

F. LaVerne, of Boston, Mass.; Clarence A. and J. Edwin, of Westerly; two sisters, Mrs. Ida M. Mylod of Harding, Mass., and Mrs. Mabel G. Palmer of Westerly; and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Avery Funeral Home, Hope Valley. Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, and a life-long friend, officiated. Interment was in Rockville cemetery.
H. R. C.

KELLOGG.—Mary Utter Kellogg, daughter of John and Ann C. Bloodgood Utter, was born March 4, 1853, in the town of Hounsfield, N. Y., and died at her home in Adams Center, July 14, 1939.

On March 17, 1886, she was united in marriage to Eli Kellogg, and has since made her home in Adams Center. She is survived, besides her husband, by a niece Mrs. Florence Worden, and a nephew, A. J. Utter, both of Adams Center.

She joined the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1870, and was a member of the Ladies' Aid. Declining health has for several years prevented active participation, but she has maintained a deep interest in her church.

Farewell services were conducted from the Rounds Funeral Home by her pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock, assisted by Rev. E. A. Witter, and burial was made in the Union Cemetery.
O. W. B.

Maxson. — In Westerly, R. I., April 20, 1939, Charles B. Maxson, aged 88 years. He was the son of Charles H. and Sena Ann (Enos) Maxson. He was born at De Ruyter, N. Y., November 10, 1850.

At the age of twenty he came to Westerly, where he learned the machinist's trade in the shops of Cottrell and Babcock. At the time of his death he was president of the Maxson Automatic Machinery Company. His mind was exceptionally alert to the very end of his life.

In 1875, Mr. Maxson was united in marriage with Miss Julia A. Wells, of De Ruyter. To this union were born two sons, Charles D. and Julian W., both of Westerly. He is survived by his sons, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Maxson was a faithful member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Largely attended funeral services were held Sabbath afternoon, with his pastor, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, officiating. Interment was in River Bend Cemetery.
H. R. C.

MERRILL.—Leona Burdick Merrill, born in 1867, daughter of the late Silas Clark, and Mary Taylor Burdick of Alfred, N. Y.; and wife of Hon. John Jake Merrill, died at their home at Quonochontaug, R. I., July 11, 1939.

From childhood, Mrs. Merrill was a faithful and loyal member of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, interested and helpful in all its activities.

She was graduated from Alfred University in the class of 1890, and throughout this nearly half of a century has been an active, constructive worker for Alfred University, and one of its most valued alumnae.

In the city of Albany, N. Y., where, on account of her husband's official position for forty-five

years, they have resided most of each year, her unusual talents, charming personality, scholarly tastes, benevolent spirit, and able leadership gave her a pre-eminence enjoyed by few, if any other women, in the state's capital, for so many years.

The surviving members of her family are her husband, her two daughters, Mrs. Ray W. Wingate and Mrs. Robert Campbell, all of Alfred; and two granddaughters, Margaret Pitman Wingate and Merrilyn Anne Campbell; also her sister, Gertrude Burdick. Interment was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery.
B. C. D.

TITSWORTH.—At the home of her daughters in Delaware, Ohio, June 27, 1939, Mrs. B. Frank Titsworth, in the eighty-fourth year of her age.

Genevra Zinn was the daughter of Otho Preston and Nancy Rogers Zinn. She was born July 21, 1855, in the community known as the South Fork of Hewes River in Virginia—now Berea, Ritchie County, W. Va. The family was connected with the church bearing the name of the community and afterwards known as the Pine Grove Church. Otho Preston Zinn was killed by accident May 31, 1857. Genevra was the ninth in a family of ten children, two of whom died in infancy. She was the last to survive. About 1865, her mother removed with her family to Farina, Ill. Here Genevra grew to womanhood. She attended Milton College and studied music at Whitewater, Wis. At Farina she married B. Frank Titsworth. From here the family removed to California, and later to Alfred, N. Y., where Mr. Titsworth died.

Her family consists of two daughters, Bertha and Adelene of Delaware, Ohio, and a son Lewis Preston Titsworth of Brawley, Calif., whose family includes a wife, four sons, and a daughter.

She early became a Christian and church member at Farina. At the time of her death she was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Riverside, Calif. She was a Christian woman devoted to her family and her church.

Funeral services were held in Ramsey and Mohr Chapel in Delaware, and in the cemetery at Alfred, N. Y., where Mr. Titsworth is buried. "One generation passeth away and another generation cometh."
G. B. S.

RECORDER WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

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I am the best friend of mankind.

I am hung about with sweet memories—memories of brides—memories of mothers—memories of boys and girls—memories of the aged as they grope their way down the shadows.

I lift the fallen, strengthen the weak, help the distressed, show mercy, and bestow kindness.

I give the gifts that gold cannot buy, nor kings take away. They are given freely to all that ask.

I AM THE CHURCH.

—From Marlboro Bulletin.

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EDITORIALS

EXALT THE CHURCH

There was, in the more or less immediate past, a tendency to discredit the Church, or to look upon it as of lesser consequence. I can be a Christian, says one, without being a member of the Church. We will grant that, but hasten to say he cannot be as good a Christian as he otherwise would be did he belong to the Church. For being a Christian is not only a matter pertaining to the relationship between an individual and Christ; it's a relationship between one and others. That relationship is best expressed and fulfilled in and by the Church.

Any looseness of thinking with regard to the Church is in part accounted for in our ignorance of Christ's relationship to the Church and his teaching concerning it.

Christ is the head of the Church. (Eph. 5: 23; Col. 1: 18.) On the confessed faith of the individual (Peter) he declares he will build the Church. "On this rock I will build my church." (Matt. 16: 18.) The Church is the body of Christ (Col. 1: 24)—his revealed and apparent body through the agency of which his work is to be carried on and his plans accomplished. "Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for it." (Eph. 5: 25b.) "That he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the church to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5: 26, 27.)

Men also have been led to indifference to the Church because of other organized influ-

ences for good, and because of divisions of the Church into larger and smaller groups.

There is a wholesome tendency back to the Church—to place it on a higher plane in our thinking and plans; to exalt it in honor of Christ, our Lord, the Church's recognized head.

All Christians must welcome this tendency and exert themselves to help the Church fulfill its highest functions. To meet the greatest needs of the times the Church must not forget her Lord—making him supreme. In doing so she will serve mankind best. President John Alexander Macay of Princeton Theological Seminary, in the *Christian Century*, says, "What the Christian Church most needs today is to be the Church. Let the Church be the Church. Let her know her Lord. Let her discover his will. Let her fit herself for his service. Let her in a spirit of unity give herself with utter abandon to her spiritual tasks." Too much the Church in short cut methods sought to serve constituency and community in glorified Rotarian ways. And in such she has failed. No, the Church must be herself—and she was called to save, to preach the good news. The Church, as Doctor Macay urges, must re-examine itself in the light of contemporary needs, "and reaffirm in no sectarian spirit its own nature and mission."

Seventh Day Baptists can take renewed courage in thus exalting the Church. For the most part our churches have stood firm for such ideals—and will continue to do so. Our history strengthens our faith and points our future. President Macay offers us, particularly, another bit of encouragement when he says he has a deepened conviction that the

cause of a World Church "can be best served when each great Christian tradition rediscovers itself afresh." We need this rediscovery of the Sabbath truth which is greatly more than tradition—with the whole Word of God behind it. The world needs the Sabbath; the Church of Christ needs the Sabbath; the World Church, when it comes, will need the Sabbath.

Stand fast, therefore, Seventh Day Baptists, in this plan of the Church's task. Exalt the Church of the living Christ—making it ever a Sabbath-loving and Sabbath-keeping Church.

"BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD"

There is an odd story concerning an oriental clock in one of the temples of Indian magicians. According to description, beside the clock on the wall was a large gong. At the foot of the clock was a pile of bones, sufficient in number, if properly assembled, to make twelve skeletons. At one o'clock bones enough for a skeleton would get together, march up and strike the gong one time, march back and fall to pieces. When two o'clock came enough bones for two skeletons would get together, march up to the gong and strike twice, then march back and fall to pieces. When the hands of the clock finally marked the twelve o'clock hour, all the bones would get together, march up, strike the gong twelve times, then go back and fall to pieces.

Of course, no such clock exists, but as one of our writers says, "What a wonderful lesson it teaches." It is true in our congregations, special meetings, associations, and Conferences—using our own terms instead of those of the Reformed Church from which the lesson is pointed out. How often on Sabbath morning we see members of the church, "like the twelve skeletons, strike the hour of worship for one hour and then go back home the rest of the week and fall to pieces." How often do we pass resolutions in associations and Conferences, "and then go back home and fail to put them into action." It is so easy to pass resolutions, and they sound big and strong. But how weak we become back home, and how easy to fall to pieces before we do anything more about them. Too many of us are like the twelve skeletons. We get ourselves together and strike the hour; then go back home and fall to pieces. In our enthusiasm at the larger gatherings we declare

we must raise the Budget, and that we will raise it. We resolve to do more missionary and evangelistic work, to be better Sabbath keepers and promoters of the truth—but alas! The bone pile at home.

Jesus said—"Not everyone that saith Lord, Lord . . . but he that doeth the will of my Father in heaven"—truth reflected by James when he says, "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."

RETROSPECT

Forty years in retrospect do not seem so long as the same number in prospect. This writer is thinking that just forty years ago yesterday—August 13—he was ordained to the gospel ministry at the request of the North Loup Church, by a council called at Milton, Wis. The men taking part in that service have all passed on to their glorious reward. Wm. C. Whitford, president of Milton College, was the thorough but kindly examiner—no opportunity, those days, for a candidate to read his "statement of belief," and on completion of his "statement," at once he was a target for questioning—an opportunity few theologically trained and inclined were slow to seize upon. More than two long hours the candidate sweat as he tried to keep his head in the midst of conflicting views. Rev. Lewis A. Platts was moderator, and Deacon L. T. Rogers of Rock River, clerk. One of the prized possessions of the writer is the original certificate of ordination signed by these two good men. Rev. George J. Crandall, an early pastor of the candidate, offered the consecrating prayer, and Rev. George W. Burdick gave the charge. There was not time for a sermon.

Time serves to obliterate many memories. The charge and embarrassments arising from ignorance and lack of adequate training are largely forgotten. But the kindly spirit of a conscientious council remains in an appreciative memory. Four years of college and a year of teaching marked a meager preparation for the highest calling of God through the Church. But the Lord has been good to us during these four decades.

The little missionary church at Farnam, Neb., that had the temerity to call as its first pastor such a chap to his first pastorate, was an ideal church for such a work. To the courage, faith, loyalty, and patience of the

people of this group the writer owes much. Because of local conditions this church continued an organized existence of only about fifteen years. Few of its leaders of then, now survive—Cassius and Effie Babcock of Riverside, Calif.; Ai and Laura Babcock of White Cloud, Mich.; Robert Van Horn, William and Alice Van Horn, Fidello and Ella Davis of North Loup; Jay and Hannah Davis of Ericson, Neb.; and Newton and Etta Pierce of Fouke, Ark. Of the young people and children of that time and place we know of one Seventh Day Baptist preacher, a state agricultural agent, various college and public school teachers, farmers, carpenters, wives, and mothers. Drougths, grasshoppers, hard times crowd further and further back in memory's chamber, and the happy, spiritual experiences come to the front.

But this must not recount the story of forty years. Few of our ministers active in Seventh Day Baptist churches then, are living now. Edwin Shaw wrote in the RECORDER in 1893, that probably in forty years only ten of our ministers at work that year would be living. The statistics of 1933 would doubtless prove his prophecy true.

The workers pass on, but the work lives because Christ is, and the kingdom of God to whose service we are dedicated has yet to be fully realized. There were strong men when we boys were ordained. There still are strong men.

Our hearts throb with joy as we witness the ordination of gifted young men like Luther Crichlow, Albert Rogers, Trevah Sutton, Marion Van Horn, and Elmo Randolph, to mention recent ordinations. We believe they, and the fine young men still in the seminary and in college headed for the ministry, will go far in Christian leadership—in the ministry of saving souls. But in forty years they will be looking back upon long years of opportunity and service. God grant they may see far greater results accomplished for Christ and his kingdom. May the writer forget for a moment any editorial dignity he may feel he ought to maintain, and say—"Come on fellows—the past is past—so let's go."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

It is learned from *The Presbyterian*, published in the U.S.A., that an entire Roman Catholic parish has entered the Presbyterian

Church of Canada. The congregation of eighty families comprises the parish of Fontenelle, County of Gaspe, in the Province of Quebec. Application as a unit, it is reported, was made for admission and was accepted after special sessions and investigation to deal with the proposal had been held.

It seems differences between the parish priest and the church authorities came to a head when the bishop demanded an assessment which the priest felt his parishioners could not meet. The priest was dismissed and a new one appointed. However, when the new priest arrived, the congregation had already taken steps to enter the Presbyterian Church. News of the movement has been confirmed by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Gaspe, it is stated by *The Presbyterian*.

"O Lord and Master of us all,
Whate'er our name or sign,
We own thy sway; we hear thy call;
We test our lives by thine!"

Jesus lived his life in thirty-three years. The number of years is not important. His life was long enough to show us life begins when a man finds his place in the will of God.—C. A. McPheeters, in *Christian Advocate*.

The governors of thirty-four states endorsed the "moral rearmament" campaign of the Oxford Group as "the way to meet" the present economic crisis. Declaring in a joint statement that "moral rearmament is our most urgent need," and that "we must return to a common faith in God, and in those elemental principles, honesty, unselfishness, love and purity, without which democracy cannot long prosper nor endure," the governors said: "We, as governors of the states, recognizing that the underlying cause of the present crisis is moral, and seeing in moral rearmament the way to meet it, pledge ourselves to seek the solution of our national problems in a true spirit of patriotism. We urge every citizen to do the same, believing that only as we unite in this spirit can we help the world to sanity and peace." Let us hope that moral rearmament will prove more than a mere catchphrase or high-sounding religious slogan.—*Methodist Protestant Recorder*.

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, July 9, 1939, at 2 p.m., with President Corliss F. Randolph presiding and the following members present: Corliss F. Randolph, Herbert C. Van Horn, Courtland V. Davis, Frederik J. Bakker, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Asa F. Randolph, Esle F. Randolph, Irving A. Hunting, Ahva J. C. Bond, Franklin A. Langworthy, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Everett C. Hunting, Karl G. Stillman, Hurley S. Warren, J. Alfred Wilson, J. Leland Skaggs, Trevah R. Sutton, Donald E. Lewis, and Business Manager L. Harrison North.

The board was led in prayer by Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

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

The activities of the secretary, since last report, have been largely outside the office. Much of the "Recorder" work has been done on the field. The secretary attended the Ministers' Conference at Alfred, N. Y., June 18-21; the Central Association with the First Brookfield Church at Leonardsville, N. Y., June 22-25; and the Southeastern Association with the Ritchie Church at Berea, W. Va., June 29-July 2. These meetings have all been reported through the "Sabbath Recorder."

En route to West Virginia some interests in Maryland were investigated and encouragements found. A wise and aggressive leader was visited at Maugansville, near Hagerstown, and a cordial welcome received.

Calls were made in three church communities besides the community of Berea.

Delivered two addresses and two sermons. Prepared and conducted the Tract hour program at Berea, speaking on Doors of Opportunity now Open for Sabbath Evangelism. This address was preceded by addresses—Youth Must Be Interested in the Sabbath and Its Promotion, by Kenneth Van Horn, a Junior in Salem College, candidate for the ministry; and No Progress Without Vision, by Orville B. Bond, superintendent of high schools of Grant County, W. Va.

The secretary was back in the office July 5, having traveled 1,795 miles in the above itinerary at a total expense of 3.2 cents per mile.

Correspondence includes communications from New South Wales, Swansea, and Trinidad.

Secretary Van Horn also reported on recent visits to lone Sabbath keepers and attendance upon the associations, and read a letter from Theophilus A. Gill.

As to Criticism

Sometimes I'm apt to criticize
The things that other people do.
I start by thinking, "Were they wise
They'd use my plan to put it through."

And then I stop, for something says,
"You're not so wonderful, you know;
You make mistakes, your schemes don't raise
Much praise from those you meet below."

So I resolve to try again,
Put criticism on the shelf
Regarding these, my fellow men,
And criticize and help myself.

—George Franklin Merritt.

A layman, hearing of Uniting Conference achievements, said: "What do you mean—more lay activity? Don't we kick enough now?"

A little lay activity, like a little knowledge, is a dangerous thing. Larger liberty of the laymen soon will keep the kicking feet upon the ground, so that the shoulder can be put squarely to the wheel.—Dean Taylor, in *Christian Advocate*

"Gannett Newspapers, nineteen in number, do not accept any advertising of alcoholic beverages, not even beer. According to Frank E. Gannett, president of the Gannett Newspapers, they prefer to produce papers fit for the home, such as they are sure that the great majority of their readers prefer, to increasing their own fortune out of the profits of a business which corrupts and debauches the home life of the nation. It is said that the papers thus deprived themselves of a million dollars which they might have added to their advertising revenue during the past year."

"Curtis Publishing Company, producers of *Saturday Evening Post*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Country Gentleman*, and *Jack and Jill*, propose to remain true to the American home as respects liquor advertisements. At a meeting of the stockholders recently, a resolution was introduced which proposed the acceptance of 'conservative (?) and well-written liquor advertising.' The stockholders decided, however, that gross annual revenues of thirty-six million dollars 'is doing fairly well'—well enough. The stockholders declined to yield to the seductive power of the 'marc d'argent which makes so many citizens passive.'"
—*New Orleans Christian Advocate*.

Leader in Sabbath Promotion Ahva J. C. Bond reported informally concerning his work and relationship with the board, calling attention to correspondence and articles written in getting favorable consideration among Christian organizations and leaders for the Seventh Day Baptist point of view.

It was voted that the report be accepted.

Mrs. Ethel T. Stillman, treasurer, presented her quarterly report. (See SABBATH RECORDER for August 7.)

The report was accepted.

At the request of President Randolph, Karl G. Stillman spoke briefly concerning the work of the Missionary Board.

Business Manager L. Harrison North presented the annual report of the publishing house, which was adopted for inclusion as a part of the board's annual statement to Conference and annual report to the society.

The Committee on Young People's Conference and Summer Camps reported informally through its chairman, Franklin A. Langworthy.

The Budget Committee, through its chairman, Ethel T. Stillman, reported suggested budgets for July 1, 1939 - September 30, 1939, and October 1, 1939 - September 30, 1940.

It was voted that the report be adopted.

The following report was presented by the Committee on Appeal for Funds for Seventh Day Baptist Building taxes:

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Commission as adopted by Conference in 1939, and your appointment of this committee for such service, your committee has presented the matter to the denomination in one circular letter and three articles in the "Sabbath Recorder" and through the efforts of a local representative in each of the churches. Because of the special efforts being made in behalf of the United Budget, and at the request of the board expressed unofficially at its March meeting, no further appeals on behalf of this fund have been made.

From the annual report of the treasurer today you have noted that the total contributions for the items for which this committee is responsible amount to \$1,298.77. As directed by Conference, expenses of the appeal in the amount of \$131.64 have been paid from this fund, leaving a net of \$1,167.13, which has been applied by the treasurer as follows:

On loan for taxes	\$1,000.00
On interest on loan for taxes	64.36
Balance on hand	102.77
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	\$1,167.13

There remains whatever deficiency, if any, which there may be in the Denominational Budget item for the Seventh Day Baptist Building and on the

Building taxes for the years 1934-35-36 the amount of \$1,300 together with interest since, with a balance on hand applicable to this account of \$102.77.

Your committee submits this as its final report with the recommendation that it be used as the board's report to the General Conference, subject to such correction of figures as may be occasioned by receipts or disbursements prior to the meeting of the Commission on Tuesday, August 15, 1939.

The report was adopted.

The annual report of Treasurer Ethel T. Stillman was presented and adopted for inclusion as a part of the board's annual statement to Conference and annual report to the society.

The following letter was read by the secretary:

The American Sabbath Tract Society
Mr. Courtland V. Davis, Secretary.

Dear Mr. Davis:

I want the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society to know of my appreciation to them through the years for their unfailing courtesy to and co-operation with me as treasurer. It is with deep regret that I am advising the board that should their Nominating Committee desire me to act again as treasurer, I would not be able to accept the nomination. I am writing this letter at this time that the committee may have ample time for consideration of the nomination of a new treasurer.

With best wishes to the Board of Trustees—and with the hope and the knowledge that the new treasurer will have the genuine pleasure in serving as treasurer, that I have had these twelve years—as well as the fine co-operation from the board, I am

Cordially,

Ethel T. Stillman.

It was voted that the board accept the treasurer's statement with regret, that President Randolph be requested to prepare a suitable minute to be entered as a part of the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy be presented to Mrs. Stillman. The minute follows:

*Minute Concerning Mrs. Stillman's
Communication to the Board*

It is with a profound sense of loss that the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society learns that its treasurer, Mrs. Ethel T. Stillman, will be unable to sustain that relationship after the approaching annual corporate meeting of the society.

Mrs. Stillman has been its treasurer for more than twelve years. In that time several extraordinary events have added greatly to the duties

MISSIONS

THE EVANGELISTIC SPIRIT AND MISSIONS

For some reason hard to explain, there was very little missionary activity during the Reformation, one hundred years before, and nearly a hundred years following. That is to say, the missionary spirit for nearly three hundred years (from some time in the fifteenth century till during the eighteenth) seems to have been dead in the Christian Church. That the men who led the Reformation, such as Luther and Melancton in Germany, Calvin and Beza in France, Zwingle in Switzerland, Lattimer, Cranmer, and Ridley in England, should not have promoted missions is unaccountable.

Corruption in the Church and State may have had something to do with the lack of the missionary spirit in the century before the Reformation. Also, the intensity of theological discussions during the Reformation may account for a part of the lack of the missionary spirit, because these occupied the attention of the people; but after all is said, it is difficult to understand why the Church should forget her Lord's commission. Luther and some other reformers in Europe and England took the position that the gospel had been preached in all the world, and that Christ's command to preach the gospel to all nations had been carried out. Therefore, missionary enterprises were not necessary nor in accordance with Christ's will. In later years, at least, the Christian Church and its leaders seem not only to have been indifferent to carrying the gospel to those who did not have it (to missions); but some treated the idea of missions with scorn. It was even denounced as "an impious folly," and missionaries as "false prophets."

The Evangelical Revival which sprang up during the eighteenth century, particularly in England and America, probably had more to do in reviving the missionary spirit than anything else. This was the century in which John and Charles Wesley and Whitefield did their great work, both in England and America. But this revival was promoted by other prominent ministers, among whom were Calamy (1671-1732), a Presbyterian leader among the clergy in London; Watts (1674-1748) and Doddridge (1702-1751), shining lights in the Evangelical Movement among the Independ-

of that office. The rear part of the Seventh Day Baptist Building had been erected and occupied; but certain financial aspects of its erection and equipment remained to be taken care of. The canvass for the front part lay in the immediate future. This portion was little more than erected and dedicated before the nation-wide economic depression precipitated a crisis in the affairs of the board. In the hope that this condition would be but temporary, heavy bank loans were made to meet the normal needs of the board, until it became apparent that sterner measures must be adopted. The Budget was reduced to a point commensurate with its income, besides providing for payment of loans. Then came the serious question of taxes on the Seventh Day Baptist Building, a problem delegated to the Tract Board for solution, the real burden of which fell upon the uncomplaining shoulders of the treasurer.

The permanent funds in the hands of the treasurer, amounting to some \$77,600 when she assumed office, have now reached an aggregate of \$108,600, a growth of \$31,000 in twelve years, representing upwards of one hundred thirty separate accounts, or special funds, varying in size from \$3 to \$9,500, each one of which must be carefully invested and protected, the care of which, without in any sense minimizing the highly efficient work of the board's Investment Committee, falls primarily upon the shoulders of the treasurer.

All these duties—both ordinary and extraordinary—have demanded constant attention, a discerning eye, a penetrating and accurate judgment of personality and character, and an abundant fund of diplomatic tact. To these, our retiring treasurer adds an engaging personality, a natural aptitude for matters fiduciary, together with a lofty sense of duty, and of fidelity to any task to which she is committed. Thus endowed, she has guided this board through troublous waters for many years with consummate skill and success. For all this, the board offers Mrs. Stillman its grateful appreciation, and humbly thanks God that it is true.

Though she relinquishes this office, the board rejoices in the confident hope that she will not sever her membership with it, and that it will continue to have her wise counsel and efficient co-operation.

Of her loving, self-sacrificing service these long years, the board can only say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," and pray that "The Lord bless thee, and make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." All of which finds echo in the heart of every member of the board.

For, and in behalf of the board,

Corliss F. Randolph,
President.

Minutes were read and approved.

Corliss F. Randolph,
President,

Courtland V. Davis,
Recording Secretary.

ents; John Gale (1680-1721) and Andrew Fuller (1754-1815), leaders among the Baptists in England; and many others in Europe. Through the labors of Jonathan Edwards, aided by John Wesley and Whitefield, the Evangelical Movement swept America, as well as England.

As already indicated, these great revivals among the English-speaking peoples were one of the chief causes of the modern missionary spirit and work, apparently the greatest missionary period since apostolic days. When we come to think about it, we see it could not be otherwise, for a revival of religion always creates an interest in missions. The revival caused by the preaching of John the Baptist—a revival which swept over Judea and the regions beyond—not only prepared the way for Christ, but it also prepared the way for the great missionary movement of apostolic days.

A lack of the missionary spirit indicates a lack of evangelical Christianity in the church.

REPORT OF GRACE HIGH SCHOOL, SHANGHAI, CHINA

By Principal T. M. Chang

The year of 1938-39, as compared with the one previous, has been a year of greater tranquillity and less disturbance, as far as local conditions in general, and the school here in particular, are concerned. This, of course, does not imply that normality has been restored here, for such is not the case. And in view of recent developments in other treaty ports, it must be admitted that no one is really in a position to tell just what the future holds for us here in Shanghai. But in spite of all the present uncertainties, there is at least one thing which is quite clear, and that is that God has taken care of us very wonderfully during the past two years, and with his guidance we can never fail, no matter what happens.

1. Administration.—For the first term the school opened September 5, 1938, and closed January 17, 1939. After winter vacation, the school opened again February 6, and is to close for the academic year on June 28. There are 37 weeks of school throughout the year, excluding holidays. There are 12 grades, 6 in the primary department and 6 in the high school, with 13 classes altogether.

2. Enrollment.—There was a total enrollment of 512 for the first term, and for the

second term the total was 488. The average for the year was 500. For the second term the distribution was as follows: senior high school 30, junior high 117, higher primary 107, and lower primary 234. Of this number, only 45 were boarders.

3. Faculty.—During the first term there were 34 members on the faculty, while in the second term, 33. There were 20 men and 13 women, and altogether 13 Christians. There were seven of them who were part-time workers. Mrs. Eling Sung and Mr. Samuel Dzau continued to be with us, and since Miss Mabel L. West went home, Mother West has been kindly helping us by acting as our treasurer.

4. Curriculum.—Throughout the year the primary department had whole-day classes with a full curriculum as prescribed by government requirements, but in the high school, classes were still limited in the mornings only, as in the year before. However, the high school classes also carried a nearly complete schedule, with only three subjects omitted, which were manual training and boy scout work for the juniors, and military training for the seniors. From three to seven o'clock in the afternoons the classrooms were used by Lowrie Institute for their classes.

5. Industrial Department.—Since last November a Chemical Industrial Department has been started, with Mr. Louis Waung as the director. Its chief aim is to give to needy students a chance to work for themselves, a thing which is rare in this country, but we feel that it is one thing that should be encouraged by all means. So far we have made about five hundred cases of soaps, which represents only one fourth of what we could have produced; but because of the prohibitive prices of raw materials, it has been found that for economical reasons it is better not to make too much.

6. Religious Education.—I am glad to report that Mr. Chwaung has continued to act as the chairman of the committee on religious education throughout the year. In addition to his multitudinous duties as an evangelist of the church and as a teacher in the Girls' School, he has also given quite freely of his time to the religious work among our students. Bible classes were held on Sabbath days for all the students from the fifth grade up. Once a week a small fellowship meeting was also held for those who were willing to come for

an hour of prayer, Bible reading, witnessing, and fellowship.

Concluding, I wish to express my gratitude to the Missionary Board for the continued financial assistance that has been given to the school. It has helped us not only in a material way, but spiritually as well. Also let me add that we are all very glad to have Doctor Thorngate come back here again, for he will surely be a great help to us in many ways, and we are looking forward to the time when the Davises and Miss Mabel West will return.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT

June 1, 1939, to June 30, 1939

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

Cash on hand June 1, 1939	—\$1,422.04	
Memorial Board income	889.33	
Clifford Lamson, Raynham Center, Mass., missionary evangelistic work	7.00	
People's S. D. B. Church, Washington, D. C., foreign missions	15.60	
Julie E. H. Flansburg, Atlantic City, N. J., foreign missions	1.00	
First Alfred, N. Y., Sabbath school	7.67	
Dodge Center, Minn., Church	2.00	
Dodge Center, Minn., Sabbath school	2.22	
Second Brookfield, N. Y., Church	25.00	
Rockville, R. I., Church	2.76	
Battle Creek, Mich., Church:		
Foreign missions	\$1.00	
Bibles	5.00	
	6.00	
Battle Creek, Mich., C. E. Society for Miriam Shaw	12.00	
First Hopkinton, R. I., C. E. society for native Jamaica workers	3.00	
Verona, N. Y., Church—missions	4.00	
Withdrawn from Dr. Thorngate's China Fund for Dr. Thorngate's expenses	48.47	
Anonymous from Germany—China missions	2.87	
Transfer from Permanent Fund income	234.82	
June share of Denominational Budget Receipts	1,183.51	
Transferred from Debt Reduction Fund to apply on loans	250.00	
	\$1,275.21	
	Cr.	
Interest	\$ 69.82	
Verney A. Wilson, salary	33.34	
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	22.91	
Ava L. Davis, work in Syracuse	10.00	
Treasurer's expense—clerk and supplies	21.74	
China Payments:		
Rev. H. E. Davis, salary	\$100.00	
Children's allowance	12.50	
	112.50	
Dr. George Thorngate, salary	\$100.00	
Children's allowance	50.00	
	\$150.00	
Less refund on travel expense	101.53	
	48.47	
Boys' School	16.66	
Princinal Boys' School	33.34	
Rosa Palmborg	30.00	
Anna M. West	41.66	
Grace I. Crandall	41.66	
Incidentals	25.00	

G. Zijlstra, work in Holland	125.00
Wayne R. Rood, work in New Auburn, Wis.	25.00
Rev. L. R. Conradi, work in Germany	41.66
Debt Fund share June Denominational Budget receipts	159.07
Payment on loans	250.00
Interest saved on renewal of notes transferred to Debt Fund	13.76
Cash on hand June 30, 1939	36.98
	<u>\$1,275.21</u>

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

By Jean Taylor

"Bear ye one another's burdens."—Galatians 6: 2a.

Are you too busy to sympathize with your friends? Did you ever help someone pray a problem through? If you have neglected the command in our verse above, you have missed one of the greatest Christian experiences.

Boulder, Colo.

CHRISTIANITY AND OTHER RELIGIONS

By Pastor T. R. Sutton

There are a large number of religions in the world today besides Christianity. Many of them have good features, and in some cases there are ideals and standards almost as high as the Christian religion. What, then, makes the Christian superior to all others? Christianity has a great leader—so do others. Christianity has standards of ethics—so do others. Christianity holds strongly to a future life—so do others. Christianity worships the one true God—so do certain others. Then where is the great distinction?

The difference lies in the idea of salvation. In other religions man seeks his salvation by his deeds. His achievements of good come because of his selfish desire to save self for a future life. In the Christian religion man recognizes his weakness and realizes that nothing he can do will ever bring his salvation or a hope of a future life. In Christianity God has paid the sacrifice for man's sin in the crucifixion of his Son, Jesus Christ. Man finds salvation by accepting this gift of God's love. By this, man finds great changes taking place in his life, not once but constantly, and the future life is no mere hope, but becomes a certainty. This frees man from the selfish basis of doing good. Therefore the good that is achieved becomes a greater good because

it is a voluntary manifestation of man's love of Christ and God, and the love of his fellow men. God's gift thus redeems the person who believes in Christ, and frees him for service. The true Christian is the one who has found this blessed experience.—From "The Church Echo."

NORTONVILLE C. E. DOINGS

Summer Bible Conference

The seventh annual Summer Bible and Christian Life Conference was held in the Nortonville church August 23 to 29. Miss Margaret Reynolds, one time missionary to China, and formerly state secretary of the Minnesota and Missouri Christian Endeavor Unions, assisted in the leadership.

Classes were held in the afternoon and evening, with a fellowship supper every night. Miss Reynolds conducted a Bible study in the Book of Jude, and taught a class in missions. Miss Lois Wells gave a study in hymnology. Pastor Osborn led in the study of the Sabbath truth in the Bible. Miss Nannie Greeley had charge of the devotional periods, leading some herself, and turning others over to different young people. Miss Evelyn Ring very ably "engineered" the fellowship suppers.

The discussion periods were very profitable, taking up problems of recreation, Sabbath observance, Christian life, and interpretation of puzzling Scripture passages. These summer conferences have been a great help and inspiration to our young people, and have made our Christian Endeavor society more earnest and active.

County C. E. Rally

On Tuesday night of our conference we entertained the County Christian Endeavor Union at their mid-summer rally, with over one hundred in attendance. Miss Reynolds gave the address of the evening on "Personal Service," and Pastor Osborn, who is pastor-counselor of the county union, led the closing consecration service. Norma Wheeler, one of our members, is secretary of the union.

C. E. Society Broadcasts

On Sabbath afternoon, August 12, our society sponsored a broadcast over radio station KFEQ at St. Joseph, Mo. The program was planned and the broadcast arranged by

the lookout committee, the chorister, and pastor.

The a cappella choir, under the direction of Miss Lois Wells, sang several numbers. The boys' glee club, directed by Cecil Stephan, sang twice. Pastor Osborn, as master of ceremonies, gave a brief talk on "Who Are These Seventh Day Baptists?" and the history of the Nortonville Church.

Our Christian Endeavor society felt that this was a good way to witness to our faith and advertise our church and denomination.

The young people's editor welcomes this news of Seventh Day Baptist young people's activities. In such work as the Nortonville youth have here reported there is deep spiritual experience for themselves and others. I am sure we all proclaim this to be true, that those grow the most spiritually who through their unselfish leadership bring others to such experiences as these.

TOURS PLANNED FOR CONFERENCE GUESTS

Among various activities which the Conference Sub-Committee on Recreation is planning are two or three tours to be made on Monday, August 28. One tour will include, subject to change, visits to a large cheese factory in Monroe, a Swiss Chalet in the old Swiss settlement of New Glarus, Little Norway with its collection of Norwegian buildings, furniture, and antiques, and the United States Forest Products Laboratory in Madison. Another tour may be arranged to include a boat trip on the beautiful Lake Geneva.

If sufficient interest develops, another trip to the Wisconsin Dells can be arranged.

The expense of these tours will be held to the minimum. Plan to stay over Monday and enjoy some of the sights for which Wisconsin is renowned.

JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Come to Conference at Milton, Wis., August 22-27. Special plans are being made for you. Miss Ada Keith will direct activities. Junior C. E. superintendents and Daily Vacation Bible School superintendents are asked to send samples of their work for an exhibit. If mailed, mark on package nature of contents and address Miss Ada Keith, care of General Conference, Milton, Wis.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is the first time I have written to you. I belong to the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

At Vacation Bible School I am making a note book and a holder. We are having a demonstration on Friday night.

I am eleven years old.

Your friend,

Berea, W. Va.

Irene Mitchell.

Dear Irene:

I hope this means that I'll get many more letters from you, my welcome new RECORDER girl.

Here in Andover we have just completed the first week of our Vacation Bible School. We have about one hundred twenty-five children enrolled, fifty of whom are in the primary department. Most of the children come every day and seem to enjoy both the work and the play periods.

Since your letter had to be left over for a week, of course your demonstration has come and gone. I hope you will write later and tell me more about it.

Sincerely your friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We are having a good time in Vacation Bible School. We have made some paper plates and some other things.

The SABBATH RECORDER has some good stories.

I am ten years old.

From George Edward Brissey.

Berea, W. Va.

Dear George Edward:

And, what do you like best in your Vacation Bible School? I wish you would write and tell me next time; and I hope there will be many next times. I hope, too, that you will write about some of your other vacation experiences.

I am glad you like the RECORDER stories and I hope you will send some stories, too—either of your own composition, or a story you have read, told in your own words. All we of the Children's Page would like that.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I was playing with my little one-and-a-half year old brother Robert, when I thought maybe you would like me to write, so I did.

At our church in Churchville we had a joint Vacation Bible School. There were seventy-four children enrolled. We began the fifth of July and finished the twenty-first, which wasn't quite three weeks. I wasn't very glad that it ended so soon, but I was glad I didn't have to get up so early. We had to leave home at eight-thirty and had to go ten miles each way. Eight children were in our load. Bible school started at nine o'clock.

One day when we were going we had to wait for a long freight train which made us a little late.

I didn't miss any days. My sister missed one day. Friday night we had a demonstration. We got certificates. Some had blue ribbons and some red. The blue ones meant you hadn't missed a day, and the red ones meant that you missed only one day. I got a certificate with a blue ribbon. I like Bible school very much.

Your RECORDER friend,

Joyce Arlene Sholtz.

Dear Joyce:

It is very easy for me to write "Joyce," for, as you know we have a little Joyce in our family. We have just returned from the Greene reunion, which met this year in Almond, N. Y.; and then we went to Wellsville to take Joyce and her father and mother home.

Joyce is beginning to think she is no longer a baby. I said to her the other day when I had put her into her high chair at dinner time, "Let Grandma put on your bib." "No, Grammie," she said, "Babies wear bibs. This is my apron."

I am sure you do enjoy Vacation Bible School since you have to go so far to attend it. I am proud of your good attendance. Your sister did well, too.

You have a nice large school, though not quite so large as ours; but in a town like Andover there are at least a hundred more children who should be attending. In Independence we have nearly every child within a radius of three miles.

Very sincerely yours,

Mizpah S. Greene.

OUR PULPIT

"THE DAY IS AT HAND"

Romans 13: 12

(Given at Morning Devotions from Station WMFJ at Daytona Beach, Fla., Aug. 3, 1939, by Rev. T. J. Van Horn)

This text will suggest to our minds the doctrine of the second coming of Christ. But that theme is not what I have in mind for this hour of worship.

A reading of this thirteenth chapter of Romans will help us to see that Paul intended to stir the Christians of Rome to a sense of their responsibility in view of world conditions as he viewed them at the time of his writing. The words ought to have that effect upon all of us, seeing what is going on in our world now.

In the verse preceding the text, Paul recognized the fact that the people were not ignorant of the events that agitated the world then. You know what is going on, he says; it is already time to wake out of sleep. Every faculty ought to be alert, "for now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent; the day is at hand."

It seems inevitable that there are always people who think that the times in which they are living are the most eventful, the most interesting, and the most dangerous period that ever was. I would not discourage that habit of thought. For we make no mistake to believe, with Emerson, that "This hour is a critical, decisive hour."

It is not hard for any one to see that the time in which we are living is a period of terrific import. We are only a little more than twenty years removed from the most cruel and devastating war the world has ever known. There are alarming indications that if another war comes it will make the last one seem like a conflict of popguns. We do not need to remind ourselves that scientists are devoting their minds to the invention of poisonous gases and other demoniacal means of annihilating whole communities by a mere gesture. It seems that they are excelling in industry and shrewdness the keenest minds devoted to constructive and benevolent enterprises.

There are two extreme tendencies that people too thoughtlessly indulge as they think upon these stirring events. Here are people who regard themselves as mere spectators.

They look with interest and excitement upon the actors in the thrilling drama of world events. Their admission has been free to this show, and they are glad in the delusion that it is costing them nothing. They see the bloodshed, the wickedness, the suffering, and the horrible injustice that is being perpetrated by world powers, without feeling any sense of responsibility. What is it to them? They have nothing to do about it.

At the other extreme are those who are profoundly moved by the sordid drama. They cannot be silent. In fact, they determine that matters shall not go on in this way. They propose to stop it and change this whole social and political order. They will do it alone, if necessary. As Elmer Hubbard once said, "They propose to take the world by the tail and snap its head off."

Now between these two extremes there is a third class to which we would like to attach ourselves. We do not want to belong to the class that Sam Walter Foss describes in his immortal poem—

There are hermit souls who live withdrawn
In the place of their self-content;
There are souls like stars that shine alone,
In a soulless firmament.

No. We recognize the unity of the human race and know that no man liveth to himself. But I know the feeling of helplessness as we see the extent of the wrongs that are being committed, and the high-handed sins that are corrupting society. As we realize that minds, so much more capable than we possess, are operating in the fields of science and socialism, there is a feeling that everything possible is being done, and no effort of ours can add anything. We will not yield to that. Shall we not rather join that far-seeing group who assume that there is no limit to accomplishment under the direction of our great Captain, Jesus Christ?

Under his supervision, mountains of difficulties are to stand aside. "The day is at hand" to witness the attempt and the successful accomplishment of the seeming impossible.

But what did Paul mean by that? I think he meant about the same thing that Jesus had in mind when he was facing the tragedy of Calvary. And as he knew that it was to be the crowning event of his three years of his public ministry, and that it was to be the consummation of his work for the salvation of the world, he said, "My hour is come."

"The day is at hand." Now this text has an electrifying message for all of us. It is the impelling call to action. Paul meant by that word vastly more than the hackneyed definition we find in the dictionary. "Time" spells a much longer and a much more significant word—*opportunity*.

One of the most solemn expressions in the Bible is in Revelation 10: 6, "and there shall be time no longer." There comes a day when that will be true for every one of us. I know that we are thankful for being here now, and for all of us this moment is ours. We have no means of knowing how much time is left for us. A convict was committed to his prison cell. There was a pipe that supplied him with water. He was told that when the water was gone he would have to die. One day he was amusing himself by seeing the water run. Suddenly he remembered that he would have to die when the water was exhausted. He quit playing with the water. May the Lord help us to appreciate how precious is this little bit of life. Eternal consequences may depend upon the thought or the decision of this moment. There is a vital relationship between the moments of time and the cycles of eternity. Therefore do the gracious thing now. Think the right thought now, for "Now is the accepted time." That thought or that fact will appear in the final structure of character. We shall have to confront that some time.

Consider then once more, "The day is at hand." Time for what? Let us start with very simple things. Time for completing that task; for writing that delayed letter; for visiting that sick friend; for a word of appreciation to the one who has rendered a service; time for that half hour with your Bible and your God; time for the prayer meeting and the Sabbath worship. These are of supreme importance in soul development.

I note these small items of daily conduct because the practice of them fits us for the crisis that every one must, sooner or later, meet. Remember what Jesus said. "He that is faithful in little will be faithful also in much." We cannot afford to defer or neglect these details in living. The time is at hand, or it is very near, when there will be a much heavier draft on our energies. The day is at hand for such an exhibition of courage and loyalty as has not come to any people since that day of the apostle. The little duties I

have mentioned may be aptly regarded as training for the greater tests of strength and courage that God will honor us with. Oh, do not I know that it is but little that I can do? But just now there come to mind the lines taught me when I was a very small boy:

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand
Make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land.
Little deeds of kindness, little words of love,
Make this earth like Eden and the heaven
above."

But the day is at hand for larger duties—for the practice of the great, simple, dynamic virtues of our religion.

"What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" The time is at hand for that.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The time is at hand for that.

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." The time is at hand for that.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The time is at hand.

"Hear the conclusion of the whole matter, Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." The time is at hand for that.

Brother Eugene Davis has made his final challenge to the churches of our denomination. May it stir us all to adequate action. There is nothing that would inspire hope, increase courage, and stir enthusiasm more, when the delegates assemble at Milton, than a ringing response to that challenge. I would like to join in the applause that would shake the floor of the Conference there when Treasurer Swinney arises and reports—"The Budget is completed, and there is a balance in the treasury."

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room to receive it." *The time is at hand for that.*

My ten dollars is on its way to Treasurer Swinney.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Ashaway, R. I.

Twenty-four attended the monthly meeting of the pastor's class held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wright, Sunday evening. A picnic supper around the fireplace was enjoyed and homemade ice cream was served by the host and hostess. A business meeting was held and was conducted by the president, James Waite.—*Westerly Sun.*

Andover, N. Y.

Dr. and Mrs. E. Claire Greene of Washington, D. C., are spending the week with Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Greene at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage, before going to Bridgeton, N. J., where he will open an office for private practice, August 1.—*Alfred Sun.*

Alfred, N. Y.

Miss Eva Ford took Mrs. George Shaw and Miss Mabel West to call on Miss Miriam Shaw in Mt. Morris, Sunday. They found her very much improved. Miss Ford went on to Geneseo to call on Mrs. Grace Santee.

Mrs. George Thorngate and four sons left Sunday morning for Milton, Wis. George will remain there to enter college. Mrs. Thorngate will go on to Vancouver, Canada, where she will sail on the *Empress of Asia*, August 19, for Shanghai.—*Alfred Sun.*

Battle Creek, Mich.

Ten young girls of the Seventh Day Baptist Church are attending a religious and recreational encampment this week in Fair Crest cottage, Fair Lake, Barry County, under the sponsorship of the church.

They are Elaine Lawton, Maxine Putnam, Yovanne Langworthy, Beverly Morley, Betty Walters, Pauline Wood, Georgia Spells, Mary Crandall, Bonnie Brown, and Cleo Jacoby.

Mrs. W. D. Millar and Mrs. Roderick Moulton are in charge. A similar encampment was held last week at the cottage for ten boys under the supervision of Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Holston, and another will be held next week for older girls of the church with Mrs. R. T. Fetherston in charge.

Boys who attended last week are Leon Lawton, Robert Lippincott, Harold Aurand, Keith Thorngate, Thomas Wood, Ralph Spells, Wade Crandall, Allen Crandall, Donald Kolvoord, Robert Fetherston, and Charles Babcock.

August 22 is the opening date of the General Conference of Seventh Day Baptist churches, which will be held for five days in Milton, Wis. A large delegation is expected to attend, Rev. E. M. Holston of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Battle Creek said today. At the meeting an invitation will be given by the Battle Creek delegates for the 1940 General Conference to assemble here. The Conference draws several hundred ministers and laymen.—*From Battle Creek paper.*

The Adviser Speaks

As we begin a new year of Christian Endeavor, we should look back a bit and try to decide where our improvements have been, and also where we need most to bend our efforts to improve in the coming months. Our social activities have been well attended, and our fellowship together is making our lives fuller and richer. Perhaps our social program should be a bit more varied. Our society has grown some in membership, but here is a field that needs prayer—asking God to make us responsive to the needs of the friends we have, and to help us to make our society and our personal Christian lives so worth while and attractive that others will want to come and work with us. Most of our prayer meetings have been well planned and interesting, with something presented each week to help us in our daily living. There is a very definite objective to strive for in our meetings in the worship service. Each meeting should leave us feeling we have really drawn close to God—each one personally. This is something that doesn't happen unless our hearts are prepared to receive God's presence—we must open the door. The financial part of our program has shown growth, and the suggestion of a definite budget is a very wise one. But if we grow spiritually and are good stewards and use wisely what we do have, our society will grow, and with it our finances. As Conference time approaches, enthusiasm is rising for a number of us to go to Milton. We hope many can do so, for surely it will be good to enjoy the fellowship of the other young people of our denomination who are striving for the same goals. Our society is honored by having one of our number, Dorothy Clarke, on the young people's program, which will be held Sabbath afternoon. I would like to suggest that those of us who can go, meet some evening the week before

Conference, organize, learn some special songs and yells, and be prepared to make the other young people at Milton feel that we are anxious for next year's Conference to be held in Battle Creek.—*C. E. Forecast.*

Nortonville, Kan.

The Sabbath school picnic was held Sunday, July 30, with about seventy-five in attendance. Abundance of food and ice cream, a soft-ball game, and other recreation made a very pleasant day. Claude Stephan is superintendent and Pastor Osborn's college-age Sabbath school class was the picnic committee.

Deacons and deaconesses were elected last Sabbath morning. They are Royal Crouch, Lawson Van Horn, Mrs. Alena Bond, and Miss Nannie Greeley. Ordination services will be held in the early fall.

Our a cappella choir has been doing splendid work this summer under the direction of Miss Lois Wells. They sang at the union Sunday night services in Horton, and in Atchison, and took part in the radio broadcast arranged by the Christian Endeavor society over KFEQ in St. Joseph, Mo.

Our young people's Bible and Christian Life Conference was held August 23 to 29, with Miss Margaret Reynolds of Kansas City assisting in the leadership. Attendance was smaller than usual, but the results were gratifying.

Correspondent.

Farina, Ill.

The Vacation Bible School was a success, with an enrollment of sixty-three. Several of the pupils have joined the different churches of the town. Two of them, Esther Howell and Myra Ann Bottoms, were baptized and united with our church on Sabbath, July 22.

Pastor Bottoms has resigned as pastor of the church here. He will leave July 26, for north Alabama to be gone about two weeks. While there he and Doctor Hancock will conduct a Vacation Bible School and revival.

Correspondent.

British Guiana Mission

With the latest letter from Rev. W. A. Berry, who is in charge of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission in British Guiana, South America, we have received the report of the completion and dedication of the new church building at Noitgedacht, Wakenaam, at the mouth of the Essequibo River.

The dedication service was conducted on Monday, April 10, 1939, in the midst of a week of prayer which began on the seventh of April and ended on the fourteenth, with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. On the ninth a baptismal service was held in which four souls were immersed by Pastor Berry.

It had been hoped that Rev. F. T. Welcome of the church on the Pomeroon River would have been able to attend and assist in these services, but serious illness prevented him from making the journey. Friends from other denominations took part in the dedication service. Among the speakers on this occasion was the secretary of the Scottish Church, Mr. E. Nimrod, and the catechist of the American Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. J. E. Stephen. Elder James Davidson also addressed the gathering. Three deacons were ordained on this occasion, Brothers H. A. Roach, G. A. Berry, and Joseph Trotman.

It had been hoped to ordain a brother to the ministry, but the government officer advised that this should be postponed till authority to do so should be received directly from the Mission Board in Britain, seeing we have no missionary from England or America in the field at present, since Rev. Royal R. Thorngate returned some years ago.

The new church building is forty feet long by twenty feet broad, with vestry and pulpit, and the whole rests upon pillars of concrete which are about three feet high from the ground. This will afford security from damp and wood destroying insects. This replaces the old building which was only twenty-two feet by fourteen feet.

It had been hoped to use some of the material from the old building, but on pulling it down this was found to be impossible. The new church has cost \$1,500 or £300, of which most has been raised by our native brethren, and their friends in the colony. To all these our heartiest thanks are due. The Evangelical Sabbatarian Mission, however, sent £60 from England to enable the work to be completed, along with other sums to defray other expenses of the mission. Our native brethren are to be congratulated on their generosity and the result of their enterprise, which is an evidence in itself that it is worth while to conduct mission work in this colony. Their zeal for the gospel is shown in a practical way. Our brethren also gave much labor as

porters free of charge, and carpenters worked for the church at a lower rate than usual.

Last year a good number were baptized at other places visited by Rev. W. A. Berry. An interesting report of one such occasion appeared in the *Guiana Review* on November 20.—*The Sabbath Observer*.

AN ORGAN DONATED

Some weeks ago notice was called to the need of an organ for the church in Maria Johanna Village, Wakenaam, British Guiana, South America. Mr. George A. Berry is the able leader there.

Word is just at hand from Pastor Orville W. Babcock, that the Adams Center Church has unanimously voted to donate an organ in their possession, provided funds can be found to pay crating and shipping charges.

Perhaps some other church, Sabbath school, C. E. society, or individual will be glad to contribute this money. Any so inclined should communicate with Rev. Orville W. Babcock, Adams Center, N. Y.

Editor.

FINE WORK ON TAX LOAN

The American Sabbath Tract Society is happy to report that, as of the date of August 9, there remains to be received only \$433.80 of the total amount needed to reach the goal, set for this past year, of the denomination's share (two-thirds) of the entire balance of the tax loan for the 1934, '35, and '36 taxes. This project, you will remember, was one that the Conference, at the recommendation of the Commission, requested the Tract Society to continue to sponsor, following last year's campaign.

Ethel T. Stillman.

OBITUARY

Kenyon. — Gardner B., son of Alexander C. and Mary T. Wheeler Kenyon, was born in Hopkinton, R. I., November 15, 1871, and died July 27, 1939, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elvin T. Andrews, Weekapaug, R. I.

He was married to Annie Bellamy Kenyon, who preceded him in death. Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. E. Harrison Rigg of Wayne, Pa., and Mrs. Charles W. Carpenter of Washington, D. C.; four grandchildren; two brothers, Charles N. and Walter D. Kenyon, both of Hopkinton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the Second Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church. He was a graduate

of Alfred University and a former principal of the Ashaway High School, retiring in 1919.

Farewell services were conducted by Rev. E. T. Harris at the Avery Funeral Home, Westerly, and burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway, R. I. E. T. H.

Templeton. — Thomas Jones Templeton, sixty-five, died July 18, 1939, at his home in Fouke, Ark.

Mr. Templeton, a prominent Miller County farmer, was born in Kingston, Ga., April 20, 1874, and moved to Arkansas with his parents in 1877. He joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church September 7, 1917, and was an active member.

He is survived by his wife and eleven children, including Mrs. Jess Sanders, Mrs. Dewey Giles, Miss Mildred Templeton, Mrs. C. A. Thornton, Ray Templeton, Mrs. William Minars, Lee, Wardner, Paul, Jewell, and Rudolph Templeton; one step-son, Cue McBride; his mother, Mrs. D. L. Templeton; two brothers; four sisters; and a number of grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, at the Fouke Methodist church, with Rev. J. A. Jennings officiating. Burial was in the Fouke cemetery. S. J. D.

Whitford. — Minnie Drake, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Drake, was born in Piscataway Township, N. J., January 13, 1866, and died at her home in Dunellen, N. J., July 23, 1939.

She was married to Dr. Myron J. Whitford April 10, 1889, who preceded her in death in 1922. At the time of her marriage she united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Piscataway at New Market, N. J., where she continued her membership until death.

Mrs. Whitford is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Harold Spicer, Mrs. Russell W. Burdick, and Mrs. Irwin Lance; and three sons, Raymond E., Paul M., and Adelbert A.; also by two brothers, Charles E. and Wilber A. Drake; and by twenty-one grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Runyon's Funeral Home, Dunellen, conducted by her pastor, Rev. T. R. Sutton, and the body was laid to rest in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield. T. R. S.

RECORDER WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale, Help Wanted, and advertisements of a like nature, will be run in this column at one cent per word for first insertion and one-half cent per word for each additional insertion. Cash must accompany each advertisement.

POSITION WANTED—Young man, age 25, desires position as farm manager, herdsman, or farm partner. Appreciates livestock and is mechanically inclined. Knows care and repair of farm machinery. Six years experience producing Grade A milk. Lifetime farm experience and agricultural training. Capable, ambitious, efficient. Any position in agriculture that offers a young couple a reasonable standard of living and opportunities for advancement will be considered. Services available April 1, 1940. References. May be personally interviewed at Conference. Write Box 195, Milton, Wis. 7-24-40.

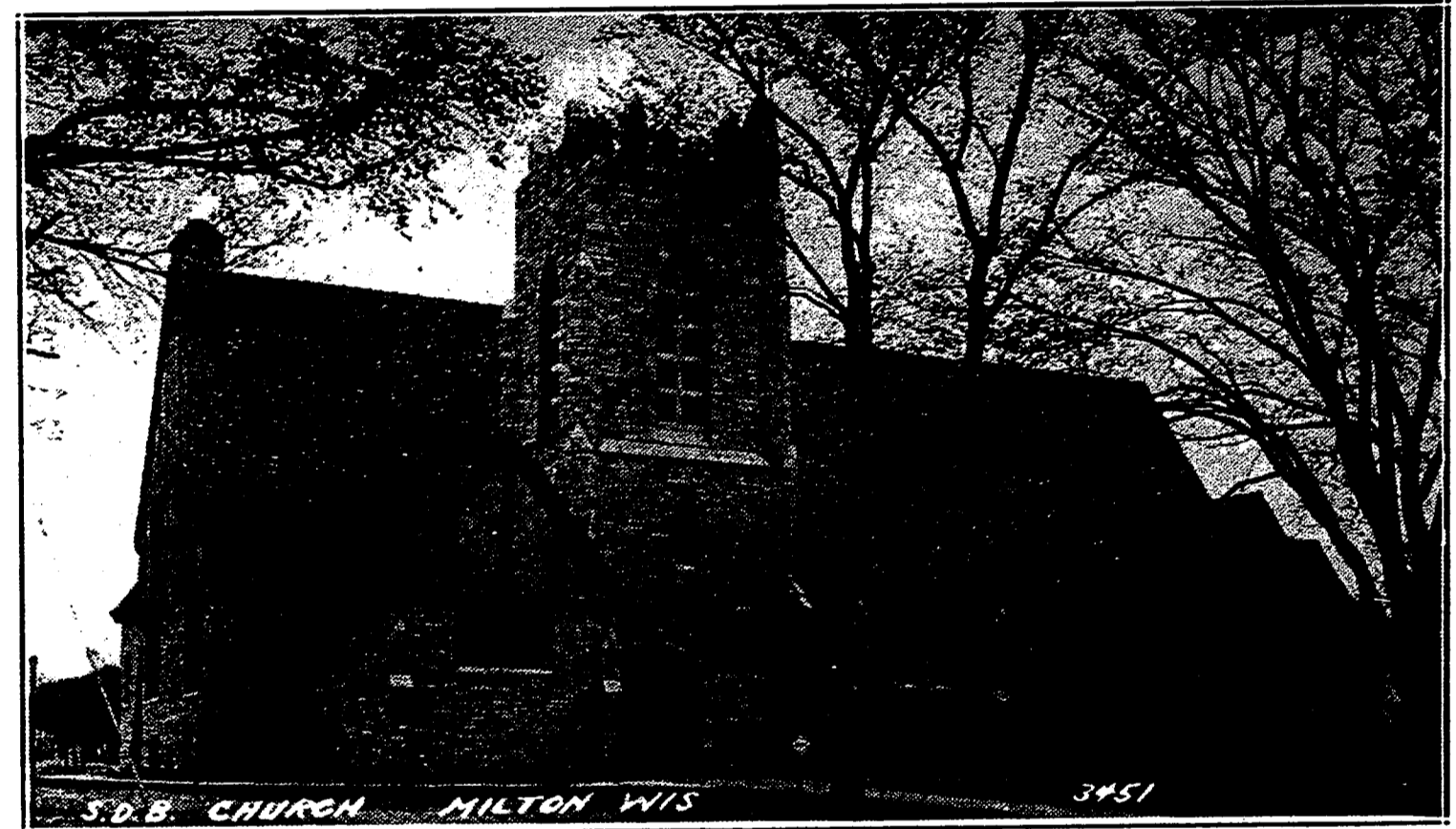
FOR SALE.—Gift Booklets. 3 for \$.25 postpaid. Pearl Keeler, Eldred, Pa. 8-7-39.

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