

gether for, and for the accomplishment of which we are seeking divine guidance in this Conference.

In fact, though perhaps more subconsciously than mentally registered, we are here in Denver this week applying ourselves to the task of making Christianity work. So while more or less distracted by the multiplicity of detail, let us not lose sight of the main purpose of our coming together year after year, that of exalting and promoting in all the world the saving gospel of the unconquered and unconquerable Christ.

**REV. SAMUEL D. DAVIS:  
AN AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**  
(Continued)

ORGANIZATION OF COPEN CHURCH

Under this arrangement I went to Cove Creek and engaged a school house in which to hold a series of meetings to be held at a given time, left the appointment to be published and went home. At the time appointed I was at the place and learned that a series of meetings held by the Dunkers had been going on for two or three weeks in the school house. At these meetings they had tried to forestall my work by making hard speeches about the exercises they expected I would have, and continued their effort up to the time I was to commence, and then adjourned their meetings to another school house. My meeting began at the time appointed with a small congregation, and there was no one on whom I could depend to lead in singing and prayer. The Lord so graciously blessed the meetings that the house was soon filled to overflowing and many came to Jesus. One of the Dunker preachers came back and engaged in telling falsehoods on me to draw away the converts. "I had said I would baptise them in any way they wished me to—once backward, three times face forward, sprinkle or pour water on them first as they chose," he said. Notwithstanding all this, and the fact that the weather was very cold, I baptised quite a goodly number of persons, two of whom turned to keep the Sabbath.

Out of this revival grew the Copen Seventh Day Baptist Church. I was compelled to be absent when the church was organized by reason of the trial of a man who had forged my name to a note, being summoned by the State and held as a witness in the trial which was

going on at the time of the organization. I have always regretted this, believing that could I have been present, the constituent membership would have been double what it was.

(To be continued)

\* Written by him from memory for his son, Rev. Boothe C. Davis, while visiting him at his home in Alfred, N. Y., during 1897 and 1898; and transcribed from the original pencil-written note-books forty years afterward. Edited for publication by Corliss Fitz-Randolph. Nothing has been deleted, and care has been taken to preserve the language of the author throughout, keeping it, as nearly as possible, as he would approve could he be consulted.

**MARRIAGES**

De Lee - Lidell. — At Berlin, N. Y., August 26, 1941, Mr. Lansing De Lee and Miss Velma Lidell, both of De Ruyter, N. Y., were united in marriage, Rev. L. A. Wing officiating.

Duetsman - Bottoms. — At the parsonage of the Grove Presbyterian Church in Forreston, Ill., July 8, 1941, Mr. Edward Duetsman of Forreston and Miss Katherine Bottoms of Gurley, Ala., were married by Rev. S. G. Manus.

Frantz-Thompson. — At the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage on July 4, 1941, Ida Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson, White Cloud, Mich., was united in marriage with Joe Frantz, son of Mrs. Henry Towne.

Staples - Allison. — On August 23, 1941, at Tyler, Tex., occurred the marriage of Mr. Rufus Staples, grandson of Elder Andrew J. Williams, and Miss Mabel Allison, daughter of Elder Allison, Baptist minister. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Dunn.

**OBITUARY**

Brewer. — Leah Almeda, eldest of eight children of Nathan and Clara Elliot Baxter, was born August 18, 1878, in Kasson, Minn., and departed this life June 22, 1941, in Riverside, Calif.

On September 21, 1904, she was married to R. C. Brewer. In 1905, they moved to Riverside where they have since resided. To them were born two children: a daughter, Bernice, and a son, Rex.

Having joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Dodge Center, Minn., in 1900, and in Riverside upon moving here, she was an active member until failing health forced her into the position of interested observer. Besides her husband and children, she is survived by four sisters: Mrs. Wm. Dunlap, Mrs. R. H. Houston, Mrs. L. A. Felton, and Miss Bertrice Baxter; and two brothers: Glenn and Lloyd Baxter.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, and interment was at Montecito. —L. F. H.

# The Sabbath Recorder

Vol. 131

PLAINFIELD, N. J., SEPTEMBER 15, 1941

No. 11

## SABBATH AT CONFERENCE

(Reported by Duane Hurley)

"Day is dying in the west,  
Heav'n is touching earth with rest."

**S**unset—the universal entrance into Sabbath rest. The sun's last rays fade—across the plains, or behind the mountains. The Sabbath is begun. Wherever people may be, sunset is a sign to men that God's day has come.

On Sabbath eve, August 22, sunset in the Rockies united Seventh Day Baptists, met in Conference at Denver, Colo., with Sabbath keepers the world around. Evening vespers in song and word, led by Rev. Albert N. Rogers and Rev. Harley H. Sutton, emphasized the universal appeal and benefits of remembering the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

**A**cknowledgment—that heeding God's commands does bring blessing was made in many sincere testimonies given during the conference meeting, conducted by Rev. Edward M. Holston at the conclusion of the Friday evening session.

**B**lood of the Covenant—was the subject of a Sabbath evening message from Rev. Claude L. Hill. He forcibly emphasized the fact that in a world where the pledges of men are no longer good, God's covenant is still valid after nineteen hundred years.

**B**lest be the tie that binds—Conference communion. Conducted by Rev. James L. Skaggs and Rev. Verney A. Wilson, the annual communion service was held at 9 o'clock Sabbath morning. Assisting with the "breaking of bread" were deacons and deaconesses representing churches from all parts of the denomination, headed by Deacon Orsen Davis of the Denver Church.

**A**nthems of praise and special music were a vital part of the Conference program, especially of Sabbath worship. A choir of over forty voices, directed by Rev. Albert N. Rogers, created the atmosphere of quiet reverence by singing "Twilight" (Nevin) on Sabbath eve. Musical inspiration Sabbath morning came through the singing of "The Lord's Prayer" (Malotte-Deis), and appropriate choral responses.

**T**aking stock of the past and present—was Rev. H. C. Van Horn's main objective in his Sabbath sermon on the subject, "Standing to the Covenant." "To be a true and loyal people," he pointed out, "we must stand to the covenant." His plea was for a rediscovery of THE BOOK, a vitally fresh contact with GOD, and a new vision of OUR MISSION!

**H**ope for the future—was dynamically evident in Sabbath afternoon's session. It was the program presented by the young people of Conference, under the leadership of Rev. Elmo F. Randolph. The problems facing Seventh Day Baptist youth and how they expect to meet those problems was the general theme of the worship service and dramatic presentations. Miss Dorothea E. Payne organized and staged a typical young people's meeting, one which might well be a model.

Sunset ushers in the Sabbath. The fading colors of the western sky, likewise, close the hours of God's rest. But there need be no sunset on Sabbath observance so long as young people dream dreams of bright days to come and older people keep alive visions of glorious days past.

# The Sabbath Recorder

A Seventh Day Baptist Weekly Published by the American Sabbath Tract Society, Plainfield, N. J.

HERBERT C. VAN HORN, D.D., Editor

L. H. NORTH, Manager of the Publishing House

## CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

William L. Burdick, D.D.

Mrs. Okey W. Davis

Victor Skaggs

Mrs. Walter L. Greene

Rev. Erlo E. Sutton

## Terms of Subscription

Per Year.....\$2.50 Six Months.....\$1.25

Postage to Canada and foreign countries 50 cents per year additional.

Subscriptions will be discontinued at date of expiration when so requested.

All subscriptions will be discontinued one year after date to which payment is made unless expressly renewed.

All communications, whether on business or for publication, should be addressed to the Sabbath Recorder, Plainfield, N. J.

Entered as second-class matter at Plainfield, N. J.

Vol. 131, No. 11

Established in 1844

Whole No. 4,946

## EDITORIALS

### CONFERENCE AT DENVER

(Continued)

#### Thursday Morning

The day broke beautifully and the rising sun revealed the snow-covered mountains of the great continental divide. In this invigorating atmosphere Conference attendants found themselves early working their way toward the Broadway Church where the meetings were held.

Perhaps too full of ozone was the air, for we noticed too few attending the early sectional meetings. For example, the section on publishing interests had only five or six members helping its chairman consider the vital matter referred to it.

At nine o'clock the devotional period was helpfully led in worship, in song, prayer, Scripture reading, and litany by Rev. Elmo F. Randolph.

The program of the morning consisted of the report of the Board of Christian Education, together with a stirring address by the board's president, Rev. Edgar D. Van Horn, who spoke of the set-up and organization recently effected with twenty-one members, five of whom are young people of college age. Then feelingly he presented the issues facing us, especially the young people, and the need of our showing the highway of life.

He expressed the conviction that in spite of adverse and untoward conditions there are signs of a new spirit stirring us to better things. Christian education is concerned

with all of life, everywhere, to help all nations, to be all Christian. The objectives of the board are set forth in its by-laws as follows:

1. To develop the educational convictions of the people of the churches represented in the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

2. To found and foster such denominational institutions of Christian education as the corporation may approve.

3. To make educational surveys, to plan courses of study, and to print and distribute literature and periodicals.

4. To employ such representatives as may best promote the purposes of the corporation in the church schools, young people's organizations, colleges, and School of Theology of the denomination.

Doctor Van Horn urged that Seventh Day Baptists join with the board in moral and financial support of such a program.

Dean Ahva J. C. Bond delivered the principal address of the morning on the theme, "The Christian Philosophy of Life a Basic Need of Today."

This comprehensive address is impossible to report adequately in a few brief sentences. Philosophy he defined as a way of thinking that issues in conduct and affects life and character. The world needs men and women in it, but not of it, with a Christian philosophy.

Speaking from the point of view of the Church, and of Church union he said, "We should never deviate from the path of obedience which has made us a Sabbath-keeping people for more than three hundred years . . . in humility and love, but with burning

zeal and evangelistic fervor, we should seek to restore the Sabbath to the Christian Church. And for our own sake, and for the sake of the total message of the ecumenical Church and its impact upon the world, we should co-operate with all lovers of our Lord in every Christian task and in every way possible, and thus express our oneness with the world fellowship of believers."

In speaking of the place of emotionalism it was urged that an emotion that does not result in right living and right doing in all relationships of life is futile.

A Christian philosophy was shown to be gravely needed, based on an enlarged and enlarging conception of God to meet the despairing mood of those who are upset by some knowledge of the material universe. Realism and humanism were briefly discussed and shown inadequate to life. Throughout the address Doctor Bond illuminated his points by illustration, poetry, and incidents from life.

The day was brought to a close by the meditation and worship and sermon by Rev. A. Clyde Ehret. His theme, "The Bond of Fellowship" — The Church — God's House.

This sermon was full of sympathy and pointed out various ways in which the Church operates and can operate in fields of human need. The finest things of life are found in Christian fellowship.

#### Thursday Evening

(Reported by Rev. Wayne Rood)

This has been a worshipful Conference. Business, worship, and sermon have been woven together in a way that has given all the sessions a spiritual atmosphere.

"Sing Them Over Again to Me" was the theme of the Conference in praise and song Thursday evening. The choir and the congregation sang antiphonally the stately hymn, "All Glory, Laud and Honor," and sang together the beloved, "Break Thou the Bread of Life." The Conference was led in worship by "The Almighty" (Schubert), sung by Roger Johnson, and "Master of Men" (Matthews), an anthem sung by the choir. Familiar old hymns, played in duet on piano and organ, stirred many memories. The worship service was concluded by the choral benediction, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

The report of the Religious Life Committee, read by its secretary, Neal D. Mills, revealed a wide use of "The Upper Room" and "The Secret Place," as devotional helps throughout the denomination.

First Thessalonians 5: 1-11 was read as the Scripture lesson, and the evening prayer was offered by Rev. Leon M. Maltby.

"The Church, God's House, is a bond of fellowship," said Rev. A. Clyde Ehret of North Loup, Neb., who brought the evening message. "What a thing it is in these dark times to be associated with a group of people that you can trust," he said. The fellowship of the Church today is sympathetic, instrumental, and organic; sympathetic in that church fellowship brings people together; instrumental in that it leads people to do things; and organic in that it brings problems into the Church where Christlike fellowship can effect real solutions.

The service was closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Rev. Albert N. Rogers pronounced the benediction.

#### Friday Morning

Devotions Friday morning were led by Rev. B. B. Friesen. The report of the Religious Life Committee was adopted. By adoption of this report the committee's work was ended, and the committee discontinued. It has been the effort of the Conference this year to "streamline" the organization of the denomination by eliminating agencies whose work is covered by other organizations. It is hoped that this policy will simplify the administration of the denomination's projects.

A report urging the further study of the Five Year Plan by our churches and pastors as submitted by the section on the Five Year Plan, was adopted.

In opening the program of the American Sabbath Tract Society, President Corliss F. Randolph stated that the purpose of the society was "to promote observance of the Bible Sabbath by special ways and special means." He made a plea for support of the Sabbath Recorder by the young people of the denomination.

L. H. North, manager of the Recorder Press, reported on the publishing house interests. He pointed out that the more commercial work the house could do, the less would be the cost of denominational work.

Karl Stillman was not present to bring his address personally. It was read to the



Conference by Rev. James L. Skaggs. "Our young people can keep the Sabbath, if they will," he said. "There is no occupation that cannot be filled by conscientious Sabbath keepers. There are more opportunities than there are people to take them." In conclusion, he said, "We should all be so well acquainted with the background of the Sabbath that we could discuss the subject intelligently."

#### Friday Afternoon

Reports of committees on Friday afternoon were preceded by a congregational hymn and a prayer by Rev. Neal Mills. Dr. Ben Crandall presented the report of the Vocational Committee and made a plea for more use to be made of the committee. The report of the Committee on Christian Co-operation was received, and was not renominated because its work is covered by the Tract Society. The report of the Memorial Board was received, and may be read in the Year Book.

"Faith in God and Country" was the theme of the Conference in meditation and worship, prepared by Rev. Albert N. Rogers and Rev. Everett T. Harris. "It may seem that there is more reason for a spirit of cynicism today than ever before," said Mr. Harris, "but even now God's plan may be nearer accomplishment than we dare dream. We need a faith that will give us hope."

The report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Architecture was received, and the committee discontinued, since the Historical Society possesses all the information of the committee. The committees to consider holding Conference in London, and to consider relief for children and mothers of our faith in war ridden countries, were continued as a gesture of encouragement to our English brethren.

The report of the section on Women's Work was received, and a plea made for the use of the promoter of evangelism by any and all churches. The meeting was adjourned by the president to the business session Sunday morning.

(See cover for Sabbath day report.)

There is no love like the love of Jesus; no help and comfort like that he can give to one burdened with trial, grief, or pain. Is he your helper?—E. A. Witter.

### DAILY MEDITATIONS

(Prepared by Charles H. Bond, Alfred, N. Y.)

#### Sunday, September 21

Read 2 Corinthians 1: 14-24.

"By faith ye stand." (2 Corinthians 1: 24b.)

Many telegraph operators suffer at times from a loss of "grip." This "grip" is the hold on the key, and the moment any operator begins to lose this hold he knows that he must rest until once again the muscles are made whole. Something like this happens to men in every department of life if they do not keep themselves at their best. People are just as likely to lose their spiritual grip as their physical. Our Scripture says that "by faith ye stand," but this faith or spiritual grip on God can be lost if we forsake our duties to him.

Prayer—Heavenly Father, may we ever stay close to thee that we may keep a firm hold upon the Christian way of life. Amen.

#### Monday, September 22

Read Matthew 6: 5-13.

"Do you, beloved, build up yourselves on your most holy faith, and pray in the holy spirit." (Jude 20—Moffatt.)

One of the greatest needs of our time and of all times is for religious meditation. We need more quiet communion with God in our hearts. It is only as we spend time with a person, as we talk and act together, that we learn to trust and love that person. How, then, can we learn to have faith in God if we do not go to him in times of prosperity and depression, joy and happiness, peace and war? God is always near if we will but trust in him knowing that alone we are weak.

Prayer—Our Father, help us to "spend much time in secret" with thee, learning to know thy will and gaining from thee strength to do the bit that thou hast planned for us. Amen.

#### Tuesday, September 23

Read 1 Timothy 4: 11-16.

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee." (1 Timothy 4: 14.)

These words seem to say to us—cultivate your own gifts, those which are natural to you. Don't spend time worrying about the abilities which God has not given you. He has given you certain gifts for a purpose, to be used in his service. If you play a violin or sing or speak, do you do it willingly without waiting for a great deal of persuasion? The mists that rise from the earth return as pure water; so he who gives to God such as

he has shall receive good in return. In giving of ourselves for others we are made better, and in blessing others we ourselves are blessed.

Prayer—May we ever be ready to use for thee, our Father, those gifts which thou hast bestowed upon us. Help us to be unselfish in all we do, and to do our best. Amen.

#### Wednesday, September 24

Read Matthew 5: 13-16.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5: 16.)

Only a few days ago I was told the story about a church that was being torn down. At one time it was a good church filled every week with people, but later interest was lost. What had happened to the church? The people had drifted away—there was no longer the life, the enthusiasm, the determination that was once there. As the carpenters climbed the old stairway into the attic with hammers and crowbars they saw the reason for the failure of this church. The attic was stacked with old unused prayers. These prayers had gone out and up, but did not go into life's practice.

Of course this is just a story, but it does show us a common failure—so many of us pray to God and then go right on living in just the same way as before. It is only when we pray with a determination to live our prayer that our faith will grow; it is then that men will see our good works and glorify our Father.

Prayer—Dear God, too often our prayers are mere words going up to thee. Help us to be determined to live the way we pray. Amen.

#### Thursday, September 25

Read Acts 27: 21-29.

"They cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day." (Acts 27: 29.)

At the fair at San Jose, Calif., there was a large crowd gathered to watch the ascension of a balloon. When the balloon was ready to go up the man in charge yelled, "Let go!" It arose very quickly. As one lad endeavored to step back from the ropes he became entangled and was lifted from the ground. He could not drop because the ground was now far below, and the one in charge of the ship found it impossible to pull him up. The captain, finding that he could not pull him up, decided to descend and they started down slowly. The young

man held on with all his strength until he was carried back to safety.

We many times find ourselves in situations where it is impossible to know just what to do. Maybe all we can do is stand still and trust in God. The grit to hold on is a great thing.

Prayer—Dear Father, in these times of trouble when we see morals shattered, lives destroyed, and faith shaken, give us the determination to hold onto that which is holy and righteous, endeavoring always to bring thy great love to all mankind. Amen.

#### Friday, September 26

Read Mark 10: 13-16.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me." (Mark 10: 14.)

We know what it was to bring little children to Jesus while he was on earth. He loved the little children and blessed them. What is the difference, we might ask, in bringing a child to Jesus now? When Christ was on earth the parent as well as the child could see him, the look in his eyes, and could feel his arm around their shoulders, and his hand upon their heads.

Christ still blesses the little children, but now it is a matter of faith. Jesus still wants the little children to come unto him; woe be unto the man who would stand in the way. In speaking of those that would offend little children he says in Matthew 18: 6, "It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Jesus liked the innocence, the purity, the sincerity, the willing faith of a child, and says unto you and me, "Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child he shall not enter therein."

Prayer—O God, we thank thee for little children, for the way of life which they have to offer to men and women. May we never hinder their coming to thee. Amen.

#### Sabbath, September 27

Read 2 Corinthians 9: 6-9.

"God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9: 7.)

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, who has given so much to the support of educational and Christian institutions, related this story in his son's Bible class there in New York City. Mr. Rockefeller said that when he was a boy of about fifteen he did all he could to help the little church where he belonged pay off a debt of about two thousand dollars.

He says that this was one of the greatest pleasures of his life and it was there that he learned to enjoy giving and to influence others to give.

It is a wonderful thing to acquire the taste for helpfulness in youth. Have you the desire to see your church go forward and to see others happy? This taste will grow until the greatest joy in life will come from bestowing blessings upon others. The man who serves will continually grow in favor with God and his people.

Prayer—Dear God, help us to realize that our faith can increase only as we use the gifts we have to bless others. Amen.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

The Fulfillment of History: The New Jerusalem.  
Scripture—Revelation, Chapters 21 and 22.  
Golden Text—Revelation 21: 7.

### MISSIONS

#### ACTIVITIES BEGIN ANEW

Owing to the closing of the summer vacation and the opening of the public schools, the first of September has come to be the beginning of a new year in church work. Churches have fixed different times for the beginning and closing of the financial and business year; but from the very nature of the case, the work in most churches begins anew in September. Both churches and their auxiliary organizations may well take advantage of this fact and lay out a program for the months to come. They will accomplish a great deal more if they carefully plan and work for definite things.

W. L. B.

#### THE WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

Last year a large majority of our churches joined with Protestant churches all over the world in holding a World Wide Communion the first week in October. The Missionary Board and the General Conference are again backing this movement. The communion proclaims and fosters Christian fellowship. With the world writhing in bitterness and hate, the Church should do all it can to promote the brotherhood of all men. The great item, however, in the Lord's Supper is to make Christ supreme and it is well that the activities of the new year should begin in the special remembrance of Christ, his

life, suffering, death, triumphant resurrection, and continuous presence in the world.

W. L. B.

#### PREACHING MISSIONS

For five years what we have called "Preaching Missions" have been a great help in many churches. A report adopted by the General Conference at its recent session says, "We commend the Preaching Mission promoted by the board as a means of Christian growth. We urge the individual churches to put their pastors at the disposal of the Missionary Board for short periods in the home mission field. We appeal to Seventh Day Baptists not to neglect opportunities for personal evangelism and missionary effort." Some churches have already planned for special evangelistic work during the year. As in past years, the Missionary Board is ready to aid in every way it can. More about this will appear later.

W. L. B.

#### CHRISTIAN MISSIONS IN ONE HUNDRED CITIES

The Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council is planning to hold one hundred Christian Missions during the months of January and February in cities having populations of from twenty-five thousand to one hundred thousand. Each mission will be held one week and many of them will be held simultaneously during the same week. The program of the Missions is to include meetings with ministers, church women, high schools, colleges, luncheon clubs, professional groups, labor unions, youth groups, and evening mass meetings. One of the objectives in the program is to "reach the unreached" of the community with the Christian gospel, as well as to help those who already belong to some church. It is hoped that many Seventh Day Baptists may be able to attend one or more of these meetings.

W. L. B.

#### STRENGTHENING THE HOME BASE

Conditions are different in different churches and, therefore, different programs are demanded. Every church should study its needs and plan accordingly. In all our plannings we should remember that one of the great needs is to strengthen the home

base. This will require more funds, better co-operation, and greater devotion. The resources of the world are the Master's. If we give him his share of our money, time, strength, and love, there will be no lack.

W. L. B.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF DR. THORNGATE

It is unnecessary to dwell upon the difficulties under which mission workers throughout China have labored during the past year. The Seventh Day Baptist Mission has been no exception, although our lot has not been so unhappy as that of many. The functions of the mission have been carried out, and it even appears that more has been accomplished this year than usual. This is largely due to the splendid co-operation of Chinese co-workers and the greater assumption of responsibility by them.

The mission property is in comparatively good condition. No extensive repairs have been undertaken, due partly to the troublous times, and partly to the fact that none has been urgent up to now. It will be necessary within a year or two to do more. The roof of the church has been painted and several smaller jobs done. Insurance values of the buildings have been increased in view of the depreciation of the Chinese currency and the great rise in building costs. This adds considerably to mission expenses.

Shanghai municipal taxes have been increased to such an extent that meeting them is a serious problem for the mission. Up to the present this has been accomplished, but it has been necessary to use a large part of the reserve funds in order to do so.

Nothing more has been done at Liuho. Members of the mission have made several visits to our properties there. At times there have been some difficulties in getting out and back, but these have always been surmounted. There seems to be no immediate prospect of reopening work in that locality.

There has been no definite development in the matter of property damage and confiscation by the Japanese, although there have been several conferences between representatives of our mission and of the Japanese military forces. Mr. Davis has kept in constant touch with the American Consulate in this regard.

My own activities have been about the same as in previous years. I go each day

to the hospital of the Shanghai Anti-tuberculosis Association. This, as you may recall, is a hospital for destitute or refugee Chinese suffering with lung disease. I also go two times a week to Lester Chinese Hospital where I conduct a chest clinic. I have had considerable pleasure during the year in teaching classes in clinical tuberculosis to students of St. John's Medical School. As reported in the last "Bulletin," I have opened an office in the business district. This, I hope, will serve as the Shanghai office of Grace Hospital when conditions again become normal.

Shanghai, China,  
June 15, 1941.

#### GOOD NEWS REGARDING REV. H. EUGENE DAVIS

Dear Secretary Burdick:

This will be something of an official bulletin on Mr. Davis' condition. As I wrote, he suffered a stroke of apoplexy early in July. This affected his right side. However, he has made steady progress in recovery until now he can walk without difficulty. He can use his right hand also, but not with great dexterity. His speech is still greatly affected, although he can say some words clearly and is steadily gaining on that score. He reads and listens quite well. Mrs. Davis has stood the strain very well.

Other members of the mission are in quite good health. Miss Anna West, who wasn't so well last spring, is now better.

Kindest regards to all,

George Thorngate.

Shanghai, China,  
July 29, 1941.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY INTERESTS

The section appointed to consider missionary interests devoted its time to the study of the annual report of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, and recommends the approval of the report.

Recognizing the great task laid upon the board and its perplexing problems, particularly acute at this time, we hereby express our appreciation of the untiring efforts of the board members and officers.

We commend the Preaching Mission promoted by the board as a means of Christian growth. We urge the individual churches



to put their pastors at the disposal of the Missionary Board for short periods in the home mission field. We appeal to Seventh Day Baptists not to neglect the opportunities for personal evangelism and missionary effort.

We note that salaries of our missionaries in China have of necessity been reduced, and while this appears justified at the time the action was taken, there is evidence that changing conditions may cause the reduction to work serious hardship upon the workers there. We feel the situation offers a challenge to us who are so abundantly blessed and we lay it upon the conscience of our people.

It is suggested that brief paragraphs of news from both the home and foreign fields, and the occasional use of pictures, on the Missions Page of the Sabbath Recorder would stimulate interest in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Leslie O. Greene,  
Chairman,  
Miss Mary Margaret Hummel,  
Secretary.

## W O M A N ' S W O R K

### ATTITUDES AND ATMOSPHERE

(A paper presented at the 1941 Ministers' Conference, Alfred, N. Y., by Mrs. A. J. C. Bond)

Attitudes and atmosphere are illusive of definition; they are not seen, they cannot be taught, they must rather be caught—absorbed as is sunlight or religion. We all recognize that the home is fundamental in the life of the individual, and that the influence of its attitudes and atmosphere is far-reaching; vitally constructive and integrating if good; very disintegrating if bad. Not so equally evident is the fact that far more powerful than words, or perhaps even deeds, are the attitudes of the members of the family and the atmosphere they create in the home. In Regina Wieman's book, *The Modern Family and the Church*, she says, "The family is the situation most open to the presence and the work of God—God is love. God is the interweaving of the interests of men into larger wholes which increase the abundance and meaning of all life." The family and the home are successful in so far as they do interweave the individual's interests with the larger group of the family in such a way that they are not

stopped there, but are conscious also of the still greater family of God's children everywhere. It is through the parent-child relationship that the child's concept of God has its beginnings. Love and understanding, un-failing, are the core of this conception.

In the changing ideas and status of the home today, it may be helpful to reconsider occasionally the functions of the home; to ask ourselves: Is the home still essential to the individual and to society today? So many of its old necessities of chores, productive processes, shared responsibilities have gone out into the factory and the institution, that only slight threads seem to hold the family group together in many cases. These families are so loosely integrated that the occurrence of a crisis causes collapse of the whole structure.

In the past hundred years has occurred largely the change from a producing home to a consuming home in the realm of economic and social orders. Within the memory of this group, even, this change has been revolutionary in its proportions. No wonder there is difficulty in adjustment.

Once responsible not only for the giving of life but for most of the child's education, the home now finds itself able to cast its responsibility on society without feeling any great guilt. But the realization of thoughtful people becomes general knowledge among students of the social structure, that home must build a foundation if social institutions are to be effective. The functions of the home with respect to the children which it has produced are: (1) to protect them physically; (2) to direct them in the formation of good health habits; (3) to build right mental habits and emotional habits; (4) to build good character—honesty, truthfulness, co-operation. These are all matters begun in infancy and if neglected result in a loss which cannot be made good.

The home stands as the interpreter of life and society to its immature members in a special way. To the baby, a world of strange situations and sensations is sorted out and made meaningful by the older members who have gone a little farther. The child must learn the conduct, habits, and customs acceptable to the larger group. He must find methods of solving his problems. Specified problems in which interpretation is needed are sex education, vocational choice, religion, financial responsibility, as well as those more

elemental ones of moral values and emotional poise already mentioned. The function within these functions, let us not forget, is that the child needs above everything else the security of affection. Nowhere else can his personality unfold and develop as in that atmosphere of being important to someone, of being wanted, and of sharing love—giving it as well as receiving. This fact became evident in the field of social welfare work when children developed better with affection in poor homes, than without natural affection in good homes.

How can we create Christian attitudes and atmosphere in our homes—or help the members of our churches to do so? I shall attempt just a few suggestions in the hope that they may be provocative of discussion and further thinking.

All-important is the quality of the home-making individuals. Only as they are truly Christ-committed and sincere, only as they become well integrated persons can they create a truly Christian atmosphere in the home. It may be religiously strict, moral, but still not Christian.

There must be awareness of responsibility in the unfolding of the persons and character of its members. But in this awareness to be Christian, we must be Christlike. Respect for the individuality of another that forbids violent interference and dominating rule, respect such as Christ showed in all his dealings with men, must be ours, too, in the family.

As Doctor Conn at Johns Hopkins says, "Parents often take themselves too seriously, often overestimate the value of their training and instruction. They cannot improve their children by the many weary words they waste on them." We do not shape their lives by pushing, hammering at them with words—but by living with them, sharing with them, learning with them. What we are, what we do, what we laugh at, what we love, fear, or abhor influence them much more than our pronouncements or our preachings. Many of us may recall incidents like the following true story, which taught us more than words could possibly do: A small boy riding with his father and some other men on a hay wagon, listened to the doubtful story told by one of the men. When the men laughed coarsely at the story, the boy looked up at his father, wondering whether he should laugh too. The grave look of distaste on

his father's face answered his questioning mind and strengthened in his heart the love of clean thinking. Standing by with confidence in them, and understanding both them and the significance of their problems, we give them a chance to meet the problem and conquer their own uncertainties.

These family relations, like all social relations, are as someone has said, "a venture of the soul." The Christian attitude of adults should be one of continuing growth and education—one of comradeship with the child rather than one of superiority, as having arrived at all perfection. Our children will sometimes see our feet of clay, and will respect us more for acknowledgment on our part. Further, they will take courage in their own struggles if they feel the fellowship and partnership of father and mother in a quest, this venture of living.

We have said that affection is basic to successful development; because it is so strong, so influential, there are dangers connected with it and its exercise. Especially with this Christian attitude, our natural protectiveness and the selfish joy human parents experience in the relationship with their children so easily become a dominating, smothering, demanding force from which the children cannot escape without violence to their own and their parents' emotions and loyalties. We must sanctify and guard this relationship that in ourselves it may be unselfish, understanding, sure, expectant of the good, clear-seeing of failure. Christ, who expected much of Peter but did not condemn for failure or lose faith in his final conquest of self, and loved him through all, is our example.

Our homes, in being Christian, must be democratic—co-operatively striving in consistent Christian living, side by side as parents and children. Counseling together in family worship; in the use of money, of leisure time; in problems of vocational choice, education, friends, and standards help to produce a Christian atmosphere in our homes.

Nor must we neglect to remind ourselves of living the Golden Rule—parental attitudes toward the neighbors, the teachers of our children, and other races or religions are most formative of attitudes in the children. Parents must scrutinize and criticize their attitudes to see what they may be forming in their children. The world situation today tempts us to expressions of hatred and intolerance for individuals, when we

might better be utilizing the opportunity to love our enemies, but to hate evil deeds and man's failures which have brought such consequences.

Let home, then, give its members all the security of affection which armors and strengthens the soul in its venture. This greater love is a developing attribute of souls to be achieved by the family—transcending the indulgence, the selfishness, the domination of undisciplined affection. To quote from Wieman again: "Mutually conscious love is the communion generated by the sharing of interests between persons who take delight in each other and who mutually reinforce each other. Love, then, is a way of living."

As families, let us "live together in love," this greater love which is an achievement, a quest, and whose shining light is Christ, the Way.

#### ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New Jersey, for the election of officers and trustees and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, September 14, 1941, at two o'clock.

Corliss F. Randolph,  
President,  
Courtland V. Davis,  
Recording Secretary.

#### ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New York, for the election of officers and directors and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, September 14, 1941, at two-thirty o'clock.

Corliss F. Randolph,  
President,  
Courtland V. Davis,  
Recording Secretary.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK TO THE WORK

The end of the summer is here. School bells are ringing again. College will soon open. As your editor writes these words the time draws on to the closing meeting of his summer work in Berea. Has the summer vacation been just another vacation to you? Have you spent it all to no good purpose? I have not lived very long—not nearly as long as some of the readers of this page, but I have come to realize the value of work. I have come to realize it anew this summer. I have been busy. I am glad of it. Here in Berea we like to sing a hymn which starts out:

"To the work! To the work!  
We are servants of God."

And the third verse begins:

"To the work! To the work!  
There is labor for all."

I think perhaps the reason we like to sing it is because of the truth it declares. There is work for everyone. We have come to the end of the time set aside for rest from work. Those in school have been free from that for two or three months. Those in business are likely to have been free for a week or two. Those on the farm have been very busy. But it is time now as the school year dawns to get back into the harness. There is labor for all. Therefore, as servants of God let us go to the work.

#### IMPRESSIONS OF MY TRIP TO CONFERENCE

By Beula Sutton

Naturally to those of us who are considered easterners, the wide-open spaces were a wonderful sight. The level land, the sage brush, cacti, and even the antelope were suddenly becoming a reality.

On arriving at Denver the most wonderful scene of all awaited us, that of the Rockies. They were even more beautiful and awe-inspiring than we had dreamed.

The welcome that awaited us was of no little value. We who had relatives were especially welcomed, and the Conference itself was a very friendly place to be. We have always heard the friendly folks were from the "East," but I now take off my hat to you who are known as westerners.

If you would ask me just what part of Conference I enjoyed most, my answer would be the young people's meeting at 6.45 p.m., in charge of Rev. Elmo F. Randolph. These meetings were truly interesting and played a great part in getting our Seventh Day Baptist young people acquainted with each other.

Of course our trip could not be complete without seeing some of the canyons and enjoying a real snow storm on the mountains. Our party took an active part in a snow-ball fight on one of our trips through the mountains.

To me the trip to Conference was a very helpful and inspiring one, one we will never forget. I do hope in some way to bring to my home church a part of the inspiration received while attending the Denver Conference.

Berea, W. Va.

#### CHILDREN'S PAGE OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I thought I would write to you because last week no one wrote.

I am now an aunt. My sister Pauline has a baby girl. She is one month old and her name is Sharon Yvonne. She was named after me, because my middle name is Yvonne. Mac is an uncle now, and he is only two going on three.

Today Pauline is sick. Mother thinks she has fever. She might call the doctor, too.

Your Recorder friend,  
Hammond, La. Sydney Davis.

Dear Sydney:

It was nice of you to write when I needed your letter so much and I hope you will do so very often.

Doesn't it make you feel quite grown-up to call yourself "Aunt Sydney"? My brother and I became uncle and aunt when I was about your age and my brother, nearly four years younger; and I can remember how proud we were and how grown-up we felt. But we could never get our nephew to call us uncle and aunt. I hope your sister is "all better" now, as our little Joyce Ann says.

Joyce wanted to attend kindergarten this fall, but in Wellsville, where she lives, they will not let children enter unless they will

be five in November, and Joyce will not be five until January fifth. Here in Andover they will take them if they are five by the first of February. When they were telling about it I remarked that she would have to stay with Grandpa and Grandma and go to kindergarten here; just in fun of course. The next time we went to see them, Joyce went upstairs without saying a word and came down with her suitcase all packed to go home with us so she could "go to school." She was very much disappointed, but is now talking of what fun it will be to go next school year.

Your sincere friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I live in Ashaway, R. I. Our family just moved to Rhode Island from Boulder, Colo. My father is Pastor R. H. Coon, the new minister in Ashaway.

I like it here very much, but I miss all my friends in Boulder a lot. My big sister had to stay in Colorado to work. Our whole family misses her.

I am eight years old and I have a sister who is ten years old. We have lots of fun together.

I saw Alice Hemminger's letter in the Recorder. She is one of my friends in Boulder. I like her very much.

Your friend,  
Ashaway, R. I. Ruth Coon.

Dear Ruth

I am always glad when my Recorder children tell me exactly to what family they belong, and especially glad when it is a family I know, for then, you see, I feel better acquainted with the children themselves. And other grown-ups who read our page feel the same way. Of course your father cannot remember me when I knew him first, for he was a very tiny boy and came into our Chicago church in his mother's arms, but I can remember him very well. I thought he was pretty fine then, and I still think so now that he is a man. I was so glad when I learned that he had become one of our pastors, a true servant of our Lord.

You must write and tell me how you like attending school in Ashaway. No doubt your school began last Tuesday, as ours did. It is quite a sight school mornings to see



Main Street full of school busses, loaded with children from the country, coming in from all directions, to our beautiful, new centralized school. Across the street from the new building is the old high school building, and we have been wondering for a long time what it could be used for. And what do you think? A company is planning to rent it and make it over into a silk mill, for defense work. Of course we are all quite excited over it. When we first came here there was a silk mill doing good work and employing many workers, but it soon shut down, and different companies have run it for a few months at different times, only to close down again. The owner of these buildings is somewhere in France and cannot be located. That's why they must use a different building.

Don't forget to write again soon and urge your sister to write.

Sincerely your friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

## OUR PULPIT

### THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Given at the Denver Conference, 1941, by Rev. Edgar D. Van Horn)

My Friends:

I consider it a great privilege as well as an honor to be able to present to you our first annual report of this new Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, now less than a year old. Technically, we came into existence barely a year ago when our constitution was completed and we received notice that our certificate of incorporation was on file by the Secretary of State and we had been recognized by the Supreme Court and the State Board of Regents.

This board is the result of the consolidation of three of our older boards, namely, the Seventh Day Baptist Education Society, the Sabbath School Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and the Young People's Board. Therefore, while it is true that we are less than a year old, it is also true that we are the inheritors of a past rich with the labors and achievements of these older organizations. "Other men have labored and we are entered into their labors."

Naturally, we have approached our task with fear and trembling for it is a grave re-

sponsibility to assume the tasks of three experienced organizations who have done nobly and well the work of the past for more than half a century.

Not a little time has been taken up in effecting our set-up and organization and determining our methods and means of procedure. Therefore this report will not deal so much with what we have actually been able to accomplish, but with our hopes and aims for the future.

Our constitution and by-laws approved by the older boards before the consolidation was finally completed require of us not only the conservation of the achievements of the past, but that we shall be guided by the same high principles upon which they worked and that all funds which we inherited from them shall be administered in accordance with the spirit and purpose for which they were originally given. The trust laws of our state will admit of none other.

Our organization is young and plastic as yet and will be shaped so far as is humanly possible to accomplish the will of the denomination we serve.

Just a word as to our personnel. We have twenty-one directors on our board, consisting of men and women all of whom are Seventh Day Baptists having the interests of the denomination at heart, drawn from the campus of the University at Alfred and nearby churches. There are five young people on the board of college age, in order that these young people may receive training for the later service which they may render the denomination at large. On the whole I am rather proud of the character and ability of the men and women associated with me on the board, though we shall have to make slight changes from year to year as conditions and necessity dictate.

Definite recommendations will be made to this Conference, looking toward the employment of a full time executive secretary, without which we shall not be able to accomplish the tasks which our Lord's commission lays upon us and with which the present challenges us. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things that I have taught you."

It is this **teaching** function of the home, the church, and the school with which the Board of Christian Education is so deeply concerned. We are living in momentous times, when civilization stands on the very brink of chaos. In truth, much of it has already gone over the brink into the maelstrom of human misery and despair. If the world is to be saved, it will require all the human wisdom, divinely guided, the consecration of all the Christian forces with which we of this generation have been so abundantly blessed — preaching, revivalism, but with it all **teaching**, line upon line, precept upon precept, prayerful living and teaching day by day in the home, in the church, in the school; and who knows but what we have "come to the kingdom for such a time as this"?

Let me quote a striking warning from the International Council of Religious Education: "The central issue of life today, humanly speaking, the choice upon which the future depends, is whether the life of mankind is to be ruled by force or guided by reason and good will." In the midst of present trends we must face again the question, "Is man just an animal which has acquired more skill and cunning than other animals, or is he an intelligent and rational being, able to control his desires and actions? Is he the final arbiter of his own destiny, or is he under obligations and responsibilities to some power beyond and greater than himself? Is he the creature of impersonal forces, or is he a child of God? We as Christians must accept this latter position. God is not only Creator, Ruler, and Sustainer of the universe, but he has created man in his own moral and spiritual image. Wise men of old meditated on man's high moral and spiritual possibilities and said, 'What is man that thou art mindful of him? Thou hast crowned him with honor and glory, thou hast made him but little lower than the angels.' The prophet saw the same truth and exclaimed, 'What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God?' And Jesus who is the supreme revelation of the heart of God, whom he called 'Father,' put such a high estimate on human values that he taught that all earthly goods were not to be compared with man's true worth. It is our conviction that man attains his high destiny only as the Spirit of God dwells in him and impowers

him to rise above the surge of impulses and his self-will to sin to a life controlled by reason and good will.

"Man of himself is not divine. Nor can we say that God is a mere figment of our own imagination. We have not made him, but he has made us and endowed us with moral and spiritual capacities by which we may rise to the high levels of unselfish and holy living. Paul said, 'By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God.'

"Christian faith inspires the Christian way of life. Its central principle is love of God and love of our fellow men. It seeks to bring into fellowship all mankind, for all of whatever race or nation, are children of one God."

It is when men forget God and think of themselves more highly than they ought to think that they miss the way. It is when men think of themselves as sufficient, when they exalt their own achievements as ends in themselves, rather than means of building a better and happier world, that they meet with frustration and defeat. I need not remind you that we are now in such a period. As some one has so well said, "while this is an age of unprecedented achievement, in scientific skills, holding promise of human welfare hitherto unimagined, this second quarter of the twentieth century has become a period of widespread darkness and human suffering." Christian Education Today puts it tersely in these words:

"A new paganism has emerged in our day. To the spiritual indifference and moral callousness which are the easy vices of every generation are now added the open denial of Christian truth and rejection of the Christian way of life. The cult of power is in the ascendant. Racial antagonisms have sharpened. Men have begun again, as in the days of the Roman Empire, to worship the state and to compel others to that idolatry."

Yes, multitudes have missed the Pilgrim Highroad that leads to life, not death. And I am reminded at this point of the novel which was written at the close of the war of 1914-1918 by the brilliant French novelist, ReMarque. The book was entitled, "The Way Back," and was written in response to another novel which had attracted wide reading at the time, entitled, "All's Quiet on the Western Front." Apparently ReMarque did not feel that all was quiet on

the Western Front. He knew the treaty of Versailles had already laid the setting for another world conflict. And in the course of his novel he drew a picture of a court trial in which a number of soldiers were being tried for a murder. In a frenzy of resentment one of them makes this pointed speech:

"You should have come to our help. But no, you left us alone in that worst time of all, when we had to find a road back again! You should have proclaimed it from every pulpit; you should have told us so when we were demobilized! Again and again you should have said to us, 'We have all grievously erred. We have all to find the road back again. Have patience.' You should have taught us to live again; but no, you left us to stew in our own juice. You left us to go to the dogs. You should have shown us the way of kindness, order, culture, love. Instead, you started again to falsify, to lie, to stir up more hatred, and to enforce your miserable laws; one of us has gone under already and there stands the second."

Of course what we have here is an outburst of unrestrained bitterness and disappointment at the failure of the Christian forces of the world to show the way back to kindness, order, culture, and love; and if that was true of that day it is doubly true of this. The Board of Christian Education conceives its task to begin anew to work along these lines in the home, the church, and the school.

These facts constitute not so much a cause of despair as a challenge to our Christian way of life. God is not dead, nor has he withdrawn his claims upon us. The fact is the issues are being drawn all the closer between the right way of living and the wrong way. There is a new life astir. Churches, the world around, are recognizing the universal claims of the gospel and its social and economic implications for our world, as never before. Such conferences as that at Jerusalem in 1928, Edinburg and Madras in 1937 and 1938, at Amsterdam in 1939, and the developing plans for a World Council of Churches now in progress, and in our own country the Preaching Missions and the movement for Christian Advance are all expressions of this fresh realization of the importance of the moral and spiritual conflict and that Christ's kingdom is rallying its adherents to new endeavor to establish a

new order of justice, with peace on earth and good will among men.

The Church of Jesus Christ in its response to these pressing needs must use every method and means at its disposal to meet the situation—evangelism, preaching, and education. It is especially in this last named field that the new life of the churches must find its increasing efficiency.

It has well been said, "The way is not back toward obscurantism, but forward, with eyes open to the truth. The new movement does not deny science or history or culture; it sees these as instruments to the purpose of God. The natural affiliations of the gospel are not with methods of coercion or violence, emotional propaganda or mob psychology; but with reasonable persuasiveness of truth and the fellowship of good will."

Seventh Day Baptists have always been broad minded enough to include in their church program, preaching, evangelism, and Christian education, in their efforts to build the kingdom of God on earth. And now that the Seventh Day Baptist Education Society, the Sabbath School Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and the Young People's Board have been brought together and incorporated under the name of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, and charged with the Christian task of promoting the religious life in the homes, churches, and schools of the denomination, I am glad to present to you something of our hopes and aims.

Our goal in common with all Christians is "to help men and women, boys and girls, to live as Christians—to face any given situation and resolve its issues in terms of Christian values and purposes. . . . In a world like ours, where changes are swiftly taking place, we need to give attention to present demands as well as past precedent. The end of education is not merely the attainment of facts and knowledge, but to so organize these facts as to relate them to present problems so as to effect a more fruitful ordering of life."

Christian education is, therefore, related to every phase of human life—the family, vocations, the proper functioning of citizenship, the intellectual, moral, and esthetic activities of life. In other words, it is concerned with the whole of life, not with just some small segment, not one day in the

## DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Keel Mountain, Ala.

We wish to express our appreciation for all help from our friends. Especially do we wish to express our regret at having lost the address from one box. We trust that the sender will see this and know how it is appreciated.

Our people have grown some vegetables, which have helped, but they do not realize the importance of an abundance for winter.

Our group has been cheered greatly by visits from the absent young people from both the Butler and Bottoms families.

School begins September 8. Due to the increased enrollment we have been asked by our county superintendent to secure larger quarters. This will necessitate the expenditure of \$50 to \$75 for repairs on the tenant house which we plan to use. This includes glass windows and a used heater. The state will furnish desks if we can do the repair work.

Our group has been greatly cheered by visits from Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, who spent several days here, preaching a number of times to appreciative audiences, both on Keel Mountain and at Cedar Point, where the writer preaches once each month. Also the visit of Dr. Walter E. Hancock among us has been much appreciated. His fine sermons have been inspirational.

We have been greatly saddened by the death of Mr. Ollie Wilbours—the man who had "T.B." His widow and three children, ages five to ten, are living on the mountain now. They are almost destitute.

May the Lord richly bless everyone is our prayer.

A. T. Bottoms.

Gurley, Ala.

Ashaway, R. I.

The monthly business meeting of the pastor's class of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church was held with Mr. and Mrs. Achille Piccolo last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coon of Chase Hill with approximately twenty-five members and their families present.

The president, Martin Oates, presided at the business session, during which it was planned to hold a lawn party in the near future. Achille Piccolo was appointed chairman of the committee and will choose his assistants.

week; but every day, everywhere the world around, in all nations to make all Christian. Furthermore, it concerns itself with one's entire personality. It seeks to purify one's motives, stabilize his emotions, cultivate systematically and definitely his appreciations, and especially his moral discernments, so that when he comes before God in acts of devotion and worship he may enjoy real fellowship with God and give himself anew to his way of life.

Let me close by saying our goal may be stated in terms of the International Council as follows:

I. . . . to foster in growing persons a consciousness of God as a reality in human experience and a sense of personal relationship to him.

II. . . . to develop in growing persons such an understanding and appreciation of the personality, life, and teachings of Jesus as will lead to experience of him as Savior and Lord, loyalty to him and his cause as will manifest itself in daily life and conduct.

III. . . . to foster in growing persons a progressive and continuous development of Christlike character.

IV. . . . to develop in growing persons the ability and disposition to participate in and contribute constructively to the building of a social order throughout the world, embodying the ideal of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

V. . . . to develop in growing persons the ability and disposition to participate in organized society of Christians—the Church.

VI. . . . to develop in growing persons an appreciation of the meaning and importance of the Christian family, and the ability and disposition to participate in and contribute constructively to the life of this primary social group.

VII. . . . to lead growing persons into a Christian interpretation of life and the universe, the ability to see in it God's purposes and plans, and a life philosophy built on this interpretation.

VIII. . . . to affect in growing persons the assimilation of the best religious experience of the race, pre-eminently that recorded in the Bible as effective guidance to present experience.

To help people find this way to God and a happy peaceful but rugged life we dedicate our talents and call upon all Seventh Day Baptists to join us in moral and financial support to this high and holy task.

"No one is ever more deceived than when he assumes that certain commendable deeds are accepted of God in lieu of character."



At 5.30 a picnic supper was served, the open fireplace being used by several of the group.

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Ashaway Christian Endeavor Society will be held at the parsonage on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. The nominating committee, Arthur Brayman, Harold Collings, Jr., and Louis Savy, will present a slate of officers for election.

The meeting Friday evening was attended by more than twenty young people, their leaders, and guests.

Articles pertaining to the subject, "Setting Christian Standards in My Friendships," were read by Hilda Maine, Arthur Brayman, Elsie Arnold, and Louis Savy.

A half hour of Bible study of the first chapter of the Book of John was conducted by Rev. Ralph H. Coon, who also gave a blackboard talk to bring out the main points for concentration. The study will be continued at the meeting Friday night.—Westly Sun (Aug. 25).

#### Washington, N. H.

Sabbath day, August 23, a meeting was held in the Seventh Day Adventist church in Washington, N. H., to commemorate the ninety-seventh anniversary of the day when a Seventh Day Baptist woman, Mrs. Rachel Preston, spoke the Sabbath truth to an Adventist group in that place. About two hundred people were present, mostly Adventists, at the morning and afternoon sessions. But for the gasoline curtailment, there would have been at least two Seventh Day Baptists present from Massachusetts to join in this service.

L. F. P.

Princeton, Mass.

#### New Market, N. J.

We again co-operated with the Vacation Bible School held at the Plainfield church this summer. Five from our congregation were in attendance. Pastor Sutton was the supervisor and Mrs. Sutton one of the teachers.

Two of our young people, Elaine Kellogg and David Lance, attended the Lewis Camp for Seventh Day Baptist teen-agers of the Eastern Association, at Ashaway, R. I.

Pastor and Mrs. T. R. Sutton attended the General Conference at Denver, Colo., in August. They feel that although the attendance was somewhat smaller than at some other places, it was a very good Conference filled with many fine things for spiritual up-

lift. Pastor and Mrs. Sutton spent their vacation in Colorado and Wisconsin, visiting their people. Mr. Sutton also assisted his father the latter part of July with the teenage group at the Rocky Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Camp near Boulder.

During the month of August our church schedule centered into one service, that of Sabbath school. The last two Sabbaths of July, while the pastor was at camp, the pulpit was supplied by Rev. T. D. Walker of the Dunellen Methodist Church, and Rev. M. R. Palmer of the New Market Baptist Church. Prayer services were conducted by two of our young men, Gordon Harris and Harold Kellogg.—Contributed.

#### Verona, N. Y.

Our sixth annual Home Coming Day was celebrated August 2. Pastor Davis preached the morning sermon on the subject, "Three Pillars of Christian Faith," followed by the Lord's Supper.

Dinner was served in the church parlors. The afternoon program opened with a praise service led by Raymond Sholtz, chorister. There were two selections by the young people's orchestra, and a solo by Kenneth Babcock of Milton, Wis. Dr. J. Nelson Norwood, president of Alfred University, gave the address, which was followed by a forum. The service was attended by about one hundred fifty people.

The Young People's Social Club met at Lewis Point, Oneida Lake, on the evening of August 9. After a sunset worship service in charge of Wm. Arthur and a short musical and literary program, a wiener roast was enjoyed.

The Doer's Sabbath School Class held their August meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hyde. Officers for the ensuing year were elected. The Worth While Class was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sholtz on the evening of August 23. The class officers were elected.

The congregation was greatly surprised and saddened to hear Pastor Davis' resignation which he presented August 23. This was his first pastorate of five years' duration, and he has been with us for the past nine years, where he and Mrs. Davis have endeared themselves to the people. They have done very faithful and efficient work in the church and community and will be greatly missed.

Correspondent.

# The Sabbath Recorder

Vol. 131

PLAINFIELD, N. J., SEPTEMBER 22, 1941

No. 12

## CREDO

Not what, but whom, I do believe,  
That, in my darkest hour of need,  
Hath comfort that no mortal creed  
To mortal man can give;  
Not what, but whom!

For Christ is more than all the creeds,  
And his full life of gentle deeds  
Shall all the creeds outlive.  
Not what I do believe, but whom!

Who walks beside me in the gloom?  
Who shares the burden wearisome?  
Who all the dim way doth illumine,  
And bids me look beyond the tomb  
The larger life to live?  
Not what I do believe, but whom!  
Not what, but whom!

—John Oxenham.

## Contents

Editorials.—Doctor Randolph Resigns.—Serving Service Men.—Soldiers, Refrain From Alcohol.—Conference Report (Continued)	194-196
Daily Meditations	196
Missions.—Missions Produce Christian Character.—Two New Doctors Are Coming to Us.—Courageous Commitment.—Treasurer's Monthly Statement	198-200
Woman's Work.—Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors	200-202
Church Women Confer on Emergency	202
Young People's Work.—An Open Letter to Christian Youth	203
Orpheus S. Mills	204
Children's Page.—The Welcome of the Flowers.—Jesus Christ and Me	205
Special Notice	206
Rev. Samuel D. Davis: An Autobiographical Sketch	207
Our Pulpit.—True Witnesses of the Truth	207
Denominational "Hook-up"	208
Marriages.—Deaths	208