

denominational hymns that were given in the program, and the large choir, under the direction of Professor Stringer, rendered it in the spirit of praise.

I commend the wisdom of the Missionary and the Tract Societies in preparing for and inviting the churches to present missionary and Sabbath interests on special days.

Willard D. Burdick,
Correspondent.

Battle Creek, Mich.

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Holston were complimented with a dinner Tuesday evening in the Postum Clubhouse, given by members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, in observance of their wedding anniversary and Mr. Holston's birthday.

More than one hundred were present for dinner and the program which followed. There were selections by the church orchestra, readings by Mrs. Eva Miller, and musical selections by private Henry Davis and Private William R. Finley. Several reels of motion pictures concluded the program.

Rev. Henry N. Jordan presented Mr. Holston with a purse from the congregation, in appreciation of his work as former pastor of the church.

—Battle Creek paper.

Alfred Station, N. Y.

The Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, under the leadership of its "Lord's Acre" committee and the pastor, is making the first steps now in organizing and promoting the Lord's Acre plan for increasing the financial support of the church.

The plan originated more than ten years ago in a North Carolina Farmers' Federation and has proved so highly successful in the rural churches of that area that it has rapidly spread to almost every part of the United States and to many foreign mission fields, under the inspired leadership of Rev. Dumont Clarke. The Alfred Station Church is one of the first to try the plan in this section of New York State.

The Alfred Station Lord's Acre committee has set up three projects that will be carried out during this year. As a community group project for the men, a five-acre plat of buckwheat will be raised. The land has already been donated and there is

opportunity for individuals to take part in the project in the following ways: Give time in helping prepare the ground; plant the crop and harvest it (equipment is already provided); give money for fertilizer, seed, and gasoline for tractor. Irving Palmiter, Fred Pierce, Harry Austin, and Pastor Randolph are the committee in charge of this project.

The second plan, under the leadership of Mrs. Mae Whitford and Mrs. Ralph Colegrove, will give other church and community organizations an opportunity to choose group projects in the plan.

The third plan gives opportunity for individuals to participate in the project. The individual project committee, made up of Mrs. Earl Burdick, Mrs. Fred Pierce, Mrs. Leon Davis, and Donald Pierce, suggests the following as possible projects for individuals: Raise some garden vegetable or fruit to be canned and sold; raise some farm animal (already two boys are raising a lamb, another boy is raising rabbits, and another is raising bantams in the plan); give the proceeds from eggs laid on Sabbath; do some kind of fancy work or craft work to be sold. These and many others are possible individual projects.

The Lord's Acre committee plans to enroll all those who participate in the Lord's Acre plan in any way and list their project. The committee has set \$225 as its goal for this year, the money to be used in clearing up the church debt. A dedication service for all the projects is planned for Sabbath afternoon, July 5, at which time Lord's Acre posters to be used with the projects will be presented to those who are enrolled in the plan.—Alfred Sun.

MARRIAGES

Flake-Stillman. — Miss Marguerite Stillman of 167 Roseneath, and Mr. Harold Flake of 23 Clay St., Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage at the parsonage, April 21, 1941, by Rev. G. D. Hargis.

General Conference Denver, Colo.

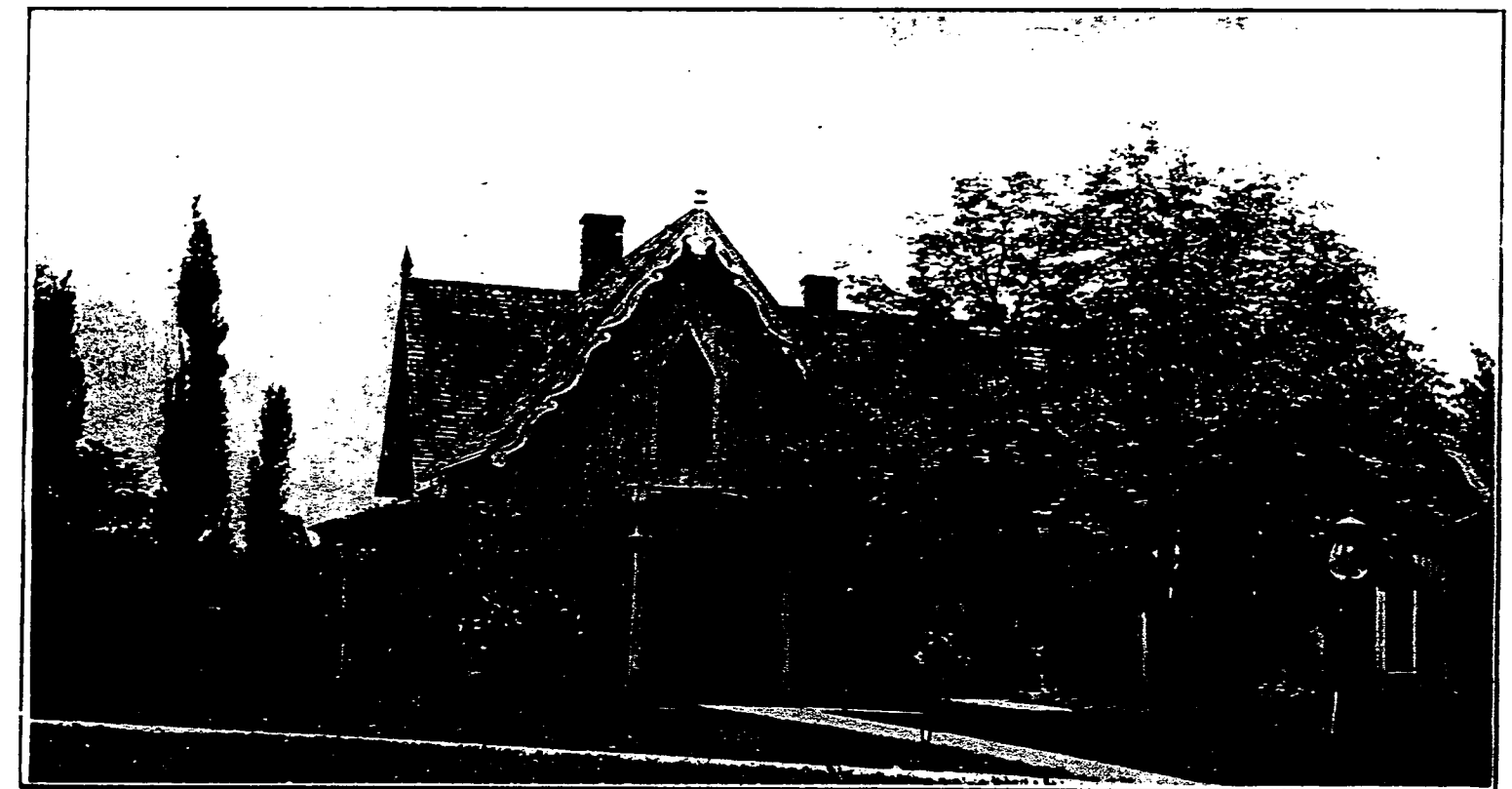
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EDITORIALS

"ALWAYS—FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH"

The sixtieth anniversary of Christian Endeavor will be celebrated at Atlantic City, N. J., July 8 to 13, with the holding of the International Christian Endeavor (Rainbow Jubilee) convention.

"Always—for Christ and the Church" is the theme of the great convention and has just been announced. Under such a slogan a two-year program will be immediately launched of "Rededication to Christ and His Purposes." The following message has just been addressed to young people everywhere by President Daniel L. Poling: "Christian Endeavor's Sixtieth Anniversary Convention—the launching of a world program—the acceptance of the Great Commission—the person and dynamic of Christ. You must come to capture the opportunity. Meet me in Atlantic City, July 8, and God grant that we shall not fail the great Captain of our advance."

As many as possible, we feel sure, of our eastern young people will accept the invitation, and be there. All can accept the challenge of the appeal.

MORE ABOUT EASTERN ASSOCIATION

In spite of heavy downpours of rain, the meetings of the Eastern Association on Friday were well attended. By afternoon and night many had arrived from south Jersey, and many more came Sabbath day. The churches in the extremes of these sections north and south are only about a good before-breakfast drive from Plainfield.

During Friday Mrs. Wm. M. Stillman, vice-president, presided in the necessary absence of the president, and all business was expedited in a most gracious manner, leaving ample time for other parts of the program.

Letters were read from the churches, showing results of interest and labor of various congregations and their leaders. Letters were read from the Central and Southeastern Associations and brief messages brought by their respective representatives, Rev. Herbert L. Polan and Rev. Marion C. Van Horn. A letter was read from the Southwestern Association, expressing appreciation of the presence and help, last year, of our representative, Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, who was sent jointly by Eastern, Central, and Western Associations.

"Some Aspects of Our Faith" was the theme of a splendid sermon by Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastor of the New York City Church. We present here his own summary:

The NRA codes under the blue eagle collapsed because of the breakdown of discipline among those who wrote and imposed their standards. The "code of Christ," as Gerald Heard terms the Beatitudes, offers steps for the self-discipline of the Christian centered in the integrity of God, which is the source of character.

Dynamic humbling, followed by rigorous pursuit of meekness, compassion, and ethical reactions will in time give us the stature of peacemakers and sons of God, with no axe to grind. The second step is the hard one, for character proficiency must approach the realm of physiological reflexes. We should regard an unchristian attitude as a dangerous form of self-indulgence.

Our efforts at social organization will continue to fail, as did NRA, the League of Nations, et al, without the self-imposed inner code of Christ; but

with these aspects of our faith placed central in our gospel, we shall overcome the world and build the kingdom.

The Woman's Board program consisted of three parts—first, a report of outstanding things in the work of some of the women's societies; second, a brief original play, "God's Share," put on by the ladies of the Piscataway Church; and third, "Woman's Board Project," an address by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn.

Mr. Van Horn gave as his official title, "Promoter of Evangelism for Seventh Day Baptists." He outlined his work of serving the denomination by promoting evangelism among those willing to listen, and those in need of hearing. Every Christian should be an evangelist and should show strength, vigor, and enthusiasm in presenting Christ and the Sabbath in everyday living. Through this program it is hoped to reach new fields and give encouragement wherever possible. The board wants to co-operate with all other boards and to do work not now undertaken by other agencies.

Rev. Herbert L. Polan, from the Central Association, preached a thought-provoking sermon on Sabbath eve, on "Right Will Win," text Joshua 1: 5, 6. He opened up the thought that we must give a new sphere of meaning to Christian manhood and fellowship. It can be done only by a great faith in God. He will not fail us nor forsake us if we have that faith and courage. His blessings are for those who believe his promises and accept them.

The association conference meeting followed, led by Rev. Lester G. Osborn—and eleven ministers, six wives of ministers, and some twenty others took active part.

Sabbath Day

The worship-inspiring auditorium was filled to capacity and the congregation devoutly responded to the worship service from the great "Chorale," by Boellmann, under the masterful hands of Doctor Savage at the organ, to the final postlude following the benediction by Rev. S. S. Powell of Princeton, Mass.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn on the association's theme. The speaker urged that unless we study our New Testament thoughtfully it will seem to contradict itself. Jesus speaks

his strongest words of self-denial just where we find our greatest joy and peace. We are told to renounce our dearest family relationships for the purpose of following Christ—but in so doing we find the highest type of family life and expression. His words of benediction sometimes fall on us as a cloud-burst of condemnation.

Sabbath Afternoon

A noteworthy presentation of missionary interests marked the afternoon session. "Mission Boards: Their Place and Finances" was the subject of an address by Asa F. Randolph, with the text, "Go ye into all the world." Our fathers, he said, interested themselves in outpost work, culminating in the Missionary Board of today. Its function is to carry on under the direction of Conference and the support of the people.

Professor Esle F. Randolph spoke on the needs of the home field and how to meet them. Problems and needs are as great today as in the days of Paul and Barnabas.

Secretary Wm. L. Burdick spoke of the work on foreign fields; their needs and future. Missions, he declared, have for their purpose the evangelizing of the world—which means the transforming of people and nurturing them. Only God knows the future, but Christians today are challenged as perhaps never before.

Doctor Edwin Whitford gave a vigorous address on evangelism as the chief work of missions. The age of miracles, he said, is not past. Evangelism is and must be the chief work of the church. Watch for his address in the Recorder.

The young people's vesper service closed the day's meeting with the sermon by Rev. Wayne R. Rood, whose theme was Faith and Victory. This sermon will appear in Our Pulpit of the Recorder soon. Speaking of memorials that must be appropriate and tangible, he mentioned those of love, sacrifice, forgiveness, and peace. Let us rear a memorial defense of the eternal justice and hope of the kingdom of God.

Closing Session

The business of the association was cared for on Sunday morning. The next place of meeting will be Rockville, R. I., and the president elected is Deacon George V. Crandall of that church.

The closing program was that of the Tract Board and carried three addresses: Seventh Day Baptist Victory Depends on:

Our Faith in God and in Our Cause. Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell said in this address that we must have more than faith in ourselves—important as that is. We must have implicit faith in God and the importance of the task to which he has called us. Our faith must be made operative. Our victories will be measured by the faith we use. We shall be lifted from failure to success as we demonstrate our belief in God.

Seventh Day Baptist Victory Depends on Our Vision and Our Resources was the subject treated by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn. Vision, he said, demands of us a knowledge of the past, so that we may act for the better in the future. Faith means more than mere acceptance of Christ; it means going out to take Christ to others. Our mission field includes every heart; and with our resources, our Christian homes and churches, our faith should reach and touch as many hearts as we can.

The third address was by the treasurer of the American Sabbath Tract Society, J. Leland Skaggs of New York City, who spoke most helpfully on the theme, Seventh Day Baptist Victory Depends on Our Working Together. As the people under Nehemiah had a *mind* to work in building Jerusalem's walls, so today work and co-operation are necessary for the accomplishment of our aims; and in order to co-operate we must have vision and faith. He spoke of the value of funds for various purposes and the need of careful investment to secure income for future needs. We hope to publish this paper that concluded with, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

A Few Matters of Interest

The Sabbath morning offering for the Denominational Budget was \$52.40.

Meals, aside from breakfasts, were found by visitors and delegates at various nearby restaurants or other popular eating places. For Sabbath day, provision was made for most of the people to eat at one place, thus giving further opportunity for friendly fellowship. Seventy-seven were reported cared for in this manner.

A group of unattached Sabbath keepers

was present at two sessions, from Point Pleasant, N. J., fifty-five miles away.

That careful preparation work by the executive committee bore fruit was made apparent in a printed program being carried fully to completion without omission or substitution.

The large delegation from the south Jersey churches was noted, especially the presence of so many for so many of the sessions.

Were the writer not of Plainfield, he would particularly remark upon the careful preparation made by local committees for the care and comfort of delegates and representatives; and of the music so helpful and promotive of the worship services.

ALFRED MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The fourth annual Ministers' Conference met at Alfred, N. Y., June 16 to 17, holding six full sessions, with one afternoon left open for visitation—an opportunity improved by "galloping" calls at the Ben Crandall Colonial Home, the Edgar D. Van Horn and the parsonage gardens, with tea and fellowship including bowling at the Crandall Hall lawn, with Mrs. Ahva J. C. Bond and others serving. Also, some made calls at Little Genesee, Bolivar, Nile, and Richburg.

More than fifty people were in attendance from six different states, including the wives of eleven ministers, besides wives of theological students and prospective ones (prospective theologs, we mean). Some of those who attended were entertained by relatives or friends, while others were lodged at Bartlett Dormitory, the use of which was generously, as in years past, given by the university at a very small daily charge.

President Norwood of the university extended greetings, assuring the visitors that no special welcome was really needed to be expressed, because Seventh Day Baptist ministers were always welcome at Alfred. He made no mention of the old tradition that Seventh Day Baptists could not go to heaven except via Alfred. That tradition, we think is rather out-traditioned, but if any doubt lingers, then this Ministers' Conference afforded opportunity for such assurance to many.

Rev. Paul S. Burdick led in the evening devotional periods with all gathered in the Gothic Chapel. His meditations were all thoughtful and thought-provoking and gave quieting assurance of the presence of God

and of his continuing presence and power in the meetings that followed. The Need of Prophets and Their Messages was the continuing theme of Brother Burdick. In this first period he emphasized the Need of Prophets.

Prophets Needed!

In these times of uncertainty, nothing is more greatly needed than the voice of a true prophet. But there can be no spirit of prophecy without deep insight into the foibles and inconsistencies of the age, unshakable convictions regarding right and wrong, and the willingness to share these convictions in the marts of human life.

Elijah opposed Baal worship with its degrading influences. Jeremiah insisted on heart worship instead of a religion of formality. Jesus declared that a complete new birth is necessary if a man is to be lifted to the plane of a son of God.

Who will prophesy for our time? Will it be the ministers, the teachers, or the man with one hand on the plough? I cannot say, but I do believe that, whoever it is, he will speak under the inspiration of the Man of Galilee, of whom it was said long ago, "Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God." (I John 4: 3.)

United Christian Education Advance

This was the theme of the carefully worked out program for the conference, a theme which proved to be for the forwarding of the General Conference Five Year Plan. Twenty or more people had accepted places on the program and their presentations gave every evidence of the assignments having been taken seriously. The addresses were informative, stimulating, and on-looking; the discussions, widely ranging sometimes, but helpful and manifesting a deep and vital interest on the part of all.

The opening address was by Rev. Elmo F. Randolph of Alfred Station, who stated the theme of the conference in a masterful manner, showing an understanding of the movement launched by the recent convention of the Council of Christian Education at Chicago, and a careful study of the matter. While expressing alarm at the situation in which Christianity finds itself—he gave some startling statistics—he pointed out the resources of Christian faith on which the church can depend. He quoted the noted writer—Chesterton—who said, "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found hard and not tried." He related the timely theme and program to our own denominational needs. In fact, the program of Advance grew out of denominational activities.

The discussion that followed was led by Dr. Ben R. Crandall, and gave evidence of the interest and understanding on the part of those present and taking part.

(To be continued)

THE BUDGET

Last Call for the 1940-41 Conference Returns

Treasurer Swinney must close his books on July 5. In which class will your church fall? That depends upon each giver and each church member. The committee most sincerely hopes we may see the budget of \$18,380 raised in full. What a great satisfaction it would be to every Seventh Day Baptist! There is great need for every dollar anticipated.

Please send you "will endeavor" pledge to the chairman at an early date. If you do not wish to make such a pledge, will you indicate your willingness to contribute for the 1941-42 Budget the same amount you are giving this year? Increase it if possible.

The Commission can allow budgets for our denominational boards only in the amount of your indicated offerings. The work of our denomination rests on "the everlasting team work of every bloomin' soul"! Are you encouraging every member to become a systematic giver?

May you be richly blessed in your giving.

The Finance Committee,

Ben R. Crandall, Chairman.

Box 843, Alfred, N. Y.

LOVE BURST UPON ME

Chiang Kai-shek's Witness

I have been a Christian for nearly ten years, and during that time I have been a constant reader of the Bible. Never before had this sacred Book been so interesting to me as during my two weeks' captivity in Siam. This unfortunate affair took place all of a sudden and I found myself placed under detention without having a single earthly belonging. From my captors I asked but one thing—a copy of the Bible. In my solitude I had ample opportunity for reading and meditation. The greatness and love of Christ burst upon me with new inspiration, increasing my strength to struggle against evil, to overcome temptation, and to uphold righteousness.

From an Exchange.

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.

HOW MISSIONS GAIN SUCCESS

By Rev. Leslie O. Greene, Albion, Wis.

(Sermon delivered Missionary Sabbath, April 26, 1941, at Milton, Wis., and furnished by request)

Text: "Ye shall be my witnesses." Acts 1: 8.

Not long ago I heard of a church which at one time had been a very thriving organization. Years before it had had a pastor who spent much thought and time in building it up. No means had been spared in making the edifice a most magnificent place of worship, and then to secure its permanence it had been heavily endowed. Members of the congregation were all well educated, had about equal incomes, appetites, interests, and the same politics. They all spoke the same language. Socially, there was nothing to mar their happiness. A strong social program kept the people coming to the weekly services. They found heavily padded seats in which they were most comfortable. Hired musicians gave them the very best type of music. From all appearances it looked as though the church should prosper for many years to come—but, little by little at first, and later with a more rapid decline, the church began to die. No one inside seemed to notice it, but others could see it, and many asked why. The answer was plain to those who made a study of the situation. It had no program of service for any one outside. If the people had even known, they had long since forgotten, the fundamental principle upon which any church should be built. They had ignored the words of Christ given to his disciples just before his ascension, which should apply to every church, "Ye shall be my witness."

I. The Challenge

This very important and challenging task came to the disciples on the eve of a new dispensation in their lives. An obligation to tell the story everywhere rested with an irresistible force upon these men called away from their worldly pursuits to a new task. They were now to devote their best efforts to kingdom building. The disciples

had been reluctant to let Christ go for they were afraid the weight of despondency, loneliness, and helplessness might cause a wasting away both of numbers and zeal for the work. But they could not refuse him now. They thought of all he had meant to them. They realized he had brought them out of great darkness, he had given them new hope, he had put a new purpose in their hearts. A Christian who has put his hands to the plow should never turn back. They must go on facing every cross, just as they had seen him face Calvary.

To witness for Christ has been a great challenge in all generations to those who have felt the call to service. Youth, in particular, has always been quick to accept a task which seemed big and daring and necessary. A challenging sign hangs over the doorway of an unpretentious work shop on a busy street in a certain city where hundreds of people pass every hour of the day. The words, "Bring Me Something I Can't Fix," got much attention even from the hurrying crowds. Many became alert to try out the contender and as a result all sorts of old, dilapidated pieces of machines, furniture, and jewelry, much of which had long ago been cast away, was brought there and left for repair; and to the surprise of the curious-minded, when they returned for their property, it had been fixed. Then the impulse to go tell others was aroused and witnessing began. The same challenge to service exists today and the burden to witness is falling on the shoulders of many who have been called to go even to "the uttermost parts of the earth." With the assurance of the Master's approval and his confidence in their ability, because called by him, they have left lands and homes and friends in answer to his challenging program.

II. Preparation Needed

The success of any enterprise depends to a large degree upon its promoters. Without a proper vision, without plenty of zeal, and without untiring effort and stamina, any worth-while business will soon show signs of deterioration. The early church had as its founder one whose purpose never wavered and whose whole life was devoted to its cause, Jesus Christ. It had as a further promoter a man with a true missionary spirit and a sacrificing devotion, who said, "necessity is laid upon me to preach the gospel,"

the Apostle Paul. Along with the organization and all necessary material machinery, there must be a living spirit such as is found in man. Christ sought to put his own spirit into the best Christians he could find, that his work might continue when he was gone. With infinite wisdom he called out from among his disciples those whom he could trust and thrust upon them the great obligation, "Ye are my witnesses."

Jesus knew his disciples were not fitted by training for this work, because most of them had come from the common walks of life and had no experience in dealing with others. There are those who come to the truth with very little persuasion, but good witnesses must be prepared to present the truth with much force when necessary. To make sure they would not fail he promised them, "Ye shall receive power." They would need the power of the Holy Spirit to guide them, they would need the power of prayer to protect them, and they would need the power of faith to encourage them. This he promised them when they became his witnesses. The very best kind of machinery may be set up for missions, but it will turn without purpose unless the messengers are full of faith, devotion, and determination. A gospel which presents life must be borne by men who show much life in their message. There will need to be a perpetual presence of his spirit to dominate every act of the true witness. The disciples were men of faith and though reluctant to let him go, when his consoling words, "Lo, I am with you always," were spoken, they were nerved for the new task. There might be opposition to face, and possible persecution, but they could be bold. Thus, there was born in the lives of the first evangelists a will and determination to fulfill the requirements to become "Fishers of men."

III. Enduring Service

Jesus gave this commission to his followers, that the world might never lack the light he came to bear. He had shared the light with his disciples; now they must not hide it under a bushel. He knew it would involve a long, continuous effort. The practical success of Christian missions has always been conditioned by fidelity to those principles and precepts with which Christ first equipped his witnesses. To make missions a success, now as in every age, the standard set up

for the primitive apostles must be maintained. They had learned for themselves what redemption meant or they could not have proclaimed a needed salvation to others.

An efficient program for our day, whether for a local church or a denominational board, must be very definite and well understood. Those who would criticize Christian missions may think fifty, seventy-five, or one hundred years a waste of time, when everything is moving with so much swiftness. It may look like a ridiculous failure to find such a comparative few saved. To the doubtful it may appear that the bread which has been cast on the water will not return. Jesus wanted his witnesses to fortify themselves against discouragement, for worthwhile, lasting good may take years to accomplish. We cannot be in too much of a hurry if the building is to stand through all kinds of storm. There will need to be a waiting and watching in Jerusalem.

There are three fundamental needs in every successful missionary program. We need men — consecrated, loyal, purposeful men; men with broad vision and untiring effort. We need money—the fruits of men's hands whose hearts have been consecrated to Christ; money, which does not buy salvation, but furnishes the men and needed material to proclaim it, and without which, as in any business, the work is decidedly frustrated. We need finally, but always, prayer — individuals, churches, denominations ever in the spirit of prayer, asking, seeking, knocking; prayer which makes men alive for souls, witnesses inspired, revived, and kept. "Ye are my witnesses," says Christ.

NEWS FROM MISSIONARIES IN CHINA

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

Dear Friend:

I feel quite condemned that the Wests have not written you in regard to their plans for staying or leaving Shanghai. We early decided to stay, and it had not occurred to us but that it was generally known till the Recorder of April 7 reached us.

Just at first I thought perhaps I ought to leave. But when it came really to deciding on a specific date, I could not bring myself to do it. I was egotistical enough to think I could be more of a help than a hindrance by staying. So far I think it has proved

that way. All this school year my daughters have been very busy and I know that the little that I could do for them has been greatly appreciated. Just now Anna is under the doctor's care, though still doing part time work. She seems to be improving under his treatment and we are hoping for a complete restoration in the near future.

We have greatly rejoiced that the Davises and Doctor Thorngate decided to remain longer in Shanghai, and hope nothing will occur to make it necessary for them to leave.

The schools have been going on nicely. Only six weeks more to the closing of the school year. We have no plans for the summer, but will quite likely stay here in Shanghai. We hear that some people are going North to a summer resort near Peking, while others are going to our neighbor island.

We have just received our first letter from Doctor Crandall since her arrival in the interior. She and her daughter have a house to themselves and a kind neighbor family who are helping them in many ways. Rice, vegetables, and milk are plentiful, good, and much lower in price than in Shanghai. They were well and had already begun their work. Doctor Wezen had had a confinement case, and that day she wrote had walked ten miles to care for her patient. They had been in their new home only a week. It took this letter a little more than a month to reach us, so perhaps it may take two months for letters from her to reach the States.

Sincerely yours,
Nettie M. West.

23 Route de Zikawei,
Shanghai, China,
May 21, 1941.

CONFERENCE-VACATION

Why not Combine Your Vacation and Conference?

You and your family, with many circulars and invitations, with many suggestions of the country's splendid recreational centers, will naturally ask, "Which of these cordial invitations shall we accept?"

This is one of the years when the family can come together, or a group join in a share-the-cost trip, and spend a vacation in one of the most wonderful sections of the

United States and attend our General Conference without a great deal of extra cost.

More than half of Colorado is a mountainous wonderland of the world, and many of the most wonderful points are reached by paved highways. Something of the extent of the wonderful mountain scenery may be realized from the size of the state. Colorado is more than twelve times the area of Massachusetts, and nearly double Iowa. New York, Ohio, Connecticut, and New Hampshire combined about equal Colorado's area. The length of the state is 390 miles, greater than the distance from New York City to Portland, Me.; and the width is 276 miles, the distance from Chicago to St. Louis.

The highest skyline drive in America is known as the "Trail Ridge Road," winding across the Continental Divide from Estes Park to Grand Lake, Colo., an easy day's trip from Denver, and many reasonably priced cottages may be found at Grand Lake, as well as along the route. This road for many miles is far above timber line and crosses the divide at Milner Pass at an altitude of 10,759 and reaches a maximum altitude of 12,183. Fifteen peaks over 13,000 feet may be seen from this wonderful paved highway.

The Denver Church will do its best to make you comfortable during Conference week. However, owing to the small size of the congregation, it will be necessary to put quite fully into effect the "Convention Plan," which Conference voted some years ago might be used by churches entertaining it. Many of our people call it the "Boulder Plan," because it was first used extensively by our Boulder Church in 1936. This simply means that delegates for the most part will pay for their rooms and meals. Being in a large city, as we are, few of our families have spare rooms or beds; therefore, we are compelled to confine ourselves to close relatives and invited guests.

A local committee, of which Deacon Orsen Davis, 40 Kalamath Street, is chairman, will be prepared to place delegates in hotels, tourist camps and courts, apartments, and private homes. Prices of such, location, accommodations, etc., will be carefully tabulated, and detailed information helpful to those who expect to come to Conference will doubtless be printed in the Recorder some time in July. If information is desired earlier,

write Mr. Davis, making your needs and desires known.

The pastor of the Denver Church has been quite ill in a hospital, and for the past five weeks unable to even write, so has not been able to have items in the Recorder as had been planned.

Erlo E. Sutton.

Denver, Colo.,
June 16, 1941.

A LETTER TO A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

Dear Friend:

You say that it was due to something I wrote in the Recorder that you were helped to decide to become a conscientious objector to war. If so, you may be looking to me for further advice or encouragement. I fear that I cannot offer you much in these times but hardship, misunderstanding, and the loss of friends. There may even be those who will say that you are a slacker and a traitor to your country if you do not take part in the military preparations now going on. Therefore it will become necessary for you to examine carefully the grounds for your faith, and to consider what kind of service you can offer your country and your God to take the place of that which you brothers are giving, as they go off to military camp.

Someone has said that if he were a pacifist, he would feel in duty bound to preach the doctrine of non-resistance and brotherly love, not alone in his own land where speech is free, but in lands ruled by dictators and where death or the concentration camp await dissenters. I believe there are even some who would dare to go in this way as soldiers of the cross—missionaries of peace. But they would have to be supported by groups of praying Christians at home. And in order to have any expectation of success, it would be well to have behind them a nation that would subordinate hate and self-interest to the will to serve humanity, bring relief to suffering, and render justice to all.

You are staking your reputation and your peace of mind upon the proposition that prayer will in the end succeed where bullets fail to conquer. Are you putting that faith into practice in your daily life? Can you check anger and prejudice? Are you making friends out of enemies by an exhibition of the spirit of Christ? Are you winning souls

for him? If you can answer "Yes" to these questions, then you may consider that you are beginning to be his soldier. If you cannot answer "Yes" to any of these questions, you had better consider carefully whether your surrender to him is complete, or your acceptance of his way is as thoroughgoing as it should be. There is danger that a person will reject some method or way of life as unChristian, without substituting any other method of dealing with the problems of life that is in any sense adequate to the needs of the hour. Such a course leads only to uncertainty and confusion.

I am praying that you will have trials severe enough to burn away the dross and temper the steel of your determination in whatever course you decide to take. "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able."

Furthermore, whatever may be the course that you shall take, remember that others who are just as sincere as you are may decide to take another course. This may be the hardest test of all, for after we have fought our way through to some decision in life, it is hard to believe that those who have reached another decision have been impelled by just as great sincerity and honesty of conviction as we have. It is the soul of tolerance to be willing to believe that while another may be mistaken in his judgment, yet his error may be one of lack of enlightenment rather than a deliberate turning away from light.

Finally, there is the matter of your position under the selective service law. You say that you may register as a conscientious objector. That may mean that you will be sent to one of the work camps now being established throughout the country. It will mean, as you say, that you will have to give up your present occupation, lose a year's employment, and maybe ever borrow money to support yourself in these camps; for unlike your brothers in military service, you will not receive payment for your services, but must pay thirty-five dollars every month for your board. However, many who are entering military service are giving up much more proportionally than you are.

You have thought some of going to college. Well, a year in such a camp will be no more expensive than a year in college, and it may mean more to you in time to

DAILY MEDITATIONS

(Prepared by Mrs. Frank A. Langworthy,
Plainfield, N. J.)

Sunday, July 6

Read John 14: 7-10.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." (John 15: 4.)

How can God become real to me? We believe God is real, but do we feel that he is as real to us as father or mother or some other loved one? That is the way he wants us to think of him, for in John 14: 23 Jesus says, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him and we will come in unto him, and make our abode with him." Notice that there is a condition imposed on us if we would have this close companionship—"If a man love me he will **keep** my words." Also, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." (John 14: 21.)

Prayer—Dear Father, we do so much desire a close companionship with thee. Be with us as we study thy Word that we may know what our part is in obtaining this great blessing. Amen.

Monday, July 7

Read Romans 5: 11-18.

"Yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead."

The first requirement of us—if we would have a lasting sense of God's presence, or reality—is **surrender**. This does not mean just the giving up of a few things. It means yielding all that we have and are to the Lord Jesus, asking him to take control of every department of our lives (Romans 12: 1, 2). If we will do this, we have Christ's promise, "If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3: 20.) The presence of the Lord Jesus means also the presence of the Father, because he and the Father are one.

Prayer—Help us, dear Father, to make a full surrender of our lives to thee—that we may be filled with thy great love and a desire to bring others into such loving companionship with thee. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

come than any college course, provided you are determined to get all the help you possibly can out of the experience.

May God guide you in your decision and keep you true to your convictions is my prayer.

Yours in his service,

Paul S. Burdick.

Leonardsville, N. Y.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

SABBATH REST

Sabbath rest is an inspiring thing in itself. It brings a sense of physical and mental release from strain. It brings a sense of the supreme wisdom of God. It brings a sense of his nearness and his goodness. But the Sabbath comes but once a week. I have met a few men and women, among them a very few young people, who seem to find a real Sabbath rest for a little while on each day of the week. Wouldn't it be an interesting experiment if each of us would try to find that rest—a certain time, a certain place each day where all of our problems of home or school or work might either be crowded out or find expression in communion with God—a time when God would seem closer and from which we might go out, ready to meet our problems with refreshed mind and spirit.

Your editor was very pleased to receive a letter this week from one of our young people. She had noticed an article in the Recorder which spoke of the possibility of a Sabbath promotion hymnal. Enclosed in the letter were some scores of original music and an adapted version of the poem, **On This Thy Sabbath Day**, that appeared in the June ninth issue. The musical score is really well done, and we hope that it will appear in one of our publications before too long. Perhaps our "Beacon" editors will find means to publish it. Interest of this kind is what will get us somewhere. We cannot do anything of importance, we cannot make anything worth-while unless each of us does his bit.

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Tuesday, July 8

Read Psalm 71: 1-8; Jeremiah 17: 5-10.

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is."

Realization of the presence of God requires **trust**. It is not enough merely to yield ourselves to the Lord Jesus. We must really **believe** that he is doing what he has said he will do—forgive us, guide and protect us. We cannot have real fellowship with one we do not trust.

I saw an evangelist demonstrate trust to a group of young people in this way: He had a very small child climb a high step ladder, then turn around, and jump into his arms. She was a little hesitant at first; then did as she was told. It was breathtaking for an instant; then came happy cheers for the little girl as she landed safely in the evangelist's arms. She had trusted him completely. That is the kind of trust our heavenly Father wants—willingness to let go of all else and give ourselves completely to him.

Prayer—Help us, our Father, to learn to let go of all else and trust thee completely in all circumstances. Amen.

Wednesday, July 9

Read 1 John 2: 1-11.

"Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments."

If we would have the realization of God's presence we must practice **obedience**. This is what John is speaking of when he urges us to "walk in the light, as he is in the light" (1 John 1: 6, 7). When we do not keep his commandments, we cannot say that we really know him, as John reminds us (1 John 2: 4, 5). The Lord Jesus pointed out that fellowship is dependent upon obedience (John 14: 23).

Prayer—Dear Father, help us to long so much for companionship with thee and thy Son, that we shall be glad to render obedience in all things. Amen.

Thursday, July 10

Read 1 John 1: 6-10.

"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Having a real sense of God's presence is dependent also on **cleansing**. "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." (Matthew 5: 8.) Sin always erects a barrier between God and man. God has done his part in removing that barrier by giving his

only Son to die on the cross to cleanse us from our sins. But he asks us to do our part by confessing our sins, just as soon as we know we have done wrong, and by receiving the cleansing and forgiveness that he freely gives (1 John 1: 9).

Prayer—Cleanse us, we pray, from all our sins, dear Father. Help us not to excuse ourselves from wrong doing, but be honest enough to recognize a sin and repent of it. Amen.

Friday, July 11

Read 1 Timothy 2: 1-8; 1 Thessalonians 5: 17-23.

"Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

A sense of the presence of God requires **communion**. We cannot know a person very well whom we see only for a few hasty moments now and then. No more can we expect to know God in a real way, unless we are willing to take time for prayer and the reading of his Word.

"Take time to be holy,
Speak oft with thy Lord,
Abide with him always,
And feed on his Word."

True prayer leads one into the very presence of our heavenly Father, and reading his Word tells us about him and reveals to us his goodness and love and what his will is for us.

Prayer—Our dear Father, we are so grateful for thy Word and that we may know thy will for us. Show us how to talk with thee in prayer, that we may feel thy presence very near. Amen.

Sabbath, July 12

Read Psalms 116: 16-19; 145: 1-5.

"Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever."

Then, if we have a sense of the reality of God we must be filled with **thanksgiving** and **praise**. Paul reminds us that thanksgiving should be a very important part of all our asking (Philippians 4: 6). We think people who do not thank their earthly friends for favors done, very ungrateful and not worthy, perhaps, of further favors. How much more necessary is it to thank and praise our heavenly Father for his wondrous gifts to us.

So we have a very real part in acquiring a sense of the reality of God, as day by day and moment by moment we do those things that will make him real. Let us "practice the presence of God."

Prayer—Our dear Father, we would use this Sabbath day to seek to know thee better, to praise thy name, and to thank thee for blessings and promises. Be near us today and may we feel thy nearness during the coming days. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Thank you very much indeed for including my letter to Mr. Van Horn in your Children's Page in the Sabbath Recorder of May 5. I have not yet received it, as it takes about a month or so in transit owing to transport difficulties.

We have had a good deal of bombing in Bristol, but thanks to the Lord, he has been very good to us. We always pray for his protection and deliverance and we pin our whole faith on him. Whenever we experience a terrible "Blitz," my aunt opens her Bible and she always gets the sixty-sixth Psalm and especially the twelfth verse. "Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place." Now, isn't this verse marvelous? We cannot but thank the Lord for his glorious salvation and his continual loving kindness towards us.

Although we have lost everything of this world's goods, we still keep our chins high, as we know and are sure that we cannot lose eternal life, which is far greater. (I John 5, verses 11 to 15.) These verses also are wonderful, aren't they?

I may add that my uncle, aunt, and myself are all Sabbath keepers and I think that is why the Lord is blessing us. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them," and "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

Praise his Holy Name forever and ever!

I sincerely hope that all our good friends are well and happy in Jesus. May the Lord bless you all and make his face to shine on you.

Remember me to all of them and tell them to keep on praying for all the Sabbath keepers in our country.

Ever your affectionate friend,

Peter Philpott (aged 12).

"Selvans," 6, Cavendish Rd.,
Henleaze, Bristol, Eng.

Dear Peter:

I was very glad to receive your well written letter from far away England, that country of faithful, brave people. I fervently pray for the safety of all Sabbath keepers, yes, and for all the faithful people in England. May God richly bless and keep you all.

I'm wondering if we in America would be as courageous as you people of England if we were put to the same severe test. I think all true Christian people would, for in God is our trust. You have heard, no doubt, of the torpedoing of the "Robin Moor" by a German submarine and of how most of the passengers were out on the sea in lifeboats for several days at the mercy of the waves before they were rescued. They must have had true Christian bravery for they felt that God was with them, and I am proud to know that most of them were Americans. Among them was a small boy of perhaps three years. He was not a bit afraid, and as he saw the sharks out in the ocean he called them pretty fishes. These people have cause to praise His name.

You have indeed quoted some wonderful Bible verses and I hope all my Recorder boys and girls will commit them to memory, to give you all courage in every time of danger. I will be looking for other helpful letters from you in the future.

Sincerely your new American friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children:

I have just room enough for a short Bible lesson which is based on these verses: Philipians 2: 1-4. Look them up in your Bibles and note that the lesson it teaches is for all of us as well as for the Philippian people. If we are really to succeed in anything, we must not work for ourselves alone but for other people as well. We call this "team work." Did you ever visit a machine factory and watch the making of a great machine? One man places a wheel, another a bolt,

still another an axle, and so on; but each part is made so perfectly that they slip together easily and in a very short time the complete machine is made. That is good team work.

Nearly every day we hear in the newspapers or over the radio about strikes which cause a great deal of trouble. Usually the trouble is caused because people do not work for others but for themselves alone, or do not treat each other well. They have not learned to work together.

Why, boys and girls, we need to have team work even in our play. If I see a group of children quarreling in their play, I think they have not learned how to play together but that each one is thinking just of himself; and if I see a group playing happily together, I say, "I call that real team work." What do you think about it, Recorder boys and girls?

Sincerely yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

MRS. FRANK HILL

Mrs. Frank Hill was born in Alfred, N. Y., June 27, 1866, and died, after a brief illness, in the Westerly Hospital, Westerly, R. I., May 31, 1941. She was the daughter of Maxson and Huldah Greene. Her parents and grandparents were among the early settlers of Alfred and were connected with the establishment of the church and the founding of the educational institutions which have made Alfred famous. She attended the public schools, studied in Alfred University, was prominent in the social and religious life of the community, and till her marriage Alfred was her home.

September 6, 1885, she was united in marriage to Hon. Frank Hill of Ashaway, R. I., and since her marriage Ashaway has been her place of residence. The home they established was ideal and has been noted for its hospitality, as many people can testify. To them were born four children: Mrs. Evelyn H. Robinson, Mrs. Mary H. Crandall, Frank M., and Helen L. Hill. Two of the children, Helen L. and Mrs. Robinson, preceded their mother to the heavenly home.

In early life Mrs. Hill was baptized and joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, N. Y. Upon coming to Ashaway, she became a member of the First Seventh

Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, and to that church and its auxiliary organizations she gave devoted service for more than half a century.

Mrs. Hill was a prominent member of the Phoebe Greene Ward chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, located in Westerly, and of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ashaway. To these and other social and civic organizations she gave service, marked for its efficiency.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Hill is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Julian T. Crandall, and a son, Frank Maxson Hill, both of Ashaway; seven grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Jane Wilcox, wife of Dr. DeWitt Wilcox of Newton Center, Mass.; two nieces, and a nephew.

Farewell services conducted by Rev. Byron U. Hatfield, assisted by Rev. William L. Burdick, were held from the Avery Funeral Home, in Westerly, June 3, and interment took place in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway, R. I.
W. L. B.

MEETING OF THE TRACT BOARD

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in regular session in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, June 8, 1941, at 2 p.m., with Corliss F. Randolph presiding and the following members present: Corliss F. Randolph, Courtland V. Davis, Frederik J. Bakker, J. Leland Skaggs, Irving A. Hunting, Franklin A. Langworthy, George R. Crandall, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Everett C. Hunting, Hurley S. Warren, Trevah R. Sutton, and L. Harrison North, manager of the publishing house.

The board was led in prayer by Courtland Davis.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn submitted the following report which was accepted:

The secretary is attending the meeting of the Central Association at Brookfield, N. Y. Among the letters of interest this month are those from different leaders in Africa. One of them reports visiting seven Seventh Day Baptist churches in the Blantyre region, spending three months with them. Their membership is 886. Since then, in his own village he conducted a meeting in which more than five hundred assembled from various other

villages, several of which were named. Their earnestness to do for themselves is also shown in an attempt to send money for the Sabbath Recorder, successful in amount of \$2.38.

Sabbath Rally Week was observed in many of our churches, May 17-24. We are hearing officially, and otherwise, of co-operation with the board in the use of the eight-page pamphlet containing a worship program and other material provided by the board. Some appreciation is being expressed, one church making a contribution of \$5 to help pay expense of printing the pamphlet.

Tracts in limited numbers and sample Recorders have been sent out on request. The board's friendly attitude continues to be rewarded by the "tithes and offerings" of interested unattached Sabbath keepers.

The secretary has helped the office of the business manager in sending out subscription arrearage notices on the Recorder, and has completed program arrangements for the Tract Board hour at Eastern Association. He has attended a meeting of the Irvington Church, speaking for a few moments of our interests, and conducted a night funeral in Jersey City.

The Committee on Distribution of Literature reported through its secretary, Frederik J. Bakker, that 144 copies of the Statement of Belief with manual for study at \$1 each had been ordered to date.

Business Manager L. Harrison North reported as follows for the Supervisory Committee:

Miss Elizabeth McWilliam of Milton, Wis., arrived June 6, to take the position of stenographer and assistant bookkeeper in the publishing house, left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Ethel Main Wheeler, who has moved to Alfred to be with her husband, Alton R. Wheeler, a student in the School of Theology. Miss McWilliam, who has been the official Conference stenographer the past two years, comes well equipped in training and experience for her new position.

William Fitz Randolph of Texarkana, Ark., has nearly completed the first six months of his training as a printer-apprentice and is beginning to feel at home in Plainfield.

Treasurer J. Leland Skaggs for the Investment Committee called attention to the fact that the period for which Paul A. Whitford was employed as agent of the board has expired.

It was voted that the Investment Committee be authorized to extend the period of his employment to April 1, 1942.

The following letter was read by Franklin A. Langworthy, chairman of the Committee on Young People's Conferences and Summer Camps:

Rev. Elmo F. Randolph,
Alfred Station, N. Y.,

Chairman of the Young People's Division of the
S. D. B. Board of Christian Education, Inc.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

The Committee on Young People's Conferences and Summer Camps of the Tract Board met in the Denominational Building on May 11, with four members present.

I wish to report that we as a committee do not plan to set up a camp program at Lewis Camp this summer.

The Tract Board as a whole has not acted upon our plan to turn the matter over to you. We as a committee feel, however, that the board undoubtedly will give its approval to your committee's administration of Lewis Camp.

If you should decide upon having a camp we would suggest that suitable arrangements be made with Mr. Nathan E. Lewis, who has a particular interest in this camp. His present address is Bradford, R. I. We assure you of his co-operation in every respect.

Sincerely yours,

F. A. Langworthy, Chairman,
Committee on Y. P. Conferences
and Summer Camps.

It was voted that this action be approved.

In the matter of cases for filing bound volumes of the Sabbath Recorder, the committee recommends the purchase of three steel cases, at an approximate price of \$250.

The committee recommends the following budget for the year beginning October 1, 1941, and ending September 30, 1942:

Estimated Expenses	
Leader in Sabbath Promotion:	
Salary	\$ 90.00
Expenses	100.00
Young people's work	150.00
"Sabbath Recorder"	7,500.00
"Helping Hand"	1,500.00
Share in "Year Book"	100.00
Reports to Conference	135.00
General printing and distribution of literature	1,500.00
Corresponding secretary:	
Salary	1,426.00
Traveling expense, stationery, and postage	300.00
Full-time secretary	2,400.00
Recording secretary's expense	60.00
Treasurer's expense:	
Clerical	208.00
Travel	60.00
Auditing	30.00
Stationery, postage, etc.	40.00
Surety bond	25.00
Expenses of representatives to Con- ference, associations, etc.	200.00
Additional field work	200.00
Life annuity payments	301.50

Files of denominational literature	100.00
Incidentals	300.00
Taxes for 1940-41 estimated at	965.00
	<u>\$17,690.50</u>

Anticipated Income

Income from invested funds:	
Through Tract Society	\$ 4,000.00
Through Memorial Board	2,000.00
"Sabbath Recorder"	2,600.00
"Helping Hand"	1,500.00
Sale of books, tracts, etc.	50.00
Publishing house for taxes	300.00
Denominational Budget	7,240.50
	<u>\$17,690.50</u>

The report was adopted as read.

It was voted that the treasurer be authorized to purchase curtains for his office at an expense of \$13.

The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Corliss F. Randolph,
President,

Courtland V. Davis,
Recording Secretary.

OUR PULPIT

For sermon, see Missions Department.

REV. SAMUEL D. DAVIS: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

(Continued)

CIVIL WAR

The country was engaged in a terrible war which seemed to me to be the fulfillment of my Grandfather Hoffman's prophecy of the calamity that would befall the nation in consequence of the sin of American Slavery. But such was my confidence that the government would wipe out the rebellion, though it suffered the just reward of its sin, that I fondly hoped the conflict would not be so long nor the slaughter so great as it proved to be.

As I tried to adapt myself to the present conditions, it sometimes would seem that my brain was reeling; but the God in whom I trusted graciously sustained me as I wandered up and down the valleys and over the hills of Lewis, Harrison and Doddridge Counties looking after the interest of the Master's cause in the various sections where I had gone preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. The

churches of Lost Creek and New Salem had in each of them a number of members who sympathized with the rebellion, and quite a number of members of each church joined the Federal army. I do not know that any member of either church joined the Rebellion, nor do I believe that the sympathy with the Rebellion was caused by any sympathy with slavery, but rather by political party affiliations. However the division in sympathy made it difficult to hold these churches together, and my only hope of success of our cause was in holding the brotherhood of each together, and being greatly helped of God, I succeeded in this.

I believed that American Slavery was a national sin and "Non-extension of Slave Territory" was not enough. Slavery ought to be abolished, and I said so in political circles when the saying of it endangered my freedom as a citizen of Virginia. My plan for freeing the slaves was for the Government to purchase and colonize them. I believed that Secession meant Rebellion, and it was my duty as a citizen to vote against it; and I did so, though I had been told that if I did, I would have only ten days to get out of the state. Later I was halted on the highway by two armed men who inquired how I had voted on the question of Secession. On being told that I had voted against it, they said if I did my life would pay for it, and compelled me to leave the road a little way and then stand to be shot. Then, with a rifle drawn, one of the men faced me and pointed his gun at me. They demanded how I had voted, and supposing they might be my last words, I said, "I voted against Secession." Then the gun was lowered and I was permitted to return to the road and go on my way.

When the Rebels had been driven back, and a strong force of Federal soldiers was beyond us and in possession of the points beyond us, I vainly supposed that the trouble in our section of the country was over.

Though our farm was still a camping ground for troops and teams carrying provisions for the soldiers, and the highway passing through it was a war path, I felt that these troops were my friends. Again I began to plow, and to plan to go preaching the doctrine of the universal brotherhood of man as I had done in all the years of my ministry that had passed. But in less than one year, a general having charge of the forces that were beyond us, through cowardice or treachery, left the

points he was guarding, retreated back and burned the commissaries.

The army had passed beyond us previously, and we had learned what the movement of the forces meant. Then a man, one who knew, I had reason to believe, one who, though he differed from me in that he sympathized with the rebellion, yet was to me a true friend, came and told me that the Rebels were coming on near, and that I had better keep out of their way. It was known in the South that I was an Abolition preacher, and he feared if they found me I would have serious trouble. I thanked him for his information and advice, and in less than an hour, I with my family and what valuables we could think of, were on our way for safer quarters.

I have never doubted the propriety of our getting away, but when we returned we found our house had been broken into and terribly stripped of much of the goods that we had left in and about it. Much of our furniture still shows unmistakable marks of the implements the Rebels used opening and ransacking various pieces. It was a blessing to have our home left, though marred and robbed, so that we could again have a home. The Rebels also took from our farm a nice lot of cattle that I had bought. Sometime after our return home, one of my friends called to me as I was passing his house and said to me that he had been taken prisoner over to the nearby town of Buckhannon, and seeing the secessionists had taken my cattle and that they were paying other men for their cattle, he applied for pay for mine and got it. He then took from his pocket quite a roll of confederate money and offered it to me. He seemed quite surprised when I told him I was thankful to him for his kindness, but he could keep the money—it would not be of any use to me.

Though we were so badly robbed of our goods and chattels, through the blessing of our Father in heaven, we always had enough; and when the war was over it was a great pleasure to me that I had faithfully stood by my principles as a Union man and faithfully kept the resolution I had made to do unto others as I would have them do to me under similar circumstances. The cruel system of American Slavery was abolished. And I was especially happy that, though we had to pass through a Civil War in which our sympathies were divided by two contending par-

ties—yet through the Grace of God the Seventh Day Baptists, whom I had the honor to represent, had been kept from division or breaking up into factions. (To be continued)

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Ashaway, R. I.

At the last meeting of the Ashaway and Potter Hill W.C.T.U. a period of silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Frank Hill and a short memorial program was held and the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas our heavenly Father has taken from our companionship our friend and co-worker, Mrs. Emma Greene Hill; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Ashaway and Potter Hill Woman's Christian Temperance Union each feel a deep personal loss as well as the loss to our temperance cause.

Mrs. Hill was a faithful member whose counsel and wise judgment were ever helpful in promoting the work of the organization.

Resolved, That while we cherish the memory of our years of work together, we feel that her purposeful and consecrated life will inspire us to a deeper interest in all things that are of lasting value. Also be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our records and also sent to her family and to the Sabbath Recorder.

Mrs. Walter D. Kenyon,
Mrs. William L. Burdick,
Mrs. Earl Burdick,
Committee.

Denver, Colo. (The Air Conditioned City)

The Boulder-Denver churches held their quarterly meeting at Boulder, May 3. There were about fifty from the Denver Church present. We regret that this will probably be the last meeting of the kind before Rev. Ralph Coon's family leaves for the East. We shall miss them in all our fellowships and feel lonely knowing they are no longer close within telephone distance.

The men of the Denver Church have spent two recent Sundays at the Paul Hummel Camp, helping construct buildings for teenage and other group religious meetings. Our Religious Vacation School is in session at the present time (June 16). We'll be seeing you at Conference. Correspondent.

OBITUARY

Hill. — Emma Greene Hill, wife of Frank Hill, Ashaway, R. I., died in the Westerly Hospital, Westerly, R. I., May 31, 1941. (A more complete sketch will be found on another page.)