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 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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EDITORIALS

HELPING THE BOYS IN CAMP

The Church must not neglect to give all the comfort and help possible to the boys in military camps. Snatched out of home and local social life, these young men find themselves at once in an environment totally unlike anything before experienced. Homesickness, change of fellowship, denial of normal activities tend to throw new recruits into a tailspin. Letters from home help to regain equilibrium and fortify against immoral temptations. The interest of the home church helps. The secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society is trying to do the board's bit by some correspondence with these recruits.

One of our churches—Waterford—has just sent in a subscription to the Recorder for the young man from its ranks recently called. Churches of other denominations are helping their young men by sending them their church papers. That certainly is not too much interest to take in these young men away from their homes and families.

The Sabbath Recorder will furnish the Recorder for such purpose at \$1, the same as it has been sending it to students away from home in school. We trust other churches will follow the example of Waterford. This year will mean much to these young men, whether we get into war or not. A trend of life is being formed in thousands, upon which much of the future depends. True patriotism and religion lay a responsibility upon us all, individuals and churches, to do all we can for our boys at this time.

We join with the Churchman in its "Prayer for Those in Training":

O God our Father, we beseech thee to send thy Spirit into the hearts of the young men in our land who in these days are separated from family and friends for military or naval training. Preserve them from temptation, keep their minds clean, and turn their thoughts to thee for daily help. Give thy guidance to those in authority over them, and to the chaplains and welfare workers who minister to their needs. Restore them in thy good time again to their homes and bring to our troubled world the peace which thou alone canst give, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SABBATH PROMOTION

Why are Seventh Day Baptists reluctant to talk to others about the Sabbath? At least some seem hesitant in doing so. The Sabbath has meant enough to us to make us willing through many years to put up with inconveniences and sacrifice good positions and opportunities for promotions in chosen fields. We have not flinched too much when called queer or branded as narrow. Within our hearts we have had a satisfaction of being loyal to the truth which has made us different from other Christian people. The consciousness of being true to our convictions has compensated for many inconveniences and doors closed against worldly advancement and preferment.

The Sabbath has meant much to us in spiritual experience and Christian realities. We believe we are better Christians than we would be had we not been Seventh Day Baptists. There is something about espousing an unpopular truth that toughens moral and

spiritual fiber and strengthens character. We believe what some earnest, scholarly men of the Sunday world have admitted, that it would have been better if the Church had remained true to the seventh day Sabbath of the Bible; the Sabbath of Christ and the apostles; the Sabbath of the early Christian church. We believe, had the Church thus remained loyal instead of adapting the sun's day for a weekly day of worship, that the world itself would be more Christian today than it is. By its efforts to fasten the Sabbath idea to a pagan day, the Church has led the way into lawlessness, and can blame itself for much of the lawless conditions and anarchy witnessed today.

But more than that—we have kept the Sabbath not in order to be saved, but having found and accepted the free grace and gift of God, we love to obey him in all his plans, thus fulfilling the law. Supreme love for God will lead us into loyalty and fidelity. In such paths we have found blessing and joy.

This being true, and certain approvals being our experience—why are we slow and reluctant to spread this Sabbath truth? There are many who have never had the matter of the true Sabbath called to attention. There would be fewer of these were we more zealous in our mission.

We should repent of our folly—for folly it is. Let us seek forgiveness for this sin of omission, also. Archbishop Whatley is quoted in an article, "I Am a Christian," as saying, "If my faith be false, I ought to change it; if it be true, I ought to propagate it." Is this terse statement not applicable to Seventh Day Baptists as well as other Christians? The writer believes it is. Shall we not take to heart the song we sing:

"Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings."

If my faith is true, I ought to propagate it.

CARRYING ON

In revival times, or times of the Preaching Mission, hearts are warmed and spirits stirred. People really want to do something. That is quite right. It is important that these stirred feelings, these aroused emotions be crystallized, or the heart soon will find itself cold and lifeless. The last state may be worse than

the former. So it is well that programs be shaped and work be directed in wise follow-up effort.

In the closing forum of the two week-end Preaching Missions held at Plainfield and New Market, this problem was discussed in helpful ways, many taking part, thereby showing the deep interest that had been aroused.

A sample of the discussion of this period follows. It was presented by Mrs. Ethel Main Wheeler on the question, "What Can the Minister Do to Carry on the Preaching Mission?" She said:

What can the minister do to carry the spirit of the Preaching Mission into the future so that he and the congregation alike can avoid falling into a "slump" as it were—as the modern expression puts it, "Building yourself up for an awful let down"?

What can the minister do to counteract that "let down" which so often follows the Preaching Mission?

If I were able completely to solve that question I'd no doubt hold some position as "Adviser to Ministers," so I don't attack the question with the hopes of completely solving it. It is a problem which faces all ministers and congregations, and though we can't lay down hard and fast rules for its solution, we may think together of some things which might help in carrying the Preaching Mission spirit through the year instead of merely through two or three weeks during which the meetings of the Preaching Mission may be held.

It has been pointed out by some that the height of the Preaching Mission spirit cannot be maintained constantly. That is, there's bound to be somewhat of a relaxation period following any climax. No doubt this is true, but what we are seeking to avoid is complete relaxation!

The minister has at least two methods of approach to his people:

1. Through the church, its meetings and various organizations; and
2. Through personal contact with the individual members.

Thus it is through these two channels that he can keep alive within them the "Preaching Mission zeal" or "Preaching Mission spirit," if we may call it that.

Concerning the church and its meetings—the minister might make it a point every few weeks or months to stir us into action again by the preaching of a distinctly evangelistic sermon. Or he might have a special series of Friday evening meetings along evangelistic lines.

It was suggested in our forum at Plainfield last week that the minister might conduct a series of classes for those interested in learning how to present matters of Christ and of salvation to others. Certainly such classes as these would keep alive in the people the Preaching Mission spirit—that of being of influence to others in the Christian way.

DAILY MEDITATIONS

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

Sunday, April 27

Isaiah 25: 1. O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. Read Isaiah 25: 1-5.

Many times we read portions of Scriptures and we sing hymns to the glorification of God, but do we stop to realize and to meditate upon the promises that he has given us? Isaiah says, "O Lord, thou art my God." In life do we make God our personal God? Do we praise his name or are we prone to think only of him once a week on Sabbath day? Do we seek his counsel and guiding Spirit? I am sure that if we do this we would live a purer life for him.

Prayer—Father, may we praise thee and give thee thanks for all the wonderful things thou hast done for us. Amen.

Monday, April 28

2 Corinthians 12: 9. My grace is sufficient for thee. Read 2 Corinthians 12: 9-10.

The world situation today is very dark and we sometimes wonder just which way we will turn. In our past life we have come up against a blank wall and we see no way around it, but this portion of Scripture brings to our mind that he has grace sufficient for our needs, and in the dark days ahead if we will put our trust in him, he will provide the way and means around this seemingly blank wall. Though we be weak within ourselves we may be strong in Christ Jesus, who strengtheneth us.

Prayer—Our Savior, grant us this grace that is sufficient for our weakness and may we be led at all times by thy spirit. Amen.

Tuesday, April 29

Esther 4: 16b. If I perish, I perish. Read Esther 4: 15-17.

In this Scripture we have a wonderful story of a young woman who was ready to give her life for her people. Mordecai said unto her, "And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" After consideration she made up her mind that she would go before the king, which was against the laws of that time. She went without wavering of faith, and who knows but that in this dark world of ours

We mentioned the second method of approach that a minister has to his people as that of personal contact. I feel that the minister's duty and opportunity in this field are little different from ours as laymen—that of individual appeal. When Christ gave his command to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel . . ." he did not mean that command to be confined alone to ministers. We must remember that the responsibility rests not alone in the minister's hands—but that we must help him to "carry on." And perhaps after all, the minister's main job is to make us conscious of our responsibility.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Manhattan Island weighs 400,000 tons less since Rockefeller Center was erected. The buildings are that much lighter than the material excavated.

Each finger nail on the hand of the Statue of Liberty weighs one hundred pounds.

—Placards in a Subway.

The Bureau of the Census has issued a summary statement on the number of farms, the acreage and the value of farm property, in the last census, taken as of April 1, 1940. The number of farms was 6,096,789, compared with 6,288,648 farms in 1930, a decrease of 3.1 per cent. Drastic declines took place in the number of farms in the "Dust-bowl," the Great Plains area. Land in farms was 1,060,507,355 acres, compared with 986,771,016 acres in 1930, an increase of 7.5 per cent. The value of land and buildings was in 1940, \$33,644,263,247.00, compared with \$47,879,838,358.00 in 1930, a decline of 29.7 per cent. More details are to be made public in later bulletins to be issued in March and April, 1941.

—Information Service.

How a New Testament in your own language may help lay the foundations for a happy marriage is illustrated by this item recently received by the American Bible Society from Guatemala. At a wedding the groom made sure that, during the service, the Mam preacher would read the duties of a wife toward her husband and of a husband toward a wife from the Mam New Testament, so that his wife would clearly understand. The first complete Mam New Testament, used in a Presbyterian mission in Guatemala, was printed by the American Bible Society.

—American Bible Society.

each one of us as individuals is brought forth for a time like this? Are we willing and have we faith enough in God and trust in him so that we can go forth and do his bidding?

Prayer—Grant us faith, our Father, that we may carry out thy will, whatever it may be. Amen.

Wednesday, April 30

Romans 4: 13. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. Read Romans 4: 13-17.

When we ask a friend or a neighbor to do something for us, we have faith in him that he can do this task for us or else we would not have asked it of him. Therefore, it is the same with our Savior. We may ask him for many things, but if we lack faith, they will not be given unto us. But if we ask for salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ, with faith, he will give it unto us. Thus we may receive salvation through faith.

Prayer—Our Father, we thank thee for the faith that we have and we would ask that thou wouldst give us a greater faith in thee. Amen.

(The following meditations were prepared by
Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, Salem, W. Va.)

Thursday, May 1

Father, the hour is come; glorify thy son. Read John 17: 1-4.

Is it not the deepest yearning of every heart to be accounted worthy? Yes, that is what we all strive for—to be worthy of the goal that has been set for us. Is there doubt? Do some strive unworthily? Paul says that except a man strive lawfully he shall not attain; and to strive selfishly is not in accord with the love of Christ. In the reading it seems that the qualifying phrase is, "As thou hast given him power." Can you stand before your instructor, your employer, your family, your neighbor, your God, and lift up your eyes to heaven and say, "As thou hast given me opportunity I have finished the work set before me"?

Prayer—O patient Father, I know that thou hast given me sufficient strength for the work that is mine. Help me to use that strength that I may truthfully say, "I have glorified thee on the earth." Amen.

Friday, May 2

I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me. Read John 17: 6-10.

Have you received the Words of Life?

Have you given them to those whom opportunity has sent your way? There was a good woman who felt she was not fulfilling her duty as a Christian because she was kept in by the responsibilities of home. One evening she thought of a way. The next morning she arose an hour earlier to talk with the milk man. With him she was unsuccessful but she talked with all the others who came to her door; the ice man, the meter reader, the grocery man, the bread man. To each she gave the Words of Life and the invitation to take a definite stand for the Christian life. She was surprised at the success of her experiment—at how readily men accept the simple unadorned gospel. Can you bring one soul to Christ?

Prayer—
Lord Jesus, have I walked with you this day?
O give me greater faith, I pray,
In thy words of life and truth and way,
That I may bring a soul to thee today. Amen.

Sabbath, May 3

I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. John 17: 15. Read Psalm 1.

If the kingdom of God is to be made a reality in the world, it is in the world that its messengers must work. This does not mean they can loiter or loaf or carouse in unseemly places. It means this: they must live and work in the presence of evil, but always above it, "acceptable unto God." Living apart in solitude does not shut out the world. St. Anthony found his solitude filled with vicious temptations and decided the relationships of the world issued from the heart. Therefore the followers of Jesus must work in the midst of these relationships, not shunning them, but as trees by the streams of life bearing the fruit of the Spirit of Jesus. What greater witness can there be than a life of righteousness lived in the midst of temptation? A holy life issues from the inner experiences of a pure heart, finding expression in righteous human relationships.

Prayer—O gracious God, grant unto us a resolute faith and a stalwart courage, that we may ever rise above the evil in the world and yet give the service we owe. Amen.

Better to fail in a cause that in the end will triumph than to succeed in a cause that in the end will be a failure.

—A. L. Byron-Curtiss.

MISSIONS

A CALL TO PRAYER

In the issue of the Sabbath Recorder for March 31 Editor Van Horn tells us in a forceful way that the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and the Foreign Missions Conference have united in a Call to Prayer "for peace about the Pacific." It is well that we keep this call constantly before all Christians.

There is no doubt but vast multitudes of Christians have been imploring the Throne of Grace in behalf of the helpless women and children being murdered, the prisoners of war, the soldiers facing death, the homeless refugees, and the starving millions. When the writer first read the call, he said to himself, "All Christians are praying earnestly that the carnage may stop and that righteousness and peace may be established. Are we not already doing that which the call requests?"

Though Christians are constantly agonizing in prayer over the war, there is danger that they become weary and discouraged. Christ taught us "That men ought always to pray and not to faint," and we should remember this in these times. We should not alone remember this ourselves, but we should continually encourage others to "Pray without ceasing." Our prayers ought to be backed by our funds to clothe the destitute and feed the starving, but prayer is the most powerful means placed in our hands and we must not fail the millions in anguish by failure in prayer.

The published call is "for peace about the Pacific." There is a particular need in the Far East because this is the center of foreign mission activity; but the great issues are being settled in Europe and we might add, in America. Let Christians over all the world continue praying and let us include Europe and ourselves, as well as the Far East.

W. L. B.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Changes in Missionary Pastorates

Some changes have taken place in missionary pastorates this winter and spring, and others are planned. Rev. Clifford A. Beebe closed his second term of years as missionary pastor in Berea, W. Va., in December, and

is now considering a call to Fouke, Ark. Rev. Gerald D. Hargis, who has been missionary pastor at Los Angeles, Calif., for several months, became pastor of our church in Battle Creek, Mich., the first of March. Rev. Orville W. Babcock, who has been pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Adams Center, N. Y., for over six years, became missionary pastor at Salemville, Pa., the first of April. Rev. W. L. Davis, missionary pastor at Jackson Center, Ohio, the last two years, has resigned to take effect April 30, and expects to retire. Rev. Ralph H. Coon, who has been missionary pastor at Boulder, Colo., for eleven years, has accepted the call of the church located in Ashaway, R. I., and will begin his labors the first of June.

These and other missionary churches are doing the work of the entire denomination in their respective localities in the homeland. Very much depends upon them and they should be aided, that they may have missionary pastors.

W. L. B.

Doctor Crandall in Unoccupied China

(Information furnished by her brother,
Professor Lynn B. Crandall)

The Recorder came today and I see from your article in it that you had not heard from Grace as late as we have. It may be that you have heard since you sent the copy for the Recorder.

We had a letter written February 17, from Foo Chow. She and Wa-za had succeeded in running the Japanese blockade and had got to a station in free China, but several days' trip from the mission where they expected to work. Wa-za had been sick on the way and had held up the trip a few days, but was much better when Grace wrote. Her address is to be: Care of Rev. Kimber Deu, Methodist Mission, Lichwan, Changtsun, China, via Hongkong.

L. B. Crandall.

Work in Germany

(Gleaned from letter written by Heinrich Chr. Bruhn,
January 29, 1941)

We have not received any further news from the Holland brethren, but we hope we shall. Brother Losch, who just has his three weeks' permission, will try to visit Mr. Taekema on his way back to the frontier. If he succeeds in doing so, we shall send you a report as soon as possible.

The life of our churches is, after the reports we received promptly from everywhere, very good. They have their regular meetings, and there have been in the past time several baptisms. On January 19, the annual session of our union committee took place. Our churches of Hamburg, Brunswick, Hanover, Kiel, Tostock, and the Eastern Prussia churches were represented. Three members of the committee had not been able to come. I was elected again president, and all other charges, as secretary, etc., remained as before. Because we had no editor-in-chief, we had to stop our "Monthly." On the other side, however, we could enlarge our Bible studies, so that we have a good compensation. Brother Bahlke, who is an able writer, is issuing them. We trust the war will end soon, that we may be enabled to take up again our editorial work on the pre-war scale.

We extend our most hearty greetings to all Seventh Day Baptist churches in America, and especially to the Missionary Board.

H. Bruhn.

Europe's Foreign Missions Continue Work Despite War

Although the brotherhood of man may seem to have been reduced by the war to a low level, there is another, less known, infinitely more warming side to the picture—as Dr. A. L. Warnshuis of the International Missionary Council disclosed today.

It's another side, as different as day is to night. For the fact is, summed up, the foreign missions of Europe's churches continue to function. This means French missions as well as Dutch, Belgian, Norwegian, Danish, and German missions—a total of 168.

With their homeland blacked out, their supplies cut off, and warring armies athwart their beams, these foreign missions in Africa, India, and Asia, staffed by about 3,500 missionaries, are very much like helping hands amputated even as they were stretched out. But the helping hands continue to help. Hearts pump life to them, largely, but not entirely, Doctor Warnshuis pointed out, because of American assistance. . . .

The record of financial support, going like light across all battlefields, is as follows, according to a compilation by Doctor Warnshuis. Since September, 1939, when the war began, American churches have sent to the

European missions that are "temporarily orphaned"—as the gentle missionary saying goes—a total of \$493,000; the British churches have sent more than \$30,000, and other countries have sent \$89,000. "It's tremendous, but not enough. What this aid has meant is a story that will take long to tell." But what it must mean to thoughtful people now is expressed by Doctor Warnshuis in this manner:

"This aid has been given without discrimination of creed or nationality. As brothers we have given this aid to our brethren in Christ"—who, it may be remembered, said all men are brothers. —Furnished by the Foreign Missions Conference.

Baptist World Strength at Opening of 1940
By J. H. Rushbrooke, D.D.

The totals reported to the Baptist World Alliance up to the close of 1939 are the following:

	Church Members	Sunday Scholars
Europe (excluding Russia)	660,881	508,633
Asia	479,174	210,635
Africa	118,330	46,540
America:		
North	10,931,936	7,155,960
Central and West Indies	74,099	66,312
South	62,978	58,015
Australia and New Zealand	40,716	47,789
Totals (excluding Russia)	12,368,114	8,093,884

The increase in the church membership throughout the world amounts to 339,951, and in the number of scholars to 217,634. These figures are in themselves encouraging, but unhappily advance is not general. Of nearly 340,000 additional members, over 324,000 were added in the United States. Again, the Sunday schools of the Western Hemisphere report an increase of 235,462; in other words, there is a net loss of nearly 18,000 in other parts of the earth.

The most encouraging features of the church membership returns are (1) an all-round growth in the United States, where the Southern Convention reports an increase of 174,583, the National Conventions of 112,673, and the Northern Convention of 36,899; (2) the recovery in Jamaica, where former losses due to unhappy controversy are now offset by additions amounting to 7,571; and (3) the growth in Congo, where the British field alone reports an advance of 2,628.

In the continent of Europe, there is a loss of 6,271. In Sweden, the unhappy secessionist movement due to Pentecostal influence is not yet spent, and explains a reduction of 5,000. In Britain, losses again appear, the setback being 2,440. Other European countries show a slight advance.

In regard to Sunday schools, the growth in North America, where substantial gains are recorded by both the Northern and the Southern Conventions, and the recovery in Jamaica of over 10,000 scholars, are heartening features. The most disturbing figures are those for Europe and Australia. The British Union reports a reduction of slightly over 10,000, and Sweden, through the secessionist movement already mentioned, has lost about 2,700. The Australian decline of 1,300 is also unfortunate. A net loss of 3,452 in Asia is perhaps largely due to political conditions.

MUSINGS OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER AT CONFERENCE

The Committee on Missions was confronted with a problem which is of vital importance to every member of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination in all nations. The question was, "What are the values of membership in the various councils of churches?"

From the discussions held by the committee, several questions rose in the mind of the writer.

In response to the fact that we have been a member of certain of these federations for twenty-five years or more, came these questions: Should an issue be held because it was established many years ago? Does not change constitute one of the certainties of life and one of the necessities of progress? Do we use a scroll today because Christ used one?

Things which were good a quarter of a century ago may not be, and in my opinion probably are not, all right for our modern ways of living. While I believe the old ideals of the Bible will stand as truth forever, I do not believe in an old-fashioned machine. Civilized humanity has always believed in wearing some kind of covering for the body, but should we still weave the material on a hand loom in the parlor?

If our affiliation with these organizations was good at the time of its adoption, is it

necessarily so today? Or, if it was not the best move then, is it becoming better with time?

In considering this problem we should carefully and prayerfully weigh all the evidence both for and against our continuance. Which has the greater value? A pound of feathers may occupy more space than a pound of gold.

In conclusion, can and will these federations explain our stand as Sabbath keepers as against Sunday worship? Are they sufficiently informed and interested in our cause to refer questioning persons to some of our members, pastors, or churches? In my own experience as a former member of a Sunday church, I find that those whose business it is to propagate Sunday worship are very well versed in the art of twisting God's Word regarding these matters. In 1 Thessalonians 5: 21, we are admonished, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

(Submitted by request.)

W O M A N ' S W O R K NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF CHURCH WOMEN

The National Committee of Church Women reports spreading interest on the part of Christian church women in making plans for the fourth nation-wide observance of the May Luncheons to be held May 1, 1941. These luncheons are interdenominational in scope, and aim to unite church women around a particularly significant theme: THY KINGDOM COME — through the work united hearts can do.

Mrs. Roosevelt writes: "I am very glad to endorse the observance of the May Luncheon held by the National Committee of Church Women. The objective which you have set before you is one which all of us should have, as there is much which can be accomplished by the work of Christian people and the spread of the Christian spirit."

The May Luncheons are sponsored by the National Committee of Church Women through its constituent bodies: the Home Missions Council of North America, the Committee on Women's Work in the Foreign Missions Conference, and the National Council of Church Women.

In 1940, five hundred five May Luncheons were held throughout forty-six states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, and Canada. More than one thousand women attended the luncheon in Indianapolis, making it the largest, while second place went to New York City with more than eight hundred in attendance.

A booklet containing program helps, price ten cents, may be obtained from The National Committee of Church Women, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.

REDEMPTION THROUGH REGENERATION

By Mrs. E. Rae Stillman

Paul said, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold all things are become new." Christ said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

It is the great purpose of God that through regeneration men should be redeemed from sin and bondage and walk in newness of life.

Spreading the gospel message must ever be in the hands of the redeemed, regenerated children of the living God, for that is the plan of salvation. How necessary, then, that each one share a part.

The work can be done only as individuals yield complete obedience to God and consecrate themselves to his service. "For the Holy Spirit," says Peter, "is a gift to all; even as many as the Lord shall call."

The Bible says, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do his good pleasure." Again Jesus says, "Without me you can do nothing." Therefore, we should each seek in the quiet hours of meditation a renewed experience of the Divine Presence and more complete understanding of what he would have us do to help lost ones.

Teaching has a great part in this work of redemption, and if we have neglected in the past to fulfill our obligations to God and to man by teaching the gospel of redemption through regeneration, we still have a chance to do so if we are sincere. God, who never changes, still seeks those who worship him "in spirit and in truth." It is not enough to be loyal; it is not enough to be faithful; we must be filled with the Holy Spirit and go forth preaching and teaching in Jesus' name. This

evangelizing power alone can help the world in its hour of great need.

The power which changed Peter into a rock and made him a stone in the spiritual house of God, can change us from timid, fearful, unfruitful individuals into spiritual creatures who "no more walk after the flesh, but seek only to know and to follow our God, whithersoever he calls us." It makes us bold to declare his mercy and love toward a lost world, and it enables us to do his will in all things.

Such consecration, with its unfolding of the spiritual mind brings us into harmony with the revealed will of God through the Scriptures; it enables us to find in the Bible the food and drink necessary for our spiritual growth—the sustaining meat which makes us strong to obey his commands to do the work of evangelizing the world, the work he left in our hands.

I believe the hour is here, or near, when every child of God is called upon to offer up his testimony to God and men of all the wonderful things that God has wrought. May we be true and steadfast, never doubting that he who gave us Christ will, through the Holy Spirit, give us both words and deeds that shall testify to his Presence with us and his Power within us.

Such witness, such testimony alone can reach men and women who are lost and groping for light. Such love and devotion alone can send us to carry out the Great Commission. As we allow this power to be released through us, we can help save souls from eternal ruin. Are you ready and willing to be a channel to carry this blessing to mankind? If so, and you feel the need of power from on high, tarry in meditation and prayer until you receive it. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me."

The plan of salvation which Jesus committed to his disciples is the way of life Peter referred to when he said, "Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure. . . . For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

May we pray steadfastly for power to accomplish our task.

"The first thing necessary to make a dream come true is to wake up."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

DRAWING ON INFINITE RESOURCES -- PRAYER

(Talk given by Alberta Siems of Fremont, Mich., at Young People's Day in the White Cloud Church)

Prayer is the opening of the heart to God. It is necessary to pray to receive him, not to make known to him what we are. Prayer brings us up to God.

Jesus himself often prayed when on earth. He prayed to his Father that he might gain fresh strength and be better prepared for the duties that faced him. Jesus also taught his disciples how to pray. He told them to present their daily needs before God, to cast all their cares upon him, with the assurance that their petitions would be heard. This assurance is also given to us.

God is ready to hear the sincere prayer of even the humblest of his children, and yet we are so reluctant to come to him for guidance, through prayer. We, who need his aid so greatly, seem to be satisfied to walk alone, without his presence.

Those who neglect to pray are playing directly into the hands of Satan. There is no power of earth that Satan fears more than the power of prayer. He attempts to press upon us the necessity of our daily duties, hoping we will become too busy to spare a few minutes to ask God's guidance and care. Even our efforts to carry on the cause of Christ are fruitless unless we know how to pray, unless we take time to pray.

There are certain conditions upon which we may expect that God will hear and answer our prayers. First, we must feel the need of his help. He has promised, "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground." "Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled." Our hearts must be opened to God's influence, or else we cannot receive his blessing.

"Ask, and it shall be given you." If we ask for blessings and have a known sin in our hearts, he will not hear us. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but he that confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." "He that spared not his own Son but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" The prayer of the penitent, contrite soul is always accepted.

We have a work to do in complying with the conditions of acceptance.

Another element of prayer is faith. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Jesus told his disciples, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

If we do not receive the things we ask for immediately, are we to give up and believe God does not fulfill his promises? Perhaps what we asked for would not be a blessing to us. Sometimes our desires are so great that we fail to see them as God does. Our heavenly Father in love answers our prayers by giving us those things that are good for us and can be used in furthering his work upon earth. To claim that prayer will always be answered for the particular thing we desire is presumption. God is too good to withhold any good thing from the righteous and too wise to give bad things to his children. "I know not by what methods rare, but this I know, God answers prayer. I know that he has given his word, which tells me prayer is always heard, soon or late, and so I pray, and calmly wait. I know not if the blessing sought will come in just the way I thought, but leave my prayers with him alone, whose will is wiser than my own, assured that he will grant my quest, or send some answer far more blest."

We so often try to solve our own fears, doubts, and perplexities, and as a result find things only increase and become more complex. If we will only come to him feeling humble and helpless as we really are, he will attend to our cry and will let his light shine into our hearts. God is ever within call; he is watching and calling to the careless hearts to repent and turn to him. He is ever at our side through hardships, eager to have us call upon him for aid.

When we come to ask mercy from God we must be filled with a forgiveness for others. We pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors," but do we really think what this means? It is hard to forgive those who have wronged us, yet how often have we wronged God, and yet he is so willing to forgive us. Ought we not be willing to forgive others, if he is willing to forgive our many mistakes?

God has given us many precious promises if we will but take him at his word and claim

CHILDREN'S PAGE

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

It's been quite a few years since I've written to you, hasn't it? I believe the last time that I did write was about 1931.

"A lot of water has flowed under the bridge" since then. In those ten years or more, I've lived in six different towns and graduated twice, grammar and high school.

I graduated last spring and since that time I've had three jobs; one, during the summer at the "House of Three Bears" camp in Green Lake, Wis.; one in a piano factory at DeKalb, Ill., where I was a "damper fitter"; and the job I have today, that of an apprentice draftsman at the McCormick Works in Chicago. I've been working for the International Harvester Company since January 6, and I hope it lasts indefinitely.

My folks are on a farm northwest of Elgin, Ill., right now. It's a nice big farm, 375 acres, and has two tractors, a big truck, and all of the necessary machinery that helps make a big farm "percolate."

My oldest sister, Byrnina, is directing the Treble Clef at Milton College, Milton, Wis. Last Friday, my younger brother and I drove to Milton and brought Byrnina home for the Easter holidays.

The last few days have been quite nice here in Chicago. The grass is beginning to put its spring clothes on in preparedness for Easter. People look a lot more cheerful, too. It seems to give them new pep and hope for the summer to come.

I have a room in the same boardinghouse that Grandpa does. He wakes me up in the morning, feeds me my breakfast, and pushes me out the door. I seem to get to work on time every morning though!

In the evenings, after the supper dishes are done, we go down to his room and play "Pitch." Since I've been here, of all the games that we have played, he's beaten me every time. I can't seem to make the cards do tricks for me at all.

I'd better close now or you might not have enough room for this "manuscript."

Till I write again, I'll be respectfully yours,
Dean Comstock.

Oak Park, Ill.

them. An occasional prayer is not enough; we should have our hearts in tune with him all the time, ready to call upon him for aid. It is in the silent prayer, when alone with God, that one can really pour out his soul to him and find his strength renewed.

I know of no better way for the youth of today to grow strong in the Lord and the power of his might than through communion with Christ.

OUR OPPORTUNITY

This is a day of causes—causes to fight for and causes for which to work. There are large causes and small causes, all important. This is a day of needs. It brings to us calls for help for the war-stricken, the poverty-stricken, the destitute. It is a day when all men need a guiding hand, a friendly word, a loving neighbor, a helpful friend.

This is a day of anticipation. People anticipate different things. Some look for war; some for peace. Some look for a triumph of democracy; some, for its downfall. There are some who look for the collapse of Christianity, but others look for its great and final triumph.

One of the many causes for which we work is our Recorder. A pressing need right now is more material to fill the Young People's Page. We want original thoughts and meditations; we want to see the page filled with the ideas contributed from the young people of each church. Each week we anticipate the coming of the Recorder. I have before me a letter from Miss Thelma Pierce of our Milton group. She says, "Let's keep this page regularly in the Recorder." We can do that if you will each send in your own work. I would like to see my desk piled high with sufficient material for the entire summer. Remember, we have a cause, a need, and an anticipation of success.
V. S.

THE VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE

By Ben R. Crandall

May we remind the readers of the Recorder that when in need of clerical help, secretarial service, teachers of commercial subjects, or other types of general and professional service, we have some fine young people ready for employment.

Address Box 843, Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Dean:

It surely has been all of ten years since I have heard from you directly, but I often think of you since your grandfather has kept me somewhat informed about your family from time to time. I am so glad to know that you have not forgotten me entirely, even though you are entering manhood and taking upon yourself a man's work. It is indeed a pleasure to hear from my Recorder boys and girls who are "older grown."

While you have been living in six different towns during the ten years, I have remained right here in Andover, in fact am on my sixteenth year here, and both Pastor Greene and I feel that our "home, sweet home," is in Andover, though I will always have pleasant memories of both Wisconsin and Chicago where my childhood and youth were spent.

I am glad you were able to finish high school before you really became "a working man." You are preparing yourself for a very worth while position in the years to come, for a good draftsman is pretty sure of steady advancement. Our son-in-law is a draftsman for the Air Preheater Company in Wellsville, N. Y., where he has worked since he was a lad of sixteen. In less than six years his yearly salary has more than doubled, and "the end is not yet," by any means.

We, too, have been having lovely spring weather for at least a week, so warm and sunny, and people were wearing their Easter garments today to their heart's content. I could not help but notice how green the grass was growing, and in Alfred this afternoon I saw daffodils in bloom, and in our own garden they are budded and will soon be in full blossom, while many of our other perennials are already showing their heads bravely above the ground. Yes, every indication is that spring is really here, and it should certainly make us feel more cheerful than did the deep snowbanks which even yet have not entirely vanished from the woodsy hills and other shady places.

It was a good thing that you *did* send me a "manuscript," as you call it, since yours is the only letter I have received, and I hope you'll favor me with more such "manuscripts." Remember me to your grandfather; I always enjoy meeting him and receiving his letters.

Your sincere friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

EXCERPTS FROM LETTER FROM W. J. REVELL

I have had experience with sleigh bells, cow bells, dinner bells, school bells, and church bells; but never did I ring a Sabbath bell until I visited Salem last fall. A thirsty, lone Sabbath keeper has to absorb a lot of facts and fellowship in one day to last him several months.

I lived in four different states of the Union and was nearly forty-five years old before I discovered the truth about the Sabbath and that there was such a thing as Seventh Day Baptists, and then I had to dig the information out for myself. . . . It is altogether likely that there are other people hungry for the truth . . . and such people must be reached.

I have found the keynote of the whole Sabbath question. . . . And I have no right to keep these things to myself. Also I believe I understand balanced evangelism. Under present world conditions preaching the gospel is quite inseparable from helping men to make an honest living without infringing on the Sabbath.

If my children are to be Seventh Day Baptists, then the Seventh Day Baptist Church must be something in which to have some honest and reasonable pride. It must not be ashamed of the gospel and it must prove it by displaying the gospel. . . . The church should counter with big displays the fact that God is love and Jesus saves. I believe that Seventh Day Baptists have the greatest responsibility before God of any one group in the world. . . .

I believe the denominational literature program is a move in the right direction. Sabbath promotion and Christian education can be incorporated in countless media of expression. One way to do this is by extensive, purposeful use of calendars showing the Saturdays in red and tied up with invitations to and information about Sabbath services.

Would it be feasible to use a monthly occupational information sheet carrying suggestions, opportunities, wants, etc., not attached to but mailed with the Recorder? If the problem of occupational needs and of pastorless churches were solved it would be easier to launch an extensive expansion program. Those who have the capacity to

understand the truth about the Sabbath . . . certainly should be able to . . . apply brainpower to their promotional plans, as is shown in . . . advertising liquors. . . .

. . . To eliminate commercialization of the Sabbath and to provide employment for Sabbath keepers, Seventh Day Baptists should own outright several good patents. There are new things in agriculture and horticulture (as well as mechanics) for those so inclined. Each Seventh Day Baptist community should have a vocational committee co-operating with the denominational committee for the exchange of information, ideas, experiences, etc. I have considerable information suitable for such a plan.

In a wilderness of ignorance and misunderstanding of Sabbath facts . . . Seventh Day Baptists should make special effort to establish outposts or missions in prominent places: like south of Salemville, Pa., on the Lincoln Highway (Federal route No. 30), and north of Salem, W. Va., on Route 40. Converts to the Sabbath in a lively place like Frostburg, Md., should make live-wire, energetic Sabbath keepers. Newcomers to the Sabbath truth are apt to be more careful in Sabbath observance than some of the older ones who have let careless habits creep in. Of a truth Seventh Day Baptists have a terrible responsibility, but at the same time wonderful opportunities.

Funktown, Md.,

January 27, 1941.

OUR PULPIT MORNING DEVOTIONS

(Presented over Station WATN, Watertown, N. Y.,
March 26, 1941, by Rev. Orville W. Babcock)

Call to Worship

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Invocation

Almighty God unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Nehemiah 6: 1-9

Now it came to pass, when it was reported to Sanballet and Tobiah, and to Geshem the Arabian, and unto the rest of our enemies, that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein (though even unto that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), that Sanballet and Geshem sent unto me saying, Come, let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief. And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you? And they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner. Then sent Sanballet his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand, wherein was written, It is reported among the nations, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel; for which cause thou art building the wall; and thou wouldst be their king, according to these words. And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah; and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together. Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine heart. For they all would have made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. But now, O God, strengthen thou my hands.

Meditation

In these days of the Lenten season the minds of Christian people are led to take note of the meaning of life and in what direction they may be going, and the Christian life is measured by comparison with the Master, the Savior of the world. This morning may we mold our thoughts about this lesson from Nehemiah.

Nehemiah lived in a time of turbulence and emergency as we do today. He himself was a captive in a foreign land and learned of the sad state of affairs in Judea, his home land. Great issues were at stake, with the walls of the city broken down and the enemies of his people ready at any time to march in and continue the pillaging and destruction. He went to the king and so appealingly laid his plans before him, to rebuild the walls, that he not only was granted leave of absence from his duties in the king's court but was given aid for his mission.

In Nehemiah's mind, the task of building up the city walls was so great that he could not be stopped. No matter how great the threats, or how inviting the compromises, he would not leave his work. The message which he sent in reply to the invitation to leave is an evidence of his determination when he said, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down."

In much the same way each one of us is engaged in a great work. The tasks of some are on a larger scale than others, but the work of each of us is important. Irrespective of our occupation, we are engaged to build a life which grows ever increasingly into nobility of character patterned after Christ.

Now most people in a sense have access to the same materials and plans to do the work. We are provided in our daily living, through associations, through success and failure, and through joys and sorrows, with stones to be laid one upon another. And the sum total of our experiences and deeds, guided by our ideals, go to make up the good work we are trying to visualize this morning.

But materials alone will not insure a great structure, plans also are necessary, that shape and utility and beauty may grow from the workers' hands. We too need plans, and vision to guide our work to a completed structure, worthy of our Master. In it we must needs have faith in the meaning of life and of God who made it.

In addition to our tasks to build up individual lives worthy of Christ, our labors must carry over into every activity. Some of you find yourselves engaged as homemakers, a task which at times becomes monotonous drudgery. But sensing the need of such work for the welfare of the family, you are urged on with renewed effort and determination. You might say with Nehemiah, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down."

Many of you listening this morning are members of the church fulfilling the responsibility with devotion and faithful labors. And it is well, for there is great need in these days that here also we sense the importance of the church and that we build for its preservation and future. With regard to the church we also should be able to say, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down."

We are faced with yet another task from which we cannot escape. In the various com-

munities in which we live there are duties for each of us to assume. Comparatively few are called upon to act in any official capacity. But the fact that we are citizens requires that we be law abiding, industrious, civic minded, and compassionate toward those in need. So it might be said of every realm of living, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down."

Now some of you listening this morning are probably retired from active service, or because of ill health are unable to employ your strength in some of the things we associate with labor. Even here the task of carrying out God's plan is not complete. As in the building where only the exterior is complete, there is much finishing work to be done, so with you there may be need of increased meditation and cultivation of the finest things the spirit of God has to offer you, to the end that you may reach perfection in your task.

Like Nehemiah, as Christians we all have a great work to do. And with God's help and inspiration we shall not cease until the task is complete.

"Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle, face it, 'tis God's gift.
Be strong, be strong."

"Be strong! It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how long;
Faint not, fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.
Be strong, be strong."

Prayer

Our Father in heaven, we turn to thee in expectancy for the needs of this day. With grateful hearts we greet the morning light and each new day in which we may labor for thy kingdom.

Help us that we may not too much depend on our own strength, but may we wait for the aid which cometh from thee. Look mercifully upon the poor, the oppressed, and all who are heavy laden with error, labor, and sorrow. Fill our hearts with deep compassion for those who suffer, and hasten the day of the kingdom of justice and truth.

May we find new joys in the tasks that are to be done today. Aid us that they may skillfully and lovingly be done to the honor and glory of thy Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Ashaway, R. I.

An audience of two hundred or more practically filled the auditorium of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist church in Ashaway last evening to hear the second rendition of the cantata, "The Crucifixion," by the Community Chorus directed by Rev. Wayne Rood of the Rockville Church.

The platform, enlarged for the occasion, was made attractive by palms and floral arrangements of yellow daffodils, and through the courtesy of Elwot Avery, an electric organ was installed in the church and was played by Miss Elizabeth Crandall of Westerly, Mrs. Clinton Armstrong of Rockville being pianist of the evening.

The service was opened with invocation by Rev. Everett P. Mathewson of Ashaway, pastor of the Pendleton Hill Baptist Church, and during the intermission a silver offering was taken. The cantata, especially appropriate for the Easter season, was sung impressively, under the direction of Mr. Rood, who has a thorough knowledge and understanding of music.

The committee which was appointed to look after the business details included Fred Bailey, treasurer; Mrs. Aldene Kolyer, secretary; and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, publicity.

—Westerly Sun (April 10).

New Market, N. J.

Charles E. Rogers, 520 Prospect Ave., who has taught a Bible class in the Seventh Day Baptist Church for forty-eight years, was given a surprise party by members of the congregation Sunday night.

The party, planned by Mrs. Lavern C. Bassett of New Market Rd., was held during a church supper served by the men at the close of annual business meeting of the church.

Among those present was Mrs. J. Alfred Wilson of 384 Whittier Ave., who was a member of the class taught by Mr. Rogers forty-eight years ago, and who is still a member of the class. She is the only one who

started in the original class who is still a member.

The surprise party was in charge of Frank Kellogg, superintendent of the Sabbath school. Following a talk by Mrs. Wilson, letters from members of the class who have since moved away were read by Mrs. Herbert L. Dunham. Charles and Harold Kellogg sang a duet, accompanied at the piano by their brother, Clarence Kellogg.

Frank Kellogg, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. Rogers a reading lamp.

Mr. Rogers moved here shortly before he took charge of the Bible class. He resides with his wife and daughter, Miss Ethel Rogers, who is a teacher in the Plainfield public school system.

Mr. Rogers was born in central New York State and was employed for many years by the former Spicer Company in South Plainfield. He has been retired for about ten years and now derives his greatest pleasure from gardening and—needless to say—his weekly Bible class. The class is composed of sixteen women and meets every Sabbath at 11:45 a. m. in the church. Mr. Rogers seldom has missed a session of his class.

—Plainfield Courier-News (April 8).

Alfred, N. Y.

We have had a very splendid and profitable Easter time. Five young women were baptized Friday night after a very helpful conference meeting. They all joined the church, with one other by transfer, Easter Sabbath. Pastor Harris is doing a fine job among us and is greatly beloved.

May I impose upon your good nature to run an item for the Vocational Committee.

We are just back from a church night supper and the regular quarterly business meeting. The church adopted and adapted the Five Year Plan and elected the chairmen of the different sub-committees.

Extracts, personal letter

from Ben Crandall.

Battle Creek, Mich.

The Seventh Day Baptist Chapter of the Loyal Temperance Legion supplied the entertainment at an all-church social meeting in the social hall of the church in the night after the Sabbath, February 22. The program included

songs, readings, choruses, and a temperance play entitled "The Labor Day Parade," and closed with a humorous skit entitled "Our Gang at School." Mrs. W. D. Millar is in charge of the group, Mrs. R. T. Fetherston assisted at the piano, and several mothers of members served light refreshments. During the program the Legion presented to the church library, through the pastor, Rev. E. M. Holston, a copy of "Pilgrim's Progress," by John Bunyan. Those taking part in the program were Mary Crandall, Alan Crandall, Tommy Woods, Pauline Woods, Dennie Woods, Marilyn Moulton, Bernard Moulton, Bob Fetherston, Dick Beadle, Georgia Spells, Ralph Spells, and Errol Spells.

—Contributed.

OBITUARY

Gadd. — Albert J. Gadd was born March 14, 1868, at Whitchurch, Herefordshire, England, and passed away in the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., on February 27, 1941.

He came to this country when about three years of age. In 1902, he was united in marriage to Mame L. Fisher, oldest daughter of Charles T. and Elizabeth Fisher of Shiloh, N. J. As a boy, he was brought up in the Methodist Church, but on March 6, 1910, he joined the West Hope Church in Philadelphia, of which he was a faithful member for thirty-one years. Mr. Gadd was a fine Christian gentleman, highly esteemed and respected by all those who knew him.

After the farewell services in the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell, the body was laid to rest in the Marlboro cemetery.

H. L. C.

Plemmons. — James Anderson Plemmons, born March 25, 1868, died January 16, 1941.

He was united in marriage with Georgia Easter Jackson, May 21, 1905. He accepted Christ early in life and was a loyal member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. He was faithful in prayer and testimony. His godly example will be an inspiration and blessed memory.

He is survived by the widow; five children, Amanda Froman, Walton, Henry, Mamie, and Carl; and six grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted by the pastor of the Nady Friends' Church, and burial was made in Hackenberry cemetery. M. P.

Staples. — Mrs. Emma, oldest daughter of Rev. Andrew J. Williams, died at the city hospital of Tyler, Tex., April 2. She was the mother of five children, who lived to adulthood. She was a devoted wife and mother. She died in sweet assurance of a glorious resurrection.

She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her aged father, her husband, Arthur Staples; sons, William and Rufus; and three married daughters, Mrs. Pearl Cox, Mrs. Lillie Thornton, and Mrs. Ruth McGlothlen; also one sister.

A. J. W.

IT'S UP TO YOU

You are the fellow that has to decide
Whether you'll do it or toss it aside.
You are the fellow who makes up your mind
Whether you'll lead or will linger behind—
Whether you'll try for the goal that's afar
Or be contented to stay where you are.
Take it or leave it, here's something to do!
Just think it over. It's all up to you.

Nobody here will compel you to rise;
No one will force you to open your eyes;
No one will answer for you yes or no,
Whether to stay there or whether to go.
Life is a game, but it's you who must say,
Whether as cheat or as sportsman you'll play.
Fate may betray you, but you settle first
Whether to live to your best or your worst.

So whatever it is you are wanting to be,
Remember, to fashion the choice you are free.
Kindly or selfish, or gentle or strong,
Keeping the right way or taking the wrong,
Careless of honor or guarding your pride,
All these are questions which you must decide.
Yours the selection, whichever you do:
The thing men call character's all up to you.

—Selected.

LEARNING CHRIST'S WAY

Teach me, dear Lord, to keep sweet and gentle in
all the events of life—
in disappointments,
in the thoughtlessness of others,
in the insincerity of those I trusted,
in the unfaithfulness of those on whom I relied.

Help me to put myself aside—
to think of the happiness of others,
to hide my little pains and heartaches,
so that I may be the only one to suffer from them.

Teach me to profit by the suffering that comes
to me.

Help me so to use it that it may mellow me—
not harder nor embitter me;
that it make me patient, not irritable;
that it make me broad in my forgiveness;
kindly, sympathetic, and helpful.

As I go from one distraction to another, let me
whisper from time to time a prayer and a word
of love to thee. May my life be lived in thee,
full of power for good, and strong in its purpose
of sanctity and service.

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