

A GREAT REMOVER

It is stated that alcohol will remove stains from summer clothes. This is correct. It will also remove:

The summer clothes.

The winter clothes.

The spring clothes.

The fall clothes, not only from the back of the man who drinks it, but from his wife and children as well.

Alcohol will also remove:

A good reputation.

A man's business.

A man's friends.

A happy look from children's faces.

A prosperous man to a pauper's grave.

A man from respectable society to the penitentiary.

A man from the highway of heaven to the road to hell.—*The Gideon.*

OBITUARY

BURDICK.—LuElla Fitch was born at Brookfield, N. Y., September 7, 1863, and died at the home of her daughter, Iva, in Sherburne, N. Y., February 10, 1939.

At the age of nineteen she was united in marriage to Lucius T. Burdick, and to them were born three children: Iva (Mrs. Thomas Hoxie), of Sherburne; Dora (Mrs. Francis Mulligan), and Raymond, both of Brookfield. She was a faithful member of the Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church, which she joined July 14, 1888, and of the Woman's Missionary Aid society.

She is survived by her husband, her three children, seven grandchildren, many other relatives, and friends. Farewell services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Polan, her pastor, and she was buried in the Brookfield cemetery.

H. L. P.

CHAMPLIN.—Josephine Coon was born May 29, 1874, at Little Genesee, N. Y., and died January 27, 1939, at her home in Little Genesee. She was a daughter of Biol O. and Martha Hall Coon.

In 1896 she was married to John Hiscox of Westerly, R. I. To this union one daughter was born. Mr. Hiscox died in 1904. On March 6, 1919, she was married to L. A. Champlin, who survives her, with her daughter, Mrs. Susan Ingalls of Bolivar, and five grandchildren. She was a member of the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church and took an active part as long as her health permitted. She was a member of a number of the organizations of the church and community.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Harley Sutton. Burial was in the local cemetery.

H. S.

St. JOHN.—Alice Crandall, daughter of Darwin Schuyler and Alzina Babcock Crandall, was born in Leonardsville, N. Y., February 25, 1856, and died in Daytona Beach, Fla., January 24, 1939.

April 1, 1871, she was baptized and joined the First Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Leonardsville, transferring to the Plainfield Church in 1898. She was married to DeValois St. John February 14, 1882. To this union were born four children: Mary Alice (Mrs. Eli F. Loofboro) of Lost Creek, W. Va.; Nellie Crandall of Daytona Beach, Fla.; Milton Wilcox of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Evalois of Plainfield, N. J.; all of whom, with nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, survive.

Farewell services were conducted in Daytona Beach by Rev. Elizabeth Fitz Randolph and Rev. Theodore J. Van Horn, January 27; and in Plainfield by Pastor Hurley S. Warren, January 30. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

H. S. W.

STILLMAN.—Anna Garrettson, daughter of J. Smith and Harriet Shotwell Garrettson, was born in Plainfield, N. J., October 5, 1862, and died at the home of her son, Ernest, North Plainfield, January 2, 1939.

In early womanhood she was baptized and united with the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ. She was married to Frederic L. Stillman March 28, 1886. Of this union there survive four children: Grace L. Bartlett of Roselle; Laura M. MacDonald of Newark; Ernest L. and Harold F. of North Plainfield. There survive, besides the children named, two sisters: Mrs. Jeremiah Van Winkle, Plainfield; Mrs. George Benbrook, Somerville; also seven grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted in Plainfield by Pastor Hurley S. Warren, January 4. Interment was in Presbyterian Cemetery, North Plainfield.

H. S. W.

STILLMAN.—Samuel Lewis Stillman, seventy-six, died February 16, 1939, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Witter, with whom he lived.

He was born in Newport, N. Y., son of George and Harriet Rogers Stillman. He came to this section when young and later married Adda Angell of West Edmeston. He is survived by three brothers: Fred and Clark of Brookfield, and Clarence of Utica; and three nephews. He was a devoted member of the Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church, which he joined May 10, 1884.

Funeral services were conducted February 18 by his pastor, Rev. H. L. Polan, and he was buried at West Edmeston.

H. L. P.

RECORDER WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

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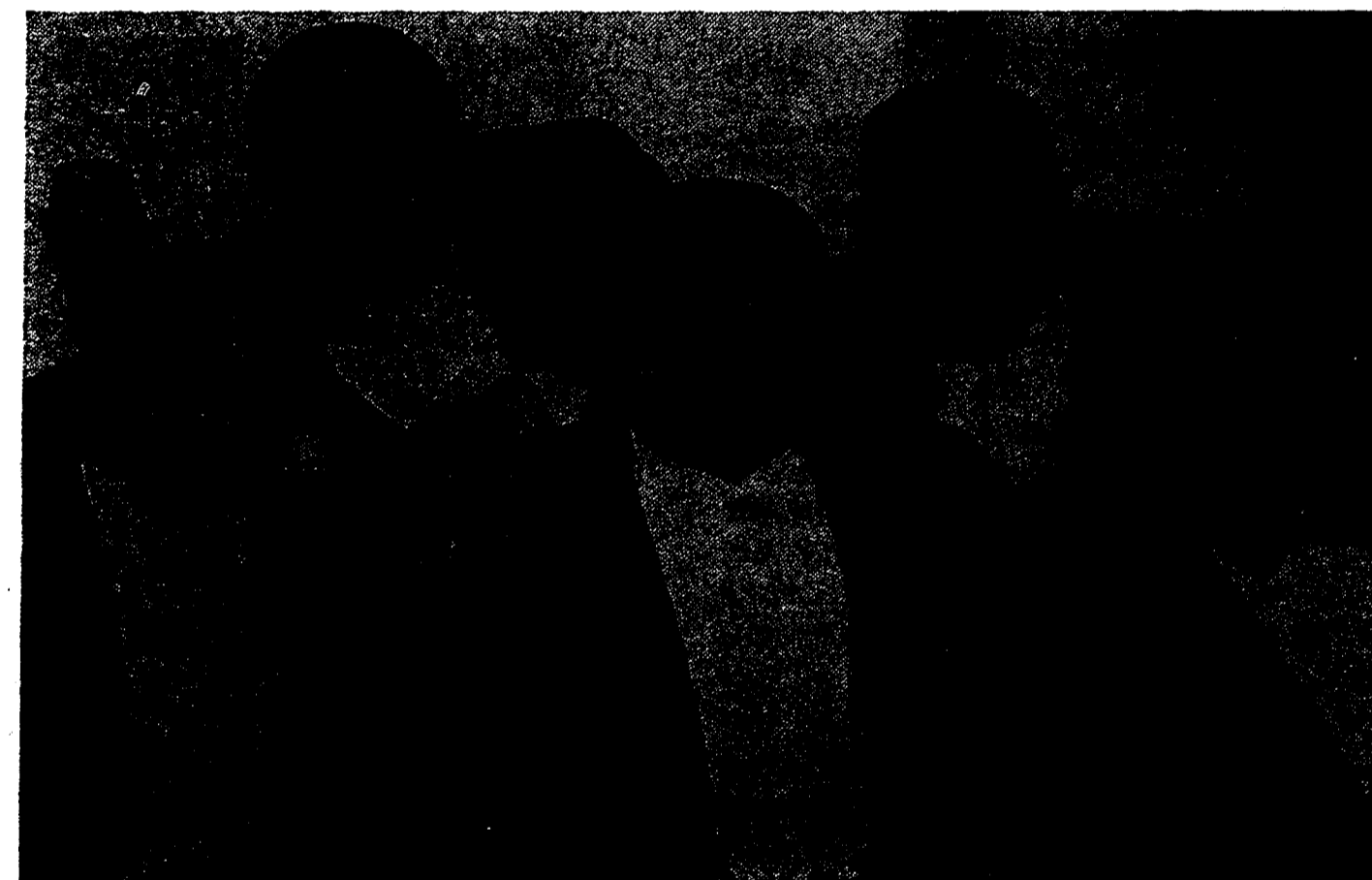
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Pulpit Exchange The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society is arranging for exchange of pastors and other speakers in the interests of the Sabbath truth, and of its work. A prepared schedule of exchange has been sent to ministers and lay workers with a letter from the corresponding secretary, presenting the plan and suggesting the dates of April 15 or April 22. Replies already received favor the latter day. So, as far as possible, April 22 will be considered the date, and effort will be made to have the exchange effected then. However, if for any reason that time is not convenient, the matter may be adjusted to mutual satisfaction between speaker and church affected. In such event, April 15 or some other date in April will serve our purpose fully as well.

There is every confidence on the part of the board that our churches will be pleased to co-operate in this way to promote Sabbath truth, its importance and value in the Christian life. The board is the servant of the churches, the denomination, and the one alone charged with the responsibility of advocating and promoting the only truth that separates us from the great Baptist denomination. For this reason the board feels justified in coming

to the churches through the services involved in this exchange.

There is no disposition on the part of the board to question the loyalty of pastors and churches in upholding the truth of the Sabbath. But, though a pastor may often preach about the Sabbath and present the work and needs of the various societies and boards of the denomination, a new voice may present some new angle or picture that will be beneficial, and possibly increase zeal and accelerate the work. It is for this reason and with such hope that this venture is being made.

No financial obligation to the churches for travel expenses of guest speakers will be incurred. The board bespeaks the interest, prayers, and co-operation of the churches, pastors, other leaders, and all concerned. The date—April 22, 1939.

Dissipated Responsibility A story is told by Louis H. Evans that has possibilities of wide application. There was a certain keeper of a lighthouse on a bold and rugged coast. Out beyond his sight and personal knowledge were ships and people affected by his light. Fuel for the lights was delivered regularly, a supply for a month at a time. Many people in need came to his door begging for fuel—one to warm the room for his children, one for a light that his son might read, another for fuel for his engine, and so on. To these many needs, so real and insistent, the keeper of the lights parceled out his precious fuel. Toward the end of the month the keeper sought from his supply oil to refill his lamps, but to his dismay the tank was empty. That night the light went out and three ships depending upon it went down, more than a hundred lives being lost in the sweeping fury of the wind and sea.

The next morning brought a government agent who faced the wretched lighthouse keeper. To his charge, the keeper began to apologize for the lack of light by telling of the needs of the people met by the dispensing of oil during the month, till there was not enough for the last night. Sternly the government agent rebuked him with, "You were given one task above all others—to keep this light burning. Other demands upon your fuel were secondary to this. Your light went out, three ships went down, and more than a hundred persons were lost at sea. For this there is no defense."

Many worthy appeals come to Christians for help, and it is easy to give here and give there to needs so near and insistent, till it is discovered there is little left, if any, to send out the light of the blessed gospel to the many perishing on life's wild sea.

Our strength, our abilities, our talents are dissipated on causes, truly more or less worthy, till there is none left for the responsibility laid upon us by the Master—"Ye are my witnesses" or "Go ye into all the world" with the gospel. From the church, the lighthouse, Christian people must conserve the light and keep it shining, that souls shall not be lost in the storms of life.

The Hawaiian Letters With the letter in this issue there comes to a close the interesting and informative series of letters from Hawaii. Dr. Herbert N. Wheeler, who has so generously shared his vacation trip with RECORDER friends, could have written many more equally interesting letters of various situations, but thoughtfully refrained, knowing the limited space of the SABBATH RECORDER.

We feel under a debt of gratitude to the writer. He has not only brought us a touch of the people and conditions of these gems of the ocean, but has helped us to realize that the territory of the Hawaiian Islands is really a part of the United States—as much so as California, Wisconsin, or Massachusetts. Doubtless more people from the states would have a more intimate, first hand knowledge of the attractions of the islands and of the people there, were the steamship rates more reasonable.

We shall hope we may have a few letters, now and then, from our national forester friend as he pursues his vocational tasks in California.

Southernaires Through the courtesy of the National Broadcasting Company of Radio City, New York, we are able to show on the SABBATH RECORDER'S cover, this week, the Southernaires group, with whose Sunday morning program each week our readers are so generally familiar.

The Southernaires have thousands of faithful listeners to their weekly NBC broadcast. "It's like going to church" is the verdict of many. Blended with a few words of humble faith, the Southernaires lift their voices in hymns and spirituals which never grow old and of which we do not tire.

To this famous, all Negro group came a pleasant surprise package, recently, according to one of their number, basso of the quartet, William Edmonson. He declared it was "one of the most beautiful sights, I believe, ever witnessed by the human eye."

It was a lighthouse, a replica of "The Lighthouse" about which Southernaires sing each week at eleven-thirty EST, over the NBC Blue Network in their Sunday service. It is made of alabaster and wired for electrical illumination. Mr. R. Otis Fowler who listens devotedly to the group broadcast, designed it himself and sent one to each member of the quartet. In a letter, the donor expressed the hope that the glow from the lighthouse would forever shine in their hearts and help give light to others who might be lost in the storm.

Items of Interest Announcement has been made by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America that its Executive Committee has endorsed the proposal for the admission of refugee children from Germany in excess of the immigration quota. The action of the church council, made up of twenty-four national denominations, supports the bill introduced into Congress by Senator Robert F. Wagner and Representative John D. Dingell.

WHY A CERTAIN MAN DOES NOT ATTEND THE MOVIES

1. He was taken too often when a boy.
2. Because he was always asked for money when he went.
3. Because the people who sat near him never spoke to him.
4. Because some people he did not like would be present.
5. The manager did not call on him, or if he did it was to interest one in attending.
6. Because he might have his emotions stirred—that would be a disgrace.
7. Because he might be converted to another belief which he now opposes.
8. Because people do not live up (?) to what they see. — *Inclosure with a letter to members of New Market, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church.*

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS ANALYZED

The experience of the thousands who had to learn their lesson "the hard way" in 1938, brings to light many interesting facts such as the following:

Exceeding the speed limit was responsible for 39.6 per cent of the deaths and 25 per cent of the injuries. Despite a decrease in fatalities in 1938 compared with 1937, the percentage caused by speed went up.

Almost 94 per cent of the drivers involved in fatal accidents were male and only six per cent female.

More than 84 per cent of the fatal accidents occurred in clear weather, and 77 per cent happened when the road surface was dry.

More persons were killed on Sunday than on any other day of the week, while the heaviest injury toll came on Saturday. More persons were killed between seven and eight p.m. than at any other hour.

Almost 43 per cent of all victims of fatal traffic accidents were pedestrians. Almost half of all pedestrians killed were either crossing between intersections or walking on rural highways.

London. — The complete disestablishment of the churches in Germany is envisaged by the *Schwarzes Korps*, Nazi organ.

The separation hinted at by this journal is one similar to that which exists in France and the United States, but with a significant proviso—"except that the churches will not be allowed to form a state within a state as in the past, with their own schools and all their associations and organizations outside the purely religious sphere.

"The churches will only be allowed to act in such a way that they do not put the constitution in danger, and so long as they do not run counter to the moral sentiments of the Germanic race."

R. N. S.

DEATH OF THE POPE

An outstanding world event of the past week was the death of the Roman Catholic pope, in Rome, February 10. Since the accord with Italy the pope has gained more and more power. Now with the death of the man in office, it may be seen from the large amount of newspaper space given to descriptions of events concerning it, how much the world looks up to and "wonders after" the papacy.

We note that in the many articles appearing there are many false statements given. One such was that the papacy was founded A. D. 64. All students of history know that

the institution of the papacy was a gradual thing which took several centuries to grow up to the place where the Catholic world recognized the bishop of Rome, as a "Pope" or supreme head of the church. *Encyclopedia Britannica* declares that historical evidence shows that in the second and third centuries the church at Rome began to make unprecedented claims of superiority which were often contested by the other leading churches and bishops.

Another false statement we noted was that the Apostle Peter is buried under St. Peter's church in Rome. Catholic tradition is the only authority for such statement. The best historical records do not show that Peter ever even visited Rome.

The world recognition of the Catholic Church and the great amount of free publicity will strengthen that system in the world and continue to fulfill the prophecies of the Bible concerning the work of this false system, in the last days.—*Bible Advocate*, February 20.

SURRENDERED POSSESSIONS

God is able to bless you with ample means so that you may always have quite enough for any emergency of your own, and ample besides for any kind act to others. 2 Corinthians 9: 8, 9 (Moffat).

MISSIONS

THE CHURCH REACHING OUT

The mission of the Church goes farther than to those within its folds. It reaches out its hands to all men and labors to bring them into fellowship with Christ and into the brotherhood perfectly good. The heart of him who instituted the Church yearns to save all men, the worst as well as the best. This is seen in his forgiving the thief on the cross, in the parables of the prodigal's father, and the shepherd seeking the lost sheep, in his forgiving without a word of reproach the woman who was a sinner. His desire to save lost men is measured only by his suffering and death on the cross for them. He has laid this work on his Church and it is never fulfilling its mission unless it is engaged in the precious and priceless harvest. I do not think I underestimate the value of holding a church together, but I have thought scores of times,

SIGNS OF HOPE

BY PROFESSOR KENNETH SCOTT LATOURETTE
Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

Hope is a strange word these days. War and the threat of war seem to presage the collapse of civilization over vast areas. Uncertainty and recession in business place in jeopardy, the livelihood of millions. In Russia, Germany, and Turkey, Christianity appears to be retreating and to be fighting a rear guard action. Incomes of mission boards, while in several instances above the levels of two years ago, are still far below their pre-1929 levels. Few new missionaries are being sent. Is not Christianity a waning force?

No, there is solid ground for hope.

First of all, the missionary enterprise is continuing. It has not stopped. Many older missionaries have been recalled, but some new missionaries have sailed and thousands of missionaries are still carrying on. Christian missions have not suffered so grave a contraction as have many of our largest industries. While hundreds of banks and factories have gone into the hands of receivers or have ceased to exist, no great mission board has been declared bankrupt.

In the second place, the churches planted by the missions of the past century and a half are, taken as a whole, continuing to grow in numbers and in self-reliance. In some lands, as in India and Africa, the number of Christians is rapidly increasing. Even in China, where for fifteen years, from 1912 to 1927, an anti-Christian movement threatened the Church, the past decade has witnessed numerical growth. Leadership is developing. Some of the churches of Asia, Africa, and Latin America are assuming part of the financial load of their own support which the churches of Europe and North America once carried and are now laying down.

In the third place, the Christians of the world are drawing together into a more conscious fellowship. In a day when the barriers between nations are rising and international society seems to be breaking down into chaos, the churches are coming together. This is seen vividly in the Oxford and Edinburgh conferences of last summer.

From this crisis the Christian Church will rise to new heights of beneficent service to the world.

Taken from *Laymen's Missionary Movement*.

and said a few, that I never could be satisfied with simply holding a church together. A church is never up to its duty till it is seeking the lost whom Christ said he "came to seek and to save."

What an institution! The only one among men standing on an equality with the family; founded by Christ himself; the visible representation of the kingdom of heaven; composed of redeemed humanity with hearts knit together into a brotherhood by virtue of devotion to a common adorable master; the body of Christ and loved as his own body; free and subject to none, save its loving and lovable Lord; having as its mission a universal brotherhood perfectly good; a spiritual hospital for the cure of souls; and its hands stretched out to save from death the uttermost parts of the earth. Other organizations may claim some of our service, but, in the name of Christ, let us give to his Church the best of our time, strength, and heart's affections, for he died for us.

FROM THE PRESS

SABBATH AND WORSHIP

BY REV. ALVA L. DAVIS

Never was Sabbath observance and church attendance more needed than today. Faster and faster grows our rate of living. The world of business has little time for God. The world of pleasure is mad in its pursuit of amusements. Our asylums and penal institutions are full. The age is feverish, restless, unsatisfied, discontented.

Here comes in the meaning and the value of the Sabbath. You are a mechanic, farmer, carpenter, or a teacher, nurse, or homemaker; the Sabbath means a great deal to you, or should mean a great deal. On that day there should be a relaxing of muscle, a soothing of nerve, a calming of spirit. But not all of these can be obtained from rest. If the Sabbath is to give repose of spirit, the soul must be brought into communion with its Maker. It is only when our lives are saturated with God that the wings of our spirit drop to calm repose. In the church God meets man, and man's spirit is soothed, calmed, and refreshed from life's fever.—Taken from *Verona Church Bulletin*.

THE FUTURE

BY ARTHUR E. MAIN, D.D.

The present is a kind of crisis in our history, a turning point, the nick of time. And by the manifested infinite love of God in offering redemption to men, we need to be made to realize more and more man's lost estate, and to know that our highest appointed mission is to publish far and near the great salvation.

For this, our work in the world, glorious evangelism, we need first and most of all, more holiness before the Lord; to be made more meet for the Master's use. All over the denomination there is needed greater unity in spirit, in purpose, and in organized endeavor. More money, largely increased offerings according to our prosperity; the wisest possible methods of carrying forward our work; more men and women called of God and equipped for highest service, who really believe in the word of the Lord and in the possibilities of a redeemed humanity—these are wanted for the work at home and abroad.

Should these necessary things be supplied, supplied at once, because the gospel is, today, so powerful, so much opposed, and so needed, the future would be bright with promise of growth and glory for the cause and kingdom of Christ.—Taken from Jubilee Papers, published in 1892.

A MESSAGE TO ALL PEOPLES

(Excerpts from a statement by the International Missionary Council which met recently near Madras, India.)

Again and again we have been forced to note that the evils that we face are not the work of bad men only, but of good as well. The gravest of our disasters have been brought upon us not by men desiring to make trouble for mankind, but by those who thought they did their best in the circumstances surrounding them. We do not know the man wise enough to have saved the world from its present sufferings—and we do not know the man wise enough to deliver us now.

But it is just at this point that we are forced back upon our faith and rescued from pessimism to a glorious hope. We know that there is One who, unlike ourselves, is not defeated and who cannot know defeat. In the wonder of Christ's revelation we see God not as a remote and careless deity sufficient

to himself, but as a Father with a love for mankind, his children, as indescribable as it is fathomless. We who have looked at Christ, his Messenger, his Son, torn with suffering on a cross on which only his love for man has placed him, have a tragic but transfiguring insight into the richness and reality of God's passion for his own. It is this insight which has taken the Christians to glad martyrdoms through the centuries and sent them to the ends of the earth to spread the great Good News. And in humility we record our gratitude that even in this present time evidences multiply that men and women still sally forth as faithful and untiring ambassadors of Christ.

It is clear that only God can save the peoples, and that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ not only can but will. It must become clearer to us all, however, that the instruments he demands are not men and women of ideals as such, but those who constantly in prayer and worship verify those same ideals before his august will. We can none of us become faultless agents of his grace, but the only hope before the world lies in those who at least attempt to know him and to follow in his way.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT

January 1, 1939, to January 31, 1939

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer,	
In account with the	
Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society	
GENERAL FUND	
Dr.	
Cash on hand January 1, 1939	\$—999.59
Nonresident member Milton Church, for	
China orphans	5.00
Piscataway Sabbath school, home	
mission in U. S.	5.50
Transfer from Debt Fund savings account	500.00
Memorial Board Income for quarter ending	
November 30, 1939	295.94
Thank offering, Albion, Wis.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. William T. Martland,	
Westerly, R. I.	20.00
L. S. K. Salem Church, for street waif	
Chinese refugee children	3.00
Mrs. Lucy H. McNanny, Venango, Pa.	1.00
Reta I. Crouch, Albuquerque, N. M.	10.00
Women's Auxiliary, 1st S. D. B. Church,	
New York City	25.00
Riverside, Calif., for Miriam Shaw	50.00
Rockville, R. I.	2.91
Milton Jct., Wis. Bible class	
for Jamaica mission	3.75
Luther S. Davis	20.00
Welton, Iowa, Deacon J. O. Babcock	
Bequest income	6.98
Pawcatuck Christian Endeavor native	
Jamaica workers	12.00
Battle Creek, Mich., Foreign missions	1.00
Miss Bessie Boehm, Battle Creek, Mich.,	
for Anna West	10.00
Battle Creek, Mich., Good Will Class	
Sabbath school, China relief	15.00
Rockville, R. I. missions	2.74

Farina, Ill.	10.00
Adams Center, N. Y., home missions	55.00
Southern Wis. and Chicago churches	10.00
Reta I. Crouch, general missionary work	5.00
Transferred from Dr. Thorngate China Fund for	
Dr. Thorngate's expenses, etc.	400.00
Income from Amanda M. Burdick	
Scholarship Fund	47.85
Permanent Fund income	550.21
Dr. Rosa W. Palmborg, Shanghai, China	15.00
Anonymous, Germany, towards China mission	41.67
Denominational Budget	632.80
	<u>\$1,762.76</u>
Cr.	
Interest	\$ 81.55
The Washington Trust Co., payment	
account loan	500.00
Dr. Geo. Thorngate, child allowance	\$ 50.00
Travel expense	150.00
Part salary, Jan. Feb. Mar.	200.00
	<u>400.00</u>
Grace I. Crandall, Amanda M. Burdick	
Scholarship Fund income	47.85
G. D. Hargis, expense account rendered	110.13
G. D. Hargis, salary	\$ 93.75
Child allowance	25.00
	<u>118.75</u>
Miriam Shaw, Riverside gift	50.00
Anna West, Mrs. Bessie Boehm gift	10.00
Luther W. Crichlow, Pawcatuck C. E.	
Union gift for native Jamaica workers	12.00
Luther W. Crichlow, salary	\$ 76.33
Travel expense	20.00
Rent	20.83
Native workers	39.59
	<u>156.75</u>

Grace I. Crandall, Battle Creek Good	15.00
Will Sabbath school gift	33.33
Verney A. Wilson, salary	22.92
W. L. Davis, salary	41.67
Robert W. Wing, salary	22.92
Ralph H. Coon, salary	12.50
Kay Bee, salary	22.92
Clifford A. Beebe, salary	25.00
Charles W. Thorngate, salary	16.67
Marion C. Van Horn, salary	22.92
Ellis R. Lewis, salary	10.00
A. L. Davis, work in Syracuse	\$112.50
W. L. Burdick, salary	25.00
Rent	33.33
Clerk	10.09
Supplies	180.92
Treasurer's expense, clerk	20.00
China payments: H. Eugene	
Davis, salary	\$100.00
Child allowance	12.50
Grace I. Crandall, salary	41.67
Rosa W. Palmborg, retirement	
allowance	30.00
Principal Boys' School	33.33
Boys' School	16.67
Anna West	41.67
Incidental Fund	25.00
	<u>300.84</u>
Foreign Missions Conference	3.00
L. R. Conradi, work in Germany	41.67
Transferred to Debt Fund	
1 % interest saved on notes	13.12
Jan. share of Denominational Budget	76.36
Overdraft—The Washington Trust Co.,	
February 1, 1939	—606.04
(Salaries and allowances due but not paid)	
	<u>\$1,762.76</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Receipts			Expenditures		
	January 1938	January 1939	Change	12 Mos. Ending 1-31-38	12 Mos. Ending 1-31-39	Change
Memorial Board income	\$ 589.37	\$ 295.94	\$ 293.43*	\$ 1,522.43	\$ 1,382.09	\$ 140.34*
Permanent Fund Income	263.81	263.81	286.40	4,817.46	3,835.04	982.42*
Denominational Budget	572.00	632.80	60.80	8,484.77	7,230.84	1,253.93*
Organizations	90.08	132.90	42.82	3,906.14	1,463.33	2,442.81*
Individuals	553.00	127.65	425.35*	2,684.55	1,516.73	1,167.82*
Special gifts	50.00	75.00	25.00	5,450.72	384.44	5,066.28*
Loans	500.00	500.00	500.00*	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Other	447.85	447.85	447.85	13.00	947.85	934.85
Debt Fund investment	250.00	500.00	250.00	2,000.00	2,775.00	775.00
	<u>\$ 2,868.26</u>	<u>\$ 2,762.35</u>	<u>\$ 105.91*</u>	<u>\$30,379.07</u>	<u>\$19,535.32</u>	<u>\$10,843.75*</u>
Corres. Sec'y and expenses	\$ 184.03	\$ 180.92	\$ 3.11*	\$ 2,411.99	\$ 2,494.41	\$ 82.42
Gen. missionaries and expenses	22.92	22.92	946.16	1,144.43	1,144.43	198.27
Churches and pastors	190.57	207.93	17.36	2,213.47	2,337.35	123.88
China	394.64	300.84	93.80*	6,321.21	5,211.62	1,109.59*
Holland			500.00	500.00	500.00	
Jamaica	365.31	297.63	67.68*	2,421.66	3,581.55	1,159.89
Treasurer's expense	20.00	20.00	541.24	564.87	564.87	23.63
Interest	94.47	81.56	12.91*	1,050.67	871.08	179.59*
Loans	250.00	600.00	350.00	3,000.00	3,625.00	625.00
Taxes						
Printing				138.90	198.13	59.23
Foreign Missions Conference		3.00	3.00	37.50	65.50	28.00
Special gifts	50.00	75.00	25.00	243.13	341.78	98.65
South American field				500.00	500.00	
Germany	41.67	41.67	45.85	3.00	47.85	44.85
Miscellaneous	2.00	47.85	45.85	1,280.30	1,167.37	112.93*
Debt Fund investment	96.58	89.48	7.10*	5,213.90	900.00	4,313.90*
Special Fund investment		400.00	400.00			
	<u>\$ 1,712.19</u>	<u>\$ 2,368.80</u>	<u>\$ 656.61</u>	<u>\$26,823.13</u>	<u>\$23,550.94</u>	<u>\$ 3,272.19*</u>

* Decrease.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

NO. 11

All things come to an end, even good things, like a vacation in Hawaiian Islands. Each of the larger islands has a wet side, the northeast, from which direction the trade winds come, and a drier side, the southwest. The wetter places have two hundred inches to five hundred and six hundred inches of rain a year, while the dry situation may have only ten inches to thirty inches. These few inches of rain may come in only three or four storms when the Kona or south wind blows. The larger islands all have high mountains. Mauna Kea on Hawaii is 13,825 feet high. On Oahu Island the highest mountains are about 3,000 feet. These mountains are almost continually bathed in clouds. The wind whips fine spray to the drier coast, so more moisture is received in Honolulu and surroundings than is the case with the dry areas on some of the other islands. The lowest temperature ever recorded in Honolulu is fifty-six degrees above zero. This winter it was sixty-six degrees twice. It is usually hot in daytime, but even in summer the thermometer seldom is much above eighty degrees and never ninety degrees, we are told. So from a climatic standpoint a vacation in Hawaii is much to be desired. It is most desirable, too, from every other point of view. The people are very friendly. There is no race prejudice and very little class distinction. There is no depression. There are fine American schools, public and private, and an excellent university. There are up-to-date newspapers and theatres, as on the mainland. A person can worship with the group that suits him, for there are Oriental temples, and churches of almost any American denomination from Mormon to Seventh Day Adventist. One Sunday we attended a Hawaiian Congregationalist church, established by the early New England missionaries, and heard two really gospel sermons, one by the pastor eighty-eight years old who could speak no English, and the other by a young Hawaiian assistant pastor who gave a good short sermon in English. The old pastor was so expressive with his hands, as most Hawaiians are, that we understood much of his address or at least caught the spirit of it.

A person can have the same regular food he would get in the ordinary eating places on

the mainland, or he can have Hawaiian foods such as poi, taro bread, fishes of various kinds, seaweeds, native tomatoes, breadfruit, cooking bananas, figs, coconuts, green or ripe, and delicious papayas.

As it came time to leave for the mainland we packed our souvenirs and other belongings, and good friends took us to the ship. Wm. M. Davis of Chicago and his good wife were there and some seven or eight others who had been most kind to us during our sojourn. We were surprised to receive fourteen leis apiece, and such hearty good-bys. You know there is a kiss in every lei. After five days of uneventful voyage we landed in San Francisco, ready for the work in hand. The Department of Agriculture inspectors were kind to us and permitted us to keep most of the flower leis that had kept fresh in the ice box on board the ship. So we still had a visible remembrance of our delightful vacation and the friendly good-bys at the Honolulu pier. H. N. Wheeler.

WOMAN'S WORK

CHRIST WAS THE OUTDOOR SON OF GOD

My Master was a man, who knew
The rush of rain, the drip of dew,
The wistful whisper of the breeze,
Night's magic and its mysteries.

He was a man of sun and stars;
He knew the Pleiades and Mars;
That star-trail called the Milky Way;
The crescent moon, the dawn, the day.

His feet were stained by dusty ways;
His cheeks were brown as autumn days;
His skin it had the look of one
Who knew the blazing balm of sun.

He walked alone upon the sea,
Spoke peace to wave-washed Galilee;
All shores and seas were in his thought,
This Man, God-bred, star-led, sky-taught.

To him there were no sweeter tones
Than water washing over stones;
To him no splendid symphony
Like murmuring, blue Galilee.

His hair and heart were washed by showers;
He loved the wayside fields and flowers;
The sea, and tree, the star and sod;
He was the outdoor Son of God.

—William L. Stidger.

"Tomorrow is a promissory note, and yesterday is a canceled check. Act today!"

REPORT FROM ANDOVER, N. Y.

The Andover Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Fanny Backus Tuesday afternoon, January 10, for their annual business meeting and election of officers. The business meeting was followed by a pleasant social time and a delicious tureen dinner.

An encouraging report of the past year's work was given by the secretary, Mrs. Mabel Rogers.

Mrs. Laura Witter, treasurer, reported a balance of \$114 in the bank.

The following officers and committees were elected for 1939: president, Mrs. Dora Potter; vice-president, Mrs. Florence Bines; secretary, Mrs. Mizpah S. Greene; treasurer, Mrs. Laura Witter; floral committee, Mrs. Lula Stebbens and Mrs. Fanny Backus; work committee, Mrs. Edna Burdick and Mrs. Mabel Rogers.

Floral collection, 50 cents; table collection, \$1.00.

ELEVEN POINTS

ON WHICH CHURCH WOMEN INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAY BEGIN TO WORK NOW

1. *International Mindedness.* Let us be internationally minded in our approach to life trying to see things from a world point of view.

2. *Intelligence.* Let us study to make ourselves intelligent on international questions.

3. *Accuracy.* Let us be accurate in presentation of facts, not jumping at conclusions. Let us get the facts straight.

4. *Education.* Let us read what we ought when we ought to read it, giving educational material preference over reading for amusement. Now is the time to pursue our education on international conditions.

5. *Further Education.* Let us read "The Power of Non-Violence" now, so we may understand the real philosophy of pacifism, even if we do not choose to ally ourselves with the Pacifists, and "The Edge of the Abyss," by James T. Shotwell, that we may know what is meant by international co-operation.

6. *Tolerance.* There are many points of view as to the possible solution of the world's problems. They range all the way from preparedness to extreme pacifism. In argument let us assume that the other fellow is as sin-

cere in his point of view as are we, and let us try to understand each other.

7. *Understanding.* Let us seek for love and understanding among various races and classes.

8. *Race Discrimination.* Let us seek by every means to eliminate all forms of race discrimination. Let us each pick out the race problem which comes nearest home to us and then try to do something about it. It may be a Jewish problem, a Negro problem, or one which involves a number of races.

9. *Action.* Let us make our conviction known to our senators and congressmen and to our President when important bills are pending.

10. *Hatred.* Let us oppose hatred wherever we find it. Hatred of any people gets us nowhere.

11. *Civilian Relief.* Let us support the sending of civilian relief for people whose nations are at war, remembering that it will be a long time before Spain, Ethiopia, and China are able to care for the needs of their people.

(Copies of the above may be obtained from Foreign Missions Conference of North America, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City.)

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, February, 1939

Receipts		Total for 8 months
	Feb.	
Adams Center		\$ 222.05
Albion	25.00	62.30
Alfred, First	102.90	775.69
Alfred, Second		98.85
Battle Creek	16.00	
Special	6.00	
	\$ 22.00	222.28
Berea		5.45
Berlin		115.62
Boulder		44.20
Brookfield, First		82.59
Brookfield, Second	22.50	82.50
Carlton		5.00
Daytona Beach	10.00	81.41
Denver		80.80
De Ruyter	23.00	180.50
Dinuba		15.25
Dodge Center	5.00	
Special	10.00	
	\$ 15.00	15.00
Edinburg	5.00	41.00
Farina		10.00
Fouke	2.00	
Special	3.00	
	\$ 5.00	33.26

Little Genesee	48.67	158.17
Gentry	2.00	7.15
Healdsburg-Ukiah	25.00	25.00
Hebron, First	4.17	12.48
Hopkinton, First	\$ 202.00	
Special	24.66	
	<u>\$ 226.66</u>	317.16
Hopkinton, Second		8.00
Independence	65.00	129.00
Irvington, special	135.00	235.00
Little Prairie		10.00
Los Angeles		35.00
Los Angeles—Christ's		5.00
Lost Creek		78.15
Marlboro		118.46
Middle Island		16.98
Milton	103.30	980.31
Milton Junction	17.25	250.88
New Auburn		18.20
New York City		256.28
North Loup, special	62.30	125.30
Nortonville		25.00
Pawcatuck	250.00	2,025.50
Piscataway		61.50
Plainfield		764.60
Richburg		57.00
Riverside	\$ 22.10	
Special	11.53	
	<u>\$ 33.63</u>	175.81
Rockville, special	12.50	80.30
Salem	65.50	320.50
Shiloh	50.00	568.26
Stonefort		8.00
Syracuse		8.33
Verona		82.36
Waterford	10.00	63.11
Welton		20.00
West Edmeston		15.00
White Cloud		34.89
Individuals	18.00	114.25
Western Association		45.51
Southeastern Association		14.67
Northwestern Association		40.67
Southwestern Association		4.50
Shiloh-Marlboro Vacation Bible School		8.50
Offering—General Conference		231.00
New Jersey and Eastern New York Yearly Meeting		25.00
Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches		65.00
	<u>\$9,819.53</u>	

Comparative Summary

	This Year	Last Year
Budget receipts for February	\$1,094.39	\$ 993.73
Special receipts for February	264.99	75.11
Total receipts for February	1,359.38	1,068.84
Budget receipts for 8 months	8,609.82	9,145.73
Special receipts for 8 months	1,209.71	1,666.97
Total receipts for 8 months	9,819.53	10,812.70

Disbursements for February

Missionary Society	\$ 497.20
Special	176.29
	<u>\$ 673.49</u>

Tract Society	\$ 126.50	
Special	5.00	
		131.50
Sabbath School Board	82.50	82.50
Young People's Board	16.50	16.50
Seventh Day Baptist Bldg.	\$ 99.00	
Special	30.60	
		129.60
Woman's Board	\$ 5.50	
Special	5.50	
		11.00
Ministerial Retirement	66.00	66.00
Education Society	\$ 66.00	
Special	47.60	
		113.60
Historical Society	8.80	8.80
General Conference	132.00	132.00
		<u>\$1,364.99</u>

Morton R. Swinney,
Treasurer.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

INDIFFERENCE TO THE CHURCH

BY CRANDALL COWLES

Leading churchmen for many years have discussed the indifference toward the church by people of all races and faiths. They have made suggestions, entered into arguments, and tried all sorts of remedies, but still today the problem looms as large as ever and many believe even larger.

The small space allotted me will not permit more than a scratching of the surface of the subject of indifference, but I want to discuss one or two reasons for the "apparent" indifference shown by young people with whom I have often discussed the matter. You will notice the word apparent. There is real indifference, but much is only apparent. Many of these young people have not lost interest in religion, or Christ, or in the things we all hold to be sacred. But they are dissatisfied with the way in which the church in many instances administers its religion. We do not want a church that in its attitude seems to apologize for its beliefs and says, well if you haven't anything else, here I am. I am something that will help you in your life's goal. What we want is a church that says, I am the outgrowth of God and Christ and the teachings of the Bible, and I am a definite part of your life.

It is with this apologetic attitude that churches throughout the country have tried to compete with amusements. I believe there is a social part to church life which should

not be overlooked, but the attempt to compete with major amusements has been a poor attempt to create church interest in young people. The churches have constructed bowling alleys, basketball courts and, yes, have even promoted boxing cards. These things do have a certain amount of value in themselves and have increased attendance for short periods in the church. But they do not last. How many young people want to bowl in the alleys such as can be afforded by the church, or how many will for long continue to play basketball in the small, low, church gyms, when they can play in the better school or armory gyms? How many will attend boxing shows sponsored by the city churches when they can go down the street to a spacious auditorium or club and see expert boxers matched by professional promoters? You know the answer. Of course these young people may continue to attend the church after they drift away from its "primary" activities, but the church has lowered itself in their eyes.

Then time after time the question is asked, if religious leaders are in constant argument and cannot agree as to the rights and duties of the church, why should I become a part of such an organization? The countless number of denominations attest to these disagreements, but seldom do we hear of them getting together in a Christian spirit to patch up their difficulties. Not all denominations, of course, are guilty of these actions, but those not guilty are all too few to have any great effect on the total situation.

Truly, there is an indifference to the church, but it is one that could partially be corrected were the church to put itself in a position to deserve more worthy attention. Certainly it is not all to blame and perhaps less than the individual, but I have been emphasizing the weakness of the church, for it is in it that the first step will have to be taken. After that the problem is squarely up to the individual.

What we want is a church that stands for the Word of God, teaches the principles of Christ, and serves as a connecting link between ourselves and God. We want not a social organization, a political party, or a debating society, but a Church of God. There is still the desire in youth for communion with the Supreme Being. If the church offers desirable opportunities for this communion, there will become less need for worry about indifference.

As to how to go about fanning this desire for communion with God into activity is a much more difficult problem. These same young people who cannot see value in the church, as they say, would still be indifferent to a large degree were the church to become all it should and can be. They have too many things taking up their time. Because of poor home environment and long years outside the church, a sudden change to a Christian life would seem impossible for them. For this type of indifference I know of no cure except through the preaching, teaching examples of sincere Christian living, and Christian interest in them by those who would lead them to Christ. Through this work there will be a diminishing in the ranks of the indifferent and an increase in the ranks of a church that has first set itself in order.

GROWTH ENDOGENOUS AND SLOW

BY JONATHAN ALLEN

(Words to his students in 1890, "which are as steady candles set in homeward windows.")

Growth should not be exogenous, by outside layers and accretions, but endogenous, by inside development, working from the center outward by a living energy and process, affecting, moulding, refining, and ennobling the whole being. It begets grace in attitude, a right noble bearing and movement, a calm, open brow, clear, steady, honest, trustful eye, gentleness and mellowness of voice, refining away all loudness without meaning, giving subdued strength and richness, with attracting and captivating power. It beshines out from the entire personality.

Growth requires time. A manufactured article can be turned out complete in all its parts at the start, but everything the result of growth demands time for its perfection, and the more durable and valuable the resultant, the longer the time required. This is a law of the spiritual as well as of the physical world.

The one essential of growth is not to devise and plan for self, but to accept the divine purpose and plan, and to work with them and with the forces that are moving the world, to accept and do the present duty as presented by present opportunity. The process of growth demands that one become responsive to every touch of the divine hand, welcoming the pressure even when felt in pain, having

faith in the divine ends in view. A life thus led on will become a complete and beautiful whole. This assurance gives support amid trials, inspiration to endeavor, dignity to life's lowliest condition.—From "Allen of Alfred."

CHILDREN'S PAGE

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

WHO HAD TO OWN UP

I think you children like true stories best, and this is a true story about a little boy and a trial he had.

My uncle had a pretty vine growing over his porch, a morning glory vine that shaded the heat of the sun so that my aunt, who was not very well, could sit out there and enjoy the view of the near-by lake and the woods beyond.

The boys from a summer camp used to run across the lawn, making a short cut to the lake.

One day my uncle went out and told the boys he could not have them running across the grass and garden. He said they must go by the street; but some of them would dash through there just the same.

A few days later my uncle found some of the stems of the pretty vine cut off near the ground, and soon some of the morning glories were dead.

"Those boys," my uncle said, "have done that to spite me, because I asked them not to go through the yard."

In a day or so, more stems of the vine were cut.

"I am going to tell the manager of the camp," said my uncle. "I can't stand it to have my vines all cut down."

"You must see about it," said my aunt, "for if much more of the vine dies, the porch will be too hot for me to sit there."

So my uncle walked up to the camp and complained to the manager how one of the boys had cut his vines and that he wanted it stopped.

"I know just what boy did it, and I will tend to him," said the manager.

Next day the manager of the camp came down to my uncle's cottage and told him how he had given the boy he thought did it a rousing scolding.

"It was the worst scolding I guess he ever had, but I couldn't make him own up that

he did it. What else do you advise me to do? Had I better punish him more severely?"

My uncle stood there thinking whether the boy ought to be punished, and all the while the boy was up at camp, wondering how he could come through this trouble. It is not easy to be accused of mischief one does not do.

As my uncle stood there thinking, he looked down at the vine where it was cut, and what do you think he saw?

A little mouse crept out from under the porch and commenced biting off the stems of the vine, first one, then another, almost before my uncle could exclaim,

"Look at that mouse; did you see it? Well I guess you will not have to punish the boy."

"A mouse cutting off the vines? Who ever heard of such a thing? I can hardly believe my eyes," said the manager. Then after a pause, he remarked, "I guess it is up to me to own up to the boy. What do you think?"

My uncle agreed that the boy would not have to suffer for what the mouse did, and the manager went back to the camp to apologize to the boy. After that there was one boy who always stayed in the street, with his chums, and passed with an inquiring smile as he looked to see how the vine was growing.

Lois R. Fay.

Princeton, Mass.

Dear RECORDER Children:

Wasn't it fortunate that Miss Fay sent her interesting true story this week, especially since no letters or stories have come from any of you? Next week I'll be eagerly searching the mails hoping to hear from many of you. Please, please do write soon.

Miss Fay's story makes me think of a true story, too, and if I make it brief I think I have just enough room for it. I'll call it,

WHO GOT THE CREAM?

When we were living at Independence, eight motherless children and their father lived across the street from the parsonage. Among their possessions was a fine cow and, as you can imagine, her rich milk was most acceptable to the whole family. The milk was kept in pans in the cellar. One day when the oldest sister, a capable girl of fourteen, who efficiently and wisely mothered the other children, went down to skim the milk, she discovered that it had already been skimmed. The same thing happened again and again, and she thought some of the children or perhaps

a sneak thief had been skimming the milk and drinking the cream, but no one owned up to it. One morning she went down earlier than usual and there was a large yellow tramp cat skimming the largest pan of milk with his tongue. It never happened again for they were careful after that to keep the outside cellar door carefully closed, but we hope a saucer of good rich milk was placed outside for the hungry yellow cat.

Mizpah S. Greene.

OUR PULPIT

GOD'S MANIFEST PLAN IN CREATION

(A radio talk at Daytona Beach, Fla., December 15, 1938, by Rev. E. Adelbert Witter.)

It is evident that God in creation planned to gather unto himself a chosen people possessed of qualities harmonious with himself. In the account of the Garden of Eden we have a graphic picture of God's manifest arrangements for man in the completed works of creation.

God placed man in the midst of a garden, bright and fragrant with varied kinds of flowers, the atmosphere of which was pleasantly laden with the perfume thereof. It was supplied with all that was needed for the sustenance of life. It was possessed of the beauty of wholesome surroundings and the songs of birds with which the more sensitive soul of man was pleased.

This was God's expression of fatherly interest in the welfare and comfort of man, whom he created and placed in this garden of beauty and plenty, to tend and care for it. Food and shelter were his, prepared for him by God, as an expression of his loving interest in man's well being and comfort.

But one prohibition was laid upon man. All else he was at liberty to use as he wished, but of one tree in the garden he was not to eat. God said the result of such eating would be death.

We would naturally think that the man's appreciation of God's love and his generous preparation for man's comfort would lead to such thoughtfulness of all the bounties bestowed that he would not fail to remember the injunction laid upon him, and would find joy in obedience to it. Here he walked in the cool of the evening in pleasant converse with God.

How great is such a privilege, and yet such privilege is yours and mine, dear hearer, if we are willing to meet the conditions. This was his privilege until, being weakened and blinded, by the appeals of his selfish nature, he overstepped the bounds of his liberty. He chose to disobey God. He sinned the sin of disobedience.

How great was the change this act wrought in his condition. No longer did peace and tranquillity reign in the garden. No longer did he walk in the garden in the cool of the evening, having companionship with God. He was driven out of the garden to fight against opposing forces on every hand. The Bible tells us, "Your sins separate between you and your God." Thus were the beauties of God's fair creation blighted by sin. Thus was man introduced into the blighting darkness of despair. Thus was man made to bite dust—when it was the purpose of God that he should feed upon the beauties and pleasures of creation.

I think God sorrowed at man's woes. His great heart of love led him to prepare for man another chance. In Luke 2: 11, 14, we find the angel messenger saying to the shepherds at Bethlehem, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." And suddenly the angel host burst into song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Thus we see God seeking to give to mankind another chance to prepare for citizenship in his eternal kingdom. Through man's repentance, faith in God, and obedience, the door of God's mercy is opened that he may be redeemed from sin and its destructive influences. Are we listening for God's voice? Are we ready to heed the counsels given? Dear listener, are you believing? Will you accept God's offer of love and mercy?

SABBATH RECORDERS WANTED

The Historical Society is in need of the following issues of the SABBATH RECORDER to complete its files:

1907: April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, and November 4, one copy each.

1911: April 17 and April 24, two copies each.

1920: September 6, September 13, and September 20, one copy each.

1921: January 3, January 10, and February 7, one copy each.

Address, Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

JACKSON CENTER, OHIO

We have been striving hard to keep our church going without the aid of a pastor. Through the efforts of the deacon we have had a sermon read each Sabbath from the SABBATH RECORDER or from some other source. For the greater part of one year the Methodist minister in town came among us, offering his services entirely free of charge, which was greatly appreciated. One Sabbath the United Brethren minister of Lakeview happened in and so spoke for us. We were also happy to have Pastor Marion Van Horn and his wife here one week-end in the early summer.

We felt that we were unusually fortunate to be able to have Mr. Paul Maxson and his wife, Ruby, with us from Alfred University. They were here for three weeks during the Christmas vacation. The value of their services while here cannot be measured, but they have won a place in the hearts of all of us and were a great inspiration in our home. I believe they have a large place to fill in the work of the Master. We had our annual New Year's dinner while they were here, thus giving an opportunity for them to become better acquainted with our people. A great deal of their time was spent in calling in the various homes, as well as comforting the sick in the homes. During a short illness of Mr. Maxson, his wife conducted the special evening services which had been scheduled for the mid-week. A pleasant social evening was spent in the home of H. M. McWhorter the evening before their departure.

The last of January we enjoyed the services of Rev. A. T. Bottoms of Farina, who came to spend the Sabbath with us. Now we are looking forward to having Rev. William L. Davis with us as pastor after the first of April.

Our Sabbath school is doing quite well. The young people's class is steadily increasing. We now have about twelve in regular attendance nearly every Sabbath.

At present the Ladies' Benevolent society is planning to do some redecoration of the church. In addition to their regular monthly meetings, they are having a silver tea, at which time they plan to get things ready for their annual market, which is held each Thanksgiving. Correspondent.

STONEFORT, ILL.

The Stonefort Church held a business meeting in January and elected officers for the year. These are respectively Oliver Lewis, pastor; Mrs. Cora L. Green, clerk; Mrs. Sallie Appel, treasurer. Milo D. Green was also chosen deacon.

The church last year adopted a modest financial budget, practically all of which was raised, and that without special effort. In May, funds were solicited for a purpose not included in the budget, and a gratifying amount was raised.

An interest in the work is being shown by all who attend services, and a commendable amount of harmony and co-operation prevails.

General plans for the year's activities are in process of making; these will include special meetings in harmony with denominational suggestions, and some kind of financial goal.

Since the first of the year, several copies of a booklet, *The Quiet Hour*, "a daily help in personal and family devotions," have been among us. We trust that by the use of these our knowledge of the Bible will be increased and our spiritual life deepened.

Correspondent.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

An offer of the Gideons to place a Bible on the desk of each teacher in the Battle Creek public schools has been accepted by the board of education. The Bibles cost \$1 each and a campaign to raise funds will be conducted by the Gideons in April. Members of the organization throughout the state will occupy the pulpits of Battle Creek churches, as a part of the campaign.

O. C. Atkinson, state vice-president of the Gideons, suggested that teachers read a portion of Scripture every day to their students. He said, "The Bible is the basis of our civilization and unless our boys and girls become familiar with it, our nation and the world as well, is doomed to destruction."

—Religious News Service.

DINUBA, CALIF.

We are meeting every Sabbath in our little tabernacle, and study the lessons and have a short service after Sabbath school. The average attendance is about twelve. Sabbaths, February 11 and 18, Brother Ballenger from Riverside was with us and we had a union meeting with Fresno; then we had from twenty to fifty present. It was a blessing to have Brother Ballenger with us at that time. We had five meetings here in the tabernacle at Dinuba, and two at Fresno in a hall. Our faith and courage were renewed, and we hope to press on and work for the salvation of souls with new courage. May the Lord bless all Sabbath schools and churches, and bless all that is done to his glory. We love to read the SABBATH RECORDER and greet you all, with love.

B. B. Friesen,
Pastor.

SOUTH JERSEY

The Shiloh and Marlboro Christian Endeavor societies, taking advantage of Rev. H. Eugene Davis' presence in the vicinity, held union meetings on three Sabbath afternoons, January 21 and 28, and February 4.

The first of the meetings was held at Marlboro. Joseph Davis led a short worship service and Doctor Davis spoke about the Bible. The second meeting was in the Shiloh church with Linda Rainear taking charge. Doctor Davis, after speaking to the juniors, led a discussion about youth problems. At the final meeting in the Marlboro church, Roy Tomlinson led the singing and Mr. Davis talked on "Surrendered Possessions." Over fifty young people attended one of these meetings, and the other two were nearly as well attended.

—The Beacon.

ALFRED, N. Y.

Readers of the SABBATH RECORDER will be pleased to know that Dean and Mrs. Alfred E. Whitford, and Professor and Mrs. Burton B. Crandall were guests of honor at a dinner at the Alfred Coffee Shop last Thursday. The dinner was sponsored by the staff members of the president's and treasurer's offices. On the evening of February 28, at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis, and Professor and Mrs. Burton B. Crandall were tendered a reception, Dean and Mrs. Alfred E. Whit-

ford with the other honored guests being in the receiving line.

—From Alfred Sun, March 2.

VERONA, N. Y.

All the music used in today's service was composed by Mr. George C. Stebbins, who tomorrow (February 26) celebrates his ninety-third birthday. He has honored us with two letters, both of which will be read. We join with countless others who will pay tribute to this noble man.

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mr. George C. Stebbins was born in Orleans County, N. Y., February 26, 1846. At the age of twelve, he attended his first "singing school." Four years later he first heard and saw a piano. Some years ago he wrote: "That piano stands near me today as I write in my sister's home, a delightful reminder of those far-off days when music thrilled me as it seldom does now; and although more than sixty years have passed since it first gladdened my heart with its sweet tones, it still responds with a semblance of its old-time harmonies."

He began the study of voice production at twenty-one, going sixty miles each week for a lesson. In 1867, he married Miss Elma Miller, who proved a staunch, tireless worker and companion. For two years after his marriage he continued to work on the farm. He then moved to Chicago where he became director of music in the First Baptist Church. While here he met such men as George F. Root, H. R. Palmer, P. P. Bliss, Ira D. Sankey. In 1874, he moved to Boston and became chorister of the church of which Dr. A. J. Gordon was pastor.

Two years later an event took place which changed his whole life program. He met D. L. Moody who invited him to Northfield. Before he left he had joined hands with Moody and Sankey in evangelistic work—a work to which he gave almost a quarter of a century. Now in Catskill, N. Y., at ninety-three, he is quietly resting until he is called to join the Choir Triumphant.

An exchange of pulpits, denomination wide, is being arranged by the Tract Board. Tentative dates, April 15 or 22.

—From Church Bulletin of Feb. 25.

MARINE ZOOLOGY

BY REV. LESTER G. OSBORN

In the oldest book in the Bible we read, "Speak to . . . the fishes of the sea and they shall declare unto thee." (Job 12: 8.) The ocean teems with testimony to the fact that "God created," and not only that, but he designed and provides. Consider the fish.

They breathe in the water. They fly through it like birds through the air. They overcome gravity, going up or down with no sign of movement. Their scales are small, beautifully designed, and no matter how great the pressure, no water can get to the fish's body.

A fish's eyes are marvelous. They look up, down, front, back, and sideways. The lenses are graduated to the size of their prey. Down off the coast of South America is a fish, the analepse, which testifies to God's creative power as no other does. This fish has bifocal eyes! It feeds on tiny worms at the surface of the water, and the gulls feed on it. The top part of the eye is far-sighted, so it can watch for danger, and the lower part can focus on the small worms on which it feeds. Did the need produce the organ? Before this eye could have been developed, a gull would have gobbled up the first one, and there never would have been any descendants. Or, if it could have watched for the gulls, it would have starved to death because it could not see the worms. "God created!"

Another thing science cannot explain is the sea horse—the oddest thing in the ocean. With a tail like a monkey, it swims upright. The male has an abdominal pouch, the female lays her eggs in it, and the "father becomes the mother" and has the responsibility of raising the family. The only way to explain this is to admit that "in the beginning God created!"

In Genesis 1 God says, "Let the waters swarm swarms of living creatures."

One drop of water from the ocean, magnified some two thousand times, will show several hundred different living things, as distinct as a horse and a cow, so that scientists can call them by name. What a splendid type of life water is, teeming with life as it does. No wonder Jesus Christ is called the "Living Water"!

Nortonville, Kan.

MARRIAGES

CRANDALL-DAVIS.—On Wednesday evening, February 15, 1939, occurred the marriage of Mr. Burton B. Crandall, assistant treasurer of Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., and Miss Carol Titsworth Davis, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis of Shanghai, China, at Johnson City, Tenn., by Rev. Olin Troy.

LAWTON-CRANDALL.—Mr. Ray Lawton of Gays Mills, Wis., and Miss Joan Crandall of Milton were married at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage in Milton, February 23, 1939, by Pastor Carroll L. Hill. The new home is at Gays Mills.

OBITUARY

POLAN.—Harriett Jane, daughter of Edgar and Alcinda Bland Davisson, was born March 10, 1871, and died at the family home, Blandville, W. Va., February 14, 1939.

She was married to Samuel L. Polan, September 10, 1891. To this union three children were born: Jessie Florence, Willie Davisson, and Adrian Samuel. She is survived by her husband and her two sons. Her daughter Jessie preceded her in death by four weeks. Mrs. Polan was a member of the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church. On account of poor health, she had been quite closely confined to her home for many years.

The funeral service was conducted from the home and from the Middle Island church, by Pastor James L. Skaggs, Salem, W. Va., and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery near the church.

J. L. S.

POLAN.—Jessie Florence, daughter of Samuel L. and Harriett Davisson Polan, was born July 1, 1894, and died January 17, 1939, at the family home, Blandville, W. Va.

She is survived by her father, mother, and two brothers: Willie D., Clarksburg, W. Va., and Adrian S., Blandville, W. Va.

Jessie became a member of the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church in early life. She has been known for her consistent Christian life, for her helpful activities in the church and community, and for her beautiful devotion to her father and mother.

The funeral service was conducted from the home and from the Middle Island church, by Pastor James L. Skaggs of Salem, W. Va. Burial was made in the local cemetery.

J. L. S.

"It sometimes rains on the just—because the unjust has swiped his umbrella."

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THE SPIRIT OF IT

We believe that true Sabbath observance brings a larger blessing and produces a deeper and fuller spiritual experience because of, and in proportion to, our devotion and faithfulness . . . and that we should . . . instill due reverence for the Sabbath in the mind, as an inward attitude, rather than lay *undue emphasis* upon a prescribed number of things that should or should not be done on the Sabbath.

We believe that greater emphasis should be placed on the joys and blessings which true Sabbath keeping brings, and that our people should realize that the greatest victories are achieved by the heroism of faith, courage, and loyalty, rather than by large numbers or extensive material facilities.

—From 1938 Year Book.