

there while the meetings lasted. I replied that my home with them was all that heart could wish.

The meetings ran day and night increasing in interest for about two weeks. One night near the close, the lady presented me with the most beautiful silk handkerchief I ever saw. I declined to accept it, saying it was too pretty for a minister, but her husband urged me to take it, saying he had bought it that day for his wife to give me, and he wanted me to receive it. I consented, and the lady said, "We want your picture." Again her husband urged me, and I could but promise it. Before I left that lovely home, every member of the household gave me a tribute of respect. Thus has my Heavenly Father provided for me in all these years of toil and unspeakable joy and happiness.

(To be continued)

Note.—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.

THAT BLESSED HOPE!

By Rev. Lester G. Osborn

'Tis written here, that blessed hope,
To cheer us on our pilgrim way,
To help us bear life's weary load,
"Our Lord will come again some day."
That blessed hope!

'Tis written here, in God's own Word,
To strengthen us when foes array,
To help us foil the tempter's thrusts,
"Our Lord will come again some day."
That blessed hope!

'Tis written here, in words so plain,
To caution us to watch and pray,
To draw us closer to his side,
"Our Lord will come again some day."
That blessed hope!

'Tis written here, in his sweet tones,
To make our hearts with love repay
To him, through others, our just debt,
"Our Lord will come again some day."
That blessed hope!

'Tis written here, O Christian friend,
That we with him shall reign for aye,
That we shall ever be with him,
"Our Lord will come again some day."
That blessed hope!

Shiloh, N. J.

MARRIAGES

Lundi - Brague. — At the Andover parsonage, October 4, 1941, Mr. Elmer W. Lundi of Wellsville, N. Y., and Miss Marial L. Brague of Andover, N. Y., were united in marriage by Rev. Walter L. Greene.

Ford - Windon. — At Blandville, W. Va., in the home of the bride, July 11, 1941, Mr. S. W. Ford of Berea and Mrs. Luetta Windon were united in marriage by Rev. M. E. Hively of the Smithburg M. E. Church.

OBITUARY

Decker. — Delia Hines, daughter of Clinton L. and Mary Hines, was born July 6, 1861, and died in her home at Oneida, N. Y., September 6, 1941.

She was married to Milford H. Decker, December 15, 1876. To them were born ten children, seven girls and three boys, only three of whom are now living: Clinton of Chittenango, N. Y.; Mrs. Grace Miller of Oneida, N. Y.; and Henry of St. Joseph, Mich. Mr. Decker died August 22, 1936.

She was a member of the First Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church for more than forty years, being a convert to the Sabbath; also a member of the Ladies' Aid society. She was faithful to all the appointments of the church so long as health permitted. The pastor has known this family for thirty-six years, and intimately associated with them in their hours of need and sorrow, having conducted the funeral services for three of their daughters, the husband, and now the wife. A good woman has passed to her reward.

The funeral service was held from the Verona Seventh Day Baptist church and burial was made in Ridge Cemetery. A. L. D.

Dr. William J. Mayo, one of the founders of the famous Mayo Clinic of Rochester, Minn., at a dinner given—some time before his death—to a group of eminent surgeons, announced: "Gentlemen, it is customary, as we all know, to pass around cigars after dinner; but I shall not do it. I do not smoke, and I do not approve of smoking. If you will notice you will see that the practice is going out among the ablest surgeons, the men at the top. No surgeon can afford to smoke."

Any one can plant radishes. It takes courage to plant acorns and wait for the oaks.

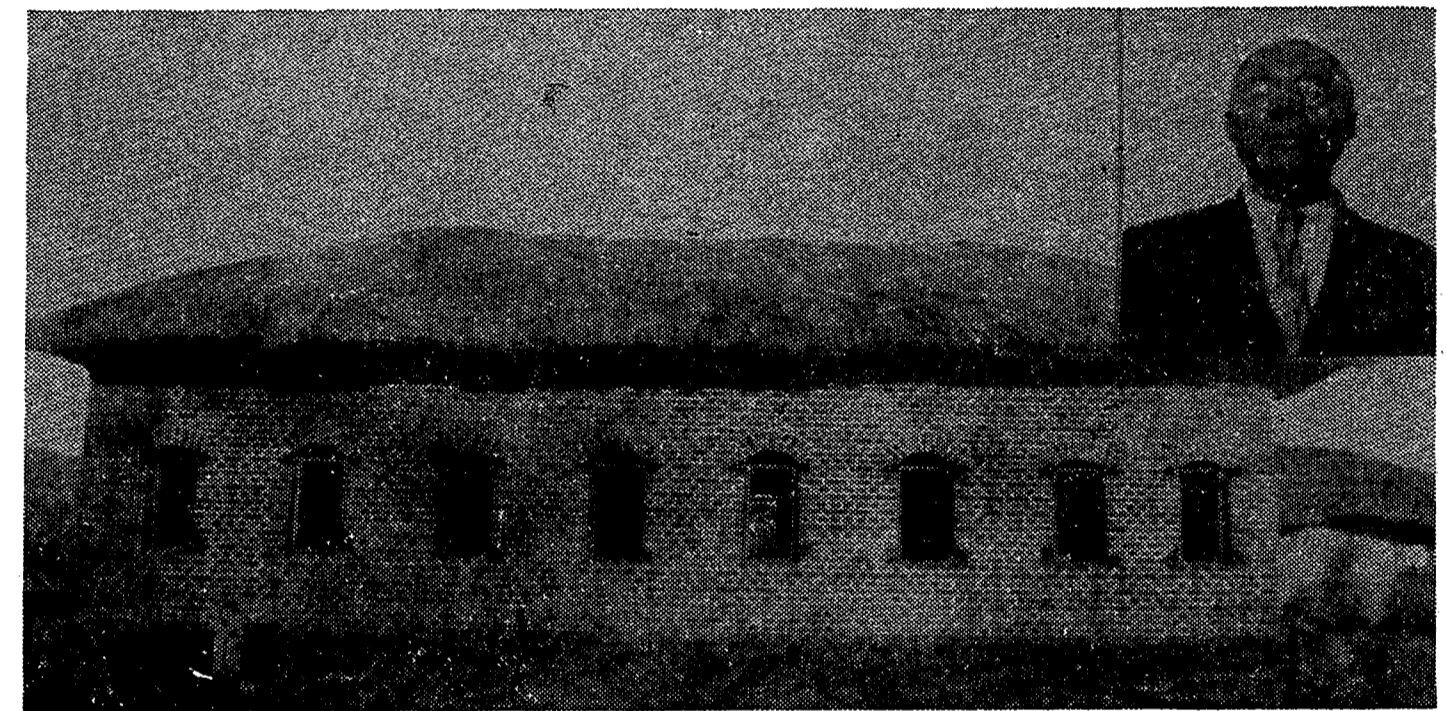
—Jordan.

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EDITORIALS

A GOOD LETTER

A good letter from a friend contains some helpful thoughts which the editor wishes to pass on though the letter was a personal one. The friend writes:

I was thinking how much life is like a great factory—making cars, for instance. How many different parts there are; each one is working on some part. Then comes the assembling, then the testing, and final inspection before the machine is turned out to the public.

What a tragedy if an imperfect machine, basically imperfect, or imperfect in one of its parts, is placed in the hands of someone to use. The lives of many may be endangered; perhaps someone may be crippled for life; maybe even death may result. Of course that affects only the body; but if someone whom God has entrusted with spiritual gifts is not using them at all, or has used them carelessly, some soul besides his own will be sure to suffer. I wonder if most of us do not need to be more observing of little things; more thoughtful and prompt to say kind words or give cheerful handclaps and smiles. I know many times I allow my thoughts to become gloomy because someone has talked of wrong ever being present and trouble all around. I had to catch myself up rather sharply last night.

I know that God is a loving heavenly Father. I know that Jesus came to seek and to save, and that he will save and care for all who come to him.

I know that justice and mercy will one day be the rule. Jesus has assured us and all he says is true. He told us to fear not and to rejoice. . . . Then why don't I do it? It must be that when I have failed in these things my faith is not as strong as it should be. If that is true, then the least that I can do is to keep silent lest I weaken another's faith; and by earnest seeking and knocking, the door of faith may be opened to me again, strength for my task will be given me, and I shall go on to the end of the day and "smile when evening falls."

If more of us would think thus seriously, how much better the world would be because of our having lived on this higher plane.

NYASALAND MISSION

A letter from Pastor Alexander Makwinja brings a photograph of himself and one of the Seventh Day Baptist mission church, recently erected at Miehirv-Chikunda, Nyasaland. It is still without door and windows, as seen on our cover. The faith and perseverance that have brought the structure thus far along doubtless will prevail unto the completion of the edifice.

The plea of the pastor is for a teacher or missionary to be sent to them, even for a short period. Our sympathies again are awakened and interest quickened in this work begun so many years ago by Seventh Day Baptists, near Blantyre. It speaks well for the foundations laid at that time. The most we have been able to do in later days is to send Recorders, tracts, books, and other literature with letters of encouragement and good will.

Word from another pastor, Timothy Teka Chapita, expresses appreciation of a shipment of literature from the Tract Board early last summer, especially mentioning "What Do You Find?" as helpful. He tells of six pastors with others coming to him for a share of this literature. We must not forget these people, bravely carrying on alone, but hold them up in our prayers, and do for them otherwise as we are able.

HELP FROM HOME

The American Sabbath Tract Society through the encouragement of the General Conference is continuing the attempt to main-

tain helpful contact with our men in the service.

The difficulties are at least two-fold: first, that of securing the names and proper addresses of men in the service; and second, keeping our directory up to date, because of frequent changes in addresses as men are shifted from camp to camp.

Thus far the secretary of the board has received names of men from only a few churches. From a recent letter sent to thirty-eight men, one reply has been received, expressing real appreciation of the plan, and two or three letters have been returned to the sender, undelivered.

Home and church can help by sending names and addresses of their men in the service. Address such letters to Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, Corresponding Secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

Homes can help, moreover, by their own cheerful attitude in the letters they write to their own service men. Our men need the constant and helpful touch from home. We quote from a News Bulletin from the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains:

Letters From Home

The most attractive picture of army life is one showing the expressions of anticipation on young soldiers' faces when the mail comes in—letters from home! Yet, a wise army sergeant is quoted as saying, "The morale of these soldiers would be much better if some of the home folks quit writing!" In other words, they write the wrong kind of letters. They do not take into consideration that the young men are often homesick and bored and need encouragement, and that they should not be overwhelmed with family problems which they are powerless to help solve. The soldier's life is not an easy one, even in this, "the best army in the world," but his job is far more important than many of us realize. His family may be making sacrifices while he is in the army and he may be making sacrifices too, but he is forming a part of the veritable bulwark of our democracy, and the fact that he is under arms at the moment may have a lot to do with the safety of our homes for years to come—letters, yes, many of them, but the right kind of letters!

FEDERAL COUNCIL AND RADIO

A reader of the Recorder was recently disturbed over a misunderstanding—in effect that the Federal Council was giving over some of its broadcasting time to other religious agencies, such as the Catholics and Jews.

Doctor Cavert, general secretary of the council, assures us that is not true. How such misunderstandings arose we do not know. Doctor Cavert writes:

"It really passes my comprehension how . . . could have got the idea that the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is giving over 'part of its radio time to the Jews.' We are not giving over a single second to the Jews, to the Catholics, or to any other non-Protestant group. Of course the Jews and the Catholics get radio time from the N.B.C., which deals separately with three different groups—Protestant (through the Federal Council), Roman Catholics, and Jews. We have nothing whatever to do with the time which Jews or Catholics get."

Announcement has recently been made by the National Broadcasting Company of the religious programs for fall and winter schedule. The "National Radio Pulpit," conducted by Dr. Ralph Sockman, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, Sundays at 10 a.m.; and "National Vespers," conducted by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church, Sundays at 4 p.m. (both E.S.T.) will be heard over N.B.C.—Blue Network.

"The Call to Youth," devotional feature designed primarily for teen-age and college youth, returned to the N.B.C., Red Network, Sabbath, October 4, and will be heard at 12.30 p.m., E.S.T. Dr. Alfred Grant Walton, pastor of the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn, will conduct this series.

"Religion in the News," a program of commentary and analysis of religious happenings in the world today by Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, is on the air again, at 6.30 p.m. over N.B.C.—Red Network.

Other Protestant broadcasters—Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, pastor of the St. Nicholas Collegiate Church; Dr. John Southerland Bonnell, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church; Dr. Harry Holmes, World Alliance International Friendship; Dr. Mark A. Dawber, of Home Missions Council; and Dr. Francis Stifler, of American Bible Society, will be heard regularly over the different networks of the National Broadcasting Company—a goodly array of witnesses who will be heard by millions of people. "The devotional programs will be produced by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America working in co-operation with the National Broadcasting Company," according to information given out by the company, to religious papers.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Interracial News Service notes that some progress toward just practices in hiring Negro labor and in the way of promotions has been made since last June when President Roosevelt issued orders that racial discrimination must be eliminated in defense production. The signs for better conditions and less discrimination are good, but many problems as yet remain to be solved.

The Norfolk (Va.) Journal and Guide is quoted: "Hundreds of employers in this state who have discriminated against qualified workers because they were Negroes, or of Jewish, or Italian, or German extraction are reversing their practices."

According to quotations from an editorial in the St. Louis Argus—August 15—we learn that "A large industry in this area two weeks ago issued a statement indicating that it would employ four thousand to six thousand skilled and semi-skilled Negroes and give them special training for foremanships, etc., in its plant; while preparation for the employing of thousands of unskilled workers in the near future is being made."

Labor Unions, we read, are giving the Negroes a better chance, and in many places prejudices are breaking down.

MEETING OF 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, October 12, at 2 p.m., with Lavern C. Bassett presiding, and the following members present: Lavern C. Bassett, Hurley S. Warren, Herbert C. Van Horn, Courtland V. Davis, J. Leland Skaggs, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Orra S. Rogers, Irving A. Hunting, George R. Crandall, Herbert C. Van Horn, Karl G. Stillman, Trevah R. Sutton, and L. Harrison North, manager of the publishing house. Visitor, Mrs. L. C. Worden.

The board was led in prayer by Rev. Trevah R. Sutton.

Corresponding Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn proposed the following minute for the action of the board:

It is not for many to serve acceptably any organization for fifty-one years, and fewer yet to fill the office of its chief executive for twenty-seven years. But to Dr. Corliss F. Randolph, retiring member of the board and president, these distinctions have been experienced to the fullest extent.

As a young man he brought vision, interest, and devotion to the work of the board, and during all the years has wrought faithfully and spared neither time nor talent in the pursuit of the interests of the cause represented.

In the maturity of mind, manhood, and vigor, he came into the office of the president. During the twenty-seven years of his presidency his faith and courage have wavered not. Few of us realize the amount of time and thought which he has unsparingly devoted to the problems and the progress of the board. We have appreciated his fairness and dignity in conducting the meetings of the board, and his broad sympathies in the outreaches of its work. In his retirement we feel a keen loss of his guiding hand, and rich judgment in facing the difficulties and mapping courses of procedure. Our sense of loss is somewhat mitigated in our assurance of his continued interest and accessibility for advice.

It was voted that this testimony be approved by resolution of the board, that it be spread upon our minutes, and that a copy of it bearing the signature of the president and the recording secretary be handed to Doctor Randolph, as a small token of our appreciation.

Corresponding Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the items referring to the Ministerial Retirement Fund and the maintenance of the Seventh Day Baptist Building referred to the Budget Committee:

The usual work of the corresponding secretary has been attended to, including the writing of many letters. Of the latter one was written to Rev. F. S. Johnson, pastor of the New Zealand Church, reporting to him the action of the General Conference in accrediting him as a minister of the denomination. Also a letter to Albert Gray of Moncton, N. B., accompanied by a package of photographs of some of our churches and pastors, and old Seventh Day Baptist calendars carrying pictures of our colleges. Mr. Gray will use these in his work of extending the truths and work represented by us as a people.

Letters were addressed to sixty-seven church clerks asking for names and addresses of the men in "service," of their respective churches. But few responses have yet been received. A mimeographed letter under date of October 8 was sent to thirty-eight such men. To each also was addressed a copy of the current issue of the Recorder with an invitation to subscribe at \$1 per year.

Our lone Sabbath keepers' list has been brought up to date, as correctly as possible, with the help of Trevah R. Sutton, one hundred fourteen new names being added. A mimeographed, one page letter was prepared and mailed last week to 851 of these people.

Thirty dollars has been received from Dora B. Egbert of Martinsville, Ind., a gift from the sale of cattle of the late Everett Pearce. This was according to his dying wish. The same, with ten

dollars from Mrs. Egbert, personally, "tithes and offerings," has been handed to the treasurer.

The secretary attended the September meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council, and has accepted the appointment of the committee as one of twenty to represent the council to study the relationships of interdenominational organized groups.

The secretary visited the Irvington Church, October 11, reported something of the Conference, and delivered a brief sermon.

Attention of the board is called to the following:
1. Need of such tracts as "Free From the Law," "Origin of Sunday as a Christian (?) Festival," and "Bible Study"—stock of which is completely exhausted, and demands for which are frequent.

2. Items 2 and 8 of the recommendations in the report of the Commission which was adopted by Conference; they are below:

"2. That the Plan for Increasing Ministerial Retirement Funds as proposed at the 1940 Conference be adopted by churches and pastors and that they be requested to put it into practice beginning October 1, 1941, wherever practicable. It being understood that all contributions from churches and pastors shall be voluntary and subject to annual reconsideration, and that distribution of funds shall be without prejudice."

"8. That the Conference recommend to the denominational agencies using the Seventh Day Baptist Building that each include an item in its budget for the maintenance of that part of the Seventh Day Baptist Building which it uses, so that the item for this purpose in the General Conference Budget may be eventually reduced to include maintenance of only that part of the building used by officers of the Conference."

The report of Leader in Sabbath Promotion Ahva J. C. Bond was read by the secretary and adopted as follows:

September the eighth I attended a meeting in New York of the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace. Many viewpoints were presented, a great deal of discussion, with not very evident results. The chairman, John Foster Dulles, gave a paper in which he dealt largely with the eight-point Roosevelt-Churchill peace plan.

It was decided that another meeting should be held rather soon.

An excellent report of the meeting will be found in "Time," for October 13.

The quarterly report of Treasurer J. Leland Skaggs was read and received as follows:

J. Leland Skaggs, Treasurer,	
In account with the	
American Sabbath Tract Society	
For the quarter ending September 30, 1941	
Dr.	
To balance on hand, July 1, 1941:	
General Fund	\$ 366.28
Reserve for filing cases	250.00
Denominational Building Fund	1.61
Reserve for Historical Society rooms	35.89
Maintenance Fund	194.38
	<u>\$ 848.16</u>

To cash received since as follows:

GENERAL FUND	
Contributions: individuals & churches \$	83.41
Denominational Budget	427.19
Income from invested funds: through	
A. S. T. S.	446.11
Through Memorial Board	892.30
Receipts from Sabbath Recorder	669.24
Receipts from Helping Hand	280.89
General printing, distribution of literature	57.34
Annie E. Thorpe—payment of taxes	
and interest	131.17
Maintenance Fund—account 3 months	
taxes	150.00
Receipts from real estate:	
207 W. 6th St	346.00
612 W. 7th St.	345.00
	<u>3,828.65</u>

MAINTENANCE FUND	
Rent from publishing house	\$ 300.00
Income from D. B. Endowment	3.48
	<u>303.48</u>

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING ENDOWMENT FUND	
Contributions	1.00

PERMANENT FUND	
Account principal of mortgage	\$1,700.00
Account principal of bond	150.00
Everett Pearce gift	30.00
	<u>1,880.00</u>
	<u>\$6,861.29</u>

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By cash paid out as follows:

GENERAL FUND	
Sabbath Promotion work:	
Salary of leader	\$ 22.50
Travel expense	57.52
Young People's Work	27.00
Expenses of Sabbath Recorder	1,803.03
General printing, distribution of literature	138.95
Corresponding secretary:	
Salary	356.50
Travel expense	114.44
Recording secretary expense	1.90
Treasurer's expenses:	
Auditing reports	15.00
Clerical assistance	52.00
Travel	34.32
President's expense—stationery	6.55
Life Annuity payments	150.75
Account real estate and investments:	
Fee of special agent	90.00
Expenses of representatives to	
Conference associations, etc.	199.93
Express and postage to B. Login & Son	1.70
File cabinets for Sabbath Recorders ..	250.05
John C. Dilts, collector—3rd quarter,	
1941 printshop taxes	245.95
Curtains for treasurer's office	16.40
Edward Bauer, register—certified copy	
of deed for printshop property	3.56
Real estate:	
207 W. 6th St.	106.24
612 W. 7th St.	163.92
	<u>\$3,858.21</u>

MAINTENANCE FUND	
Account 3rd quarter, 1941 printshop	
taxes	\$ 150.00
Coal	150.00
Janitor	33.00
Plumbing repair	5.23
Board of Trustees of S. D. B. General	
Conference—income from D. B.	
Endowment	3.48
	<u>341.71</u>

PERMANENT FUND	
Transferred to savings account	1,880.00
	<u>\$6,079.92</u>

By balance on hand, September 30, 1941:	
General Fund	\$ 586.72
Denominational Building Fund	1.61
Reserve for Historical Society rooms	35.89
Maintenance Fund	156.15
Denominational Building Endowment Fund	1.00
	781.37
	\$6,861.29

J. Leland Skaggs,
Treasurer.

Plainfield, N. J.,
October 12, 1941.

Examined, compared with books and vouchers and found correct.

J. W. Hiebeler,
Auditor.

Plainfield, N. J.,
October 12, 1941.

The following report was presented by J. Leland Skaggs for the Investment Committee:

The Investment Committee reports the prospective sale of the property at 207 W. Sixth St. The offer for the property is \$6,000; \$2,000 cash and a mortgage for \$4,000 at 5 per cent per annum, the principal to be amortized at the rate of 5 per cent (\$200) or more per annum.

The investment in the property (September 22, 1941) is \$5,474.40, representing a mortgage of \$5,000 and an excess of expenses over income of \$474.40.

The committee has voted unanimously to accept the offer.

The resignation of Marcus L. Clawson as a member of the Board of Trustees was presented and accepted with regret.

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

STUDY MANUAL NOW READY

The Study Manual of Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs is now ready for sale and distribution. Pre-publication orders have been mailed.

We believe expectations will in no way be disappointed. The volume is of handy size, bound in beautiful, durable, red cloth and sells postpaid at one dollar per copy. The paper-cover edition, designed for class work, is neatly bound and is delivered for forty cents per copy, three for one dollar.

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Rev. William L. Burdick, D.D., Ashaway, R. I.

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.

QUALITY OF MORE IMPORTANCE THAN QUANTITY

A generation past, Henry Drummond called our attention to the fact that men seek quantity but God wants quality most of all, and that what the world needs is not more of us but a better brand.

Quantity is not to be despised if it is the right kind, but quality is more important. We found on the farm that one acre of good oats was better than ten acres of oats which had rusted. What the world needs today is not more rulers, but a better brand of rulers and office holders. What Christ's kingdom needs is not more denominations, but a better brand of denominations. What denominations need is not more boards, commissions, and officials, but more intelligence and consecration on the part of those they now have. What the church needs is not longer sermons, but those which are well prepared and prompted by the Holy Spirit.

There is a temptation to magnify numbers and, as already stated, quantity is not to be despised. We need more churches, more preachers, more missionaries, more Christians, but our greatest need is a better brand. This does not mean we are to refuse to do our part because we are not perfect. The apostles were not perfect. It means that we place quality before quantity. Many a small church today is really doing a greater work for the Master than some of the larger ones. This is because quality is more important than quantity. All can and should do more and better work.

W. L. B.

SOME EVANGELISTIC ACTIVITIES

In the Missions Department of September 15th, it was stated that during January and February, 1942, the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council planned to hold Christian Missions in one hundred cities having a population of from 25,000 to 100,000. At the September meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Commission on Evangelism, this plan was modified. It is

being arranged that Christian Missions be held in fifty of the Army Camps and Naval Stations. These are to be fostered jointly by the Commission on Evangelism and the General Commission of the Army and Navy Chaplains. To hold these Missions it has been found necessary to reduce the number of Christian Missions to be held in cities.

From the September meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Commission on Evangelism which the writer attended, he learned that much special evangelistic work by the various denominations is being planned for the year 1941-42. Some of this work is already in progress.

The evangelistic work which the Missionary Board has been promoting the last five years under the name Preaching Missions is now well launched for this year. Regional directors have been appointed for the eleven sections into which the United States has been divided, and letters have been sent to all the churches. One church at least has held its Mission and many others are being planned. As in other years, it is being emphasized that the name given to these missions is not vital, and the form which they take is not important. This year the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council is emphasizing visitation evangelism. Some of our churches may wish to make this the principal method to be followed. Some may wish to call them Christian Missions, Witnessing Missions or Special Meetings. The vital thing is that a special effort be made to encourage the workers, revive the indifferent and secure new decisions.

W. L. B.

CONCERNING CHINA REMITTANCES

(A statement by Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer, Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society)

Dear Mr. Van Horn:

At the request of Secretary Burdick and upon suggestion of members of the Missionary Board at our meeting yesterday, I am writing you concerning delays in receipt of money sent to China, in the hope that you may be able to publish this letter in the Missionary Society columns.

The United States government has forbidden the sending of any funds to China because of the emergency existing at the present time. However, a license has been granted for the months of October, November, and

December, permitting the sending to China of funds up to \$75,000,000 U. S., per month.

With respect to our own mission, we are advised that letters of ours enclosing New York drafts apparently are tampered with before reaching their destination, as our workers have just reported not receiving salaries and allowances due in December, 1940, although attempts on two occasions have been made to get the amounts due through. It is believed that many individuals are sending money through to China, and if their letters are receiving similar treatment, it is doubtful if all of their remittances are reaching our China mission. In the future, the Missionary Board expects to cable its money and any sums received from individuals prior to the end of each month will be included in any cable sent the first of the following month. At the present time this seems to be the only sure method of remitting funds to China.

Westerly, R. I.,
October 27, 1941.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT

September 1, 1941, to September 30, 1941

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer,
In account with
The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

Dr.

Cash on hand September 1, 1941	—\$ 993.76
Clifford Lamson, Raynham Center, Mass., Missionary-Evangelistic work	6.00
Semi-annual meeting White Cloud, Battle Creek, and Jackson Center, Mich., churches, "Love Offering" for Dr. Grace Crandall ..	5.00
C. E. Siems, White Cloud, Mich.	15.00
First Alfred, N. Y., Church	12.00
Gentry, Ark., Church	2.00
First Alfred, N. Y., Church, Dr. Grace Crandall	5.00
First Alfred, N. Y., Church, Shanghai Mission	5.00
Mrs. C. E. Persels, Farina, Ill., H. E. Davis China Relief work	2.00
Mrs. George R. Boss, Milton, Wis., H. E. Davis, China Relief work	2.00
Jas. L. Estee, Camargo, Okla., H. E. Davis China Relief work	4.00
Second Brookfield, N. Y., Church	25.00
September share Denominational Budget	435.20
Transferred from Permanent Fund income account	384.00
	—\$ 91.56

Cr.

Loomis, Suffern and Fernald, audit fee	\$ 258.70
Recorder Press, printing reports to Conference ..	92.82
Rev. R. J. Severance	33.34
Charles W. Thorngate	25.00
Rev. Ellis R. Lewis	25.00
Rev. A. L. Davis	10.00
Rev. Orville W. Babcock	25.00
Rev. Verney A. Wilson	16.67
Rev. Clifford A. Beebe	37.50
Rex Zweibel	20.00
Rev. Wm. L. Burdick:	
Salary	\$ 112.50
Rent	25.00
Office supplies	5.18

Travel expense	64.70	
Clerk	33.34	
		240.72
Treasurer's expense, clerk		20.00
China payments:		
Dr. George Thorngate	\$ 112.50	
Dr. Rosa W. Palmberg	30.00	
Dr. Grace I. Crandall	31.25	
Rev. H. E. Davis, salary and allowance	75.00	
Principal Boys' School	25.00	
Boys' School	12.50	
Incidental Fund	18.75	
Anna M. West	31.25	
		336.25
G. Zijlstra, work in Holland	75.00	
Heinrich Chr. Bruhn, work in Germany	41.67	
Mrs. S. M. Graafstal-van der Steur, Java	50.00	
Rev. L. W. Crichlow:		
Salary	\$ 83.34	
Rent	20.84	
Native workers	39.57	
		143.75
Debt Fund share Sept. Denominational		
Budget receipts	60.75	
Rev. L. W. Crichlow, Riverside, Calif., Church,		
gift for native workers	5.00	
Dr. Grace I. Crandall, "Love Offering"		
semi-annual meeting White Cloud,		
Battle Creek, Jackson Center, Mich.,		
churches	5.00	
First Alfred, N. Y., Church gift	5.00	
		10.00
Dr. George Thorngate—China Relief:		
Reta I. Crouch gift	\$ 4.00	
Anonymous gift	5.00	
Mrs. C. E. Persels gift	4.00	
Milton, Wis. gift	4.00	
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Drake gift	15.00	
J. L. Estee gift	4.00	
		36.00
Net overdraft September 30, 1941		
(Amount due missionaries and others for		
salaries and allowances but unpaid) ..	1,654.73	
		—\$ 91.56

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

September 30, 1941

The Society Owns:	
Cash:	
In checking accounts:	
Washington Trust Co.,	
Westerly, R. I.	\$ 1,654.73
Industrial Trust Co.,	
Westerly, R. I.	137.06
	—\$ 1,517.67
In savings accounts:	
Washington Trust Co.,	
Westerly, R. I.	\$ 1,314.16
Equity Savings and Loan Co.,	
Cleveland, Ohio	678.58
	1,992.74
Investments:	
Stocks, bonds and mortgages	93,947.86
Real estate:	
In China	\$ 55,829.86
In Kingston, Jamaica	6,000.00
In Bath, Jamaica	125.00
In Garwin, Iowa	2,000.00
In Minnesota, Polk County ..	2,088.94
	66,043.80
Total assets	\$160,466.73
The Society Owes:	
Notes payable:	
Washington Trust Co.	\$ 6,750.00
Anne L. Waite	500.00
E. C. Burdick	500.00
Jennie Crandall	500.00
S.D.B. Memorial Fund	2,000.00
Others	3,750.00
	14,000.00
Excess of assets over amounts owed	\$146,466.73

This excess is applicable as follows:	
Funds: Principal amounts:	
Permanent Fund	\$ 84,598.40
Debt Reduction Fund	8,951.38
Alice Fisher Ministerial	
Relief Fund	3,275.85
H. C. Woodmansee Ministerial	
Relief Fund	376.06
A. J. Potter Ministerial	
Relief Fund	941.24
F. F. Randolph Memorial Fund	65.35
Amanda M. Burdick Scholarship	
Fund	1,015.97
Ministerial Education Fund	202.87
Ministerial Retirement Fund	39.22
Rev. H. E. Davis China Fund ..	174.85
	\$ 99,641.19
Funds:	
Unexpended income:	
Permanent Fund	\$ 236.02
Associated Trusts income	14.14
Amanda M. Burdick Scholarship	
Fund income	22.77
	272.93
Return of Missionaries Travel Fund	829.80
Gifts for special purposes:	
Dr. Thorngate China Fund	\$ 86.41
Sundry	44.54
	130.95
Real estate equities not allocated to	
specific funds:	
In China	\$ 55,829.86
In Jamaica	4,125.00
	59,954.86
	\$160,829.73
Deficit in General Funds	\$ 14,628.03
Less, Debt Fund cash	265.03
	14,363.00
	\$146,466.73

DAILY MEDITATIONS

Serving Where You Are

(Prepared by Miss Bernice Brewer, Riverside, Calif.)

Sunday, November 9

Galatians 6: 9.

To some it is given to do the big things, to others come opportunities for only little things. Some are privileged to take some new forward step, while others are needed for the less heroic task of maintaining ground gained. The work of the former would be entirely lost without the support of the latter. During the dark ages, a thousand years in which the light of the gospel shone but faintly, there was a group of people who held tenaciously to the truth which, as a people, we now reverence. It is entirely possible that the light of the Sabbath would not have been glimpsed at all by later Christians, had not these faithful ones fed the flame through all those years. We know little of their history; their accomplishments may have been small. Yet they served us and a world that needs the Sabbath, just by preserving and maintaining the truth.

Prayer—God, when quiet times come to us, when we seem to be making little advance, bring to our remembrance those who have served where they

were, by keeping a torch burning. May we not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Amen.

Monday, November 10

Acts 28: 16, 30, 31.

During the two years here referred to, Paul was actually a prisoner, though he was allowed to live in his own hired house and was not prevented from preaching. From the files of our denominational history comes an account of a like situation. Francis Bampfield (1615-1684) spent nine years in prison, from 1662 to 1671. Here he preached "almost daily. . . . He not only preached but formed a church within the prison walls." (Historical Volumes, p. 64.) It is hard for the modern mind to understand such devotion and fortitude. But what a service he rendered to the inmates of his prison!

Prayer—Our Father, as we honor one who served thee under difficult circumstances in time past, let us not forget that the ease and freedom of our day place upon us an even greater responsibility. With thy help, may our service be in proportion to our advantages. Amen.

Tuesday, November 11

Romans 8: 38, 39.

All Seventh Day Baptists are familiar with the martyrdom of John James. A pastor—perhaps the first—of the Mill Yard Church, he was taken from his pulpit on a Sabbath day and led away to prison. A mock trial followed, and he was sentenced to be hanged and quartered. The records show that he faced his fate with quiet faith, speaking with "power and fervor" at Tyburn. The service required of him was sacrifice of life itself, and, what would be harder, it was necessary that he keep such command of himself that he should not bring reproach upon his God. And in the strength given him, he left to us a heritage of unsurpassed courage. Truly a great service!

Prayer—God, we thank thee for these men who have carried such a portion of thy spirit here on earth. May we make our lesser sacrifices with something of that spirit, glad to contribute our bit of service to the advance of thy kingdom. Amen.

Wednesday, November 12

Daniel 2: 24-28.

We are accustomed to exalt the lowly service which falls to each of us, and to account it as important as service which might seem more impressive to onlookers. And in this we are right. But sometimes we become so convinced of this that we are in danger of

forgetting that service may be rendered in high places also. We almost assume that those who have great wealth or great fame or great power will not serve in proportion to their abilities. We have in our history some men who, though their work took them into places where they might have forgotten to serve, did not forget. One such was Peter Chamberlen, physician to three British kings, and at the same time a writer supporting the Sabbath truth, and a pastor of one of our early churches. His prominence did not blind him to opportunities for more ordinary service, and we may assume that his life was lived in accordance with his beliefs, even in the presence of his sovereigns.

Prayer—Hold before us, we beg, O God, the need of godly lives, even in high places. May no prominence of position separate us from thee. Amen.

Thursday, November 13

Exodus 18: 21. Ezekiel 44: 24.

In the early years of the present century, there sat in the governor's seat in the state of Rhode Island, a Seventh Day Baptist. George H. Utter was known as an upright man, a good governor, an earnest church worker, and a sincere Christian. During the years before he became governor, when he was in the state legislature, was secretary of state, and lieutenant governor, his name is often seen in our records. He kept his responsibilities in his church, though there must have been many demands upon his time. If more of our high officials were men of his caliber, we could look to the future with greater optimism. He served, too, in a high place.

Prayer—May those in positions of responsibility never lose sight of the fact that their service can be great, both to thee and to the people they guide. Wilt thou be ever with our leaders. Amen.

Friday, November 14

Proverbs 23: 12, 23.

Though it may be different now, a decade ago an interesting situation existed in Plainfield, N. J. Of all the schools in that city, there were just three who were named for contemporary men. All the rest bore names of great men of history, or names which did not apply to people at all. Those three will sound very familiar to Seventh Day Baptists, for they were Stillman, Maxson, and Hubbard. Such had been the service rendered in the educational field in that place, that these names were deemed worthy to stand with those of the fathers of our country. All of these

were spiritual men who saw in the training of children a branch of Christian service in which they were glad to work.

Prayer—We thank thee for the example of men like these, who translated their service to thee into a work that could build good citizens and, through them, a good community. Let us, like them, strive to lift our little corner of civilization. Amen.

Sabbath, November 15

Ecclesiastes 9: 10a.

It was my very great privilege to know one of the great old men of our people when through the winter of 1928-29 I shared an office with Dr. Theodore L. Gardiner. Even then, at eighty-four, he was remarkable. But I wish to recall here some of the stories which I heard then, of his days as president of Salem College. It was told of him that he struggled to build not only a college, but a community which would honor God. The early days of the college must have taxed the time and strength of its executive, but he waged a constant side war on the liquor interests. And it was said that, with all the other duties, he found time to nurse the sick in the homes of his friends, when need arose. Surely whatsoever his hand found to do, he did it with his might. And the good in that community stands as a monument to him, and others like him, who have labored there.

Prayer—Wilt thou give us, O Lord, courage to attack the big tasks and patience to perform the small ones. We know that they are equally important in thy sight. Amen.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

Union With Christ. Scripture—John 14: 20; 15: 1-10; 17: 21-23; Romans 8: 9, 10; 1 Corinthians 6: 15-20.

Golden Text—John 15: 4.

WOMAN'S WORK

Mrs. Okey W. Davis, Salem, W. Va.

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR NOVEMBER

Topic—Remember.

Scripture—Numbers 15: 39, 40; Deuteronomy 8: 2, 3, and 18; John 15: 9-11.

When November comes it is time to remember. Remember the beauty of the flowers of summer. How sweet were the roses of June—how beautiful the peonies—how lovely the asters of September—how glorious the gorgeous trees of October! Sadness in autumn? No. How can we be sad

when we have memories of all these beautiful things of summer?

We have stored up fruits and vegetables for winter, and we rejoice as we think of our thrift in providing for our winter needs and enjoyment. Should we not store up in our minds all the happy memories of the summer that they may brighten and enrich our days after the frost comes?

Those who knew Rev. L. C. Randolph will remember his happy countenance, and those who know his songs will remember how many of them refer to happy memories. In one of his songs is this verse:

Remember the light of the sweet olden days;
Remember the glory that shone,
For thy duty was clear when the Lord was so near,
In the radiant years that are gone.

(If you have this song it could be used as solo or duet.)

Let us take courage as we begin the winter months and as we use our stored up fruits to enrich our winter meals; let us use the bright spots stored away in our memories to lighten the days of cold and storm.

Prayer.

Song—"For the Beauty of the Earth."

MEETING OF CHURCH WOMEN

OCTOBER 6, 1941

The Place of Church Women in the Emergency

By Miss Evalois St. John

It is difficult to pass on to you what I received at the meeting in New York City, Monday, October 6. I always wish at such a time that our women from each and every section of the denomination might be there so as to feel the thrill and inspiration; so as to sense the importance of the problems discussed and our very real obligation and privilege to do our part in solving them. I shall not soon forget the experience myself. Something happened to me spiritually but I shall have to "live" with that experience awhile before sharing it with others.

The findings of the meeting are to be prepared by a committee. These will be mimeographed and sent to all denominational representatives in due time. For that reason I shall not give a detailed report now.

That every woman—whether she live in a great city or a tiny hamlet, whether she be a prominent leader or a quiet, unassuming housewife—that every woman has a part to perform in this emergency caused by war

and our national defense program; that every woman has a contribution to make in the building "of that which no bombs can destroy"—a world of brotherly love, of enduring peace—was stated again and again.

Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean of Yale Divinity School, and president of the Federal Council, said that women will always carry the great burden of the church. Men, he explained, present the theories but it is the women who put these theories into practice.

Dr. Dwight J. Bradley, executive secretary, Council of Social Action of the Congregational Christian Church, I believe it was who spoke of women as excellent propagandists.

Dr. S. Arthur Devan, director General Commission of Army and Navy Chaplains, called us creators of public sentiment.

Dr. Mary E. Woolley stated that "International understanding must come through the women."

Dr. Georgia E. Harkness, professor of Applied Theology, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., among other vital and challenging statements, remarked that "church women ought not to leave it to the women's clubs, or some propagandist secular agency to provide all the education the country gets on international relations, labor conditions, trade unions, housing, public health, etc. Christian work ought to be more social, and social work ought to be more Christian. To bring this about is part of our job as church women."

That we must meet the needs created by the war and defense activities all speakers agreed, but that we should at the same time build for a post-war world, was also emphasized. Attitudes by which peace may be maintained finally in the world must be fostered now. "A time of chaos," said Doctor Harkness, "can be creative."

A sentence from Mrs. Dwight Morrow's address on "Our Spiritual Heritage," I shall not soon forget—"Never take your church for granted, for people whom you never knew broke their hearts to get it for you."

Mrs. Warren and I feel that ours was a rare privilege, and we thank the Board of Directors for inviting us to be their representatives.

Excerpts From Miss St. John's Letter to the Board

I do not know where I could have found so much information on so many aspects of the world emergency; or received so much inspiration,

for such a small expenditure of money. A worthwhile meeting of this character could come only through a co-operating group such as the Federal Council. This is one evidence or reason why I believe we should continue to affiliate with such a group. I wish that I had the gift of speech (or oratory rather), the strength, and the means to go to our several women's groups, to carry to them some of the thrill, the inspiration, I received; to have them feel with me an awakening and an urge to have a part or share in "building that which no bombs can destroy"—a world of brotherly love—"the fellowship of the burning heart," another called it.

May I say also that Mrs. Coffin, the chairman, and Miss Caldwell, the secretary, both expressed pleasure in having Seventh Day Baptists represented. Out of all the correspondence Miss Caldwell carries on, she remembered immediately that our Executive Board is located in West Virginia.

Mrs. Coffin's words were—and they were spoken before one hundred eighty women at least: "We have two Seventh Day Baptists with us. Isn't that splendid. We were afraid you were not coming."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Victor W. Skaggs, Alfred, N. Y.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP IN THE CHURCH?

"The thing that goes the farthest
Toward making life worth while,
That costs the least, and does the most,
Is just a pleasant smile."

How true the above verse is; and it can very well apply in the church. One of the things with which all are blessed alike is the ability to smile.

We can be friendly, too. In the spirit of friendliness we can be ready and willing servants when called upon to do something. Perhaps it may be a small, unpleasant task, or it may be one greater than we think we are capable of doing. But we should remember that the spirit in which we undertake to help is as important as the work itself. If we can enter into our task in a friendly way, willingly, determinedly, and prayerfully trying to do our best, we will find that we have not only accomplished our goal but have enjoyed doing it. Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch puts it this way: "I believe in gettin' as much good outen' life as you kin—not that I ever set out to look for happiness; seems like the folks does, never find it. I jes' do the best I kin where the good Lord put me at, an' it looks like I got a happy feelin' in me most of the time."

We can be supporters in our church. We can attend church, Sabbath school, and Christian Endeavor, and take active part in all. If we have talent in the musical line, we can help there. Or if we have an artistic touch, we can help the atmosphere of worship with the arrangement of flowers, etc. We can be financial supporters too. I think it is well to tithe, and a good time to start is now. We can be a help to our church by upholding and supporting the better ways of entertainment in the community, such as plays, wholesome parties in the homes of the various young people, by listening to good, thought-provoking radio programs, and by reading good books.

We can help our church by being responsible. First, we are responsible for ourselves. For most of us young people this is a new experience. Since babyhood our parents have largely held this responsibility over us. They have had the care of feeding and clothing us, the care of training and teaching us good Christian principles. But now, as we leave our parental homes to go to further schooling, or to teach, or to start new homes of our own, the responsibility for ourselves has shifted from our fathers' and mothers' shoulders to ours. We are responsible for what we do, say, and think; how we use Friday evenings and Sabbath days; how we spend our leisure time and our money. Not only are we responsible for ourselves alone, but we are responsible for our fellow men, too. We can help the church and encourage each other by recognizing and sharing these responsibilities.

We, the young people, have a challenging opportunity to help our church **the most** by living Christlike today—**every day**. It is so easy to forget what a great influence we, consciously or unconsciously, have over others. Let each one of us live each day truly Christ-committed and sincere, so that others coming in contact with us may say:

"There's a comforting thought at the close of the day,

When I'm weary and lonely and sad,
That sort of grips hold of my crusty old heart
And bids it be merry and glad.
It gets in my soul and it drives out the blues,
And finally thrills through and through.
It is just a sweet memory that chants the refrain:
'I'm glad I touch shoulders with you!'

"Did you know you were brave, did you know you were strong?

Did you know there was one leaning hard?

Did you know that I waited and listened and prayed,

And was cheered by your simplest word?
Did you know that I longed for that smile on your face,

For the sound of your voice ringing true?
Did you know I grew stronger and better because I had merely touched shoulders with you?

"I am glad that I live, that I battle and strive
For the place that I know I must fill:
I am thankful for sorrows, I'll meet with a grin
What fortune may send, good or ill.
I may not have wealth, I may not be great,

But I have in my life that courage you gave
When once I rubbed shoulders with you."
(Selected from David Gordon's Scrap Book.)

OUR PULPIT

THE UPLIFTING LOVE OF CHRIST

By Rev. E. A. Witter

Scripture—Luke 22: 7-23.

Text—Matthew 11: 28-30.

At our last communion season I sought to lead our minds in a thought of the importance, meaning, and value of the communion service. Perhaps you will remember that, among other things, I said, "How about our lives? If they are not as satisfying as we would like to have them, if we are not able to hear the still, small voice in its direction, day by day, why not unwind the wires of the past life and rewind them more closely about Christ?" It may be that you will also remember that I said, "If the love of Christ possesses the heart in fullness it will be easy to live the Christian life."

I want this morning to lead you to think of the uplifting love of Christ as it is set forth in the Scriptures. I sometimes think there is a common failure among people to have a just appreciation of the nature and reach of the love of God so fully manifest in Christ Jesus.

Let us take a look at the love of Christ as it is set forth in Matthew 11: 28-30. It is well for us to think a little of that invitation, so full and unreserved. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden," weighed down with cares and perplexities. As you listen, what does that mean to you?

To me it is more than an invitation to comradeship in the journey of life. It is more than companionship in the affairs of life, as blessed as that may be. To me the word "fellowship" is more expressive of that to which

Christ invites us when he says, "Come unto me all ye that labor." There is a nearness, a sacredness in that word that expresses the thing to which Christ invites all men, that cannot be found in any other word.

Fellowship is the word that expresses the sweetest, most precious and satisfying experiences of the home life. The more frequent and continuous the fellowship between husband and wife, the more precious and enduring the tie that binds.

He who lives in fellowship with Christ finds more of sunshine, and less of shadows; more of peace of soul, and less of burden and worry because of life's tasks and disappointments. Worry is nerve-racking and killing; fellowship with Christ is quieting and peace-provoking.

If we turn to Revelations 22: 17, we will find Jesus, in his last recorded words to John, showing that his invitation is not for one class, time, or nation, but for all men of all classes and of all nations, for he says, "Whosoever will may come and drink of the water of life."

Now let your minds turn to 1 John 1: 6, 7, and find further help to understand the real nature of the love of God. "If we say that we have fellowship with him (God), and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he (God) is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

No more comforting assurance can be given to a human soul: "Whosoever will may come and drink." That means you, it means me. "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light," we are cleansed from all sin.

While the invitation is universal, there is an intensely personal side to it, "Come ye," "whosoever will." Walk in the light and be cleansed from all sin. The willing and obedient heart is the one that will be cleansed. Cleansing is offered to all men, but cleansing can be had only by those who are yielding and obedient to the conditions placed upon the cleansing.

Jesus emphasized the personal side of his teaching in what he said to Peter (Matthew 26: 34). "Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice." How humanly frail is man. How intensely personal is Christ.

I think it will give us courage and help us to realize how personal is the thought of the Savior in us if we read Luke 22: 31-33.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Westerly, R. I.

The Protestant churches of Westerly made an auspicious beginning of fall activities the first Sabbath and Sunday in October. All of them observed the World Wide Communion, with gratifying numbers of communicants. On Sunday evening a great union rally was held in the First Baptist church, the auditorium being filled to overflowing, many standing in the vestibule and on the steps and sidewalk. This service was sponsored by the Westerly Pastors' Association in the Return to Church movement which has been noted in many parts of the country. The speaker was Rev. Nels F. S. Ferre, Ph.D., professor of theology at Andover-Newton Theological School. His subject was "The House in the Heart and the House on the Hill." Doctor Ferre said, "We will never solve the present problems of the world until there is a religious re-awakening." The new order must come from the hearts of individuals. David built the temple in his heart before Solomon built it on the hill. A combined choir of fifty voices added much to the service.

The first fall meeting of our Woman's Aid society was held in the church vestry in the evening on October 7. Mr. Norman Byrom, who has had part in the development of Eleuthera Island, one of the Bahamas, showed moving pictures in color, which he had taken and which brought the beauties of nature vividly to us as well as the progress of the project in which he was engaged. Mr. Byrom talked informally about the place and the project as the pictures were shown. This was an open meeting and there was a good attendance, not only of our own church folks, but from outside. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed after the pictures had been shown.

The Z. Y. W. Class enjoyed a picnic on September 28, at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Maine, at Blue Pond, Rockville. This group, of which Elston H. Van Horn is president, co-operated with the pastor in arranging a vesper service on Sabbath eve, October 17. There was a period of worshipful organ music by Eliza-

beth Crandall. The choir sang: "Prayer of the Norwegian Child," "Remember Now Thy Creator," "Prayer," and "Fairest Lord Jesus." Mrs. Charles Munro sang a solo. There was the reading of a Psalm and devotional poems by Mrs. Clifford Langworthy, Mrs. Elston Van Horn, Mrs. Dwight Wilson, and Mrs. Hiram Barber. The attendance was good and the whole service brought inspiration and blessing.

The October meeting of the S. D. B. society was held with Mrs. Harold R. Crandall at the parsonage, Mrs. Margaret Spargo, president, presiding. Mrs. John C. Loughhead had charge of the program.

The Woman's Aid society held a "get-together" luncheon on Tuesday, October 21. The business meeting and sewing followed the luncheon.

Correspondent.

Milton, Wis.

The summer and fall have been favorable for the growing crops and for harvesting them in southern Wisconsin, and frosts have not yet killed the flowers and vegetables in our gardens.

The year has been a very busy one for everybody, and frequently it has been difficult to secure help on farms and in the village for necessary work.

Several houses have been built this season in Milton, and still there is a call for houses and apartments. Doctors G. E. Crosley and M. D. Davis erected a building and are furnishing it as an up-to-date medical office building. They have associated with them Dr. Richard R. Davis.

Dr. Forrest Branch, formerly of White Cloud, Mich., has secured the dental business from Doctor Mitchel, now at Camp Grant, so that, with Dr. L. M. Babcock, we now have two Sabbath-keeping dentists in Milton.

In September the church entered again into its full yearly program of services, resuming the forum hour at 4 o'clock on Sabbath afternoons and the Milton - Milton Junction Brotherhood meetings once in two weeks on Sunday nights. The complete series of meetings, the Sabbath school classes and their class socials, the C. E. meetings, the Ladies' Circle gatherings, and the business meetings, offer excellent opportunities for worship, study, business, and social and recreational activities.

We are continuing the plan begun last year for the church to hold its prayer meeting and the College Y.W.C.A. to conduct a vesper service at the church on alternate Friday nights. The prayer meetings, although not largely attended, are devotional and inspiring. The vesper services are better attended. At the last vesper service the audience room was lighted with two candelabra. The instrumental music and the readings encouraged a quiet and worshipful attention. When the lights were turned on we saw that a large number of college students and other young people were present.

Among the several family gatherings held in Milton this summer was one by descendants of Rev. Russell Green Burdick, on August 30. Russell G. Burdick was of the sixth generation from Robert Burdick who came from England to Newport, R. I., in 1651. In 1655, Robert married Ruth Hubbard, daughter of Samuel Hubbard who came from England to Massachusetts in 1633, and Tacy Cooper Hubbard who came from England in 1634.

Rev. Russell G. Burdick was born in 1805, in central N. Y. His first wife was Clarissa A. Martin; his second, Adaline Campbell. He was the father of thirteen children, nine of whom married and left families, the youngest of whom was Rev. Clayton A. Burdick. His direct descendants numbered 161, of whom 136 are living. Six of his grandchildren are living in Milton.

This reunion was held in the church, forty-nine members of the families and a few guests being present. Following the dinner we looked at family pictures and a large chart on the wall that gave the names of the descendants of Russell G. Burdick down to and including the eleventh generation from Robert Burdick. An interesting program followed, consisting of talks on lives of the grandfather and the two grandmothers and their sons and daughters who left children. Instrumental music and a song by the men's chorus added to the interest in the program.

Letters and telegrams were read from several who could not be present. Persons were present from seven states.

It is planned to hold annual reunions, and the following officers were chosen: president, Willard D. Burdick, Milton; vice-presidents, Rev. George B. Shaw, Alfred, N. Y., Mrs. Lester LeFeber, Milwaukee, Mrs. L. C. Saun-

ders, Lincklaen, N. Y., Harvey L. Burdick, Professor Fay B. Coon, Milton, Professor A. B. Stillman, Eugene, Ore., Mrs. Lilla B. Fox, Groton, N. Y., and Miss Frances Burdick, Aztec, N. M.; recording secretary and treasurer, Mrs. G. E. Crosley, Milton; corresponding secretary, Rev. Edwin Shaw, Milton.

Probably the date for the reunion in 1942 will be announced in the Sabbath Recorder several weeks before the time of meeting, and it is hoped that many more can be present with us.

Willard D. Burdick,
Church Correspondent.

Milton, Wis.,
October 20, 1941.

Dodge Center, Minn.

Pastor and Mrs. Thorngate are in hopes that their son, Dr. George Thorngate, missionary in China, is one of those who sailed on the two American ships leaving Shanghai Monday for the United States. Due to conditions which now prevail in the Far East, little missionary work can be done at the present time. They have not had any letters from their son for some time past, as this mail is very slow in getting here, but a letter from their daughter-in-law, in New York, informed them that George would soon be bound for home. At the time of their golden anniversary they received a cablegram from him, which came through quite promptly—Dodge County Star-Record.

Nortonville, Kan.

A special song service was given for the annual Rally Day church services on October 11. Several church members led the congregation in the singing of hymns. The leaders were: Leonard Stephan, Wendell Stephan, Mr. Ansel Crouch, Mrs. Allie Stephan, Mrs. Walter Stillman, and Mr. Hatfield Stephan. Pastor Wilson gave a very interesting talk on the origin of music and its purpose in the church service. Miss Nannie Greeley gave greetings from the Sabbath school while Mrs. Alena Bond played softly on her autoharp.

Pastor Wilson, his family, Wilmer Wheeler, Robert and Charles Wheeler went to Dodge Center, Minn., for the annual church meeting. In the absence of Pastor Wilson, Rev. Mr. Dennison brought the Sabbath morning message.

Correspondent.

Shanghai, China

Owing to lack of funds on hand the China Mission Bulletin is not being sent to you this next month as in previous years. No doubt funds have been sent, but we have not received them owing to unsettled conditions here. The cost of putting out one number of five hundred copies is from 30 to 40 per cent more than a year ago, while the value of the U. S. dollar is practically the same.

We regret that we are unable to send the Christmas number, but trust that you will all know that we are wishing you the same message though you may not see our letters on the printed page.

Money sent for this purpose or for any other cannot be cashed unless it is in a draft, since the freezing regulations have come into effect. Money sent through the American Express to any one of us or to the Seventh Day Baptist Mission will be as safe as any way. This does not mean that we are asking for your gifts, but we know that some are wondering how money can be sent for relief work.

Mabel L. West.

REV. SAMUEL D. DAVIS: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH,

(Continued)

FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

In the year 1889, the Missionary Board extended my field of work into North Carolina, and requested me to go to that field twice within the year. This work was extended until the close of 1890. After I had agreed to this arrangement, I read of the resignation of the former occupant of that field and his statement concerning the prejudice of the people there against our cause. He added that the Lord of the harvest fainteth not, and he should not despair of its success. In that country the most he thought that could be done was to sow the seeds of truth, here and there, and wait for the harvest in the rising generation. This seemed indeed a dark picture, but I had agreed to go and proposed to stand by the agreement.

I was instructed to go to Fayetteville, and I wrote Mr. David N. Newton when to meet me there. I went by the way of Washington and Richmond to Wilson, where I had to remain waiting for a train for about eighteen

hours. This left me in Wilson on Thanksgiving Day, and I attended the union Thanksgiving service held there and was asked to take part in it as a representative of the Seventh Day Baptists. Thus all the denominations known to be in the city of Wilson were represented. I took Thanksgiving dinner at the hotel, where wine was served, and was more than ever reminded that "wine is a mocker." I did not see a single guest except myself refuse it, and such a drunken crowd I never had witnessed—a wonderful contrast to the service of the morning.

I did not reach Fayetteville until 9 P.M., and was taken to the Fayette Hotel for lodging. I spent the next morning looking for a conveyance; but could not find anyone who could direct me to the place where our people lived. After dinner D. N. Newton came. He had failed to receive my letter, but was in town on other business without conveyance for me. He was going home and could tell me the way to get there, but it would take him until night with his slowly moving conveyance. I succeeded in finding a rig to take me to Deacon Newton's, twelve miles away. On settling with my landlord, I found I had enjoyed a high priced hotel. The bill was soon settled and I was seated beside a colored driver in a nice carriage. On our way out into the country, we took the direction of D. N. Newton and hastened a ways, but found so many roads leading out into the forest in every direction and none of them very plain, that it seemed impossible to tell which road to take. At length we found ourselves quite out of the way and my driver became discouraged; but finding a mulatto (Indian and Negro mixed), who said he knew where Deacon Newton lived, we took him up into the carriage with us, gave him the whip and the lines, and found ourselves by and by at my destination, a little before sunset. Deacon Newton and family received me kindly and welcomed me to their pleasant home.

The next day was the Sabbath, and we went out into the forest onto a beautiful elevation where they had a new church house among the pines and oaks. It was a neat little frame enclosed with loose plank laid down for a temporary floor, and planks laid on blocks for temporary seats. There were three doors in it, one for the women, one for the men, and one in the rear end for the colored people. Our people had tried to buy a

church house that was offered to them, but one of the stipulations in the proffered contract was that colored people were not to be permitted to worship in it; and our people would not agree to that. (Deacon Newton had taught the first colored school ever taught in that section). Our congregation was not large and the house was too cool to be pleasant. We appointed service for the evening, to be held at the Deacon's home. We took pains to circulate the appointment, but again the audience was very small. The next day (Sunday) the meeting was held at the church. We succeeded in getting it pretty well published, but the congregations continued about the same.

(To be continued)

Note.—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.

Enduring peace and quickening of the soul are for those who walk in daily fellowship with Christ and feed upon teachings found in the Word of God.—E. A. W.

"The best way to get a crowd is to start a revival. People will go across a town to see a resurrection who will not walk across the street to witness a funeral."

MARRIAGES

Huckstead - Van Horn. — Miss Charlotte W. Van Horn of Milton, and Lowell R. Huckstead of Madison, Wis., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist church of Milton on Sabbath afternoon, September 20, Pastor Carroll L. Hill officiating. The new home is at 449 Hawthorne Court, Madison, Wis.

Coon - Holmes. — Mrs. Ruth M. Holmes and Mr. Elam P. Coon, both of Milton, were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist church of Milton on October 7, Pastor Carroll L. Hill officiating. They are spending the winter in California.

Loofboro - Crandall. — Miss Gwendolyn Crandall of Milton and Mr. Victor Loofboro of Milton Junction, Wis., were united in marriage at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist church on October 11. Pastors Carroll L. Hill and John F. Randolph officiated. The new home is in Milton Junction.

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And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it.

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

—Isaiah.

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