

We have been especially pleased with the interest manifested by the young people in their special work, which we are sure gained new impetus in the visit of Miss Anna West, who recently spoke at their Friday evening service.

The pastor has kept up the usual Sabbath afternoon services at Schenectady, except through the month of February.

The congregations at Berlin and Schenectady greatly appreciated the visit of Miss West, and would all bid her "God speed," to her work in the China field. We are sure that her talks about conditions there will deepen the interest in the work and each one will be watching for letters in the RECORDER from our workers in China.

Berlin has three old sisters in our church: Miss Euphemia Greene was eighty-seven the last of January; Mrs. Rosetta Satterlee, eighty-six March 12; and Miss Louise Greene, eighty-three March 25. As Mrs. Satterlee's birthday came on Sabbath day, baskets of fruit and other gifts were presented at the close of the morning service by J. D. Vars on behalf of the Ladies' Aid and the congregation.

Berlin is looking forward to the meeting of the Eastern Association here in June, hoping for a good attendance and good meetings.

CORRESPONDENT.

VERONA, N. Y.

The service for the dedication of our new "Service Hymnals," of which over a hundred have been purchased, was held on the Sabbath of March 26. A fine program was given.

Last Sabbath, after "A Communion Meditation; the Master's Method," by Pastor Davis and a short prayer and conference service the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed.

In the evening the first church night and fellowship supper of the year were held in the church parlors with Marion Dillman as toastmaster and Floyd Sholtz song leader. The guests of honor at the supper were Mrs. A. A. Thayer and W. C. Perry, whose birthdays occur in April. They were presented with a prettily decorated birthday cake, and each a bouquet. Both responded, expressing their appreciation. Very interesting addresses were given, followed by open forum discussion, using the town meeting method.

Our ten-day Preaching Mission will begin April 16. Pastor Davis will be assisted by Rev. Leon M. Maltby.

CORRESPONDENT.

OBITUARY

BURDICK.—Thomas B. Burdick, son of Eden P. and Emeline Crandall Burdick, was born at Little Genesee, N. Y., July 11, 1861, and died at his home in Little Genesee, March 24, 1938.

He was married to Vina Hemphill June 5, 1901. To this union one son was born.

He is survived by his son Leland, his wife, and one granddaughter.

Mr. Burdick joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Little Genesee February 8, 1890. He sang in the choir for over forty-eight years. This is a longer period than he had been a member of the church. He was a member of the County Board of Supervisors for over a quarter of a century, and was respected by members of that group. Those who knew him will remember his quiet, unassuming goodness and be inspired by it.

Funeral services were held at the church Sabbath day March 26. Pastor Harley Sutton conducted the service. Burial was in the local cemetery. H. S.

CURTIS.—Hattie Keller, daughter of John and Mary Jane Noyes Keller, was born in the town of Portville, N. Y., October 7, 1864, and died at her home in Nile, N. Y., December 31, 1937.

She was married to Omer D. Curtis August 16, 1914. Her early life was spent in the town where she was born, except for a time when she traveled widely both in America and abroad. After her marriage to Mr. Curtis she lived in Ceres, Friendship, and Nile, N. Y.

She joined the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church at Nile, N. Y., by testimony on November 29, 1924. She was interested in the work of her church as long as she lived, and took part when her health permitted.

Surviving are her husband; a sister, Mrs. George Courtney of Friendship; two nieces; and one nephew.

Funeral services were held at the home January 4. Rev. Harley Sutton officiated. Burial was in the Obi cemetery. H. S.

RECORDER WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale, Help Wanted, and advertisements of a like nature, will be run in this column at one cent per word for first insertion and one-half cent per word for each additional insertion. Cash must accompany each advertisement.

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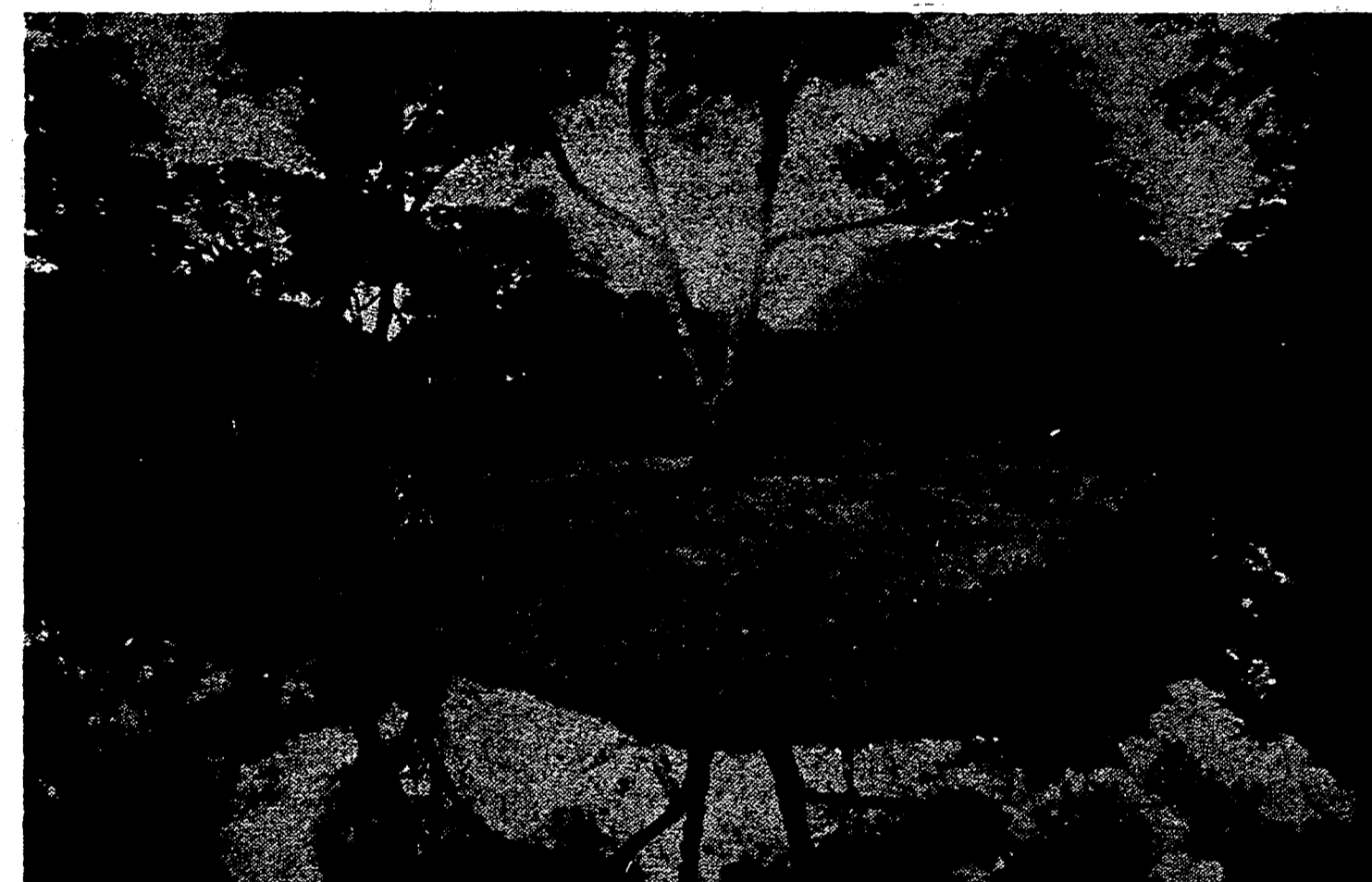
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less expressly renewed.

Strengthening In the Commission's Report **The Home Base** to Conference, 1937, is an item (see 1937 Year Book, top of p. 49)—"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 is an important step and was approved by Conference—special reference and emphasis being given it by the committee appointed by Conference to consider the Missionary Board's report. That emphasis is contained in the statement of the committee (see 1937 Year Book, p. 42)—"The committee approves the proposed plan of having a general missionary-evangelist on the home field to encourage and build up our weaker and pastorless churches, and to establish new churches." This approval was adopted, as was the item of adding the sum of \$1,900 for such missionary, salary, and expenses, proposed by the Commission. This was all done by the Conference.

The need for such a worker has long been apparent, and continues to knock loudly at our doors. For years we have strained to

keep our work up in foreign fields—and our hearts have constantly been stimulated by cries of need and appeals for help. This is right and no call has been heeded but what ought to be.

However necessary the work abroad is, or however important for us to heed the Master's commission, it should not be forgotten that unless our home fields are cultivated properly and adequately, soon we shall have no or little resources to plant and water the foreign fields.

We must plan for the home base. Strong men are needed as much on our home mission field as are needed abroad. Work on the Iowa field languishes. Calls come to secretaries of our boards for special services, here and there, who are already loaded with office work and cares almost to the breaking point. The times when our church memberships were being built up and new churches were being organized were the times when general missionaries, evangelists, and evangelistic pastors were at work. Since these forces have been decreased and otherwise weakened, losses have followed.

Such a man as Conference has approved calling and using could be used for months at a time in such a field as Chicago while it is without a pastor. When not engaged with some church in special evangelistic effort he could devote himself to needs of an unoccupied Iowa field, or for some church temporarily without a pastor. Arguments, however, are unnecessary, as it already is recognized such a man is sorely needed. Why then does the Missionary Board not call such a man?

It may be answered: The Missionary Board is seriously working on the matter. Two observations should be made: First, this is of such importance that it should not be undertaken as a temporary arrangement. The proper man must be found and engaged just as seriously and permanently as though he were being secured for China or Jamaica. When he enters this field he must be as sure of its permanency and support as though he were being sent to Shanghai.

Second, it means that adequate support must be found. This observation implies that not only the \$1,900 be placed in the budget, but that it must be raised. Placing it is a matter of vote to approve. Raising it means going down in our pockets and digging it up. Notice this further quotation from the Commission's

report, page 49: "This does not add sufficiently to the income of the Missionary Society, unless the gifts to the Denominational Budget are proportionately increased."

Now this is the reason, doubtless, that the missionary-evangelist is not already called and on the field. Treasurer Stillman pointed out in a recent meeting of the Missionary Board that to go forward with such a project without a larger apparent support of the budget would soon necessitate borrowing to support the worker on the field—a policy the board is unwilling to follow, and one the Conference would not approve. We must pay as we go.

This seems to be the situation. Members of the board recognize the need, are wholly in favor of the project, but are tied hand and foot by the lack of adequate support of the United Budget. Had a missionary-evangelist been put to work the first of September we would now owe him for about three months' salary and expenses, unless the board had borrowed or in some other way found about \$400.

THE ANSWER?

What is the answer? The people of our churches have the answer. There is sometimes a tendency to ask—"Well, the Conference voted this; why doesn't the board do something about it?" How can it if we do not raise the budget? Let's be fair with the board and consistent ourselves.

Grangemead Some thirty-five miles from the heart of Chicago one can come to Grangemead, a farm of two hundred fifty acres of fertile fields and rolling woodlands. Here somebody's dream of making a wild flower paradise has come true. The writer has never met the lady whose husband owns the farm, but she must be not only a real lover of nature and nature's beauty, but a good reader of personality, able to recognize ability and the appreciation of nature in another—else why did she choose Ralph Comstock and see in him one who could help realize her ideal at Grangemead?

About three miles out of St. Charles, Ill., this farm lies in a beautiful terrain. Approaching by auto, one comes first to the grangemead "farm," then to Grangemead Cottage, and finally to Grangemead Lodge. It is the last with its outlook and surroundings that especially attracts our attention, though it must be confessed an appetizing

dinner at the cottage called for no little attention and appreciation. It was cooked by a North Loup girl, now a young grandmother, whose father was known to the writer before he was married.

The lodge is built in a one-story, rambling fashion, on a three-floor level. The hillside on which it is built drops quite abruptly away from the front of the building to the level of Furgurson Creek, a vista of which is shown on our front cover. Here the grounds on the rolling hillside have been landscaped so skillfully and harmoniously that the rills and waterfalls, the little pools and the grottoes all seem a real and natural part of the original layout. Paths, footbridges, ledges lend charm and grace to the scene. Naturalized are the daffodils; hepaticas line walks and fill nooks everywhere. Over three hundred kinds of flowers, practically all native, have been gathered and planted here in profusion under such natural conditions that they thrive and bloom with but a minimum amount of care. Trees and native shrubs are clumped or scattered skillfully. No attempt is made for a complete collection, but that everything shall fit in naturally and shall contribute to the comfort and attraction of abundant bird life. Grangemead, in fact, is quite as it is designed to be, a "Wild Flower and Bird Preserve."

Mr. Comstock, who is a cousin of Dr. Grace Crandall of China, was born in Leonardville, N. Y., grew up on a farm in Nebraska not far west of North Loup, and has trained himself, largely, in his wide and scientific knowledge of plant life, by careful personal study and experience. To walk and talk with him in the paths and by the deep beds of ferns and the like, in what must truly be a dreamland of flowers at blooming time, is an enriching and inspiring experience. He pointed out a fine specimen of sugar maple and said it reminded him of Joyce Kilmer's poem which ends, "Only God can make a tree." True, but men like this help wonderfully in improving the settings for nature's masterpieces and making it possible for others to enjoy them.

"Thrill" Papers The "smart" people today seek thrills in their papers, and news stands overflow with "smut," risqué effrontery in magazine types that are amazing and confounding. Well have some Christian denominations and civic communities urged that steps be taken to outlaw them. What fifteen years

ago a decent person would be ashamed to be seen possessing is now looked upon as respectable and to be found upon the tables in the average home. As has been well said,

"Vice is a monster of such frightful mein
That to be hated needs but to be seen.
But seen too oft—familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

Too many of these "thrill" magazines are like that—and, debased by toleration, we grow accustomed to them and they may finally be admired—to the race's shame and harm. Decency has hard work to compete with indecency in hours of riotous and spectacular entertainment. But after all, most people are decent and we must not despair. Let Seventh Day Baptists with other good people take high stand in these matters, cherish good literature, and support their own periodical.

Here is your paper, the SABBATH RECORDER. In good times and bad, our souls need to be fed; our faith and purpose as Christians need constant ministry; our minds need to be kept clean and informed; we need ideals and devotion to all that is highest and best—and the SABBATH RECORDER continues to be published to serve Seventh Day Baptists and others who may read it in just those ways.

Are you, reader, doing something to keep the RECORDER going, and to increase its power and usefulness? We who are interested in the things that come right home to us, as members of the church, need to stand together right now. Read your church paper. "Thrill" for it—and boost it.

THE BUILDING BUDGET

RECEIPTS TO APRIL 20, 1938

Churches	Pledges and Cash
Albion, Wis.	\$ 20.00
Alfred, N. Y.	170.00
Battle Creek, Mich.	23.00
Chicago, Ill.	115.00
Daytona Beach, Fla.	81.62
Dodge Center, Minn.	8.45
Edinburg, Tex.	17.00
Hartsville, N. Y.	15.00
Jackson Center, Ohio	23.00
Lost Creek, W. Va.	10.00
Marlboro, N. J.	53.70
Middle Island, W. Va.	10.00
Milton, Wis.	85.50
Milton Junction, Wis.	60.75
New York Church	43.00
Oakdale, Ala.	8.00
Piscataway, N. J.	83.30
Plainfield, N. J.	240.51

Rockville, R. I.	10.00
Salem, W. Va.	74.00
Salemville, Pa.	53.95
Shiloh, N. J.	120.88
Walworth, Wis.	11.00
<i>Individuals:</i>	
Mrs. M. C. R.	10.00
"A Friend," Westerly, R. I.	4.00
Mrs. Addie Bell, Galesburg, Ill.	5.00
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	\$1,356.66

SOMETHING FROM EVERYONE SOON FINISHES EVERYTHING

At a meeting of the Tract Society's Committee on the Appeal for the Seventh Day Baptist Building Budget which was held at nine o'clock Sunday morning, April 17, Mrs. Stillman reported on the completion of her journey over nearly seven weeks, covering meetings with eleven of our churches, six of them on Sabbath days.

Nine of these meetings have been reported in these columns. The tenth was held with the Farina Church. A committee to work for the Building Budget had been formed in advance of her coming and after the Sabbath morning service the entire church resolved itself into a forum for intensive study of the "Building" problems. Many questions were asked and strong interest was indicated.

The eleventh meeting was held on Sunday evening at Stonefort. Mrs. Stillman covered the one hundred miles between Farina and Stonefort in the car owned and driven by Charles E. Persels, with Pastor Bottoms of Farina and Mr. Persels' daughter, Mrs. Bernard Seager, as traveling companions. In Stonefort, Pastor Lewis and Mrs. Stillman made a number of calls during the afternoon and in the evening presented the Building Budget to the assembled congregation. She made the return hundred miles to Farina with the Farina friends after the close of the meeting. Here, as everywhere on the trip, Mrs. Stillman found a strong interest in the Seventh Day Baptist Building and a feeling that it must be kept for use in advancing the cause to which Seventh Day Baptists are devoted.

In keeping with the committee's plan in making the appeal, Dr. Ben R. Crandall, Wasco, Calif., has agreed to contact the Riverside, Healdsburg-Ukiah, and Dinuba churches; and Miss Bernice A. Brewer, Riverside, Calif., the Los Angeles and Los Angeles-Christ's (colored) churches. Doctor Crandall writes that Rev. Loyal F. Hurley presented the appeal on a recent trip to Dinuba, and

matters seem quite encouraging on the Pacific coast.

Mr. J. Alfred Wilson reports that, of the churches which could be reached only by correspondence, he has had replies from Oakdale (Ala.) and Edinburg (Tex.), both of which were most heartening.

Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn was with the Jackson Center Church March 25 to 28. His presentation of the budget for the Seventh Day Baptist Building was received with interest, and pledges and cash were received in the amount of \$23, practically all cash.

During his stay in Chicago, where his mission did not include the presentation of the Building Budget, he received an unsolicited gift of \$100. This gift was almost immediately turned over to Mrs. Stillman. On Sabbath day, April 16, Secretary Van Horn was in Garwin, Iowa, where again he presented the interests of the building, and on Wednesday, the twentieth, the church at Welton will be visited. Later, he will be with the churches of Denver, North Loup, and Nortonville to present the needs of the building.

Dean Ahva J. C. Bond and President J. Nelson Norwood have shared in the task of completing the contact with churches of the Western Association. President Norwood presented the appeal at Little Genesee, Independence, and Andover. Dean Bond has visited Alfred Station and will go to the two Hebron churches as soon as road conditions warrant.

C. V. D.

MISSIONS

THE CONFERENCE YEAR DRAWING TO A CLOSE

The Conference year closes June 30, and this means there are only ten weeks remaining in which to finish the work of the year.

We are beginning to wonder what the records for the churches and the boards will be. We know what has been accomplished the last ten months and we may well ask ourselves, "Are we satisfied?" If we are not satisfied, we still have the opportunity of completing the year's work in a creditable manner. To do this will require the co-operation of all. There is opportunity for the pastors and churches to complete the ingathering of members and the building up of the churches. No doubt many are planning to do these things

and with them the next two months will be a harvest time.

The next ten weeks will be a crucial time with the boards. They have been trying to accomplish the work allotted them, but the problems have been most difficult and funds have been low, and consequently in some cases they have not been able to do what was planned for them. For instance, the General Conference recommended that the Missionary Board employ a full time missionary-evangelist, but the contributions have not made it possible. For the same reason the board has not been able to aid all the small churches in the homeland which needed help in supporting their pastors. In addition to these needs, new fields in Europe, Africa, and India are sending out Macedonian calls. There is a great work for Seventh Day Baptists and the way the Conference year closes will have much to do in determining the accomplishments of next year, and all the future.

PRINCIPAL T. M. CHANG WRITES REGARDING SCHOOL WORK IN SHANGHAI

Secretary William L. Burdick,
S. D. B. Missionary Society,
Rhode Island, U. S. A.

DEAR SECRETARY BURDICK:

Since hostilities began, things have changed a great deal in this part of the country, and I trust that you must have been constantly informed of the changing conditions by our missionaries here. Now I wish to report to you briefly in regard to the work of the school since last summer.

We opened school on October 5, fully one month later than we had planned, on account of the war. The enrollment was rather low; only two hundred six pupils were registered at the beginning, which was only a little more than two-thirds of what we had in the previous term. In November, when fighting extended to our very door almost, we had to suspend the school for ten days. And when we reopened there was a further reduction so that by the time the term closed there were only about one hundred fifty students in attendance. Altogether there were fourteen teachers on our staff last term. The curriculum was also simplified, leaving out all the non-essential subjects such as arts, music, etc. And our classes were limited to the mornings only. In the afternoons Lowrie Institute had

their classes here. For the use of the building they paid us \$800 last term.

For the present term our enrollment has increased to 297, a little higher than our pre-war record. But most of the increase is in the primary department. Three more teachers have been engaged, and Miss Mabel West has also come to help us by teaching our fifth grade English. As in last term, our curriculum is abbreviated and our classes are held in the mornings only. Lowrie Institute is still with us, since they cannot move back to their own place yet.

From the above you may see that in spite of the hostilities the work here has been going on uninterrupted, and we are very grateful to our Lord who has so abundantly blessed us in a time like this. Personally, I feel the more grateful because my wife and seven children have recently come back all safe and well, after having stayed in the war area for nearly half a year. I think they were indeed miraculously saved when they were led to move away from my old home, which was completely looted and burned to the ground only two days after their departure.

Trusting that you will continue to remember us and our work in your prayer, I am

Sincerely yours,

T. M. CHANG.

Grace High School,
23 Route de Zikawei,
Shanghai, China,
March 13, 1938.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held in the Pawcatuck Church, Sunday afternoon, April 17, 1938.

In the absence of Rev. W. D. Burdick, the president, who has resigned, Albert S. Babcock presided.

Prayer was offered by Deacon James A. Saunders.

The special nominating committee, to name a president of the board, nominated Rev. Harold R. Crandall as president. He was elected.

Voted: *Resolved*, That the Board of Managers hereby records its gratitude to Rev. Willard D. Burdick for his faithful services as president of the board during the last five

and one-half years. Furthermore, the board wishes to express in this silent way its appreciation of the support both Mr. and Mrs. Burdick have given the cause of missions throughout many years and to assure them that, though absent, they will continue to have the best wishes of the members of the Board of Managers.

Those present were: Albert S. Babcock, Karl G. Stillman, Rev. W. L. Burdick, Robert L. Coon, James A. Saunders, George B. Utter, LaVerne D. Langworthy, Rev. H. R. Crandall, Mrs. Clayton A. Burdick, Mrs. Elisabeth K. Austin, Dr. Anne L. Waite, Lloyd B. Langworthy, Rev. Everett T. Harris, Elston Van Horn.

Mrs. Carleton G. Irish was the only guest present.

The quarterly report of the treasurer and a statement of condition were received and ordered recorded.

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

As corresponding secretary I would report that during the quarter I have made no extended trips for field work. This has been partly because other duties have needed attention and partly because the funds of the board have been low. An especial effort has been made to meet by correspondence as far as possible the needs of all fields.

The Preaching Missions have continued to receive special attention and in the interests of these I spoke one Sabbath in Waterford, Conn., and another in Ashaway, R. I.

The appointments of Miss Anna M. West while doing deputation work have been arranged.

Material for the Missions Department of the SABBATH RECORDER has been furnished; the general correspondence of the office has been unusually large; considerable attention has been given to the Ministerial Relations Committee of the General Conference and much other denominational work, not necessarily belonging to the secretaryship, has demanded attention.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. BURDICK,
Corresponding Secretary.

Ashaway, R. I.,
April 17, 1938.

The American Tropics Committee said there was no action required. Correspondence with Rev. Gerald D. Hargis had been received with the suggestion that some one be found who will be ready to go to Jamaica during his furlough.

He had also advocated the establishment of a school for children in the neighborhood of the Seventh Day Baptist church.

The China Committee reported no new developments.

Karl G. Stillman reported for the Ministerial Relief Committee as follows:

Relief at the rate of \$10 per month has been extended to Rev. R. R. Thorngate, Rev. L. J. Branch, and Mrs. George P. Kenyon during the quarter ended March 31, 1938.

The following items of income are available for distribution:

Alice Fisher Ministerial Relief Fund	.....\$ 4.92
H. C. Woodmansee Ministerial Relief Fund	15.34
A. J. Potter Ministerial Relief Fund 38.88
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	\$59.14

The attention of the Board of Managers is directed to the fact that we have slightly less than two months reserve available to meet our pension obligations. It is the recommendation of this committee that the treasurer be authorized to pay out of Permanent Fund income such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to continue present payments through June, 1938, with the further instruction that any such sums be restored from future income to be received from Ministerial Relief Fund investments.

Respectfully submitted,

KARL G. STILLMAN,
Chairman.

The report was accepted, recommendation adopted, and ordered recorded.

The report of the Investment Committee was made by Karl G. Stillman. It was accepted and ordered recorded.

Voted that the action of the Investment Committee in relinquishing the rights of the board in sections 6 and 8 of the will of Mrs. Mary Noyes Rogers be endorsed.

Voted that if satisfactory arrangements can be made for the support of Kay Bee at Garwin and Welton, the board help by allocating not more than \$400 of the funds which were placed in the budget for the Northwestern Association.

Voted that the treasurer be authorized to determine what action should be taken to recover damages in China.

Voted that Dr. Grace I. Crandall be acting head of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission in China, and that she be given such powers of attorney as is customary, and that the power of attorney previously given Eugene Davis be revoked.

Voted that when a missionary pastor fails to make proper reports, his regular salary be withheld until the report is received.

Voted that the question of the Conference program be referred to the president.

Voted that the treasurer be instructed to accept a refund of taxes on the Potter and Stanton estates from the State of Rhode Island, in consideration of the settlement of any claims the society might have against the state for other taxes wrongfully collected in the past.

Voted that the tribute to the life of Miss Susie M. Burdick for the RECORDER, contributed by the corresponding secretary, constitute the action of this board.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. W. L. Burdick closed the meeting with prayer.

GEORGE B. UTTER,
Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT February 1, 1938, to February 28, 1938

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer,
In account with the
Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society
GENERAL FUND
Dr.

Cash on hand February 1, 1938	.....\$3,659.58
Toward China field—anonymous	..... 41.67
Amanda M. Burdick Scholarship	..... 51.49
to be sent to China	..... 20.00
Miriam Shaw for Dr. Crandall	..... 538.41
Permanent Fund income	..... 520.00
Denominational Budget receipts—February share	..... 4.00
Berea, W. Va., Church	..... 5.00
Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Thorngate	..... 1.70
Dodge Center, Minn., Sabbath school	..... 10.00
Friends	..... 12.50
Milton	..... 6.00
Seventh Day Baptist C. E. Union of New England	..... 10.00
Friend—for Ministerial Retirement Fund 250.00
Debt Fund savings account
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	\$5,130.35

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Interest\$ 93.74
Ellis R. Lewis, salary 22.92
Verney A. Wilson, salary 33.33
W. L. Davis, salary 22.92
Robert W. Wing, salary	..... 41.67
Kay Bee, salary	..... 12.50
Clifford A. Beebe, salary	..... 16.67
Charles W. Thorngate, salary	..... 25.00
Marion C. Van Horn, salary	..... 5.56
A. L. Davis, work in Syracuse	..... 10.00
Ralph H. Coon (general missionaries)	..... 22.92
Transfer to D. F. savings account:	
1% interest saved on notes\$ 20.84
February share Denom. Budget 71.23
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	92.07
Treasurer's expense 20.00
G. D. Hargis—February salary\$ 93.75
Rent 20.83
Child allowance 25.00
Native workers 39.58
Travel expenses 28.87
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	208.03

G. D. Hargis, Seventh Day Baptist C. E. Union of New England for native workers 6.00
W. L. Burdick—February salary\$112.50
Rent 25.00
Clerk 33.33
Office supplies 11.65
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	182.48

China payments for February as follows:
H. E. Davis, salary and child allowance \$112.50
Principal Boys' School 33.33
Boys' School 16.67

Incidentals	25.00	
Grace I. Crandall	41.67	229.17
Susie M. Burdick	30.00	
Rosa W. Palmborg	30.00	
Anna M. West	41.67	
Anna M. West (travel expense)	32.60	
H. E. Davis—proceeds A. M. Burdick Scholarship Fund 1937		51.49
H. E. Davis—taxes on school	\$381.26	
Mrs. H. E. Davis—travel from Manila to Shanghai	90.81	
Balance not covered by previous draft	4.50	476.57
Recorder Press for Missionary Society share for printing 1937 Year Book	68.55	
Alva L. Davis—balance expenses Preaching Mission in W. Va.	4.00	
Anonymous gift toward Ministerial Retirement Fund transferred to savings account ...	10.00	
Grace I. Crandall-Miriam Shaw gift	20.00	
L. R. Conradi—work in Germany	41.67	
Ellis R. Lewis, travel expense and field work, Southwestern Association	73.06	
Washington Trust Co. payment account loan ...	750.00	
Cash on hand March 1, 1938	2,455.76	
	<u>\$5,130.35</u>	

FRAGRANCE AND BEAUTY

The fragrance of Mary Magdalene's gift has come down through the ages. The contents of the beautiful vase was poured out as an offering of love to her Master. The fragrance of the anointing was the greater because of the generosity with which she poured out the costly gift. Nothing was too precious for the Master.

Another such gift has been made—a beautiful life poured out in loving service to her Master and his own. Miss Susie Burdick's gift like Mary Magdalene's was a generous one and like hers will be told and retold.

First of all she poured out her life for her Chinese girls. She gave of her time, her strength, and most of all her love. She looked after their physical, mental, and spiritual needs. No service was too menial for her. Whenever the "old girls" are gathered together, stories are told of how she looked after their clothing, doctored their ills (from itch to typhoid), patiently disciplined them, and trained them for life. She never gave up those who went astray and always prayed for their return to God's fold, and great was her joy when the return was made.

No appeal for help was neglected if she could possibly meet it. It was her joy to give to others. In these last three years when she was not able to climb the steep Chinese stairs in their homes, she grieved that she could not visit those who were ill.

Miss Burdick was hospitable. Friends and strangers all found a welcome from her. She

delighted in entertaining missionaries passing through the city. Her thought was always of others and her one desire seemed to be to give herself freely to them.

As one who for more than twenty-five years has been intimately associated with her, and who has received an extra measure of that fragrance of love, I would express grateful appreciation of that life of loving service poured out for others. ANNA M. WEST.

WOMAN'S WORK WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR MAY, 1938

BY MRS. T. J. VAN HORN

And they found the stone rolled away.

Special music.

Scripture: Mark 16: 1-4.

"Make it as sure as you can," consented Pilate. So the chief priests and the Pharisees "made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch." Matthew 27: 65, 66.

The sorrowing women, bearing their sweet spices, came to the tomb at the early dawn. "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?" they asked. Mark 16: 3.

"And behold there had been a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it." Matthew 28: 2.

"And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre." Luke 24: 2.

What a night that had been as the hours went by!

Roman soldiers standing guard before the sealed tomb of a dead man.

Disciples, questioning, grief-stricken, fearful, hopeless, huddled in an upper room.

Sad women, dropping slow tears on the sweet spices they were preparing.

A stirring in the locked tomb.

An angel, ready to roll the stone away, to make a path for his triumphant feet.

A risen Lord, with heavenly glory in his countenance, stepping out of the shadows to face the dawn of a new day.

O women, longing to bring your love-offerings to him—but what of the "great stone" in the way? When the "obstacles" that you feared loomed so great in the shadows, have not you, too, "found the stone rolled away" by an angel's hand?

Prayer.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD

The Woman's Board met Sunday, April 10, 1938, at the home of Mrs. Okey W. Davis, Salem, W. Va. The president, Mrs. Loofboro, presided and the following members were present: Mrs. C. H. Siedhoff, Mrs. G. H. Trainer, Mrs. James L. Skaggs, Miss Lotta Bond, Mrs. O. B. Bond, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Mrs. Edward Davis, Mrs. Okey W. Davis, and Mrs. Oris O. Stutler.

Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Loofboro. She read 2 Corinthians 4: 5-10; 16-18 in memory of Miss Susie M. Burdick. Mrs. Trainer and Mrs. Skaggs offered prayer for the continuance of the work in which Miss Burdick was so deeply interested.

The minutes of the February meeting were read.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$21.68. Correspondence was read from Mrs. Lois Hamilton, Westerly, R. I.; Rev. H. Eugene Davis, Shanghai, China; and Miss Florence G. Tylor, concerning the plan of organization for May luncheons among church women.

Voted that the chair appoint a committee to plan for the woman's program of the General Conference.

The minutes were read and accepted. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. G. H. Trainer the second Sunday in May.

Mrs. E. F. Loofboro,
President,

Mrs. Oris O. Stutler,
Recording Secretary.

A TRIBUTE FROM THE WOMAN'S BOARD

Miss Susie Burdick has passed on. Her activities here are finished; but the influence of her life goes on and on.

The Woman's Board with others rejoice that such a life has been lived among us.

It has been said of Miss Burdick by one who knew her well, "For fifty years the flaming light of her faith and zeal blazed in China. Christian education, the exaltation of womanhood, and the spread of the gospel

of Christ never have had loftier championship."

The Woman's Board would express appreciation of the spirit and purpose which in her dependence upon God made her his great follower—of the sinking of self in Christ which made her life so beautiful in her chosen field of missionary effort.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NO. I

BY CORLISS F. RANDOLPH

Pursuant to the suggestion of the president of the General Conference, found in the SABBATH RECORDER for April 18, the president of the Historical Society begins, herewith, a series of brief articles concerning that society—its library, its museum, its aims and purposes, and its current activities.

While, for well toward fifty years, the president of the society has been collecting books, papers, and other objects of interest which have finally found their way into its library and museum, the society was not formally organized and incorporated until a little more than twenty years ago, in 1916 to be exact. Its first considerable acquisition was the very valuable collection of books, papers, and other objects of interest which the late Dr. Julius F. Sachse had gathered together in his research for his exhaustive work of four large volumes pertaining to the community of Ephrata Cloister, at Ephrata, Pa. This community consisted of German Seventh Day Baptists pledged to monastic lives. Among their numerous activities was the manufacture of books which are now among the most eagerly sought after of early American imprints, some of which command prices as high as \$250 or \$300, or more, each.

Among these books are several of the famous music books—containing six and eight part music, and beautifully decorated, all by hand, each by its respective owner. No two of these books were made alike. They are notable and unique.

Besides the books and papers, the Sachse collection includes many articles of household use, kitchen utensils, articles of dress, etc. Among these are two lamps, one of which Sachse said was used by Peter Miller when translating the Declaration of Independence into the principal continental languages of Europe, for our own Continental Congress.

In a very true sense, Peter Miller was the first Secretary of State of this country.

The library now, besides the Sachse collection of fewer than a hundred volumes, has grown to some thousands of titles, of which Alfred University, alone, has already contributed a thousand, and has promised more.

Various features of the library and museum will be discussed in subsequent articles.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Responses to the question proposed last fall from these pages, "What is Sabbath keeping?" have not been at all numerous. It is such a question as ought to affect vitally all Seventh Day Baptist young people, for in it are involved the reasons why we are Seventh Day Baptists, why we are Sabbath keepers at all.

Earline Main, of the Shiloh, N. J., Church, gave a talk on "Keeping the Sabbath" for Christian Endeavor Day held in her church on February 5, last. It is worthy of your consideration as being the honest opinion of a young woman as to what she ought to do with the time that is hers on Sabbath. She feels that the day ought somehow to be different; and she proceeds to explain why. Her pastor was kind enough to send the paper to the SABBATH RECORDER. How do you think the Sabbath ought to be kept? How do you define Sabbath keeping?

KEEPING THE SABBATH

BY EARLINE MAIN

Based on Acts 17: 1, 2.

"Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." Did you ever stop to analyze that? It is a definite command to do something. Do what? Remember. Remember what? Remember the Sabbath day. That is not a man made law that is susceptible of change by his will, but a law given to us by our Maker, our Father, our Redeemer, God. In Malachi we read that God does not change; the law must be the same today as the day God gave it. Nowhere in the Bible can we find where it says to observe the day on which Christ arose from his grave. As Seventh Day Baptist Christians we believe Christ arose late on the Sabbath, not early Sunday morning; but even if he did rise on Sunday there is still no reason for observing that day, because we

are told to remember the Sabbath day, not the day Christ arose. The theory, then, that some people hold that we should remember Sunday because he arose that day must be groundless. Christ, our Savior, worshiped on the Sabbath day, for we read that as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. If we are to be his followers, must we not also worship on the Sabbath?

Let us consider how we may best worship him, or remember the Sabbath to keep it holy.

How better can we enter into communion with God than to sing hymns, study the Bible, and pray together in God's house, the church? If we attend church, not in a critical mood, but in the right spirit, we will gain something we cannot get by staying at home.

We can visit those who cannot meet with others and take the great message to them.

If one must read detective stories, murder stories, there are six other days in the week. We can choose our Sabbath day reading from a higher type of literature. I do not believe it has to be necessarily of a religious nature, but do let it be something worth while, not merely amusing.

There are six days to study and play popular, modern music. I believe that is all right in its place, but it cannot lend a worshipful attitude toward the Sabbath.

Sabbath day offers a wonderful opportunity for unselfishness. On that day as on no other, we can forget some of our duties and cares, thus leaving more time to think of others and do for them.

Sabbath day offers a time for our own private or family study of the Bible and prayer. More than anything else we need just that. Have you ever prayed sincerely and found relief and help in it? I have. I'm sure you have. Why not pray more often? Family worship on the Sabbath, conducted in the right spirit, could and would bring and hold families closer together.

As a last thought, the Sabbath is the last day of the week. What a fine time to re-dedicate ourselves to Christ and his work, and ask for guidance to help us through another week, to live a more Christian life.

Yes, Sabbath day can be a blessing, it can help us. The Sabbath can render this service because it is an institution of divine appointment and has a sacred character.

"And God blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it."

Y. P. S. C. E. PLEDGE

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise him that I will strive to do whatever he would like to have me do; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and to read the Bible every day, and to support my own church in every way, especially attending all her regular Sabbath and mid-week services, unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Savior; and that just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life.

As an active member, I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at, and to take some part, aside from singing, in every Christian Endeavor prayer meeting.

TRACT BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in regular session in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, April 10, 1938, at 2 p.m., with President Corliss F. Randolph presiding and the following members present: Corliss F. Randolph, Lavern C. Bassett, Courtland V. Davis, Frederik J. Bakker, Asa F. Randolph, Esle F. Randolph, Irving A. Hunting, Franklin A. Langworthy, George R. Crandall, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Everett C. Hunting, Hurley S. Warren, J. Leland Skaggs, Trevah R. Sutton, and Business Manager L. Harrison North.

The board was led in prayer by Rev. Hurley S. Warren.

The report of Corresponding Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn was read and accepted as follows:

This report is written from Chicago, April 7, 1938, after a two weeks' absence from the office in the service approved by the board. As I am out of touch with the early month's records of activity, this report is not as complete as I would wish.

A week-end was spent at Jackson Center, Ohio, where I preached five times, once in the local Methodist Episcopal church to a large audience, some of our own folks being present. The messages were of gospel nature with exception of one when the interest relating to the Seventh Day Baptist Building Budget was presented to a deeply interested and responsive group, cash in amount of \$22, and a one dollar pledge being received. Sick and "shut-in" calls were made as the church has been without pastoral help and encouragement since last June. Urgent invitation was extended for my spending another Sabbath at Jackson Center on my way home from the western field.

Since March 28 I have been laboring in Chicago, a church for years without a regular pastor, the interests being carried on the hearts and hands

of a few loyal, faithful members. These members still have faith and vision in a Chicago Church functioning for Christ and Seventh Day Baptists. Religious services through the week, so desirable, seemed impracticable. The work, therefore, has been done through personal visitation and special correspondence. To date thirty calls have been made and the majority of them completed, that is, people found upon whom the call was made.

In making these, assistance was most helpfully rendered on two occasions by Dr. Allison Burdick and Mrs. A. S. Burdick, who took me by auto where I needed to go. All the rest has been by surface train or "elevated" and on foot. Distances are great and scatteration almost perfect. Miss Ethel Butterfield, church clerk, has rendered invaluable assistance by complete lists of names and quite accurate addresses together with helpful information concerning people and routes. Twice, mimeographed letters of pastoral nature have been mailed to eighty people, members and friends. Twice, follow-up postals have been sent to a carefully selected list of fifty people for whom church attendance in the city is possible so far as distance is concerned. Mimeographed worship services have been prepared for Sabbath sessions. Some correspondence and a little editorial work has been done from the field.

Early in the month I visited some Sabbath keepers at Point Pleasant, N. J., four of whom later attended services at our Plainfield church. These people maintain Bible or Sabbath school class study each Sabbath.

I attended the special meeting of the Missionary Board at Westerly, R. I., March 20. April 6, I had an encouraging conference with our wonderful treasurer, Ethel T. Stillman, who is going strong and enthusiastically.

It was reported that because of the default of one of the delegates to the Utrecht Council the alternate delegate, Leader in Sabbath Promotion Ahva J. C. Bond, was expected to attend.

It was voted that the treasurer be authorized to use remaining balances in the budget accounts for expenses of the leader in Sabbath Promotion and for young people's conferences and summer camps, in defraying in part the expenses of Dean Bond to Utrecht.

Mrs. Ethel T. Stillman, treasurer, presented her quarterly report as follows:

Ethel T. Stillman, Treasurer,
In account with the
American Sabbath Tract Society
For the quarter ending March 31, 1938

Dr.	
To balance on hand January 31, 1938:	
General Fund	\$ 240.15
Denominational Building Fund	8.69
Reserved for Historical Society rooms	117.89
Maintenance Fund	268.51
Reserved for tax, printing shop	150.00
	\$ 785.24

To cash received since as follows:

GENERAL FUND	
Contributions - individuals	\$ 27.66
Denominational Budget	506.00
Income from invested funds -	
Tract Society	261.99
S. D. B. Memorial Fund	1,367.61
Receipts from "Sabbath Recorder"	840.66
Receipts from "Helping Hand"	340.14
General printing and distribution of literature	30.09
Payment account Lombardi taxes	15.00
Interest, Everett Pearce Trust Fund	3.37
Interest, Dora B. Egbert Trust Fund	3.42
Real estate - rent	250.00
Transferred from Everett Pearce Trust Fund for withdrawal	50.00
Transferred from Egbert Trust Fund for withdrawal	55.00
Special contributions:	
From Denominational Budget for S. D. B. Building Budget	6.00
For D. B. tax	1.00
	<u>3,757.94</u>

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING FUND	
Contributions	25.00

MAINTENANCE FUND	
Rent from publishing house	225.00

PERMANENT FUND	
Mary E. Bowler bequest - additional	\$ 78.58
Sarah A. B. Gillings gift	50.00
Payment account proportionate share in second mortgage, Westerly property ..	171.83
	<u>300.41</u>
	<u>\$5,093.59</u>

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By cash paid out as follows:

GENERAL FUND	
Sabbath Promotion work - salary and expenses	\$ 51.40
Expenses publishing "Sabbath Recorder"	\$1,622.36
Expenses publishing "Helping Hand" ..	341.40
	<u>1,963.76</u>
General printing and distribution of literature ..	178.46
Corresponding secretary - salary and expenses	\$ 441.55
Treasurer's expenses	57.00
Income payments account Annuity Gifts	313.75
Honorarium, Editor Emeritus	131.63
Account "Recorder" subscription, John C. L. Kenyon	1.30
Plainfield Trust Co.:	
Payment account loan to General Fund	168.75
Interest on renewal note	2.15
Payment on loan for D. B. taxes	500.00
Interest on renewal note	45.14
Account foreclosure costs, property 207 W. 6th St.	50.00
Real estate:	
Taxes	124.50
Installment account sewer assessment ..	93.96
Repairs, etc.	40.03
Everett Pearce, withdrawal from Trust Fund	50.00
Dora B. Egbert, withdrawal from Trust Fund	55.00
S. D. B. Building Budget - contribution ..	6.00
	<u>2,080.76</u>
	<u>\$4,274.38</u>

MAINTENANCE FUND	
Janitor	\$ 33.00
Removal of ashes	7.08
Coal	168.75
J. H. Coon, treasurer - income	
D. B. Endowment	56.18
	<u>265.01</u>
	<u>\$4,539.39</u>

By balance on hand:

Denominational Building Fund	\$ 33.69
Reserved for Historical Society rooms ..	117.89
Maintenance Fund	153.50

Reserved for tax, printing shop	225.00
Permanent Fund	300.41
	<u>\$ 830.49</u>
General Fund - overdraft	276.29
	<u>554.20</u>
	<u>\$5,093.59</u>

Total indebtedness, General Fund

Examined, compared with books and vouchers and found correct.

J. W. HIEBELER,
Auditor.Plainfield, N. J.,
April 10, 1938.

The report was adopted.

A communication from Mrs. Stillman concerning her investigation of the Minneapolis lot owned jointly by the Missionary and Tract societies was read to the board.

It was voted that the matter of disposition of the Tract Society's share of the Minneapolis lot be left to the treasurer with power, and that the proper officers of the society be authorized to execute the necessary papers for such disposition.

President Randolph also presented and the secretary read the following items from Mrs. Stillman's correspondence concerning the appeal for the Seventh Day Baptist Building Budget.

"As for the campaign fund, I believe we are over our first thousand easily."

She confidently believes the campaign will be a success.

She says: "People were surprisingly in favor of keeping the building. In all conferences and forums wherever that crept into the discussion, most people feel that it would be disastrous to lose it.

"In Madison (Wis.), I attended an Episcopal evening service; and one stanza of a hymn they sang impressed me. It was as follows:

Work as if on thee depend
All the issues of the day.
Pray that help may be sent down.
Watch and pray.

"That seemed to me to be a pretty good combination of faith and works, and brought to mind that quotation:

Work as if everything depended on you; then
Pray as if everything depended on the Lord.

"That is my message to the board on this quarterly meeting day."

The Committee on Distribution of Literature presented the following report through its secretary, Frederik J. Bakker:

CHILDREN'S PAGE

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. I help mother and I make cakes for our school lunches.

We have a snow white puppy and we named him Snow.

We had a storm March 28. It blew Mr. S. J. Davies' house top off and blew his chicken house away. He had forty-four baby chicks and he only found three, and it blew the top off of his barn.

It rained today. I couldn't go to school so I started embroidering a scarf for mother.

My baby brother will be one year old the sixteenth of this month and I will be glad to see him walking. Maybe you would like to know that I have four brothers younger than I am.

Your loving friend,

Fouke, Ark.,
April 6, 1938.

Collette Monroe.

Dear Collette:

I am very glad to hear that you are a mother's helper, for that's the very best way to start a useful, happy womanhood.

Do you like cake making? Eleanor always did and she still takes pride in her cake making and other baking in her own home. I miss her good cakes, too. Early practice is the best way to make a good cook.

We have no dog and I don't believe our cat would appreciate the presence of one, for the numerous dogs in the neighborhood are quite a trial to his cat nerves. He does not like even a beautiful little white dog on the next street.

You will surely enjoy seeing your baby brother walking, but I can tell you from experience with a small granddaughter that he'll get into more mischief. You are to be congratulated on so many nice little brothers, but I imagine they keep both you and mother pretty busy.

Lovingly your friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am going to write you a few lines. My mama read me my cousin Necia Brannon's letter in the SABBATH RECORDER and I was glad to know that she had written you a letter.

I am having lots of fun on my roller skates.

Six members of the committee met this morning at the usual time and place to consider current matters of interest to this committee.

Courtland V. Davis read a blank form of request to be given to the members of the Tract Board (other than those who compose this committee) to sign to receive tracts monthly to be distributed to someone outside of the denomination and each member so doing be billed at the end of each Conference year for the cost thereof. This suggestion was approved by the committee. Respectfully reported on behalf of the committee.

The report was adopted.

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

The Supervisory Committee met at 12.30 in the office of the publishing house and transacted the business necessary to that committee's duties. A satisfactory amount of business appears to be in sight for the next three months, based on orders in hand and tentatively promised.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Young People's Conferences and Summer Camps reported that conditions were such that there seemed to be little that this committee could do in promotion of summer camps in 1938.

For the Committee on Seventh Day Baptist Building Budget its secretary, Hurley S. Warren, and others presented items concerning the work of the committee's agents.

Business Manager L. Harrison North reported that a first edition of five thousand copies of the *Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists*, paid for by the General Conference, was practically exhausted.

It was voted that an additional edition of five thousand copies of the *Statement of Belief* be printed when funds are available for that purpose.

The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Adjournment at 3 p.m.

CORLISS F. RANDOLPH,
President,
COURTLAND V. DAVIS,
Corresponding Secretary.

A poor woman once told Rowland Hill that the way to heaven was short, easy, and simple, comprising only three steps—out of self, into Christ, and into glory. We have a shorter way now—out of self and into Christ. That is heaven begun below—a little of what waits us over there.

D. L. Moody.

I have two little sisters: Joyce, who will be three years old May 31, and Doris Marie, who is seventeen months old. She walks now and is very cute; does so many cute little things.

I am seven years old and in the first grade. I like school very well. I also like to take my sisters for a ride in my red wagon.

I guess this is all.

Irvin Ellis Cruzan.

White Cloud, Mich.

Dear Irvin:

It just popped into my mind that we are all playing the game of "Follow your leader." One boy or girl writes a letter for the RECORDER; another boy or girl sees the letter and says, "My cousin (or my friend) has written a letter, so I think I'll write one, too." You cannot doubt that I am in the game for I have to follow a good many leaders.

It's funny, isn't it? You are a boy and have all sisters, while Collette is a girl and has all brothers. Both are nice, aren't they? I had just one of each. I think it is very kind of you to take your little sisters for a ride in your red wagon and I'm sure you enjoy it as well as they do. It is a very happy feeling to make others happy, you'll always find.

I hope you'll write often.

Your loving friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have been reading your Children's Page and I see that it is very scant in letters. I am twelve years old and in the seventh grade. I enjoy reading your letters very much.

I have one brother and two sisters. My brother is in eighth grade and his name is Robert. My youngest sister is in first grade and her name is Janice. Lois is my other sister and she is in third grade. We live on a farm and we have a lot of farm animals.

My brother, two sisters, and I have a collie dog for a pet. We call him Spot.

Wednesday morning, April 6, 1938, I woke up and found a lot of snow on the ground.

I guess that is all I've got to say.

Yours truly,

Betty Babcock.

(Member of S.D.B. Church, Albion, Wis.)

R.D. 2,
Edgerton, Wis.

Dear Betty:

I was so glad to receive your good letter, but I'll have to wait until next week to answer it so as not to crowd into other RECORDER pages.

Lovingly yours,

Mizpah S. Greene.

OUR PULPIT

THE TOUCH OF FAITH

Scripture—Mark 5: 27-39.

The Word of God tells us that this woman who had an issue of blood for twelve long years, through her suffering had sought healing from many physicians but steadily grew worse. And the Bible tells us that she suffered much from the hands of the physicians. The physicians relieved her of only one thing, her money; the Word tells us that she spent all of her living on the physicians. This woman heard of Jesus, how he was having compassion upon the sick, and she decided to take the way of faith.

When she decided to take the way of faith, she took the way to victory. I can see this woman on her way to our Lord. But I cannot conceive of her saying, "I believe that I will go down where Jesus is and take a few treatments for my body." We are hearing of people today who call themselves divine healers and who give treatments. They will tell you to be at their place on certain days and they will give you treatments. Treatments belong to science and to physicians, but not to God. God never gives treatments; neither can I conceive of this woman on her way to Jesus saying, "I believe I will try divine healing. I have tried about everything else, and so I think that I will try divine healing and see if it will do me any good." If you are coming to Jesus just to try to see if he will heal you, you are on the wrong track to receive anything from God, as faith is the only source through which our Lord works.

If this had been so with this woman with this issue of blood, she could not even hope to be healed. She would have been coming to Jesus as a matter of speculation. But thank the dear Lord for the example of faith displayed by this woman who was so sorely afflicted! She said, "If I can only touch his clothes, I shall be whole."

The Word of God tells that the multitude was jostling against our Lord, but when the woman touched his clothes Jesus turned and said, "Who touched me?" Peter could not understand why Jesus would ask who had touched him when the multitude was jostling against him, but Jesus explained to Peter that he felt healing virtue had gone out of his body. This woman must get close to the Lord before she could touch his clothes. So many people are following Jesus so far off that they are not near enough to touch his clothes. Jesus is saying to this person, "If you will draw near to me, I will draw nigh to thee."

I wish to call your attention to the fact that this woman's touch was a voluntary touch, because she felt her need and had a burden for this need. Unless we are concerned about our healing, until we desire that more than anything else, we are likely to come to the Lord with a passive faith, with a feeling that if the Lord wants to heal us we are willing. Perfectly willing for the other fellow to have all the burden and excuse of all the faith. But God will pass this attitude by unnoticed, and you do not need to expect your healing.

Again, if this woman had come to Jesus and said, "I believe Jesus has healed me," and at the same time wonder whether the disease would return again, or if a little later conditions did not look quite so favorable, she would have wondered if she were really healed or not, she would not have been healed. James says (James 1: 6), "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like the waves of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord."

But, thank the Lord, this woman came to the Lord with the only attitude that will cause the healing virtue to flow from the body of our Lord—the way of faith. A complete faith will bring complete healing. The Word of God tells us that Jesus is the author and finisher of faith. But Jesus as he turned to this woman who had touched his clothes did not say, "All my power in heaven and earth has healed thee." Neither did he say "The faith that I am author and finisher of has healed thee." No he said to the woman, "Thy faith has healed thee"—the faith of the woman.

The woman touched the hem of the Lord's garment while Jesus was here on earth in the flesh. Now our Lord is sitting at the

right hand of God as a faithful high priest. And so we have a new touch now—the touch of faith—faith in the Word of our Lord, which is just as effectual as if the Lord were here in person. As the Lord sent encouragement to this woman when he said, "Daughter, thy faith has made thee whole; go in peace, and be made whole of thy plague," so our Lord sends encouragement to his children today and is saying, "If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it."—By O. L. Yerty in the *Gospel Trumpet*.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

BEREA, W. VA.

The winter time never sees much progress in the Ritchie Church, and this winter has been no exception. All of our regular services have been kept up, although with lessened attendance and interest. A spirit of discouragement, due to the loss of so many of our most active workers, seems to be settling down upon us, and this is good neither for the church, nor for the cause we represent. God is not dead, and the work that he has for this church is not done. Let every member of this church, especially those who have not been active, take this message as a challenge to get wholeheartedly under the load, for "the victory may depend on you." "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light!"

Sabbath, April 16, is our spring quarterly meeting. An all-day session is planned, with dinner in the basement. Doctor Hancock has promised to bring out the quartet of young folks from Salem to help us.

Miss Ada Keith has promised to be with us again to supervise our Bible school, beginning July 5. This will be her fifth year as supervisor, and the twelfth year of the school. Let's begin to plan early to have a full enrollment.

At the Sabbath school election March 26, R. M. Brissey was chosen superintendent, L. F. Jett assistant, Mary Genieve Sutton secretary, and Mrs. Bertha Sutton primary superintendent. — *From Ritchie Church News-Letter*.

WATERFORD, CONN.

The Lenten Preaching Mission at the Seventh Day Baptist church in Waterford proved quickening to the spiritual life of the members as well as profitable to the life of the church. Strong messages were presented to the mind and heart by a former pastor, Rev. Everett T.

Harris, and all were glad for the opportunity to deepen the friendships of former years.

A valuable contribution to the mission was the sacred music offered three different nights by the choirs of sister churches: the Baptist Church at Jordan (Waterford), the Pawcatuck Church, and the Ashaway Church; the home church choir sang on the closing night. Pastor Crandall accompanied his choir from Westery, and took part in the service.

At the close of the final sermon Pastor Rogers invited any who might wish to unite with the church to speak with him; and the whole congregation moved toward the front one pew, symbolizing their forward step in Christian experience. A social hour followed in the fellowship room, and after refreshments "Pastor" Harris was presented with a gift in appreciation of his labors.

The mission had been prepared for by prayer and planning, and by the visit and message of Rev. William L. Burdick, missionary secretary, on the Sabbath before it began. Coming at the season when our thoughts are turned toward Calvary, its impression should be lasting.

CORRESPONDENT.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.

The annual meeting of the Sabbath school with reports and election of officers was held Sunday evening, March 27. Mrs. L. H. North was re-elected superintendent for the coming year.

The one-hundredth annual meeting of the church was held Sunday, April 3. The business meeting began at four o'clock, with Donald E. Lewis as moderator. Supper was served at six o'clock (cafeteria style) to about seventy people. This was followed by more business and church reports, which showed a large amount of activity in the different organizations. A question box was one of the features, which brought up several points for discussion. As usual, the letters from absent members were much enjoyed.

We were glad to have in our pulpit April 9, President Jay W. Crofoot of Milton College. He spoke briefly in the interests of the college, then brought the message, "Our Father," with the text taken from Matthew 6: 9. President J. Nelson Norwood of Alfred University, who was present, pronounced the benediction.

Our church people were also gladdened by having with us at the Sabbath morning serv-

ices of April 9 and 16 several other people from Alfred—some of them former members of the Plainfield Church. Most of them were called here by the occasion of the Alfred Alumni dinner held in New York City on the evening of April 9.

Our Easter services were very impressive and a real treat. They began with the Friday night meeting, which consisted of the singing of Easter hymns; Easter meditation, "The Christ Triumphant," by the pastor; and an instrumental trio by Elizabeth Bond Percy, Mary Bond Lewis, and Violet Truell Evans. At the Sabbath morning service all the music had an Easter theme. The choir, augmented by several extra voices, rendered most effectively the cantata, "The Risen King," by Schneckner. Pastor Warren gave a short Easter message on "The Resurrection and the Life." The flower committee had a very attractive arrangement of Easter lilies and other spring flowers, and we had a good congregation to enjoy the service—many visitors besides our own people. The Sabbath school that followed also had a special Easter service, music by choir members, and the children added their bit by a musical number.

We are glad to have Mrs. Wm. M. Stillman with us again for a few days. The all-day meeting of the Women's Society of the church is to be at her home Wednesday, April 20. She will be leaving again this week on her mission of visiting the churches in the interests of the Seventh Day Baptist Building Budget.

Secretary and Editor Van Horn is still in the Middle West in the interests of the Tract Society and the Building Budget.

CORRESPONDENT.

NOTICE OF WESTERN ASSOCIATION

The Western Association will meet with the Second Alfred Church, June 24-26, 1938, with a program centering about the theme, "Living Truths for Today."

WALTER L. GREENE,
Secretary, pro tem.

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PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Father of Life, fold in the everlasting arms of thy love the torch-bearers of life—the mothers of the race. As they struggle up the steeps of motherhood, through its travail of mind, body, and soul, give them a clearer vision and a guiding wisdom. Grant them the compensation of a love returned and understood, and the ultimate satisfaction of knowing that they have lifted those entrusted to their care up into helpful harmony with thy kingdom. Bestow an especial tenderness on those who, having borne no children, nevertheless exert the sweet ministries of motherhood over their home circle. Comfort all lonely, unmothered hearts. Grant the ever-steadying power of thy support through the daily discouragements, the clash and readjustments of ideals, and the anguish of bereavement that comes into all mothers' lives. Increase, we pray, their cheerful steadiness, their unselfish strength; and, at the close of their day, may they enter into rest with faith undimmed, and unafraid. We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Selected.

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