

dilemma, the face of the globe would present an entirely different picture. But in the ranks of self-worshipping dictators it cannot be so, for the dictums of dictators are destructive and deadly.

Someone has recently stated that perhaps the greatest problem of civilization that we are passing on to youth today is that of war and peace.

In no age has there been so widespread and concerted effort toward universal and permanent peace. We rejoice that one of our own young men, a senior in high school, has been selected to attend and share in the deliberations of a youth peace conference the last of August. He will be invited to speak of his experience before certain groups this fall and winter. And I trust that this church of which he is a member may have the privilege of hearing him.

Scriptural Talk.

One might aptly remark, "You are doing a lot of talking, but what about the Scriptures?"

Well, I trust that what we have been saying is not entirely unscriptural. And although we do not talk Scripture all the time, we can do no better than to base our conversation on select portions therefrom. For we truly want our conversation to be in heaven. When we dwell upon the noble expressions of the prophets and the apostles we realize anew the candor of their words and the challenge, correction, and comfort wrought thereby. And when we mention the Master's matchless words, we are led again to confess him as Lord in all phases of our life, even in our conversation.

Lest we overlook altogether that we have a text, suffice it to say that these words are from the Apostle Paul, "Our conversation is in heaven."—*Philippians 3: 20a.*

Paul meant something different by conversation from what we think of it today. In fact, I was startled to discover that the dictionary considers Paul's usage obsolete. *Philippians* has been called the Apostle's love letter. At this place in his writing he is reminding the people at Philippi that "Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Destruction is their fate," appetite is their god, "they glory in their shame, these men of earthly mind!"—*Moffatt.*

The Apostle continues, "But we are a colony of heaven," as Doctor Moffatt translates. Another has it, "Our state is in heaven"; and yet another, "Our citizenship is in heaven."

Certainly, since "we are a colony of heaven," our state, our community, our citizenship are in heaven, then our talk must needs be there too.

Therefore, let us fashion our talk so that when we speak of conversation as we think of it today it shall have a heavenly connection and meaning.

For, "Our conversation is in heaven." Amen.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

North Loup, Neb.

As we entered the church last Sabbath we were delighted and made to feel more reverent by the lovely decorations about the baptistry and the altar. We appreciate the work of Merle Davis and Dorris Williams in preparing this environment for us. There was also a lovely bouquet picked by Aunt Frances Maxson in Colorado and sent to Mrs. Sylvia Brannon. In these lovely surroundings there followed an equally lovely service when the young people who had attended the Christian Endeavor convention at Kearney gave reports of the meetings and Pastor Hill administered baptism to six candidates.

There will be vesper service again this week with Fern Maxson in charge.

The Presbyterian young people will be down from Ord on Sunday afternoon and evening for a joint meeting with our C. E. The prayer meeting will be held at 3 o'clock and supper will be served at 6 o'clock, followed by a social.

A group of men and women met at the church on Monday to scrub the ceiling and walls of the basement. Other ladies were there and prepared a fine dinner for the workers. There was evidence of a good time and the room is much cleaner.

—*North Loup Loyalist.*

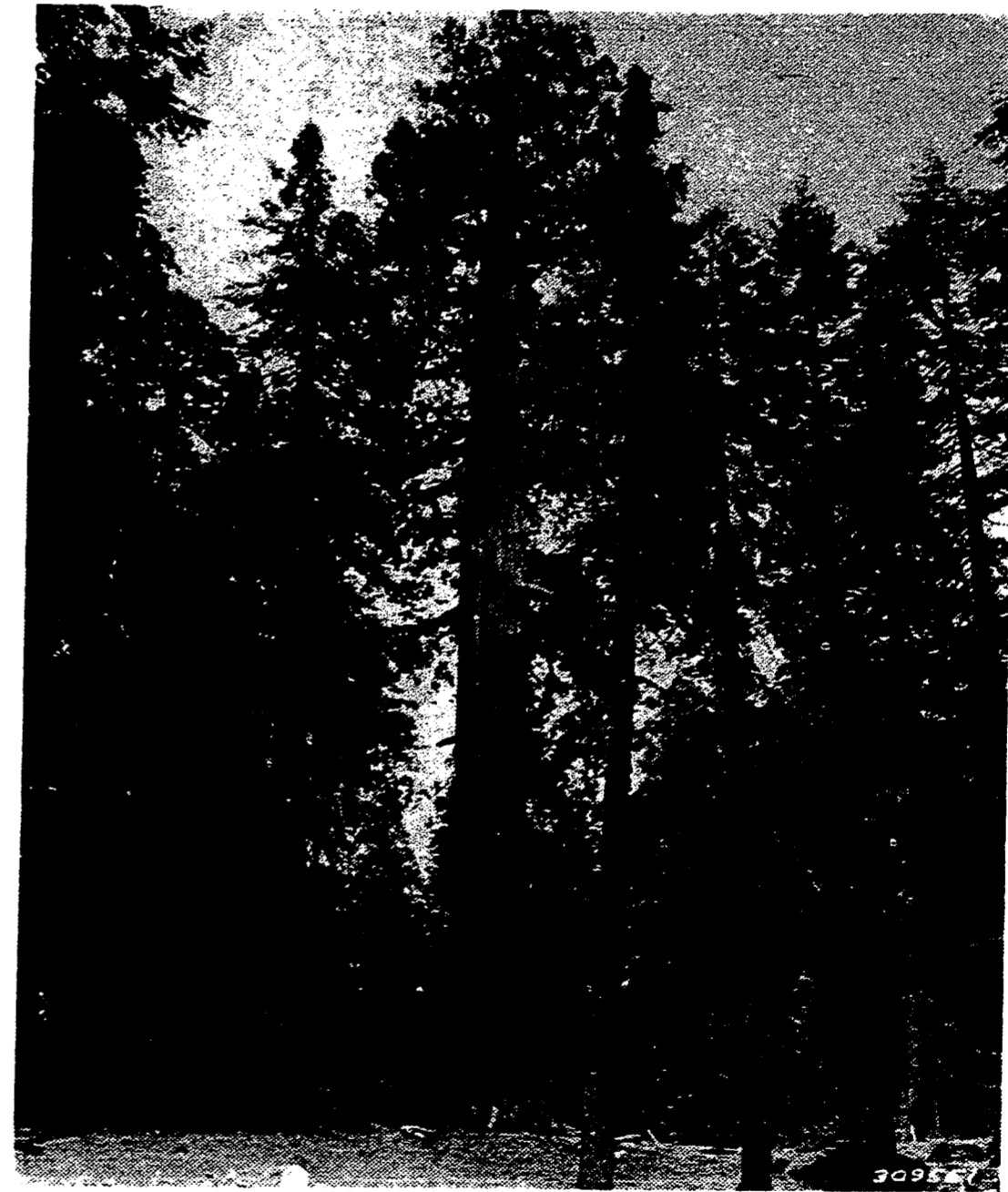
"The world has a place for you if you are big enough to accept responsibility and humble enough not to want glory."

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"Long shot of whole Redwood tree, Sequoia National Forest, California."

One of a series of pictures furnished on request of the editor by Herbert N. Wheeler, National Forester. Description is found in place of first editorial.

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EDITORIALS

SEQUOIA GIGANTEA IN THE SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST, CALIFORNIA

By Herbert N. Wheeler

This giant Sequoia in the Sequoia National Forest is one of that species of tree that contains more wood per tree than any other tree in the world on one individual trunk. The Sequoia Sempervirens, known as the redwood, grows within fifteen to twenty-five miles of the sea coast in California, but the Sequoia Gigantea—the picture shown on this week's cover—grows in the mountains of California, from seven thousand to eight thousand feet in elevation. The wood of this great tree is red, soft, and very brittle, hence of little value commercially, except for making curios. Some few trees of this species were cut for lumber many years ago, but none are now being cut in the national forests. They are worth much more to look at than to be manufactured into wood products. The most famous trees of this species are in Sequoia and General Grant National Parks and in Calaveras State Park. The biggest of all is the General Grant, which is ninety-three feet in circumference at breast height. There are thousands of these trees, mostly young and middle-aged, in several of the national forests in California. Gazing upon this magnificent specimen of God's handiwork fills one with awe and reverence. You speculate as to its age, and how it has withstood winter and summer, earthquake and fire, these hundreds of years. Some of these big trees are estimated to be from 2,500 to 4,000 years old.

Here this giant of the woods stands, oblivious to the wars and famines of puny man.

"MY HANDS ARE BLOODY"

Mr. Charles M. Vickrey, president of the Golden Rule Foundation, gives this attached bit of autobiographical soliloquy which has been handed on to some of the denominational publications. We are glad to pass it on, for in these days we need; most of us, to confess that we are not without guilt. The most one can do can never atone for sin, but one should do everything possible to "bring forth fruit worthy of repentance." As lovers and promoters of peace we may well listen to what Mr. Vickrey says:

I thought my hands were clean. I seek peace. I have never owned a revolver or had a gun or firearm of any kind in my house. I cannot imagine myself aiming a weapon at another man with intent to kill—much less would I drop a high-powered bomb from the skies on the peaceful home of sleeping women and children—but, alas, I have been found guilty!

I now confess that a year ago I sold, or exchanged my old 1929 model automobile in part payment for a new car. The old one and an out-of-date gas range which we also discarded, went to the scrap heap. The scrap heap was sold to a junk dealer, who innocently shipped it to the big city jobber. An unidentified man contracted for the entire contents of the yard—everybody, thus far, guiltless of murderous intent.

While we pursued our peaceful way in our comfortable home, and while we slept, the magic of modern transportation and industry transplanted this scrap iron to Japan, transformed it into guns, shot, shell, and shrapnel. Bombs dropped from the skies upon quiet residence sections of peaceful China. Hundreds of thousands

of unsuspecting civilians, women and children, as well as soldiers, were killed to satisfy the greed and ambitions of men.

I wouldn't shoot a man or a woman—much less would I kill a little child—and yet bullets which I supplied from our old automobile and gas range have done it.

I thought my name was Charles, but I find that my name is Legion. There were literally millions of us who last year turned in our old automobiles and obsolete gas ranges for later models. These millions of automobiles, gas ranges, and other peace-time comforts have been transformed by the demons of greed and war from their former constructive use into engines of destruction and wholesale murder.

I saw a little child lying dead in the arms of its aged grandfather. A piece of shrapnel had taken that innocent life, as well as the life of the child's mother. Whence came that shrapnel? It came from my old automobile, or from yours, or from somebody's scrap iron. The price of that scrap iron and shrapnel is in my pocket, or yours, or somebody's. We got paid for it.

The money I got for that old automobile I thought was honest money. It has been transformed into blood money. It has taken the life of a little child, and its mother.

The age old question again calls for an answer, "Am I my brother's keeper?" And the answer comes, "I am my brother's keeper," and I should be my brother's brother.

What, if anything, can cleanse these blood-stained hands? Nothing can bring back the lives of the fathers and mothers, the sons and the daughters that have been killed by our American scrap iron and other munitions of war. But we can care for the orphaned children and other civilians made homeless and destitute by our profit making partnership with the agencies of death.

The proposal now is that from every port, from which shiploads of war supplies have been sent to the invaders of China, we now send ships laden as fully as practicable with clothing, food, medicines, and relief supplies, for the orphans, widows, and other civilians whose bread-earners we have helped to kill. These ships sailing from the chief ports of America and other countries, on or about Thanksgiving Day, would constitute a dramatic and realistic expression of gratitude that our shores have not been invaded, our homes have not been bombed, and that our loved ones are spared to gather with us around the festal Thanksgiving board.

This International Golden Rule Fleet, sailing under American and other neutral flags on Thanksgiving Day, and possibly flying an auxiliary flag of Golden Rule good will, should arrive in the harbors of China and reach the international settlements and the great refugee centers on or about Christmas eve, bringing to millions of widows, orphans, and homeless, a most eloquent expression of the reality of our religious faith—a real Christmas feast, a comparatively happy New Year, and a ray of hope in the eastern sky that God is in the heavens and that sooner or later all will be well with the world.

The suggestion is not new. It was done twenty years ago on a large scale by Near East Relief for the widows and orphans of Bible lands. Old clothes and other contributed supplies from our attics were sent by the shipload. A whole train load of worn clothing came from Detroit to New York for trans-shipment. From California, a shipload of dried fruits and other surplus life-giving commodities sailed through the Panama Canal to save the lives of thousands of innocent orphaned children in the Near East.

Why should not several ships go from New York, New Orleans, San Francisco, and other ports, bearing our extra clothes, surplus food, and heartfelt sympathy to the many millions of innocent victims of the invasion of China?

Twenty-four hundred years ago Confucius, the great sage of one of the world's greatest civilizations, epitomized his message in the words, "Do not unto others that which you would not have others do unto you."

Somewhat earlier, the Jewish law givers recorded, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Nineteen hundred years ago Christ defined our neighbor as "the man who fell among thieves," and gave us the Golden Rule—"Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye even so unto them, for this is the law and the prophets."

The only way to cleanse our bloody hands is to cleanse our hearts of greed, spurn profits from the merchandise of war, and in penitence give the best practicable loving care to the widows and orphans whose husbands and fathers we have helped to kill.

Scarsdale, N. Y.

OBSERVATIONS

Contacts in the Central Association were continued by the corresponding secretary. A short time was spent at Adams Center with Pastor Orville W. Babcock in making a few calls in that interesting parish. Rev. Alva L. Davis accompanied with us thither. Later Brookfield and Leonardville were touched and a night was spent with Rev. Rolla J. Severance in the home of Brother George Rogers at Unadilla Forks. Mr. Severance was beginning meetings of a Preaching Mission at Leonardville, Friday night, October 13. Following the fall meeting of the Central Association, October 21 at Verona, he planned to hold a Preaching Mission at Adams Center. Appreciative words for his work were heard at De Ruyter where a mission had already been held.

Mr. Severance accompanied the secretary to Schenectady, N. Y., on Thursday, October 12, where a call was made upon a former parishioner of his, daughter of the late Dr. Sans Maxson. Cordial greetings were found

in this pleasant home, and a new RECORDER subscriber secured.

Entertainment was found in the comfortable home of Raymond Prati, where in the evening an interesting service was held with twenty-one people present, largely people interested in our mission in the city. Mrs. Prati was formerly Margaret Saunders of Boulder, official piano accompanist of the University of Colorado. She and her husband with his daughter, Isabel, are deeply interested in the mission and in winning others to Christ. Real experiences in the religious life have been theirs. Four neighbors were invited in to the meeting and gave interested attention to the messages of the visitors. Following the two speakers an interesting musical program was rendered by members of the mission, which added much to the value of the occasion.

The secretary spoke briefly of the influence of spiritual life in daily contacts, of the work of Seventh Day Baptists, showing maps with places indicated where our world-wide influence is being felt, and gave a short message on "A Maid and a Captain" (2 Kings 5: 1-17). Mr. Severance was well received by all and won their hearts by his short address on "Thrills." Three thrills mentioned were (1) on becoming a Christian, (2) on becoming a husband, (3) on meeting the folks in this mission of whom he had heard so much good, and in listening to their testimony. We truly felt "It is good to be here."

It was something of a treat to see folks so enjoying a religious service as to be unconcerned about the time for the benediction. Indeed, at one point, when the leader suggested the closing of the meeting, the audience insisted it be continued and more of the message be had.

Berlin, and So Forth

At Troy, en route to Berlin for the Sabbath, a call was made at the Rensselaer County Jail. However, the purpose of the visit was to see the deputy sheriff, Jesse Vars, a friend of long standing. A survey of the premises gave one the impression that everything possible was being done for the uplift of those unfortunate enough to become inmates of the institution.

On Sabbath eve an interesting though small group of young people in the Berlin church invited the secretary to speak to them. The

invitation was willingly accepted, the speaker using "Hidden Influence" as his theme. On Sabbath morning, while rain fell in the valley, and snow was reported falling on the mountain tops, the people gathered for worship. The clouds scattered and by the time the services were closed the sun shone brightly upon the gorgeous autumn colored hillsides, where no killing frost had yet left its devastating marks. Close and appreciative attention was given the presentation of "Seventh Day Baptists at Work," the speaker using for his text, "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; but he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

The secretary's month's work on the field closed with this service. The next day, October 15, he attended the meeting of the Missionary Board, and the day following returned to Plainfield. On the way that morning at New Haven, however, he stopped for a brief call on one of our young women who is taking a course in nurse's training at Yale University. The student is Miss Elizabeth Van Horn, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edgar D. Van Horn of Alfred. We are always encouraged to see young people making the best possible preparation in the line of their chosen calling.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Massachusetts Parent-Teacher Association recently advocated the non-sectarian teaching of the Ten Commandments in every schoolroom, on the grounds that they are fundamental to character building.

Because of rumored threats to "picket" a certain church in New York City, Mayor LaGuardia declares that such action cannot be tolerated. "I deem it proper," he is quoted, "that it should be understood that the picketing of places of worship is not permitted. There is no labor dispute involved and in this country, where freedom of religion is guaranteed, theological differences or even philosophical controversies are not contemplated in the law permitting picketing."

The American Bible Society announces the election of Rev. Frederick W. Cropp, D.D., as a general secretary of the society to succeed Dr. George William Brown. Taking up his duties about November 1, Doctor Cropp will share with General Secretary Eric M. North the oversight of the society's world-

wide work with particular responsibilities for Scripture distribution in the United States and the relationship of the society to the churches.

A native of Ohio, Doctor Cropp has been highly successful as a minister and leader among the churches of West Virginia, for the ten years of his active service being pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Wheeling.

An Appreciation

My dear Doctor Van Horn:

I want to thank you for the fine issue of your journal and for the little book "The Sabbath and Seventh Day Baptists." It is so fine and informing that I am happy to have it permanently in my library. . . . May God's blessing be upon you always, my dear brother, and sometime I hope we may meet.

Yours with kindest regards,

(Signed) Arthur W. Hewitt.

(Dr. Hewitt is author of "Steeple Among the Hills" and of "Highland Shepherds" soon to be issued.)

POINTING THE WAY TO LIFE

By Rev. Orville W. Babcock

A fellow pastor recently remarked upon the increased attendance and interest shown among the people of his congregation. He said, "They seem to be bewildered by the trend of events and are looking for something upon which they may place their hope."

These days in which we are living indeed give cause for despair, when seemingly the good things for which our fathers struggled are being severely tested. One wonders whether freedom and democracy and all that they imply can stand for very long. And it is no stretch of the imagination that the man of the world is disillusioned in his hope for a world of peace and justice. How difficult it is to believe,

"That tho' the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet."

Now, looking back, it seems evident that God was not presiding over the Treaty of Versailles, nor is he presiding, as so many would think, over other man-made institutions. Yet, his power is still abroad in the world. It is bidding for the lives of men and women

who will live devotedly and uncompromisingly against the powers of darkness.

And God's search for the hungry soul and the answer to the despairing heart can both be realized by an ingathering into the Church of Christ, for there is no other ministry under heaven whose sole mission it is to bring the "good news." The Church must not fail in this hour of crisis to send forth the message of hope and love.

But before the Church can offer a haven for the despairing heart it must repair its broken walls. It must needs call for a consecration of those who are its leaders and workers. It must seek to re-enlist those who have by neglect and indifference forgotten their vows. Then, when the Christian fellowship of love and devotion has been mended, it must send forth the clarion call for young and old to come. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

With the words of life to offer, the Church can point the way to the abundant life. It is not the least of her tasks to recruit for Christ. The harvest is waiting. Where are the laborers?

For Committee on Religious Life.

*Adams Center, N. Y.,
October 19, 1939.*

MISSIONS

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

(For lack of space some reports are omitted this week and will appear in the next issue.)

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

Dr. Edwin Whitford offered the prayer at the opening of the meeting.

The members present were: Albert S. Babcock, Karl G. Stillman, Corliss F. Randolph, John H. Austin, Rev. W. L. Burdick, Robert L. Coon, James A. Saunders, George B. Utter, Dr. Edwin Whitford, LaVerne D. Langworthy, Rev. H. R. Crandall, Mrs. Elisabeth K. Austin, Walter D. Kenyon, Dr. Anne L. Waite, Rev. Everett T. Harris, John S. C.

Kenyon, Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, Hiram W. Barber, Jr., Elston Van Horn, Lloyd Langworthy, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Asa F. Randolph.

The guests present were: Dr. Grace I. Crandall, Mrs. Harold R. Crandall, Mrs. G. Carleton Irish, Mrs. Allen Whitford, William Healey, Rev. Leslie B. Moss, D.D.

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

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer, In account with The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society	Dr.	
Cash on hand September 1, 1939	—\$	658.08
Withdrawn from Dr. Thorngate China Fund for Dr. Thorngate expenses		166.51
Mrs. Ella B. Burdick, Oak Park, Ill.—return Rev. H. E. Davis and family to China		1,064.85
Woman's Executive Board—missionary-evangelist and expenses—August		119.15
Woman's Executive Board—missionary-evangelist and expenses—September		135.97
People's S. D. B. Church—Washington, D. C.		3.00
Pawcatuck S. D. B. Church, Westerly, R. I.		33.80
First Hopkinton, R. I., Church		5.38
Battle Creek, Mich., Church—for foreign missions		2.00
Battle Creek, Mich., Church for Bible distribution		5.00
Rockville, R. I., Church		10.00
Second Brookfield Church, Brookfield, N. Y.		25.00
Transferred from Debt Reduction Fund to apply on loans		250.00
September share—Denominational Budget receipts		542.40
Transferred from Permanent Fund income account		244.93
		<u>\$1,949.91</u>
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Ellis R. Lewis, salary	\$	33.33
Verney A. Wilson, salary, August	\$33.34	
Work at Little Prairie	25.10	
		58.44
W. L. Davis, salary		22.91
Ralph H. Coon, salary		22.91
Clifford A. Beebe, salary		22.91
Charles W. Thorngate, salary		25.00
Marion C. Van Horn, salary		22.91
Ellis R. Lewis, salary, September	\$22.91	
Travel	15.15	
Work in S. W. Association	40.00	
		78.06
A. L. Davis, work in Syracuse		10.00
China Payments:		
Transportation and expenses Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Davis and family to China	\$815.31	
Dr. Grace I. Crandall	41.66	
Rev. H. E. Davis, salary and child allowance	102.50	
Principal Boys' School	33.34	
Boys' School	16.66	
Dr. Rosa W. Palmberg	30.00	
Incidental Fund	25.00	
Anna M. West	41.66	
Dr. Geo. Thorngate, salary and child allowance	137.50	
Dr. Geo. Thorngate, travel expenses	29.01	
		1,272.64
Morton R. Swinnev. Treas. Rev. H. E. Davis and Mrs. Davis, gift to Denominational Budget		5.00
Rev. G. D. Hargis, salary	\$93.75	
Child allowance	12.50	
		106.25
Rev. L. W. Crichlow, salary	\$83.34	
Rent	20.84	
Travel	23.87	
Native workers	39.57	
		167.62

The Recorder Press—balance due for printing reports to Conference	18.00
Rev. W. L. Burdick, salary	\$112.50
Rent	25.00
Travel	55.61
Supplies	9.57
Clerk	33.34
	236.02
Treasurer's expense, clerk	20.00
Rev. R. J. Severance, miss. evangelist, salary, August	\$100.00
Travel, August	19.15
	119.15
Salary, September	\$100.00
Travel, September	35.97
	135.97
Rev. L. R. Conradi, work in Germany	41.66
Rev. G. Zijlstra, work in Holland	125.00
Debt Fund share Denominational Budget receipts, September	72.90
Transferred to Debt Fund Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Davis, gift to Debt Fund	5.00
Payment on loans	250.00
Interest	31.28
Interest saved on renewal of notes and transferred to Debt Fund	6.95
Cash on hand September 30, 1939	960.00
	<u>\$1,949.91</u>

The quarterly report of the corresponding secretary was read, approved, and ordered recorded.

The death of Rev. L. R. Conradi was announced by the corresponding secretary. Corliss F. Randolph spoke about the last days of Mr. Conradi in Hamburg. The remarks were adopted and ordered recorded as follows:

It is with a sense of irreparable loss that this board learns of the death of our dearly beloved brother and fellow worker, the Rev. Louis Richard Conradi in Hamburg, Germany, where he had long made his home.

Though he had been associated with us but a few short years, they were years filled to the utmost with incessant, rich, loving, and fruitful labor. In this period he organized twenty-five or more Seventh Day Baptist churches in Germany and East Prussia, and these in turn were organized into the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference of the churches of Germany and East Prussia.

In the midst of the storm which has beset all religious activities in Germany in recent years, this general conference and its constituent churches, under his wise leadership, have carried on; and the last session of the general conference was held but a few weeks before his death.

His visits to this country in the more recent years have brought comfort, cheer, and encouragement to our American churches, and other denominational organizations; and among these, not the least to this board.

At home his activities included the preparation and publication of Sabbath school lessons for the use of our German speaking churches; the publication of his book entitled "The Impelling Force of Prophetic Truth," in London; the publication of a tract defining the differences between the Seventh Day Adventists, with whom he had formerly been affiliated, and Seventh Day Baptists; and a treatise on the origin and development of the

Seventh Day Adventist denomination. The last two were published by the American Sabbath Tract Society.

His evangelistic correspondence, besides those of Europe and North America, included those of both the Far East and Near East, Australia, India, Africa, and South America. His extensive travels of other days in the most of these countries had formed ties of interest which persisted to the end.

Throughout, his life was characterized by a simple and unflinching faith in the guiding and protecting hand of his Heavenly Father and his every act was premised upon that faith.

In a letter written by his own hand but a few hours before his passing, he bade his friends to whom the letter was addressed in this country to entertain no anxiety for him because of Germany's war—that his life was in the hands of his Heavenly Father.

This board mourns the passing of this man of God and requests its corresponding secretary to convey a message of sympathy to our mutual friends in Germany.

Dr. Grace I. Crandall, who is at home for her furlough from the China field, was present and addressed the board. She told of the activities of the several members of the mission staff in Shanghai, and described the condition of the property in Shanghai and Liuho.

Dr. Leslie B. Moss, executive secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, who represents one hundred twenty boards, was a guest of the board. He described the rise of foreign missions and the early meetings of all world-wide mission movement which was organized in Edinburgh in 1910. He concluded by asking that all Christians work through teamwork for Christianizing the world.

The president announced the appointment of committees as of the past year. The committees are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

Budget—Officers of the board, chairmen of committees.

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

John H. Austin for the Missionary-evangelistic Committee made a verbal report.

Voted that the services of Rev. R. J. Severance be continued until October 1, 1940, provided the funds are furnished as arranged by Conference.

For the American Tropics Committee Everett Harris gave a report with recommendations. He reported that "The committee recommends that the board express its appreciation of the work Rev. Luther W. Crichlow is doing in Jamaica, and the reception he has received, and that he be asked to continue as the board's representative in Jamaica."

The report was adopted.

The corresponding secretary reported he had written words of appreciation to Mr. Hargis as requested by the board, as follows:

I was gratified to read the account of the excellent conference the first of the month. I feel much encouraged that such a meeting is established again and that the spirit is so fine. You and Mrs. Hargis have done splendid work and the time of your furlough is at hand. You have worked under more difficult conditions than either you or the board anticipated. There was division in Jamaica, and soon after you went there, it was necessary to reduce your salary, as well as that of all employees of the board. You took the cut without complaint and stood by the work. The board appreciates this fact, as well as the good work you have done, and the harmony you have brought into the work. The board has nothing but appreciation for you and Mrs. Hargis and your work.

The China Committee, G. B. Utter, chairman, reported. The report was accepted and ordered recorded.

The Ministerial Relief Committee, Karl G. Stillman, chairman, reported as follows:

During the quarter ended September 30, 1939, we have continued to supplement the retirement allowance granted by the Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund to Rev. R. R. Thorngate by the sum of \$10 per month. A like amount has been given Mrs. George P. Kenyon each month. The total amount involved is practically covered by the income on endowment funds, the income from which is designated for such purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
Karl G. Stillman, Chairman.

The report was accepted and ordered recorded.

Karl G. Stillman reported for the Investment Committee. The report was accepted and ordered recorded.

The Budget Committee reported on the budget approved tentatively at the last meeting.

Voted that the tentative budget before the board at its July meeting be adopted as the budget for 1940, with the understanding that it will be revised unless contributions for missions are soon substantially increased.

The corresponding secretary read several letters which were referred to the Missionary-evangelistic and China Committees for their study and suggestions.

After prayer by Pastor Everett T. Harris the meeting adjourned.

George B. Utter,
Recording Secretary.

MEETING OF TRACT BOARD

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in regular session in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, October 8, 1939, at 2 p.m., with President Corliss F. Randolph presiding and the following members present: Corliss F. Randolph, Frederik J. Bakker, J. Leland Skaggs, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Asa F. Randolph, Esle F. Randolph, Irving A. Hunting, Franklin A. Langworthy, George R. Crandall, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Everett C. Hunting, Hurley S. Warren, Trevah R. Sutton, and Manager of the Publishing House L. Harrison North. Visitor: Dr. Jay W. Crofoot.

The board was led in prayer by Dr. Jay W. Crofoot.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

The report of the corresponding secretary, Herbert C. Van Horn, was read as follows:

Your corresponding secretary has been on the field in the Western Association since September 22. The work has been of a "good will" nature, one of encouragement to our pastors, individuals, and churches, carrying information of the activities of the Tract Board in publishing the "Sabbath Recorder," tracts, and other literature, and promoting as far as possible all the program of the denomination. At the time of preparing this report, October 6, five of the churches have been visited and publicly addressed, while contacts have also been made in two others. Eight sermons and two

addresses have been given in the Hebron churches, Little Genesee, Nile, and Richburg. Thirty-six calls have been made in Mansfield, Coudersport, the Hebrons, Shinglehouse, Little Genesee, Nile, Richburg, Scio, Friendship, Andover, Alfred, Alfred Station, and Mount Morris, the latter to visit Miriam Shaw.

Several conferences have been had with pastors and other leaders of the denomination, one of several hours being with the Conference president, Dr. Ben R. Crandall. This last mentioned was of especial helpful nature to the secretary.

Twenty letters of matters pertaining to the board, aside from correspondence relating to the "Sabbath Recorder," have been written, many of them from the field. A letter to lone Sabbath keepers was prepared for mimeographing and mailing from the office. A group of tracts, thirty-five of each, "The Sabbath and Seventh Day Baptists," "Seventh Day Baptists as Distinguished from Seventh Day Adventists," and "Statement of Beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists," was mailed to Ceylon. These tracts in same quantity will be sent to the same address in October and November. This inquirer as a Sabbath-keeping leader is greatly interested in using and spreading our tracts through-out his own territory.

The secretary has spent much time on the field in the work of the "Sabbath Recorder," preparing editorials, observations, and other material. He has been generously provided home and hospitality these extra days in homes of our ministers, Robert Wing, pastors Bottoms and Randolph. The secretary's thanks and appreciation have already been expressed in person, but he would be pleased if the board would authorize him to write the board's appreciation, officially, to these mentioned and to others who may thus manifest their deep interest in the work the Tract Board is doing.

With best wishes to and prayer for the board.

It was voted that the report be accepted and the secretary authorized to extend to the ministers mentioned and to others who may similarly express their interest in the work the appreciation of the board for their hospitality to its corresponding secretary.

J. Leland Skaggs, treasurer, presented his quarterly report as follows:

J. Leland Skaggs, Treasurer,	
In account with the	
American Sabbath Tract Society	
For the quarter ending September 30, 1939	
(Condensed Report)	
Dr.	
To balance on hand July 1, 1939:	
General Fund	\$1,142.38
Reserve for 1938-9 taxes	552.96
Reserve for interest on same	15.78
Reserve for amortization of tax loan	383.96
Reserve for interest on same	20.00
Denominational Building Fund	1.94
Reserve for Historical Society Rooms	35.89
Maintenance Fund	85.65
Reserve for taxes	225.00
	\$2,463.56
To cash received since as follows:	
GENERAL FUND	
Contributions: individuals, church, and	
Sabbath schools	\$ 50.73
Denominational Budget	471.50

Income from invested funds: through		
A. S. T. S.	372.64	
Receipts from "Sabbath Recorder"	689.97	
Receipts from "Helping Hand"	160.81	
General printing, distribution of literature	17.33	
Receipts from real estate	480.50	
Ernest Testa, account Lombardi taxes	40.00	
Transfer from Dora B. Egbert savings		2.50
account for "Recorder" subscription		
S. D. B. Building Budget—account share		666.67
payment on principal of tax loan		
Interest on same		3.99
S. D. B. Building Budget—denomination's		
share 4th quarter 1938 taxes and		
interest	432.98	
Maintenance Fund—Account 4th quarter		
1938 taxes	75.00	
		3,463.62

MAINTENANCE FUND

Rent from Publishing House	\$ 225.00	
Income from S. D. B. Endowment Fund	4.76	
		229.76

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING FUND

Contributions	177.32	
		\$6,335.26

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By cash paid out as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Sabbath Promotion Work—salary		
of leader	\$ 22.50	
"Sabbath Recorder"	1,746.22	
"Helping Hand" (postage)	.88	
General printing and distribution		
of literature	6.44	
Corresponding secretary—salary	356.50	
Traveling and office expense	93.41	
Recording secretary—typing	14.75	
Treasurer's expense	76.00	
President's expense—stationery	6.50	
Income payments—Annuity Gifts	210.75	
Reports to Conference	117.75	
Expense of representatives to Conference	103.24	
Karl G. Stillman, treasurer, contribution		4.50
for Missionary Society		
L. H. North, mgr.—Account Dora		2.50
B. Egbert "Recorder" subscription		
Plainfield Trust Co.—account tax loan		505.98
and interest		
John C. Dilts, collector—account		
D. B. taxes, 4th quarter, 1938		
and interest	649.46	
Copies of all Tract Society printing to		
Committee on Denominational		
Literature	1.75	
Committee on Denominational Literature	1.13	
5 copies "Historical Papers" sent to Com-		
mittee on Denominational Literature	1.75	
Real estate expenses:		
209-11 Prescott Place	103.98	
207 W. 6th St.	119.60	
1882 Bellevue Ave.	121.99	
		\$4,265.83

MAINTENANCE FUND

Miscellaneous maintenance expenses	\$ 37.10	
Printing shop share of D. B. taxes		
4th quarter, 1938	75.00	
S. D. B. Building Budget—income from		
D. B. Endowment	4.76	
Resurfacing over skylights	114.00	
		230.86

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING FUND

Payment account loan from		
Permanent Fund	\$ 100.00	
Payment account interest on loan	16.50	
		116.50
		\$4,613.19

By balance on hand, September 30, 1939:

General Fund	\$ 651.30	
Reserve for 1938-39 taxes	423.01	
Reserve for interest on same	4.25	
Reserve for tax loan	217.30	
Reserve for interest on same	18.01	
Denominational Building Fund	62.76	
Reserve for Historical Society Rooms	35.89	

Maintenance Fund	84.55	
Reserve for taxes	225.00	
		1,722.07
		\$6,335.26

J. Leland Skaggs,
Treasurer.

Plainfield, N. J.,
October 8, 1939.

Examined, compared with books and vouchers, and found correct.

J. M. Hiebeler,
Auditor.

Plainfield, N. J.,
October 8, 1939.

The report was adopted.

Mrs. William M. Stillman reported for the Committee to Consider Reduction in Pages of Tract Society Report for the "1939 Year Book," that a reduction in the number of pages had been authorized.

The report was adopted.

The president reported that the committees on the Denominational Building and the Soliciting have completed their assignments and requested a discharge of these committees.

It was voted to accept the report and grant the request.

The president reported that he designated Mr. North as Manager of Publishing House in the new directory of the Tract Board.

It was voted to accept this change of designation of the business manager.

The treasurer reported that a copy of the deed of the Seventh Day Baptist Building and site made by the American Sabbath Tract Society to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference dated September 29, 1938, had been received from Asa F. Randolph, and that a copy of the surveyors' map of the foregoing made by Crandall and Jeffrey, Inc., of Plainfield, N. J., dated September 26, 1938, had been received from George R. Crandall.

It was voted that the recording secretary write Mr. J. W. Hiebeler a letter of appreciation for past courtesies, and especially for the courtesy shown by him in making the audits which were necessary by the change in the office of the treasurer.

Doctor Crofoot remarked that he esteemed it a privilege to be present at a meeting of the board to hear its reports and deliberations.

President Corliss F. Randolph announced the death of Dr. L. Richard Conradi on September 16, 1939, in Hamburg, Germany. He made appropriate remarks concerning the life and work of Doctor Conradi since he became affiliated with the Seventh Day Baptists.

It was voted that President Randolph write on behalf of the Tract Board a letter of sympathy to the family and close friends of the late Doctor Conradi in Germany.

The minutes were read and approved.

Frederik J. Bakker,
Assistant Recording Secretary.

WOMAN'S WORK

WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER

By Mrs. T. J. Van Horn

"In heavenly love abiding no change my heart shall fear,
And safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here:
The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid,
But God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?"

"Wherever he may guide me, no want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack:
His wisdom ever waketh, his sight is never dim;
He knows the way he taketh, and I will walk with him."

Hymn—Selected.

Scripture—Psalm 116.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for

Personal blessings,
Victories that brought satisfaction,
Defeats that brought us humbly to the Master's feet,
Comfort in sorrow,
Joy in service,
Peace of heart in the midst of turmoil,
Guidance in perplexity,
Answers to prayer,
Abiding trust in the Heavenly Father.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

"I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord."

WOMAN'S BOARD MINUTES

The following board members were present at Mrs. S. O. Bond's for the regular October meeting of the Woman's Board: Mrs. Edward Davis, Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. Okey W.

Davis, Mrs. E. F. Loofboro, Mrs. S. O. Bond, and Mrs. O. B. Bond.

Our devotionals consisted of the reading of Psalm 103 and prayers by board members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

We voted to accept the treasurer's report, showing a substantial balance on hand.

The Ways and Means Committee offered a very exhaustive report of their work, including correspondence from Mr. Conyers and Mrs. Butler, both expressing their gratitude for the work of Doctor Hancock and their personal appreciation of him. The report appeared in the RECORDER October 23.

We voted to accept the report with an expression of thanks to our committee for their fine work.

It was voted that we continue our Ways and Means Committee to take care of our special project for the coming year.

Voted that Mrs. T. J. Van Horn be asked to prepare the worship programs for the coming year.

We adjourned to meet with Mrs. Skaggs in November.

Mrs. E. F. Loofboro, *President*,

Mrs. O. B. Bond, *Secretary*.

Salem, W. Va.,
October 1, 1939.

BATTLE CREEK LADIES' AID

Gleanings From the Annual Report

Their monthly meetings were followed by pot-luck dinners at noon. Their average attendance was sixteen. One member, Mrs. Tappan, has attended every meeting for four years; another member, Mrs. Kolvoord, has missed only one meeting in five years. Four new members were added during the year, while one was lost by death and one by withdrawal.

The study group, Mrs. Holston, chairman, met Sabbath afternoons twice a month; *Moving Millions* and *The Church Takes Root in India* were the texts used. Two talks by people outside the group added interest to the study.

Local interests concern this group also: "The society is active in the Federated Church Women's Group." "We helped the East End Mission by giving \$2 for their annual picnic." "In December the ministerial association and their wives were served a dinner."

"A Christian Endeavor banquet was served all C. E. workers in the city."

The equipment of the church kitchen received replenishment; a key worker was appointed; \$5 monthly goes to support the missionary-evangelist project. Chicken dinners, a rummage sale, and tithes are means of raising funds. The amount raised during the year was \$554.42.

"A call was received from Mr. William Berry, South America. . . \$5 was sent. . . We are thankful for such calls, as it is not only good for us to give, but it keeps us in contact with distant groups of our own people."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

By Mary Margaret Hummel

Read Matthew 25: 14-30.

A PLEA

God grant me these: the strength to do
Some needed service here;
The wisdom to be brave and true;
The gift of vision clear,
That in each task that comes to me
Some purpose I may plainly see.

God teach me to believe that I
Am stationed at a post,
Although the humblest 'neath the sky
Where I am needed most.
And that, at last, if I do well
My humble services will tell.

God grant me faith to stand on guard,
Uncheered, unspoke, alone,
And see behind such duty hard
My service to the throne.
Whate'er my task, be this my creed:
I am on earth to fill a need.

—Edgar A. Guest.

DISCOVERING MYSELF FOR CHRIST

(This talk was given by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley at the Fellowship Breakfast, Sunday morning at Conference.)

The theme suggests that *myself* must be either *lost* or, as yet, *undiscovered*. What must I do to discover myself? Must I discover myself before I can present myself to Christ? Or must I present myself to Christ before I discover myself? How can I find myself?

Suppose a savage should find a beautiful watch. And that he would carry it as an ornament, polished and on display. How a watch-maker would long for him to discover

its real purpose and put it to its intended use! Too many young people just keep themselves on display, with never a thought of the purpose for which they were created.

And we live in a purposeful universe. One of our greatest modern scientists has said that the universe looks more like a great idea than it does like a machine. Purpose shows in it. Every planet has its own orbit. The gravitational pull of each one seems necessary to the balance of them all. Each part is necessary to the whole.

That is like an automobile. There is a definite purpose for each part. The steering wheel will not serve as a tire, or the bumper as a piston. The failure of any part either lessens the efficiency of the car, or renders it useless. Each part is necessary.

In Ephesians 2: 10 we read, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Three things are stated there which we should note, one at a time.

First, we are God's workmanship. Everybody who believes in a great and good Creator believes that. This is neither a chance world nor a blind machine. God made you. But more, God made you unique. There are never two grass blades alike, or two leaves alike. An American has photographed thousands and thousands of snowflakes without ever finding two alike. Their angle of crystallization is always the same, but the flakes are always different. So with you, young friend. In all the world there has never been anyone else just like you—nor ever will be. God loves infinite variety. He loves you just for yourself. Everybody is a combination of ancestral heritage, and environmental factors, and personal aptitudes, and attitudes and responses. But God never created another just like you. You are unique.

God also created you for a purpose. The verse says something about "good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." If there is purpose for the universe, there is a purpose for each of the planets; if there is purpose for the human race, there is a purpose for each individual of the race. The purpose of the whole is related to the purpose of the parts, and vice versa. But since you are not like any other, your life purpose is different from any other person's. If you ever discover God's purpose

for your life you may render a service that nobody else ever can do in the way you can do it. Your purpose is unique.

But here is the crux of the problem. The verse says something about being "created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Unless and until you have been "created in Christ Jesus"—really re-created in him—you will never be able to fulfill the purpose for which God created you. Until Christ has remade you in spirit and attitude and desire you will never discover God's purpose for your life, much less perform it. In the words of our theme, I must present myself to Christ before I discover myself. Does it sound puzzling to you? Well, it's true.

You may ask *why* one must be remade in Christ before he can discover his real self. Because, until Christ has remade you, *you are not all there!* Part of you is only possibility! That second chapter of Ephesians begins, "And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins." What part was dead? What aspect was "quickened"?

Let us study a bit of Bible psychology. But before we begin let me remind you that while Bible psychology may differ from modern theories of psychology, you will find it true to the facts of life and experience as well as being consistent with itself. Scientific theories change all the time. Most of the foundational theories of physics have changed radically from those I used to teach twenty or twenty-five years ago.

Bible psychology is not only consistent with itself, but it is accompanied with sound instruction which actually remakes life, if obeyed. In "The Return to Religion," Henry C. Link frankly admits that he and his wife and their set politely bowed religion and the Bible and the church out of their lives because they felt that science and philosophy met all their spiritual needs. But after some years in a psychological clinic in New York City, where he tried to help thousands of disrupted individuals and homes, he returned to religion. And the reason he gave was that whatever the psychiatrists tried that really worked in these unfortunate lives was simply a rediscovery and an application of the teachings of Jesus. You may safely believe Bible psychology.

Now the Bible speaks of a man as being body, and soul, and spirit. Many modern investigators are at a loss to make a clear

distinction between body and mind. And they have some valid reasons to offer for their uncertainty, too. So if we cannot successfully partition a man off into two parts, how can we divide him into three parts! Well, the Bible does. And it does so on the basis of function.

1. Through the body and its sensory organs man is world-conscious. 2. Through the soul man is self-conscious. 3. Through the spirit man is God-conscious. One can be alive in body, and very much alive in soul, but dead in spirit. He can know the world and himself and his own desires, but be utterly blind and deaf and dumb toward God. And until one is "quickened" and made alive in spirit, he can neither know nor do the work for which God created him. Only as Christ re-creates him can he discover his true self.

The Bible shows that it is one's soul that needs to be saved. That is, I need to be saved from *myself*. It is *my* appetites and passions which I want to indulge for *my* enjoyment. It is *my* envy, and jealousy, and hate, and greed, and pride that ruin my life. "He that will save his life (that is, who uses it just for his own enjoyment) shall lose it," says Jesus. But he added, "whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." He was talking about the soul, the self-conscious element.

The spirit does not need to be saved. It needs to be made alive. And the spirit always come alive when the soul is saved. "The spirit beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." *With our spirit*, notice, and not with our soul or our body. Dear young friend, you may have a theory about God as the Creator, or as a Universal Technician, or as a Judge, but you will never experience his loving Fatherhood and know yourself as his own child until Christ saves your soul and quickens your spirit. Every born-again child of God has that same experience. And you may have it this minute if you let Christ save you.

But there is one more step you ought to take. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable (or spiritual) service." You cannot save your soul, nor quicken your spirit. Christ alone can do that, and he can't unless you want him to do so.

But when he does you will begin to know something of the purpose for which God created you. However, that purpose will never be fulfilled until you bring your own body to him and dedicate it to his service—your feet to walk in the path he leads, your hands to hold the pen or the plow, your eyes to see with pitying love, your ears to listen to the woes of others, your voice to sing or speak of his grace to all. Christ alone can save your soul; Christ alone can quicken your spirit; but it is your privilege and duty to dedicate that redeemed personality to the Lord's service. *First in Christ, and then for Christ, I discover myself.*

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Dear RECORDER Girls and Boys:

For this week's study let us take as our topic,

The Law of Happiness

There is a verse in the Bible, Psalm 4: 7, which tells us that it is God who makes the world a happy place for us. Let us repeat this verse over and over so that we will never forget it: "Thou hast put gladness in my heart." Then let us think over the many things that we have to make us happy and notice how many we could have without God's help. I cannot think of a single one, can you? Now let us think how we can help God to make the world a happy place. Here are some verses which perhaps you will like to learn. The first verse is from "Songs for Little People," and the second I have added:

"The world is such a happy place
That children, whether big or small,
Should always have a smiling face,
And never, never sulk at all."

Should quarrel not at work or play,
Or be unkind to any one;
But scatter smiles the livelong day,
You'll find there is no better fun.

I wonder, too, if you would not like to learn a little prayer which my own children learned when they were little. They called it their "Thank you prayer."

"For the new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
We thank thee, Heavenly Father."

"For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything his goodness sends,
We thank thee, Heavenly Father."

Do you like fairy stories? I did and I still do. I think I like children's letters better, though. That's a gentle hint to you, RECORDER boys and girls. In the meantime, here is a fairy story:

THE LITTLE WHITE DOVE

Once upon a time there was a pretty little white dove that lived next door to a cross, grizzly bear. The dove's voice was sweet and musical, but could hardly be heard; for the grizzly bear had a terrible voice and was always snarling and growling and quarreling, till the little dove could stand it no longer. So she decided to go away and find a new home.

Early the next morning she started out on her search for a new home. "Coo, coo! I want to find a good child to live with," she cried as she flew along.

At last she came to a little white house by the roadside, and there on the doorstep sat a pretty little girl who was singing to her dolly in a clear, happy little voice. "She must be a good child," thought the white dove, as she lighted on a little tree near by, and sang in her voice as sweet as music, "Coo, coo! May I come in? Coo, coo! May I come in?"

The little girl did not hear, for just then her mother came to the door and said, "Will my little girl please come in and take care of the baby a little while?" And before the dove could call again, the little girl began to cry as loud as she could, "Boo-hoo! Boo-hoo! I don't want to come in! Boo, hoo! Boo, hoo!"

The white dove spread her wings and flew away, saying to herself, "I had rather live next door to a cross, grizzly bear than in the house with a child who cries like that."

Away she flew until she came to a large house with many doors and windows. Peeping in she saw a number of boys and girls playing together. They were making such a noise that they had waked up the baby who was crying at the top of his lungs. The little dove tried to call, "Coo, coo! Coo, coo! May I come in?" but she could not make herself heard. At last one of the children saw her, and then every child in the room

began to try to catch her, quarreling and pushing each other, all screaming, "She's mine! She's mine!"

At last the white dove spread her wings and flew away, saying, "I had rather live next door to a cross, grizzly bear than in all that noise."

Her white wings were very weary and she was almost ready to give up, when she heard a sound almost as sweet as her own voice, coming from a little brown house near by. In the door of the little house peeped the little dove, and there she saw a dear little girl singing sweetly as she tended her baby brother.

"Coo, coo! May I come in?" called the white dove softly. The little girl looked up and said sweetly, "Dear dove, come in." Then the white dove went in and lived there all the days of her life.

OUR PULPIT IN LIEU OF A SERMON

Worshiping by Scripture

By F. C. Monroe

(Requested by Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, president of General Conference.)

Do Seventh Day Baptists have any more Scripture to worship by than any others? Does worshiping by Scripture make Seventh Day Baptists different from others in belief, and have they a good reason, in worshiping by Scripture, for their belief?

We take it for granted that all believe God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth. And what is truth? — the question Pilate asked Christ. Then if Christ and his teachings are truth, why are so many becoming indifferent to that truth and allowing the undertow of man-made tradition to take the place of that truth in worshiping by Scripture? Has Satan so streamlined man-made tradition that if it were possible he would deceive the very elect?

What is humanity as a whole interested in and seeking for? Is it seeking to know and to do the will of God? Or is it for worldly pleasure and profit? Are we as a body of Sabbath worshipers living up to the principles of our covenant, or are many of us becoming indifferent to God's laws?

David said in the nineteenth Psalm, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the

soul." Christ said in his Sermon on the Mount, "Be ye also perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." If we are to become like the perfect Pattern we must be found worshiping by Scripture, in spirit and in truth, obedient to his commands, doing his will.

Paul said the law was his schoolmaster that brought him to Christ. And Christ said in his Sermon on the Mount, that he did not come to destroy the law; and what law did he refer to if it was not the Ten Commandments, for he said, "Whosoever shall break one of the least of these commandments and teach men so, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. And except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees you can in no case enter the kingdom of heaven." What was the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees? Christ said, by your tradition you make the commandments of none effect. Is the fourth commandment of any more importance than the other nine? Why was the fourth prefixed by "Remember"? Did your mother ever tie a string on your finger so that you would remember? Well, God has tied a string on the fourth commandment for us to remember. We are living in a machine age, and when machinery is operated properly it is a great benefit to mankind, but when operated improperly it is destructive. Charlie Clark drove his new car into his barn one day and forgot and stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake, which caused damage to his car, the barn, and garden. So it is in the Christian life, if we forget God and his commandments, which are the "brakes," and step on the accelerator of pride, popularity, and the pleasures of this world, we will suffer loss and damage to our own souls and those with whom we come in contact. It is more important that we care for our souls than our machines, for "What will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Then let us gird on the whole armor of God that we may stand in the day of temptation, sin, and wickedness, seeking to

Enter in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening

wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine; for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.—Matthew 7: 13-29.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

North Loup, Neb.

Members of the Seventh Day Baptist Christian Endeavor society were hosts to the like society of the Ord Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon at the local church. Forty-four young people were present, including over twenty from Ord.

The regular worship period was held at three o'clock, over which Ida May Babcock presided. At this time was given the Scripture and prayer; also three hymns were sung. Speakers for the afternoon were Lois Barber, whose topic was "What is the Purpose and Place of Young People in the Church?" Lyle Flagg spoke on "What Should Be the Attitude of Christian Young People Towards War?" Mary Babcock spoke on "How Should Young People Conduct Themselves in Present Social Conditions?" and Mary Miller's subject was "What Contributions Can Young People Make to the Present Church Program?"

These talks were followed by a round table discussion led by Rev. Mr. Hill and Mrs.

Gould Flagg. All of the questions handed in had to do with the present war situation. The young folks responded most excellently in this part of the program, and several definite opinions were expressed.

The time between the dismissal of this meeting and supper was spent informally, the young folks getting acquainted with each other, also looking over the church.

The after-supper program was musical, being made up of a boys' quartet in which Darrell and Claire Barber, Wayne and Allen Babcock took part. Lillian Babcock sang a solo and Mary Babcock and Marion Barber played a piano and organ duet.

Numerous and lively games were played after the dishes were cleared away.

Both missionary societies of the Seventh Day Baptist Church met together Tuesday for an all-day meeting. Quilting was done, and a nice dinner served at noon.

—North Loup Loyalist.

Dodge Center, Minn.

The special meetings held at the Seventh Day Baptist church were very interesting and well received and attended. There were thirty or more delegates and visitors from St. Paul, New Auburn, Wis., Milton and Milton Junction, Wis., and others for which we feel very grateful.

Dodge Center is scheduled to be "bombed from the air" Friday, only instead of destructible missiles, literature containing appeals to keep this country out of the European war will be dropped from an airplane.

Likewise, other communities over the state will be similarly bombed.

A fleet of at least thirty airplanes will start out from Minneapolis in the morning, each taking a different route.

The literature contains places for names, and when these are signed they can be turned in at the Star-Record office and will be forwarded to proper parties for presentation to Congress.—Dodge Center Star-Record.

Milton Junction, Wis.

Church night was observed by the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Milton Junction, Sunday night, October 1. After supper was served to about seventy members and friends, the quarterly business meeting was called to order by the chairman, Carl B. Gray.

A "sing" followed the business session. Many old hymns were sung as numbers were requested from the audience. The young men's quartet also sang two selections and an encore.

The fact that two of our young men, Oren Babcock and Victor Loofboro, will soon go to school at Davenport, Iowa, was recognized by a few remarks from Donald Gray.

Two teams of fifteen competed in a spelling match with L. C. Shaw as the professor. Miss Margaret Burdick and Mrs. H. L. Baker were the winners, both being on the same side.

The Silver Moon class brought the evening to a pleasant close by auctioning a quantity of baked goods, and selling bags of pop corn.

—Milton Junction Telephone.

Salem, W. Va.

A new and attractive building has recently been erected on the parsonage lot of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist church. It consists of a double garage, 20 by 24 feet, and a class study room, 20 by 20 feet. The roof is of green fireproof shingles, and the sides are of gray asbestos shingles.

The classroom is beautifully finished inside and the floor covering is of inlaid linoleum. The room has been given over to the use of the young people's class of the Sabbath school, which has an attendance up to about forty. The Senior Christian Endeavor society is also meeting in this room.

The erection of the attractive and very useful building was made possible through the generosity of Mrs. George H. Trainer. The labor was all donated by men of the church.

In consideration of the fact that Mrs. Trainer has long been a very faithful, loyal, and generous member of the church, it seemed fitting at the annual business meeting, held October 8, to honor her by naming the new classroom "The Mrs. George H. Trainer Room."—Salem Herald.

OBITUARY

Adams. — At her home in Hollywood, Calif., September 13, 1939, Louie Flint Hayes Adams.

Mrs. Adams was born in the town of Albion on a farm, February 23, 1859. She is the last survivor of a large family of children born to Ephraim and Louisa Flint. She grew to womanhood in

this vicinity and received her education in the Albion Academy. She was baptized and joined the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church in early life, continuing her membership here until her death.

She was married to W. F. Hayes of Edgerton in 1880. There were two children in the family, one son who departed this life at the age of seven and a daughter who has helped care for her in her declining years. Many years were spent first in Janesville and later in California. After the death of Mr. Hayes she was married to A. A. Adams, who passed away in 1935. Mrs. Adams died as the result of an accident not long before her death. Funeral services were held in the Telferson Funeral Home in Edgerton and burial in the Fassett Cemetery, conducted by Pastor L. O. Greene of Albion. L. O. G.

Clarke. — Mary Roberta Clarke was born February 1, 1915, and died September 16, 1939.

She was the daughter of the late Ford Stillman and Agnes Kenyon Clarke. She spent her life in Alfred until her graduation from college in 1935. In 1937, she received her master's degree from Smith College, Northampton, Mass. Since that time she had been employed as visiting teacher with the Essex County Juvenile Clinic in Newark, N. J.

She was a girl of high ideals and an unusual fine mental ability. She received honors in all her school work from the first grade through to and including her master's degree. She also had the faculty of making and keeping friends and had a host of them of all ages wherever she went. She was a member of the First Alfred Church.

After an illness of less than twenty-four hours and an emergency operation, she died by a cerebral thrombosis. She was in Alfred on vacation at the time.

Services were held in her home in Alfred conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. Clyde Ehret, assisted by Dean A. J. C. Bond. Burial was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Thus ended a life of wonderful promise that had just begun. Yet it is not ended. She still lives—lives as a real influence in the minds and hearts of scores and scores of friends, and lives in the world beyond.

A. C. E.

Sheldon. — Addie Greene Sheldon, daughter of Adna and Frances Millard Greene, was born January 26, 1861, near Adams Center, N. Y., and passed away at her home August 7, 1939.

She was baptized and received into membership in the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Adams Center, April 4, 1872, and has been a faithful Christian worker.

On November 10, 1880, she was married to Orson J. Sheldon, who preceded her in death. She is survived by her mother; a daughter, Mrs. Allie Greene; and two sisters, Mrs. Tina Hall, and Mrs. Mabel Thomas of Adams.

Funeral services were conducted from the home by her pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. E. A. Witter. Interment was in Union Cemetery.

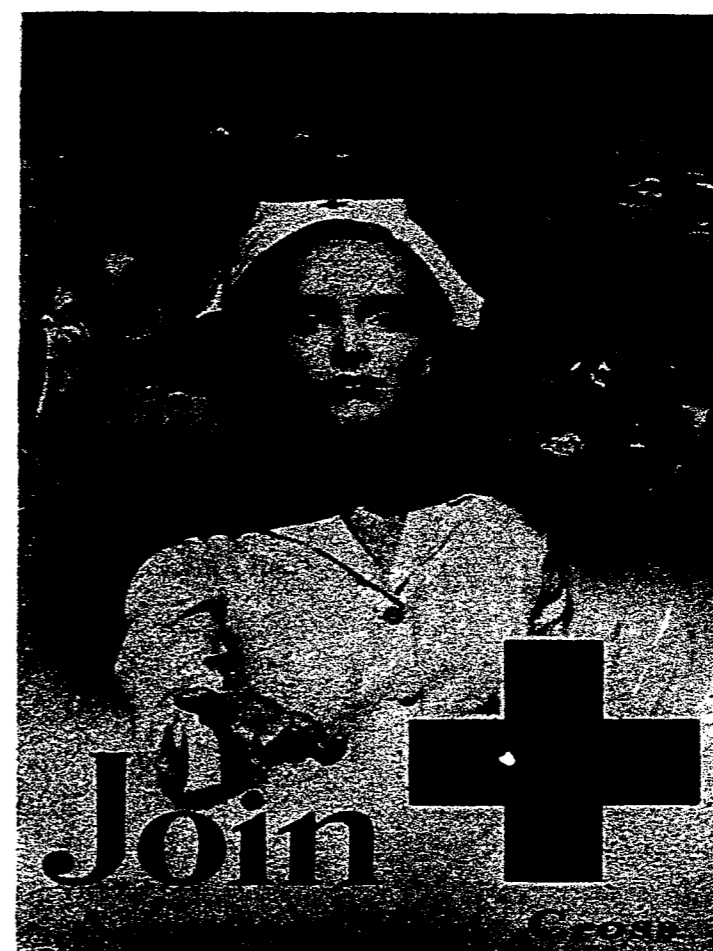
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