

the Woman's Board for the last ten years. These were very entertaining and profitable.

The sermon, the vocal solo, and chalk talk given by Wayne Rood, a theological student in Alfred, N. Y., and nephew of Mrs. Charles Thorngate, were enjoyed by all who were privileged to be present at the services last Sabbath morning.

In spite of the cold, rainy weather and muddy roads, there was a good attendance at the baptismal services at the river four miles west of the town near the Oakland bridge. There were six candidates: Mrs. Delma Daggett, Bernice Bond, La Vonne Stebbins, Roy Langworthy, Ruth and Derwin Bird. The right hand of fellowship will be extended to all who wish it at the next Sabbath service for membership in the church.

We were glad to have the assistance of Miss Leona Bond in the choir Sabbath morning. Miss Leona was the guest of her parents and relatives from Friday afternoon until Tuesday, when she returned to her place of employment in the cities.

Miss Dorothea Payne was hostess to a C. E. social at her home Sunday evening in honor of Mr. Rood. The evening was very happily spent in playing games and other forms of amusement. Mr. Rood also favored the group with a vocal recital of a varied assortment of classical and other numbers, also Derwin Bird entertained in his usual manner on the piano. Ice cream and cake were served.

—Star-Record.

MARRIAGES

COALWELL-STEPHAN.—On August 11, 1938, at the home of the bride's parents in Nortonville, Kan., Mr. Gerald E. Coalwell of Milton, Wis., and Miss Austa Loreen Stephan of Nortonville, were united in marriage by Rev. J. F. Randolph of Milton Junction, Wis. The new home is at 325 College St., Milton, Wis.

OBITUARY

ANDREWS.—Darwin M. Andrews was born at Farina, Ill., October 3, 1869, and died at his home in Boulder, Colo., August 14, 1938.

He was married to Mary Wheeler, daughter of Rev. S. R. Wheeler, in September, 1893. He is survived by his wife; two children: Philip, who is engaged in oil geology work in Venezuela, and Mrs. Mildred Steel of Boulder; and seven grandchildren. Another daughter, Mrs. Hazel Cattell, died some years ago.

Mr. Andrews became a member of the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church a few months after

it was organized in 1893. He was later ordained as a deacon of that church and served many years as its treasurer and in many other official capacities.

In the absence of his pastor, Rev. Ralph H. Coon, Rev. Lucius F. Reed of the Congregational Church conducted the farewell service. R. H. C.

BASSETT.—Charles E. Bassett, son of Henry K. and Esther Austin Bassett, was born in Independence, N. Y., January 12, 1884, and died in Wellsville, N. Y., September 5, 1938.

He was twice married. His second marriage was to Miss Romaine Grant of St. Louis, Mo., September 2, 1927. She with a son, Charles E., Jr.; and his mother, Mrs. Esther Bassett; and a brother, Milford A. of Andover, N. Y., survive.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, he was a teacher and an efficiency engineer during his active career. When he was thirteen years of age, he became a member of the Independence Church, and among the last of his active services was the supervision of some remodeling at the parish house in Independence.

Farewell services were conducted by Pastor Walter L. Greene. Interment at Independence. W. L. G.

CARTWRIGHT.—Anne Anderson was born in Christiana, Norway, January 7, 1864.

At the age of six years she came to Bloomer, Wis. In 1890, she became the wife of Paul Herman Cartwright. To them were born five children, three of whom survive. They are Frank of Cleveland, Ohio; Major Leslie of the U. S. Army; and Mrs. Belle Hyman of Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Cartwright united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church at New Auburn in 1898, and continued her membership in that church until called home. About thirty years ago she removed to Milton, Wis. Her last sleep came to her at Waupaca, Wis. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery back of the church at New Auburn, on September 8, 1938. Funeral services were conducted by her former pastor, Rev. C. B. Loofbourrow. C. B. L.

COON.—George Wells Coon, youngest son of Lafayette Coon and Mary Wells Coon, was born July 27, 1854, at Ashaway, R. I., and died at his home in Milton Junction, Wis., September 3, 1938.

He was married to Adelle May Whitford May, 3, 1882. To them were born five children: Ross, Lillian, Wallace, Nina, and Carroll. Mrs. Coon died June 14, 1897.

On June 22, 1898, Mr. Coon married Grace Amelia Clarke. To them were born three children: Marion, Clarence, and Lawrence. Mr. Coon is survived by his wife and all his children but Nina. A Seventh Day Baptist throughout his life, Mr. Coon was a faithful member of the Milton Junction Church for thirty-two years till his death.

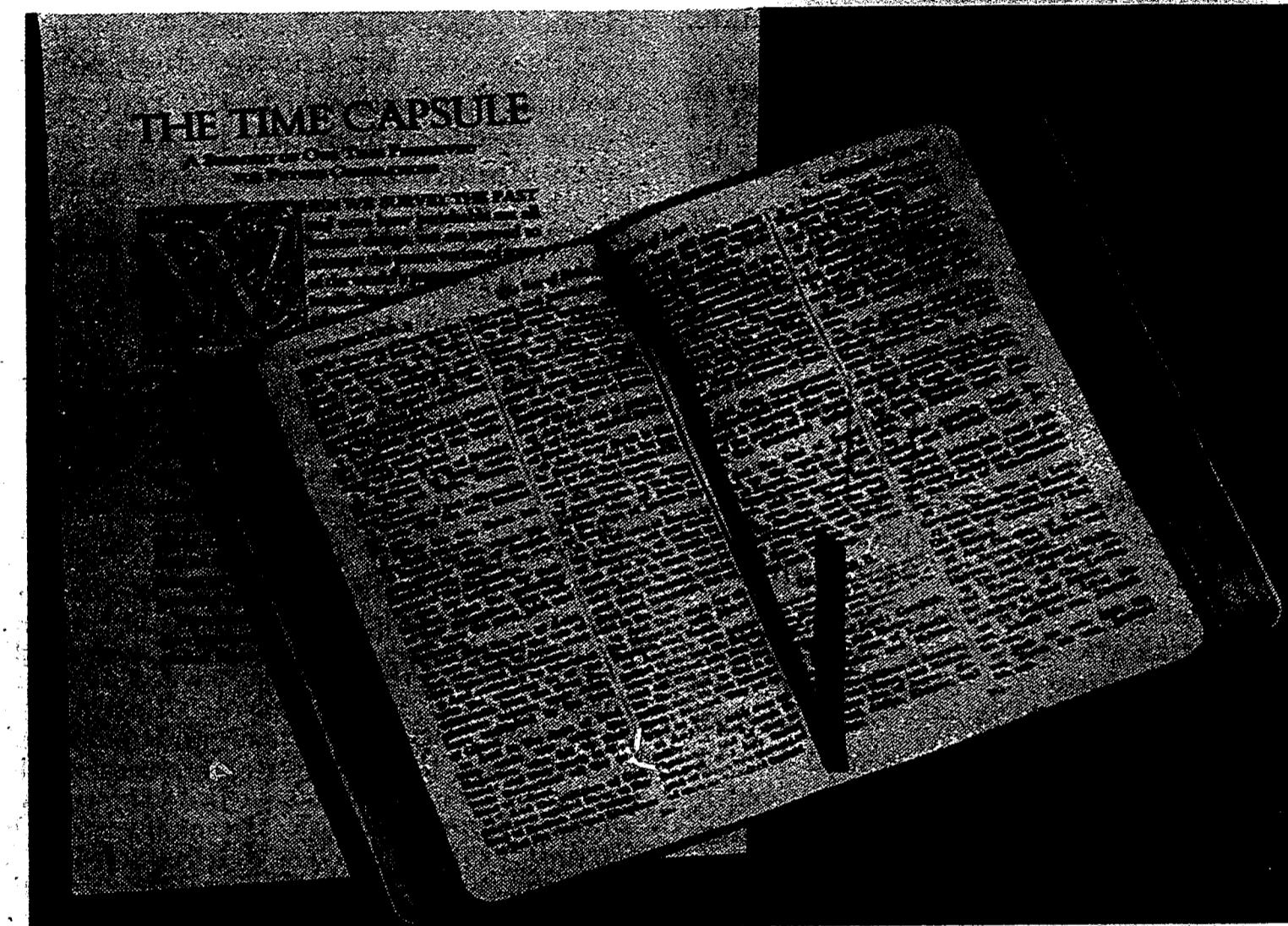
Farewell services were held in his home church, September 5, Pastor J. F. Randolph and Dr. Edwin Shaw officiating. Burial was in Milton Junction cemetery. J. F. R.

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God's Way or Ours—Which? We note with alarm and regret the tendency of the press and other thinking, reflected in many religious groups, to a drift back to feelings of suspicion and hostility. Prejudices are easily stirred and personal and nationalistic emotions are appealed to, looking to force, preparedness, and rattling of swords as the only way of achieving justice and righteousness and peace.

Force and war have ever failed to bring peace. We must not forget that these things are contrary to the program of the kingdom of God in the teachings and example of Jesus. There are some indications that such a fact is appreciated. Considerable is being said, even in the secular press, reflecting spiritual needs and higher values.

If the love and spirit and power of Christ are thrown into the discard, we are indeed hopeless. But there is hope—the one hope that out of the welter of hatreds, suspicions, and fears there may still come the guiding light of the Spirit before all humanity is engulfed in a savage violence that will threaten to obliterate all civilization. Any hope of mercy or consideration can no longer be expected in warfare, as revealed in Spain and China.

There must come, in the midst of this danger, a new voice, Christ's voice, that will

turn the feet of the millions from the brink of annihilation. Men who have always sought everything else, finding but ashes and futility, must now seek the healing touch of his Spirit—his way—which has always been within touch. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Rest assured, God is not mistaken in his plans. Whenever men and women turn to him, with wounded, broken, contrite hearts, he has the resources to meet their needs, and to heal their wounds. Nothing else offers any hope, for the latest things in armaments and methods of warfare have unveiled man, revealed him to be a savage beast—without God.

The world we know, which lies hidden just beyond the shadows, is the real world after all—the world which blind and selfish men grope after along other roads—and miss.

Have You Protested? A layman, Charles B. Driscoll, writes:

Filthy publications are now banned voluntarily by respectable New York news stands and stores. You will find no display of sex literature and crime-provoking stuff on such big and prosperous stands as the one in the basement of the Times Building—the largest news stand in the world.

There still remain, however, stands and stores that cater especially to the depraved tastes. Many of these fill their windows with "art" publications that have nothing whatever to do with art, but are printed solely to whet the appetite of the crowd that likes dirty pictures and reading matter.

Whenever the police sweep down on these joints there is a terrific howl from alleged champions of free press and personal liberty.

Some of the more prominent of these "libertarians" are going to find themselves out on shaky limbs one of these days. One of the periodic crime waves involving sex degenerates is going to be traced, through careful investigation and personal testimony, to the liberties taken with public morals by vendors of dirty literature.

We believe the time has come when parents, homes, churches should deliberately undertake to regulate the reading of their children and youth. Careful attempt should be made to clean up our news stands. If friendly and frequent protests to dealers are unavailing, then the law and other stringent measures should be taken. Civic clubs and welfare organizations of various kinds should be urged to co-operate. There must be things we can do to minimize if not at once and entirely eradicate the affront to decency and morality. Have you who read this ever protested? Have we done our best?

"Chronicle of Our Time" We call attention to the "cut" on our cover this week. "Within the inner crypt of the Time Capsule, designed by Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company engineers to withstand the vicissitudes of five thousand years, will go only two books—the Holy Bible and the Book of Record of the Time Capsule, a slight volume which will give the world of tomorrow the story of this venture into the future."

Attention recently was called to the burial of this capsule on the 1939 World's Fair grounds in New York City. The Time Capsule is an eight hundred pound, torpedo-shaped shell of "Cupaloy" filled with objects—social, scientific, industrial and every-day. It is buried fifty feet deep beneath the Westinghouse World's Fair building on the Flushing Meadows. Besides its carefully chosen collection of 1938's objects, it contains four reels of microfilm packed with more than ten million words, we are told, and a thousand illustrations, as well as three reels of newsreel depicting the activities of today. It is hoped that it will provide a bountiful source of information to the archaeologists of the future.

The Bible was not microfilmed, but was placed in the seven-foot pyrex inner glass crypt of the Cupaloy capsule in its natural physical form. For permanence and beauty, a morocco-bound edition on Oxford India paper complying with the requirements of the Bureau of Standards for permanence of paper was chosen.

A duplicate copy of the Bible, as well as the two volumes which were microfilmed, will be on display in the Westinghouse Building at the New York World's Fair, 1939, while the capsule itself will be visible to visitors through a special periscope where it rests fifty feet below ground, there to await the judgment of archaeologists and scholars of five thousand years hence.

"The Church In the Sky" Last May 23, the fifteenth anniversary of National Religious Radio was celebrated by a dinner in New York City. The participants in the celebration were the National Broadcasting Company, the city, county, and state Federation of Churches in the United States, and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

It was an event of inspiration so rich and meaningful that the stenographic addresses of the occasion have been printed in pamphlet

form by the Federal Council, under the title at the head of our paragraph, "The Church in the Sky."

Since the first religious broadcast, May 23, 1923, more than six thousand radio programs have gone over the air. More than seven million comments on those programs from every one of the forty-eight states have been received.

A score of people whose names are familiar to their radio friends were speakers, among whom were Ralph Sockman, Norman Vincent Peale, Dan Poling, Walter W. Van Kirk, Doctor Fosdick. In the opening address by toastmaster John W. Langdale, tribute was paid to the late Dr. S. Parkes Cadman as "the Nestor of religious broadcasting," as the company stood for a moment.

News Interests "Christianity must fight for its life against the social and political concepts which are now sweeping over human society and encroaching upon the sacred preserves of democracy in America," urged Dr. Julian S. Miller, editor of the Charlotte (N. C.) *Observer*, speaking before a Christian Workers Conference in that city, recently, as reported by Religious News Service. When democracy perishes Christianity will follow, he assured his hearers.

A revision committee with Dean Weigle of Yale, chairman, is at work on the revision of the American Standard Bible. It is calculated to take at least four years to complete the work. Another prominent member of the committee is Professor James Moffatt of Union Theological Seminary, whose new translation of the Bible was issued in 1923. We are assured by these translators that the revision will not be a "modernized version" in the accepted sense of the term. The simple style and diction of the King James Bible will be retained. Changes contemplated will be principally in individual words and phrases in the light of new developments during the past forty years in methods of translation. One noted change in the Old Testament will be that Lord will replace the name Jehovah as now used in the American Standard version.

Note this: Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk resumes his weekly broadcast, "Religion in the News," October first. "This program goes out over WEA and the Red Network every Saturday at 6.45 p.m. Eastern Standard time."

Doctor Van Kirk will endeavor to interpret the religious significance of the happenings of each week. He writes the editor of the SABBATH RECORDER: "I will be glad to receive from you such stories as you feel might be of interest to my radio public, and I will always give your paper credit for such material as comes to me from your desk." Send in such "stories," pastors and other Seventh Day Baptist workers.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling recently completed his second around-the-world trip on behalf of the Christian Endeavor movement. President of the World C. E. Union, he was present and presided at the sixth World's Christian Endeavor Union Convention, held at Melbourne, Australia, August 2 to 8. There were reported in attendance more than twenty thousand delegates from twenty-six countries. President Poling, who is also editor of *Christian Herald* and pastor of the Baptist Temple of Philadelphia, traveled by train — 8,150 miles; by air—7,500; and by ship, 17,950; or some 32,950 in all. The interest around the world among young people in Christian Endeavor is unflagging.

University Christian Mission Dr. Jesse M. Bader, national director University Christian Mission, announces plans being completed for that work with a list of state universities with the dates to be visited this fall. Others still will be worked before the close of the present academic year. Those universities only that may be of especial interest to our own folks are here being listed. They are Colorado University, Boulder, October 16-21; University of Kansas, Lawrence, October 23-28; Nebraska University, Lincoln, November 13-18; Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, November 20-23.

The National Committee has a membership of twenty-five persons appointed to represent four organizations—the Student Departments of both Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, the Student Volunteer Movement, the Council of Church Boards of Education, and the Federal Council of Churches.

Each local campus Mission Committee is composed of representatives from the student body, the faculty, the university administration, the student religious centers, and the campus churches.

A retreat for prayer and consultation was held in East Orange, N. J., on September 26, 27, when the mission speakers, members of the National Committee, and representatives from the various campuses were present.

The University of Christian Mission's one supreme objective as stated by Doctor Bader is:

To lead students and teachers to a vital faith in God as revealed in Jesus Christ, the Savior and Lord of Life, and to a thorough personal commitment to his cause in the world. Such an objective is timely and appropriate in these days when foundations are crumbling in so many parts of our world. Evidence multiplies, in colleges and universities throughout the country, that the time is ripe for a fresh religious movement. Many students are seeking a controlling life-purpose and an inner satisfaction which they do not possess. Aimless living is palling upon some, who now seek an abiding loyalty for their lives. Some seek light on the perplexing situation in which their lives are involved; growing numbers are addressing themselves to religious leaders, concerned to know what Christianity is and what it has to offer; some are consciously looking for a Leader in whom they may believe utterly, and for a cause to which they may commit themselves with confidence and sacrificial abandon. Many more American students are in a mood of vague wistfulness and are open to a vital presentation of the Christian message, while the number of those who actively oppose or show a callous indifference toward all religion, seems to be declining.

MINUTES OF 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, September 18, 1938, at 2 p. m., with Vice-President Lavern C. Bassett presiding and the following members present: Lavern C. Bassett, Herbert C. Van Horn, Courtland V. Davis, Frederik J. Bakker, Orra S. Rogers, Irving A. Hunting, Franklin A. Langworthy, George R. Crandall, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Everett C. Hunting, and Business Manager L. Harrison North. Visitors: Mrs. Irving A. Hunting, Mrs. Everett C. Hunting, and Donald E. Lewis.

The board was led in prayer by Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn.

The minutes of the meeting of August 14 were read and approved.

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

Since last report, have written fifty-one letters, including correspondence with native religious leaders in East Africa. Of these letters fifteen were to people of the Southwestern Association who had agreed personally to distribute Sabbath tracts during the year. A careful selection of tracts was made and sent to each of these.

Correspondence also included an encouraging letter from Doctor Conradi concerning the progress of the work in Germany. He reports new members in Czechoslovakia, and a "small company lately" formed in Austria. He writes, "We are of good courage in spite of difficulties." He expresses strongly the need of a German worker in Nebraska. He continues in touch with the Germans of this state who use much of his literature.

Mailed free to Kay Bee, pastor, the Welton Church, a copy each of "Letters to Young Preachers," "Country Life Leadership," "Seventh Day Baptist Manual," and copies of the recent reports of the Missionary and Tract Societies.

Attended the ordination service of Pastor Trevah R. Sutton, acting for the Piscataway Church in calling and helping organize the ordination council.

Attended the General Conference, and, as editor, reported its meetings for the SABBATH RECORDER, being assisted, stenographically, by Mrs. Paul Maxson. Also, at times during Conference week, received many visitors at the Seventh Day Baptist Building and assisted in "showing them through." Much interest was shown and many expressions of appreciation were heard.

Attention is called to actions of the General Conference concerning the work of this board. Its work was highly commended by Conference through the report of the Committee on Sabbath Interests and Promotion.

The Conference asks the Tract Board to raise by special appeal the amount needed this year to complete the amortization of the tax loans on the building.

The Conference, through its Committee on Publishing Interests, urges an enlarged SABBATH RECORDER, and a full time editor.

Conference urges, through a recommendation of the Committee on Sabbath Interests and Promotion, more extended service among nonresident church members, and an enlarged field activity of the secretary of the Tract Society.

Your secretary recommends:

1. That study and attention be given these suggestions and recommendations of Conference by a committee appointed by the president.

2. That special attention to Sabbath interests be featured during the year through our publications, through platform and pulpit by our pastors and his helpers, through revival and evangelistic efforts in all our churches, and through personal practice and promotion on the part of our various churches and their membership; and that these interests be especially climaxed in the months of next April and May in the churches, through their worship programs, addresses, and lectures, and special Sabbath Rally Days, including the interchange of pastors, among the churches, who will present the interests of the Sabbath and of the American Sabbath Tract Society, the interest so significant and vital to

us as a people, to the entire Christian Church, and to the world.

Respectfully submitted,
Herbert C. Van Horn,
Corresponding Secretary.

Treasury balances were reported as follows:

<i>Tract Society Balances - September 18, 1938</i>	
General Fund	\$ 742.91
Denominational Building Fund	7.94
Reserved for Historical Society rooms	117.89
Maintenance Fund	247.78
Reserved for Seventh Day Baptist Building taxes	50.00
	\$1,166.52

Permanent Fund for investment has received from the bequest of William L. Clarke, late of Westerly, R. I., \$24.83, being our one-third interest in the estate. A further amount of \$5 is expected.

The Endowment Fund for the maintenance of the Seventh Day Baptist Building has received since the close of the year June 30, 1938, pledges and cash amounting to \$1,525.00. This makes a total of \$4,502.80 in the hands of the Tract Society for endowment.

The Tract Society has been allotted 11.5% in the Denominational Budget (last year 14%). The Seventh Day Baptist Building maintenance (new item) 9%.

Tract Society General Fund asking was \$4,541.50.

Seventh Day Baptist Building maintenance \$2,653.88.
E. T. S.

It was voted that the Supervisory Committee be authorized to purchase for the Recorder Press one rebuilt Miehle press similar to the one now in use at a cost of approximately \$3,750, if and when in its judgment it seems advisable to do so.

It was resolved that, in accord with the purport of action of the recent General Conference, the president or vice-president and secretary or treasurer of this board be and hereby are authorized in the name and on behalf of the board to execute and deliver a proper deed of conveyance, conveying the Seventh Day Baptist Building and the lot at 508-510 Watchung Avenue on which it stands, to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, incorporated in the state of New Jersey, subject to a right-of-way from Watchung Avenue to the print shop in the rear, and also to the right of the print shop to maintain a sign near Watchung Avenue.

The minutes were read and approved.
Adjournment.

Lavern C. Bassett,
Vice-President,
Courtland V. Davis,
Recording Secretary.

MISSIONS PASTORLESS CHURCHES

Following this meeting the American Sabbath Tract Society (the New Jersey corporation) held its sixteenth annual meeting followed by the ninety-fifth annual meeting of the New York corporation. At these meetings the special annual report of the treasurer for each of the corporations was read and officers and Boards of Trustees and Directors were elected for the new year. The officers of the past year were re-elected. Donald E. Lewis was elected to membership in both boards.

The newly elected boards then met and named the following committees for 1938-39:

Advisory Committee—Asa F. Randolph, Chairman; Esle F. Randolph, Herbert C. Van Horn, James L. Skaggs, Courtland V. Davis, Karl G. Stillman, Corliss F. Randolph, ex officio.

Committee on Distribution of Denominational Literature—J. Alfred Wilson, Chairman; Courtland V. Davis, Lavern C. Bassett, George R. Crandall, Herbert C. Van Horn, Everett C. Hunting, J. Leland Skaggs, Hurley S. Warren, Donald E. Lewis, Corliss F. Randolph, ex officio.

Supervisory Committee—Nathan E. Lewis, Chairman; Orra S. Rogers, Otis B. Whitford, Karl G. Stillman, Irving A. Hunting, Howard M. Barber, James L. Skaggs, Corliss F. Randolph, ex officio.

Committee on Files of Denominational Literature—Corliss F. Randolph, Chairman; Asa F. Randolph.

Investment Committee—Lavern C. Bassett, Chairman; Otis B. Whitford, Orra S. Rogers, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Marcus L. Clawson, Nathan E. Lewis, Corliss F. Randolph, ex officio.

Committee on Young People's Conferences and Summer Camps—Franklin A. Langworthy, Chairman; Nathan E. Lewis, Otis B. Whitford, Hurley S. Warren, Trevah R. Sutton, Corliss F. Randolph, ex officio.

Auditing Committee—Irving A. Hunting, Chairman; Franklin A. Langworthy, Nathan E. Lewis, Corliss F. Randolph, ex officio.

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

Courtland V. Davis,
Recording Secretary.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the southern Wisconsin and Chicago Seventh Day Baptist churches will be held at Albion, Wis., October 14 and 15.

Mizpah E. Bennett,
Secretary.

Milton, Wis.

and seven hundred cottages and houses were swept away, and five hundred people lost their lives.

Many letters of inquiry have been coming as to how Seventh Day Baptist congregations fared. While nearly every one suffered greater or less financial loss, and while the church buildings were all injured, two of them to the amount of hundreds of dollars, no member of our churches lost his life or suffered serious physical injury.

When such a disaster as this comes with its appalling results, we naturally raise the question, "Is there anything that will endure?" The Word of God and human experience give us the answer to this question. We are promised: "An inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away," "And when the chief shepherd shall appear ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away" (1 Peter 1: 4; 5: 4). All who depend upon physical things are bound to experience irreparable disappointment sooner or later; but those who trust and obey Christ have that which is worth more than all else and which nothing in life or death can take away. These are the ones who build upon the rock mentioned by Christ. "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

It is the work of Christian missions and the Church to carry to all men the glad message that there is that which fadeth not away and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, lead men to accept that inheritance incorruptible and undefiled. To carry this message is a great and glorious work. And why should we allow it to languish and give ourselves to lesser things?

FROM THE PRESS

I am not a human being because I have accumulated a fortune. The possession of great wealth may leave me still only a dying animal. Nor am I a human being because I have been graduated from some university. There are today far too many graduates who are unconscious of any wider life horizon than that narrow plane marked out between birth and death. It is faith alone which makes human beings of us; for it is faith alone which gives rational meaning to existence, provides a stage of action big enough for love, and puts the majesty of eternal right-

eousness into the humdrum of duty's mere social utility.

What a man believes is, indeed, the most significant fact about him. No wonder God has made self-committing faith the one gateway into eternal life. Such self-committing faith is at once the most moral, the most spiritual, the most purposeful, and the most personal decision that ever can be true in any man's experience.—*Editorial from the Christian Advocate.*

Church membership in the United States set a new mark in 1937 and continues to gain, according to the annual report of church statistics, appearing in the October issue of *The Christian Herald*. The total gain of members thirteen years old or older during 1937 was 754,136, and the total membership of all religious bodies in the country 63,848,094.

"The ratio of church membership to total population has shown a steady and remarkable increase," said Dr. Herman Carl Weber, statistician for the magazine. "It rose from 19.9 per cent in 1880 to 39.8 per cent in 1920 and 49.9 per cent in 1937 for persons thirteen years of age or over."

The Baptist groups, collectively, are still the largest Protestant denomination, with a total membership of 10,332,005, the report stated, followed by the Methodists with 9,109,359. Doctor Weber said that the Roman Catholic Church remained the largest single religious denomination with 15,492,001 adult members.

Most of the denominations showed "satisfactory" gains, according to the report. A few showed slight declines, due to the weeding out of "dead" membership, rather than to actual loss in members. The Presbyterians declined 8,487, the Disciples, 3,970, and the Reformed Church, 203.

The total Protestant membership for all ages was listed as 35,879,311 and for persons thirteen or older, as 31,530,275. The total Roman Catholic membership for all ages was listed as 20,831,139. Jewish congregations were listed as having 4,081,242 members of all ages, with 2,930,332 members thirteen or older.—*New York Herald Tribune.*

The first missionary appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Convention was Samuel C. Clopton. He was appointed on September 1, 1845, and went to Canton, South China, in 1846, and died of the dreaded China fever in one year after reaching China. His body rests in an un-

known grave near Canton. During the ninety-three years since the Foreign Mission Board was organized, the society has sent 1,076 missionaries. They now have 414 men serving on foreign fields. The number of churches is 1,715. The number of church members is 203,674, and the amount contributed by native churches is \$374,324.—*The Watchman-Examiner*.

With regard to authority in religion, there are, as I see it, only three consistent positions: that of the Catholics, also held in essence by the Mormons and Adventists, that the Church and its earthly head are infallible and supreme; the position held by the Quakers, Unitarians, and others, that there is no authority above the individual conscience; and the Baptist position, which is held by *The Bible Witness*, that "the Bible, and the Bible only" is a safe and sufficient guide. The issue, at a glance, is this: Would you prefer to trust the church or yourself, or the Bible, to guide you through life? But whichever position you take, why not be consistent? If you accept the dictum of the Pope in the matter of Sunday keeping or infant baptism, for example, why not in the matter of image worship, or forgiveness of sins by the priest? And if conscience is a safe guide, why bother to read such an antiquated book as the Bible, at all?

For ourselves, we would prefer to accept the Bible, the Word of God, interpreted by Jesus the Living Word, impressed on our hearts by his Holy Spirit—and take the consequences.—*C. A. Beebe in The Bible Witness*.

What the Bible wants is a chance to speak for itself. What God's Word wants is to show us our littleness, and the goodness of God. The trouble is we talk too much about what other people have to say about the Word of God, and do not take time enough ourselves as Christian workers and leaders to let the Word of God talk to us.—*Bulletin of First Verona Church*.

Money is an evangel when it is invested in the enterprises of human redemption. The love of money is the root of evil—but money in the hands of Christian love is the source of good. Money is power—latent power. When out of a loving heart this power is poured into the Lord's treasury, it becomes an evangel of mighty and marvelous potentialities.—*Bulletin of Battle Creek Church*.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

A special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held September 21, 1938, at the Pawcatuck church, following the annual meeting of the society.

Those present were: Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Rev. W. L. Burdick, Karl G. Stillman, Dr. Anne L. Waite, Mrs. Elisabeth K. Austin, Mrs. Clayton A. Burdick, Rev. Everett T. Harris, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Robert L. Coon, John H. Austin, George B. Utter, Dr. Edwin Whitford.

The minutes of the meeting held at Plainfield, N. J., August 25, 1938, were read.

The corresponding secretary reported on the correspondence with Dr. George Thorngate, concerning his return to the China field.

Voted that the board approve the return of Dr. George Thorngate to the China field, and that the details of the return be left to the corresponding secretary and treasurer.

The secretary reported that he had word from Miss Miriam Shaw that she is to return to China October 26, and that her financial support is from sources other than from the board.

Voted that the board continue to promote the Preaching Mission under the conditions of last year's plan.

The corresponding secretary reported that Mr. Luther Crichlow would sail for Jamaica on November 9.

The minutes were read and approved. The meeting adjourned at 11.30 a.m.

George B. Utter,
Recording Secretary.

WOMAN'S WORK REPORT OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK

The nucleus committee of seven held eleven meetings, with many other conferences, in the study of women's work.

We found that the Woman's Board originated in Lost Creek, W. Va., in 1884; it was two years in Alfred, N. Y.; forty-three years in Milton, Wis.; and was located in Salem, W. Va., in 1929.

We began to correspond with the members of the Woman's Board and found that they were in doubt as to what they might under-

take which would meet the approval of the major boards and the Commission, and what they *could* undertake with their income of one half of one per cent of the budget, which averages about \$6 per month.

We also corresponded with the secretaries of the Missionary and Tract Boards, the Commission, former presidents of the Woman's Board, and others interested.

We then decided to send out a questionnaire to the local societies.

We received forty-two replies out of a possible forty-seven.

Many societies were giving generously to the budget; many were giving generously to local needs, but little to the budget. Some were giving nothing to the budget, and a few were giving directly to the Woman's Board.

Summary of Responses to Questions

Twenty-seven preferred to send to the United Budget; 31 desired special project; 29 were willing to send \$5 direct to Woman's Board; 27 thought the Woman's Board should be represented on the Commission; the majority were in favor of a ten-year term of board location in any one community; and 22 societies were willing to send material for the Woman's Page of the RECORDER. Preponderantly was there favor of revival of the Lone Sabbath Keepers auxiliary and contact through local groups. Twenty-two used the SABBATH RECORDER in their meetings; 22 wished mission study courses continued; 31 wished worship program continued; and 27 favored stressing tithing. Thirty-four favored the women allying with some temperance organization, and 24 favored a Woman's Board representative on Missionary and Tract Boards.

[Note — Questionnaire, RECORDER, August 1, 1938, page 81.]

The committee makes no recommendations regarding Woman's Board representation on the major boards and Commission, but the committee does feel that the Woman's Board, in order to inspire and interest the locals, must know more of work to be attempted than any woman may read in the bare reports that appear in the RECORDER. We urge that a closer contact between major boards and the Woman's Board be maintained.

The nucleus group of seven had five of its members in attendance through all the Council meetings. Nine more were assigned to us. Our average attendance was fifteen and we had thirteen visitors.

We talked, we sang, we prayed together and felt we had very helpful meetings.

Splendid addresses were given by Mrs. E. F. Loofboro on "What Shall the Woman's

Board Undertake?"; Mrs. Eugene Davis on "How Shall We Interest Women in Missions?"; Mrs. Frank Hubbard on "Mission Study"; Mrs. Howard Davis on "Tithing."

Early in the sessions the nucleus committee presented a tentative goal chart which contained ten suggestions for the local societies. Out of thoughtful discussion we trust that much good will come; that there will be a greater response for original material for the Woman's Page; that a goal chart will be a source of inspiration to unified effort; that the worship program and RECORDER articles will be more widely used; that tithing and working for temperance will be stimulated; that memorizing the ninety-first Psalm and the hymn, "Take Time to Be Holy" ("Behold Him," instead of "to Be Holy" as suggested by Mrs. Eugene Davis), will help deepen our spiritual life. All trifles? Yes, but Michelangelo says "Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle."

Wednesday morning Rev. A. L. Davis presented to us the project of assuming the financial support of a home missionary evangelist, should the Conference approve this appointment. After consultation by the nineteen women present, nineteen voted in favor of it, but the thought of these women was that they would not only attempt this project but will also, to the best of their ability, support the Unified Budget.

Because of extra time taken in this discussion the work for L.S.K.'s was not taken up as planned, but a special meeting for all women was called for 1.30 p.m., Friday, in order that letters from Mrs. G. D. Hargis, Mrs. Angeline Allen, Mrs. Pearl Halladay, and Mrs. Catherine Stillman could be heard.

The Council committee wishes this statement to go on record: We express our sense of the deep need for more material for the RECORDER and in leaflet and booklet form to interest and train children in character building, Bible study, and along the lines of mission work and denominational beliefs.

We make the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the term "Associational Correspondent" be changed to "Woman's Board Correspondent."

2. We recommend that the Woman's Board request the appointment of a key worker in each local society.

3. We recommend that the Woman's Board urge local societies to co-operate with pastors in contacting lone Sabbath keepers.

In closing may I quote from the report of May F. Bailey, secretary of Woman's Board in 1891:

It is *not* the desire of the leaders or of the friends of our woman's organized work that it shall antagonize the parent boards of the denomination. It is *not* our wish to work independently of either of them, or to attain to a position of dictatorship. It is *not* to set up a line of specifics for money and effort. It is *not* to neglect the old and steady streams of beneficence. It is *not* to confuse and irritate the treasurers or other officers of either of our general boards. It is to supplement the work of the Church by these means which are in best accord with a woman's individual responsibility to the Great Head of the Church."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. H. L. Cottrell,
Secretary.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

In a recent issue of the RECORDER appeared a splendid report of the Young People's program at Conference by President Burton B. Crandall. The young people surely did have large opportunity in that program and in the Council-Conference program as well. The editor of the Young People's Page invites all young people to write in their impressions of a Council-Conference, as has one young lady who traveled far to be there. Her impressions appear in these columns. Also there is a report of the Teen-Age Conference. Those young people who attended it are urged to write in their impressions and whether they would like to attend another such conference in the future.

IMPRESSIONS OF CONFERENCE

BY MARY HUMMEL

Like many another young person, I had the mistaken idea that committee meetings were rather dry at times, but I really found them at Conference very interesting. There were no dry moments. I felt like a real Seventh Day Baptist with responsibility upon my shoulders and had a clearer idea of denominational problems than that of the uninformed Seventh Day Baptist I was two years ago.

Because we live where we do not see many young people of the denomination except the ones of our vicinity, I received a great deal of inspiration from meeting other Seventh

Day Baptists. It seems to me that we as young people should express our appreciation for the young people's activities during Conference. Certainly there was much time and thought spent in our behalf.

In my life our Conference motto, "Vision, Courage, Loyalty," has taken larger proportions with deeper meaning.

R.F.D. 4, Box 462,
Boulder, Colo.

TEEN-AGE CONFERENCES

A program for the teen-age young people was arranged by the Young People's Board for Tuesday and Wednesday of Conference week. Rev. Harley Sutton and Miss Ruth Hunting were in charge. The chief features of the program were worship services and discussion periods. A paper written by Rev. Albert N. Rogers on the subject of "Worship" was read at the first session Tuesday morning. There was a short worship service at each session. After each there was general discussion of the service, which was designed to help the young people in building better worship programs for their local society meetings. For the afternoon session Tuesday the young people were divided into two groups, the boys in one and the girls in the other, and each prepared a worship service which programs were carried out and discussed by the group.

Rev. Orville Babcock was in charge of the first discussion period. The subject was "Understanding Ourselves." Mr. Babcock gave a short talk on the subject and the group discussed the topic. Discussion centered around the problem of helping such as the bully, the braggart, and the sensitive person. It was brought out that many times such people in trying to cover up deficiencies in their personality become offensive, and need help to overcome it. One way to help them is to direct their attention to something besides self. Miss Ruth Hunting conducted the discussion period in the afternoon Tuesday on the same general subject. Making good at home, at school, in church, and in social life were points discussed. What it means to make good, what are the causes of failure, and what can be done about failure were also taken up by the group.

Rev. Everett Harris was in charge of the program Wednesday morning. He talked for a short time on the subject "Conflicting Standards," and led in a discussion of the

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Dear RECORDER Children:

Help! Help! Help! Come one and all and save our Children's Page. We need letters; we need stories, from RECORDER boys and girls, and not one single message has reached me this week. What are you going to do about it?

Affectionately yours,

Andover, N. Y., Mizpah S. Greene.
October 3, 1938.

BOBBY'S LESSON

Once upon a time, out in the country, there lived a dear little boy whose name was Bobby Clarke. Bobby had everything to make him happy, but I am sorry to say that he was not always happy, and so sometimes made others unhappy. To tell the truth, he did not like to work and was often cross if interrupted in his play.

One pleasant day his mother called, "Come, Bobby, please shell the peas for dinner."

"Oh, dear!" he said crossly, "I am having so much fun playing with Dixie. I don't see why I have to work all the time."

"You'll have to help me, my little boy, for I haven't time to shell them myself, but I'm sorry you cannot do it more willingly," said his mother.

So, grumbling under his breath, Bobby took the pail of peas out on the shady back porch and began shelling them, but he worked very, very slowly and kept thinking how abused he was that he had to work at all.

"I wish I were a bird or a bee, then I wouldn't have to work at all. I could play from morning till night."

Just then he heard a funny little chuckle beside him, and looking up he was surprised to see a funny little old woman all dressed in brown and yellow. She looked some like a bird and some like a bee. "Come with me, Bobby," she said with a cheery laugh. "I'll have to show you something, and then you'll see what a mistaken little boy you are."

"Oh! I don't want to go," said the startled little boy, but the little old woman, although she seemed so little and frail, was much stronger than he, and taking him by the hand she led him along so fast that he had to run to keep up with her. She took him a little ways into the green woods and then stopped beside a large, spreading oak tree

same subject. The difference in standards of young people and adults, between young people and other young people, and different standards of groups were discussed. There are three ways of settling conflicts: first to crush the opposition, second neither side wins, and third both sides work out in conference a new solution. The third is the Christian method. Practical questions as what are the best kinds of amusements for young people, what to do on Sabbath, and such family problems as use of the car and radio were also discussed. It was also brought out that we need to be considerate of those who hold different views from those we hold. In making choices we must also consider what effect our decision will have on others as well as on ourselves. Rev. Harley Sutton led the discussion Wednesday afternoon. The problem of helping the young fellow who can make the team, but the games come on Friday night and Sabbath day, was one of the problems discussed.

About fifteen young people attended all or part of the program. They came from the following churches: Plainfield, Shiloh, Marlboro, Westerly, New Market, Alfred, and Battle Creek.

Those in charge were well pleased with the co-operation of these young people. It is the feeling of those who were in charge that the program was very much worth while.

THERE'S A WAY WITH A MAN

I don't know why
When I say, "I'll try,"
And the job is hard, that I shirk it.
My pal has a will
That's fit to kill,
And he puts on his grin and works it.
His face all the while
As he works with a smile
Is a thing that is good to see.
"But why work?" I ask,
As he sits at the task,
And he chuckles, yes, laughing at me;
For I can tell by his grin,
By the set of his chin,
By the shine of his eyes when he's through,
That there's a way with a man,
When he says, "I can,"
That makes a thing easy to do.

M. V. H.

"Opening the Scriptures is finding the Lord Jesus Christ in the Word—nothing less. Paul opened the Scriptures. He let the Lord Jesus Christ out of the Word which he had before him."

where some robins were busily building their nest. To Bobby's surprise he found that he could speak and understand their language, so he began to talk to them.

"Come, little robins," he shouted. "Come and play with me. I want to hear you sing, and I want you to tell me all about your nest; what it is made of and how many eggs you are going to put into it. What do you do all day? It must be fun to play all day long."

"No! Oh, no!" said the robins, not stopping a moment in their work. "We cannot stop to play with you. Can't you see that we are very busy?"

"Dear me! Do you have to work?" exclaimed Bobby in surprise. "I thought birds had nothing to do all day but sing and play."

"Oh, ho! You funny boy," said the robins with chirps of laughter. "Of course we have to work, and we like it, too. How do you suppose we would get our nest built if we didn't work? Then pretty soon we will have our eggs to take care of and later our little birds to feed and care for. We are very, very busy from morning till night. What made you think we didn't have to work?"

"Come along," said the little old woman, taking hold of his arm again, and although the little boy would rather stay and talk to the robins he had to hurry off with her. The next stop was at an ant hill where thousands of tiny ants were rushing around in all directions.

"Oh, do stop!" cried Bobby. "You make me nervous rushing around so. What game are you playing and what do you do in your funny little house?"

"Oh, we are not playing!" said one little ant in disgust. "Can't you see that we are working as hard as ever we can? It will not be long before cold winter is here. We have no time to waste talking with you!"

Again the little old woman hurried Bobby away before he was anywhere near ready to go, and she did not let him pause until they came to a large bee hive where many bees were busily going in and out.

"Please stop, little bee, and tell me what you are doing, how you make your nice sweet honey, and what good times you have. You do not have to work, do you?" cried the little boy.

"To be sure we work," said one of the busiest of the bees. "I am in such a hurry now that I cannot stop to answer your ques-

tions," and he was out of sight before she had finished speaking.

Bobby began to think that it was about time he worked more if he meant to live in a world where even the little insects were busy. Just then he awoke suddenly to hear his mother calling, "Bobby, are the peas shelled yet? I am almost ready for them."

Then how he did hustle. His strange experience, although only a dream, had taught him a lesson, and after that he tried not to grumble so much when he had to work, for he knew he had plenty of company.

M. S. G.

OUR PULPIT

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST HORIZONS

BY PAUL H. HUMMEL

(An address given at the Northwestern Association at Nortonville, Kan.)

There are lots of places where I would feel more sure of myself than I do on this platform. For instance, I feel at home on horseback. At the horse show in Boulder, the Fourth of July, my daughter Mary furnished the horse, I did the riding, and we came home with a silver mounted bit as first prize in the cow horse contest, and a Plymouth lariat as second prize in the stake race. We really made the young "cow pokes" get up and dust.

I am not much of a sentimentalist, but I would be less than human if I were not somewhat touched this afternoon. I was born on a farm here and most of my boyhood I lived in the home next door to this church, was baptized by Geo. Hills in the old church out in the country, and became a member of this church. For a number of years I was janitor here. As a boy I pumped this organ, acted as usher with Fred Satterlee and later Ira Jeffrey, and in 1904 was a member of the high school graduating class on this platform. So you see, this is my home church.

Carroll Hill suggested I talk on Seventh Day Baptist horizons. I am yet undecided whether he knows a lot about horizons or absolutely nothing about them.

I live in a country where we know our horizons. They are very elusive things. The story is told of a man from the East who came to Colorado Springs late in the evening. The next morning he thought he would walk over the hills before breakfast. He walked for a

long time and apparently got no nearer to them. He was standing by a small irrigation ditch starting to take off his clothes when a native came along and inquired what he was doing. He said that distances were so deceiving out here that he supposed he would have to swim this river, just in front of him.

Horizons—as we advance they recede in a way that leads us on and on. As you climb from the plains to the mountain peaks your horizons broaden and the features of what were your horizons in the valley become distinct and separate features in the landscape.

Stand with me on a peak of the Great Divide and see the checkerboard of farms and roads, dotted with hundreds of lakes to the east, with a hazy horizon perhaps a hundred miles or more away and the wooded foothills just below you. Then let us turn to the land of the setting sun and as far as the eye can reach a panorama of majestic peaks, mountain valleys, and streams winding down to the Pacific.

Can you wonder that there is a suspicion of moisture in the eyes and a feeling of awe at the majesty of God's creation?

Denominational

Our Seventh Day Baptist horizons are also elusive and as we climb they reach out farther, and what was formerly our horizon becomes distinct features of our denominational landscape.

Carroll also suggested such subject as our young people, our churches, and our general future—a rather large order.

I am a very accomplished "deplorer." I also hope to be a good "optimiser." I believe we have some things to deplore; I also believe we have cause for optimism.

If I were a preacher using a text I might turn to Ezekiel 18: 2, and the way I would deplore would really be something. Listen: "What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?" But then after I had deplored to my heart's content I would go on and read the third verse: "As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel."

I deplore the carelessness and indifference of my generation. We lack something in religious fervor, in faith if you please. Instead of being deeply concerned that our children

may have right spiritual experiences, that they may leave to the succeeding generation a goodly heritage, we fear that they will not have of this world's goods, a good easy job at a large salary, or a position of worldly honor. Shame on us as pious appearing frauds. We say one thing with our mouths and our actions point the other way, and we do not fool the children much either. They are not so dumb.

But there are hopeful things I see, too. I see many consecrated homes, and coming from them fine young people consecrated to the service of the Lord. I am today calling on my generation for a renewal of consecration before it is too late for us to render true service to our young people.

I see, coming from this Nortonville Church, a young man dedicated to the ministry. I honor that calling as much as any one, but as a layman myself, and I am sure my clerical friends will agree with me, I wish to point out to the young folks who cannot or do not feel called to the ministry, that there is just as desperate need for consecrated laymen and women as there is for recruits for the ministry. Let me read a poem entitled "The Layman," by Edgar Guest:

Leave it to the ministers, and soon the church will die;
Leave it to the women-folk, the young will pass it by.
For the church is all that lifts us from the coarse and selfish mob,
And the church that is to prosper needs the layman on the job.

Now a layman has his business, and a layman has his joys,
But he also has the training of his little girls and boys;
And I wonder how he'd like it if there were no churches here,
And he had to raise his children in a godless atmosphere?

It's the church's special function to uphold the finer things,
To teach that way of living from which all that's noble springs;
But the minister can't do it, single handed and alone,
For the laymen of the country are the church's cornerstone.

The Church

Lest the young folks should complain because I had no text for them I will turn to Judges 14: 1-3:

And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the

Philistines. And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife. Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.

Now what do you know about that? Our churches — what is the matter with our churches? Maybe nothing. But if there is I believe I can tell you what it is. A lack of spirituality. From that lack comes non-attendance, non-participation in church activities, lack of financial support.

I think a live church is a working, active church. I know this church here is that kind. No church can be fully alive without that kind of pastor, but no live pastor can make a church organization up and coming unless he can uncover some signs of life in the members. I believe the three most valuable organizations connected with the church and Sabbath school are the young folks' societies, women's societies, and men's brotherhoods.

Perhaps our churches are a bit too smug and self-satisfied. We will never grow until we get a true evangelical spirit and reach out for the unsaved, in humbleness of spirit. I would like to see special efforts made not only to bring in those unchurched believers whose beliefs are as ours, but to bring in the unsaved from anywhere and everywhere. Let's not be snooty. I do not remember that Christ was that way.

Evangelism

And with the losses we suffer from defection, if we do not have recruits from outside our churches will dwindle and finally expire. If we really believe in the organized Church as the agent of Jesus Christ we cannot ignore evangelism.

And evangelism is not alone the pastor's responsibility, but we laymen must put our shoulders to the wheel. By consecrated efforts check defections and reach out to the unsaved, and our churches cannot but grow by leaps and bounds.

Our general denominational future is tied up with the welfare of our young folks and our churches. Without them the denomination dies. Without the support of growing local churches, without expansion here in the homeland, our foreign missions are automatically doomed, our denominational interests will crumble.

Our troubles are spiritual. If we can be renovated spiritually and we as a people become thoroughly consecrated, our financial needs will be met, well chosen work will be provided, leaders will come up to take the places of those retiring, and we will be given the wisdom to choose right projects and to carry them on.

A spiritual revival, fervent evangelism, consecrated and practical—may God send these to us that we may carry on his work, not for our own aggrandizement, but for the saving of souls. May I close with Hebrews 12: 1, 2.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

NORTH LOUP, NEB.

Several important matters were discussed at the regular church meeting Sunday afternoon. During the time, Vernon Williams and Kenneth Barber were called to be deacons, the ordination to take place later. It was also decided to see about a new carpet for the rostrum. A Preaching Mission will be held, beginning October 30, and last until the yearly meeting, which will begin November 4. Pastor Hill will conduct the services.

The pastor is preparing the church letter to be sent to absent members.

The painting and repair work were finished the middle of the week. Members of the church met later to arrange the furniture. Very fresh in new paint of buff and gray, with the fixtures cleaned, the auditorium presents a spick-and-span appearance. Almost all of the work was done by members, and was donated.

—Loyalist.

DODGE CENTER, MINN.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to the following after the service last Sabbath: Mrs. Fairy Daggett, Roy Langworthy, Bernice Bond, and La Vonne Stebbins. We gladly welcome these new members to our church and know they will be profitable additions to our church membership.

In view of the fact, that the church hymnals are so scarce and badly dilapidated, the C. E.

SHILOH, N. J.

The pastor is taking time to present denominational matters to the whole congregation. The prayer meeting is taking up the findings of the fourteen Conference committees, one at a time. So far we have taken "Sabbath Interests and Promotion," with a study of L.S.K. suggestions; "Denominational Outlook"; "Denominational Administration."

College students beginning work in Salem College this year are Harmon Dickinson, Jeanett Dickinson, Betty Parvin. Joe Bowen went back as a junior.

CORRESPONDENT.

OUR PASTOR

Our pastor preached a sermon—
"Putting first things first" was the text;
He said God and his kingdom should be first
And the things of the world come next.
Bill said it was a beautiful sermon,
Then chose the job with the largest pay,
Leaving behind, because of this job,
The church and the Sabbath day.

Our pastor preached a sermon
On loving our fellow men—
That neighbors should live together in peace,
Forgiving again and again.
Jim said that sermon was "wonderful,
So full of truth and sense";
Then went home to renew a ten-year feud
Over an old line fence.

Our pastor preached on tithing
From Malachi 3: 10—
That the silver and gold belong to God
And not alone to men.
But some arose in righteous wrath
And said, "When I give a dime
I want the credit given to me
And I want it every time."

Our pastor preached a sermon
On the sacrificial life.
Aunt Polly said it was meant for men
And not at all for a wife;
While Uncle Peter was positive
It was intended for the rich,
For Rockefeller or Morgan,
He was not sure which.

Our pastor preached a sermon
On keeping the Sabbath holy,
As a day for rest and worship,
Both for the high and lowly.
We dutifully sat through the sermon,
But left before Sabbath school
To shop in a nearby city
Or fish in a neighboring pool.

Our pastor preached his sermons
Faithfully, year after year,
Over a lot of empty pews
To the few who sat in the rear.

society is placing itself at the head of a project to raise money to purchase new ones for use in church services. In order to get such a fund started the C. E. society will sell good, clean, fresh, home-made candies at a reasonable price, on the streets Sabbath nights, beginning October 8.

—Star-Record.

SALEM, W. VA.

Plans are being made for a Preaching Mission to begin at the Seventh Day Baptist church on Friday evening, November 4. It is expected that Rev. Harley Sutton, of Little Genesee, N. Y., will be the assisting minister.

—Salem Herald.

ALFRED, N. Y.

A supper meeting of the Forum Class was held at the parish house last Sunday night, at which time the annual election of officers was held as follows: President, L. Ray Polan; vice-president, Mrs. Clifford M. Potter; secretary-treasurer, Miss Anna May Ryno. Miss Miriam Shaw spoke at the meeting following the supper.

Registration for the 1938-39 school year, Wednesday, had hit a 627 total, an increase of eighteen over the 1937-38 registration of 609.

Two hundred ninety-nine students were enrolled in the liberal arts college, 328 in the ceramic college. The liberal arts college shows an increase of 21 over last year's 278 enrollment. The ceramic college shows a slight drop when compared with last year's 331.

—Alfred Sun.

PAWCATUCK (WESTERLY, R. I.)

During the hurricane which swept the coast, September 21, Westerly was probably among the towns worst hit. The spire on our church, which had just been repaired, blew off, and lies in splinters in the back yard of the parsonage.

We are thankful that among our immediate church families there were no fatalities, though many lost friends and relatives. Some of our members were at their beach homes and barely escaped the tidal wave which swept the shore. All beach homes were either wrecked or completely destroyed.

Our faith in God can never be destroyed, and we are striving to build a better church and community.

CORRESPONDENT.

We put the coat on our brother,
It fitted him so well,
But which of us all it fitted best
It was rather hard to tell.

Our pastor poured his sermons
Into your ears and mine—
Pearls of wondrous beauty
Cast under the feet of swine.
For we did not apply his sermons
To our own spiritual needs;
We praised them only with empty words
And not as he hoped, with deeds.

Our pastor is a man from God
Sent to reprove our sin,
To show us the way of eternal life,
And help us to enter in.
Return unto me, saith the Lord of Hosts,
Ere it shall be too late,
And the house you dedicated to God
Be left to you desolate.

—Contributed.

YEARLY MEETING NOTICE

The yearly meeting of the New Jersey and eastern New York churches will meet with the Piscataway Church at New Market, N. J., Friday to Sunday, October 21 to 23, 1938. Any desiring lodging notify Rev. T. R. Sutton, 425 Center St., Dunellen, N. J. The first session will be Friday evening at 7.45.

MARRIAGES

WHITFORD-DOWNS.—At the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage, Adams Center, N. Y., August 13, 1938, Holley F. Whitford and Miss Helen L. Downs, both of Rodman, N. Y., were united in marriage by Rev. Orville W. Babcock. The new home will be in Rodman, N. Y.

LANGWORTHY-CARPENTER.—In the evening after the Sabbath, September 3, 1938, at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage in Dodge Center, Minn., Mr. Neal Langworthy of Duluth, and Miss Clarice Carpenter of Henderson, Minn., were united in marriage by the pastor of the groom, Charles W. Thorngate.

OBITUARY

GREENE.—Mary Susan Clarke, daughter of Rev. Joshua Clarke, was born in Preston, N. Y., in 1847, and died September 7, 1938, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Rol, Waukegan, Ill.

She was a descendant of Tacy Cooper Hubbard, the first woman in America to secede from the Baptist Church at Newport, R. I., on account of her observance of the seventh day Sabbath, and with others founded the first Seventh Day Baptist Church in America in 1671. Her father, Rev. Joshua Clarke, was a well loved Seventh Day Baptist minister of the past generation.

The Clarkes moved to Albion in 1865 where, later, Mary Susan was graduated from Albion Academy and married Dr. Charles H. Greene, who died in 1910. Mrs. Greene is survived by her only daughter, Nellie of Waukegan, Ill.; and her cousins, Mrs. Geo. W. Buten, Miss Angie Langworthy, and Dr. Geo. F. Coon of Milton Junction, Wis.

Funeral services were held in the Gray and Albrecht Funeral Home at Milton Junction, September 9, 1938, in charge of Rev. J. F. Randolph. Burial was in Milton Junction cemetery. J. F. R.

LEWIS.—Welcome B. Lewis, Jr., only son of Dr. and Mrs. Welcome B. Lewis of Battle Creek, Mich., was deceased August 17, 1938.

Farewell services were held at Hebble's Chapel in Battle Creek on August 19, conducted by Dr. Henry N. Jordan, who was assisted by Rev. Edward M. Holston. Interment was in the family lot in the Seventh Day Baptist plot in Memorial Park. H. N. J.

PALMER.—At his home in Rockville, R. I., September 6, 1938, Deacon John F. Palmer.

John F. Palmer was born in Rockville, June 12, 1859, the son of John Matthews and Amy E. (Potter) Palmer. In early life he united with the Baptist Church in Hope Valley. Being convinced of the Sabbath truth during the pastorate of Rev. Joshua Clarke, he transferred his membership to the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church May 21, 1887. On March 23, 1889, he was ordained a deacon.

He was united in marriage with Mary Ida Church, who with their daughter L. Evelyn, wife of William W. Taylor, survives him. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Sarah E. (Palmer) Brown of New Haven, Conn., and a number of nephews and nieces.

Farewell services were held at the Avery Funeral Home on Friday afternoon and interment was in Rockville cemetery. Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, officiated. H. R. C.

STILLMAN.—P. Anna, daughter of Rev. Horace and Louisa Gardiner Stillman, was born in Woodside, R. I., March 19, 1878, and passed away at her home in Plainfield, N. J., September 15, 1938.

At the age of fourteen she was baptized and united with the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Ashaway, R. I. After moving to Plainfield in 1911, she brought her letter to the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, of which she was a faithful member.

She leaves a nephew, William H. Dennis, Rocky Hill, Conn.; an aunt, Mrs. Mertilla Gardiner Rogers, Plainfield; other relatives, and a host of friends.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor Sunday afternoon, September 18, 1938. Services were conducted by Rev. Harold R. Crandall in Westerly, R. I., Monday afternoon, September 19, 1938. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway, R. I. H. S. W.

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I saw red leaves on a maple tree
As I walked afield today;
A flock of birds turned low toward me,
Then circled and flew away.

Into my soul a new insight came —
A vision mystic fair:
The tree was a burning altar flame,
The birds my winged prayer.

A sorrowing sigh found full release;
Pent fears as quickly fled:
In Autumn Sacrament I found peace —
Found strength of wine and bread.

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