

First Corinthians 14: 15 says, "I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." That, I feel, is the wish of the Shiloh choir. We do wish to sing our anthems and hymns with real feeling behind them. May we therefore follow the counsel of Colossians 3: 16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Mark 9: 35 tells us that "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all." None of the choir, I'm sure, desires to be first. Each one wishes only to do his part in order that the choir may work together as a complete unit.

In Psalm 31: 23 we read, "O love the Lord, all ye his saints; for the Lord preserveth the faithful." Again from Psalm 101: 6 come the words, "Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me." He preserveth the faithful. His eyes are on the faithful. May the choir this next year be one group of these faithful ones that he may look down upon.

Ella K. Sheppard,
Chorister.

England

(From a letter to Mrs. Adelaide M. Griffin of
Rochester, N. H.)

As you will see by the address, we have left London. We are staying here with my brother and his family until the raids are quieter in London. Ruth and I have been here since September, and my husband came before Christmas.

I had only a week or two of the raids, but it was enough. The suspense of the planes overhead all night, and the roar of the guns and the bombs were nerve racking. I found it impossible to sleep. Ruth slept a little, but used to wake up in fright. It would have ruined her health to have stayed there. I do thank the Lord that we had a haven to come to. We have had such beautiful peace and quietness since. I do not know how my husband stuck to it so long. I hope that things will quiet down soon so that we can go back home.

The Lord seems to be with us recently. He is giving us victory over the Italians.

I believe that he will give us victory over Hitler too. The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine.

We are not suffering any great hardship yet. We have plenty to eat, and good clothes to wear at good prices. Of course there is a shortage of certain things, such as fruit. We can get only apples and an occasional orange, and, of course, fats. Wheat and sugar are rationed. The things that we miss most are onions and lemons. I have not seen an onion for months. But it is surprising how we get used to doing without things, and do not miss them, after a bit.

My husband has done much better with his books here than in London. He sells about forty a day. Only one or two attend meetings now, as travel is so bad during raids.

Florence McGeachy.

Norton,
Stockton-on-Tees,
February 16, 1941.

Adams Center, N. Y.

The Adams Center Church has been co-operating with the Baptist Church and the Honeyville Church in union Lenten services beginning March 14 with men's night; there have been also young people's night, women's night, a farewell service for our pastor, and the final service will be a candle-light consecration service.

Rev. E. A. Witter, who has been quite ill, is now up and among us again. Mrs. S. F. Bates, our church clerk, is on the sick list.

Rev. O. W. Babcock, who has been our pastor for six and one half years, with his wife and little son George, will leave for his new pastorate April 3; they go to Salemville, Pa. A farewell service was held for him at the Friday evening Lenten services, and his last Sabbath with us was noted by communion services. Pastor and Mrs. Babcock were given several receptions and gifts by various organizations; among them were the Adams Center Community Chorus, the Study Club, and the congregation of our church. Their many friends here cordially wish them every success and happiness in the new field.

Correspondent.

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EASTER MORNING

Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer;
Death is strong, but life is stronger;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Faith and hope triumphant say,
"Christ will rise on Easter day."

And when sunrise smites the mountains,
Pouring light from heavenly fountains,
Then the earth blooms out to greet
Once again the blessed feet;
And her countless voices say,
"Christ has risen on Easter day."

—Phillips Brooks.

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EDITORIALS

"HE AROSE"

He who came "to bring life and immortality to light," broke the bands of death and of sin for all mankind. "If Christ be not raised from the dead," said the Apostle Paul, "we are of all men most miserable." By that he meant the Christian hope lies in the fact of the resurrection.

The Easter season is here again, and once more we rejoice that no stone was large enough to seal his tomb, or grave secure enough to prevent his coming forth. From the cross to the bowels of the earth to life again, and to glory! Thank God for this, "He arose again." Yes, he arose again!

The event of the resurrection has been debated, denied, or ignored, but no one has ever succeeded in obliterating the fact from the world of historical events.

Christ, Son of God and Son of man, had been unfairly tried, tortured, unjustly condemned, crucified, buried, and sealed in the tomb guarded by soldiers. It seemed that day that wrong was on the throne. For three days and nights evil appeared to be triumphant.

Then he came forth alive, appeared to his disciples and others, broke bread and ate with them, instructed them in the prophetic Scriptures how it behooved the Christ to suffer and die and rise from the dead, and invited them to touch him and see that it was really he. Why are you troubled and why do these thoughts arise in your hearts? "Let not your heart be troubled." "Peace be to you," and "Ye are witnesses of these things."

How quickly hope revived! Changes came over that group of men and women, and the world has never been the same since.

Today Easter is significant of more than new hats and new clothes. It's the time denoting the greatest event in history. Let us be glad, and not only this day but daily be witnesses of those things which we have known of Christ and received from him. Yes, Christ arose!

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSION CLOSES

The third series of missions sponsored by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America was concluded March 23, at Los Angeles. According to the report of Dr. Jesse M. Bader, and according to the testimony of many, it was one of the most successful ever held—having been carried out through twenty-two cities. It's a wonderful story—one that perhaps can never be fully told, or its far-reaches ever be fully known. "It has had to do with the intangible and imponderable things of our Christian faith."

If we can accept the testimony of those who companied with the missionaries, the success and blessings of the meetings were not alone results of parts taken by outstanding outside leaders like Adolph Keller, E. Stanley Jones, and Muriel Lester. Everywhere underneath it all was to be detected the faithful work and plan, the faith and courage, the gentle but firm guiding, sympathetic hand of Jesse M. Bader, director of the Christian Mission. To hear Doctor Bader's report, unselfishly giving all the credit to others, to

hear him in his earnest plea for evangelism, was an inspiration indeed.

In the twenty-two cities 191 speakers served the mission. "Of this number fifteen are bishops of the churches, one hundred two are pastors, thirty-three are educators, and forty-one are laymen and laywomen. The 191 represent thirty states and five foreign countries. . . . Those who served in all twenty-two cities are Muriel Lester, E. Stanley Jones, Worth M. Tippy, and Jesse M. Bader." A total of over one million miles was traveled in serving the mission. "The distance from one mission city to the other in the order in which they appear in the schedule, from first to last, is 13,171 miles."

The reading of the report is like the reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Who shall say they are not? One of the impressive statements in the report had to do with the response to invitations for decisions given especially by Doctor Jones. Opportunity was afforded for those to leave who wished to do so, and those who wished to remain were invited to do so in order to get hold of the thing he was talking about and learn how to live victoriously. "Sometimes one half the audience would stay. At other times four fifths would stay. The mission discovered this technique of 'finding and cultivation' which has produced remarkable results and about which there is no criticism."

The value of seminars, radio, and newspaper publicity was proved. Labor organizations, teachers, high schools, colleges, and universities, welfare groups, and jails were cared for and with gratifying results.

The National Christian Mission has been carried across the country with four major objectives: to reach the unreached; to re-enlist lapsed church members; to bridge chasms between the church and local groups and between groups themselves; and to strengthen the moral and spiritual foundations of our democracy.

Fine follow-up work is being done, and the end is not yet. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST HYMNS AND SONGS

Inquiry has come occasionally about Seventh Day Baptist Hymns and Songs. Probably there are many others who would like

to secure copies for personal groups or church use.

This booklet of songs, published in 1921, under the leadership of Dr. A. J. C. Bond, Forward Movement director, consisted of sixteen pages of songs and music composed by Seventh Day Baptists. The edition has long since been exhausted, but could be published again with some changes and possibly with addition of new material.

If we had sufficient advance orders to justify the printing of a new edition it could be done, and the publishing house would be willing to do it. The price would be fifteen cents per copy, with a possible slight reduction on orders of fifty or more. If within the next two months advance orders in large enough number are received, the project will likely be undertaken. No money need accompany order. Merely state how many you will take and pay for. Every Seventh Day Baptist church, Sabbath school, and Endeavor society should be supplied.

MORE ABOUT BOSTON MEETING

The meeting of the Associated Church Press in Boston, already noted in the Sabbath Recorder, was outstanding in several respects.

It was held under auspices celebrating the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of publishing the first newspaper in America, called "Publick Occurrences," which appeared in Boston, September 25, 1690. Also it was the two hundredth anniversary of the death of Andrew Hamilton, whose defense of John Peter Zenger—according to Daniel L. Marsh, president of Boston University—"was the most important single contribution to the establishment of freedom of the press, both in America and in England."

It seems that Zenger had criticized the administration of the royal governor, who had been a sad misfit in the management of the colony. Because of his criticism, Zenger was arrested, thrown into prison, and his paper ordered burned. Through the vigilance of friends of freedom a trial by jury was finally secured, and Andrew Hamilton, a learned, able lawyer, was secured to defend Zenger. Not only was Zenger acquitted, but the case established the freedom of the press in North America, and a change in the law of libel was effected. Doctor Marsh quotes an authority asserting, "The trial of

Zenger in 1735 was the germ of American freedom, the morning star of that liberty which subsequently revolutionized America."

A significant resolution was adopted, in which all the editors present agreed, that the value of the religious paper was great enough to justify contributed support to meet deficits in publication, and should be looked upon as investments rather than subsidies.

Here is the essence of the statement:

Where millions of dollars are being invested in the printed word for the studied purpose of destroying both religion and democracy, and establishing totalitarianism, the power of the religious press is under a disturbing limitation. This limitation is failure of church people to give it adequate support either as readers or as financial backers. While millions of dollars are given annually to the support of all other church institutions, parishes, hospitals, settlements, or schools, the religious press, giving vital support to all these organizations, suffers neglect. The meager financial aid advanced is designated as money to make up "losses" or "deficits," seldom as investment in an institution vital for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

One of the outstanding privileges of the meeting was accorded by President and Mrs. Daniel L. Marsh of Boston University in handling a reception in the president's home, a beautiful mansion built by a wealthy man on the pattern of a Tudor castle. Perhaps this home may be described by one who was there, later. Most graciously were we entertained, and much information was gained about Boston University, now with more students than attend both Harvard and Yale. There is a magnificent plan of bringing the university buildings, now widely scattered through the city, together in one great campus lying parallel to the Charles River. The Hayden Memorial Hall and the president's home are already thus located. A model of the imposing array of buildings is to be seen in the front hall of Hayden Memorial. The only exception to the building assemblage will be the school of medicine, now located most advantageously in the city's medical center.

Obedience must be the strength and desire of our lives; obedience not hard and forced, but ready, loving and spontaneous; the doing of duty, not merely that the duty might be done, but that the soul in doing it may be capable of receiving and uttering God.

—Phillips Brooks.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE

The Committee on Religious Life met at De Ruyter March 24, with Alva L. Davis, Herbert L. Polan, Jay W. Crofoot, and Neal D. Mills present. Mrs. Paul Burdick represented her husband who was unable to attend. After the dinner provided by the wives, the committee opened its meeting with prayer.

The Five Year Plan and its bearing on the work of this committee was discussed. It was agreed that we should continue along the same lines as in the past and subjects were assigned for articles to appear in the Sabbath Recorder calling attention to phases of religious life to be cultivated among our people.

The committee took into consideration several methods of stimulating the religious life of our people, and without desiring to assume any definite responsibility outside its proper province does wish to express its approval of certain things already being done, and to pledge its co-operation and assistance to these plans. Among the things so deserving of our approval and backing we believe special mention should be made of the promotion of the World-wide Communion, the Week of Prayer, the Fellowship of Prayer, and the Preaching Missions by the Missionary Society; and the promotion of evangelism and Bible study by the Woman's Board.

Neal D. Mills, Secretary.

MISSIONS

Correspondence should be addressed to Rev. William L. Burdick, Secretary, Ashaway, R. I.

Checks and money orders should be drawn to the order of Karl G. Stillman, Westerly, R. I.

A GREAT PRIVILEGE

Missions have for their purpose the evangelizing of the world. Missions are the means used, and the end sought is evangelization of the individual, the home, the state, and the whole world. It is a colossal undertaking, and to have part in it is a great privilege.

Self-effacement on the part of those who would do mission and evangelistic work of any kind is required. The one who desires to be first and make a show of himself and his attainments loses all power to influence for the things which are good. Had Christ shown the spirit which some of his pro-

fessed followers exhibit, he would have failed in his mission. "But he made himself of no reputation and took upon himself the form of a servant." We are taught in honor to prefer others (Romans 2: 10), and he who practices self-effacement for the sake of Christ's kingdom will come to feel it a great privilege.

The promotion of missions and evangelism requires sacrifice, or what we call sacrifice, but it is a great privilege. Sometimes people, even missionaries and evangelists, are tempted to avoid the sacrifices necessary and complain because of the hardships the work requires. When this is the case it indicates something wrong in the heart, for to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Christ" is a blessed privilege. One whose life has been full of sacrifices made in Christ's name can review the past with great joy. That so many of our pastors are willing to live on a pittance of what they might get other ways, is a source of great encouragement, speaks well for them, and is the hope of the work.

Often misunderstandings arise in mission, evangelistic, and church work, but these are reduced to a minimum when the spirit of Christ prevails. It is not surprising that good people should not agree about everything. We learn from Galatians 2: 11 that the apostles did not; but when professed Christians feel they have been abused because they are not allowed to carry out their plans, they are showing an unchristian spirit and robbing themselves of the joys of unselfish workers. Notwithstanding the fact that we cannot always have our plans carried out in mission and evangelistic undertakings, it is a boundless privilege to those who are sincere to be in such work.

It is a great privilege to be engaged in any way in mission and evangelistic work, notwithstanding the fact that it requires self-effacement, self-sacrifice, and the giving up of our own ways. Some day we will see this as we cannot now, for missions through evangelism are going to triumph in the establishment of Christ's kingdom. Paul speaking of this says, "In his times he shall show who is the blessed and only potentate, King of kings, and Lord of lords," and Christ speaking of the same says, "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit

upon the throne of his glory." Whether Christ's complete triumph be near at hand or a long way off, we know not; but we all will witness it and will then realize how great a privilege it is to have part in the evangelizing of the world. W. L. B.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

I. Home Field

Rev. Wm. L. Burdick,
Ashaway, R. I.

Dear Secretary Burdick:

I will enclose this personal letter along with my quarterly report.

Replying to your request that pastors preach a sermon on missions, will say that I shall be happy to do so. There is splendid material for such a sermon in the Missions Department in the Sabbath Recorder from week to week.

I am glad to report that my health is greatly improved since my relapse in November, last. I am working with the other five pastors of the city in an effort to rid our community of the gambling devices. We had three meetings of the Ministers' Alliance last week, one with the City Council.

The work of the church is moving along smoothly; the congregation is small, but all are faithful. Pray for us that we may do God's will in all things.

Sincerely,

R. J. Severance,
Missionary Pastor.

Hammond, La.,
March 31, 1941.

Dear Secretary Burdick:

We regret very much that we have so little to report. We have had a long hard winter and roads have been drifted, making it hard to get out and around. The attendance on the regular Sabbath day service always surprises and thrills us, and the people are so attentive.

We think we are justly proud and thankful for our young people's groups. The last Sabbath in the month is Missionary Day in Christian Endeavor. The first Sabbath in the month is Missionary Day in Sabbath school. Collections are taken at these services

We have had two special missionary services. Mrs. George Thorngate wrote a missionary play of incidents in China, which she and the three sons "put on." We are planning for the special Missionary Day in April.

Our prayer meetings were discontinued for the winter months because nearly all live out of town and it is difficult for them to attend. We plan to be on the northern Wisconsin field the latter part of May and the first of June, as usual. At that time we will assist the New Auburn Church in the special Sabbath Promotion services and will hold ours here later.

Best regards to you, Mrs. Burdick, and the board.

Sincerely yours,
Charles W. Thorngate,
Missionary Pastor.

Dodge Center, Minn.,
March 31, 1941.

II. China

Rev. W. L. Burdick,
Ashaway, R. I.

Dear Secretary Burdick:

I think that I have answered the last letter received, but there seem to be one or two matters that should be presented, and as there is a mail closing today, we will write a short note. Our plans are still the same. We are waiting for clear leading as to the next step. There are times when it seems that conflict will not come and that we can stay on. The plans for the ordination of one or more Chinese are still not consummated, and we do not know what the final outcome will be. We have had two very fine fellowship meetings since I last wrote, one with the teachers in the Boys' School and the other with the upper two classes in both Boys' and Girls' Schools. We had a very fine get-together this last Sabbath night.

The other matter is regarding relief. We have not had many of our own people who were destitute, and there has been some money given so that we have been able to help out. Recently we have discovered that one young woman has left home because she felt her family could no longer support her. She was not a member of our

church, but her mother was, and the suffering in this woman's heart is beyond words. If we had had two or three U. S. dollars per month, and had found this need we might have saved the young woman and her mother's sorrow. A family has been found that is short \$3 U. S. per month. They had some savings and have used them during the past months. Now they are in real need. There is a church member at Liuho over eighty years old. Her son went to free China and has only been heard from once. She must be helped by the church. Our church in Shanghai is helping, but with the high prices for food every family is having difficulty to balance the budget. At our Sabbath service, foreigners only, we talked this over and it was decided I should write, putting this need before the people. If we had \$20 U. S. per month for the present, we could make it possible to keep the people we know from despair. We have wondered if there are not twenty Seventh Day Baptists who would like to give one dollar per month and not in any way lessen their contribution to the budget?

We have been slow to make even such a suggestion in face of the delay in raising the salaries. However, there is the great need and God is able.

With our best wishes to you, Mrs. Burdick, and the board, I am

Yours in his service,
H. Eugene Davis.

Shanghai, China,
March 10, 1941.

INCREASING INTEREST IN RELIGION IN WAR-TORN CHINA

Reports coming to the National Christian Council of China from travelers and in letters from missionaries bring the same story of unprecedented opportunity for Christian service and witness.

"We have talked with missionaries from almost all our stations in East China. The story is ever the same—unparalleled opportunities for service and witness, with unspeakable misery and chaos all around."

"With the increase in numbers in the hospital, we have added workers and meetings so that all who come may hear. We now have five evangelistic services every day,

with well over five hundred unbelievers attending."

"As we all have been writing you for two years now, God is using this war to turn people to him. Our churches and small schools and Bible classes are full. We were estimating the other day and we have about one thousand people now who are studying the Bible. . . ."—Furnished by Foreign Missions Conference.

DAILY MEDITATIONS

(Prepared by Rev. and Mrs. Paul L. Maxson,
Berlin, N. Y.)

Sunday, April 20

Jeremiah 18: 4. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Read Jeremiah 18: 1-6.

It was very interesting to me as I visited the College of Ceramics at Alfred University and watched the potter making beautiful vases. The clay was very flexible under the mastership of the potter's hand. As it revolved around, he would bring it up, and if it did not suit his liking, he would then remold it under his fingertips until it had the shape and form that he wanted it to have. Ought we not also to let the potter of souls take our lives and mold them after the pattern of Jesus? We may have flaws and defects and we may stumble and fall, but under the Master Workman's hand, we may become a beautiful life.

Prayer—

"Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the Potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me
After thy will,
While I am waiting,
Yielded and still." Amen.

Monday, April 21

2 Peter 3: 10. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Read 1 Peter 3: 1-14.

I believe that we as Seventh Day Baptists do not stress enough the second coming of Christ. I think we miss a great opportunity in neglecting the foreshadowing of that great day when our Lord will return again bring-

ing his kingdom with him. In the ninth verse, we are told that the Lord is not slack concerning his promises, and certainly this is one of his promises that we cannot overlook in administering the gospel.

Prayer—Father, may we be in submission to thy guiding spirit. May we speak forth boldly those things which we ought to speak. Amen.

Tuesday, April 22

Amos 5: 6. Seek the Lord, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel. Read Amos 5: 1-8.

In attending a prayer meeting some time ago, people were relating their Christian experiences. Some of them were very revealing, but some were experiences that happened many years ago. It is good to look back and see what has taken place in the past, but the thing that we need most is new experiences with God and in our Christian life. If we have not had new experiences, we should get down on our knees and go to God in prayer and ask that he will give us new vision and understanding.

Prayer—Our Father, we thank thee for the experiences that we have had in serving thee in the Christian life, and we would ask that we might have new experiences revealing thy will today. Amen.

Wednesday, April 23

Genesis 28: 16. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place: and I knew it not. Read Psalms 139: 1-10.

No doubt each one of us has at some time in our life awakened as did Jacob and realized the fact that God was there and we did not recognize him. In this world situation of ours today, we can hardly see how God can have a hand in it, although we know that God is the Creator and Sustainer of the world. It makes no difference what a mess humanity makes of the world, God may bring blessings from what seems to be chaos. I am sure that if we stop and realize the fact that God is everywhere, we will make this a different world in which to live.

Prayer—

"So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.
Count your blessings; name them one by one;
Count your blessings; see what God hath done."

Amen.

Thursday, April 24

Proverbs 6: 20. My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother. Read Proverbs 6: 20-24.

From our childhood we are taught the ways of righteousness. Our fathers and our mothers train us in the ways in which we should go. We find in this portion of Scripture that we should bind them continually upon our hearts and forsake not the laws of our mothers. There is no greater love on earth than the love of a mother for her child. In the Christian way of life, God's love is yet greater than this love. He is just as eager and anxious about every soul. We know that it is a blessing if we follow the instructions of our parents, although we may not see it in our youth. As we grow older we know it is true. In following the teachings of Christ we realize from day to day the great blessing that we receive from obeying his commandments.

Prayer—Father, we thank thee for the blessings of thy kindness and tender mercies as thou dost lead us. Amen.

Friday, April 25

Romans 15: 1. We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Read Romans 15: 1-7.

From the beginning of time man has prided himself on being strong. As we look back on history we see the Greeks having great athletic meets to see who was the strongest, who could run the longest race, or who could out wrestle his fellow men. Even today we have great fighters, great football teams, and great baseball clubs, and we are proud of being strong.

Ought we not to be as interested in being just as strong for Christ and for the living of the Christian life from day to day? We should take great pride in having fellowship with our Savior, and our Scripture commands us that we ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Prayer—Our Father, we thank thee for courage and we would ask that thou wouldst help us to bear the burdens of the weak. Amen.

Sabbath, April 26

Hebrews 10: 25a. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. Read Psalms 15: 1-5.

Some people say that they worship the Lord in nature and therefore do not need to go to church. In Reader's Digest, January, 1941, it is stated that in response to

an invitation to readers to write a letter telling why they go to church fifteen thousand letters were received. The following are examples:

"I have an appointment with God." It is an institution that makes a laborer feel his solidarity with the person next to him, a capitalist. "I go to church not to listen or to get, but to give and to do." Not comfort for the soul; rather use of the soul. "It helps to give me a sane perspective. It keeps alive those spiritual perceptions which all too often are almost smothered under the week's load of grisly events." "There is beauty in any church service and food for thought in every sermon." "Going to church is one of the vital necessities."

These quotations stress the importance and beauty of worshiping the Creator in his rightful realm. "The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."

Prayer—

"The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word:
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died." Amen.

MARY HURLEY CLEMENT

The Woman's Missionary Society has another member who preceded us to the Better Land. She was so modest she would want no eulogy nor praise, but we feel we must express some appreciation of her life and works. Her life could be summed up in the few words, "She went about doing good." We will never forget her love for the church and zeal in its works. She never lost interest in humanity, and was able to keep this love and activity almost to her last hour.

Her chief concern toward the last was getting our missionaries home, and begged her family and friends, instead of sending her flowers, to give the money to a fund for that special use. The interest in this fund has grown beyond expectations. "She being dead yet speaketh."

Woman's Missionary Society
of North Loup, Neb.

Jessie T. Babcock,
Esther Babcock.

WOMAN'S WORK

Since I have been asked to give my opinion on the present needs and value of greater spiritual contributions in a world situation of great distress, I should like to express my deep conviction that, in our present time, the very first need is that of a radical renewal in the life of every individual. This alone can be the fruitful source from which flows the necessary strength of the realization of practical and constructive achievement without which our world of today will go to ruin. At the same time, I avail myself of this opportunity to express as my sincere opinion that such a radical renewal can only be achieved if we return directly to the very source of Christianity—the New Testament—which invites and calls every man, none excepted, in order to find there the truth we need.—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, speaking by radio from Amsterdam at the Christian Foreign Service Convocation, New York City, March 16, 1940.

LADIES' AID OF BATTLE CREEK

Perhaps many of you can picture our church, our parsonage, our homes, and our faces. So may this report be like a letter from a friend. Our aims and work are similar to those of other women's groups, but as the best of friends and people in like occupations enjoy letters from one another, so I am writing to tell a few things concerning the Ladies' Aid Society of Battle Creek.

Our president is Mrs. Leo Lukens; vice-president, Mrs. Anna Morley; secretary, Mrs. Hazel Langworthy; treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Kolvoord.

We meet once a month in the homes of the members; we serve a pot-luck dinner at noon. After dinner we have a devotional program and then the business meeting. There are usually twenty to thirty at the meetings. We tie comforters and sew for the Charitable Union and the Red Cross. Much knitting has also been done by our members for the Red Cross. We are attempting to carry out all suggestions made by the Woman's Board under the direction of our program committee.

Our social committee co-operates with the church committee in providing many pleasant get-together meetings during the year.

At Christmas we provided baskets of food for needy families, as did several other organizations of the church.

Many of our members are active in the work of the W.C.T.U. and the Council of

Church Women. Mrs. Doris Fetherston represents us on the executive board of the latter.

Several members visited the Starr Commonwealth, an institution for boys needing citizenship training, located about twenty miles east of the city. We took them about fifty quarts of canned fruit, and one of our members representing the W.C.T.U. gave a talk on and demonstration of the effect of alcohol.

Many members gave clothing to the families with whom Rev. A. T. Bottoms is working in Alabama.

Every two weeks we serve a supper where the public can get a wholesome meal of home cooking in a "dry" and smokeless atmosphere. Some who are not able to work at the supper help by furnishing home-made pies. The profit from these suppers finances many of the things we do, such as, contributing to the church building debt, providing church furnishings, paying for painting and cleaning, etc. We are often surprised that there is so much money, as was the bank teller who said, when the woman brought her "Aid" (egg) money to deposit, "It is surprising what those old hens can do."

We are sharing in the financial support of the field worker who is under the direction of the Woman's Board.

Usually we hold a bazaar before Christmas, and an annual rummage sale; sometimes we visit a bakery, laundry, or furniture store, for which we receive pay as advertising for the company.

All money raised is tithed; for the first half of the year it was sent to the Missionary Board as a contribution to the needed extra funds.

Let it not be thought that the Ladies' Aid is the money making unit of the church. Their spirit of good fellowship, their needlework, their service to the sick and needy, their example of loyalty to the denomination, their part in maintaining the spiritual life are of inestimable value in any and every church.

Mrs. O. D. Lewis.

"Being everlastingly on the job beats a rabbit's foot for luck."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

"THE LIGHT IN THEE"

(Meditation contributed by Miss Thelma Pierce,
Milton, Wis.)

Ye are the light of the world . . . If . . . the light that is in thee be darkness . . . Matthew 5: 13-16; 6: 22, 23. "We," said a famous radio voice, "are much like travelers driving along a highway by night. There, faithfully placed, are reflector signs to warn of hazardous curves and dangers of all kinds. The lights of our cars pick up the signs and reflect their warnings or directions to us, if **we have the light**, but if our light is dark, the signs are dark and have no meaning."

The Christian qualities of kindness, consideration, courage, and goodness make the world safe and bright. Our Christian moral insight and our interpretive wisdom are given us to enable us to read the warnings and guiding signs along the highways of life, and so go safely ourselves and become guides for the unseeing, the careless, and the wrong.

The very power of our civilization is driving us to ruin for want of such lights. When they are out, how deep is the darkness!

This is a challenge to us Christian young people to do all we can to gain our light from him who is the Light, that we may use our influence to help the unseeing people of our world find God and the Light that makes the darkness bright and our lives more safe and happy.

Prayer—We thank thee, Master, that thou dost share thy Light with us that we may be the candles of the Lord. Help us, we pray, to keep undimmed our lights of faith and courage that we may face the tempest sheltered, and so help others to see thy Light. In his name who is the Light of the world. Amen.

OUR STRONGHOLDS OF INDIVIDUAL DEFENCE

Our Guidebook of Defence—The Bible

(Talk by Marion Cruzan given at White Cloud, Mich., on Young People's Day)

If we are planning a journey into a far part of the country, the first thing we do is to obtain the best road map we can find. By studying this we are able to find the best road which will take us to our destination.

We as Christians have started on a long journey of the Christ life, and we have

taken the Bible as our only safe Guidebook, because we believe in God and his teachings, and the Bible is the only true record we have of his guiding power.

In Job 22: 25 we read, "Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver." If we trust in God and are willing to surrender ourselves to him, he is ready at all times to protect us against all harm and will make our days prosperous—perhaps not in worldly goods, but in the things for which all true Christians are striving.

By studying God's Word we learn the truths which he has set forth for his children to follow. A wise person will choose the right way, while only the foolish will follow in the paths of sin and wickedness. Again in Ecclesiastes 7: 12, "For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it."

Isaiah 33: 16 says, "He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of the rocks; bread shall be given him; his water shall be sure." If we but follow the teachings of this verse we have the promise of protection and defence from God himself. Why do we worry and fret ourselves for the daily needs of the body when God has promised them to us? Much more should we fret for the spiritual needs of the body and mind.

If it were not for the Bible with its teachings and promises, what would the Christian life be? There would be none, because it is through Christ that we are saved to be children of God's kingdom.

Many, if not all of us, fall short at some time or other of doing God's will. Some are led astray by false teachings; others simply wander from the paths which they have chosen, while still others are willfully walking in the paths of worldliness. None of us, when we stop to reason with ourselves, can say we do not choose to follow in the Christ way. Then how are we to get back into the fold when we have once wandered away? Our Guidebook tells us that if we will ask in faith we shall receive. If we earnestly pray for forgiveness when we stray, and trust in God's promise to forgive, we will receive that for which we ask.

Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is ever near and ready to help

the lost sheep back into the fold of safety. It is we ourselves who are weak and apt to stray. Let us, today, with renewed determination and with the Bible as our Guidebook, strive to follow. We turn to Philipians 3: 13, 14 and read the following: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

The Bible is one Book which cannot be successfully contradicted. Many have tried to juggle its meaning to suit their own personal desires, but the truth is there just the same. If we will study the Bible with open hearts and minds we will find the answer to any question which may arise to confront us. Many times the answer is not as we would have it, but we must remember that we are selfish, and of ourselves we are nothing. If we will but take our burdens to him and leave them there in faith, he can make our troubles vanish like the clouds. Unless we have faith in God's Word there is no use in pretending to use it as a Guidebook.

Do we know why we are Christians? What we have to do to become a Christian? Why we keep the Sabbath? What is the Christ Way? These are only a few of the numerous questions which the world is asking today. Are we ready with our answers? They are to be found in the Bible. We cannot expect to have a ready answer for such questions unless we make a diligent study of God's Word. If God is for us, who can be against us?

Personally, in this very uncertain world of today, with sin and wickedness on every hand, I realize more and more the necessity for my Guidebook, the Bible, and for Christ my personal Savior.

CONFERENCE TRANSPORTATION

Rev. Edw. M. Holston,
President of the S. D. B. General Conference,
Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear President Holston:

Last fall you appointed me unofficially to represent the General Conference in negotiating with the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St.

Paul R. R., regarding rates to the meeting of the Conference at Denver. I have had some correspondence with Mr. M. C. Toll, Traveling Passenger Agent of the Milwaukee Road, and he also paid me a visit here at Milton. Here are the rates that Mr. Toll gave me at the time of his visit in January and which have not been revised, to my knowledge. He has quoted rates not only to Denver but also to the Yellowstone Park. Both of these rates are for the round trip from the city named and are for first class passage. They do not include, however, berth privilege.

	Round Trip	Yellowstone Park (Additional Trip)
New York City-Denver	\$85.00	\$98.35
Philadelphia-Denver	80.65	94.00
Pittsburgh-Denver	62.75	76.10
Chicago-Denver	37.00	49.30

A trip of two and a half days, all expense paid, through the park would cost \$33.50, including transportation and meals and lodging at the "lodges," lodging at hotels would be \$36. Details concerning the trip will very gladly be furnished. Mr. Toll states further: . . . "We will be pleased to set up any program for you, print literature for your group, send a representative with you, take care of all details so that the party may have a pleasant and satisfactory trip."

If there were twelve sleeping car reservations made and paid in advance, a special car could be had from New York City to Denver and also for the return trip. These reservations could be available for passengers getting on at stations along the route. It would seem that there would be at least twelve who would travel by train and thus could have the complete car to themselves. This would allow additions along the line, also. The minimum reservations would be twelve lower berths. Of course there would be upper berths with reduced cost, but there would be necessary at least twelve lower reservations, and these could be made for New York City, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. The trip to Chicago would probably be made over the Pennsylvania system and then transferred to the Milwaukee Road.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Toll and to the editor of the Sabbath Recorder at Plainfield, N. J. If there is any ad-

ditional information to be had I shall keep you informed.

Sincerely yours,
D. Nelson Inglis.

Milton, Wis.,
March 23, 1941.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, March, 1941

Receipts	Total for	
	March 1941	9 mos.
Adams Center	\$ 33.00	\$ 157.75
Albion	20.00	114.72
Alfred, First	162.05	1,043.68
Alfred, Second		138.80
Associations and Conference		211.00
Battle Creek	46.80	458.55
Berlin		72.39
Boulder	23.35	126.60
Brookfield, First	18.75	136.33
Brookfield, Second	2.50	124.20
Daytona Beach		168.30
Denver	13.75	111.95
De Ruyter	15.00	207.25
Dinuba		11.30
Dodge Center	8.25	30.75
Edinburg	6.00	57.50
Farina	5.00	140.17
Fouke	1.60	35.45
Friendship		17.25
Gentry	1.65	11.40
Hammond		20.00
Hebron		23.69
Hopkinton, First	180.00	273.00
Hopkinton, Second	10.00	17.00
Independence		189.00
Individuals	4.00	674.97
Irvington		200.00
Jackson Center	6.00	45.00
Little Genesee	29.51	255.33
Little Prairie		57.35
Los Angeles	2.50	23.50
Lost Creek	21.00	167.10
Marlboro		228.73
Middle Island	5.10	32.36
Milton	118.80	1,032.43
Milton Junction		417.88
New Auburn		7.00
New York City		311.96
North Loup	45.00	125.89
Nortonville		53.53
Pawcatuck	250.00	2,332.55
People's - Washington		15.00
Piscataway		122.73
Plainfield	134.90	1,287.86
Richburg		71.50
Ritchie	10.00	37.41
Riverside	35.00	403.10
Roanoke		5.00
Rockville	9.00	97.76
Salem	20.00	319.00
Shiloh	65.00	678.28
Stonefort		5.00
Syracuse		15.00

Verona	30.70	205.21
Walworth		15.00
Waterford	10.00	90.00
West Edmeston		30.00
White Cloud	10.75	191.31

	This year	Last year
Budget receipts—March	\$1,258.31	\$1,125.32
Special receipts—March	96.65	92.51
Budget receipts—9 months	11,899.12	11,475.86
Special receipts—9 months	1,553.65	3,008.61

Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 522.24	\$ 86.65
Tract Society	124.08	
S. D. B. Building	78.36	
Woman's Board	10.44	
Ministerial Retirement	65.28	10.00
Historical Society	8.52	
General Conference	166.32	
Board of Christian Education	224.76	

Morton R. Swinney,
Treasurer.

Niantic, Conn.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This little poem was written by Miss Julia M. Davis of Shiloh, as a tribute of Natilia and Christine Davis to their baby sister Virginia. I thought it rather pretty, but do not feel that you **have** to use it.

Cordially,

(Mrs. Asa F.) Luella C. Randolph.
912 West 7th St.,
Plainfield, N. J.

Two times ten little fingers and toes,
One little mouth and one little nose,
Two little eyes so shining and bright,
Two little ears to hear what is right,
One little forehead so round and so small;
It may get a bump, if you happen to fall;
But, Dear, do not fear, for as many can tell
Our dear Mother's kisses will soon make it well.
We are two little sisters who love you, you Dear;
Thank the kind heavenly Father for sending you here.

Dear Mrs. Randolph:

Thank you very much for sending this little poem. I, too, think it is pretty. I thought the best way to present it to the Recorder children was to begin with your letter. It was a little delayed in reaching me since you directed it to Richburg. Richburg postoffice added, "Try Andover," and

as we have been fixtures here for over sixteen and a half years, the try was successful.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Walter L.) Mizpah S. Greene.

Andover, N. Y.

Dear Recorder Children:

Since again I have received no letters from my Recorder boys and girls, I have another good neighbor story for you this week—the story of a little American boy who was a kind neighbor to a lonely little Italian girl.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. G.

How Donald Proved a Good Neighbor

Angela was a little Italian girl who had been in America only a few short months when she began to attend school just around the corner from her new home in a small midwestern American town. She knew only a few English words and was afraid to say anything for fear the other children would make fun of her. She wouldn't even try to answer her teacher when she spoke to her, and snatched the book away from her when she tried to teach her a new word. She scowled at everything and everybody, so the children did not try to make friends with her and left her alone. At recess she stood in a corner all by herself, looking very cross and unhappy.

"I don't think Angela is a very nice little girl," said little Mary to Donald. "She looks as if she wanted to bite somebody. Let her stay in the corner if she wants to. I'm not going to ask her to play games. Are you?"

Now Donald had been taught to be kind to everybody and he was sorry for the lonely little Italian girl. "Maybe she doesn't mean to be cross, but is just lonesome and afraid. Just think how you would feel if you went to an Italian school," said he, looking thoughtfully at little Angela. Then he looked at the beautiful red apple he had just taken out of his pocket to eat at recess. "I guess the new little girl needs it more than I do," he thought.

So over to Angela's corner he went and put his apple into her dirty little hand. "Apple," said he with a merry, friendly smile.

Angela's frown changed into a smile which lighted up her whole face. "Apple,

apple," she repeated after him, and began to eat the apple hungrily.

"You see, she doesn't want to be cross, but she doesn't know very much English," Donald told Mary, who was sorry she hadn't been friendly, too.

After that all the children tried to make Angela feel at home and asked her to play in all their games. They put her into the big swing and pushed her so high that her feet almost touched the lower branches of the maple tree in the corner of the school yard. She laughed as merrily as any of them and said over and over, "Swing, swing!" Every day after that she learned many new words and was a very happy little girl. And let me tell you, she kept her face and hands as clean as anybody's.

"Maybe we'll be in a strange land some-time," said Mary, "and we'll need kind friends, too."

A BASKET OF PERSIMMONS AND PEANUTS REHABILITATES TWO REFUGEES IN CHINA

By Arthur Rugh

Mr. Lee had been a scholar and a writer in a town ten miles south of Peking. War brought hard times but he and his son peddled fruit and were getting along. One day while they were out peddling, a bomb demolished their home, killing all the other members of the family. They sold what was left of their house to pay funeral expenses and then came to the city to find work.

Miss Tsai, our social worker, discovered them in a beggar's camp, and gave them fifty cents to buy cotton padded garments (they were still wearing summer clothes though it was mid-winter), and asked them to report on the following Friday for further plans. The father bought two garments for his son but none for himself, saying, "Never mind. I'm not cold."

We talked with Mr. Lee and decided to give him thirty cents more to buy a warm garment for himself. Then he said that if he had a basket of persimmons and peanuts as stock in trade, that would be all they would need. They could sell enough each day to support themselves and replenish their stock. But that would cost all of thirty cents including the basket and he was sorry to ask

for so much. We gave him the thirty cents and he was happy beyond words.

In about an hour he came back wearing a long padded garment over his summer clothes and carrying a large basket heaped full of persimmons and peanuts. I offered him my old overcoat, but he bowed low and said, "No, no. I have everything I need. You must help someone else. We can get along very well now." He evidently did get along for he never asked us for more help. For the cost of a necktie he was re-established in business and given new courage and hope.

OUR PULPIT

LIFE BEGINS AT EASTER

By Dr. Roy L. Smith

(We are disappointed in not publishing an Easter sermon by one of our own ministers. However, we are pleased to bring the message "Life Begins at Easter," an editorial from the Easter number of the Christian Advocate.—Editor.)

There may be some dispute between authors of best-sellers, psychologists, radio commentators, and dramatists as to the precise moment when life begins. But in the mind of the Christian there is no doubt whatever. Life begins at Easter!

That moment at early dawn when the wondering Mary, benumbed of heart and confused of mind, stood peering into the empty tomb just outside of the city of Jerusalem, and listening to the explanations of the guarding angel, was the greatest in human history. The forces of evil, apparently so completely victorious only a few hours ago, were completely routed, and goodness was alive and triumphant in the world again.

It was not that the world knew that evil was doomed and that goodness was victorious. Pilate had probably slept well the night before, secure in the belief that he was well rid of a troublesome matter. Annas—crafty, greedy, and unscrupulous—was beginning to regain his self-assurance after a wretched week in which his whole system of graft and exploitation had been threatened with annihilation. Herod, the playboy, was stirring lazily and casting about in his mind in the hope of devising some new entertainment for the day. None of them knew that their petty worlds were under the sentence of death, for darkness has never comprehended the light.

That solemn declaration, "He is not here, but is risen," marked the dividing line between life and death, between hope and hopelessness in human affairs.

The news that one who had been dead was alive again was good news indeed. For long and troubled centuries, in every language known to human speech, men had asked the question, "If a man die shall he live again?" The philosophers, priests, and seers had answered, "We hope so," "We think so," or "Pray the gods that it may be so." But Mary led the Christian Church forth from that empty tomb in a triumphal march, shouting to all the world the good news that Jesus was alive, that Caesar's cross was of no avail, and, "because he lives, we too shall live."

More than an interesting question of philosophy had been settled, however. Life itself had been stabilized. Men began to discover that they were citizens of two worlds, and as soon as they made that discovery they began to live like immortals. Morality achieved new significance. The whole moral order of the universe became rational and intelligible.

The faith with which Mary raced away from that empty tomb was something glorious. Death had lost its sting and the grave was robbed of the last semblance of its victory. Men who walked with that faith in their hearts stood beside the biers upon which their loved ones lay, and with shining faces and full confidence, sang their hymns of praise. "Death was swallowed up in victory."

But more even than the glorious assurance of immortality for individual souls was the promise of victory for immortal causes. No longer need the champion of justice or the defender of righteousness fear for the final outcome. If the cruel cross of Caesar was impotent to destroy Jesus of Nazareth and to bring his life to an end, then it was equally futile in its attacks on any other just and righteous soul.

Suddenly it was discovered that there were certain things in life that had the quality of "eternalness" about them. Truth, love, justice, good will, righteousness—these things were destined to outlast the everlasting hills. Death might be the last word of evil; but, when evil had done its worst, life came from the tomb and walked among men again—

inspiring, challenging, building, restoring, and going on to new victories.

It has been since Easter that humble men and women have dedicated their lives to immortal causes, laboring and losing, only to rise again and go on in the face of insuperable odds, confidently believing that the defeat of Caesar and his cross was the guarantee of their own victory through Jesus Christ their Lord. From that empty tomb and the angels with their first news of the sweeping victory, the leaders of just causes have gone forth to renew their efforts and to shout their triumphs from afar.

Let all those who believe in the power of Love to redeem this world turn their hearts again toward that empty cross and that resurrection tomb. Let all those who battle alone in behalf of righteousness lift up their eyes and remember the glorious dawn of that first Easter morning. Let all those who have watched truth crushed to earth stand with Mary at that empty tomb and hear the angels tell the amazing news.

Life, which is the ultimate triumph of justice, the achievement of immortality, the survival of truth, and the onward march of righteousness—all this begins at Easter.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Dodge Center, Minn.

Sunday, March 30, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Churchward celebrated their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Paul Giesler. March 29, the Christian Endeavor was under the leadership of Bernice Bond. The worship leader was Mrs. Charles Thorngate, who had prepared a very interesting and helpful worship program on the subject, "Nature."

Following this the meeting was given over to Mrs. Helen Thorngate, who spoke about the relationship our young people should have toward the young people in China. We are so very glad to have Helen with us and have learned a great deal more about the work in China. She has recently gone through the Mayo Clinic at Rochester and we are happy that we can say she brought home a good report.

Miss Anna Ayers, one of our older ones, has had the misfortune to fall and break her arm in two places and is now confined to the hospital in Owatonna.

Mrs. Jennie Carpenter, who has been confined to her home all winter, is now going to Rochester where she is taking treatments, and we hope she will receive much help from them and that we will soon see her back in her usual place at church services.

Our church membership is like a chain made up of many links, when one link is missing the chain is weaker, and we all must be doing our very best.

Lord, thou art questioning, "Lovest thou me?"
"Yea, Lord, thou knowest," my answer must be.
But since love's value is proved by love's test,
Jesus, I'll give thee the dearest and best.

Thou knowest all: my heart thou canst read:
Master, thy child loves thee indeed.
Ask what thou wilt my love to attest:
Lord, thou shalt have my very best.

How couldst thou smile on me if, in my heart,
I was unwilling from treasures to part?
Since my redemption cost thee such price,
Utmost surrender alone will suffice.

Correspondent.

Verona, N. Y.

The hymns used in the Sabbath morning service March 1 were composed by Mr. George C. Stebbins, the noted hymn tune writer. He celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday February 26, at the home of his sister in Catskill, N. Y. As Mr. Stebbins is a friend of Pastor Davis, the hymns were sung as a tribute to this great composer.

Church night and fellowship supper was held in the church parlors in the evening with Raymond Sholtz presiding. Following the supper two short business sessions of the church and society were held.

Pastor Davis is giving us a series of interesting sermons based on the life of Moses, with present-day applications.

The Young People's Social Club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis, in Oneida, for the March meeting. One feature of the program was a quiz.

On March 10, the Verona Youth Council met in our church. The worship service by our young people in charge of Alva Warner, president of the council, follows:

Song service
Reading in unison Scripture selection, led by
Helen Davis
Song
Scripture—Allison Smith
Prayer—Warren Stone

The Christian's Attitude Toward War — Alva Warner
 The Christian's Attitude Toward our Possessions— Allison Smith
 Duet, "Beyond the Sunset"—Dorothy Williams and Doris Lennon
 The Christian's Attitude Toward God—Dorothy Williams
 Song
 Benediction—Pastor Davis

At the close of the program home-made candy and popcorn balls were served, then all joined in games.

Our missionary superintendent, Mrs. Zilla Vierow, read an interesting selection during the church school hour on Missionary Sabbath.
 Correspondent.

Plainfield, N. J.

On Friday evening, January 31, a basket supper was held at the church, after which a discussion was conducted on what our part should be in the present world crisis.

February was observed as Bible Month by our church, joining with other churches of the city. The Acts of the Apostles was selected as the Scripture for the month. This book of the Bible was read in the homes and was also used for the prayer meeting topics for the month.

A splendid address was given Sabbath morning, February 22, by Mr. Rome A. Betts, associate secretary of the American Bible Society, New York City. A good offering was received for the work.

On Friday evening, February 28, a union service was held in the church, sponsored by the Plainfield Federation of Women's Missionary Societies, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn in charge. Dr. Paul G. Dennis gave a very fine address. It was unfortunate that a blizzard took this day and evening to visit Plainfield, so the attendance was small.

A union Preaching Mission of the Piscataway and Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist churches was held two week-ends—March 14-16 in Plainfield, with Rev. H. C. Van Horn as speaker; and March 21-23 at New Market, with Rev. Wayne Rood of Rockville, R. I., as speaker. These meetings were well attended and much good was received.

The annual church meeting, held April 6, beginning at 4 o'clock and extending into the evening, was well attended. Reports showed the church in a healthy condition. Supper was enjoyed by about seventy-five.

Correspondent.

OBITUARY

Chesebro. — Frank Chesebro, son of Orrin and Mary Chesebro, was born May 1, 1861, near Sangerfield, N. Y., and died at Brookfield, March 8, 1941.

On August 18, 1885, he was married to Ada Leora Stevenson, who passed away March 23, 1937. She was a loyal worker in the Aid society of Brookfield, and both Frank and Ada are missed for their thoughtful, kindly deeds and honest, devoted lives. Everyone was a friend, richer because Frank Chesebro lived. He remained in the Chesebro home where he was tenderly cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Camenga, who made a home for him.

The funeral service, like that of his wife, was conducted by Rev. H. L. Polan, and in his case Pastor Jay W. Crofoot assisted. Burial was made in the Brookfield cemetery.
 H. L. P.

Muncy. — William Nelson Muncy was born March 27, 1876, at De Ruyter, N. Y., and died February 12, 1941, at Boulder, Colo.

In 1880, the family moved to Nortonville, Kan. In 1906, he went to Oklahoma which was at that time being opened for settlement. Here he was married to Violet Snoffer in 1910. He was engaged in business in Elkhart, Kan., from the time of its founding in 1916, until his death.

Farewell services were conducted at Elkhart by his nephew, Rev. Ralph H. Coon, of Boulder. He is survived by his wife and five children, Mrs. Paul Clark, Glenn, Wayne, Howard, and Iris.
 R. H. C.

LIFE'S STANDARDS

By Ora L. Bond.

It matters not much about fortune:

It matters not much about birth:

For one who is honest is noble:

It matters not much what he's worth.

One cannot wield hatred and malice

To scatter broadcast through the world.

For back it will come in due season,

Degrading the one from whence hurled.

But we should keep doing and doing

Those deeds that will do the most good.

And feel that we'll do unto others

As we wish them to do, if they would.

One cannot feel right in wrong doing,

One cannot gain pleasure from pain,

For what we will give unto others

Of justice and right is true gain.

We travel along down life's journey

And but once will we travel this way:

Our reward will be given for life work

According to deeds done each day.

We reap from the seed we are sowing,

We harvest our deeds scattered wide:

The harvest we reap from right doing

Is good and will forever abide.

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