

social time was enjoyed, and a union of the young people of this association was formed. Officers of this new organization include the following: president, Mary Ellen Green, Adams Center; vice-president, Francis Palmer, Brookfield; secretary, Esther Burdick, Leonardsville; treasurer, Wendall Burdick, De Ruyter; counsellor, Mrs. S. F. Bates, Adams Center.

An early meeting of this group is scheduled to be held at Verona, at which time a name will probably be chosen for the new organization. Sadie K. Whitford, Correspondent.

**De Ruyter, N. Y.**

Eight from the De Ruyter Church attended General Conference at Battle Creek, Mich. Rev. O. S. Mills returned with his son, Rev. Neal D. Mills, and family. Before Mr. Mills returned to his home in Alabama, he preached at the De Ruyter church.

On October 12, a number from this church attended the fall association held at Adams Center. The next day, October 13, we held our annual church and society meeting, an all-day meeting with a picnic dinner at noon. All regular business was attended to. At this meeting it was voted to name the new room, The York Memorial Room. The Ladies' Benevolent Society contributed furnishings, and a stove is to be put in.

On October 30, the young people held a Hallowe'en party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Blowers. After many games a light lunch was served. The young folks report a fine time.

Sabbath afternoon, October 26, some young people attended the Youth's Retreat at Georgetown; some attended the Tioughnioga Sunday School Association held at Cuyler; others attended the Seventh Day Adventist meeting at Lincklaen, N. Y.

The churches of De Ruyter waged a strenuous campaign to rid the town of liquor and drinking places, but they lost by a small margin. Corresponding Secretary.

**Brookfield, N. Y.**

November 7, the Ladies' Society served a harvest supper in the parish house. As it was a snowy night it was feared there might be few who would come, but over eighty dinners were served, the largest number served within recent years.

On the twelfth Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Whitford began their trek to the Sunny South. They will remain in Brooklyn till after the holidays.

Pastor Crofoot is to preach the Thanksgiving sermon at the union service Wednesday evening. Correspondent.

**Waterford, Conn.**

Prayer meeting on November 8 varied from the usual procedure. The topic was "Religious Loyalties." The pastor gave a short talk on some of the difficulties that had encountered those who had followed Christ. Some of the persecutions of our own denomination during its early history were given. Following this talk the film of "The Pilgrims," put out by the Yale University Press from the Chronicles of America Series, was shown. During the showing of the picture the congregation was asked to think of the question: Would we be willing to endure such persecutions and hardships for our religious beliefs today?

The advisory committee of the church met at the parsonage on November 22, to discuss how we might best put the Five Year Plan to work. Correspondent.

**MARRIAGES**

Greene - Furby. — Harold B. Greene, oldest son of Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Greene of Albion, Wis., and Verla Furby, daughter of George Furby of Cedar Rapids, Neb., were united in marriage October 25, 1940, by Rev. Mr. Beckman at Albion. The new home will be at Farnam, Neb., where the groom is teaching music in the public schools.

**OBITUARY**

Scott. — Hattie Clare, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Nobles) Clare, was born in Hebron, Pa., May 31, 1868, and died at her late home in Hallsport, N. Y., November 7, 1940.

She was the widow of James Scott, who died in 1924, and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Richard Billings of Hallsport, N. Y., and Mrs. John Jacoby of Richburg, N. Y.; a son, Raymond Scott of Hallsport; a brother, Edgar Clare of Hornell, N. Y.; and five grandchildren.

She was a member of the Second Hebron Seventh Day Baptist Church, where she was highly respected as well as in her home community. Since her marriage she has lived in Coudersport, Pa., and since 1916, at Hallsport, N. Y.

Funeral services were held at her late home, November 10, 1940, conducted by Rev. Walter L. Greene of Andover. Interment at the Five Corners cemetery, Hebron, Pa. W. L. G.

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## EDITORIALS

### "HE LEADETH ME"

In the American Ashram held at Blue Ridge, N. C., last summer, Dr. E. Stanley Jones had spoken of the many difficulties encountered in getting through war infested regions from India to America. Through it all he had been encouraged by a sense of God's directing hand. No claim for any miraculous intervention was made. He is reported as simply saying, "It looked as though I would not even be able to find a boat to come on. But I felt that I should, and an inner voice told me I would arrive here safely, and on time."

One of the ministers present, at the close of Doctor Jones' narrative, objected, "Does Jones think we are gullible enough to think that God had anything specially to do with his getting to America, that God would upset the universe just so he could get here on time? I don't believe anything of the kind."

Of course no such claim was made or inferred. God, we believe, does not work in any such way. He works under orderly laws, natural and moral, for and with all of us. But he does guide us and assure us who ask for his help and obey his laws, as we bring ourselves into submission to his will. He not only guides Doctor Jones, but he guides us. Doubtless that we are not so conscious of his presence with us and guidance of our course is due to the fact that we are not so sensitive to God's leading as he.

But it is not at all an uncommon experience to feel a calmness and assurance—when

in the path of duty—that God is leading us through. Wherein that experience is lacking it is often the case that we have asked for God's guidance and have risen from our knees and forgotten all about it. If that is our experience, God's forgiveness should be sought and a deeper dedication be effected.

"He leadeth me, O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me."

### TUNING UP

We probably have all noticed before a concert begins that all the players tune up. There may be much or little commotion with the "twiddle dee" and "twiddle dum." But unless the instruments are well attuned the effect of the concert is spoiled, harmony is lost. This work is done, too, before—not after the concert is begun or over.

We wonder sometimes at the disquiets, discords, failures, and disappointments of the day. But did we take time, like the good violinist, to tune up? Did we take the time to get in tune with God, his purpose and plan for us? Jesus, we read, got up long before the light of day broke over the valley and went up into the mountain to pray. An eager youngster who was blessed with a serene and noble mother asked, "Why do you go every morning into your little room?" "To pray," was her quiet reply. We need to "tune up," that in harmony with God and his purpose we meet life sweetly and helpfully.

So often people rush into tasks unprepared, unready. Then they find themselves out of adjustment with circumstances and conditions that thrust demands upon them. They try to do their work and adjust themselves afterward. We never see the members of the orchestra tuning their instruments after the concert, but before it begins, wherein they are wiser than many and point the parable for us.

Preparations for worship in the house of God should be made by the worshiper before he goes. Last minute naps, reading the morning paper, mad rushes to dress and be at church on time are poor ways of preparation for the morning worship. Better—a bit of quiet meditation, the reading of a Psalm or a hymn, a word or a thought of prayer—getting tuned up to the Infinite—will insure enjoyment and part in the worship service.

### ECONOMIC SLANTS

We know many who want to keep the Sabbath as God directs us to observe it, who find it difficult to secure and hold positions while doing so. We appreciate the problems confronting our people in the economic field. In the face of all the obstacles we still believe it can be done.

Recently a young family man who accepted the Sabbath a few years ago, with beaming countenance told the writer of his happy experiences in maintaining his work while being loyal to his convictions in this matter. It certainly warms the heart of one who had witnessed the struggle this young man had made in his experience of accepting Christ and the Sabbath. How glorious to see the development and growth in Christian grace in such a life! We believe God will bless and help earnest seekers to know and do the right.

We are gratified that there is organized effort to help and encourage youth and others in finding themselves vocationally. We have a Conference committee, wisely and helpfully headed by Dr. Ben Crandall of Alfred. He writes that this committee is urging the introduction of courses in vocational guidance and tests in our various summer camps. Successful members of the professions and occupations will be invited to speak before the classes, to give young people the benefit of their experience. Invitation

is hereby extended by the committee for anyone who knows of any present or future opportunities for employment to report the same to this committee located at Alfred, N. Y.

We believe this committee is acting wisely. We like, too, the suggestions made by Paul Hummel of Boulder, Colo., in a letter recently published in the Recorder. There must be those among us capable of building up businesses here and there whereby they not only are gainfully employed themselves, but thereby helpfully and gainfully employ others.

Again we need to emphasize that Seventh Day Baptists must make themselves proficient at their task, business, or profession. The world, or Seventh Day Baptists, do not owe any one a living—just because he is a Christian, or a Seventh Day Baptist. We should be co-operative.

### "BELIEVE IT OR NOT"

A West Virginia family of father, mother, children, grandchildren, and a few "greats" is shown on the cover. There are thirty-nine of the family, but the picture shows two or three neighbors helping to celebrate. The family is that of Elva Maxson, now the senior deacon of the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church located at Berea. The pity is that these folks are not all Seventh Day Baptists. If our homes and churches would hold their offspring loyal to Christ and the Sabbath we would have one of the best arguments possible in the value of sharing the Sabbath with others.

Since securing this picture the editor has found at least one West Virginia family larger than the one shown, but no picture was available. Over here in Harrison County there is a family that sent fifteen brothers to the World's Fair last summer. With proper publicity such a "bunch" of brothers should secure as large rating and attention as the Dionne Quints.

### UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY

"For the Healing of the Nations"

Universal Bible Sunday, which has been widely observed in this and other countries for many years on the second Sunday of December, takes a special interest this year because of the celebration in 1940 of the five hundredth anniversary of printing by

movable metallic type, the Bible being the first book of any size and importance that was so published. The American Bible Society which promotes Universal Bible Sunday has recently issued the statement that the Bible was not only the first book to be printed by metal type, but it has been the first book to appear in most of the languages of the world, hundreds of these languages having been reduced to writing by Christian missionaries, that the Bible might be given to the people in their native speech.

Among the thousands of packages, great and small, that still pass through customs in New York, arriving on British ships that have run the German blockade, one was recently received from London, by the American Bible Society, that contained nine copies of a newly published book that no one in America could read. It was the Bible in the language of the Bulu people, living in southern Cameroon; West Africa. The appearance of this book marked the publishing of the entire Bible in 183 languages. This 183rd Bible was published this summer under bombs in a town near London, for the American Bible Society, and will be sent by them for use in a Presbyterian mission.

Almost three years ago the society's Bible Depot in Mukden, Manchuria, received this letter from a solicitous Chinese father:

"My son is going to the big city to college. He will be studying English. Tell me, has the Bible been translated into English yet? If so, as I would like to give him a copy in that language, would you please send me a copy?"

Here was a man to whom the Bible, which was translated into Chinese only a little more than a century ago, seems to be a piece of native literature. This is the more remarkable in view of the fact that Chinese literature is possibly the most ancient of all literatures with an unbroken continuity to the present time. It appears, then, that the Bible, whether it becomes the first book of a literature just established through the reducing of a spoken language to written form, or lately introduced into a language with the oldest and most voluminous literature on record, still becomes the Book of books to the man who reads it in the language of his heart and home.

If any book is to play a part in the hope for restoration that must follow the present wars, it will certainly be this book which is not only available in the tongues spoken by nine tenths of the people of the world, but the book, which, in every language it speaks, speaks the word of comfort, healing, guidance, and peace. If some day America is called upon to lead the nations of the world back to peace, security, and progress, is there any instrumentality she can find that will serve her better than this book that has demonstrated its unrivaled power to serve "for the healing of the nations."

It does seem most appropriate that the theme chosen for Universal Bible Sunday is "For the Healing of the Nations."—Francis C. Stifler, D.D., Editorial Secretary, American Bible Society.

### WITH THE CHURCHES IN WEST VIRGINIA

#### Middle Island

This church has had a long and somewhat checkered history reaching back to 1831, and to its beginning at Lewisport, now a part of West Union, seat of Doddridge County. As one emerges from the old wooden bridge at West Union, headed toward Salem, he almost faces on the hillside the old cemetery, and the site of the log church built by the New Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church and called Middle Island, the name of the Middle Island Creek. This stream has the distinction of being the largest body of water in the United States bearing the name of "Creek."

Many of the members of this early church, however, lived several miles away, on Meat House Fork of Middle Island Creek, on Red Lick, Sugar Camp, and Lick Runs, small streams all emptying into Meat House Fork, a condition which made it easy, a few years later, to establish the Middle Island church at its present site on Meat House Fork, about a mile down the stream from New Milton, the address of the present clerk and treasurer.

The church has a small but comfortable house of worship, a commodious parsonage, and a parish house or dining hall. At present Rev. James L. Skaggs, pastor of the Salem Church, preaches here once a month and has an encouraging oversight of the church's interests.

## MISSIONS

### MISSIONARIES LEAVING CHINA

As has been noted before in the Missions Department, there has been much concern over the situation of missionaries and other Americans in China. The Missionary Board and our missionaries have shared this anxiety with the Department of State and other boards. After due consideration our mission in Shanghai decided it was best for Mrs. Thorngate and the children and Marcia Davis to come to America. This party will arrive in San Francisco December 2, on the "S. S. Monterey," if the boat is on time. November 20, an air mail letter was received from Doctor Thorngate and, for the information of our people, quotations from it are given below:

Your cablegram, or radiogram I guess it was, was received promptly. Thank you. We have all been greatly concerned about the situation here also. It has been difficult to come to a decision. But, following the urgent advice of the State Department, and in line with the action of the State Department, and in line with the action of the State Department, and in line with the action of the State Department, our mission voted to send Helen, Marcia, and our three boys, David, Stephen, and Philip, home by the first boat. Doctor Palmberg plans to return to America, I think, before the first of the year. All others of our mission intend to remain here, at least until the situation is less favorable than now. Doctor Crandall and Anna West are looking into the possibilities of going to unoccupied China if it is likely that Shanghai will be involved. Mrs. West may get passage home before the end of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis and I feel that if a state of war between Japan and the United States develops we will endeavor to return to America, and I think Mabel West has a similar plan. However, what action is necessary will depend upon the circumstances.

I should like to ask the board to transfer by American Express to Shanghai, sufficient funds to enable the remaining six missionaries to leave Shanghai on short notice if it became necessary. This money would not be used for any other purpose, of course, and if leaving Shanghai did not become necessary, it could be refunded to the board.

The condition which has developed in Shanghai has produced a financial emergency which the Missionary Board must meet in some way. There are funds which have been given in the past by Mrs. Alfred S. Burdick and held in reserve to cover part of the expense; but to meet the requests made in the letter \$1,500 to \$2,000 more will be needed. The urgency of the matter is made clearer by the statement in Doctor Thorngate's let-

An interesting and helpful series of meetings was recently held at Middle Island by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn of Salemville, Pa., and Pastor Skaggs. Valuable personal work and visiting of homes was done and the workers well received. Everywhere in this community the writer, who conducted a week-end mission November 15-17, in denominational and Tract Board interests, found evidences of the work done by the brethren just mentioned, and high praise accorded them. His own work was made much easier by these previous meetings.

Little need be said of the secretary's efforts here. It was a real pleasure to visit and call in the homes where he had been in former years. Every home was contacted on Meat House Fork from New Milton to Blandville, on Lick Run as far up as Brady Sutton's, on Wolf Pen and Sugar Camp, forty-three in all. Everywhere he was cordially received and asked to "come back."

Snow and icy road conditions worked somewhat against the attendance of the meetings which were held on Friday night, Sabbath morning and night, and Sunday night. Gospel messages, including the Sabbath, Conference, and various board interests, were presented. Close attention was paid to the messages and we feel confident some encouragement was experienced by those who attended.

Here is a large community with a wide Sabbath background—a community that has produced for us splendid leaders and pastors of the denomination. With a danger of omitting some who should be mentioned, we venture to name such leaders as Eslie and Corliss F. Randolph, Alva L. Davis, and William L. Davis. We believe there are undeveloped leaders here yet. A hard working minister located on this field, with vision, courage, common sense, and the love of God in his heart would uncover and develop this latent talent, and would find room for a great program for God and the truth. May such a man be found and placed here.

Herbert C. Van Horn,  
Corresponding Secretary.

"All loss of character, loss of a fair name, all loss of influence, ideal spirituality is typified in the salt that has lost its savor."

ter that "those coming to the United States (Dec. 2) will have no money for railroad travel." This emergency was not provided for in the funds allotted to the Missionary Board in the United Budget, and to make the matter worse, the Missionary Board the first of November owed the workers about \$1,800. This condition is laid before the people. Seventh Day Baptists have never failed in an emergency. Miss. Sec.

### THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSION

As stated recently in the Sabbath Recorder, the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council began September twenty-ninth holding the 1940-41 evangelistic campaigns. In this movement some of the leading evangelists in the world are employed, going from city to city. The National Christian Mission plans to reach twenty-one cities in as many states, and through the cities it hopes to extend its work throughout the nation, thus justifying its name, National Christian Mission. Not much is being said in the press regarding the work of these missions, but the results are gratifying. Though not much appears in the daily papers, the Commission on Evangelism is sending to the members of the Commission an occasional report. For the encouragement of all who are interested in evangelism, some things regarding the week's work in Houston, Tex., are given below:

The Houston Christian Mission will do down in the history of all the Mission work of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council as one of the best ever held during the last five years. Seventy-six congregations of the city, representing twelve denominations, participated together during the week.

There were eight seminars held daily. The total attendance for the week was 3,740, or an average of 748 each day. The leaders of the seminars report excellent discussions. The seminars on "Community Issues" and "Social Relations" passed resolutions on the last day concerning better housing, relief measures, slum clearance, and conditions in the Houston Labor Market. Over two hundred attended this seminar on the last afternoon and for the most part they were persons of local responsibility in these areas of interest.

Houston has ten high schools. Seven of them were served by full-time speakers who spent the entire week in the school to which each was assigned. These speakers began at eight and continued through the day until four o'clock, meeting the students in convocations, classes, organizations, and in personal conferences. The other three of the ten high schools were visited by the speakers

for two separate convocations. The greatest work of the mission is being done in high schools in all the cities visited.

Stanley Jones spoke to 1,550 teachers of the public schools on one afternoon. Speakers also visited Rice Institute, the University of Houston, and several business colleges.

The noonday services were held for thirty minutes daily in the Episcopal Cathedral, which is located in the heart of the city. It was packed every day but one, and that was the day a severe storm hit the city at noontime.

The morning Bible forums for women were held daily at the First Methodist church, which seats 2,500. Morning after morning it was crowded to capacity.

Practically every noonday luncheon club of Houston had a mission speaker some time during the week. Expressions of appreciation were heard on every hand concerning the deeply religious messages given by the missionaries.

The twenty speakers on the team for the week at Houston, kept 352 program assignments. The entire police force of the city was reached in four different meetings arranged by the captain of the police department. A daily service in the early morning was held for the men who clean the Houston streets and repair the bridges, at the Street and Bridge Barn. Many meetings were held with organized labor groups in the Labor Hall and elsewhere.

One unusual thing about the Houston Christian Mission was that no offerings were taken in any meetings during the week. The funds were secured from the churches and individuals before the mission started. This is "something new under the sun."

One of the most far-reaching meetings of the Houston Christian Mission was the meetings of governmental groups—city, county, and state. Judge Norris Balke of the Colorado Supreme Court was the speaker on the team who carried particular responsibility for the work among these groups. These meetings were attended by hundreds of city, county, and state employees.

There was a meeting of the ministers every morning from ten to twelve, which was well attended. Over six hundred young people were registered in advance of the mission for their seven seminars which met on Saturday. Muriel Lester and Worth Tippy held many significant meetings with the social workers of the city and the churches. These social workers were realistic and came to grips with many of the local problems.

Many attended the Houston Mission from the four corners of the state. Some traveled hundreds of miles to be present. Houston took the mission to its heart. It is not an exaggeration to say that about 25,000 people were reached daily in all the meetings.

Miss. Sec.

### LETTER GIVING NEWS FROM OUR BRETHREN IN HOLLAND

Dear Brother Burdick:

Your kind letter of the 2nd inst. reached with much less delay than yours of June 13th!

I ought to have written you much earlier, for I understand that you are anxious to know how we are. Though it has been a busy time for me, I confess I could indeed have written to you some evening.

Now I am glad to tell you we make it very well. The wartime (when we speak of wartime we usually think of May 10th to 14th) was an anxious time. The city of Rotterdam (Hillegersberg is one of the surrounding villages) had very much to suffer from the forces of arms. The building of my firm has been burned down too, totally. We did not save even a sheet of paper. All was lost.

It was extremely difficult to find another storehouse, as there were so many who looked for one, but in the last of August (I say it was obviously a divine guidance) I found a new magazine near the old center of the city, not uncomfortable. We work on a more modest way than before, but we are at work with nine people, out of twenty-two people before. Business is good until now. We are dependent upon the imports from Germany. Goods arrive from time to time, but it will be a rather long time before we shall have a collection like a wholesaler ought to have.

A son of Brother C. Bloem of Terschelling fell in the war days (Pieter Bloem). I did not hear of any further injury.

Now our country suffers much from the bombardments by the British. Last week each night bombs fell, here, at Amsterdam, and other places. Last week bombs fell two hundred meters heaven wide from our new magazine. Not any broken panes, happily.

A few weeks ago I got a letter of Brother Losch. In May, he passed our country on the way to Dunkerque or Calais. He makes out well and would go on furlough the next week.

Pastor and Mrs. Taekema are in good health.

Yesterday I wrote to Mr. Stillman. His cheque cannot be collected, so I returned it to him.

Will you kindly greet the brethren and especially Brother Corliss Fitz Randolph and Mrs. Randolph? No good time for them to visit London!

Many of the Sabbath Recorders did not reach me. Some weeks ago a few old ones came through.

Here I stop. As ever,

Very truly yours,

G. Zijlstra.

Hillegersberg, Holland,  
October 15, 1940.

### DAILY MEDITATIONS

(Prepared by Alice Annette Larkin, Ashaway, R. I.)

#### Sunday, December 8

Luke 11: 1—Lord, teach us to pray. (Read Luke 11: 1-13.)

Sometimes God answers prayer in just the way the petitioner desires. Christian Age tells the story of a monk who planted an oil sapling and prayed, "Lord, it needs rain," and God sent a gentle shower. Then the monk told God the tree needed sun, and the sun shone. Finally he asked for frost, and the little tree soon sparkled with frost, but that night it died. Another monk to whom he told his experience replied that he, too, had planted a little tree, and it was thriving. But he said he had prayed, "Lord, send what it needs. Thou hast made it, and thou dost know." So God, who has made us, knows far better than do we ourselves what we need. Paul prayed for the removal of a thorn in the flesh, but, instead of granting the request, God gave him grace to endure the suffering.

Prayer—Father, we know not what is best for us. Sometimes we desire things we shouldn't have. Help us to ask always according to thy will. Amen.

#### Monday, December 9

Psalm 13: 5—But I have trusted in thy loving-kindness; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. (Read Psalm 36: 7-10.)

The crosspiece of a telephone pole seems a strange place in which to build a home, but mother robin chose that in preference to what might have been a safer location. Up and down the pole went the linemen, as need arose, always taking pains not to disturb the occupants of the nest. We all have to put our trust in someone. If one rides in a train or a car, he has to trust the person whose responsibility it is to take that train or car safely to its destination. If a bird can put its trust in man's kindness, and man can trust in another human being, how

much more can we trust the lovingkindness of our heavenly Father.

Prayer—"Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning, for in thee do I trust." Amen.

#### Tuesday, December 10

Mark 9: 37—Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me, and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. (Read Mark 10: 13-16.)

Fourteen years ago a tiny baby in India was thrown into a thorn hedge because she was a girl, and the Hindu temple priest had twice warned the grief-stricken father that she must be put away immediately or a great evil would befall the family. A village policeman found her and took her to the hospital where the native doctors and nurses cut out and pulled out the thorns that had pierced the cloth in which she was wrapped. Fortunately her eyes and brain were not injured, and she recovered. She remained in the hospital, and now it is her desire to learn to be a Jesus nurse so she can go out and find other little girls who are not wanted. These are trying days for the boys and girls in many lands, and our hearts go out to them, and to the missionaries and doctors and nurses who are trying to care for them.

Prayer—Dear Father of us all, we thank thee for the children—for their love and faith and sincerity. Help us to do whatever we can for them, and to do it as unto thee. Amen.

#### Wednesday, December 11

1 Corinthians 10: 12—Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. (Read Luke 22: 54-62.)

How sure of himself Peter was when he said to Jesus, "Even if I must die with thee, yet will I not deny thee." Still it was only a short time afterwards that he denied him three times. How often it happens that one falsehood is followed by another and another until a person is trapped in a mesh of untruths. Sometimes the first falsehood doesn't seem very wrong. Other sins are like that, too. They look small at first, but how they can grow. An Indian story tells of a dwarf who asked a king to give him all the ground he could cover in three strides, and the king, seeing how small he was, agreed. Whereupon the dwarf suddenly became a great giant, covering all the land with his first stride, all the water with the next, and with the third he knocked the

king down and occupied his throne. How we need to beware of the first sin.

Prayer—Father, we know if we depend upon our own strength to withstand temptation we shall fall. Keep us strong in thy strength, and may we never deny thee. Amen.

#### Thursday, December 12

Proverbs 17: 17—A friend loveth at all times. (Read John 15: 12-17.)

It was Ralph Waldo Emerson who said, "I awake this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new." And surely we all have reason to be thankful for our friends. One of the most inspiring stories in the Old Testament is that of David and Jonathan, and we love to think of the home in Bethany where Jesus spent many restful hours with his friends, Lazarus and Mary and Martha. Amos R. Wells once said, "Every friendship that doesn't include the heavenly Friend is likely to fail." We know that the closer two people are drawn together in Christian friendship the dearer does Christ become to both, and we believe such friendship is eternal.

Prayer—Father, we thank thee for our friends. Bless them this day and make us worthy of their friendship. Amen.

#### Friday, December 13

Galatians 2: 20—I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. (Read 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23.)

"When one comes and knocks at the door of my heart and asks, 'Who lives here?' " said Martin Luther, "I reply, 'Martin Luther used to, but he has moved out and Jesus Christ now lives here.'" It has been said that if Jesus really occupied first place in the life of every Christian, thousands who now have no hope of salvation would soon come to know him as their personal Savior. And why doesn't Jesus occupy first place? Is it because other interests are crowding him out? It isn't his fault if he stays outside the door, or if he is crowded into the very smallest place. The latch is on the inside, and we must open the door.

Prayer—

O Christ, in this morning hour, come in,  
We open our hearts' doors wide;  
Take full control of our thoughts and deeds,  
Be ever our Friend and Guide. Amen.

#### Sabbath, December 14

Matthew 5: 16—Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and

glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Read Matthew 5: 13-15.)

For several years a little tin lantern hung almost unnoticed in the home. It was seldom needed, and the light that shone through its small globe seemed quite insignificant. Then came the hurricane that cut off the electric service. It was at that time that the lantern was remembered, and somehow its flame seemed brighter than we had thought. Had it remained hidden away, it would have been of no use to anyone. Burning as brightly as was within its power, it was a blessing. We all have lamps to light for Christ. As Seventh Day Baptists, are they burning brightly? Our numbers may be small, but someone has said, "Better to be small and shine than to be great and cast a shadow."

Prayer—Help us, O Father, to keep our lights shining for thee. Let them never grow dim. Amen.

### WOMAN'S WORK

Rev. and Mrs. Marion C. Van Horn will arrive about the first of December to make their home in Salem, W. Va.

A service of induction of Mr. Van Horn as promoter of evangelism will be held in the Salem Seventh Day Baptist church at 2.30 on Sunday, the eighth of December. Anyone who can plan to be in Salem on that date is cordially invited to join in this dedicatory service.

Mr. Van Horn will be ready to begin work on the field the second week in December.

### WOMEN OF SALEM ON TREK

In September the Ladies' Aid society of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church took their first trek, a trip of about eighty-five miles, to the home of Mrs. Preston Randolph, mother of Rev. Elmo Randolph. Mrs. Randolph is a nonresident member of the Salem Aid. None of the women had the least notion that they were celebrating Mrs. Randolph's birthday anniversary, but so it turned out. A covered dish dinner, to which Mrs. Randolph contributed generously, was served by the visiting women. Mrs. Randolph's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Brady Randolph, presented her with a large birthday cake. After Mrs. Randolph recovered

from her surprise the visitors sang "Happy Birthday to You."

The business meeting was necessarily short, for the cars must start early, and there were still good-bys and good wishes to be said. Of the four cars which made the trip three ran well, but the Skaggs car stalled and was hauled into Sutton for repair. Three of the four cars made it to Lee Bond's, outside of Roanoke, in time to eat the left overs for supper.

At the regular October business meeting of the Ladies' Aid, the women were invited to the home of Mrs. Charles Batson of Berea, some forty miles distant. At this meeting the women of the Aid had the pleasure of assisting the Berea ladies in organizing a Seventh Day Baptist Ladies' Aid of Berea. A bountiful dinner, royal good fellowship, and the most beautiful of October days made this trip a happy success.

Eight members of the Berea Ladies' Aid made the trip to Salem and enjoyed a very good social and business time with the women of the Salem Church, Sunday, November 17. The covered dish dinner was enjoyed by all present. Just before the business meeting, seven junior girls who have recently become members of the Salem society gave a short Thanksgiving program under the direction of Mrs. Kenneth Van Horn.

This ends the treks of the Salem women this year, for they are now working on a sale project to take place the middle of December. So fellowship and work keep all busy.

Mrs. Orla Davis,  
Secretary.

### EXCERPTS FROM LETTER TO THE CHURCHES

Dear Pastor, Lieutenant, Treasurer:

After a year devoted to an earnest effort to put our local and denominational finances on a systematic and businesslike basis, the General Conference completed the undertaking by voting to adopt, not the inflated paper budget of the past, but a budget based on the "will endeavor" pledges of our churches reporting and the amounts given by the other churches during the past year. Please make a careful study with your congregation of the revised Annual Report of the Commission as

adopted by the General Conference at Battle Creek. It can well be used as a textbook for our people.

We sincerely hope you joined with the other Seventh Day Baptist churches and our sister denominations in the "World Wide Communion and Consecration Service" on the first Sabbath in October. If all our churches and individual members joined whole-heartedly and sincerely in that first step of the recommended Five Year Plan, we shall accomplish much spiritually, and our financial obligations will be met both locally and to the denomination. May we each and all so devotedly and enthusiastically carry on the work of our Master that there be "no need to be ashamed of the way you handle the work of the truth."

Let us be systematic and constant in our giving and remitting to our denominational treasurer. There is very great need for funds over-due now. For example, the Conference treasurer, Mr. J. H. Coon, has bills amounting to \$622.35 on hand, that should be paid, but no funds with which to meet these obligations. No doubt other treasurers are in the same condition.

The Financial Committee sincerely hopes that the pastors and church officials addressed will give these matters careful attention, and bring them before the congregations. If we truly believe that the hope of this nation and the world rests in the Christian religion, as exemplified by the life and service of the Savior, then the present demands a rededication, not only of ourselves, but our pocket books to the cause for which he made the supreme sacrifice.

Yours in His name,  
The Finance Committee.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK CHRISTIANITY IN BUSINESS

(Given at yearly meeting at Plainfield, N. J.,  
by J. S. MacLennan)

In speaking, this afternoon, on Christianity in Business, I do so with the gravest doubts as to my capabilities for adequately presenting the place which Christianity does and must occupy in the business world.

When we think of Christianity, we are thinking of a vital, growing religion. Because it is a vital and growing religion, let us

examine it to see why it has survived when so many others have perished in the past twenty or thirty centuries. The very ideals that have made Christianity continue to be a living potent force in our world today must be applied to any undertaking, religious or business, which is to continue to function.

What are a few of the outstanding qualities in Christianity, or Christ's way of life, that have made it what it is, and which we, in whatever field of endeavor we choose to work, must apply if we wish to live like him?

One of the outstanding qualities of Christ's life was his obedience—at first to his earthly parents, and subsequently to his heavenly Father. Obedience is one of the first things one has to learn in business life and it is something that is necessary to every successful individual or business. We must learn to accept our orders and carry them out to the best of our ability. That is not to say that we will not get orders occasionally which do not quite fit in with our own thoughts on some particular subject. Christ himself had some moments of doubt as to whether his great sacrifice was the best way. But he made that sacrifice. We in our own petty concerns may also have our doubts, but when our responsibility is to carry out orders, our first duty is not to question; but to obey. This should be particularly true when our doubts are motivated by ignorance, or prejudice, or rationalization.

Another phase of Christianity which has made it so vital is the fact that it is a "giving" religion. It is not selfish—it is sharing. Christ himself made the supreme sacrifice, the greatest gift of all. In whatever field we work we must learn to give. Even if it be only service, who gives reaps a rich reward. There is a trite phrase which says that you get out of a thing what you put into it. That is perhaps looking at the giving in reverse, but it is a crude application of the same principle. If we examine any sound business we shall probably find that it stays in business because it serves. Look at your corner grocery, your service station. The chemical plant for which I work manages to stay in business because it can provide needed goods or services as well or better than our competitors.

Another phase of Christ's life which finds a very direct application in the business world was his training. Very early in his life, he

realized that while he had responsibilities in his home, he had a much larger job to do, and he set himself the task of fitting himself for that larger job. So should we all. Some of us when we graduate from high school or college come out into the business world looking for vice-president's jobs, feeling that we are quite capable of handling them. Generally the longer we work the more we realize that most of our life is just a training period. Let us set ourselves, individually, the task of training ourselves in Christian living, realizing to the full that that is what we, our business, and our nation need today.

Christ has given us a wonderful example of leadership in the way he led his disciples. He was training them for their jobs, but he was teaching them leadership and service. That training and leadership bore rich fruit later after he had returned to his Father. Leadership in our business world and in our national life is one of the big problems of our day. We must be continually building up replacements and it is up to us, the younger generation, to see that these replacements are fit and able. There are so many Christian qualities that go into fine leadership that it would be endless to try to discuss them here. Ability, loyalty, tact, alertness, courtesy, sympathy, promptness, and fairness are a few. There is much more to leadership than just going where the crowd pushes you. Anyone can manage to be the man who leads if he is pushed by the crowd. Real leadership calls for a worth while Christian aim and the ability to plan and progress constructively toward that aim.

Another phase of Christianity is honesty. This is a trait which goes much further back than Christ, but which must be one of the foundations of any sound code of living—religious, business, or national. You can't be content with using it in the foundation alone. You must have it from the bottom to the top of any structure, or the whole undertaking is apt to collapse on top of you. If you buy material of any kind, you expect honest value. If you insist on paying less than a fair price, you will probably find that while perhaps the value appears to be there on the surface, underneath there is skimping and you get only what you pay for. In the chemical plant where I work, perhaps half of our laboratories are concerned solely with seeing that honest value goes into our

products. Honesty in the individual is even more important than honesty in quantity or quality of products. In fact our whole system of business is based on it. Without credit and checks and drafts, our business would be back to the days of barter with the Indians.

Christ said of Peter, "On this rock will I build my church." The rock, the symbol of steadfastness and reliability, is just as important today in our business world. Most manufacturers and business men try to provide reliable products and service, and the unreliable individual finds no place with them.

Week by week we come to our church because we are Christians, and we go to our various jobs day after day, doing them, let us hope, to the best of our abilities and putting into them all the Christian principles that we have learned at home or in school and in our churches. Can you imagine what kind of world it would be if we tried not to apply Christian principles in our everyday life, but just saved them for the Sabbath?

I think you will agree with me that Christianity and Christ play a very important role in business.

## CHRIST IN EVERYDAY LIFE

(Given at yearly meeting at Plainfield, N. J.,  
by Mary B. Sutton)

Christianity for Today, or Christ in Everyday Life, as viewed by a housewife or a minister's wife can be, and to me is, a very absorbing subject.

First of all, it calls for a daily practice of the principle of Christian living set forth by Christ in his teachings—in the home with the other members of the family, in the contacts with people outside of the home. Not with fanfare but with simplicity must we go about our daily living so that others may see Christ in our lives and be drawn to a desire to know the Savior better. I believe that no matter what the duties of the various members of the family, that sometime during the day a period for family worship is essential for the building of a stronger Christianity in the world.

That others may know about Christ through us we must have a very personal knowledge of him and what he can mean in the life of an individual. With Christ as our Savior and example of right living can we, as he did, call God our Father, and be-

come so intimate with him that we take our perplexities, joys, and sorrows to him—that when a task seems too difficult for us we can say, "Please, Father, this task is too big for me, alone, won't you help?" And after the difficulty has been smoothed out, to say, "Thank you, I knew that with your help things would work out."

That relationship to God is so vital to the happiness and contentment and comfort of an individual that I wish more young people could be brought to realize it and start developing that fellowship now, and not wait until some shock or sorrow brings home to them the necessity of something or some one far greater than self to lean on. There is one thing that I can say about it; it is a relationship that works; I know.

You know and I know that a housewife and mother is a very busy person keeping things going in her home. Yet I feel that no matter how pressing her work at home, in order to have a well rounded Christian life and to help build for Christianity she should find some time to do for others, and in so doing forget self. It doesn't need to be a big thing—a bouquet of flowers, a telephone message. And by all means start our children young to do these things.

But, most of all, we need a steadfast faith in the rightness of God's way. We need to say with Job, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." During these times of distress and upheaval we need and should have a faith that is unflinching, whatever happens.

The simple ways are best;  
That heart is happiest,  
That spirit is thrice blest  
That seeks no wide renown.  
Better the quiet ways,  
Devoid of fame or praise,  
Where gladly run the days  
Far from the noisy town.

For there the Word is bright  
At dawn or candlelight,  
Or in the hush of night,  
Or with the Sabbath calm.  
The healing Gospel grows,  
As every seeker knows,  
Within the crimson rose,  
And spreads its soothing balm.

In every roadside flower  
It speaks with trembling power;  
In every silent hour  
The Message whispers plain.

The voice of God is heard  
In every singing bird.  
And when you speak his Word  
It comes to earth again.

—Charles Hanson Towne.

If we, in our daily living, follow these four things we will help build Christianity for today and tomorrow. First, personal knowledge and fellowship with God and with your Savior. Second, daily living as Christ set forth in his teachings—not with fanfare but with simplicity. Third, forgetfulness of self in service for others. And last, steadfast faith.

### GOOD LITERATURE

The Committee on Religious Life and the Good Literature Committee of the Central Association are co-operating in an attempt to stimulate among Seventh Day Baptists more reading of the best in literature, and particularly of religious books. We hope to work out some plans for forming reading clubs and reporting books read.

To begin with, let's give religious books to our friends this year for Christmas. Books can be mailed easily and cheaply. Then let us loan the books we have that have been helpful to us. The woman's society, the Christian Endeavor society, or a Sabbath school class might serve as a convenient group for exchanging books.

The recommending of books by our committee is a difficult matter, for there are so many books and so many different people to be suited. Some books are especially good for certain groups of people, and a book that inspires one may not interest another. However, I shall venture to mention a few.

"The Christ of the Countryside," by Dana, is a splendid little book describing the experiences of Jesus as an out-of-doors man and his interest in rural life.

"Through Lands of the Bible," H. V. Morton, Judson Press, Philadelphia, 450 pages, \$1.79; formerly \$3. A travel book describing the country, the people, the history, and the author's own experiences in Palestine, Syria, Bagdad, Babylon, Egypt, and Rome. Makes Bible geography real and fascinating. Illustrated.

"Modern Religious Dramas," Fred Eastman, Henry Holt and Co., New York. Thirteen inspiring one-act plays; thrilling to read, excellent to present in churches. \$1.00.

"Christmas," an annual of Christmas stories, poems, carols, pictures in full color, drama. Edited by Randolph E. Haugan. A beautiful gift. Boxed, 72 pages, 10½ x 14 inches, \$1.00 at Christian Herald, 419 Fourth Ave., New York, or Judson Press, 1701 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

I believe that "Five Stories About China" and "Children of the Harvest" are recommended for mission study. I have not seen it, but "The Amazing Story of Repeal," by Dobyms, is highly spoken of as revealing the politics behind the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. Sold by Willett, Clark, and Co., 440 Dearborn St., Chicago. \$3.00.

Then there are books by E. Stanley Jones, Dan Poling; fiction by Grace Livingston Hill and Lloyd C. Douglas; poetry by Grace Knoll Crowell, and many others. Some advertised in the Christian Herald look to be very good. I would be glad to know of any books that have been especially inspiring or helpful to others.

Neal D. Mills, Chairman,  
Good Literature Committee of  
the Central Association.

### CHILDREN'S PAGE

#### OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am six years old. I go to the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist church. I have two brothers and one sister. Their names are Marvin, Norman, and Naomi. My grandfather is Deacon Auley Davis. My daddy is Daniel W. Davis. My mother's name is Mary.

I am in the first grade at school. I have a nice teacher. Thanksgiving comes this month. I have a piece to say for Thanksgiving at school. I will stop now.

Your friend,  
Frederick Davis.

Shiloh, N. J.

Dear Frederick:

It was a nice surprise to receive three good letters all in one envelope, when I only expected to find one. It is like a surprise our Eleanor had when she was just about your age. Our old cat brought in a little kitten one morning and I helped her make a soft

nest for it in a basket. She said, "I wish there were three kittens—one for Claire, one for Stanley, and one for me." The next morning when she went to look at the little kitten she could hardly believe her eyes, for there were three little kittens in place of one. You see, the mother cat had brought her kittens in one at a time, so there were enough kittens to go around, just as Eleanor had wished.

Did you celebrate Thanksgiving last Thursday, or are you still to have it next Thursday? One of our neighbors called last Thursday "Franksgiving day."

Your sincere friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

The long summer days are gone, and the short cold, cold days are here with the wind and snow. Hallowe'en is gone, Thanksgiving is almost here, then Christmas will be here.

It looks like snow and I hope so for I want to make a snow man.

I am eight years old and in the fourth grade at school. I have three brothers, Freddy, Norman, and Marvin. My mother's name is Mary L. Davis. My daddy is Daniel W. Davis.

I have a grand teacher, Mrs. De Wilde. She has two boys, Peter and Roland De Wilde. I hope you are feeling well.

Good-by,  
Naomi Edythe Davis.

Shiloh, N. J.

Dear Naomi:

Holidays seem to come in a bunch when cold weather reaches us, don't they? We all like summer weather, but how tame Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's would be without cold weather and snow. I hope you'll soon have snow enough for a good, fat snow man. One year a little niece from Panama lived with us. She had never seen any snow, so when the first snow came, a very soft snow which melted almost as fast as it fell, she said, "Oh, Aunt Mizpah, does the snow always wash off like that?"

Well, before the winter was over she had all the snow she could wish for. If she had been here last winter to see our great snowdrifts she would have been more than satisfied.

Sincerely your friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

The cold winter days are here again. In October we had snow.

I go to the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist church. I am nine years old. I will be ten on January the twelfth. I am in fifth grade. My teacher is Mrs. De Wilde.

In Sabbath school we are studying the Acts. The Junior Christian Endeavor sent five dollars to Alabama for the children in school.

Good-by,

Norman Davis.

Shiloh, N. J.

Dear Norman:

Every time I have been in Shiloh I have found warmer weather than we have here in New York; even last year when we were there Thanksgiving time; so I almost believed you never had any snow there. If we should be down there Christmas week perhaps you will be able to prove by a genuine snow storm that I was wrong. Can you?

I think it was splendid for your Junior Christian Endeavor society to send such a generous contribution to those school children in Alabama who have had so little opportunity for an education. What a help it would be if every Junior C. E. society could do the same.

I hope you and Frederick and Naomi will write often after this. I was glad to get all your letters.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

## OUR PULPIT

### WORSHIP ADDRESS

(Given by Rev. Hurley S. Warren the first night at Conference)

Matthew 9: 27-31.

Jesus ministered to need after need. It is helpful to note that he asked the two blind men who called upon him for mercy, "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" They replied, "Yea, Lord." He then touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it unto you."

Life is a fight, a battle, a struggle. A fight between right and wrong. And we would be on the side of right. A battle between health and disease. And we would

be numbered with those whose physical, mental, moral, and spiritual powers are unimpaired. A struggle between love and hate. And we would ever be among those who love throughout the world.

Today, there is a life and death struggle between righteousness and sin. Righteousness is right thinking, right speaking, right acting. "Sin," someone has said, "is the placing of self-will and selfishness above the claims of love and of duty." And we would be in the midst of this struggle ever on the positive, plus, side—ever thinking, speaking, acting rightly.

Nor would we be selfish in these matchless privileges. We would accept them as responsibilities, too, helping to make right and health and love and righteousness the part and practice of all men everywhere.

According to our Christian belief and conviction Jesus Christ's way is the right way. His way is the best way. His way is the only way.

You remember Luke's account of Jesus' return to Nazareth and of his going, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read. "And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4: 17-19.

And to this mission and ministry Jesus was true. He it was who asked the two blind men who implored his mercy, "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" They replied, "Yes, Lord." He then touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it unto you."

Jesus is asking his followers today as they turn to him for spiritual vision, "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" They reply, "Yes, Lord." He then touches their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it unto you."

We are not living in a static world. This is a dynamic world. Therefore, a static religion will not meet the needs of a progressive world.

I am not one who would say that the Seventh Day Baptist denomination has become static. Yet, I believe this is true—in so far as you and I are becoming static in our Christian faith, we are thereby bringing more nearly into being a static denomination.

Nor would I in any manner reflect upon the noble efforts of the past generations. Ours is a glorious heritage!

One question that we might well put to ourselves tonight is, in the light of the past, is what we are doing in the present our best? If less than our best, shame on us! And may God forgive us. If our best, God be praised now and forever more!

As in the case of our becoming static, so in the instance of our best effort. The denominational best is made up of the best in the individual, the best in the family, the best in the church.

Increasingly, some of us are becoming convinced that if our lives and offerings were more nearly without blemish the very windows of heaven would be opened and God would pour out the promised blessing. Instead of all the while bending priceless energy to the meeting of budgets, budgets would become our servants. Budgets would serve us, instead of our serving budgets. Better yet, budgets would more materially aid our efforts to serve God and those who are looking our way for the Christian message. According to our faith be it unto us.

This Conference is and is to be a significant one. Will it be a strong connecting link between past Conferences and future ones? Or, will it be a bit weak so that the pressure of the past and the pull of the future will separate this link at its weakest spot? May God, by the inspiration of these holy hours together so weld our wills that when the spirit of this Conference shall have cooled, the link itself shall be truly tempered by our complete consecration.

Sometimes speakers forget that we build today upon what we were yesterday. And tomorrow we shall be what we are today plus what we were yesterday. No one grows good all at once or goes bad overnight. Good fruit may come into view within a short space, yet it has been developing right along. And bad tendencies may break out in a single act, but the germs of badness have been tearing down resistance with no long

letup. As with a single person, so with a group of persons. As with you and me, so with the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

In this light, therefore, we would ask, Is our vision of Christ and his way of life more clear and plain to us? Do we, above and besides all else, desire strength and power from God born of an utter, invincible faith in him and his promises? Do we understand and accept the conditions of these great promises? Are our spirits under the direct control and guidance of his Holy Spirit? Are we ready again to pay the price of supreme devotion to his will and his way? As our faith is so shall it be unto us.

Faith first, then the program. Now do we not become stronger as our faith is exercised? So, may not the program be the early means by which our faith becomes effective? "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." James 2: 17.

One way of living dynamically and not existing statically; one way of making sure that we are doing our best and not less; one way of helping God to weld this Conference into a strong link and not allowing it to become weak; one way of growing more alive as spirits in an ever growing kingdom task—is by giving prayerful, intelligent, careful, practical, venturesome, consecrated consideration to the achievements and reports as they shall pass in review before us, and likewise consideration to present proposals and plans for future endeavor, and to receive the inspiration and vision of the messages as they are spoken.

Very soon now our Conference president will propose a Five Year Plan for the denomination. Let us hear it in faith.

According to our faith be it unto us, both now and evermore. Amen.

## DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Alfred, N. Y.

The last issue of The Bulletin reported the formation of two new regional committees of the New York Christian Rural Fellowship for the purpose of promoting rural church improvement in various parts of the state. Since that time plans have developed for another committee which is to center in Alfred University, and for a student group at Cornell University.



The first meeting of the Alfred group was held October 15, under the chairmanship of Rev. Harley Sutton of Little Genesee. Rev. Ralph L. Williamson led a discussion of the needs, problems, and interests of the rural churches and communities of Steuben and Allegany counties in which the pastors present revealed many significant points. Plans for the future work of the committee were then laid. Rev. Harley Sutton was elected chairman. Dean A. J. C. Bond of the Theological Seminary, Alfred University, is acting as adviser to the group. Others present at the first meeting were: Harold E. Blish, Whitesville; Glenn S. Brewster, Savona; Don I. Phillips, Hartsville; Walter L. Chauncey, Allentown; Elmo F. Randolph, Alfred Station; W. L. Greene, Andover; H. K. Boal, Canaseraga; Edgar D. Van Horn, Alfred; and Alton Wheeler, Chas. H. Bond, and Victor Skaggs, students at Alfred University. — New York Christian Rural Fellowship Bulletin.

### CAN WE TITHE IN HARD TIMES?

This is the title of a bulletin published by The Layman Company especially for these times. Layman bulletins on tithing, thirty-two in number, including sixteen in new type form and just revised, are printed in regular two page church bulletin size so they may be used by every church issuing a weekly calendar. The two blank pages of each bulletin provide room for announcements of the local church. This arrangement not only affords valuable instruction, but also saves one half of the printing cost as well as paper. A sample set containing thirty-two different tithing bulletins will be sent to any address, postpaid for twenty cents. When you write please mention the Sabbath Recorder; also give your denomination. Address The Layman Company, 730 Rush Street, Chicago, Ill.

### OBITUARY

Clarke. — In Westerly, R. I., October 9, 1940, Mrs. Mabel Lanphear Clarke, wife of J. Perry Clarke.

Mrs. Clarke was born at Ashaway, R. I., on February 27, 1865, and was the daughter of Henry Clinton and Catherine Edwards Lanphear. She was united in marriage with J. Perry Clarke in 1882. She is survived by her husband; by a daughter, Catherine, Mrs. Albert W. Tucker of New Haven, Conn.; two granddaughters, Virginia

Clarke Tucker and Patricia Clarke Tucker. She also leaves a brother, Fred O. Lanphear of Westerly.

She was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Woman's Aid society of her church, and other organizations.

Farewell services were held at the Avery Funeral Home on Friday afternoon, her pastor, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, officiating. Interment was in River Bend Cemetery. H. R. C.

Crandall. — In Westerly, R. I., October 19, 1940, Charles Clarke Crandall.

He was born at Rockville, R. I., on October 24, 1861, and was the son of John E. S. and Lucy Pendleton Crandall. Early in life he was baptized and joined the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church. February 7, 1883, he was united in marriage with Hattie M. Edwards, who died April 24, 1893. To this union two sons were born, Harold R. and Carl F. Crandall. March 3, 1894, he was united in marriage with Mabel E. Taylor; she and his two sons survive him. He also leaves two granddaughters: H. Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Harold R. Crandall; and Beverly B., daughter of Carl F. Crandall. The surviving family are all residents of Westerly. He was a good husband and father, a man of good cheer, and one who had a host of friends.

Farewell services were held at the Avery Funeral Home on Monday afternoon and interment was in First Hopkinton Cemetery. Rev. B. U. Hatfield, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church of Westerly and a friend of many years, officiated, assisted by Rev. E. T. Harris, pastor of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church. H. R. C.

Vars. — At her home in Bradford, R. I., October 27, 1940, Mrs. Ruth Crandall Vars.

Ruth A. Crandall was born in Hopkinton, R. I., October 15, 1862, and was the daughter of Alanson and Ruby Whaley Crandall. She joined the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church when a young woman, later transferring her membership to the Second Westerly Church, and upon its disbanding, united with the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. On October 15, 1889, she was united in marriage with Enoch W. Vars. Three children blessed this union: Mary C., wife of Harry J. Nichols of Bradford; and twin sons, Raymond C. and Clarence A. Vars, both of Westerly. Mrs. Vars is survived by these three and also by her step-daughter, Effie H. Vars, and by four grandchildren. She was a member of the Woman's Aid society of her church and of the Bradford Woman's Christian Temperance Union, being a charter member of the latter.

Farewell services were held at her late home Wednesday afternoon and interment was in First Hopkinton Cemetery. Her pastor, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, was assisted in the services by Rev. B. U. Hatfield, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church of Westerly. H. R. C.

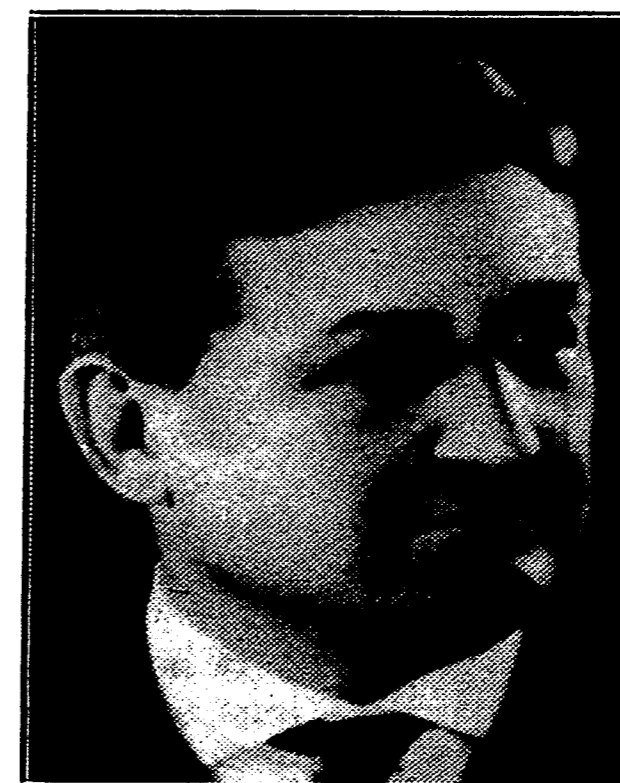
Let us be content, in work to do the thing we can, and not presume to fret because it's little.—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

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