

all of us in one class by Rev. E. S. Ballenger. Brother Ballenger has an unusual ability to get the heart out of a Bible lesson and he surely succeeded on that day.

The rededicatory sermon was preached by Pastor Loyal F. Hurley. In it he attempted to show the basic truths and necessary activities for which a Seventh Day Baptist Church should exist.

Willard Wells and Don Henry had planned the young people's program around different phases of church life. Don Phillips gave an appeal for all of us to be truly Christian ourselves and to be personal workers in the winning of others to the Lord. It was a stirring appeal. Then Don Henry spoke of the family altar which he called "The Church in the Home." It was vastly more important to learn about God with your father and mother at home than to spend thirty minutes a week in a Sabbath school class, he said, and he had a fine array of evidence to support his claim. Then Willard Wells brought us a unique bit of dramatic skit which he labeled "The Church a Hospital Case." After some discussion of symptoms and causes among which was "a good worldly appetite that didn't make for growth," Mr. Church came in at the back door hobbling along with a crutch, with one arm in a sling, and with head and legs bandaged. Doctor Bible did some careful diagnosis and then prescribed the remedy. An operation to remove worldliness, then the heart-beat controlled by Christ instead of by selfishness and pleasure would do the trick. We shall not soon forget these three messages.

A round table followed under the guidance of P. B. Hurley, who was pinch-hitting for Glen Osborn. Five talks were limited to five minutes each, all of them sane and illuminating and stirring. Rev. Geo. P. Andreas spoke on "The Church and Prayer"; Bernice Brewer discussed "The Church and Young People"; R. C. Brewer had the subject "God's Method of Church Finance"; N. O. Moore presented "The Church and Missions"; and Mrs. Ernestine Henry challenged us with "Evangelism—Is It the Pastor's Job, or Every Christian's Mission?"

Two solos, a duet, a quartet, and a choir number added music's touch of beauty and worship to a day full of good things. Our genial young president, Willard Wells, is anxious that we shall now go out and do

what we have been shown so clearly and have been challenged to perform. "I can do all things through Christ."

Loyal F. Hurley,
Corresponding Secretary.

MARRIAGES

FROMM-POST.—Mr. John Fromm of Thiensville, Wis., and Miss Barbara Post of Chicago, Ill., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist church in Milton by Pastor Carroll L. Hill on August 30, 1938. The new home is at Cambridge, Mass.

OBITUARY

BURDICK.—George Merton, son of Rev. George W. and Mary Watson Burdick, was born near Utica, Dane County, Wis., October 20, 1874, and died in Wisconsin General Hospital, Madison, Wis., September 30, 1938.

RANDALL.—Lafayette Edwin, oldest son of Van A. and Fanny Randall, was born at Troy, Idaho, August 22, 1891, and died at Clarkston, Wash., September 12, 1938, after many years of painful, tedious illness.

He leaves to mourn his loss, besides his aged parents, three sisters and three brothers. He loved his Bible and was a faithful Christian, exercising every opportunity to speak to others of the love and saving power of the Savior.

(Contributed by request.)

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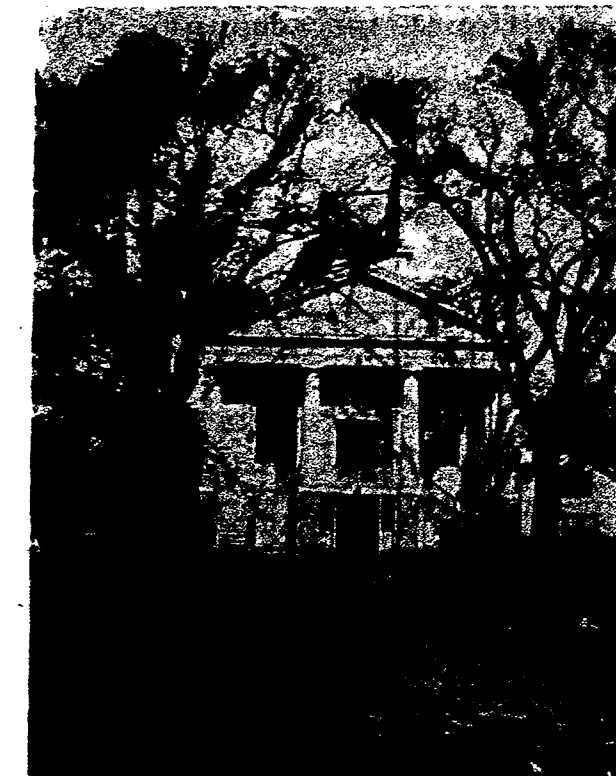
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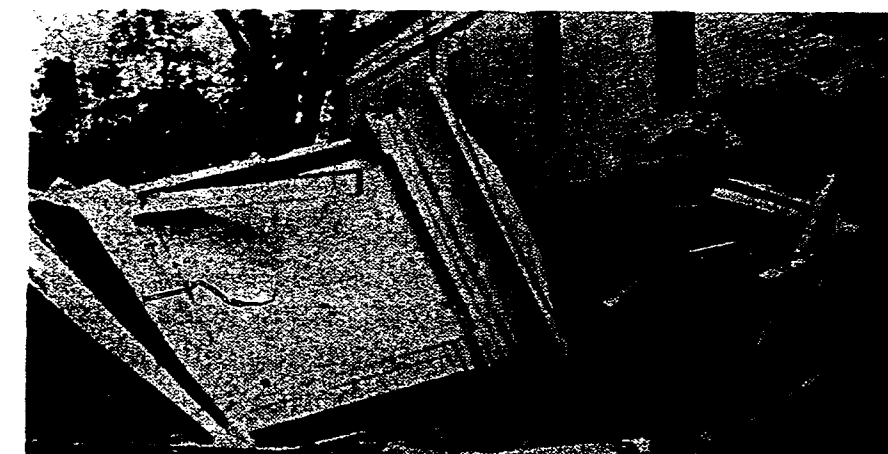
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Hurricane Reactions "We don't feel that way; we are so thankful we came through so well." "When we think of the loss of others, our own misfortune seems unimportant." "Others suffered so much more." Expressions like these come repeatedly to visitors in the desolated regions around Westerly and other stricken areas of New England.

One is struck dumb at the sights along some of the roads of New England and through the beach regions. The devastation of winds, waves, and tides is unspeakable; almost unthinkable. The vistas of piled up cottages, wave-washed debris, demolished buildings, overturned forests, uprooted avenues, inland-beached boats, and gutted railroads—all beggar description. The loss of property—and most of all the loss of life—is appalling.

The exciting experiences and emotions of those who miraculously escaped and of others who calmly described their adventures are quite on equality with those depicted on the screen of "The Hurricane," witnessed by many RECORDER readers.

The writer's emotions were deeply stirred by the quiet, matter-of-fact recital of the narrow escape of some personal friends. When his feelings were most beyond his control, the friend of more than a quarter of a

century put his arm about the editor, saying, "You mustn't feel so bad; we are so thankful we all escaped. It might have been a lot worse." And such are the reactions of multitudes who escaped. No whimpering or whining—but forthright fortitude, and sympathy for those less fortunate than themselves.

Those who met with loss of loved ones are struggling bravely to bear up and to take their sorrows and losses like Christians. They, too, feel that there are others, and their sympathy flows out as a comforting spirit.

Another reaction is that of looking forward to building again, and better and safer. The government, it seems likely, will designate a boundary beyond which it will be unwise to build. The municipalities are cleaning up and taking stock. Buildings are being repaired. Every one of our New England churches sustained some damage, and with every one of them restoration is being undertaken. The damage to the Pawcatuck (Westerly) church is the most serious and its loss heaviest. The picture on the cover reveals the major damage here.

Yearly Meeting The yearly meeting of the New Jersey and eastern New York Seventh Day Baptist churches is an event looked forward to, annually, ever since the days when the journeys to and from had to be undertaken by horse and carriage; and for some it meant the most of two days' travel, both coming and going. Now the journey by auto is accomplished in a few hours. Perhaps the more rapid means of transit brings friends together oftener and so decreases somewhat the social element of interest in the meetings. That, however, may be a question.

This year the yearly meeting brought to the old Piscataway church at New Market a goodly number of friends from Shiloh and Marlboro, from Berlin and New York City. It goes without saying that nearby Plainfield was very largely present.

The weather was ideal for the occasion; the recently painted church in its glistening white was symbolic of purity and holiness to which its bell weekly invites. Artistic hearts and hands had decorated the interior with colorful autumn foliage together with a profusion of richly colored dahlias, chrysanthemums, and other fall beauties. To all this were added smiles of welcome, cordial greetings, and a well prepared program. Pastor Trevah R. Sutton and people had left

nothing undone to make the most of this happy occasion in preparing for the comfort and pleasure of their guests.

The yearly meeting is non-denominational. That is, problems and plans of the denomination are not discussed. The inspirational, the evangelistic, the social notes are struck. Not that the mission and purpose of the whole denomination are in the background, but it might be said that they are sub-dominant chords.

The sermons of this meeting were of evangelistic nature. Pastor Leon M. Maltby of Shiloh brought the theme Sabbath evening, "Prayer, the Cure of Care," using as his text Philippians 4: 6, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." It was a thoughtful, helpful presentation of worry's surest safeguard. The sermon was followed by a conference and testimony meeting in which many participated.

The Sabbath morning message on "The Winning Christ" was presented by Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell of Marlboro, from the texts John 12: 32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me"; and Jeremiah 31: 3, "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee." It was an able and inspirational presentation of the theme, and one feels sure every listener was inspired by the winning power of Christ's spirit, personality, love, and sympathy, to be faithful to him and to lift him up before a sin-sick and needy world.

The sermon Sabbath night, by Pastor Hurley S. Warren of the Plainfield Church, was on the theme, "Such as We Have"; text Acts 3: 6, "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." We may have little or no silver or gold, little of the world's goods to bestow, but all do have *something* and should bring fully ten tenths of our best for the Master's service. This message made a fitting close for the day.

The sermon Sunday morning by Rev. Luther A. Wing of Berlin was on the theme, "Bible Justification: How Obtained and How Maintained," based on the text in Philippians 3: 9, "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law,

but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith." His message, one much needed in these days of loose theological thinking, and utilitarian emphases and practices, was soundly Biblical and refreshing. It made a fitting climax of the sermonic series.

Pastor Sutton closed the meetings with a brief, helpful meditation suggestive of more deeply consecrated living and activity on our return to our regular activities.

Pastor Sutton has been asked to report the excellent program of Sabbath afternoon for the Young People's Department of the RECORDER. Mrs. Mary Bond Lewis had charge of this hour and her well thought out plan, executed by all who so helpfully co-operated, made it not only one of the high lights of the meeting, but furnished a large measure of assurance and hope to the older folks for the future of our churches and work.

The music throughout the yearly meeting was of high quality. The local choir under the mature direction of its leader, Miss Ethel Rogers, rendered music approaching the majestic. The solo parts of anthems were soul stirring. Solos and quartets of young people were inspiring. Worship programs, directed by young folks from the various churches, contributed much to the various services.

Meals for a nominal price were furnished by the New Market ladies Sabbath and Sunday noons, and Sabbath afternoon.

A brief business session was held Sunday morning, when it was voted to accept the invitation of the Marlboro Church to meet in south Jersey next autumn, date to be set by the local church. The meeting voted \$25 from its treasury to the United Budget.

"Bible Sunday" It is not too early to call attention, especially of pastors, to the near approach of "Bible Sunday"—that is the time when the American Bible Society calls especial attention to the great work of translating, printing, and distributing Bibles. This year for Sabbath keepers the time is December 11. A fine brochure entitled "In a Thousand Tongues" has come to our desk from the society. It may be secured by any interested person by applying to the American Bible Society, Bible House, Park Ave. and 57th St. This society has been serving the churches of America for 122 years, devoting its labors to aiding in translation, to the publication and the distribution of the Scriptures without note

or comment, and without purpose of profit. It is indeed a missionary agency of all the denominations. We trust our pastors will again promote this sort of work by using material offered, and present the matter to their people. "In a Thousand Tongues"—what an achievement! When practically the ends of the earth may say, "And how hear we every man in his own tongue, wherein we were born."

National Stewardship Convention Large efforts are being put forward to insure the success of the Religion and Welfare Movement as dramatically idealized in the National Stewardship Convention. This meeting will be held in Chicago November 1, 2, and 3. Stevens Hotel is headquarters.

A strong, effective program has been arranged of addresses, discussion periods, and seminar groups. Nationally known leaders and speakers have been secured.

Seventh Day Baptists within reach of the city are urged to attend and co-operate.

The Red Cross Helps We read of two orphaned babes, victims of a Texas tornado—discovered by a telephone lineman in a ditch. The three-year-old was sitting in water, holding his baby brother's head above the flood. Relatives were reported as unable to care for them.

The Red Cross has arranged for their maintenance till they are sixteen. A Texas college later will furnish them scholarships, and local ranchmen have started a herd of cattle for their benefit. The milk of human kindness still flows sweet.

The days of the annual roll call will soon be here. Support the American Red Cross.

REV. D. BURDETT COON

Fell Asleep

11.25 a.m. Sunday, October 23, 1938
Boulder, Colo.

LEONARDSVILLE (N. Y.) LETTER

The Sabbath Recorder,
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Friends:

As we begin to realize from our daily papers the terrible devastation caused by wind, flood, fire, and wave in our New Eng-

land states, our hearts go out in sympathy to our friends in those localities. Even where no lives were lost, there is property damage that it will take long to repair. Friends in Westerly, Ashaway, Rockville, Hopkinton, and Waterford have homes damaged, and church buildings, too, will need repairs. What effect this will have upon the contributions from these churches to the denomination for this year, we cannot say. The New England churches have responded splendidly in the past, and no doubt will continue to do so. What they do give should be an inspiration to the rest of us, who have not been called upon to suffer the mental agonies, as well as the material losses, with which they have been visited.

Let us thank God not only that our lives, and in most cases our property, have been spared, but that in every such case of national calamity faith emerges triumphant over circumstances. Man's faith in man is restored, as acts of friendliness and heroism are revealed. Man's faith in God is strengthened, as the human spirit, bent and broken for the moment, is once more lifted up to new endeavor and closer trust in him who "doeth all things well."

Yours sincerely,

Paul S. Burdick.

September 29, 1938.

MISSIONS

DOING GOOD WHILE THE DAY LASTS

As Christ was approaching the hour of his death, he said to the Father, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." One of the significant things in this statement made on the eve of Christ's tragic death is the expression of satisfaction that he had finished the work assigned him. He could have done infinitely more had not others hindered him; but the Father had taken this into account and Christ could say as he looked both back over his life and forward to the cross that he had done what was given him to do.

One of the greatest satisfactions that can come to us is to look back over life and be able to feel that amidst stress and struggle, victories and defeats, we have fulfilled life's mission. No finite being ever so completely accomplished the mission of life as did Christ, and there must be more or less of regret on the part of imperfect men; but if they have

tried earnestly, sincerely, and lovingly to fill their places in life, they have a satisfaction that is akin to that experienced by Christ as he approached his passion.

To realize this satisfaction one must develop his physical, mental, and spiritual powers to their fullest capacity; he must not waste his time nor rob God in tithes and offerings; he must not let stumbling blocks turn him aside; and above all, to the best of his ability and opportunity, he must endeavor to establish the kingdom of Christ on earth in faithfulness to the Great Commission.

We are not saved by works. "For by grace ye are saved through faith." "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." We must depend on God and we must do what we can. We must do this now, for multitudes need our help and the gospel which has made us happy and free.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers was held October 16 in the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Edwin Whitford.

The members present were:

Albert S. Babcock, Karl G. Stillman, John H. Austin, Rev. William L. Burdick, James A. Saunders, George B. Utter, Dr. Edwin Whitford, LaVerne D. Langworthy, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Mrs. Clayton A. Burdick, Mrs. Elisabeth K. Austin, Dr. Anne L. Waite, Rev. Everett T. Harris, Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, Hiram W. Barber, Jr., Elston Van Horn, Lloyd Langworthy, Asa F. Randolph.

Guests present were Dr. Otis B. Whitford and Mrs. G. Carleton Irish.

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

STATEMENT OF CONDITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1938

The Society OWNS:	
Cash:	
In checking accounts:	
The Washington Trust Co.\$	364.95
The Industrial Trust Co.	125.02
	489.97
In savings accounts:	
The Washington Trust Co. ...\$	3,953.44
Equity Savings and Loan Co., Cleveland, Ohio	678.58
	4,632.02

Investments:	
Stocks, bonds, notes and mortgages	\$115,739.82
Less reserve for depreciated securities	5,000.00
	110,739.82
Real Estate:	
In China	\$ 55,829.86
In Jamaica - Kingston	6,000.00
In Jamaica - Bath	100.00
In Garwin, Iowa	2,000.00
In Minn., Polk County	2,088.94
In Minn., Hennepin County	162.50
	66,181.30
Total assets	\$182,043.11
The Society OWES:	
Notes payable:	
The Washington Trust Co.\$	17,250.00
Anne L. Waite	500.00
E. C. Burdick	500.00
Jennie Crandall	500.00
S. D. B. Memorial Board	2,100.00
	20,850.00
Excess of assets over amounts owed	\$161,193.11

The above excess shown is applicable as follows:

Funds - Principal Amounts:	
Permanent Funds	\$ 97,105.87
Debt Reduction Fund	10,475.56
Alice Fisher Ministerial Relief Fund	3,638.38
H. C. Woodmansee Ministerial Relief Fund	419.42
Andrew J. Potter Ministerial Relief Fund	1,045.65
F. F. Randolph Memorial Fund ..	63.81
Amanda M. Burdick Scholarship Fund	1,128.37
Ministerial Education Fund	195.05
Ministerial Retirement Fund	35.00
	\$114,107.11
Funds - Unexpended Income:	
Permanent Funds	\$ 155.02
Alice Fisher Ministerial Relief Fund	3.02
Andrew J. Potter Ministerial Relief Fund	4.76
H. C. Woodmansee Ministerial Relief Fund	4.14
Amanda M. Burdick Scholarship Fund	22.73
Associated Trusts Fund	22.38
	212.05
Gifts for special purposes:	
Dr. Thorngate China Fund	\$ 5,213.90
Bible Distribution Fund	29.36
	5,243.26
Real Estate Equities not allocated to specific funds:	
In China	\$ 55,829.86
In Jamaica	4,000.00
	59,829.86
	\$179,392.28
Less Deficit in General Funds	\$ 18,444.41
Less Debt Fund	245.24
	18,199.17
	\$161,193.11

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

QUARTERLY REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
As corresponding secretary I would report that following the last board meeting I supervised the printing and distribution of the Annual Report. In August I participated in the ordination of Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, pastor of our church in Dunellen, N. J., and attended the meetings of the Commission and the General Conference in Plainfield, N. J. The fore part of September

a considerable time was given to the revision for the Federal Census Bureau of a statement covering the "History, Doctrine, Organization, and Work" of Seventh Day Baptists. The third week in September I went to Verona, N. Y., and spent a day with the pastors of the Central Association, who constitute the Religious Life Committee of the General Conference. The second week in October a visit was made to Washington, D. C., where I spoke three times on the Sabbath and on Sunday participated in the ordination of Luther W. Crichlow. Much time has been given to the correspondence, to the Missions Department of the SABBATH RECORDER, and to the promotion of the Preaching Mission. During the quarter I have preached twice for our church in Rockville and once for our church in Ashaway, R. I.

Respectfully submitted,

William L. Burdick,
Ashaway, R. I., Corresponding Secretary.
October 16, 1938.

John Austin, chairman of the Missionary-Evangelistic Committee, said there had been no items of business connected with his committee.

The corresponding secretary read a letter from the Woman's Board, saying it was ready to raise the money for a missionary-evangelist as suggested by the Conference.

Voted: Resolved, 1. That the Missionary Board undertake the employment and direction of a missionary-evangelist, in accordance with the proposal of the Woman's Board and the recommendation of the General Conference, when the Woman's Board shall have secured sufficient funds to justify the employment of such a worker.

2. That it is to be understood that the term of service of the missionary-evangelist will continue only so long as funds are provided for said purpose.

3. That, while it is agreed that the missionary-evangelist's first and chief work shall be to encourage and revive pastorless churches in the Middle West, it is understood that, at the direction of the Missionary Board, he shall be available for special evangelistic work in our churches.

Everett Harris, chairman of the American Tropics Committee, said that the ordination of Luther W. Crichlow of Washington occurred at People's Church, Washington, and he was preparing to go to Jamaica to relieve G. D. Hargis, whose furlough is due.

The question of the ultimate return of Mr. Hargis or some permanent man was discussed, and the following action taken:

Inasmuch as Brother G. D. Hargis, in a letter two months past, advised that, "in

sending another man to Jamaica, he should be sent for a period of time sufficient to make the investment worth while and the intelligent handling of the problems possible," therefore,

Voted that Mr. Hargis, upon his return, be released from the employment of this board for such service in the homeland as may be open to him, and that the board plan for a permanent worker to represent it in Jamaica.

Voted that Mr. Hargis be granted furlough salary till he shall have had sufficient opportunity to arrange for other work in our ministry.

There were no new developments in China according to the China Committee report.

The report of the Ministerial Relief Committee was accepted and ordered recorded. The report was as follows:

Monthly payments of \$10 each have been continued during the quarter ended September 30, 1938, to Rev. R. R. Thorngate, Rev. L. J. Branch, and Mrs. George P. Kenyon, which have resulted in an overdraft in this account of \$18.08.

The payments exceed the income from this endowment yet it is recommended that the present rates of relief be continued for a further period of three months.

Karl G. Stillman,
Chairman.

The report of the Investment Committee was approved and ordered recorded.

The treasurer presented the tentative budget for 1939.

Voted that the tentative budget be adopted as the regular budget for the year 1939. It follows:

BUDGET FOR 1939, ADOPTED OCTOBER 16, 1938

<i>China</i>	
Principal Boys' School	\$ 400.00
H. Eugene Davis, salary	1,200.00
H. Eugene Davis, children's education allowance	150.00
George Thorngate, salary	1,200.00
George Thorngate, children's education allowance	600.00
Rosa W. Palmberg, retirement allowance	360.00
Grace I. Crandall	500.00
Anna M. West	500.00
Traveling expense	1,200.00
Boys' School	200.00
Taxes on Shanghai property	600.00
Incidental Fund	300.00
	\$ 7,210.00
<i>American Tropics</i>	
G. D. Hargis, salary	\$ 1,125.00
G. D. Hargis, children's education allowance	300.00
Substitute	1,000.00
House rent	250.00
Traveling expense for work in Jamaica	300.00
Native workers	475.00
Traveling expense to and from Jamaica	500.00
	3,950.00
<i>Holland</i>	500.00
<i>Germany</i>	500.00

<i>Home Field</i>	
Jackson Center, Ohio	\$ 275.00
Colorado field	275.00
Gentry, Ark.	275.00
Southwestern Association, general missionary work	300.00
Northwestern Association, to aid small churches	850.00
Dodge Center, Minn.	300.00
New Auburn, Wis.	300.00
Welton, Iowa	150.00
Western Association, to aid small churches	500.00
Hammond, La.	400.00
Syracuse, N. Y.	120.00
Middle Island, W. Va.	200.00
Fouke, Ark.	275.00
Salemville, Pa.	200.00
Ritchie, W. Va.	275.00
Little Prairie, Ark.	150.00
Emergency Fund	200.00
Evangelistic work and missionary-evangelist	2,000.00
Foreign Missions Conference	40.00
Traveling exp., S.W. field \$250; Colo. field \$100; Sec. and evangelists \$480; Pacific Coast \$250	1,080.00
	8,165.00
<i>Contingent Fund</i>	
Printing \$225; office supplies \$175; interest and other miscellany \$1,000	1,400.00
<i>Administration</i>	
Corresponding secretary, salary	\$ 1,350.00
House and office rent for corresponding secretary	300.00
Clerk hire for corresponding secretary	400.00
Clerk hire for treasurer	250.00
Audit treasurer's accounts	225.00
Treasurer's bond	50.00
	2,575.00
	\$24,300.00
Payment on debt	2,500.00
Total	\$26,800.00

ESTIMATED INCOME

Permanent Funds	\$ 4,700.00
Memorial Board	1,700.00
Special China Fund income	1,800.00
Denominational Budget	18,600.00
	\$26,800.00

Voted that the secretary arrange for the visit of Luther Crichlow for a week-end in New England on his way to Jamaica.

Voted that the president appoint the standing committees. The following standing committees were appointed:

Missionary Evangelistic—John H. Austin, chairman, Dr. Edwin Whitford, Corliss F. Randolph, Charles E. Gardner, Morton R. Swinney, Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, Elisabeth K. Austin, Hiram W. Barber, Jr., Rev. William L. Burdick, President, ex officio.

American Tropics—Rev. Everett T. Harris, chairman, Albert S. Babcock, James A. Saunders, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Walter D. Kenyon, Robert L. Coon, Lloyd B. Langworthy, Rev. William L. Burdick, President, ex officio.

Budget—Officers of the board and Chairmen of committees.

China—George B. Utter, chairman, LaVerne D. Langworthy, Dr. Anne L. Waite, Karl G. Stillman, John S. C. Kenyon, Mrs. C. A. Burdick, Asa F. Randolph, Elston H. Van Horn, Rev. William L. Burdick, President, ex officio.

Investment—Karl G. Stillman, chairman, George B. Utter, John H. Austin.

Ministerial Relief—Karl G. Stillman, chairman, Rev. William L. Burdick.

Auditing—LaVerne D. Langworthy, chairman, Hiram W. Barber, Jr., Lloyd B. Langworthy.

The secretary was instructed to write to the secretary of the Commission, calling his attention to the falling off of funds in the first few months of the new budget, and ask that some relief be given to the society, and that he also write a similar letter to the committee in charge of raising the Denominational Budget, to ascertain the total amount of church pledges and ask for relief.

The minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn.

The meeting adjourned.

George B. Utter,
Recording Secretary.

LUTHER W. CRICHLAW SAILS FOR JAMAICA

As most readers of the SABBATH RECORDER know, Rev. Luther W. Crichlow has accepted the call of the Missionary Board to take up mission work in Jamaica, B. W. I. This is done that Rev. Gerald D. Hargis, who has faithfully carried forward the work for seven years, may have a furlough. Before Brother Crichlow sails he will be married and the young couple will sail from New York November 9, on the S. S. Chiriqui, United Fruit Company Steamship Lines. Both Mr. Crichlow and the young woman whom he takes to be his wife are graduates of Howard University, Washington, D. C., and have had additional training which should fit them particularly for the work they are to undertake.

THE EXPECTED HAS HAPPENED

BY DEAN AHVA J. C. BOND

The School of Theology of Alfred University must raise twelve hundred dollars over and above its regular income if it is to continue to balance its budget. I am sure everyone who reads this statement will ask two questions immediately. At least I hope he will do so. Everyone will ask "Why?" And I hope all who ask that question will also ask "How?" I shall try to answer both questions.

Following the death of Dean Arthur E. Main the work of the Department of Theology

and Religious Education was carried on by two teachers, each giving part time to this work while serving as pastors of churches. Since they drew salaries from the churches which they served, and received less than half their incomes, respectively, from the Department of Theology, a surplus accumulated in the treasury of the department. When at the Salem Conference in 1934 it was decided to call a man to full-time service as dean, and at the same time continue the services of both Dr. Walter L. Greene and Dr. Edgar D. Van Horn, the men who had been carrying on in the interim, the matter was carefully figured out and presented to the Conference. It was made clear that the new program would take more money than the department realized annually, both from invested funds and from the Denominational Budget. It was pointed out, however, that the accumulated funds then on hand would be sufficient to supplement the budget so that the program could be carried out for three or four years without an actual deficit being incurred. That is just what the school has been able to do. All of which explains the caption at the head of this article: "The Expected Has Happened." We will have used up almost all our surplus at the end of this year, just as it was expected we would do. It becomes necessary to do what the Conference of 1934 expected we would be obliged to do along about now; that is, devise some means to keep going. The excess of expenditures over income has been around \$500 annually. From some source, therefore, we must increase our regular annual income to that amount.

Two years ago it was brought to the attention of the administration of the School of Theology that Rev. Sylvester S. Powell, a man proficient in both Hebrew and Greek, could be secured at what seemed a reasonable salary. It was thought wise to engage Mr. Powell to teach the Biblical languages, and steps were taken to that effect. He has now begun his second year with us. Practically all the students have elected to take work in these subjects, much to their profit, we believe. And it is hoped that some student will be sufficiently interested to prepare himself for teaching both the Hebrew and the Greek. The amount of Professor Powell's salary, \$700, was secured last year through subscriptions made by friends of the institution who believe in us and in our aims.

Thus we have answered the first question as to *why* the money is needed. Now *how* shall we undertake to raise this money? Of course we are depending upon the friends of the school throughout the denomination. We confidently believe they will support our program. Still we have not answered specifically the question, "How?"

We are hoping to secure the salary of Professor Powell as we did last year, through personal gifts ranging from five to fifty dollars each. Already we have pledges or cash gifts to the amount of \$200. Some who subscribed last year feel that they cannot help this year, but we are hoping new friends will come to our help.

Now in regard to the \$500 necessary to keep us going at our normal pace, the amount which it was seen four years ago we must arrange for at about this time. At the request of the Board of Managers of the School of Theology the General Conference voted at its last session to authorize an annual offering for this fund in all the churches. We do not know how much to expect from this source, but we are hoping it may be equal to the need.

We are asking the churches to appoint a day in November or early December for this offering for the School of Theology. Soon we shall mail to the pastors some literature for distribution, through which we hope to do three things. In a printed address given by the dean at Conference we hope to present our ideas concerning a theological education to those who may not have read it before; in a reprint from the Alfred University *Alumni News* we shall indicate some of the recent activities of the faculty and students; and by the use of a blue-print we shall indicate the uses made of the Gothic, the building of the School of Theology, situated on the university campus.

We have not forgotten that the General Conference suggested that a special offering be taken in all our Sabbath schools for the School of Theology some time in the last quarter, October-December. We are hoping that from this source sufficient money will be received to finish paying for improvements made in the student quarters in the Gothic.

We hope this is all clear, and we shall report in these columns the total result of these plans and efforts. We are anxious to have your sympathy and prayers as well as your

financial help as we undertake the important work of preparing young men and women to serve our churches and our mission fields.

WOMAN'S WORK WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER, 1938

BY MRS. T. J. VAN HORN

Blessed are the burdened of heart to
whom the comforter has come,
They foretaste the joys of heaven.

—John Oxenham.

Hymn—selected

Scripture—Matthew 11: 28-30

BURDENS

This is the Thanksgiving time of all the year, when we pause to list our blessings and to lift our hearts in grateful praise for the goodness of God to us.

Can we turn, today, from the tense strain of threatened wars, from the horrors of devastating floods, the loss of friends and cherished possessions, the heart-break of calamity—and still find that God is good to us?

When Mrs. Wm. L. Clarke of Ashaway, R. I., had bade the long farewell to her precious and accomplished young daughter, she humbly stood, at the next communion service of the church, and out of a broken mother-heart, she said, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him."

That precious Christian faith shines out in her lovely poem, quoted here:

WINGLESS BIRDS

There is an ancient legend,
A myth of many words,
Which tells us the Creator,
When he had formed the birds,
Laid down their wings beside them,
And said, "Your burdens know.
Take up and bear them bravely,
And you shall stronger grow."

They lifted them and bound them
One upon either side,
A burden great and heavy
They could not seek to hide.
They held them close and bore them,
As something wisely sent,
While forth to do life's duties
In cheerfulness they went.

Time passed, and they no longer
With halting steps must run,
But borne on strong, swift pinions,

They soared to meet the sun.
They soared and sang together,
Above their low estate,
Uplifted by the burdens
Which once had seemed so great.

May we not learn the lesson
Of sorrow sent in love?
Of burdens which shall lift us
As wings bear up the dove?
Of trials turned to triumphs
Along the path we trod,
Which kept our feet from straying,
And drew us nearer God?

Then shrink not from the sorrow,
The burden bravely bear.
By faith and patience girded
Thou shalt not know despair.
The sorrow though so crushing,
The burden though so great,
On eagle's wings shall bear thee,
To reach thy high estate.

CHILDREN'S PAGE OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am sorry that I have not written you in a long time.

We have three black and white striped kittens. One of them has seven toes.

I am in the fifth grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Stauffer.

Last week we began junior work in our Sabbath school class.

I guess my letter is long enough for this time.

Your RECORDER friend,
Marilyn Ruth Sholtz.

168 Prospect St.,
Sherrill, N. Y.,
October 8, 1938.

Dear Marilyn:

I wish I could see your little black and white kittens; they must be very pretty and cute. The seven-toed one surely has a "good understanding," as my father used to say about a neighbor of ours who had very big feet.

Our kitty, Skeezics, was a little bit in disgrace the other day, because he scratched baby Joyce's ear quite badly. But when I tell you how it happened perhaps you'll think he had a pretty good excuse. He was taking his afternoon nap when along came Miss Joyce, put a large cushion on him, and then sat down upon it. Do you blame him for using his claws?

Your loving friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I thought I would write again. It has been a long time since I wrote.

I have been going to school for six weeks. I have one half mile to walk. I have to walk alone this year because both of my brothers go to high school. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Henderson. There are thirteen pupils in our school.

I went to two different Bible schools this summer. I enjoyed going very much. The last one I went to was held in Pine Grove School, supervised by my sister who was assisted by another young lady. They stayed right in the schoolhouse so I stayed with them.

I can't think of anything more to write, so I will close.

Your RECORDER friend,
Virginia Churchward.

New Auburn, Wis.,
October 9, 1938.

Dear Virginia:

A half mile is not so far to walk in pleasant weather, but on a cold, stormy day the distance seems much greater, doesn't it, especially when you have to travel it alone. When I was about your age I went to school in the country, but I lived only a short distance from the schoolhouse, and do you know, I almost envied three girl cousins of mine who had to walk a half mile to school, because I thought it would be so much fun to carry my lunch. Wasn't I a silly girl?

I think you were a very fortunate girl to have two Bible schools to attend this summer. You must have learned a double number of helpful things.

Your loving friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is the second letter I have written to you. I was baptized April 11, last year, and I am very glad I was.

Our Sabbath school class is having a contest. We get points for different things we do. We have an odd number in our class so I do not know how it will come out. The names of the teams are: Zephyrs and Royal Blue. I am one of the Zephyrs.

Your RECORDER friend,
Elaine Kellogg.

422 New Market Rd.,
Dunellen, N. J.

Dear Elaine:

I am very glad, too, that you have been baptized, and may your service for Christ be a blessed and happy one.

Contests are great fun if both teams can be good losers as well as good winners, each team doing its level best to win; but since only one side can win, the losers should accept defeat with a smile of congratulation for the winners.

We of the Children's Page have a new friend, who has written some original bird stories, which I know you and other RECORDER children will enjoy reading. I will close this letter now so as to send one of these stories and will send others from time to time. She signs herself, "Aunt Hattie."

Your loving friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

MY BIRDS

Dear Children:

Would you like to hear a really true story—all about my birds?

There were seven of them, all different kinds. I'll tell you about them one at a time.

First—a long time ago the dearest little boy came to live at our house. He had real dark hair and pretty blue eyes. And he grew to be a healthy little fellow, just like your little brothers do, and he would skip about so cute, just by himself, always with an eye on us.

One day as we were driving along with a team and buggy we came real close to a bevy of quails. Bevy means quite a number. They were not very much afraid, but they kept skipping about, just like our little boy did, with an eye always on us. So we said our little boy was like the quails, and we loved the quails, too. And our boy, even now that he is older, nearly forty, loves to hear the little quails call, "Bob White," and "More Wet." Now if you were his daddy and mama, what would you have wanted him to be when he grew up?

Aunt Hattie.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK IN THE MAIL BOX

Dear Young People's Editor:

I can truly say I think the Teen-Age Conference was a success. The questions discussed were important to us all. Two days was just a good start. I certainly would like

to have another, as I believe they are helpful. I would like to say right here that we couldn't have a better leader than Rev. Harley Sutton. Let's have him again!

We had a grand time together and he gave us some good ideas on worship services. During one period the fellows conducted one worship service and the girls another. Then we discussed what could have been done to improve each one. Our main disappointment was in the attendance. We expected there would be a lot of teen-age young people to come. However, we'll hope there will be more next year and that they will raise the age limit so some of us can still be counted in.

Sincerely yours,

Bridgeton, N. J. Mary Beth Smalley.

The Teen-Age Conference which I attended was very inspirational. I was sorry not to have reached Plainfield in time to attend them the first day. The worship services that were conducted at the opening of each meeting put us into a receptive mood for the discussions which followed. I appreciate very much the work of Rev. Harley Sutton, Miss Ruth Hunting, and all those who helped to make the meetings a success.

Meeting the young people from our other churches whose beliefs, practices, and problems are the same as ours, is very helpful. The young people's suppers in Fellowship Hall and the breakfast in Washington State Park were delightful affairs.

Since Conference the SABBATH RECORDER has meant much more to me, as I often read about my new friends and their activities. Seeing the Denominational Building was one of the high lights of my visit.

I surely hope that there will be special meetings for the teen-age group next year as there are several of us already planning to attend.

Dorothea Clarke.

11 Buckeye St.,
Battle Creek, Mich.

IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS BOOKS TO OUR PERSONAL RELIGIOUS LIFE

(Conference paper by Mary Hummel given at young people's round table)

In considering this topic, "The Importance of Religious Books to Our Personal Religious Life," it seems to me that our motto in our personal religious lives should be 2 Timothy 2: 15, "Study to show thyself approved unto

God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

In our study on private worship, the Bible must hold first place. I have found it more beneficial to me to use the Bible more than other religious books. The Bible is God's message to us, and we need to study it and consult it to know his will. You who have been away from home for some time know what happens when you get a letter from Dad. You feel a lump come up in your throat; you put everything else aside to read it. After a bit you read it over again. You know what he expects of you. You know what he is hoping and praying you'll do, even if he doesn't say so. You read between the lines, and the more times you read that letter the better you can read between the lines. While I was attending college, away from home, I found it even more necessary to read my heavenly Father's message than to read Dad's. It was far more essential to talk with my heavenly Father and to ask his advice than to talk to Dad. God is right near at hand. No long distance phone calls are necessary.

We might compare other religious books to the telephone or telegraph system. All of these are just devices to help us get the message. These books only help deliver God's message.

As a means of helping us to direct Bible study, study helps and books of exposition are invaluable. I shall never forget the fine study I had with Mrs. Friedemann's "The Gospel of John." She is a returned missionary from Czechoslovakia and it was our privilege to have her personal instruction for the class.

In all of our conferences, I look forward to the social gatherings and the games we play which enable us to become better acquainted with each other. In just such a way I have become better acquainted with the twelve disciples and many other Biblical characters through such books as "Pen Portraits of the Twelve," by Bernard Clausen, and Morton's "In the Steps of St. Paul." We feel better acquainted; we understand them better and appreciate them more after these intimate glimpses into their lives.

After getting acquainted with the Biblical characters, we are naturally interested in reading the lives of later Christians. As I read the "Life of John G. Patton" and the "Life of David Livingstone" there dawned in

my life vision, inspiration, loyalty, and courage; in fact a broadened horizon.

We must be sure to remember that no matter how interesting the book, no matter how well written it may be, the book is not the object we must fix our gaze upon. It is God. "We would see Jesus." It is my prayer that we may each be as wise in our efforts as were those Greeks who made the request. They knew where he might be found and we know that if we truly seek him, he will be easily found; in fact, he promises to draw near those who truly are seeking to learn his will.

WOODEN SWEARING

In this story, here presented in old English, we are given a picture a bit unusual and certainly illustrative of little, irreverent attitudes.

"My son, thy mother's heart is greatly grieved to find that thou hast fallen into the habit of swearing."

And the youngest-born was much startled and exclaimed, "Me? Me swear? Why, Mother, I never uttered an oath in my life! What meanest thou?"

"No, my son, thou mayest never have uttered an oath in thy life, but thou hast surely *banged* many."

But he only gazed at me in amazement. So I further explained: "Why do men swear? Is it not a method of expressing their emotions? Especially their anger, or disgust, or general irritation? Some use profanity; some break forth in slang; some kick the furniture; some make the horn to squawk, and the machine to go recklessly; and some slam the doors." And the youngest-born blushed.

But I paused not nor noticed the blush. "Which, my son, dost thou think is really the worst? Is not the attitude of the heart much the same? Do not all these forms indicate a lack of self-control? And is real profanity much worse on the character than 'wooden swearing'?"

And now the doors are usually closed softly.

—From "New Century Leader."

The preceding story I found while studying a Sabbath school lesson some time ago. I thought it too rich to keep, so I pass it on to you.

I want to thank those young people who have responded to my request for correspondence regarding the Teen-Age Conference. To have the young people express their appreciation is very gratifying to those who planned and conducted the conference. Young people, when you express your desire and determination to co-operate in such undertakings it gives those who are to plan future meetings an

opportunity to meet you half way. If they do not know your desire, what can they do?

The Young People's Page has ready space for letters, papers, poems, worship programs, social suggestions, and even questions and answers (if the questions are not too deep).

This page of the RECORDER is *your page*. What will you do with it?

OUR PULPIT

A SERMON

BY REV. LOYAL F. HURLEY

(Given at a Rededication Service of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church)

"Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people," Isaiah 56: 7.

This church is to be rededicated today for the sacred uses of God's house. And it will be well to consider anew just what churches are built for, and, since this is a Seventh Day Baptist church, to think carefully of the purposes for which Seventh Day Baptist churches are set apart.

The three principal uses of a church are to afford a place, first, for the worship and fellowship of Christian people; second, for the teaching of the truth or truths for which a group of Christians stand; and third, a center for evangelism and Christian education.

I. Worship and Fellowship

1. Worship. "Mine house shall be called an house of prayer." Prayer is largely concerned with four principal activities. In *petition* we are occupied with our needs. In *intercession* we are occupied with another's needs. In *thanksgiving* we are occupied with our blessings. In *worship* we are occupied with our God. Too frequently prayer is largely begging from God. The church should help us to keep our prayer balanced.

2. Fellowship. "An house of prayer for all people." The church is not only a place for prayer, it is a place for united prayer. And the fellowship of it is of tremendous importance. Howard J. Chidley writes: "One cannot travel through Palestine even today without being impressed with the inaccessibility of most of the country districts, except by donkey, horse, or afoot. Aside from a trunk route or so for automobiles, vast areas have no roads. Those who dwell in these back areas and tend their flocks, like their ancestors of Old Testament days, lead a lone-

some life. But once a year, in the days of the Psalmist, these herdsmen and farmers went up to Mount Zion to worship. As the brooks run down from the hills to meet the rivers, so these ancient worshipers came down from their lonely hill fastnesses to join the throng going up to Jerusalem. The fellowship was sweet. It made for songs of joy, so that passing through the valley of weeping they made it ring with laughter. The church is as necessary for lonely people as it ever was. Space has been annihilated by the radio, the automobile, and the telephone; but people are still lonely."

Christians by the thousand live week by week on the strength and courage they receive from Christ as they fellowship with their brethren.

II. Truth Teaching

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," Matthew 28: 20. Every denomination that has any excuse for existence stands for some special truth or truths which distinguish it from others. Seventh Day Baptists stand for a certain combination of truths which distinguishes them from all other groups. They include at least the following:

1. The Bible as the Word of God. Not merely the discovery of searching man, but the revelation of the self-expressing God—the authoritative record of his revelation to man and through man, and in particular through his only-begotten Son. Seventh Day Baptists differ in interpreting the Bible. Some stress the letter, and others the spirit; some stress the mechanics, and others the truth. But to them the Bible is God's Word.

2. Salvation by the Cross of Christ. Seventh Day Baptists, like all other Sabbath keepers, face the temptation to be legalists and Pharisees. It would be easy to claim merit for obedience, or to thank God we are not as other men—we keep the Sabbath. But through the years we have taught that we are not saved by works or by obedience. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast," Ephesians 2: 8, 9. We have maintained that we obey because we are saved, and because we love the Lord who redeemed us. "This is the love of God that we keep his commandments." "If a man love me he will keep my words."

3. Believer's Baptism. We hold that baptism is not for infants, but for believers only

—for those who know what conversion means and what baptism signifies. We believe that baptism has a two-fold significance. It shows what we believe about Christ, and what we declare about ourselves. First, it shows that our faith is in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and second, it declares to the world that we have died to sin and are being raised to a new life of holiness in Christ. We deny that the water has any efficacy to purify the heart. Christ alone can do that.

4. A Regenerate Church Membership. Seventh Day Baptists have a high standard for church membership. Just as they believe that only born-again Christians should be baptized, so they believe that only born-again people should be admitted to church membership. Doubtless many are received who are not regenerated folks. Some are ignorant of the new birth and others may be hypocrites—we cannot be sure. Man looks on the outward appearance while only God sees the heart. We cannot be infallible. But it is a wonderful goal that we plan to admit to church membership only those whom we believe to have experienced the new birth.

5. Liberty of Conscience. The first sentence in our newly adopted "Statement of Faith" says, "Seventh Day Baptists cherish liberty of thought as an essential condition for the guidance of the Holy Spirit." We have no priests or popes. Every one is expected to do business directly with our heavenly Father, with no intermediary except Christ. Through him we come boldly unto the Throne of Grace.

If we stand on equal footing before the Throne we should stand on the same footing before each other. That means a democratic church government where the voice of the majority is accepted as the decision of the church. The church that is governed by wire-pulling and bossism is not a Seventh Day Baptist church at all.

6. The Seventh Day as the Sabbath. We believe that men should keep the Sabbath along with all other requirements of God's moral law. And we believe that the Sabbath is, not just one day in seven as man's convenience or custom may dictate, but the seventh day of the week which God blessed and sanctified, the Sabbath observed by Christ and the apostles and the early church. Doctor Ironside of Moody Church, Chicago, says of the Ten Commandments, that some are commanded because they are right, and others are

right because they are commanded. He failed to add that nine are commanded because they are right, as for instance, it is right to worship God and to respect the life and purity and property of other humans; only one is right because it is commanded, and that is the Sabbath commandment. There is no inherent difference in the days of the week which sets one apart from the others. All days are the same length; they all share average climate and temperature and sun and rain. The seventh day is the Sabbath not on account of any inherent difference, but because of what God did about it. He blessed and set it apart. Its authority is God himself.

III. Evangelism and Christian Education

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," Matthew 28: 19. Christian education has been a part of evangelism from the beginning. Its place is not merely to inform the intellect, but to fit one to receive Christ intelligently. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Doubtless too much teaching is merely the giving of information. It should appeal to the emotions and the will as well. We want people to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. Receiving Christ is an act of the will.

And we need to lead folks to Christ while they are still young. Someone has pointed out that the most noticeable difference between a baby and a calf is that the calf may be running around and largely looking out for itself within a few hours, while the baby is helpless for months, and more or less dependent for years. The babe is born into an environment where he is compelled to trust others for his care. Lead him to trust in Christ while he is still trustful! Lead him to yield to God's will while his own will is still pliable! If we wait—or he waits—the chances grow less and less that he will ever be Christian at all.

These figures are staggering. Most Christians accept the Lord between twelve and sixteen years of age. If you wait until just before you are eighteen you have one chance in 5,000 of ever becoming a Christian; if you wait until you are between eighteen and twenty-five, you have one chance in 80,000; if you wait until you are between twenty-five and thirty-five, you have one chance in 150,000; but if you wait until you are over thirty-five, you have one chance in 1,000,000! Why is there such a drop in conversion as age in-

creases? Educators have proved that the intellect remains active until ripe old age; also, the emotions remain active throughout life; but the will tends to harden like cement! So it is necessary to get it into the proper form before it gets too hard. How zealous we should be to get people to accept Christ in the early years! Even if they are over thirty-five and have only one chance in 1,000,000 of ever becoming Christians we should impress upon them that they still have *one chance*, and urge them to take that one. A church is a center for evangelism.

How fine it is to come into a church that has just been made more beautiful and attractive as a place of worship. And how fitting that such a church should be rededicated to the worship of God and the service of man. Yet it is not so very important to dedicate bricks and mortar! The most important part of this service is that the people who worship here and use this renovated building should be rededicated to the God who loves them, the Christ who redeemed them, and the men and women who need them! Which may God grant, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

ALFRED, N. Y.

The Seventh Day Baptist young people's worship service last Friday evening was led by Wayne Rood. Earl Cruzan gave the talk, "Faith as an Answer to Doubt."

On Sabbath day Earl Cruzan led the devotional service at Alfred Station church, and Wayne Rood delivered the sermon.

Dr. George B. Shaw led the regular Tuesday morning chapel service in the Gothic.

Wayne Rood assisted Doctor Shaw with evangelistic services which were held in the Grange Hall on Sabbath night.

The Ministers' Association of Hornell and Vicinity met in the Gothic last Monday and heard Dean A. J. C. Bond tell of the World Council of Churches which met in Utrecht, Holland, last May. After the meeting the group was entertained at lunch in the Alfred Coffee Shop as guests of Dean Bond. The faculty and students of the School of Theology were also guests.

—Alfred Sun.

BROOKFIELD, N. Y.

Following the painting of the parsonage and barn and other repair work, a church social was held at the parsonage at which there were over sixty present. A program of vocal

and instrumental music was much enjoyed and refreshments of home made ice cream and cake were served.

Appointed delegates to the General Conference gave reports the Sabbath following as usual, and a large bundle of denominational literature was passed around to several families for their perusal.

The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Aid society recently sent a birthday gift of \$10 to Mrs. Lena Crofoot in Daytona Beach.

Their annual bazaar and supper will be held December 1, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

The men of the church are expecting to put on a pancake supper soon.

A good sized group of church delegates attended fall association in De Ruyter October 15.

Miss Mary Corbin of the C. E. society will be their delegate to a Leaders' Conference in Binghamton soon.

Correspondent.

BEREA, W. VA.

The summer time has seen increased activity in the Ritchie Church in a number of ways. Our church attendance has increased to an average of above forty. Our Bible school and girls' camp were held with seemingly good results. On Sabbath, August 6, four of our young folks, Mary Louise and Waniema Simmons, Ruth Bee, and Edith Jones, were baptized. We have lost one member by death, Mrs. Ina Bee Toothman of Roanoke. While attendance and interest have increased, we need a deeper spirituality amongst the whole membership. At the association meeting at Middle Island, it was voted to hold the 1939 sessions with the Ritchie Church next July.

Our Vacation Bible School was held July 5-22, with Miss Ada Keith serving her seventh term as supervisor, and an enrollment of thirty-seven. Other teachers were Pastor and Mrs. Beebe, Mrs. Daisy Summers, Misses Conza Meathrell and Kathleen Hodge. Diplomas from the church and Sabbath School Board were given to four graduates: Dortha Lee Bonnell, Mary Louise Simmons, Mary Genieve Sutton, and Mildred Whitehair.

The camps were not supported by the other churches as in other years. Of 11 girls attending, 7 were from Berea. They had a good and profitable time under the supervision of Miss Ada Keith, assisted by Pastor and Mrs. Beebe, Misses Estelle Bottoms and Julia Meathrell. Boys' Camp was not held,

due to insufficient numbers. We need to get better organized for a good camp next year.

Our new Christian Endeavor officers are entirely from among the younger members: Mary Genieve Sutton, president; Dortha Lee Bonnell, vice-president; Lenora Sutton, secretary; Mary Louise Simmons, treasurer. The active membership is now small; the older young folks need to stand loyally by, and help carry on. They have undertaken wiring the church for electricity, and would appreciate help, as sufficient funds have not yet been raised.

Your pastor, accompanied by S. A. Ford, Irene McKay and Anne Beebe, spent five days on this field early in September, visiting Sabbath keepers and other interested persons at Sutton, Wolf Creek, Bug Ridge, Crites Mountain, Cowen, Pleasant Ridge, Camden-on-Gauley, and Roanoke. We conducted three services in the Sartin home on Crites Mountain, and assisted in organizing a Sabbath school, with Ira Clifton as superintendent, Miss Lula Rhodes as secretary.

Due to the help of interested friends here and in Rhode Island, your pastor and daughter Anne were enabled to attend Conference at Plainfield, N. J. The pulpit was supplied in his absence by S. A. Ford. . . . Miss Conza Meathrell had charge of services while the pastor was in the mountains. . . . Pastor Bottoms and family spent a Sabbath with us on their way to Conference, and a large crowd enjoyed hearing him preach again.—Ritchie Church News Letter.

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.

We are breaking in a new Excellograph Duplicating Machine on our October "News Letter." Since we do not have to pay for having it printed, we may be able to send you a longer letter with more news. At the quarterly church meeting, October 2, it was voted to purchase a duplicating machine for the use of the pastor and others in our church work. We hope to become expert in mimeographing, some day (?)

If we had sent you a real newsy letter in July we would have told you about the Vacation Religious Day School. This has been a regular part of our summer program for a number of years. The enrollment of seventy-one was an increase over last year, and the average attendance of sixty was better than last year. So was a perfect attendance of twenty-nine. The expense of the school

was \$34.70. We are now getting the services of former pupils in our teaching force. Those who assisted the pastor in teaching were Mrs. Donald Gray, Mrs. John Campbell, Ruby Naugler, Mary Hull, Jean McWilliam, Ellen Olsbye, Bettie McWilliam, and Irwin Randolph. The pupils broadcast from station WCLO on the closing day of school.

Dr. Rosa Palmberg, missionary from China, spoke in our church on Sabbath day, July 9. She has now returned to her work in China. Rev. H. E. Davis, also from our mission in China, has been in our community but did not preach in our church. He was heard at Conference and is still in this country. Miss Miriam Shaw, who left China when the war broke out, is about to return.

Pastor Randolph took a load of young people to Nortonville, Kan., to attend a Young People's Conference and the Northwestern Association, August 10-14. They were Jean and Bettie McWilliam, Ivan and Irwin Randolph. Mrs. Edna Shelton and Loren Shelton were also delegates in attendance. June Babcock returned with the young people and is a welcome addition to our choir.

—From News Letter.

NORTH LOUP, NEB.

A Preaching Mission, similar to the ones conducted the past two years, will be held at the Seventh Day Baptist church beginning at 7.30 the night of October 30. The pastor of the church assisted by the choir, and others, will conduct the services. There will be the opportunity for those in attendance to join with friends and neighbors in singing the grand old hymns of the church, and the joy of reading with them familiar and helpful Scriptures that have comforted and strengthened mankind throughout all time. There will be a gospel message each night applicable to the time in which we live, holding forth the way of truth and life. The public is very cordially invited to attend and to have a part with us, and to enjoy the blessings that are sure to follow. A list of sermon subjects will be announced through the columns of the *Loyalist* next week. We will be expecting you and will meet you with a warm Christian welcome.

In preparation for the Preaching Mission which will begin October 30, Pastor Hill has asked that at 9 o'clock each day, special prayer will be offered. He asks that whatever members are doing or wherever they are, they

offer a short silent prayer, and thus get in readiness, spiritually and mentally, for the services to come.—*North Loup Loyalist*.

ULEN, MINN.

The SABBATH RECORDERS are very worth while. The Ulen Union prints many condensed articles from it. There is a very strong Christian sentiment here. Naomi Brown in a temperance lecture here stated that North Dakota was confident of the repeal of hard liquor first, and is trying to put 3.2 where it belongs into the class of intoxicating beverages.

The North Dakota Council of State Superintendents sponsored a five-day Preaching Mission in Fargo, beginning October 17, with a conference for ministers, youth meetings, seminars, and strong evangelistic evening meetings. The conferences discussed such topics as Effective Preaching, Prophetic Preaching, and Evangelistic Preaching. Seminars included in the discussions such topics as The Christian Message, Evangelism, and Christianity and the Social Order.

Other cities included in the Preaching Mission were Jamestown, Bismarck, Dickinson, Devil's Lake, Minot, and Williston. Ministers also from Minneapolis were present.

North Dakota is active in promoting legislation for social welfare, especially proposed amendments for the Adoption Law; changes in birth certificates of illegitimate children, joint responsibility of men proven to be possible parents of illegitimate children; licensing of hospitals and maternity homes; change in the methods of commitment of minors to the State School at Grafton; licensing and supervision of homes for aged.

The State Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Bismarck in its forty-ninth annual state convention took a firm stand for the return of prohibition law, and total abstinence was laid down as a tenet of the North Dakota W.C.T.U. This organization is as old as the state itself.

Mrs. L. L. Coalwell.

An old man was crossing a busy corner when a huge police dog dashed into him and bowled him over. The next instant an Austin skidded around a corner and bumped him, inflicting more severe bruises.

Bystanders assisted him to his feet, and someone asked him if the dog had hurt him. "Not exactly," he replied, "it was the tin can tied to his tail that did the most damage."

—*Watchman-Examiner*.

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The Red Cross Calls Annual Roll Call, November 11.