

July 12. The evening before, they presented a very pleasing program—some of it humorous, as well as the more serious numbers demonstrating the work done. Also some very clever hand work by the children and note books were on display by the different grades. Eight denominations were represented in the school, with forty-nine children on the roll and a good average attendance. Rev. Trevah R. Sutton of New Market was again superintendent of the school. Many of us feel that this is one of our most satisfactory church projects.

Correspondent.

### CONFERENCE

August 20! Are you planning your trip to Battle Creek? Anyone wishing information or suggestions regarding choice of routes or other details may write either Paul R. Crandall, 307 Champion St.; or E. H. Clarke, 11 Buckeye St., Battle Creek, Mich.

### THIS MOMENT

He is helping me now—this moment,  
Though I may not see it or hear,  
Perhaps by a friend far distant,  
Perhaps by a stranger near.  
Perhaps by a spoken message,  
Perhaps by a printed word,  
In ways that I know and know not,  
I have the help of the Lord.

He is keeping me now—this moment,  
However I need it most,  
Perhaps by a single angel,  
Perhaps by a mighty host.  
Perhaps by a chain that frets me,  
Or walls that shut me in,  
In ways that I know and know not,  
He keeps me from harm and sin.

He is guiding me now—this moment,  
In pathways easy or hard,  
Perhaps by a door wide open,  
Perhaps by a door fast barred.  
Perhaps by a joy withholden,  
Perhaps by a gladness given,  
In ways that I know and know not,  
He is leading me up to heaven.

He is using me now—this moment,  
And whether I go or stand,  
Perhaps by a plan accomplished,  
Perhaps he stays my hand.  
Perhaps by a word in season,  
Perhaps by a silent prayer,  
In ways that I know and know not,  
His labor of love I share.

—From Verona Church Bulletin.

### TRY IT

Whenever you're lonesome  
Or when you feel cross,  
Feel down and out  
But wish you were boss,

Look out of the window,  
Look for a tall tree;  
The branches point upward.  
They want you to see

The things high above you,  
And likely as not  
When you have them all counted  
Your trouble's forgot.

—Frances Davis.

### MARRIAGES

Rood - Loofbourrow. — At the Seventh Day Baptist church in New Auburn, Wis., at twilight on June 22, 1940, Wayne R. Rood was married to Anna J. Loofbourrow. The double ring ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. C. B. Loofbourrow. The happy couple will be at home at Rockville, R. I., after September 1, 1940.

### OBITUARY

Clark. — Flora E. Barber Clark was born at Ceres, Pa., January 21, 1853, and died at her home in Little Genesee, June 29, 1940. Her parents were Rowland and Sylvia Main Barber.

She was married to H. Benson Clark March 18, 1876. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Grace Sanford, Mrs. Nina Bliss, and Miss Anna Clark of Little Genesee; two sons, Lester Clark of Olean, and Virgil Clark of California; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, R. E. Barber of Portville, N. Y.; and one sister, Mrs. Dora Maxson of Little Genesee. She joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Little Genesee by Letter fifty-six years ago.

Funeral services were held by Pastor Harley Sutton and burial was in the local cemetery.

H. S.

Whitford. — Philena Vernetta Woolworth, youngest daughter of Leonard and Eunice Babcock Woolworth, was born July 21, 1851, in Milton, Wis., and died June 25, 1940, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Thomas, Milton.

On December 31, 1872, she was married to Algenon Lawrence Whitford, and the following spring they set out with ox team and covered wagon for Greeley Co., Neb. Later they returned to Milton Junction and Milton. Mrs. Whitford joined the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church as a young woman and later transferred her membership to the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church, where she retained her membership till death.

She is survived by seven children, twenty-two grandchildren, and sixteen great-grandchildren. Farewell services were conducted by Pastor J. F. Randolph; burial in Evergreen Cemetery in Albion.

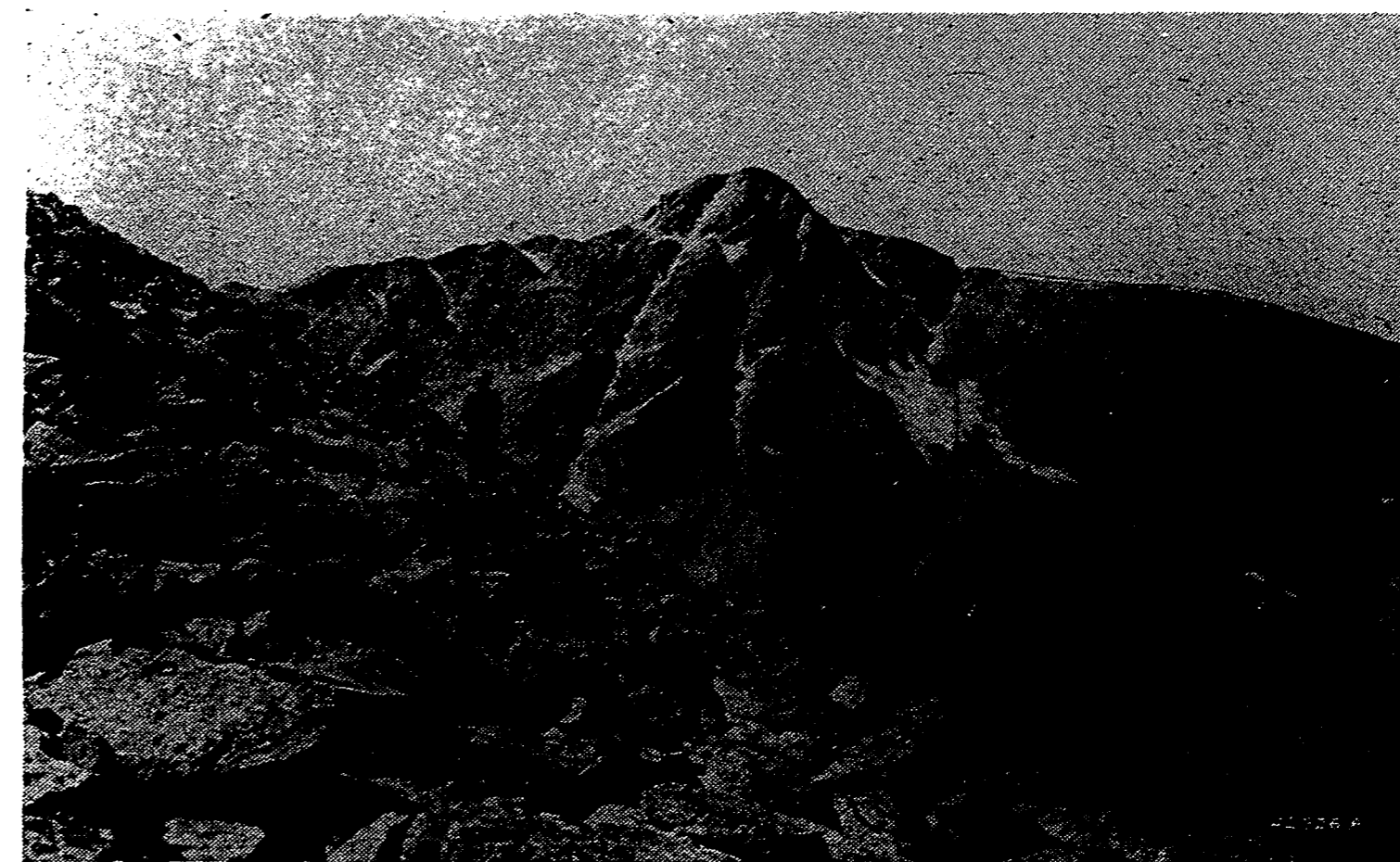
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HOLY CROSS—13,978 Feet

As seen from Notch Mountain, Holy Cross National Forest, Colo.

—“Photo By U. S. Forest Service,”  
Furnished by H. N. Wheeler.

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## EDITORIALS

### A NEW TRACT

There came from the Recorder Press, the other day, an attractive pamphlet of twenty pages—"Building on a Sure Foundation"—by President Emeritus Boothe C. Davis. The contents are mainly the stirring sermon preached by the Doctor on Sabbath morning of the 1938 Conference, Plainfield, N. J.

It was published in the SABBATH RECORDER Pulpit department, and favorably commented upon at that time. The Tract Board's Committee on Denominational Literature slightly revised it, and publication followed.

In this message the writer urges that there can be no substitute of charity or social uplift for a "vital religious experience and personal loyalty to Christ and his Church." Christ is the Foundation, and his followers are related to him in a most vital way and are responsible for the materials they build on the Foundation.

The building plans will be adapted to the use of the building. Christ's Church is a living organism that is tested by the storms that sweep upon it to destroy. But the Master declared that its greatest foe could not prevail against it. Vision, courage, and loyalty are needed to withstand the stress and strain.

Speaking of the work of Seventh Day Baptists the author asks the pertinent question, "whether the Christian world as a whole has gained in these years any broader knowledge or keener appreciation of the principles for which Seventh Day Baptists stand." In spite of our not having "measured up to our desires and responsibilities," he believes that greater

progress has been made in the past quarter of a century than in our previous history.

The message closes with a high note of courage and faith in the permanency of the work, "for it is founded upon a rock."

RECORDER readers will want a copy of this booklet. It can be had from the Recorder Press at ten cents each, or fifteen for a dollar, postpaid.

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

"I am Jehovah's Witness!" said an earnest young man, appearing at the door of the writer's home some years ago. "So am I!" said the writer, and proceeded to give what he still thinks was a worthy bit of witnessing, for Christ as well as for Jehovah.

The writer has not seen the pamphlet which Jehovah's Witnesses distributed from door to door in Litchfield, Ill., on Sunday morning, June 16. The title of the tract was "Religion as a World Remedy." It is a good title, and though this writer would probably give the subject a treatment somewhat different from that developed by Jehovah's Witnesses, he thinks the idea a notable one.

But the point is that Litchfield people could have found a much better way of dealing with the Witnesses than burning their pamphlets, overturning their cars, and forcing some of them to kiss the flag. Admitted that the Witnesses were provocative, this is no way to deal with a religious minority in free America. And it is alarming that people in Texas and Maine used methods that were almost as wholly lacking in elementary democracy.

There is a further point. Intolerance of this kind soon spreads; indeed, it is alarming to note that persecution of religious groups started the same way in Nazi Germany. There were sects like Jehovah's Witnesses in Hitlerland. Early in his campaign against religion, Der Fuehrer turned on these small groups. He arrested the Witnesses about the same time that he went after the Communists. Now he is generally regarded as opposed to all religious groups — Protestants, Catholics, and Jews.

However we may feel about the Supreme Court decision in the flag-saluting case (and there are many Christians who go along with dissenting Justice Stone in thinking it an infringement of conscience), we must see the threat to our religious liberty in such un-American conduct as that shown in the battle against the Witnesses.

—T. Otto Nall,  
In Christian Advocate.

### SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION (Concluded)

#### Sabbath Privileges

Everything in nature contributed to a perfect day, a glorious Sabbath that spoke anew to many sensitive hearts. Early people began to gather, and by nine a.m. the house was comfortably full for the communion service conducted by Pastor Marion C. Van Horn. Hymns were sung, helping to point the pastor's pre-communion meditation. Assisted by former Pastor Wm. L. Davis, now of Jackson Center, O., and Pastor James L. Skaggs of Salem, W. Va., he administered the elements of the Lord's Supper. Distribution was made by the three local deacons and one from Lost Creek, two local deaconesses and one from Berea having part in the service also. It was a well-ordered and beautiful service commemorating the Lord's sacrifice and death.

Following a brief interim and a children's service conducted by Mrs. Erma Van Horn and Mrs. Mary Blough, the regular church worship was taken up, and a helpful sermon delivered by Rev. Wm. L. Davis.

His own résumé follows:

Sermon Theme: "Blest to Bless"

Text: "I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing."

When God blesses us with gifts of any kind, he wants us to be a blessing to others. Nothing he gives to us is for ourselves alone; we receive that we may give again.

I. This is God's plan for the work of promoting the interest of his kingdom.

So far as we can see, it is God's plan to convert the world through man's effort for men. Jesus said to his disciples as he sent them forth, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." "Freely ye have received, freely give."

When Jesus healed the raving demoniac, he wanted to be with Jesus. Jesus' reply was: Go home to thy folks. Tell them what the Lord hath done for thee. Be thou a blessing to others.

When John the Baptist pointed his disciples to Jesus as the Christ, John and Andrew said to him, "Master, where dwellest thou?" and Jesus said to them, "Come and see." They went with him and after they had spent the day with him each brought his brother to Jesus. "Be thou a blessing to others."

Maybe you are blessed with youth and vigor. Use it for Jesus and others. "Be thou a blessing."

Maybe he has blessed you with loving, winning ways. Be a blessing to others.

Maybe God has blessed you with the possession of influence. "Be thou a blessing."

Maybe God has blessed as parents. Be thou a blessing in your home. Live your blessing into the lives of your children. "Be thou a blessing."

Maybe God has blessed you with business ability and entrusted you with means. "Be thou a blessing."

Maybe you are blessed with the gift of music. Sing the gospel. Win others to Jesus with your power of song. "Though they may forget the singer, they will not forget the song."

II. Our success depends upon following God's plan.

There is danger in these days of mass operations causing us to shift our personal responsibilities to the shoulders of committees and corporations. But none of these can take the place of personal, individual effort. There is a tendency to rely upon great movements in the church—the use of methods and machinery. The church cannot by any huge drag-net draw at a single haul a multitude of fishes. Christian work must be largely individual, upon individual hearts. It was the method Jesus and his early followers used. It is our best and most effective way today. As individual Christians, let us become possessed with a sense of our personal duty. "I will bless, and be thou a blessing."

Great things would come to pass in all our churches if the members would become conscious of their personal responsibilities and opportunities. There are a great many of us. Though we may feel very weak, let us remember that our God is strong and he will not forsake us. Let us depend on him.

God plans for us to help him in this: "I will bless thee; be thou a blessing." All our success depends upon us, following that plan. But let us not forget, also, that our highest blessing will come in this way. God says, "He that watereth shall be watered also himself." "To him that hath, shall be given." "Freely ye have received, freely give." Our highest joy comes in the very act of service.

"I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing."

*Program of the Woman's Board*

A well thought out program prepared by Mrs. E. F. Loofboro, president, was carried out under the leadership of Mrs. Lucile Bond. The nature of the program was a representative meeting of the board, with worship service, reading of minutes and other matters. Particularly stressed was the reading of correspondence from the Conference president, Dr. Ben R. Crandall; from Rev. Ary T. Bottoms; and Mrs. Luther W. Crichlow, telling of the work in Jamaica and accepting the responsible task of board regional secretary. From such a presentation one feels sure that many for the first time came to see something of the problems and responsibility of the Woman's Board. We hope some of the material presented will be sent through the board to the department in the SABBATH RECORDER.

*Young People*

The closing program of the day was put on by the young people, and again they gave a good account of themselves and of their interest in denominational work. The main address of the evening was given by Orville B. Bond, principal in one of the Clarksburg, W. Va., high schools. In his practical message he encouraged the young people to work on a long-view program, and to build life on far-reaching principles of religion and a right kind of philosophy. Our principles must be such as to direct one's everyday life. This program and that of the early breakfast on Sunday morning will be reported by others for the Young People's department of the SABBATH RECORDER.

*Closing Day*

Rev. Jay W. Crofoot presented denominational interests to an interested audience. Many, we feel confident, have a better picture of our United Budget than ever before, of the things back of salaries, appropriations, and appeals; and it is hoped folks who have felt little or no responsibility in helping to raise the Budget will now back up their churches in more adequate denominational finance. We hope his message and those of others may get results as quickly as that of O. B. Bond of the night before. Mr. Bond spoke of young people and automobile rides of young people. Immediately at the close of the evening session some four or more loads of folks drove to Roaring Springs to see the colored fountain lights. Our usually quick-witted Doctor

Crofoot forgot to make such an allusion in his address. So we put it in here.

In the afternoon the Tract Board interests were presented by Secretary Van Horn, assisted by Frederik J. Bakker who spoke on the work of the Tract Board as viewed by one of the younger members.

His carefully thought-out address with the presentation of the work by the secretary gave information and we trust created an interest that will bear fruit in days to come.

*Business*

The business of the association did not occupy as much time as that in some of our associations. However, enough was done to run the machinery sufficiently, and what more is needed? The next association will be held at Lost Creek, with Urso B. Davis as moderator. Nothing was said about the time of the meeting.

Sabbath morning the offering for the Denominational Budget amounted to \$17.49.

*An Evangelistic Message*

The closing sermon was by Rev. Alva L. Davis on Luke 4: 16-21, "The Greatest Moment in Religious History."

It was a great moment when the herald of a spiritual religion was born; instead of a holy ritual, a holy place—a holy Person. Christ has come. (1) Is he the biggest thing in your life? The dominating affection? (2) Does he represent your deepest intelligence? Religion must be intelligent. Lack of intelligence is evidenced in the vagaries of many religions and cults. The Christian must be informed. The SABBATH RECORDER should be in every Seventh Day Baptist home. (3) Does Christ represent your daily life? It must be marked by moral and spiritual overtones. A true Christian is not one who seeks to get by, by thin moral margins. True religion must function or fail in every day life and in every phase of life. Our religion must be missionary and evangelistic. The religion of Jesus saves in ways personal, social, and world wide.

A short, mere report can never do justice to such a message as Doctor Davis preached in this closing meeting. It was a challenge to the man without Christ, to accept him.

*And So Forth*

The sessions were all well attended from first to last. The closing meeting was especially largely attended by local people of other churches.

The fellowship throughout was fine. Resolutions of appreciation of hospitality of the entertaining church were heartily approved by visitors and delegates; and one of reconsecration was almost unanimous.

The writer has been attending associations at Salemville a good many years. Always there is someone missing, as we go again. Who of us will meet there as they gather in 1946 or 47? Some will be missing. Let us "work the works of him that sent us while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

**CONFERENCE AT BATTLE CREEK**

Final arrangements have now been made for the great meeting of the General Conference on August 10-25.

A recent visit to our church at Battle Creek revealed splendid co-operation, efficient planning, and enthusiasm for the coming event. It would seem that every detail had been thought of and arrangements being made to meet it. The "set-up" seems ideal. I wish to say a hearty "Amen" to the article by Pastor Edward Holston in the RECORDER of July 8. It should be read from every pulpit.

The city of Battle Creek and Fair Lake are certainly beautiful and favorable settings for all the activities attending the General Conference and the Young People's Leadership Training Course.

The department programs so far submitted show careful thought and preparation and the persons participating have been wisely chosen.

Now it remains for the membership of each church of our entire denomination to co-operate whole-heartedly to make our coming Conference the real success we wish it to be. The well laid plans and hard work of the friends at Battle Creek and the fine programs prepared and presented by our boards and societies will count for little unless every church has a sizable, interested delegation to take part in the proceedings and carry the messages and inspiration back to the home church.

We are expecting to see you at Conference.

*Conference Honor Roll*

First reports of churches and individuals to the chairman of the Finance Committee and president of Conference:

"Will endeavor" pledge for the 1940-41 Budget—Waterford, Conn.; Daytona Beach, Fla.

Annual Statistical Report—Marlboro, N. J.; Los Angeles, Calif.

First Century Club (pledge to give 25 per cent of increase in income)—Mr. Lyle E. Maxson, Littleton, Colo.

Program for Conference—Stewardship, by Rev. Harley Sutton; Sabbath School Board, by Rev. John F. Randolph.

Names of Delegates to Conference — New York City.

Other reports are coming in. Are yours among them? August first is the last day of grace.

In gratitude and anticipation,

Ben R. Crandall.

**MISSIONS****THE USE OF PROPERTY**

There are two ideas regarding the use of what we possess. One is the ownership claim, and the other is the stewardship idea by which we are Christ's stewards in all things.

For instance, take property as an illustration. According to the ownership idea, when one gets property, be it little or much, one owns it and the Almighty himself is counted out. Following the ownership principle, man is at liberty to use all he can acquire as he pleases so long as he does nothing immoral with it. It may be well to help benevolent works, but there is no need of doing so; he can do as he pleases. He can lavish it upon himself or hoard it about him knee-deep without incurring the divine disfavor. This is the policy of the world.

According to the stewardship idea, the wealth of the world is entrusted to men to be used for Christ and his cause. It holds that whatever amount is entrusted to one, a portion is to be used for suffering and sinning humanity for whom Christ died, and that all that remains after one's reasonable wants are supplied and the reasonable needs of those dependent upon one is to be used for the King of Glory.

The trouble with the rich man in the parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12: 16-21) was that he had not followed the stewardship idea. Did the loving Father lay his Son, beloved and precious, on the altar, and then place this wealth in our hands to lavish on ourselves while those for whom Christ died live and die in misery and shame because they lack that which our property might carry them?

No! All this wealth has been made to come forth at this time and has been given to Christians as Christ's stewards, that the whole world might be evangelized in our day.

Miss. Sec.

### OUR SCHOOLS IN SHANGHAI

(Taken from 1940 Annual Reports)

#### I.

#### Grace High School for Boys

Dear Secretary Burdick:

In reporting on the work of the school for this eventful year of 1939-1940, I cannot help but feel that we have indeed a great deal to be thankful for in this period of confusion and conflict through which the world is now passing, and that in the midst of all these swift changes there is at least one thing which is truly immutable, that is the love of God who is ever so merciful and so loving. In the midst of turmoil we have lived in peace, and in spite of all the uncertainties confronting us we have been able to carry on the work of the school unmolested and undisturbed. My report follows:

1. School Administration. The school opened September 13, 1939, and closed January 19, 1940, for the winter vacation. It reopened February 6, and is scheduled to close for the present academic year next Friday, June 28. Throughout the year there are 36 weeks of instruction for all the classes, exclusive of holidays. Altogether there are 13 grades and 16 classes, starting from the kindergarten up to the last year of senior high school. The total enrollment for the first term was 563, while that for the present term is 571. There are less in the high school and more in the primary grades this term as compared with the last. For both terms the ratio is about one high school student to two in the primary. On the faculty there were 31 members last fall, and 34 at present, including Mrs. H. E. Davis who has taught English to two of our senior classes, and Miss Mabel West who taught one class in the senior high and supervised all the English instruction in the primary. Mrs. Eling Sung is still with us, and Mr. Dzau has continued as our business manager.

2. Student Evangelism. During the year more has been done in the line of religious education for our students than we had been able to do in all the previous years of the

recent past. It seems that the war has brought down death and destruction, but it has also brought about a miraculous change in the mind of many people, making it more receptive and responsive. Throughout the year we had a "student church" every Sabbath, with Mr. Chwaung presiding and Mr. Zee, our new student evangelist, preaching. Attendance was voluntary, and most of the time it was well attended. Beginning this term we have also included Bible study in the curriculum. Mr. Davis had one class for the senior students, and Mr. Zee had four for the juniors.

3. Health Work. During the first term Doctor Palmberg held a special clinic for our students. Any student with any physical complaint to make was sent to her for treatment. But later it was thought that with the Girls' School students and all the outside patients to take care of, it might be too much to have her continue to take this additional work, and therefore upon the recommendation of Doctor Thorngate, the service of a German refugee doctor has been secured since March of this year. He comes here three times a week, and stays two hours each time to give treatments. Special attention has been given to the treatment and eradication of trachoma and skin infections, and I believe good results have been obtained. When the school clinic was not open, both Doctor Thorngate and Doctor Palmberg have been called upon for help in case of an emergency. We are very grateful to them for the professional service thus rendered. Doctor Thorngate has also given a lecture course on hygiene in our senior department this term.

4. Financial Condition. A separate report will be given by our treasurer, Mrs. West, in regard to the financial condition of the school at the present time, but here I do wish to say that we are very grateful to the board for the continued support that has been given to us during the year. On account of the rising cost of living, it has not been easy to meet all our needs, especially in the boarding department. During the year several hundred dollars local currency had to be paid for the board of some of our teachers and workers, an item which in previous years was easily taken care of by the room rent that we received from the students. But during the present year, prices have gone up so high that room rent alone has been found insufficient to pay for it, and this in spite of the

fact that we have already raised the rent twice in a single year, first from \$8 to \$12, and again from \$12 to \$15 per term.

The above completes my report for the closing year. I thank you for your continued interest in the work here, and I beg you to remember us in your prayers as you have always done before.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. Chang.

Shanghai, China,

June 23, 1940.

#### II.

#### Grace School for Girls

What has the "line upon line and precept upon precept" done this year for the five hundred children in the Girls' School? We hope it has made them increase in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man, but only God can measure the value of the year to each.

The number of students is about fifty more than last year. There have been several changes in the teaching staff. Because of the addition of another year of high school, teachers have been added to the faculty. Mrs. Thorngate has taken over two English classes, much to their advantage. Our very earnest religious worker, Mrs. Peter Chang, had to give up her work because of her husband's illness. Our second grade teacher, Miss Soo We-fung, stopped teaching to enter college, and shortly after went home to Jesus very suddenly. She left us the fragrance of a beautiful life.

The second year course of senior school has been added and the third and last year will be added in the fall, we trust. There are thirty-four girls to graduate from junior high. Three are planning to take up nursing, three normal courses, and one or two business, but we expect to have a senior high entering class of between twenty-five and thirty.

The extra curricular activities this year, as last, have included several trips to factories and a printing plant, musical programs at the close of each term, and Chinese and English plays given for the alumnae meetings. The Student Government Association has sponsored a series of contests—Chinese essays, English declamations, volleyball, singing, and house cleaning.

The daily prayer groups have continued to bring blessing to many and the Christian Endeavor has met regularly on Sabbath morn-

ings at eight. The programs have included religious dramatics, speakers and demonstrations from outside. The older girls have taken responsibility in both student government and Christian Endeavor very splendidly. The older students make the burdens of the school less in many ways.

God has wonderfully cared for us in every way and we know his care will continue. We only ask to be worthy of his trust.

Anna M. West.

May 31, 1940.

### MEETING OF TRACT BOARD

The Tract Board met on Sunday, July 14, 1940, at 2 p.m., with Vice-President Lavern C. Bassett presiding, and the following members present: Lavern C. Bassett, Herbert C. Van Horn, Courtland V. Davis, Frederik J. Bakker, J. Leland Skaggs, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Irving A. Hunting, Franklin A. Langworthy, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Everett C. Hunting, Hurley S. Warren, J. Alfred Wilson, Trevah R. Sutton, and L. Harrison North, manager of the publishing house.

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

Since last report your corresponding secretary has attended the Eastern, Central, and Southeastern associations, and the Ministers' Conference at Alfred, N. Y.

At the associations the secretary presented the interests of the board: at the Eastern, assisted by Rev. Lester G. Osborn and Rev. Albert N. Rogers, who presented able addresses; and at the Southeastern, assisted helpfully by Frederik J. Bakker, who spoke of the work of the board as seen by one of its younger members. At the Southeastern, the secretary also conducted the conference meeting on Sabbath eve. He was scheduled to preach the Sabbath morning sermon, but gave place to a former pastor who unexpectedly was present. The theme of this association was "Our Sabbath," and text—Exodus 20: 8.

Six sessions of the Ministers' Conference were devoted wholly to the Sabbath and its promotion. The secretary conducted the discussion at the first session following the address on Present-day Attitudes Toward the Sabbath, by Rev. Alva L. Davis. As editor of the "Recorder," the secretary has reported all these meetings.

Two days were spent in vacation between Ministers' Conference and return home, in which time a sermon was preached in interest of our work at Lost Creek, W. Va.

Since last report some thirty-four letters have been written and a few tracts mailed.

Interesting letters from Swansea, Wales, and London, England, have been received. Dark days

are being experienced by our friends in those places, but faith and courage are manifested.

The program of pulpit exchange in the interests of Sabbath observance and promotion was carried out rather widely in May, with some disappointments and failures on account of sickness or other local reasons. But as far as reported, the exchange was considered helpful and worth while. Many sermons on some phase of the Sabbath were preached, most of the churches hearing two, one from their own pastor and one from their visiting pastor.

A printed bulletin was furnished with inner space for the local worship program, and was used appreciatively on Sabbath Rally Day.

The authorized two thousand edition of "Building on a Sure Foundation," by Dr. Boothe C. Davis is now off the press.

Not a little time of the secretary has been given to the work of a special committee on the "Recorder," which will report at this meeting.

The annual report has been prepared and is ready when called for.

Secretary Van Horn also commented informally on the arrangements and results of the pulpit exchange program in the interests of Sabbath observance, reading extracts from several of the letters received in this connection.

Treasurer J. Leland Skaggs submitted his quarterly report as follows:

J. Leland Skaggs, Treasurer,  
In account with the  
American Sabbath Tract Society  
For the quarter ending June 30, 1940

Dr.  
To balance on hand, April 1, 1940:  
General Fund \$1,820.66  
Reserve for 1938-39 taxes 423.01  
Reserve for 1938-39 interest 4.25  
Denominational Building Fund 4.61  
Reserve for Historical Society rooms 35.89  
Maintenance Fund 122.13  
Reserve for taxes 375.00  
\$2,785.55

To cash received since as follows:

GENERAL FUND  
Contributions: Individuals & churches \$ 38.05  
Denominational Budget 613.11  
Income from invested funds: through  
A. S. T. S. 1,945.09  
Income from invested funds: through  
Memorial Board 332.04  
Receipts from "Sabbath Recorder" 576.56  
Receipts from "Helping Hand" 259.52  
General printing, distribution of literature 34.26  
Income from Dora B. Egbert Funds  
on deposit .25  
Rent from Lombardi property—  
under foreclosure 24.00  
S. D. B. Building Budget—account  
balance of denominational share of  
principal of tax loan 136.97  
Maintenance Fund—account 3 mo. taxes 75.00  
Receipts from real estate: Rent—  
207 W. 6th St. 273.00  
209-11 Prescott Pl. 278.50  
1382 Belleview 75.00  
Sale of plants and materials—  
Belleview Ave. property 6.25  
4,667.60

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING FUND  
Contributions \$ 5.00  
General Fund—contribution of 10-19-39  
included in General Fund in error 5.00  
10.00  
MAINTENANCE FUND  
Rent from publishing house \$ 225.00  
Income from Denominational Building  
Endowment 55.88  
280.88  
PERMANENT FUND  
Luigi Iuliano—account prin. of mortgage \$ 600.00  
Thomas Vesey—acct. prin. of mortgage 175.00  
Catherine A. Tripp—acct. prin.  
of mortgage 100.00  
S. H. Davis—acct prin. of mortgage 300.00  
1,175.00  
\$8,919.03

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By cash paid out as follows:

GENERAL FUND  
Sabbath Promotion Work—salary  
of leader \$ 22.50  
Sabbath Promotion Work—travel exp. 36.25  
Young people's work 150.00  
"Sabbath Recorder" 1,804.85  
"Sabbath Recorder"—special committee 45.37  
"Helping Hand" 737.71  
General printing and distribution  
of literature 156.04  
Corresponding secretary—salary 356.50  
Corresponding secretary—travel  
and office expense 77.50  
Additional field work—stationary,  
postage, etc. 23.45  
Pulpit exchange 73.57  
Treasurer's expense: Auditing reports 5.00  
Clerical assistance 52.00  
Premium on surety bond 25.00  
Travel expense 12.10  
Expense of representative to Conference,  
associations, etc. 82.09  
Recording secretary—typing and  
mimeographing minutes 29.15  
Coupon collection charge .21  
Legal fees re-foreclosure Lombardi  
property 50.00  
Insurance—Lombardi property—under  
foreclosure 12.69  
John C. Dilts, Collector:  
1st quarter 1939 D. B. taxes 575.00  
Interest on same 58.02  
Rebinding 28 volumes of "Sabbath  
Recorder" 49.00  
Express charges to B. Login & Son 1.52  
Denominational Building Fund—  
Contribution of 10-19-39 included  
in General Fund by error 5.00  
Real estate expenses:  
207 W. 6th St. 230.70  
209-11 Prescott Pl. 117.17  
612 W. 7th St. 107.53  
1382 Belleview Ave. 114.75  
\$5,010.67

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING FUND  
Payment account three months' interest  
on loan from Permanent Fund 6.00  
MAINTENANCE FUND  
Miscellaneous maintenance expenses \$ 109.96  
S. D. B. Building Budget—account  
income from D. B. Endowment 55.88  
Patching and painting outside print shop 19.00  
Repairing printshop roof & coating walls 20.25  
Account 1st quarter 1939 taxes 75.00  
280.09

PERMANENT FUND  
Transferred to savings account 1,175.00  
\$6,471.76  
By balance on hand, June 30, 1940:  
General Fund \$1,185.73  
Reserve for 3 installments 1939 taxes 334.12  
Reserve for interest on same 40.00

Reserve for 1st and 2nd installments  
of 1940 taxes on printshop 335.00  
Reserve for interest on same 10.00  
Denominational Building Fund 8.61  
Reserve for Historical Society rooms 35.89  
Maintenance Fund 122.92  
Reserve for taxes 375.00  
2,447.27  
\$8,919.03

J. Leland Skaggs,  
Treasurer.

Plainfield, N. J.,  
July 13, 1940.

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

J. W. Hiebeler,  
Auditor.

Plainfield, N. J.,  
July 13, 1940.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Distribution of Literature presented the following report through its secretary, Frederik J. Bakker:

The Committee on Distribution of Literature reports that there are at the present time forty-six persons who are members of the "Tract of the Month Club."

The committee wants to convey to Mr. North, manager of the publishing house, its appreciation for his creation of an excellent format of the tract by Dr. B. C. Davis, entitled "Building on a Sure Foundation."

The report was received.

The Committee on Young People's Conferences and Summer Camps reported through its chairman, Franklin A. Langworthy, that the entire allowance in the board's budget for such work was being used by Ahva J. G. Bond in his work with such conferences and camps during the present summer.

The following report was presented by Herbert C. Van Horn, chairman of the committee:

Your committee appointed March 10, 1940, to "Conduct a poll throughout the denomination on proposed changes in the 'Sabbath Recorder' subscription price and policy," would respectfully report as follows:

1. In a preliminary survey covering two typical churches, letters were sent to members thereof whose names were not on the subscription list of the "Sabbath Recorder," asking for suggestions for so changing the denominational paper as to cause them to be willing to subscribe for it. Despite return postage envelopes enclosed, returns from these requests were almost negligible.

2. The committee then circulated a post card questionnaire throughout the denomination, again offering to pay postage on all returns. Nearly ten thousand cards were circulated through churches and in letters to lone Sabbath keepers.

One hundred twenty-eight replies were received, but only about two-fifths, fifty to be exact, of them came from non-subscribers.

In large measure the results were so scattering as to be inconclusive. No major change in any matter concerning the "Sabbath Recorder" was indicated by any considerable number of replies. Several minor suggestions of value were received. Some of these are already being used by the editor, and others will be worked in from time to time as opportunity offers.

3. The committee feels that the results of its canvass warrant no recommendation to the board.

Respectfully,

Nathan E. Lewis,  
Courtland V. Davis,  
Herbert C. Van Horn, Chairman,  
Committee.

It was voted that the report be received.

It was voted that the board send its greetings and sympathy to President Randolph, who is absent from this meeting because of illness.

It was voted that the board express its appreciation of the work done by the various pastors in co-operating with the board in its pulpit exchange program in the interests of Sabbath observance and promotion.

Lavern C. Bassett,  
Vice-President,  
Courtland V. Davis,  
Recording Secretary.

## WOMAN'S WORK MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD MEETING

The Woman's Board met in the Mrs. G. H. Trainer Classroom in Salem, July 14, 1940. The following ladies were present: Mrs. E. F. Loofboro, Mrs. Okey Davis, Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Mrs. G. H. Trainer, and Mrs. Edward Davis.

Prayer was offered around the circle.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. Edward Davis, who acted as secretary pro tem in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. O. B. Bond.

Mrs. S. O. Bond read her treasurer's report; she reported a balance of \$869.25. Her report was accepted as read.

A report of progress was given by the executive committee.

Voted that the corresponding secretary order the usual number of World's Day of Prayer programs to send to Seventh Day Baptist mission stations.

It was voted that the corresponding secretary send for twelve copies of the booklet, "Now, More than Ever."

A very interesting report by a Woman's Board correspondent, Mrs. E. H. Bottoms of Nile, N. Y., was read.

Voted that Mrs. Okey Davis place the Woman's Board library with suitable labels in the Mrs. G. H. Trainer Classroom.

A quarterly report, ending June 30, 1940, from Rev. R. J. Severance, was read.

Voted that the treasurer secure someone to audit her books.

Voted that the board meet the first Sunday in August at the home of Mrs. Trainer.

Mrs. Edward Davis,  
Sec. pro tem.,

Mrs. E. F. Loofboro,  
President.

### EXCERPTS FROM LETTER

The Woman's Board,  
Salem, W. Va.

Dear members of the Woman's Board:

There are so many things you should know in regard to the work being done by the various societies of our association, that I am writing you before I get my report completed so you may have the information before your July meeting.

I must say, I am enjoying my work immensely. I have visited almost all the societies and find every one very busy and doing good work. To visit the various groups and learn just what is being accomplished by each gives one a spiritual uplift.

The Alfred Station ladies seem to be working in perfect unity. They are deeply interested in their young people and work hard to raise money for the support of the Scout groups, and they assist in paying the junior choir leader of the church. They also support the W.C.T.U. work and raise much of the pastor's salary. They raise their money largely by serving public dinners. Once each month they have a dinner equal to a banquet. A week before this they put an advertisement in the county paper, giving a broad invitation. By so doing they have people up from Hornell and vicinity. The day I visited them they served about one hundred plates at thirty-five cents per plate. They also serve three-cent suppers to the community, and they do various things to provide entertainment for their young people.

The Alfred Church is more fortunate than most of our churches. There are so many women they have two societies organized, namely, the "Evangelical Society" and the "Ladies' Aid Society." I found the Evangelical ladies more interested in missionary work, while they help support the local church. The Aid society helps to support the church and its activities, also denominational work. The same ladies compose both societies and they work in harmony. They use various methods for raising money: community dinners, rummage sales, quilt work, bazaars, etc.

The Andover ladies are few, but one of the most enthusiastic groups I ever met. It is surprising the amount of work they do. They are raising most of the pastor's salary; they send flowers to the sick of their village; and they work to provide entertainment for their few young people. Their ways of raising money this year are as follows: four three-cent suppers; four quilts and two bed spreads, made and sold; ten-cent collections for dinner from each lady on Aid meeting days; five-cent collection from each lady for flowers at every meeting. They answer the roll call with a Bible verse, and a reading is given by one of the members at each meeting. Annually they clean the church on a monthly meeting day, and after the work is done, they hold a business meeting and serve tea.

Little Genesee ladies are enthusiastic and have accomplished a great deal this year. They are giving me a report of work accomplished by the society. They raise money for the support of the church and other community activities. They raise their money by serving Sunday dinners, community dinners, rug making, and some quilt work.

The Nile ladies are an active group and do good work. The society takes interest in the church and denominational work and in the community in general. They are helping raise the pastor's salary; they make a thank offering for the benefit of the Denominational Budget; they help support the Vacation Bible School; they remember the sick with flowers and assist the young people of the church in projects which they undertake. They have various ways of earning their money: serving monthly dinners, making rugs, quilt making, and an annual thank offering. Then there is an annual chicken dinner which nets the society approximately twenty dollars. The ladies also make and give quilts to needy families and

plan always to remember the needy of the community with Christmas boxes.

The Richburg society is small but is a group of willing workers. They are deeply interested in the local church work and the denomination. The society gives freely to the Denominational Budget and for the support of the pastor and other local work. They raise their money through the serving of dinners, banquets, and project work.

I'll write similar reports from the Independence and Crandall Hill societies and send to you when I send my condensed reports which will be about July 20.

Sincerely,

Mrs. E. H. Bottoms,  
Western Association  
Woman's Board Correspondent.

Nile, N. Y.  
June 30, 1940.

### DAILY MEDITATIONS

(Prepared by Nellie R. Kimshel, Durham, Conn.)

Theme for the Week—Thankfulness

Sunday, July 28

Psalm 103

Be ye thankful. Colossians 3: 15, last clause.

Most all the sins we can think of originated back in the Garden of Eden, and the sin of ingratitude is no exception. God created our first parents and put them in most beautiful surroundings—they were in a beautiful garden which at that time had never been cursed by weeds or thorns. Everything was provided for their living, and what was more, they had the privilege of talking with God each evening in the cool of the day. He told them that all was theirs. They could eat of all the many varieties of fruit that grew there; only one tree was withheld from them. As there was plenty without that one, there was no need for them to touch it.

How grateful these two should have been to God, and probably they were at first. But there must have come a time when they forgot to be thankful to him for all these blessings, and they began to be dissatisfied and wish for something more. This, as we know, led them into sin. And it still works that way today. When we forget to be thankful to God, then we begin to stray from him.

Prayer—

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
Songs of gratitude and praise.  
Amen.

Monday, July 29

Psalm 100

Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.  
Psalm 100: 4.

When people get too much of this world's goods they cease to be thankful, and I believe that the poor and those in moderate circumstances are more apt to appreciate their blessings than those who have plenty. I speak from experience, for I remember a time in our lives when we were very poor, and when we needed a pair of shoes very much my husband and I would kneel by our bed and ask our Father for them. You might know that when those shoes came (and they surely did, for "Jesus never fails") we were indeed grateful to him for them and praised him for answering us. But I have found that when there is money in my purse, I just go and buy what I need and pay for it and sometimes even forget to thank my Father for this gift.

To be unthankful is one of the greatest sins of our day. It is a terrible thing to be unappreciative to our friends and relatives who do things for us, but it is still worse to forget the "Giver of every good and perfect gift." Let us make his heart glad today as we send up our thanks and praise to him.

Prayer—

Father, we thank thee for the night,  
And for the pleasant morning light,  
For rest and food and loving care,  
And all that makes the day so fair.  
Amen.

Tuesday, July 30

Isaiah 5: 1-7

What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? Isaiah 5: 4.

These few verses are a song of complaint. God likens his people to a vineyard, saying he has taken great pains in caring for it. He fenced it and gathered out the stones. He planted this vineyard in a very fruitful hill, so we infer that it was good ground. Then he waited to see the fruit of his labors—and

behold, the grapes were wild and sour. A dark picture this, of failure and disappointment.

But God here asks the question, What more could I have done to my vineyard? Can any of us give a good answer? Our God has done everything that could be done for us, and instead of bringing forth good fruits—instead of bringing praise and thanksgiving to our Father, we forget sometimes to be grateful to him.

It is a terrible sin—this sin of ingratitude; nothing hurts us more than ingratitude on the part of people we have tried to help. God's heart must ache too when he looks down upon this world and sees how it has forgotten him.

Prayer—Father, we would bow in praise and adoration this day. We truly thank thee for all thy many blessings showered upon us. Amen.

Wednesday, July 31

Daniel 2: 1-23

Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel 2: 19.

Here Nebuchadnezzar asked something very unusual of his magicians, astrologers, and wise men—he not only asked for an interpretation of his dream, but also demanded that they tell him the dream itself, for he had forgotten it. They answered him that "not a man upon the earth" could do such a thing. Daniel also answered the king with the same words, but he did not stop there; he added, "but there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets."

Finally Daniel had a dream in which was revealed to him both the dream of the king and the interpretation of it. Here was a chance for him to become proud and lifted up, that he had accomplished something that none of the wisest men in the kingdom could do. No, not Daniel. He acknowledged God in everything. He could have said, "O King, I know what your dream was; it came to me in the night." No, he gave God the glory; he said, "there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets."

"Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven, and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever."

Let us partake of Daniel's spirit today and pray.

Prayer—Blessed be the name of God forever—we praise thee for our minds—that we are able to think. Help us to think of thee and thy goodness to us, and be truly grateful. Amen.

Thursday, August 1

2 Chronicles 20: 1-25

And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. 2 Chronicles 20: 22.

Here we have a picture of a great army coming to fight against Judah. They must have greatly outnumbered the Israelites, for Jehoshaphat said, "we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do." I am so glad that Jehoshaphat added these words, "but our eyes are upon thee." He knew where to look when in great trouble.

So he gathered his army together and started out, but his army must have appeared quite different from any army we have ever seen, for at the head of it he placed singers who should go before and say, "Praise the Lord, for his mercy endureth forever." What an inspiration these singers must have been to the rest of the army. God looked down upon this army, led by singers praising him, and he was pleased. He caused such confusion to come into the army of the enemy that they destroyed each other. Israel won a wonderful victory that day—not by might nor by power, but by a wonderful spirit of praise.

Praise will also bring victory to us.

Prayer—

Praise ye Jehovah's name,  
Praise through his courts proclaim,  
Rise and adore.  
High o'er the heavens above  
Sound his great acts of love,  
While his rich grace we prove,  
Vast as his power.

Amen.

Friday, August 2

Luke 17: 11-19

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God. Luke 17: 15.

Leprosy, we are told, is a loathsome and horrible disease. Here in our Scripture lesson are ten men who were afflicted with it, and had never a hope of recovery until one day

Jesus came to their village. And sympathetic and compassionate as our Jesus is, he healed them. We would naturally think that they would be so grateful that they would never cease singing his praises. But how cold and heartless is man! After this wonderful change had taken place in the bodies of these ten men, only one had appreciation enough in his heart to turn back and say "Thank you." But he was truly grateful—he fell down on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. How he must have loved Jesus after that.

When folks are unthankful, it is because they do not love God or anyone else who has helped them. If we love our God enough, we will be constantly praising him for his benefits.

Prayer—I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most high. Psalm 9: 1, 2.

Sabbath, August 3

Acts 16: 19-34

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them. Acts 16: 25.

Paul and Silas sat there in the dark jail that night with their backs bleeding from the awful beating they had just received, and if they had been like most of us they would have groaned and bemoaned their fate and become discouraged, and probably would have complained thus, "Well, if this is all we get for serving the Lord, let us give up this idea of Christianity and go back to our old trade. Surely there must not be a God or he would bless us for working so hard for him."

Paul and Silas did just the opposite of this. At midnight they prayed and sang praises unto God. They had a faith in God which could not be shaken. They thanked God for deliverance from the power of sin, even though they were prisoners in jail. We all know what happened — how God heard that song of praise and sent an earthquake that opened the prison doors. Paul and Silas were made free that night, and also the jailer and his family were freed from the chains of sin—all because of that song of praise.

Let us too bless and praise the name of our God forever.

Prayer—

Grateful praise my tongue shall offer,  
'Neath thy smile or 'neath thy rod;  
Take the humble gift I proffer,  
Heart and mind and strength, O God.  
Amen.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

### THUNDERSTORM

Let the lightning flash!  
Let the thunder roar!  
I am the child of the King  
And those are my Father's fireworks!

Rhythm of the pounding rain,  
Crash of the flashing cymbals,  
Boom of the infinite bass  
Through the windswept night,  
For all the earth to see,  
Passing in review,  
Go the elements on parade!

I stand exultant, glorying in it all  
While Nature, expressive in magnificent display,  
Speaks her praise triumphant  
And in far-flung sonorous echoes,  
For all the earth to hear,  
Ascribes omnipotence to the Everlasting Creator,  
Whose child I am.

Let the lightning flash!  
Let the thunder roar!  
I am the child of the King  
And those are my Father's fireworks!

—Contributed by Madge B. Conyers.

### TIME

Steady as nightfall,  
Relentless as death,  
Elusive, invulnerable,  
Slipping with each breath—  
Soundlessly gliding,  
Nor heeding man's call,  
Predestined, unfathomable,  
Bringing age to all—  
Disdainful of the clock—man's invention  
Indifferent to man's best intention,  
Time passes, and is known no more  
As the moment of opportunity.

Contributed by Madge B. Conyers,  
Cleveland, Ga.

## THE SABBATH A DELIGHT

By Frederik J. Bakker

(Given at the Young People's breakfast Sunday morning, July 7, 1940, in the Bortz Grove, Salemville, Pa., as part of the program of the Southeastern Association.)

The first delight of Sabbath keeping is that we know that we are obedient children of our heavenly Father. Just as there exists love and harmony between earthly children

and their parents when such children are obedient to the commands and wishes, so there will exist love and harmony between the children of our heavenly Father and the latter.

Second, the Sabbath gives us an opportunity to think on higher things with which the activities of the week interfere. The worship services create the proper atmosphere under which such thoughts can be followed.

Third, another delight of Sabbath keeping is the opportunity to become more far sighted. During the week we become narrow and sour by our troubles and irritations. During the Sabbath we can come to the realization that our lives are part of eternity. The Bible tells us that a thousand years are like a day in God's sight. Therefore, we can learn that our problems are really momentary and we place them in the proper focus. Just as our eyes become pinched by much reading or peering through the microscope, so we become warped during the week. The Sabbath aids in increasing our mental sight.

Fourth, the Sabbath is a family day for most of us. It is almost the only day when the entire family can be together about the family table to enjoy the food and fellowship.

Fifth, it gives us opportunity to do differently from other days. In our home, for example, we read different books and we have special dessert. We can plan to create a different condition, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Finally, the Sabbath affords us time to do good. Possibly some letter to a friend should be written or some sick person should be visited. Such holy time is the ideal time to perform acts of charity.

This stanza of the hymn expresses what I have in mind:

"Oh, Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
Oh, calm of hills above!  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love."

### REFLECTIONS OF THE PASTORS' CONFERENCE

By Harley Sutton

When I think of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination I think both of men and women, boys and girls, and of the truth of God for which they stand. In thoughts of

great conferences we remember both outstanding speakers and new friendships and also the great purpose behind the conference. Attendance at this year's Pastors' Conference has strengthened both of these elements, the tie that binds us together in human and divine love and a deeper conviction concerning the truth for which we stand.

Search for truth is much more interesting than having it handed to us already discovered. The search for light on the Sabbath truth was an enriching experience for those who attended this conference. Out of what was said in the papers and discussion periods came the feeling that only by intensive thinking and work can we come to have deeper convictions and more evangelistic zeal for the Sabbath. We know that truth becomes power when it has become a part of people. Jesus said that the Church was founded on his Spirit and Way, becoming a part of man. A man with a burning conviction and on fire with divine zeal can always blaze a trail that men will see and follow. This conference strengthened in me the truth of a statement made by Dean A. E. Main, that we can be better members of the World Church by being better members of our local church and of our denomination.

Little Genesee, N. Y.

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

### OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear RECORDER Children:

This week we will begin our Bible lessons on the Sabbath. Our first lessons will be on the "Law of the Sabbath," and our Bible verse is again, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God."

When I was a little girl my grandmother always had a special treat for me on the Sabbath and I called it my "Sabbath day present." Now the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, is a very special present to us from God, the Father. He gave it to his people many thousands of years ago, but sometimes they were careless about keeping it, so God, to help them to remember to keep it more faithfully, lovingly commanded it, and our Bible passage today is that commandment. God knew that all people needed a day for

rest and worship so he set apart the seventh day for that purpose, as a wonderful present to his people all over the world of every race and nation. Should we not be very proud and happy to keep faithfully the Sabbath God has given us?

Next week I hope to have a story for you about a "Faithful Sabbath Keeper." Today I want to leave room for one of Mrs. Lois Fay Powell's good letters. By the way, I am looking for more messages from you, and you, and you.

Sincerely yours,  
Mizpah S. Greene.  
(Mrs. Walter L. Greene)

Andover, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene and the Children:

A week ago we left Alfred, with many good-bys unsaid. It is nice that we have a paper like the RECORDER, that will say for us whatever we have not time to say or to write to each loving friend. I wonder if you noticed on page 410 the two comments that reached the editor about the Children's Department. One wants "more in it," and another calls it "trivial"!

I hope those two comments will be made into a good push toward a boom of the Children's Page. I mean that you children will send your letters oftener, and that you will not consider your news "trivial," but will make it still more cheerful and encouraging.

Some people might call a cute little chipmunk that came to Mr. Herman Pieters' porch trivial, but I think he was a caller worth noticing, because he had such bright eyes, and saw the seed corn being tested in a glass jar. He was tired of the old nuts and dried apples and other stale last year's seeds he had for dinner all the spring, so he tipped the jar over and ate the seed corn!

And Bunny Rabbit who came down from Pine Hill mornings when the dogs were asleep, might be trivial too, to some people; but the fun he had playing he was a student promenading the sidewalks, or a garden inspector, and then hurrying home before anyone could guess where his home might be!

And the little chipping sparrow one met in May and June on the Main Street sidewalk, picking up ants to spice its dinner, or gathering grass and soft bits of fuzz from people's pockets to make a nest; later with mouthfuls of fresh bugs for the babies—trivial, but who could find that nest?

I have sometimes found chipping sparrows' nests, and it is no trivial skill they have hiding them. You and I will not let the people who think such things are trivial have their way with the Children's Page, nor with the rest of the RECORDER, will we?

Jesus has told us we are of more value than many sparrows. Our skill and our time can be freely given to do much more for God than the wise little sparrows can do. And we want to know what kind of time the children in Nebraska, Michigan, New England, China, Holland, and Old England are having carrying out their values. So let's magnify the department.

I meant to tell you how we found things in Massachusetts on our arrival, but my paper is full, so will leave that for another time, simply closing with "All's well!"

Lois F. Powell.

## OUR PULPIT WHOSE SERMON IS NEEDED HERE? YOURS. WHY NOT NOW?

### DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Shiloh, N. J.

Shiloh, July 8.—At the closing exercises of the Daily Vacation Bible School, which was held in Academy Hall, two members, Ruth Davis and Verle Rainear, were graduated from the regular course, finishing the eighth grade this year.

The enrollment for those attending at least five days was 135. The average attendance, which represented twenty different churches, was 121.

Rev. Lester G. Osborn was supervisor and Mrs. Ella Sheppard supervisor of music. Other teachers were: Miss Ethel Davis, Miss Betty Parvin, Mrs. Martie Hitchner, Mrs. Grace de Wilde, Mrs. Martha Scull, Miss Gertrude Dickinson, Miss Linda Rainear, Mrs. Alice Carr, Miss Betty Stillman. Jean Bonham was registrar.

One of the outstanding features this year was a talk on "Alcohol Education" by Miss Florence B. Bowden, county helping teacher, who also demonstrated some of the work along that line in the schools of the county. The talks were given during the assembly period of the first week of the school.



The general committee consisted of Mrs. Theresa Parvin, Deacon Auley C. Davis, Mrs. Sara Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smalley, Mr. Smalley supervising the transportation.—*Local paper, and Correspondent.*

#### Walworth, Wis.

Our church has recently been treated to a new roof, and the members have busied themselves in redecorating the auditorium and basement. This preparation assured a right reception for the quarterly meeting of the southern Wisconsin and Chicago churches held here on Sabbath, July 20. This church faces the future with new hope and a united mind to serve. Pray for us.

Correspondent.

#### Verona, N. Y.

The Young People's Social Club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sholtz on the evening of July 6. After the program, which consisted of several musical numbers and a little skit entitled, "The Census Taker," officers for the following six months were elected.

The monthly church night program was held in the church parlors July 13, in charge of the choir, with Raymond Sholtz toastmaster. Following the supper there was chorus singing of several hymns accompanied by illustrative slides. Then came a song by a ladies' trio, an interesting talk on Elementary School Music by Kenneth Babcock of Milton, Wis., and remarks by Pastor Davis. The benediction, pronounced by Rev. Herbert Polan, closed the program. Several out of town visitors were present.

Our community Vacation Bible School opened July 8, with Mrs. Howard Davis supervisor and a corps of five teachers and two assistants. The registration is seventy-five.

The quarterly convention of the Verona Town Council of Religious Education was held in the M. E. church in Verona village, Tuesday evening, July 16. The worship service was in charge of the Youth Council with Alva Warner, president, presiding. Following the worship program the speaker of the evening was Mrs. Norman Darling, wife of the pastor of Lowell M. E. Church. Miss Florence Agne of Verona and Kenneth Babcock of Milton, sang solos. After the installation service of the new officers of the Youth

Council the business session was conducted by Rev. A. L. Davis, president of the Adult Council. The attendance banner was won by our church.

Following the sermon and a short session of the church school July 20, baptism was administered to five of our young people by Pastor Davis.

Correspondent.

#### IN A POPPY FIELD ACROSS

By Isabel S. Burdick

In a dream last night, by crosses white,  
With low bent head I walked among our dead,  
In a poppy field across;  
I heard a hum as a rolling drum,  
'Twas the voice of loved ones lost.

"Go tell our sons  
It is not glorious or brave  
To fight and die and finally lie  
In an unknown soldier's grave.  
We loved our lives—our dreams were fair.  
Sweethearts and wives we left back there.  
We were but slaves, no question why,  
Ours but to dare and do and die."

I stood entranced in that field in France,  
With head bent low I listened still,  
In agony of voice they cried,  
'For naught we lived, for naught we died.  
Go tell our sons, 'Thou shalt not kill.' "

De Ruyter, N. Y.

#### MARRIAGES

Greene - Bond. — In the Seventh Day Baptist church in Dodge Center, Minn., on July 11, 1940, Miss Ardith Bond, daughter of Henry and Cora Ellis Bond, became the bride of Clare L. Greene, son of Mac and Ethel Duncan Greene, all of Dodge Center. Pastor of the couple, Charles W. Thorngate, officiated. These young people are both efficient workers in the society and will reside in Dodge Center.

#### OBITUARY

Davis. — Ella Ford Davis, daughter of George and Carolina Davis Ford, was born on Buckeye in Doddridge County, W. Va., and died June 5, 1940, at her home in Salem.

Surviving are three children: Cleveland Davis of Salem, Mrs. Orla Davis and Mrs. W. J. Stewart, both of Salem; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; three brothers, W. F. and Olonza Ford of Salem, Herbert of Charleston; and one sister, Mrs. E. O. Davis of Salem.

Farewell services were held in the Salem Seventh Day Baptist church, June 7, Dr. Walter E. Hancock officiating. Burial was in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery.  
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