

NORTH LOUP, NEB.

The annual church dinner of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist church was held New Year's day, in the church parlors.

The splendid day made for a large gathering, all of whom seemed to enjoy the breaking of bread together, to the fullest extent.

The tables were decorated with frosted Christmas trees in red holders. One central table was graced by having a large arrangement of greenery, the gift of the Polans of Brookfield, N. Y.

Members of various committees were busy during the morning hours, cooking the potatoes, making gravy and coffee, setting the table, and caring for the large amount of food brought in by those attending.

As usual, the children were cared for in the balcony, thirty gathering at one time. There they played with games and enjoyed themselves until their dinner was served.

Covers were laid for 143 people, several of these being the kitchen helpers and the young folks who acted as waiters. Besides these, twenty dinners were taken to shut-ins.

Following the dinner, the list of the committees to arrange the all-church socials was read. The quarterly business meeting was held, in which reports were given and business matters were taken up.

—North Loup Loyalist.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.

The Christmas season was observed by our church in several ways. It was made a giving Christmas—remembering especially the families of some of our missionary pastors, and the China "warphans."

Sabbath day, December 24, was filled with beautiful Christmas services. Pastor Warren's "Christmas Meditation" at the morning service, put us in the right frame of mind to enjoy the cantata given by the choir, "The Manger Throne," by Manney, in a very inspiring way. At four-thirty in the afternoon we met again to enjoy a lovely Christmas candlelight vesper service sponsored by the young people, under the auspices of the Sabbath school.

A "holiday supper and home-gathering" took place December 29, with a good attendance and a good time by all.

The mid-year Commission meeting gave us the opportunity of meeting the members again and entertaining some of them in our homes.

It also afforded us the pleasure of hearing some of the members in our church services. Rev. Paul S. Burdick addressed us in a very helpful way at the Friday evening meeting, December 30, and Rev. Erlo E. Sutton preached an inspiring sermon at the Sabbath morning service.

Correspondent.

OBITUARY

MAXSON.—Alfred I., son of Russell and Hannah Abbey Babcock Maxson, born April 16, 1875, in Nortonville, Kan., died December 14, 1938, in Stuart, Fla.

On July 22, 1900, he was united in marriage to Lola B. Davis of Nortonville, who survives him. He also leaves a daughter, Velma Maxson, Cheboygan, Mich.; a son, Leon Maxson, Lafayette, Ind.; and two grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Alena Bond of Nortonville, Kan.; and two brothers, L. E. Maxson of Denver, Colo., and C. V. Maxson of Battle Creek, Mich.

In early boyhood he united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Nortonville, Kan., and later transferred his membership to Battle Creek, Mich. Funeral services were held at the Stuart Baptist Church conducted by Rev. L. E. Thomas, pastor of the Stuart Baptist Church, and Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph, pastor of the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church. E. F. R.

WHITMAN.—Abbie Stewart, daughter of William and Mary Van Horn Stewart, born at Welton, Iowa, April 20, 1867, died at her home, Peck, Idaho, December 21, 1938.

Crossing the plains at the age of twelve with her parents in a prairie schooner, she lived first at Palous, Wash., and later at Kendrick, Idaho. For thirty-five years she lived at Peck, Idaho. Thrice married, she leaves besides her widowed husband, Clarence Whitman, ten children by former marriages: Mrs. Rathburn Graham, Jeanette, James, and Fred Tweedy, all of Peck; Mrs. Jessie Carter, Moscow; George Tweedy, Spokane; William Whitely, Mrs. Vina Leland, and Mrs. Alta Axtell, all of Okanogan, Wash.; and two half sisters, Mrs. Ida Comstock, of Kendrick, and Mrs. Maud Johnson, North Loup, Neb. Interment in Normal Hill Cemetery at Lewiston. (Compiled from Lewiston Morning Tribune)

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Young People's Board—Miss Nellie Bond, Alfred, N. Y.

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PREPARATION

What shall I take into the coming year?
 And what shall I leave behind? I asked my heart.
 And quick came the answer: "Lay all doubt and fear
 And anxious care aside before you start.
 Take life's stark necessities along:
 The Word of God, and daily study it,
 The staff of faith, the lamp of hope, a song
 Of high and dauntless courage; fill your kit
 With laughter, and take happiness to wear,
 'Twill cloak you on the bleakest, coldest day;
 And take an apple and a loaf to share
 With one who may be hungry on the way.
 Fill your canteen from a wayside well,
 You may grow thirsty," said my cautious heart,
 "And Hark! across the world a midnight bell
 Peals out a summons—it is time to start!"

—By Grace Noll Crowell in
 "Christian Herald."

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Repossession of Christian Faith This means that we have been losing in some vital ways our Christian faith. And that is not so surprising. The impingement of materialistic philosophies, the social crises, the labor problems, racial hatreds, political intrigues, international suspicions, skepticism, and indifference have been terrific and the damage to Christian faith almost unbelievable. An outstanding need, therefore, is the repossession of a vital Christian faith.

It is very significant and hopeful for our future outlook that prominent leaders in economic and political matters are realizing the more fundamental needs of the times and are giving voice to a conviction of the basic importance of religious and spiritual values and faith.

The President of the United States at the opening of his address before the Seventy-sixth Congress stressed the importance of preserving religious liberty as the first step in preserving democracy and international good faith and emphasized the growing concern of public officials with the promotion of religious principles. Other officials high in public administration are manifesting a tendency to stress religious principles, while

noted columnists, reporting through the leading dailies, are vigorously giving recognition to the place religion has held and must exercise in maintenance of liberty and democracy. The need which public officials are now voicing has been known to many Christian leaders a long time. The significant thing is that economic and political leaders are now recognizing it.

Such being the situation, the Church should be awake to its greatest needs. If the Church would make its voice heard and heeded, it must be vibrant with life and glowing in faith.

We will not say the Church has lost its faith, but that faith, at least, is not as bright and activating as it ought to be.

A tremendous repossession of the Christian faith is urged by Dr. Harold Paul Sloan of the *Christian Advocate*. Such a repossession, as he urges, is "at once an intellectual, a personal, and a moral responsibility."

The writer quoted approves of three steps—knowledge, faith, living. Truths, facts, must be known more profoundly, more certainly, and more familiarly. If this is achieved, Christians in the home must bring the type of their reading to a higher level, and a more informative type of preaching must be exercised in the pulpit.

The Church, by the same tokens, is in need of repossessing the Sabbath. Not only does the Church universal need to find again the true Sabbath, and we have a tremendous responsibility in this matter, but also we Seventh Day Baptists need to repossess the Sabbath, ourselves, that it shall mean infinitely more to us than it does.

Urges Call of World Economic Conference In the January eleventh issue of *Christian Century* Dr. Clayton Morrison urges the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America to lead out in calling a world economic conference. Editor Morrison sees no likelihood of any government action in such a direction. The "Council has no greater responsibility," he declares, "confronting it at this hour than to see that means are found whereby the demand of the churches for a peaceful and constructive approach to the world crisis may be given realization. And the churches have no more promising way of translating their aspirations into action than by reliance on the Council."

It is furthermore suggested that after preliminary details have been worked out by the Federal Council, the conference be opened under the "interim auspices of the now-forming World Council of Churches." The editorial continues, "Here in fact may be a providential opportunity by which to invest the World Council, even before the actual beginning of its career, with a task of such world-embracing importance as shall bring it at once to the center of world attention."

The editorial urges that the direction of a world economic conference be held by the churches to assure the attainment of desired purposes. The time is ripe, it is claimed; there should be no delay. "Now is the time for the Federal Council to act."

John and Youth A story comes down from early ages through Clement of Alexandria concerning the beloved apostle, John. It was his custom in his later years to visit the churches near Ephesus to comfort and encourage them. Once on one of these visits he saw in the congregation a youth whose face was glowing with enthusiasm. He took him to the pastor of the church and requested that he be instructed and trained in the faith.

Later, returning, he inquired about the young man, "Where is the deposit which I gave into your keeping?" To his disappointment he learned that his hopes had apparently been unfounded. The boy had left home and joined up with a band of robbers that was the terror of the mountainous country.

St. John, though old and weak, set out in his search for the young brigand, risking his life, but not in vain, to bring him back. The youth returned, repentant, to the group of believers, where during the succeeding years he found opportunity to use all his courage and powers of leadership.

Youth is the valuable deposit in our homes and church. It is the hope of tomorrow—it is the future of the church—youth, strong and promising. The story of John is worth thinking about.

Bible Society Record The first number for 1939 of the *Bible Society Record* is on the desk. It is one of our most respected regular visitors, and this issue is beautiful and replete with inspiring reports and messages. The cover in grey-blue tones carries a towering mountain of Bolivia with a picture of a min-

ing camp high in the Andes—some twelve thousand feet above sea level, more than two miles.

In these high altitudes an outstanding piece of Bible colporteur work is being done by one Don Acisclo Mesias. His method, after with difficulty getting his Bibles and pictures to scene of action, is to set up a picture in the market place or other favorable location and tell the story back of it. He uses no tricks of salesmanship, relying upon the telling of the story in a simple, straightforward way. He prepares each morning by prayer, Bible reading, and meditation, through which he obtains his inspiration and message. It is not an easy task at this altitude, but this consecrated worker puts in eight hours a day in the open air meetings. In three months, last summer, he sold by this straightforward method 25,208 books—more than one thousand being in the tongue of Indians of the region.

Among the many interesting features of the magazine is a picture of the Advisory Council of 1938, in which we see the familiar face of Dean Bond, representing Seventh Day Baptists, one of forty-four denominations represented this year.

The work of the society is undenominational and makes it possible for the churches to carry the Bible to the uttermost parts of the earth. We are all greatly indebted to the society, and as much as possible we should help in its support. Any contributor of a dollar a year receives the *Bible Society Record*. The society is indeed "meeting a great spiritual need in developing Christian fraternity among all the churches, and contributing to those forces which make for the extension of the kingdom of God."

Items of Interest Liquor's part in automobile accidents is brought startlingly into the limelight in a careful study of traffic fatalities in the first eight months of 1937, details of which have just been made public by Dr. S. R. Gerber, coroner of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, including the city of Cleveland.

Doctor Gerber's report of motor deaths from New Year's day to September 1, 1937, in this area having a population of more than 1,250,000, shows:

The total number of traffic fatalities in that period was 217.

Alcohol was a factor in 56.5 per cent of all cases.

Males only were involved in 65.8 per cent of the alcohol cases; females only, in 21.7 per cent.

Alcohol was found to be a factor in 63.3 per cent of the 161 pedestrian deaths, 53.3 per cent of all cases (27) in which passengers died, and 50 per cent of all cases in which drivers were killed.

—Columbus Dispatch.

"The Bible and the Bible only" is the expression by the early reformers as to the great essential of Protestant faith. It is, and must ever be the motto, not only of the Bible Witness, but of every Christian who would build his faith on a firm foundation. As soon as we get away from the Bible, we are on shifting sands.

Why should we need a formulated creed to go beyond this? Why do we need an authoritative interpreter of the Bible, other than the Holy Spirit in our hearts, who will guide us into all truth?

Elder Henry Clark wrote, in 1811, concerning Seventh Day Baptists, that they "universally hold the Bible to contain God's holy will revealed to man . . . and . . . they generally esteem any prescription of man . . . not only useless but nearly presumptuous." Yet for now more than a century we have been using such "prescriptions of man," the most recent being the "Statement of Belief" adopted by the General Conference in 1937.

This statement was the result of months of work and study by four eminent theologians, as well as a thorough revision on the floor of Conference. It is a masterpiece of concise wording and clear expression, and is undoubtedly a great improvement over the "Exposé" of 1880, which it supplants. Yet it is to be doubted if it is entirely satisfactory to anyone who will study it carefully; certainly it is not, to the Bible Witness. It contains no reference to the law of God, or to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit; its statements on sin and on baptism are weak. After all, the "Statement of Belief" is a mere human document, a "prescription of man."

Its value is, that it forms a concise, understandable, and quickly read summary of the main points of our belief, to hand out to those who are unfamiliar with them. Its danger lies in that it may become a "leaky cistern." Although it has, and can possess, no authority, many may place their faith in

this human creed, and turn to it, rather than to the living Word of God, saying, "This is what we believe"; thus shutting off the influence of the Spirit, who would guide them into all truth.

—The Bible Witness,
Rev. C. A. Beebe, Editor.

MISSIONS

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held today (January 15, 1939) in the Pawcatuck church.

Rev. Everett Harris opened the meeting with prayer.

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, Walter D. Kenyon, Dr. Anne L. Waite, Morton R. Swinney, Charles E. Gardner, Rev. Everett T. Harris, Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, Hiram W. Barber, Jr., Elston H. Van Horn, Lloyd B. Langworthy, Rev. Albert N. Rogers.

Guests present were: Dr. George Thorngate, Mrs. John Austin, Mrs. Elston Van Horn, Mrs. G. Carleton Irish, Mrs. Edwin Whitford, Mrs. Luella C. Worden, Mrs. Walter D. Kenyon, Miss Ruth Kenyon, Albert Brooks, Rev. Eugene Davis, Mrs. Etta Whitford, Mrs. Harold R. Crandall.

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

QUARTERLY STATEMENT

October 1, 1938, to January 1, 1939

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer,
In account with
The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society
Dr.

Cash on hand October 1, 1938	\$ 364.95
Memorial Board income	39.17
Permanent Fund income	639.05
Denominational Budget	1,672.40
Organizations	553.37
Individuals	217.69
Special gifts	104.23
Loans	

Other (from Dr. Thorngate Special Fund)	500.00
Debt Fund investment	250.00
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1939 (Salaries and allowances due but unpaid)	999.59

\$5,340.45

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Corresponding secretary and expense	\$ 665.40
General missionaries and expense	161.31
Churches and pastors	604.99
China	911.44
Holland	125.00
Jamaica	1,225.83
Treasurer's expense	181.78
Interest	204.63
Loans	250.00
Printing	11.75
Foreign Missions Conference	25.00
Special gifts	67.57
Germany	125.00
Debt Fund investment	280.75
Special Fund investment	500.00

\$5,340.45

Net indebtedness October 1, 1938	\$18,199.17
Net indebtedness January 1, 1939	19,101.40

Increase for quarter \$ 902.23

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

QUARTERLY REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

As corresponding secretary I would report that, in addition to the usual correspondence and furnishing material for the Missions Department of the SABBATH RECORDER, much time has been given during the quarter to promoting the Preaching Missions. A goodly number of churches have already held missions and others are planning for them. Reports indicate that they have brought an uplift to the churches wherever they have been held and in some cases there have been new decisions.

At its last meeting the board instructed me to write the Commission and Finance Committee of the General Conference regarding the financial condition of the board. In consultation with the treasurer this was done and responses showing deep interest in the situation have been received.

Following the last board meeting a considerable time was given in connection with the trip of Mr. and Mrs. Crichlow to meet the board and in arranging their passage to Jamaica.

The latter part of November I went to West Virginia and while there met with the Woman's Board and visited our churches in Salem, Berea, Middle Island, and Lost Creek. From West Virginia I journeyed to Georgia and spent the week-end with Brother J. B. Conyers and the Yonah Mountain Church.

The last of December, upon invitation of the Commission, I went to Plainfield, N. J., and during two sessions discussed with it some of our missionary problems.

Owing to the scarcity of funds for mission work, a trip which was to have included churches in the Southwest was given up; but it should be made this spring.

Respectfully submitted,
William L. Burdick,
Corresponding Secretary.

Ashaway, R. I.,
January 15, 1939.

D. George Thorngate, who is returning to his work in China and is calling upon the churches in England, Holland, and Germany, en route, was in conference with the board. Doctor Thorngate spoke on the work he expects to do in the China field. He said it had helped him in 1924 when he went out to China the first time, to meet with the board and learn something of the burdens of the board.

Doctor Thorngate said he is on the way to the Pacific by the Atlantic. He expects to spend thirteen days in England, and then will visit as many of the churches as possible in Germany. Then he will go to Holland. After visiting our churches in Holland, he leaves on a North German liner for the Mediterranean, through the Suez Canal to the Red Sea. He will stop at Ceylon, Singapore, Manila, and he understands the boat may stop at Japan before reaching Shanghai. He said that it was the wish of the mission to rebuild the Liuho hospital, for it has always been a fine paying institution in more ways than one.

The Evangelistic Committee, John Austin, chairman, said that there had been a full discussion with Rev. Alva L. Davis when he was conducting services in Ashaway, at which most members of the board were present.

The American Tropics Committee, Rev. Everett T. Harris, chairman, said that the Hargis family was at home, and that encouraging letters had been received from the new man on the field, Rev. Luther W. Crichlow.

A communication and resolution were received from the officers of the Jamaica Conference, containing recommendations for the work there.

The Committee on Work in China, George B. Utter, chairman, reported on a conference held the evening previous with Doctor Thorngate. The report was approved and the recommendations adopted. It follows:

The China Committee met at the home of the chairman Saturday evening, January 14, with Dr. George Thorngate who is on his way to China.

A request from the Finance Committee of the denomination asking that they be allowed to arrange with Rev. H. Eugene Davis, who is on a furlough, to work for the United Budget, the Finance Committee to care for traveling expenses, was approved.

Doctor Thorngate asked what the policy of the board might be as to rebuilding the hospital at Liuho. He was told that the committee would recommend that when, in the judgment of those on the China field, the proper time had come, the work there should be undertaken again.

He asked as to the policy of opening a temporary hospital at Shanghai in buildings which might be offered. The committee would recommend that decision be left in the hands of those on the field.

The committee recommends that quarterly financial reports be rendered by the mission to the Missionary Board.

The committee also recommends that a general policy be set forth in writing as to what the board desires in the conduct of the affairs of the mission.

George B. Utter, *Chairman,*
China Committee.

Karl G. Stillman reported on the Ministerial Relief. The report was received and recommendations were adopted. The report is as follows:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

During the quarter ended December 31, 1938, ministerial retirement benefits of \$10 per month have been paid to Mrs. George P. Kenyon, Rev. R. R. Thorngate, and Rev. L. J. Branch. The last named beneficiary died in December, thus reducing our monthly obligations for the future to \$20. We are overdrawn \$110 on benefits paid, but available income amounts to \$125.82, which will liquidate the overdraft.

In view of the fact our payments have been exceeding income, it is our recommendation that no additional obligation be incurred at this time to replace the one now cancelled by death.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl G. Stillman, *Chairman.*

Mr. Stillman made the report for the Investment Committee. It was adopted and ordered recorded.

Through Secretary Burdick the president of Conference asked that arrangements be made for the Missionary Board's part in the Conference program.

Voted that the president and corresponding secretary be the committee to arrange for the program.

Correspondence was received from Mrs. E. H. Clark, chairman of a committee from Battle Creek, Mich., calling attention to the presence of many lone Sabbath keepers in Saginaw County, Mich., and the need of a worker there.

Letters from the Religious Life Committee of the General Conference, which had been referred to the Evangelistic Committee, were brought before the board.

The Woman's Board in correspondence said that the solicitations for funds for a missionary-evangelist were very encouraging. Already more than \$1,100 has been pledged.

A communication from the Commission concerning the work of raising the Budget of the denomination was read and discussed, and referred to the Budget Committee of the board.

Correspondence was also received from the Commission regarding the proposal of the Woman's Board for a missionary-evangelist.

Voted that the plan for the missionary-evangelist as adopted by the board at the last October meeting be the plan of the board, now that financial support is assured.

Letters from Africa, calling for help, were received.

Voted: WHEREAS it is the desire of the Board of Managers to be of greatest service to our denomination and to lend helpful cooperation to our China Mission in its future development and growth

Resolved, That the following constitute the policy of this board affecting our China Mission.

1. We favor the restoration of our hospital property and the extension of our medical work at the earliest possible date and to that end recommend that persistent prosecution of our indemnity claims with the responsible authorities be followed, with complete and frequent reports on this situation to be sent us for such assistance as we may be able to render in this country.

2. We approve the present plan of our mission authorities to open a temporary hospital in Shanghai with the hope that work so established will later become a tuberculosis clinic, which will be a source of patients for our hospital when again it is possible to reopen it. This approval is given with the understanding that the board will not be able to give any financial assistance to this project at the present time.

3. Our China Mission shall render financial reports to this board quarterly. Such reports shall cover all receipts, provided they do not represent personal gifts to our workers. Expenditures for all phases of our China activities shall be listed.

WOMAN'S WORK

MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD

January 8 was a beautiful day, much like spring, when the following board members met at the Salem Seventh Day Baptist parsonage for the regular meeting: Mrs. E. F. Loofboro, Mrs. G. H. Trainer, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Mrs. Eldred Batson, Mrs. Clark Siedhoff, Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. Homer May, Mrs. Okey W. Davis, and Mrs. O. B. Bond.

Our devotional, the ninety-first Psalm, was read by Mrs. Siedhoff and all present offered prayer. Each time we read this Psalm we feel more and more the nearness and love of our Father and a desire to serve him with lives of usefulness.

The treasurer's report was most encouraging with a balance of \$126.88. We are already receiving some of the pledges on our missionary-evangelist project, and this makes us feel that the women are ready to stand behind us as we go forward in faith.

We received correspondence from Rev. W. L. Burdick, secretary of the Missionary Board, and Rev. Hurley Warren, secretary of the Commission, concerning our missionary-evangelist project.

You must all know by this time that the special committee for our project have been working very faithfully for the last two months, and at this meeting they read us a letter they had prepared to send to some five hundred lone Sabbath-keeping women in our denomination, asking them to help in this work. They also reported \$1,165.00 pledged to date. This makes the board feel that some action will soon be possible.

A large part of the afternoon was spent in the discussion of problems and possibilities connected with the placing of a missionary-evangelist on the field and our part in this work.

The February meeting will be with Mrs. S. O. Bond, Salem, W. Va.

Lucille Davis Bond,
Recording Secretary.

FROM THE SOCIETIES

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS CONCERNING THE MISSIONARY-EVANGELIST

"The society voted to pay to the Woman's Board \$100 for the year 1939. We feel that some special object to work for will be a help to unite all the women of our denomination.

4. No money shall be borrowed on the credit of the China Mission or this society without approval of the Board of Managers.

5. All China Mission representatives responsible for the handling of funds at that point shall be bonded for adequate amounts with the cost involved to be paid by the mission.

6. All annual financial reports shall be audited by certified public accountants or by qualified auditors in no way connected with our mission personnel.

7. The China Mission shall not incur any obligation in the physical expansion of our property without specific approval of the Board of Managers.

8. At the earliest possible date, the China Mission shall provide the board with complete information concerning our properties, such information to include certified photostatic copies of all real estate deeds, copies of all insurance policies covering our mission buildings, specifications of all buildings as to type of construction, state of repair, building fixtures, etc., assessed tax valuations, rates of taxes, and any and all other similar data. This report shall be supplemented from time to time so that it may be kept up to date.

Voted that the Power of Attorney now held by Dr. Grace I. Crandall be revoked and given to Dr. George Thorngate.

Voted that the request of the Nortonville church be granted, that the church be allowed to sell \$200 worth of bonds being held in trust for the Missionary Society.

Voted that the treasurer be authorized to borrow from individuals on the notes of the society to an amount not exceeding \$17,000, to bear interest at 3½ per cent per annum, the sums so borrowed to be used to retire present outstanding notes at higher interest rates and the interest so saved to be applied to reduce our indebtedness.

Rev. H. Eugene Davis was present and spoke of the work for the United Budget which he is about to undertake. He proposed a plan to secure \$20 gifts in sufficient numbers to pay the debt of the Missionary Board after the working Budget of the denomination has been raised.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

George B. Utter,
Recording Secretary.

"We will be glad to do our part in the much needed evangelistic work to bring the world to a knowledge of Jesus, and to a knowledge of the real Sabbath."

"This week it was voted to pledge \$10 a month, with the possibility of increasing it later when the plans are more materialized."

"Our society is very small and quite a few are not active members. We are all very much in favor of the evangelist. We think there is much work to be done on all the fields and we feel the need of a man here, too."

"I am enclosing \$24 now, which we thought of as \$2 per month for the year."

"The pledge of the ladies of our church for the missionary-evangelist . . . is \$1. It is small but it represents as much as \$100 . . . from a church like . . ."

"Voted to send in our \$5 at once. . . . So glad we can have even a small part in the work and hope the amount may be increased."

"We, too, will be glad to have someone in the field. . . . We will help, and will give our help in a lump sum instead of monthly. . . . You will soon receive a check from . . ."

" . . . impossible for us to pledge anything. . . . We are a very small society and have to pay our pastor from the little we work and earn in the society. Perhaps sometime we could send a donation."

" . . . So we cannot promise anything at this time, but if and when we raise anything, we shall send it on. The women are willing to sew and crochet, but where to find a market for the finished articles—that is the problem. Have you any suggestions along this line? I do wish that you could suggest ways and means. . . . Meantime our prayers are with you and the work you represent. May God bless all the groups as they work in different places but with the same spirit and aim."

One society questions in regard to the salary to be paid and the plan for the activity of the field worker and writes further:

" . . . perhaps the early part of January we may be in a position to know more definitely what we will be able to do. I can assure you that our hearts are in the work and that our prayers are for the advancement of God's cause."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

NO 5

Yesterday, after visiting the pineapple canning factory, we drove on top of the Punch Bowl, an extinct volcanic crater, three or four hundred feet high in the center of the residential section of Honolulu, then went into the forest nearly to the top of Mt. Tantalus, 2,500 feet high. The mountains on this island run up to three thousand feet in places, and the tops are nearly always draped with shifting clouds. The past week, winds have been strong on the beach, but on Tuesday we drove to the Pali (a cliff). A fine road goes through a gap in this rough volcanic ridge and the wind was terrific. The ranger thought he might be obliged to fasten the car roof on with a rope. It blew as hard as the wind whistles through the Key Hole on Long's Peak at Estes Park, Colo. One crawls through that Key Hole on hands and knees. We are told these are the Trade Winds. At times we'd be glad for them to trade some other place. And yet the weather is delightful, mostly clear blue skies, a spatter of rain, and dreamy rainbow, nearly every afternoon, with scarcely any noticeable clouds in the lower altitudes. It is hard to determine just why the rainbow should be there, with no heavy clouds to back it. Some days it seems almost too cool to swim, and others, like today, one wonders if it is not almost too warm.

The forest trees here, like the flowers and birds, are mostly introduced from some other country. Coconut palms and other palms are everywhere in the coastal area. Acacias, mimosas, and monkey pods are here and there, along roads and in gulches. The mesquite, native of Texas and farther south, covers the landscape in places, especially in dry situations. This tree and the Australian pine—which isn't a pine, and is also called iron wood here—serve a real purpose on these mountains. Lumber is shipped in from mainland United States, but these trees and others, also brush and grass, prevent erosion and make it possible for water to sink into the ground. Water is precious here and must find its way under ground in the high country to replenish the under-ground supply that is taken out by artesian wells along the coast. The water supply for Honolulu, and in fact for most of the population and the irrigation interests also, comes from these artesian

wells. Over-grazing by cattle and destruction of timber reduced this water supply. Under a forest planting program and by reduction of stock grazing the water supply is becoming more abundant. A material increase in population on this island is possible only as more water becomes available.

H. N. Wheeler.

Honolulu, Hawaii,
December 14, 1938.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK CHRIST AND YOUNG PEOPLE

(The following program and talks were given by the young people at the yearly meeting of the Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska churches.)

Topic, "Christ and the Young People"; text, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Timothy 2: 15. Song service. Devotional service by Delmer Van Horn assisted by boys' quartet. Reports from C. E. societies of Nortonville, Boulder, Denver, North Loup. Special music. Talks: Christ, in Our Work; Our Leisure Time; Our Church; Our Private Devotions. Miss Marcia Rood brought out the important points of these four talks. Closing hymn, "I Would Be True."

CHRIST IN OUR WORK BY IDA BABCOCK

The Bible tells us that we have a working God. In Genesis 1: 1, we find "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." From the very beginning God worked to benefit others. When he created man he gave him the commandments, the one specifying work, "Six days thou shalt labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath." Jesus said of himself, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." He was a working Savior. He labored from morning until night, and following the days of labor he spent the night in prayer. Each morning before his work he prayed to be fit for the coming tasks.

Christianity is the first religion to take notice of children and young people as possible workers in the kingdom of God. Jesus said to his disciples who rebuked the mothers for bringing the children to him, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven,"

Luke 18: 16. Jesus did not choose old men as his immediate followers, but chose young men in the prime of life. Does that not signify that there is and always will be a definite place for young people in work? And his challenge, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men," should make a definite appeal to the nation's young people.

It is said that there are few opportunities open to young people today and such as there are require the finest preparation and ability. Young people today must be accomplished, honest, patient, kind, clean; they must, in fact, embody all of the characteristics that spring from Christian living.

Everyone needs friends and advice. We are told in the Bible that a friend sticketh closer than a brother. Young people have a friend in Jesus Christ, so true, so helpful, so kind that to turn their backs upon him is to commit the greatest mistake in life. What does Jesus want young people to do? I would say, give our lives to him, believe on him, be baptized, join the church, and live beautiful Christian lives. Let Jesus come into our hearts and make us better young people in the home, in school, in our social lives, in our church relationships, and magnify the Lord Christ in our hearts. Let us see to it when Jesus speaks to us, that we turn not away. May we gladly and willingly consent to surrender our lives to him and to be led by him. He has promised, "Never to leave us and to be with us always." There can be no defeat for such a life.

CHRIST IN OUR LEISURE TIME BY GRAYCE BURDICK

Christ and the young people in their leisure time. Young people, we should take more than a few minutes to think just what we are going to do in our spare time. We should seriously consider just what we are to do with our spare time in the Christ-like manner. I take a thought from our society in Denver.

We received a spiritual blessing from the Conference held in Boulder, Colo., in 1936. From this Conference we went home and organized a society of seventeen active members and they were really active. Out of this number there were ten members who attended the union meeting of Denver District of Christian Endeavor. This meeting was attended during our spare time. The work that we gave was given in our spare time.

The question is, what are we to do in our spare time that would benefit the oncoming kingdom of God? Our active members' pledge says, "Trusting the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise him that I will strive to do whatever he would have me do." What would Jesus want me to do in my spare time? Would he want me to aid him in completing the work that he did not have time to do? In "living the pledge" we need to have times of quietness alone, to think out our problems with God—to see more clearly our place in life, not as a cog in the wheel but as an individual personality with a task and a goal. The success of the society is determined by the spirit each one brings to it, the co-operation given, and the purpose carried away. Christian Endeavor has done its best work when every member can say, "Here stand I."

Perhaps if we took Christ with us wherever we go, or let him know of the things that we think, we would be more careful in the places we go and of the thoughts we think. Would we expect him to go into a picture show with us or to a dance? Or would we expect him to go with us to lots of the places where we go or meet with the people we meet? When we say that we are Christian endeavorers we are telling the world that we are trying to be like Christ. It is the example that we set as Christian endeavorers that will help to influence other young people. If we saw Christ at some of the places we go, would we have the confidence in him that we do now? Would we be able to set an example for young people if we frequented such places ourselves, or would they lose confidence in us if they saw us there? In our leisure time we should always consider just what we would do if Christ were with us. If we could fill our time full of Christian Endeavor work, church work, and helping those about us, we would not have any time to think of degrading things—we would have our spare time all taken care of. But these are just words unless they are put into practice. To fill our leisure time let us ask God to give us ways in which we can help others. Find materials to read that will better our minds. Some young people think that the Bible is too complicated to read and understand. My opinion is that if we study the Bible, we will find that it is not complicated. Let us fill our spare time making interesting C. E. lessons, outlining books of the Bible,

and reading articles that will lift us. Let us go to him as we would if he were here, to ask for continual guidance. He will answer us in work to be done in aiding the coming kingdom of God in our spare time. Let us give one tenth of our time as well as money to the work of Christ. Let us reconsider the title of "Christ and Young People" as "Christian Young People," and do as Christ would have us do in our spare time.

CHRIST IN OUR DEVOTIONS
BY ALLEN BOND

There are at least two kinds of devotions—public devotional service such as we are having, and the private devotional in which we should all partake. I want us to think more about the private "quiet hour" now.

To have worth while devotions, we must have Christ in them; and to have him in our devotions, we must have accepted him as our own personal Savior. If we do not have him, we can pray but one kind of prayer, and that is the prayer of the repenting sinner who is accepting Christ. But when we have received our incorruptible inheritance of eternal life, we have access to God. We can pray in the name of Christ, and God will hear and answer our prayer.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath—his native air. Are we living in the air? Or are we breathing the foul air of this world? The praying Christian is a fruitful Christian. Probably one of the reasons why we are not fruitful is that we do not live a prayerful life. We should begin every day with a prayer of some kind. It will enrich the whole day for us. Prayer pays.

Our private devotions should be more than prayer. Too often we rush from our prayer for guidance, and do not give God a chance to speak to us. God can speak to us through the Bible. We should read, reread, study, and meditate on his Word. We need to get back of the Bible. It is not strange that the kingdom seems to be unreal when we spend so little time with the King.

If you want to live the Sermon on the Mount, you can find the power to do so at the cross. If you do not want to, then you need the cross, and the Christ who died on it. If you want a successful life, peace, joy, and happiness; if you want to be a soul winner and live for him who died for you, go to

Christ. He will in no wise cast you out. Go to him often in prayer, study his Word, live for him alone, and you will have the deep joy that nothing else can bring. Will you do it?

CHILDREN'S PAGE
OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I had a fine Christmas vacation, but did not have a Happy New Year. Mother was very sick and I had a cold. So many people have colds. Do you have one, too?

I went to the Christmas tree at the church. I had to read the story of Jesus. We had a Santa Claus there and he gave out the presents under the tree.

From your RECORDER friend,
Jeannette Randolph.

New Brunswick, N. J.,
Box 32, A. R.F.D.,
January 5, 1939.

Dear Jeannette:

I hope your mother is well by this time, or at least much better, and that you have recovered from your cold. Colds are common around here, too, but so far none has come my way. As one of my boys used to say, "I won't bad about it." (He meant brag.) I may have one tomorrow, for we are having some zero weather for a change with plenty of snow. I saw a very well made snow man some weeks ago. He looked exactly like Santa Claus and even had a large pack on his back. Do you think you could make a snow man like that?

The most beautiful and wonderful story in the world is the story of Jesus, and unless Christmas makes us think of Jesus and try to be like Jesus it cannot be really happy or worth while.

Your loving friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is my first time to write to the SABBATH RECORDER. I am a boy living at Farina, Ill., and in the grade school. My father is my teacher and basket-ball coach. I play guard on our team. We have won half of our games and expect to win another one to-

day. The records show that we have the best team in the grade history so far. We have two nice cheer leaders, one of whom I think has written you before. Our colors are the colors of the flag, red, white and blue.

I think you can guess who I am so I had better close.

Yours truly,
David Bottoms.

Farina, Ill.,
January 10, 1939.

Dear David:

I enjoy watching a good basket-ball game and used to attend them often, especially when my boy and girl played. Pastor Greene used to coach basket-ball at Alfred when he was a student in the theological seminary. Last week the Andover team played with the Alfred team in the Andover Gym, and Andover won, so of course we Andoverites are quite elated. You have chosen the best kind of colors for your team; such patriotic colors surely ought to encourage victory.

I would be pretty "dumb" as the boys say, if I could not guess who you are. Your name gives you away you see, for I don't know of but one Bottoms family in Farina, our good friends, Pastor A. T. Bottoms and family.

Affectionately yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

MY BIRDS

Dear Children:

It has been several weeks since I first wrote to you about my birds. And the little meadow lark girl was nine years old when our next birdie came to be ours, and you may be sure it was hard for all of us to decide what birdie could be nice enough for our baby to represent. We lived on a homestead and the only birdie to decide on that we saw much of was a little bobolink. How he could sing that bobolink, and our little boy can sing and sing, very sweetly. Do you hear the bobolink sing sometimes? Then help us to decide what you would like this little boy to grow up to be if you were his daddy and mama.

This is our last bird story and all of them are true.

I am interested in all of you children, so keep writing for the Children's Page. I'll be looking for you.

Aunt Hattie.

Dear RECORDER Boys and Girls:

I feel pretty sure that you have enjoyed reading about "My Birds," as I have. Let us hope we may have other true stories from the pen of "Aunt Hattie."

M. S. G.

OUR PULPIT

JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

(Paper prepared for Bible class by Miss Nannie Greeley)

In Genesis 1: 3, light is first introduced and in Genesis 1: 16, the "greater light" is presented as a type of Christ. In Revelation 22: 5, we read that "there shall be no light because the Lord God shall give them light," also in Revelation 21: 23, "and the Lamb is the light thereof."

If we think of mankind as living in a world of darkness we can see the torches of God's light gleaming through the pall of gloom and desolation and guiding men to the Savior who is the "Light Divine."

John seemed to want to impress us with the thought that Jesus is the Light and that he was merely a "witness to that light." And Jesus himself says, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth after me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

If we attempt to define the word "light" we are confronted with such a variety of meanings that we are puzzled as to which to use and which to omit; so we shall consider the light from the "three-fold" aspect — the light itself, the illumination, and the heat.

We know how necessary light is to vegetable and animal life, and it is just as essential to spiritual life. We need the light itself, the illumination it provides, and the heat it supplies—without light there could be no life. It is necessary even for the germination of seeds which we sow.

The Light of Christ awakens the tiny germ of longing for spiritual life which lies dormant in the heart of every one who does not already know him.

We find a striking illustration of this in the Samaritan woman Jesus found at the well. She longed for something—she knew not what. Her life of sin did not afford her that satisfaction and joy which is spiritual. How slow she was in grasping the truth, yet how ready she was to accept it when it was unfolded before her wondering mind.

The seeking soul who comes to him in true repentance finds that hard outer covering formed by sin bursting, and the tiny plant of spiritual life beginning its upward growth. Here it still needs the upward-drawing qualities of the light and the heat which are so necessary to development.

As plant life requires cultivation we must "cultivate" our spiritual life. When we accept Christ we are in a position in which we can study his Word. We need it greatly, for the Word furnishes the material for growth (2 Tim. 2: 15, 2 Pet. 1: 10). Weeds must be removed, and only in the light of his Word can we recognize the "weeds" which we must give up in our lives (Eph. 4: 13-32). The illuminating quality of the Light is the agent which reveals to us our deficiencies.

The plant itself must often be pruned. We have Jesus' own words for it: "Every branch in me that beareth fruit he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." Pruning, or purging, removes the non-essentials from our lives. It comes in the form of hardships, testings, temptations, or trials which often leave us "torn and bleeding" and weak from the struggle, just as a storm leaves the plant ragged and limp and almost uprooted from the ground. Our faith seems to have failed us; we wonder "Why?"

At such times two courses are open to us as followers of the Light:

(1) We can pray that they be removed—they may be, but "leanness is sent into our souls" (Ps. 106: 15b); or

(2) We can accept them as from our Father who loves us so greatly that he was willing to give his only Son for us, recognizing them as testings that will strengthen, eventually, rather than destroy us. At such times the light of his presence seems to have departed; then faith and trust have their way with us.

Doctor Jowett says, "God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters."

"They tell me I must bruise
The rose's leaf,
Ere I can keep and use
Its fragrance brief.

"They tell me I must break
The skylark's heart,
Ere her cage song will make
The silence start.

"They tell me love must bleed,
And friendship weep,
Ere in my deepest need
I touch that deep.

"Must it be always so
With precious things?
Must they be bruised and go
With beaten wings?

"Ah, yes! by crushing days,
By caging nights, by scar
Of thorn and stony ways,
These blessings are!"

Personally, I thank him for the "storms" in my life if they make me more sympathetic, better prepared, and readier to help those who need what little I can do or say.

Jesus said, "learn of me," (Matt. 11: 29). As we study the Word we come to realize more and more the wonders of the Christ who gave his life for us. There seems to be an unfolding of our spiritual life just as the plant unfolds leaf by leaf. The Holy Spirit which he sent is the Light of discernment. He is our Interpreter; the One who "throws light" on the truths contained in that Old Book (1 Cor. 4: 5).

Many of us have a course of reading outlined for our "mental development," but we neglect the other—the spiritual. We follow very closely a regimen prescribed for our physical well-being, but we partake of spiritual food only when we "have time." We take our exercise on God's mountain-tops of blessing, in the green valleys of his watchful care, or on the plains of daily living in his Word when we are not "too tired." Our growth and development depend very largely upon the amount of time spent in seeking that "nourishment" provided by him (1 Pet. 2: 2; Eph. 4: 15; 2 Pet. 3: 18).

I would be learning day by day the lessons,
My heavenly Father gives me in his Word;
I would be quick to hear his slightest whisper
And prompt and glad to do the things I've heard.

"A constant abiding in him demands thought, determination, and consecration. The one thing needed above all others today is that we shall go apart with our Lord, and sit at his feet in the sacred privacy of his blessed presence. Oh, for the lost art of meditation! Oh, for the tonic of waiting upon God! Every Life that would be strong must have its Holy of Holies in which *only* God enters." (Copied.)

As the branches are parts of the vine and abiding in it, we should abide in him: "As

the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye except ye abide in me."

The plant in the garden bears fruit. Our lives must "bear fruit" for "herein is the Father glorified, that we bear much fruit." We are "bearing fruit" when we become "lights." Jesus said, "Ye are the lights of the world," and it was to his followers he said these words—not to unbelievers. Until his Light has started growth followed by development, we cannot be "lights" to those lost in sin.

Only then can we lead others to accept him as the Light of their lives, and we shall "shine as the brightness of the firmament" for "they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and-forever," (Dan. 12: 3).

If we make him the Light of our life here, we shall receive from him a crown of life, (Jas. 1: 2; Rev. 2: 10).

Nortonville, Kan.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y.

Last Sunday night, January 8, the people of Little Genesee met at the hall to review the work of the past year and plan for the new. About one hundred attended this evening meal and the majority stayed for the business session. Pastor Harley Sutton and wife, with a great deal of careful preparation, had produced a little booklet (one for each member) of a dozen pages neatly mimeographed, containing the church directory, pastor's report for 1938, and reports of various organizations, together with names of officers. The design on the cover of this booklet was a cross and open Bible, and beneath was the little poem by Kathleen Wheeler, which ends:

He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave me a new one all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled,
"Do better now, my child."

This was a challenge to every member for the year 1939.

Following is a brief review of some of the high lights of the year as given in the booklet:

The aim of the Sabbath morning worship has been to give an opportunity for communion with God. The congregation has responded to this fine atmosphere of worship. The purchase of one hundred copies of "The New Church Hymnal," edited by H. Augustine Smith, has been a

most outstanding aid to good worship. Over fifty hymnals were purchased by individuals or groups and dedicated to loved ones. Our chorister, Leta Crandall, has been great help to the choir members in aspiring for better church music. Four lovely anthems have recently been purchased. At Easter time, the choir with the aid of two guest soloists, Louis Coplai, assistant superintendent of Bolivar Central School, and Wayne Rood of Alfred, presented the cantata, "The Crucifixion," by Stainer.

There have been several outstanding church services of the year. The "Home Coming" day observed April 16 brought 125, from far and near, all of whose hearts were touched during this beautiful Easter service. After a lunch at the hall, Rev. S. S. Powell, oldest living ex-pastor, gave the sermon. Certificates with gold stars were presented to twenty-eight who had joined the church fifty years ago, or more, and certificates containing silver stars to about fifty who had been members for twenty-five years or more. On the Sabbath of April 9, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Burdick observed their golden wedding anniversary and Pastor Sutton made special recognition of this event in the church service.

In September, a baptismal service was held, and December 24, a most impressive "White Christmas" service was held in which each Bible school class and other organizations of church and community presented gifts to the Bowery Mission, Salvation Army, China Relief, local church, and needy families.

Both the pastor and his wife are particularly interested in Christian education, thus the study in the Friday night prayer meetings of such topics as Stewardship, Problems of the Christian Home, Missions, etc. In this line of work the children also have a share, not only in the Bible School, but in the Vacation Church School, which had an enrollment of over fifty, and fine average attendance. This year the Senior and Intermediate societies have merged and seem much interested in their various activities.

The Boy Scout troop of this community, organized early in 1936, with Pastor Sutton as leader, is still going strong. There are fifteen members, one having received "Life Award," and four "Star Award." The Girl Scouts, more recently organized, are now under the leadership of Ruth Sanford and Collette Day. About twenty girls are completing the work necessary to receive their charter. In July, many of the Boy and Girl Scouts attended camp at Eggleston Park, together with their leaders, and there earned merit badges, a number of them receiving their "Junior Red Cross Life Saving" badges.

This year brings to a close four very successful years for the Tithers' Store-house Association, consisting of twenty-one members. Eleven meetings have been held during the year, and a tureen supper and social time were enjoyed along with each quarterly meeting.

The Sunshine Society has held eleven meetings during the year, ten being all-day meetings, and one an afternoon tea. Many lovely hand-made articles, including six quilts, were on sale at the bazaar and "Harvest Supper" held in November. The members have raised over \$200 this year.

Many changes have been made to the hall (a part of the church property) which have greatly added to the comfort and convenience, especially when luncheons and suppers are being held there.

Two new gas radiators to supplement the furnace heat have just been installed in the church auditorium, these being the gift of a generous giver.

We cannot close this article without publicly expressing our appreciation for the untiring efforts of our pastor and wife in trying to inspire their flock to higher standards, and wider visions. Correspondent.

BROOKFIELD, N. Y.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the parish house Wednesday of holiday week, when the church people gathered for a Christmas party.

The early part of the evening was spent in making home-made Christmas tree fruit and in trimming the tree. Then Christmas candles were lighted and a program was enjoyed. Following this, refreshments or home-made confectionery, pop corn, and fruit were served and packages put up for the homes represented by those present.

The ladies of the S. D. B. Aid society held their regular business meeting at the parsonage Thursday, January 5, at 2 p. m. A business session was held and some sewing done for several families of the community.

—Brookfield Courier.

WATERFORD, CONN.

The underwriting of the United Budget of Seventh Day Baptists by a stated monthly contribution was voted at the annual meeting of the Waterford Church. Sentiment in favor of this plan has been growing since the Shiloh Conference.

Reports for the year were encouraging, despite hurricane damage to church property and shock undergone by the members. The trustees were authorized to proceed with the replacement of the church steeple as rapidly as possible. Correspondent.

ASHAWAY, R. I.

The members of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church at Hopkinton held their annual dinner and business meeting at the parish house Sunday, January 8, 1939.

A chicken dinner was served by the men of the church and community. Byron Taylor was chairman of the committee.

After dinner a toast was offered by Dr. Anne L. Waite, representing the Bradford W.C.T.U., and quotations from Frances Willard by Mrs. W. L. Burdick, representing the Ashaway W.C.T.U.

During the business meeting fine reports were given by the superintendent of the Sabbath school, Mrs. Clarence Crandall, the Christian Endeavor society, and the Ladies' Sewing society.

Pastor Harris gave a conscientious report of his work during the year. All were happy to know that repairs to the church have been completed since the hurricane devastation. Even though the cost was far greater than the first estimate, the amount has been paid in full, due to the generous contributions which have been made by those interested.

The church was well filled for the Christmas entertainment which was held December 22, 1938. After an unusually interesting program, in which the smaller children played a large part, Santa Claus distributed the gifts. The program was planned and rehearsed by each teacher who rehearsed the children in her own class in their parts.

Correspondent.

HOPKINTON, R. I.

The annual supper and business meeting of the Second Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church was held at the W. D. Kenyon home Sunday evening, with twenty-four present. The ladies furnished a fine supper of baked beans and brown bread, sandwiches, scalloped potatoes, pie, cake, coffee, and tea. After the supper, officers for 1939 were elected.

Arling Kenyon was elected president; Walter D. Kenyon, clerk; Robert Kenyon, Sabbath school superintendent.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. L. F. Randolph, Mr. Randolph being too ill to be present.

The church starts the new year with courage and hopefulness.—Westerly Sun.

ROCKVILLE, R. I.

The annual church meeting was held December 31, 1938, in the parish house, preceded by a bean supper in charge of "Loyal Workers," eighteen being present. Yearly

reports were read and officers elected, of which George V. Crandall was made moderator, and Albert S. Babcock, clerk.

After the business meeting Moderator Crandall presented a pen and pencil set to Mr. Babcock, in appreciation of his services as clerk to the church the past fifty years. Mr. Babcock expressed his surprise and thanked them all.

A social time was enjoyed in playing games, arranged by Marion Crandall.

Correspondent.

ALBION, WIS.

About ninety people attended the annual dinner at the Albion Church, the second Sunday in December. After a sumptuous meal the business meeting was held, at which reports of the year's work were given and officers elected for the coming year. Willard Babcock was chosen moderator and Charles Williams, clerk. By unanimous vote, Pastor L. O. Greene was asked to remain as pastor for another year.

The Missionary and Benevolent society chose Mrs. Clare Morgan as its new president, and Mrs. Clarence Lawton was re-elected president of the Home Benefit society. The Sabbath school re-elected Charles Williams superintendent and Miss Marjorie Greene primary superintendent.

The two choirs combined to present a cantata, "The Glory of Bethlehem," by H. W. Petri, under Mrs. Lawton's direction, at the annual Christmas entertainment and tree.

Pastor Greene has been suffering with "flu" and was unable to fill his pulpit for two Sabbaths. Miss Marjorie Bliven read a sermon the first Sabbath, and Rev. Alvin Tipples, pastor of the Albion Prairie Primitive Methodist Church, supplied the next week.

The church night socials seem to be gaining in popularity and a large company gathered Sabbath night, January 7, to enjoy both the good supper and the illustrated lecture given by A. Gerald Sayre of Milton, who was radio operator with the McGregor Arctic expedition last year. Mr. Sayre is an interesting speaker and has some excellent slides made from photos he took on the trip. His lecture was greatly enjoyed by both young and old. We are enjoying some new "Get-together Songs," published by the Lorenz Publishing Company, at our gatherings.

As an aid to private and family devotions we are making use of "The Upper Room." We feel that the Albion Church is becoming more and more a force in the community life and we hope a moral and spiritual force, as well as a leader of social activities, important as that may be.

We are thankful to God that our church building was preserved from harm recently when the rear end of the town hall, housing the town machinery and repair department, was completely destroyed by fire. The fire department was hampered by lack of water, but the wind was such that sparks were carried to the rear instead of directly toward the church building. The main part of the hall was saved after a stubborn fight by the Edgerton fire department, which mans the Albion fire truck. Water was finally carried to the engine by trucks, after the wells in the church and store had proved inadequate.

Correspondent.

DODGE CENTER, MINN.

The Dodge Center Church held its annual meeting at the parsonage January 8, 1939. Nearly seventy members and friends enjoyed a chicken-pie dinner with Mrs. Eva Payne as chairman of the committee.

At 2 p.m. Moderator Wallace Greene called the business session to order. Yearly reports from officers and committees were presented and accepted. Wallace Greene was chosen moderator again for another year, and Mrs. U. S. Langworthy, clerk. Pastor Thorngate received a unanimous vote to remain as our pastor.

A spiritual and friendly atmosphere prevailed during the entire meeting. We feel that the coming of Pastor Thorngate and family has been the salvation of this church and we thank God that he gave them courage and faith to decide to make the change.

Clerk.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.

The Church Aid of the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church, which meets regularly once a month at the different homes of members, held its annual meeting January 11, 1939, at the home of Mrs. Clarence Rogers. At this time officers and committees for the new year were appointed and various yearly reports were presented.

Mrs. George Maxson of West Edmeston, N. Y., retired from the president's chair; she was given a standing vote of thanks for her two years of efficient service. Mrs. Ethel Gavitt of Daytona Beach is the new president; Mrs. Lena Finch of Holly Hill, vice president; Mrs. T. J. Van Horn of Daytona Beach, secretary; and Rev. E. A. Witter of Adams Center, N. Y., treasurer.

A few quotations from the secretary's report will give an excellent résumé of the past year's work. To quote partly:

There have been seven regular meetings of the Church Aid society and four special meetings for work and discussion, with an average attendance of twenty-five.

Three socials have been held with an average attendance of thirty-six.

Comfortables have been pieced and completed for absent members, carrying out the pleasant custom which has been established here, to make and present a comfortable to each of our girls when she becomes a bride and home-maker.

Two new features are: the appointment of a "key worker" who is to keep before the society the goals chosen by the Woman's Board; and, the adoption of thank-offering mite boxes as additional means of marking our gratitude for God's mercies.

Sickness and death have brought sorrow to a number of our circle, and to these we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mrs. T. J. Van Horn, *Secretary*.

The treasurer's report showed nearly \$100 having come into the treasury from lunches, socials, bazaars, etc. This money was disbursed in aid of the local church, the Denominational Building, and missionary interests.

The Church Aid has pledged support to the Woman's Board project—a missionary evangelist.

The meeting adjourned, encouraged to take up the tasks of the new year with faith and enthusiasm.

Correspondent.

NOTICE

Mail for Dr. George Thorngate may be sent care of the Hamburg-American Line, Southampton, England, until February 1, 1939. Thereafter letters posted before February 12 will reach him S. S. Potsdam, care of North German Lloyd Line, at Hamburg, Germany, or at Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

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Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work;
But the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord
thy God: In it thou shalt not do any work. . . .
For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth
. . . and rested the Seventh Day: Wherefore the
Lord *blessed* the Sabbath Day and hallowed it.

Exodus 20: 8-11.

And He said unto them, The Sabbath was made
for man, and not man for the Sabbath: There-
fore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.

Mark 2: 27, 28.

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