here, that he chose me to do, and incidentally my board and room are provided. Two of our friends, Mr. and Mrs.

Stockton, from Shanghai, were in need of help. He had, with the war, lost his teaching position, and her shop had to be closed. Moreover, Mrs. Stockton herself is a semi-invalid, suffering from severe nerve prostration of a kind which makes walking almost impossible. The Red Cross sent them up here in the mountains where the climate is exceedingly better than in Manila. Mrs. Stockton is profiting by her stay here. The opportunity came to me to make a home for them for the time, and hence I am incidentally having my board free. We were given the use of a very charming guest house, owned by a wealthy American woman, Mrs. Heald (who, by the way, was born and reared on a farm not far distant from Shiloh, N. J.) Mrs. Heald not only furnishes this house, but does much for us besides. It reads almost like a fairy tale, but it is just like our Father's love.

Of course, we do not know how long the war will necessitate our being kept away from Shanghai. There are many complications involved. Many Americans are still in Shanghai and all over China. One statement recently made is that out of some ten thousand Americans in China, only slightly over three thousand have gone. There is much division of opinion as to what one should do, of course, as so many people were away on vacations; for instance, Mabel West and Ruth Phillips. The last I knew they were still there, at Tsingtao, as it seemed the safest place to stay, and no Japanese war machinery has been there. But within the last two or three days we understand Tsingtao is now to be cleared of all foreigners. I do not know where they will be sent. A good many people we know have got into Shanghai from other places in China. For instance, Mr. Pettitt at the head of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. in Shanghai reached there with some other men from Tsingtao either by an American war ship or by a foreign line coast boat. The "Y" had been sponsoring a boys' camp at Tsingtao by the sea, and he had gone up to have a short vacation there. There were eighty boys of about twenty nationalities in the camp. Our son, Dick, was one of the counselors, being on the medical staff. When Mr. Pettitt went over the matter with Mr. Gauss, our American Consul General, he was given permission to get the boys back to Shanghai, so that is the way Dick got back. He went into St. Luke's Hospital as an interne the second day after

his arrival. It should be his fourth year in medical school, but the Chinese internes wanted to get into Red Cross hospitals, so they pushed the fourth year men right into interne work now.

I should explain that I can't get back to Shanghai now. I might try if I had an up-to-date passport, but as they cost \$10 gold and we could get a travel pass to use in China at the American Consulate free, we let the matter slip by until it should be time to go on our furlough. Dick had his own. No nation will issue a passport now for China except to a nurse, a doctor, a newspaper correspondent, or an official. I shall try later to see what I can do. Now it is only wait. We can have this house until December, I think.

Sincerely yours,

P. O. Box 307,  
Baguio, P. I.,  
October 4, 1937.  
MAY DAVIS.

Rev. Wm. L. Burdick,  
Ashaway, R. I.

DEAR DOCTOR BURDICK:

Your air mail letter, posted September 7, did not reach me in Manila till September 23, the day before I sailed. Mrs. Alfred S. Burdick's instructions about the money she had sent me some time before, reached me on the very day I sailed. They were that the money was for four passages to America, so I sent \$250 to Mrs. Davis, who was at Baguio, in the Philippine mountains with friends, and the rest to Mr. Davis in Shanghai, by registered post. Mails had just begun to come through so I hope he received it all right.

The meagre news we get from China does not give us much hope for any peace in the near future, and my heart is very heavy with forebodings about the dear ones left there. Every thought of them is a prayer for God's keeping power.

You may be surprised to learn that I am traveling alone instead of with Miss Burdick and Miss Chapin, as I expected to do, and the story of it all is rather a long one. Suffice it to say I thought I would go third class on the *Empress of Japan* so as to save money, and was assured that there would be room, but as the time drew near it seemed that all available space had been taken up in Hongkong. In the meantime I had given up my Wilson

reservation, and as there was a vacant berth on this steamer, I took it, paying the difference for the present out of my own funds. You see steamer fares were raised \$15 per ticket on September 15, so the \$1,200 was not enough for five fares.

I am not sure what my address will be this winter, probably in California. I will let you know as soon as I myself know. In the meantime this will tell you that I have arrived in Seattle, as I shall mail it on the steamer. If Miss Burdick and her companion come as they planned, I shall hope to meet their steamer in San Francisco, and see them once more, and learn their last plans. We have had a very fine passage.

With the kindest regards to all the friends,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

ROSA W. PALMBORG.

S.S. President Jackson,  
October 11, 1937.

DEAR DOCTOR BURDICK:

Word has come through the State Department and the U. S. Consul at Tsingtao that Mabel was returning to Shanghai October 12. Mother wrote Jennings Randolph a couple of weeks ago to see if he could get information about her and this is the result. It follows:

Telegram from American Consul, Tsingtao, states Mabel is leaving for Shanghai October 12, where her address will be care of Grace School for Girls, number 318 Rue de Capitaine Rabier. She is in excellent health and has received all letters dated prior September first.

An air mail from the principal of the Girls' School dated September 28 said they were expecting to open school October 4. The junior high school was to meet in the afternoon and kindergarten and primary in the morning. They planned to send only one class home at a time, so as not to have too large groups on the street at once. She did not say what the Boys' School is doing, but probably much the same.

She says the Dzaus (family of superintendent of hospital) were coming into Shanghai because their Pootung home was in too dangerous a location. From all she could hear the hospital had up to then not been seriously damaged. She told where many of our church people were at that time.

Sincerely,

ANNA WEST.

Milton Junction, Wis.,  
October 15, 1937.

### MISSIONARY EMERGENCY FUND

Previously acknowledged .....	\$1,233.03
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Walter L. Churchward, Dodge Center, Minn. ....	10.00
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### MORE ABOUT CHINA

(From private correspondence)

The readers of the RECORDER who have been following the letters from our missionaries in China will be glad to know that word has at last begun to come from Mabel West, Ruth Phillips, and Richard Davis. Six letters came one day, dating all the way from August 4 to the 21. Two days later one dated September first was received. All were well, and everything peaceful except for the many rumors which were making the Chinese summer visitors quite panic stricken. They were then in Tsingtao, a summer resort about three hundred fifty miles north of Shanghai, on the coast.

On August 4, Mabel West wrote she presumed that ninety per cent of the Chinese summer visitors had left the city.

Later, all Japanese were to be evacuated by the twelfth. Train service was very irregular. Some of the time there was no communication between Tsingtao and Shanghai. Factories were closing for lack of funds. Government banks were allowing only five per cent of the deposits per person to be drawn each week. When rumors became most serious Mabel consulted the American Consul who assured her he thought Tsingtao was the

safest place in China. They were able to get good food and she thought there would be no trouble on that account, though prices were going up.

To be ready in case of an emergency, they had suitcases packed ready to take with them if obliged to leave on short notice.

In one letter she writes: "This is to let you know you need not worry over our safety, or if you do not hear from us, as mails must be uncertain. It seems that it is difficult to get passage, so it may be we cannot get back (to Shanghai) as early as we hoped. Anyhow if they have to fight here and worst comes to worst, it is a prettier place to be in to meet trouble." (Meaning better be in Tsingtao than in Shanghai where the noise of battle was ever present.)

### WOMAN'S WORK

#### THE BEATITUDE OF THE OUT OF DOORS

Blessed are the pools of peace,  
The hours of meditation, prayer, and love.  
Blessed are the pools of peace  
Where families gather at the eventide,  
Where lovers meet beneath the quiet trees,  
Where meditation's miracle has had its way  
With souls who know life's restlessness.  
Blessed are the libraries, churches, homes,  
The silences of nature on a summer day,  
The nests of solitude and thought,  
The silent watches of the night.  
Blessed are the pools of peace  
Where Christ has called his friends to come  
For rest and quiet, and for strength.

—William L. Stidger.

#### A GIRL'S CREED

Attracting much attention at the American Vocational Association Convention in San Antonio was an unusually fine homemaking exhibit, with Future Homemakers of Texas in charge. The exhibit consisted of a living-dining room, bedroom, and all-purpose laboratory, and library.

Neatly lettered and displayed at this exhibit was a valued contribution of Grace Noll Crowell, A Girl's Creed, written for the Future Homemakers of Texas by the Texas poet laureate. Many visitors to this interesting homemaking display asked for copies of this statement:

I believe that the home is woman's natural environment. I believe that there is as much art in making a barren house into a glistening

comfortable home as there is in painting a picture or in writing a poem.

I believe that there is dignity and beauty in service; that as a career for women, homemaking offers greater opportunity for leisure, for growth of mind and spirit, for exercise of the body, than any other occupation.

I believe that one who has the intelligence to keep her own house in order is wise enough to be a force in any community.

It is my desire to be one of the countless women of the world to make life sweeter and better because I live and do my work well.—*School Life, January, 1937.*

A negro in the heart of Africa was asked what he thought of the Bible. His answer was, "It tells me my heart." A man in the Bechuanaland was asked why he cared for the Bible. His answer was, "It makes men new." When the missionary Mayhew preached his first sermon at Nantucket to a group of Indians, there was a woman on the outskirts who listened and who came to him when he had finished. . . . She said, "When I heard you preach with that Book in your hand and speak of the God of the Book I was comforted, for it tells me of the God my heart needs."—*James McClure in The Supreme Book of Mankind.*

### REV. F. J. BAKKER

Rev. Freerk Jacob Bakker was born December 2, 1841, at Beerta, Province of Groningen, the Netherlands. From early life till well into manhood he followed the sea, being of the rank of first mate when he took up full time service in missionary-evangelistic work. In his world travels he acquired several languages, in several of which he was able to preach.

At the age of twenty-seven he was converted, having been brought up as a Separatist. At about thirty-five years of age he started holding meetings in private houses and was very successful. Later, acting upon his convictions he was baptized at Ihrhove, Germany, and later was called by the German Baptists to devote his whole time to preaching. Up to this time his preaching had been done during winter seasons when home from the sea.

His new work began at Wedderheide, Province of Groningen, the Netherlands, and Vriescheloo where a Baptist church was founded with about sixty members. These members were strict and loyal Baptists. But

soon the Sabbath truth was presented to him, and after thorough investigation, he, with Mrs. Bakker, did "not confer with flesh and blood," but immediately accepted the Sabbath. This was about 1888. The whole church, deeply affected, turned against him and left. The chapel in which church services were held had been built on the farm and at the expense of Mr. and Mrs. Bakker themselves.

In 1890, he accepted the call of the Rotterdam (Holland) Seventh Day Baptist Church and was its pastor for nearly twenty years. Following this he was general missionary of our scattered Seventh Day Baptists in Denmark, locating at Asaa. This work took him also into the Scandanavian countries.

After about six years in Denmark he came to the United States, 1913, to spend his remaining years with his children at Plainfield, N. J., where Mrs. Bakker died August 17, 1929. Since then Elder Bakker has been tenderly cared for in the home of his son, Frederik. Elder Bakker went home (his own words to his son) August 24, 1937. Surviving him are three sons: Jacob, employed at the publishing house; Garrelt, a teacher at Portsmouth, Ohio; and Frederik of Plainfield. There also are five grandchildren.

In the absence of Pastor Hurley S. Warren, who was attending the General Conference at Shiloh, N. J., the funeral was beautifully conducted by Rev. Henry Bell, pastor of First-Park Baptist Church at Plainfield.

—Contributed.

### GOODNESS

BY WELCOME S. WELLS

All things are good that God has made  
When put to proper use.  
The evils, chiefly, that arise,  
Man forms by their abuse.

The fingers are most useful things  
When kept within their place;  
But cause much trouble, doubled up  
And punched into the face.

A razor is a goodly thing  
To help a man look spruce;  
But when it's used to cut one's throat,  
That seems to be abuse.

Both alcohol and gasoline  
Are good things to be had;  
But when the people mix them,  
The combination's BAD.

Riverside, Calif.

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

### OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This has been the first time I have written to the RECORDER.

I saw you in 1936 but I can't remember you. We did not go any place this last summer but just to the mountains.

One Sunday the pastor of the Boulder Church, his daughter and son, Dad, Mary, Harry, and Joe climbed Long's Peak. I stayed with Jean Coon, another daughter of Pastor Coon. Mother stayed here at home.

School started the eighth of September. Sometimes I like it and sometimes I don't like it.

My birthday was the sixteenth of the month. I got nearly all boys' things. Harry got me a racer, Joe gave me a football, Mary got me a filling station with a real little light. I got twelve pencils with my name written on them in gold, an autograph book and three nice "hankies."

Joe has been working at Boulder and has been living with Pastor Coon's family. He has a good sized family, seven all together.

When they climbed Long's Peak it snowed and rained like everything. When it lightened, it would hit the ground and then hit them and their hair would stand straight up in the air.

We are going to Boulder to church this coming Sabbath. I always ride Jeanne's bike. I've always loved to ride bikes.

I guess I had better close.

Your new RECORDER friend,

Sally Jeffrey.

49 South Clarkson,  
Denver, Colo.,  
September 30, 1937.

Dear Sally:

I do remember you and hope you and all your nice family will come out this way again soon so that we can renew our acquaintance, then perhaps you will remember me, too. I'm so glad you have begun to write for the RECORDER. Please tell Mary Louise for me that even if she is fourteen she is not too old to continue writing to me, and will not be until she is older than I am now.

Bicycle riding surely is great fun and good exercise, too. When I was teaching in Chicago I enjoyed riding my bicycle three miles

to my school. I don't believe I ever saw so many bicycles in Andover as there are now; nearly every boy and girl has one.

I'm thinking you like boys' games since you received so many boys' things on your birthday. You must write me about the games you play at school.

Lovingly your friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We thought the boys and girls of the RECORDER Page might be interested in the club we have recently organized, called the "Birthday and Tithes Club," of the White Cloud Church. There are ten members, eight of whom were baptized a few weeks ago, two having been baptized previously.

Below you will see an outline of what we do at our meetings, our purposes, and our aims.

We hold our meetings each Sabbath before Sabbath school and spend our time in Bible study. With Mrs. Blake as our leader, we know that these few minutes spent together will be profitable to all.

We have taken as our motto, "The Gospel to Others as Well as Ourselves." Our purpose and aims are: To read some portion of the Bible daily, to win others for Christ, to be faithful in paying our tithes and giving our birthday offerings for missions, to make the Seventh Day Baptist Church a better church because we are in it.

If there should be anyone reading this who would like to join us in our efforts we would be glad to welcome them. All the money coming through this treasury will be spent in aiding Seventh Day Baptist missions already started, or for starting new ones, as is most needed. For corresponding send to Myrna Branch, White Cloud, Mich.

Sincerely,

Fremont, Mich.,

Alberta Siems.

October 2, 1937.

Dear Alberta:

I was pleased to receive a fourfold letter from White Cloud Church girls and to hear about your very worth while club. If all the boys and girls and men and women in our denomination would practice tithing our missions would indeed prosper. I like your Bible Study plan, too. I hope other boys and girls will form clubs of this kind.

I could not get all four letters in this time, so I spread them out, shut my eyes and picked up one, which happened to be yours. The other three must wait until next week.

Your loving friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

JACK

Jack was a rather small red and green parrot that showed unusual intelligence. When the door bell rang, he would call out, in a dignified manner, "Come in!" When the telephone rang, he would say, "Quick, quick, Ma!" If a knock came on the side door from the next apartment, occupied by Ruby and Sylvia, he would say in honeyed tones, "Come in, girls." He learned to sing about "The sweet little nest in the home in the west."

One day a doctor called, but no one called him "Doctor." He told about a neighbor's parrot—all its tricks and smart sayings. Jack sulked and would respond to no inducements to talk. Finally, as the visitor arose to go, he turned to Jack's cage, and said, "You're no good, Jack!" Jack faced him and exclaimed in disgusted tones, "Well! Well, Doctor!" then turned his back till the doctor had been gone a little while, after which he began to chatter as usual. If Jack thought he was neglected at meal time, he would say in an aggrieved tone, "Jack wants his supper."

Mrs. Alena M. Bond.

## OUR PULPIT

### A CONFERENCE ADDRESS

BY REV. WILLARD D. BURDICK,  
ROCKVILLE, R. I.

President of the Missionary Society

(Given Missionary Society Day at the recent Conference at Shiloh, N. J.)

There is a vivid word picture in the gospels of a short visit that Jesus made to the country of the Gadarenes. As he stepped from the boat he was met by a man who "had devils long time." Jesus had compassion on him and cast out the devils, sending them into a herd of swine. The people of the city going out to see what had been done, "found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind." "Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear."

But the man besought Jesus that he might go with him. Jesus did not grant his request, for he had some home mission work for him to do, and he said to him, "Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee" (Luke 8: 35). Mark adds, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." He was called by the Lord to shew what God had done for him, and tell his experience. "And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him." Just a wild, devil possessed man, changed by power divine, shewing and telling what great things Jesus had done for him!

To shew what great things Jesus has done for us and to tell what he has done for us are essential to successful home and foreign mission work. In the homeland and in foreign countries the Christian is to shew that he is a Christian and he is to tell the gospel story.

About the year 1664, Mr. Stephen Mumford, a member of the Bell Lane Seventh Day Baptist Church in London, came to Newport, R. I., and not finding a Sabbath-keeping church he affiliated with the Newport Baptist Church. So faithful was he in living and in teaching that others accepted the Sabbath, and on January 3, 1672, seven persons united in forming the first Seventh Day Baptist church in America, at Newport.

Those early Sabbath keepers were examples to others, and they had experiences that they were eager to relate. They brought others to Christ and they taught the truths of the kingdom of heaven. Westward they went into Connecticut, New York State, and still westward, preaching, teaching, founding churches.

With the establishing of new churches it was found desirable to band together in promoting missionary work. At first there was no denomination-wide plan formed to do the work; in fact at one time there were three organizations in the denomination to do this work, but at length the several efforts were brought together into one organization, our present S. D. B. Missionary Society.

At first the organized efforts of the denomination were to carry on missionary work in the United States, but the consciousness that "the field is the world" caused them to think of the needs of people in other lands, and to undertake mission work in foreign countries.

In these later years we find that the fields that we have entered and the insistent calls that are coming for workers and literature and financial help are so numerous that we cannot meet them satisfactorily and as we greatly desire to do.

There are four fields that I believe should at this time have our most careful consideration and support. But I would not minimize the importance of the inviting fields in Holland, India, Australia, Africa, South America, and in other lands. Our interest in these fields should increase, and in every possible way we must give encouragement and help to these who are pleading with us.

### CHINA

Our first successful missionary work in foreign lands was started in China in 1847.

When Robert Morrison went to China, in 1807, the captain of the ship on which he sailed asked him, "Do you expect to convert China?" "No," he replied, "but I expect God will."

China is far from being converted, but great progress has been made since Morrison uttered his belief. Missions are successfully carried on in many parts of that great country. Several of the most prominent men and women of China are professed Christians, the most prominent of whom are General Chiang-Kai-shek and Madame Chiang. The General has been a Christian for ten years. Last March, soon after his release as a prisoner at Sian, he sent an address to the Central Conference of Eastern Asia of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Nanking, that has favorably impressed the Christian world. In it he said:

I have been a follower of Jesus for nearly ten years and make a daily practice of reading the Scriptures for the cultivation of the religious life. The crisis in Sian last winter arose suddenly. Imprisoned in solitude for a week by the rebelling regiment, I read the Bible aloud to my jailers, and found it much more meaningful and delightful than ever before. The greatness of Jesus' overwhelming love encouraged me so that in my conflict with evil I was finally victorious over the demon of hatred. I regained a right spirit; the prayers of many fellow Christians strengthened me mightily. For this I thanked them on the twenty-seventh (General Chiang was released on December 25) and in the presence of my companions gave glory to Jesus. Of his sacred character I cannot tell one part in ten thousand, but today being the anniversary of his death I sincerely relate to my fellow believers what I have received. . . . Though Jesus all his life was never free from trouble, his mag-

nificent patience and loving mercy to all never once failed from beginning to end. This is the greatest lesson that has ever come into my life.

The sympathy of the Christian world goes out to China in these distressing times.

For ninety years we have had a mission in Shanghai, and for eighty-seven years our Shanghai Church with native members has existed.

The story of our work in China is thrilling and cheering. From the first the men and the women that we have sent there have been choice Christians, scholars, trustworthy, intent on leading the people to Christ and fitting them for Christian living and service. We rejoice in the present success of the two churches, the schools, and the medical department.

Whatever shall be the outcome of the Japanese-China trouble we are thankful that Seventh Day Baptists have had a part in Christian work in that great and needy country, and we hope and pray that nothing shall prevent our continuing, and increasing our work in that needy land.

### JAMAICA

Fifteen years ago very urgent calls came to us from groups of Sabbath keepers on the island of Jamaica, who were looking for a denomination that holds Scriptural beliefs like their own. In 1923 we sent Secretary William L. Burdick and Dr. C. A. Hansen to look that field over. While they were there they organized several Seventh Day Baptist churches. After their return Rev. D. B. Coon and Mrs. Coon were located there as general missionaries. Other churches were organized, converts to Christ and the Sabbath were brought into the churches, and native leaders in the churches were encouraged.

After the return of Rev. D. B. Coon and wife to the United States, Rev. and Mrs. G. D. Hargis were placed on the field.

The people are eager to attend and take part in the church and Sabbath school services. New fields have been opened and at times calls have had to go unanswered for lack of workers and of money.

Last March Mr. Hargis baptized twenty-one persons and organized a new church. In May he wrote, "There is much work that I cannot do because we are handicapped by lack of time, strength, and money. I am anxious for more native workers, but they must be trained and paid a nominal sum."

Last December Mrs. Hargis wrote of a service in the Wakefield Church in which the native leader gave the sermon:

It was well delivered, very practical, and full of gospel counsel. Brother Lyons is truly an active, alert, on-fire leader. For him we need so badly an educational school, where leaders may obtain the education to back up their zeal and consecration. I hope this will be rightly understood. He has had the task of building from the ground up, and has done fine work, but he has never had a real chance for schooling, and in order to qualify for government license in performing marriages, etc., he must have a better education. There are other young men who would make true leaders, if we could have the funds for necessary books for study, and for their daily needs while taking a course of study. Even a few weeks of study each year would enable them to make great strides in the right direction. Please pray, Christian friends, that a way may be opened for some kind of training, so that the future Seventh Day Baptist Church of Jamaica may be provided with leadership not only equipped with the Word, but able to stand for their convictions among the other educated leaders in the island, as educated Christians themselves.

In one of N. O. Moore's letters he urged the importance of such work, and said that Guy's Hill "offers as good a location for a centralized headquarters and general work as the Adventists have at Mandeville. I was much impressed with their work there, and see great possibilities in such work, if Seventh Day Baptists could establish a similar headquarters."

For ten years and more I have wished that we might have an industrial and educational center in Jamaica. If I were a young man I should desire no greater life of usefulness than to spend it in a Seventh Day Baptist training school in that country. And if I had money so that I could do it I would start such a school and place in it as directors and teachers two of our choice young people.

It is my opinion that the measure of our success in the Jamaica field depends very largely on our training native workers for more efficient service.

#### THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN FIELD

For many years we have been learning of persons who have accepted the Sabbath through the efforts of others but could not unite with them; or having united with them, have finally left them because of doctrinal beliefs and church polity that they could not longer accept. Some of our people have long

felt that we should encourage such persons to unite with us whenever we learn that we agree on the great truths of the Bible.

Denominationally we took a more positive stand in this matter when Dr. L. Richard Conradi came from Germany to attend our General Conference at Adams Center, N. Y., in 1932. That visit was of great importance and value to Doctor Conradi and many others who were—and shall be—looking for a Christian people with whom they can conscientiously unite and work.

Doctor Conradi is a scholar—the outstanding scholar and writer on the Sabbath question. He is an organizer, a wise leader, a great worker, a devoted Christian, and he is highly respected by many people in many lands. When he returned to Germany in 1932, an accredited Seventh Day Baptist minister, he met with other inquiring and open-minded persons; he told them of his experiences in America and of our doctrinal beliefs and church and denominational organization, counseled with them, and often organized them into Seventh Day Baptist churches.

One of the several excellent things that Doctor Conradi is doing is raising up leaders in the churches and securing persons to aid him in general supervision of the work and to continue it when he has to give it up.

During the eighteen months before our Conference in 1934, he organized twelve Seventh Day Baptist churches. In 1935, they reported eighteen churches, and in 1936, twenty-six, with nearly six hundred members.

#### THE HOME FIELD

But the field that I am most concerned about is our home field.

For more than two hundred years the headquarters of Seventh Day Baptist missionary work has been in this country. It is, as it has been in the past, the base of our human supplies, the feeder and the supervisor of our missionary work—but not a dictator.

For many years we have carried on this work through the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, incorporated in 1880 in Rhode Island "for the dissemination of the gospel in America and other parts of the world and for kindred religious and benevolent objects."

The business of the society is by its constitution largely entrusted to its Board of Managers, "consisting of the officers of the society ex officio, and eleven or more other

persons, all of whom shall be elected annually." For a few years the membership of the board has been about thirty, all of whom are living in Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

Nothing would please the board more than to be able adequately to man and finance these fields that I have mentioned, and others perhaps equally deserving, and to respond helpfully to the many calls that are asking for workers and financial assistance. But to do these things we must have more generous giving, more choice young men and women who have consecrated themselves to Christian work, and a more sympathetic, praying, and working membership in our churches.

In some ways our present denominational policy is not tending to build up our home field. I mention three things to which we must give greater attention or we shall suffer even greater losses in money, ministers, and churches in the future than we have suffered in the past.

For years we have been looking for ministers and money to save struggling churches and home mission fields. All too often we have to report the loss of a church. There are today several churches that are facing the crisis of their existence—but the crisis need not always mean failure and extinction. Dr. William Pierson Merrill says: "There are worse things than crises. The president of a leading Chinese university last summer wrote, or drew, for me the Chinese expression for 'crisis.' It consists of two characters, one of which means 'danger,' the other 'opportunity.' The Christian Church faces today one of the greatest opportunities in its history." May our struggling churches as they face the crisis accept it as an opportunity—an opportunity to preserve the church and continue it as an invitation to people to join in worship and service; to study the Bible, and to call out and develop ministers and other Christian workers.

Throughout our denomination we need to be aroused to the importance of saving these struggling home field churches by placing in them men and women consecrated to the work, and supporting them morally and financially as well as we do those working on foreign fields. "Impossible," some one may say. But the saving and the building up of the home field is at stake!

I do not believe that Jesus wants us to give up mission work in other lands, but I am certain that he wants more home mission work done by us—he wants us to *shew* what great things he has done for us, and to *tell* the gospel story.

A second thing that we must give greater attention to is the religious training of our children and young people in the home, the church, and the Sabbath school, in Vacation Religious Schools, and in our colleges.

The need of proper supervision and prosecution of such work will cost much in money and interest on the part of parents, churches, and the denomination—but *the building up of the home field is at stake!*

In recent years there has been a noticeable lack of interest and support of work for our young people, and if there is not shown greater interest and more liberal financial support in this line of our work we shall realize a still greater lack of interest in local church and denominational work on the part of our young people. *The building up of the home field is at stake!*

A few weeks ago I listened to a radio address by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick on "Keeping One's Faith in a Changing Time." In the address he gave an illustration that we should take to ourselves:

Did anybody ever yet tide his spiritual experience over transitions in opinion if he did not have before his eyes some incarnation of spiritual life so rich and vivid that, whatever else he might doubt, he could not doubt the validity and beauty of that life?

In my college days my forms of faith went all to pieces. Because of that I came so near to missing my calling and not going into the ministry that I think few boys ever came into their vocation by a closer margin, and what most of all saved me for the ministry was not an argument but a man, William Newton Clarke, one of the teachers in the university, a great soul. I recall yet in those days of turmoil and bewilderment how I used to watch him walk across the campus. He was thinking all the new thoughts that we were thinking. He was one of the keenest minds we had. Every breeze that blew across this modern world blew through his mind. He was one of us and yet he was keeping the faith. In spite of all arguments to the contrary, there he stood, a living exhibition of the fact that it could be done. And more than once, when he little thought it, the very sight of him said to me in my confusion, Steady! Steady! It may be that even you will yet be able to say, "I have kept the faith."

Seventh Day Baptists, in this day of "turmoil and bewilderment" we *must shew* what

Jesus has done, and is doing for us, so that we may inspire others with confidence in us and in Jesus Christ who has saved us. As parents we must inspire our children with confidence in Christianity; as Christians we must by our lives convince sinners that they need Christ; as Seventh Day Baptists we must so live the Christian life and keep the Sabbath that they will keep the faith.

"Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee." "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." "And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him."

### DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

ASHAWAY, R. I.

On Sabbath, September 25, Promotion Day was observed by the graded department of the Sabbath school; at that time fifteen juniors received promotion certificates from the junior class to the intermediate class of the main school; also each one received a Bible, a gift from the Sabbath school.

Nineteen primary children received promotion certificates to the junior group; twenty-eight beginners received promotion certificates to the primary group; seven nursery children received promotion certificates to the beginners' group; ten nursery children remained in that group.

Three pupils had perfect attendance for one whole year; five pupils were present every Sabbath for three quarters; eleven pupils had perfect attendance for the last quarter of the year.

Since our new year started October 2, we have enrolled five new members. We also have fifteen babies enrolled on the cradle roll.

CORRESPONDENT.

The objectives of all Parent-Teacher Associations for 1937 are as follows: "To promote child welfare in home, school, church, and community; to raise the standards of home life; to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children; to bring into closer relation the home and school, that parents and teachers may co-operate to greater advantage in the training of the child; to develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, moral, and spiritual education."

An interesting and different program has been arranged by Rev. Everett T. Harris, chairman of the program committee. The main topic for the year's program is, "Successful Family Living." The subjects for the coming months are:

"Family Co-operation for Health and Safety"; "Educational Pictures"; "Good Times in the Family"; "The Place of the Family in the Community"; "Vocational Guidance."

—From *Westerly Sun*.

ROCKVILLE, R. I.

The yearly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist churches in this section was held October 16, at the Rockville church. No services were held at Waterford, Westerly, Ashaway, or Hopkinton City, with the result that the church at Rockville yesterday was filled to capacity.

People brought their lunches, which they ate at the parish house where tables had been set up and where coffee was furnished by the entertaining church.

All the pastors of the local churches took part in the Sabbath morning service. The sermon was preached by Rev. Everett T. Harris, pastor of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church of Ashaway.

Mrs. Clinton L. Armstrong of Rockville had charge of the musical program, assisted by Miss Elizabeth Crandall of the Pawcatuck Church.

At the afternoon session Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor of the Westerly Church, told of the conditions facing the Missionary Society in Shanghai, China. Only two mission workers, he said, are remaining in Shanghai. The rest went to Manila and others have already returned to the United States.

The work will be opened up again in Shanghai and Liuho as soon as conditions there permit. He spoke of the work of the Seventh Day Baptists in China for the last ninety years.

The pastor of the Waterford, Conn., Church, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, preached on "Christian Speech and Conduct." He told of the propaganda seen on all sides which seems so injurious at times to the work of the Christian denomination.

Rev. William L. Burdick of Ashaway, the corresponding secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, spoke on the Preaching Mission. He said that the work done the last year by the Protestant churches

of the land was through a united preaching program.

The pastor of the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church, Rev. Willard D. Burdick, presided. Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn of Plainfield, N. J., head of the SABBATH RECORDER, spoke briefly on the tracts and pamphlets which had been provided by the Tract Society.—*Westerly Sun*.

VERONA, N. Y.

Our home coming service was held in the church October 2. Pastor Davis' sermon was "The Challenge of Christ," John 14: 11. Following the sermon eight were received into church membership—four young people who were baptized the previous Sabbath and Mr. Ralph Soper, his two sons, and a daughter. Mr. Soper and family have recently moved from Nebraska to Central Square.

After the celebration of the Lord's Supper a short session of Sabbath school was held, the worship service being conducted by the missionary committee.

At the close of the Sabbath school, dinner was served by the church to over a hundred.

In the afternoon, Dr. Edwin Whitford of Brookfield gave a very interesting address, describing a trip to Europe when he visited several of our churches there. Mr. Soper also gave an interesting talk on missionary work he had done in the West.

The Doers and Worth While Sabbath school classes sponsored their annual harvest supper last Tuesday night. The net receipts were \$140.

The Youth Council meeting was held in the Lutheran church October 11. The worship service was in charge of the young people of our church. CORRESPONDENT.

ALFRED STATION, N. Y.

"All Church Night" was generally and enthusiastically attended on the evening after the Sabbath. The vocal solos by Wayne Rood added much to the pleasure of the supper hour. Especially was his rendition of "I Stand at the Door and Knock," during the vesper hour, appreciated. Mr. Rood is a student in the School of Theology and we may expect other helpful visits from him in the future.

Among our guests were Dean and Mrs. Bond. The dean's address was warmly received. He spoke on the subject of Religion and the Family. About sixteen families took

a copy of "Today," a little book designed to aid in family devotions. If there are other families who would like to join this movement the pastor has a few copies left for your use.

The pastor attended the meeting of the Allegany County Ministers' Association on Monday and gave the address on the subject, "Humanism."

At the quarterly business meeting of Sabbath night it was voted to continue the plan of the "All Church Night" the first Sabbath night of each month. —*Alfred Sun*.

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.

Soon after returning from Conference a meeting was arranged at the Berlin, Wis., church house followed by baptism of three adults. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cockerill of Berlin became acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heath and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Nourse, all of Wapaca, Wis., who were interested in the Sabbath. The result was a meeting at Berlin September 12, attended by twenty-two from our congregation and a number from the Berlin community. At this meeting the four people mentioned above were received into membership of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church: Mr. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Nourse by baptism, and Mrs. Heath by statement. The occasion was a real spiritual blessing for all in attendance, and the Cockerills, Heaths, and Nourses are quite enthusiastic about developing a Seventh Day Baptist group in that part of the state.

"Church Night" supper and program were enjoyed by a full house Sunday, October 3. Dr. and Mrs. Milton Davis showed very interesting moving pictures of Conference scenes and activities.

In our Friday night meeting we are studying the new "Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists." We are considering one article in each meeting, bringing in Bible references applicable to the statement. See RECORDER, page 212, October 4, 1937.

—*October News Letter*.

MILTON, WIS.

A building erected nearly a century ago in Milton, Wis., and still standing, is said to be the first architectural concrete structure erected in the United States. It was constructed, according to the 1937 *Cement and Concrete Reference Book*, just issued by the Portland



Cement Association, by Joe Goodrich in 1844, who transported the cement by wagon from New York.

Known as the Milton House, it was used for many years as a hotel. It then became a warehouse and now, for several years, has been used as a printing plant, and has given good service in its various capacities for ninety-three years.

Eight years later, it is stated, Horace Greeley built a concrete barn on his estate at Chappaqua, in Westchester County, N. Y. After Greeley died, the barn was remodeled and used as living quarters by his daughter until her death early in 1937. The house is a three-story structure.—*The New York Times* (October 10, 1937).

Marcia Davis, fourteen year old daughter of H. Eugene Davis, a missionary in Shanghai, called at the home of President Crofoot October 3 for a few hours. Miss Davis had just arrived from the war zone on the *President Hoover*. Readers will recall it was this boat that was struck by a bomb, probably of Japanese origin, killing one U. S. sailer. Miss Davis was on her way to Salem, W. Va., to attend high school. Her elder sister is a senior in college there. On the same boat accompanying her was Miriam Shaw, a niece of Doctor Shaw, who stopped in Arizona. Miss Shaw was graduated from Milton College in 1925.—*Milton Junction Telephone*.

### THE LEONARDSVILLE CHURCH ONE HUNDRED FORTY YEARS

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On Sabbath day, October 9, the First Brookfield Church at Leonardsville celebrated one hundred forty years of continuous history, for it was in 1797 that Elder Henry Clarke and nineteen others, who had recently moved from Rhode Island, founded this, the first Seventh Day Baptist Church in the central or western part of New York State. It was to enjoy the ministry of its first pastor for a period of over twenty-four years, and Elder William B. Maxson, who succeeded him, was to serve an even longer time in the three times he served as pastor.

The services on Sabbath day included historical papers prepared by several of the members; and letters from an ex-pastor, Rev. R. J. Severance, and from others who served here

as the wife of a pastor or who were the children of former pastors of this church. Representatives were present from the Second Brookfield Church at Brookfield, and the Third Brookfield Church at West Edmeston. Pastor Polan of Brookfield undertook to speak of things to come in a talk entitled "What of the Future?" A brief pageant brought the exercises of the day to a fitting close. It brought to us the scene in the early church when the first pastor ended his labors by giving a charge to the church and to the one who was to become its second pastor.

In the one hundred forty years of its history, a church building has been built, destroyed by fire, rebuilt, damaged by fire, and repaired. A grove of maple trees has grown up, having been planted in memory of the pioneer fathers of the church, and bearing their names on brass plates. Families have been reared here whose sons and daughters went out as pastors, teachers, or leaders in other kinds of work in church and community.

May God give us a present and future that shall match our past!

### MARRIAGES

BRECHTLEIN-BASSETT.—At Elkton, Md., September 18, 1937, Faith Edith Bassett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Bassett, Dunellen, N. J. to T. Phillip Brechtlein, Detroit, Mich.

STOODLEY-CARPENTER. — Mr. Ross C. Stoodley and Miss Flora E. Carpenter of Belleville, N. Y., were united in marriage at the Belleville Baptist church, October 12, 1937, by Rev. Orville W. Babcock. The home will be in Belleville, N. Y.

### OBITUARY

BAKKER.—Rev. Freerk Jacob Bakker, born December 2, 1841, died August 24, 1937. Extended obituary elsewhere in this issue.

JOHNSON.—John A. Johnson was born at Peshigo, Wis., January 8, 1885, and died September 25, 1937, at his home in Minneapolis, Minn.

At an early age he was confirmed in the Lutheran Church. He was married to Miss Flora M. Hall March 26, 1933. He was a sincere Christian and a true and loving husband.

Surviving are his wife; one sister, Mrs. Charles Hanson; and a brother, Victor Johnson.

Services were held in the chapel, conducted by Rev. Mr. Babcock of the Calvary Baptist Church. Interment at New Auburn, Minn. A. P. A.

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### A PRAYER FOR MERCY AND FOR GRACE

Almighty God, Our Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named, hear our prayer for thy children in other lands who live in the midst of conflict and death, who are wounded in spirit or in body by man's inhumanity to man. Have mercy upon them and sustain them in their dark hour of trial and temptation. Forgive us our indolence and faithlessness in not teaching the nations a better way than strife. Purge our own hearts of racial and national antipathies.

O God of love, draw us all so close unto thyself that we may be enabled by thy Grace to bless our enemies, to put away all malice, and to subdue the hateful promptings of evil. So may our fellowship within thy Church endure in spite of distance, falsehood, and bloodshed.

Gather us together with all our Christian brothers of every tongue and nation beneath the Cross of Christ that in humility we may learn of him how to serve thee in healing the wounds of a stricken world. May thy wisdom guide us. May thy power sustain us. May thy love keep us ever. Amen.

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