

## DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Cleveland, Ga.

Colonel J. B. Conyers has been notified to report for service at Camp Bragg, Fayetteville, N. C., June 1, and is arranging his affairs to leave Cleveland, the last of May. Those who have been in correspondence with him in his Sabbath promotion work will please observe his change of address. He writes that he regrets leaving the interests centering around Cleveland, but believes the Lord will "see that someone carries on." Also says, "There are indications of other interest in the county, however, for I have tried to spread literature all over White County as one would sow seed; and I am looking to God for the harvest, as it seemeth good to him, not to me."

Editor.

Ashaway, R. I.

"The Business of the Church" was the subject of the inspiring sermon preached by Rev. Gilbert Maine at the morning service in the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist church. Mr. Maine was the guest speaker; the pastor, Rev. Ralph H. Coon, conducted the morning service in the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist church. Sabbath school was held following the service. In observance of Mother's Day each church attendant was presented a corsage. Primary and Sabbath school pupils were given book-marks.

Flowers given by Mrs. Donald Bertch in memory of her mother, the late Mrs. Leonora B. Langworthy, were placed on the altar. The Junior C. E. society met at 2.45 o'clock, but the senior meeting was omitted as the pastor and several young people attended the Youth Temperance Council Convention in Putnam. A special feature of the convention was the talk by Mr. Coon, who illustrated his message by the flannel blackboard method, which was deeply appreciated and highly commended by the audiences.—Westerly Sun.

## MARRIAGES

Cox - Bartz. — At the parsonage in North Loup, Neb., March 27, 1942, George Harvey Cox and Muriel Jane Bartz were united in marriage. Pastor A. Clyde Ehret officiated.

Potter - Ehret. — At the church in Alfred, N. Y., April 4, 1942, George Edward Potter and Ogareta Lucile Ehret were united in marriage. Rev. A. Clyde Ehret, of North Loup, Neb., father of the bride, officiated.

## OBITUARY

Arp. — J. M. Arp was born near Sweetgum, Ga., July 15, 1881, and died at his son's home near Postell, N. C., March 19, 1942.

He was married to Mary Elrod, January 21, 1909, near Mineral Bluff, Ga., and to them were born three daughters and three sons one of whom has passed away. Two daughters and two sons live in North Carolina, and one daughter lives near Cleveland, Ga. He and others of his family are members of the Yonah Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which he was the pastor.

Funeral services were held in the Shada Grove church, near Culberson, N. C., March 21. Burial was in the Shada Grove Cemetery. C. S.

Burdick. — Nora Perry Burdick was born November 11, 1867, and died at Peoria, Ill., March 6, 1942.

She was baptized in April, 1881, and joined the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church, changing her membership on February 24, 1894, to the West Halleck Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She was married on July 4, 1891, to Frank Burdick, and to them were born six children: Floyd, Effie, Perry, Gladys, Merle, and LeRoy—all now of Peoria, Ill. The husband and father died December 15, 1921.

One of the daughters said of her mother, "Now we have the beautiful memories of her dear, patient, Christian life to think upon, and we hope to live as she would have us—in love, peace, and harmony. We bow our heads in great respect to her desire for us to live in harmony with God and all mankind." H. L. P.

Walter. — Jennie Frederick, daughter of William and Mariah Hartle Frederick, was born June 12, 1859, at Potter Creek, Pa., and died in Altoona, Pa., March 16, 1942.

She was united in marriage to Wilson S. Kagarise, June 12, 1873. To them were born eight children: Mrs. Chauncey Imler, Harry, William F., Arthur, Lee F., Mrs. Daisy Plack, Preston, and Mrs. Birdie Dimond Kauffman, deceased. Mr. Kagarise died in 1895.

In 1897, she married Fred W. Walter, and to them were born four children of whom Mrs. Allen Hensch and Robert are now living. Mr. Walter died in 1929.

Mrs. Walter was a faithful charter member of the Salemville (English) Seventh Day Baptist Church. She is survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock, assisted by Rev. Frank King. Burial was in the Salemville cemetery.

O. W. B.

"Work overtime; save overtime. Buy U. S. Defense Bonds every pay day."

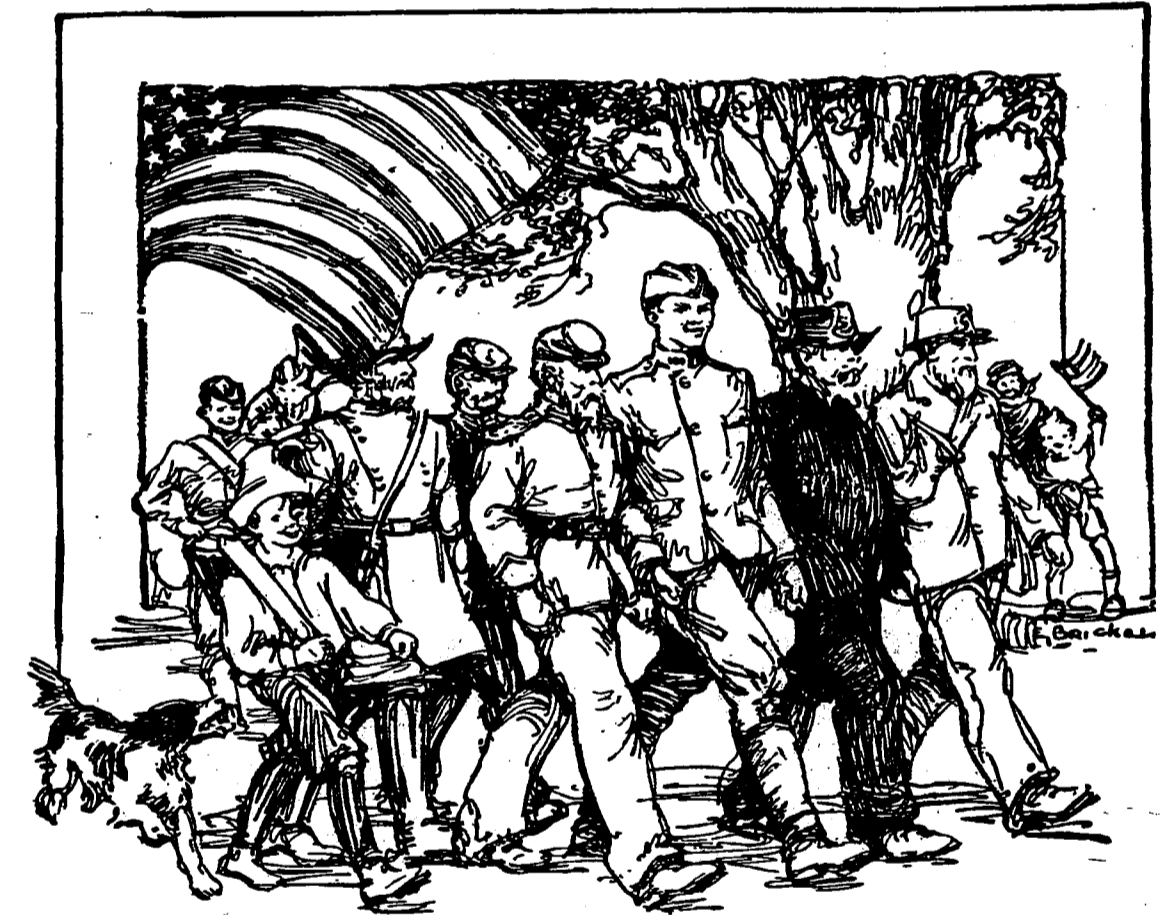
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### A SOBERING PARADE

Names are being added daily to the list to be remembered in future years.

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## EDITORIALS

### "LEST WE FORGET"

There seems small danger, this year, that we shall forget to call in memory those who gave themselves to preserve the unity and integrity of our government in the Civil War of the 60's. Memorial Day during the decades has helped us to remember, and to bring afresh to mind the blessings that have followed, even though, too often, the responsibilities have been forgotten and obligations ignored.

And now we are in the midst of a still greater and more far-reaching struggle. No one knows yet what it will cost: the human suffering, the poignant sorrow, the collapse of so much that we have held dear. However, all this must be bravely faced.

The memory of what others passed through will help. The fortitude maintained by those who have gone before will strengthen our own morale as we recall events and heroes among common civilian or battling armies of other days.

So Memorial Day takes on new significance this year. We are struggling today against sinister powers. Not only are there iconoclastic foes without, there are termite-like enemies within—within our own minds and hearts—which if unexterminated will leave the country more hopeless than defeat in a world war. Such foes as bigotry, racial discrimination, hatred, prejudice, weaken character and destroy personality.

"Lest we forget," let us turn to God in penitence and set our spiritual houses in order. There are old foundations that need rebuilding and waste places to be renewed.

### AT ASSOCIATED RELIGIOUS PRESS

One of the yearly events toward which many editors of religious papers look forward is the meeting of the Associated Religious Press. This meeting is usually held in the city of Washington; last year for the first time it was held in Boston; the 1942 meeting was held in New York City at the Prince George Hotel. It was the best attended gathering of the association's history—whether because of New York's being so much the center of Church Press population, or because of the exigencies of the times is hard to determine. Perhaps both factors enter into any answer.

The influx of many new and younger men was noticeable. Perhaps this augurs well for the future of church papers. Somewhere we have read about young men seeing visions, and old men dreaming dreams. Encouraging it is to see young fellows with spiritual vision being trained in the field of journalism and having a bias toward the religious paper field.

However there was no lack of men whose heads and words betrayed age and experience and vital understanding of the times in which we live; the need of readjustments and of filling full of inspiration and meaning the great concepts expressed in "faith," "salvation," "sin," "heaven," "hell," and the like.

Refreshing indeed was the extemporaneous address by Dr. Wm. E. Morrison, editor of the Christian Century, in which he expressed concern for these great fundamental concepts. Many, we feel sure, were not a little surprised to hear him who directs the policy of the stimulating liberal Christian Century expressing so deep concern for the great fundamentals which are so much bandied about

in the press and on the street with so little feeling of regret.

Fortunate the association was to have opportunity of hearing Alexander Uhl of P.M. speak on the goals and objectives of reporting the news. For many years in the foreign news service—Paris, Berlin, Madrid, et al.—he could speak out of a wide experience and showed how hard it is adequately and honestly to report world-interest events merely as news, and not be biased by interpretative instincts or functions. Often the foreign correspondent returns to America to pour out his heart in book form—to warn America against some of the incipient dangers. For example, he spoke of the small way in which Nazi anti-semitic propaganda started. Once the very small truth is lodged, it can be expanded until a whole nation is impregnated with a full grown idea. By a careful selection of words can this be brought about.

We were struck with the implications of this in all matter of education and training of our own youth—in the home, the Sabbath school, church, and public school.

Sam Welles, religious editor of Time, declared in a most illuminating address that religious journalism is about the most important kind of journalism there is. Speaking of "What's the News," he urged the need of instructing people in the knowledge of God. "Victory is not won by war alone."

People must be led to think beyond themselves. Denominational co-operation must be increased; churches must do more than ever before; the Church must not hesitate to emphasize future life; revival of religious feeling must be stressed more. People last year spent less on the Church than on dogs and beauty parlors.

The Church Press, said this editor of a popular magazine, more than any other agency, is the voice of the Church. "It must be true to its message because that is what the world wants to hear."

A challenging address on "Free Press—Is It too Much and too Free?" was given by R. H. Markham, staff correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor. We are in danger of "slavery of freedom" he said, for freedom may forge chains, build dungeons, and impose yokes. He urged a freedom with discipline, freedom involving responsibility and obligation. The destiny of freedom depends upon our loyalty. In Protestantism he sees

the last stronghold of freedom being defended.

All of these speakers quoted were dynamic, earnest, and helpful. They evidently believed very much in what they were saying.

The discussions following these and other addresses were interesting and vital. More than fifty religious press representatives attended the meeting. Many old friends were greeted again and a number of new ones made. This is one of the most democratic groups the writer has the privilege of meeting with. There is nothing "high brow" manifested, and a most friendly, fraternal spirit pervaded the entire meeting.

Dr. L. O. Hartman, who so ably and sympathetically presided, was re-elected president. He is the editor of Zion's Herald, Methodist, of Boston. Dr. Lalone of the Christian Leader, Universalist, also of Boston, was continued as secretary-treasurer.

### BOOKS FOR MEN IN THE SERVICE

A "release" from the headquarters office of the National Defense Book Campaign urges upon home readers throughout the land to share the books they have enjoyed with our soldiers, sailors, and marines.

The campaign, sponsored by the American Library Association, American Red Cross, and United Service Organizations, seeks ten million books for U.S.O. houses, army "day-rooms," ships, naval bases, etc. Books should be taken to libraries, where they will be sorted, repaired if necessary, and sent out as quickly as possible to spots where men in the service want books. In many communities, schools and other conveniently located places will be designated as collection centers. Unbound magazines and newspapers will not be handled.

While the government provides libraries in the larger camps, the smaller units have no library at all, and even in most camps where libraries do exist, the demand for recreational reading is usually far greater than the supply. Books provided through the book campaign will thus supplement the government's existing library facilities. Men on leave and in "off hours" depend on the dayroom of their company and their U.S.O. house for their leisure time reading.

The kind of books you like are the kind to be collected. The men have a wide range of reading interest. They are particularly eager for up-to-date technical material to help them

with their problems, as well as books on current affairs and plenty of good fiction.

It is suggested you put your name and address in the books you give.

This service seems to be one in which many of us can share. Look over your book shelves and make a helpful contribution.

#### PRE-CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

The Western Recorder makes some remarks about their convention reports and recommendations being printed before the meetings, that seem pertinent to our own Conference. We quote:

Our Convention is still a democratic Convention. Every one in theory can have his word. But who among us is so brilliant or gifted that he can read (while listening to a speech, etc.), either a long or short report, usually with a few or many recommendations, and be prepared immediately either to speak wisely and well or to vote sanely and soundly.

Some reports, we know, cannot well be made before time of Conference. Unfortunately, this is true of the Commission. Perhaps board and society recommendations—if any—could be published in the Recorder some time before Conference meets. There would be real advantage if the home folks could be taken into confidence, given a chance to consider contemplated actions, and so intelligently instruct representatives how to vote.

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

Chinese refugee students and teachers, many of whom live in mud huts and sleep on bare boards, have sent a gift of \$960 in Chinese currency for relief use in the churches of England. The gift was sent by Dr. Francis Cho-Min Wei, president of Central China College in Kunming, to Rev. William Paton in New York, secretary of the new British Council for Churches, for transmission to London. Doctor Wei called the gift "a token of Christian sympathy and fellowship."

The sum represents contributions from faculty members and students of Central China College and Canton Theological College, both "universities-in-exile." The givers are a part of a refugee group of approximately 52,000, who evaded capture by marching 1,500 miles from the east into the remote western provinces of China. They are pursuing their studies under severe hardships.

—Selected.

In Norway, as in Germany in the early days of the Nazi regime, only the leaders of

the Christian Church have stood forth unitedly in public protest against the more serious offenses of the Nazi-dominated regime. It began a year and a half ago, immediately after the overrunning of Scandinavia and the attempt to set up a Quisling government. The bishops of the Church of Norway submitted a memorandum to the Ministry of Cults and Education; and then, knowing that it would receive no attention from that source, they had it read from the pulpits of Norway despite police proscription.

For more than a year, it is the church leaders principally who have prevented the betrayal of the Norwegian people. Their resistance continued indomitable until its climax a few weeks ago—the arrest and detention of the Norwegian bishops and the resignation from their state appointments of all but an insignificant minority of the clergy of the land. A Stockholm despatch to the New York Times comments, "Quisling regards Bishop Bergraav as his greatest enemy and obstacle." Yet the Bishop has engaged in no direct political activity. He and his colleagues have merely insisted upon the freedom of the Christian churches to preach the truth as they see it, and to teach the Norwegian youth Christian truth.

—Henry P. Van Dusen.  
in "The Churches in Captivity."

Noncombatant military service has no direct relation to killing. However, a noncombatant is in military service, wears a uniform (military), gives military salutes, and is subject to courtmartial for breach of discipline.

The objector who can conscientiously accept certain types of noncombatant service but not others is in a dilemma, for when drafted as a non-combatant he cannot choose his noncombatant service, but must take whatever is assigned him. It is not yet clear whether a person can volunteer for a particular type of service.

Adapted from info. sheet.

#### FROM THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

One of the most recent indications of approaching Conference was the receipt by the president recently of a list of delegates from one of the churches in the East. While conditions are definitely uncertain, plans for Conference are crystallizing. There is little doubt but that transportation will be some-

what limited at the time of Conference, but it is encouraging to know that even with existing conditions the churches are planning to be about the Master's work. Probably at no time in the recent past has the Church and her activities been more under fire, and to curtail activities now could be disastrous.

The theme for General Conference is taken from Jeremiah 30: 3. The unrest, the desire for power, the unwillingness to serve, all seem to point to the need for a return of more dynamic religious experiences. More personal consecration to the task of establishing the principles of the Great Teacher seems a major lack in today's world. If we personally become reconsecrated to the world task, surely no power can withstand our combined Christian efforts.

The Salem Church is planning for the entertainment of Conference. Soon news will be drifting through relative to it. Plan now so that, conditions being favorable, you can be present from the beginning to the end of Conference at Salem.

Harley D. Bond.

#### ADRIAN (MICH.) SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSION NEWS

By Rev. Leon M. Maltby

Adrian is a city of about thirteen thousand, situated midway between Jackson, Mich., and Toledo, Ohio. It is a booming "defense" town. It also is host to a college and the State Girls' Training School. One of the officers in this school, Florence Emery of the White Cloud Church, a lady with a burning desire to work for the Lord, found three sisters (unattached Sabbath keepers) with a similar desire. About a year and a half ago they opened a Sabbath school for Mrs. Barber's children and such other unchurched children as could be secured.

God has blessed this venture of faith. All the original members still attend and many have accepted Christ as their Savior. This well advertised Seventh Day Baptist mission is now located in a store building seven blocks from the center of town on East Maumee Street at Tecumseh. It is well furnished and capable of seating over one hundred people.

For some time the leaders had felt the need of an intensive effort to reach the parents and others with the gospel message. Accordingly, they invited pastors Hargis and Maltby to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings at the mission, from March 29 to April 5. The

preparations made by this tiny group of workers would put to shame the efforts and sacrifice of most of our churches. Hand bills were distributed to about eight thousand homes and newspaper advertising reached about twelve thousand readers. The visiting ministers found their every need supplied.

Brother Hargis preached strong and interesting evangelistic messages. Mrs. Hargis played the piano and led the singing, while the writer attempted to act in the capacity of a local pastor to conduct the service and plan the calling. The Battle Creek Church sent several delegations which aided materially in the music and leadership. Brother Holston painted a large sign, built a nice pulpit, and assisted in other preparations. Although the attendance was not so large as hoped, there were several conversions the second night. During the series of meetings twenty-two people professed Christ as their Savior and others were deeply interested. Some of these were old, some young, and many were children. The attendance averaged about fifty, with children in the preponderance. A calling list was built up with the aid of the local workers and by securing the names and addresses of all who attended. It is estimated that over one hundred fifty personal contacts were made besides those made in house to house distribution of literature and invitations to the meetings.

On Friday night of the first week Allen Bond of Wheaton College arrived to assist in the personal work and the instruction of converts. After the departure of Brother Hargis on April 5, public meetings on a smaller scale were conducted until the middle of the week with some results. Brother Bond remained over the week-end for the prayer meeting and preaching service.

Since the close of these special meetings there has been a minister present each week-end. The Women's Board, which assisted with the financing of the campaign, is now paying the expenses of Rev. Edward M. Holston to carry on the preaching appointments until summer. It is hoped that a ministerial student may spend the summer in Adrian. A baptismal service is being planned for the last week-end of May. Although there is no immediate prospect of a church organization, the time may not be far distant when the Lord will be pleased to raise up a church in that place. Miss Emery, Mrs. Barber, Leila and Mildred Toms wish to express their grati-

tude to Seventh Day Baptists everywhere who have been supporting them with their prayers. There is need for more adults to help with the work. If this article falls into the hands of any consecrated Christians seeking a place to make a living and to work for the Lord, they may well count Adrian as a community with Sabbath-keeping privileges.

P.S.—Word has just come to us, and perhaps to you, that the Jackson Center Church is planning to entertain the semi-annual meeting of the Michigan-Ohio Seventh Day Baptist churches June 5-7, if those dates are agreeable with the other churches.

L. M. M.

**MISSIONS**

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.

**ANNA M. WEST**

The first of this month the sad news of the death of Miss Anna M. West reached this country, and this fact was noted in the May eleventh issue of the Sabbath Recorder. Miss West passed away March 25, but owing to limitations regarding communication with occupied China, the news did not reach America for six weeks. Her passing is not only a bereavement, but it is also a great loss to mission work and the cause of Christ.

Though full data regarding Miss West, particularly regarding the last months of her life, are not at hand, the Missionary Board, through the secretary, wishes without delay to express its sympathy to the bereaved mother and sister and to pay tribute to Miss West and her work.

Miss West was born in Utica, Wis. Her father, W. Leman West, died when she was five years old. She graduated from Milton College and later, preparatory to mission work, studied in Alfred University one year. She went to China thirty-one years past and has been in the employ of the Missionary Board continuously since. At first she was assistant to Miss Susie M. Burdick in the Girls' School, and after Miss Burdick took up other work, Miss West became head of the school. Her efficiency, Christian character, and womanly grace made her a most valuable worker. She thoroughly enjoyed

her work, and as the radiogram which brought the news of her death indicated, she has been "promoted" to higher joys and activities.

W. L. B.

**MISSIONS AND THEIR NEEDS**

By Rev. Verney A. Wilson  
(Pastor Nortonville, Kan.)

Missions have played a great part in the Church and its program since its beginning. The Church began its expansion through its missionary movements. Wherever its subjects happened to be they were interested in the work of their Master to the extent that they "published abroad" the things of the kingdom. Such work has been the means of many lands becoming lands where the name of Christ and the faith in Christianity are held in high reverence.

**Needs of Missions**

Man is the highest of God's creation on earth. He is the only being that seeks fellowship with his Maker. Christ has commissioned those who have found such fellowship to act as his messengers (missionaries) to help their fellow men to find the same desired fellowship. Therefore, so long as there is a person who has not found such a relationship with his Master, there is, and will be, a need for missions, because missionary work in all its forms is the instrument for meeting that longing.

Present Needs of Missions: The world is in the midst of a great crisis. Civilization is being threatened, and even Christianity is being placed in the "balances." This means that man's highest ideals and ambitions are being endangered. Are we as Christians becoming discouraged because of such things, and asking ourselves the question, "What's the use?" If so, it is inviting defeat so far as man is concerned. It may look discouraging at times, but nevertheless now is the time to be true, to be courageous, the time to go forward as much as is possible, because there is great need of Christianity in the world. However, the need is not greater than the supply. It becomes then, our duty and honored privilege, as instruments in the hands of the Master, to bring the supply to the need. In doing this there are many difficulties to be overcome, but we can minimize such by courage and faith in him who gives us the victory. On the other hand, if we forget to trust and fol-

low, if we magnify those things which seem to be our greatest barriers, our courage in that same proportion becomes weakened and our ability becomes lessened. Therefore let us not make the cloud blacker, but let us look for the silver lining.

After this Crisis: Regardless of how this great turmoil may materialize, or how we may look at the conditions of things now or later, we are not pessimists who think that Christianity will be crushed to the ground to rise no more. We do not believe that missions will cease to function. We believe in the unlimited ability of Christ. Trusting Christ, we need not fear what shall be the outcome. The greatest opportunity for missionary work is yet to come, and its greatest achievements are yet to be realized.

**Seventh Day Baptists and World Missions**

Ninety-five years ago Seventh Day Baptists experienced the reality of having a part in foreign missions, when, on January 5, 1847, Solomon Carpenter and wife, and Nathan Wardner and wife sailed from New York to go to China to establish a mission. This was a red letter year for Seventh Day Baptists, the beginning of expansion beyond our own borders. From that time we have been associated with a great movement of world missions. We have expanded our work to many parts of the world other than that of China. However, during this almost one hundred years of missionary enterprises, we have had our discouraging hours, and we have had many hard problems to solve, and, too, we have had many pleasant experiences as a people. Maybe we have not done all we could have done, but we are proud of what we have done. We honor those who have served on those fields in whatever part of the world they have labored, or in whatever capacity they have rendered service. May we go forward with the light of the past and present, ever following our great Leader to crowned victories for our labors.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT**

March 1, 1942, to March 31, 1942

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

Dr.	
Cash on hand March 1, 1942	\$ 618.80
Battle Creek, Mich., Church	7.00
Gentry, Ark., Church	1.75
Rockville, R. I., Church	19.80
Milton Junction, Wis., Church	7.50

First Hopkinton, R. I., Church	10.50
Plainfield, N. J., to help pay more salary to underpaid ministers	20.00
Dodge City, Minn., Church	12.08
S. D. B. Society, Pawcatuck Church, for home missions	68.00
Little Genesee, N. Y., Church, for home missions	5.00
First Hopkinton, R. I., Church, for home missions	25.00
Clifford F. Lamson, Raynham Center, Mass., for evangelistic work	4.89
Mrs. E. P. Milks, Scio, N. Y., for China missions	9.50
New York City Church, China	2.00
Friendship, N. Y., Church, China mission	2.00
Verona, N. Y., Sabbath school, for C. A. Beebe	5.00
Riverside, Calif., for Jamaica	10.00
Battle Creek, Mich., Church, for foreign missions	4.00
Reta I. Crouch, Albuquerque, N. M.	5.00
Rev. Ellis R. Lewis, Gentry, Ark.	10.00
New Auburn, Wis., Church	18.00
Second Brookfield, N. Y., Church	25.00
W. F. Randolph and Wife, Lost Creek, W. Va.	50.00
Leon A. Potter, Washburn, Wis.	3.00
Dr. Rosa W. Palmberg	6.00
Mrs. Minnie Green, Los Angeles Church	8.00
Anonymous, for missionary salaries	50.00
Mrs. D. B. Sharpe, No. Tonawanda, N. Y.	10.00
First Hopkinton, R. I., Sabbath school, for Dr. Grace Crandall	18.25
Mrs. Julie E. H. Flansburg, Atlantic City, N. J., for foreign missions	2.00
Transferred from Debt Fund to apply on loan	250.00
March share of Denominational Budget receipts	870.40
Transferred from Permanent Fund income	141.43
Salary advances made in China to Miss Anna M. West and Rev. H. Eugene Davis, also included in regular salary draft	135.75
	<u>\$1,198.05</u>

Cr.

Rev. W. L. Burdick, salary	\$112.50
Rent	25.00
Office supplies	7.07
Clerk hire	33.34
	<u>\$ 177.91</u>
Rev. C. A. Beebe, salary	\$ 25.00
Travel expenses	18.35
Verona, N. Y., Sabbath school gift	5.00
	<u>48.35</u>
Rev. R. J. Severance	33.34
Rev. Earl Cruzan	25.00
Rev. Orville W. Babcock	25.00
Rev. Verney A. Wilson	16.66
Rev. Marion C. Van Horn	25.00
Rev. Ellis R. Lewis	25.00
China Payments:	
Dr. Grace I. Crandall—salary \$31.25;	
First Hopkinton S. S. gift \$18.25	\$ 49.50
Dr. Rosa Palmberg	30.00
Rev. H. E. Davis	75.00
Principal Boys' School	25.00
Boys' School	12.50
Incidental Fund	18.75
Anna M. West	31.25
Dr. George Thorngate	112.50
	<u>354.50</u>
Rev. Luther W. Crichlow, Riverside, Calif., Church gift	\$ 10.00
Salary	83.34
Rent	20.84
Native workers	39.57
	<u>153.75</u>
Treasurer's expense—clerk	20.00
Heinrich Chr. Bruhn, work in Germany	41.66
Mrs. S. M. Graafstal van der Steur, for Java work	50.00
G. Zylstra, work in Holland	75.00
Payment on loan	250.00
Share of Denominational Budget receipts transferred to Debt Fund	121.07
Net overdraft March 31, 1942 (Amount due missionaries and others for salaries and allowances but unpaid)	244.19
	<u>\$1,198.05</u>

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1942

Dear Dr. Hartman:

The annual meeting of the Associated Church Press this year will be held under significant circumstances. All who take part in these deliberations will be impressed not only with the gravity of the crisis through which the world is passing but with the fact that such a gathering could not be held in any of the countries with which we are at war.

For the Axis Powers deny freedom of conscience and its corollary, freedom of the press, and also have trampled ruthlessly under the iron heel all of those other freedoms by which we in this country move and act and find all of our happiness as a nation. Only in the triumph of the United Nations will our cherished freedoms be preserved.

It is therefore well for us, while we are engaged in this tremendous struggle, often to reiterate the simple truth that the downfall of any of the democracies is a threat to our own democratic way of life and to freedom everywhere. Our religious press can be a guide and a beacon, a real tower of strength in this momentous struggle. It seems to me it should come within the special province of the religious press to proclaim the strength that lies in spiritual things -- a strength which no mere physical force can overcome and which, under God, we shall maintain in complete national unity.

But in striving for unity we do not aim at uniformity. Uniformity is of the very essence of the totalitarian tyranny. In the real spirit of our free institutions we must retain diversity of religious outlook. Nevertheless our church press can and will place the emphasis on fundamental unities. These we shall find if we follow the fine old teaching: unity in essentials; liberty in non-essentials -- in all things, charity.

In that spirit, which is the true spirit of our cherished freedoms, I wish you and your associates Godspeed in the deliberations you are to undertake.

Very sincerely yours,



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Boston, Massachusetts.

**WOMAN'S WORK**

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

It is a privilege for us to work for the kingdom of our Lord here on earth. Are we working or are we shirking? How does our work for the kingdom compare with the following:

"For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat;  
I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink;  
I was a stranger and ye took me in;  
Naked and ye clothed me;  
I was sick and ye visited me;  
I was in prison, and ye came unto me"?

**WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR JUNE**

(Prepared by Mrs. Howard L. Davis, Marlboro, N. J.)

Hymn—He will hold me fast.

Scripture—Psalm 119: 9-16.

Hymn—May God depend on you.

Meditation:

The whole Bible—its spirit, its ideals, its aims—is a guide post on the way of life leading to life eternal. We need guide posts, because we do not know the way, and we wander. Like sheep, we go astray. How many times do we turn from the way! How many times do we start anew, striving not to make the same mistakes again, and asking God for strength to carry on in the right way! Thank God for each new day given us for better work.

Life is made up of roads;  
They start from where you are;  
Some roads are ending near,  
And some are ending far.  
The road you choose means much  
To others and to you;  
'Tis not so much the road,  
As where 'tis leading to.

—Selected.

It is a good thing to carry our guide posts in our hearts. The more Scripture we know, the easier it is to do the right thing in times of temptation and world stress. Did not Christ meet temptation with verses of Scripture? The disciples were not sent out wholly on their own but they came back to report. So we can always come to Jesus in prayer, asking for guidance and strength to do and say the right thing. Our motive is not so much to do, but to be.

You are the fellow who has to decide  
Whether you'll do it or toss it aside;  
You are the fellow who makes up your mind  
Whether you'll lead, or linger behind—

Whether you'll try for the goal that's afar,  
Or be contented to stay where you are;  
Take it or leave it, here's something to do;  
Just think it over, it's all up to you.

—Author unknown.

"There is one person whom it is my duty to make good, and that is myself."—Stevenson.

The more of Christ there is in us, the more of his character will shine through us. There is no beaten road in life. But travelers who have passed the same way have left their experiences on record. The Bible is full of such experiences which become guides to us. The Bible points out the way; Christ gives us power to walk that way. Oh, that nations the world over knew of the Bible and its teachings!

Is not this a challenge to us to spread the light by supporting our missions? Psalm 119: 105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

**PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION**

"It was better than usual," said many attendants when the meetings were over this year. That may have been due to the recency of the impression, but some believe the Lord just gave us a richer feast this year. Our president, Mrs. Ernestine Henry, had selected "Victory" as the theme for our meetings, and the messages were well in keeping with the theme, both in content and spirit.

Tire rationing kept many at home who wished to attend, so we had few from long distances. Brother Friesen from Dinuba and the Ashcrafts from Riverbank were the only delegates from up the state. But we had a fine delegation from Los Angeles and the cities of the Southland. Several in attendance had never been with us before, and we trust the Lord to give increase to the seed sown.

Inspiring messages were given by Mrs. Carpentiere and Mrs. Robinson, two mission workers in Los Angeles, both of whom are Sabbath keepers. Each of these women is doing a marvelous work in that big city. Rev. John I. Easterly could not be with us since he is the chief architect in one military area in this state, with ten draughtsmen under his direction. But he is serving the Lord in his office. Three messages of power were brought by lay workers, Mrs. Geraldine Russell of Van Nuys, Dr. W. P. Hall of River-

side, and Mr. Robert Henry of Fontana. The four ministers present, J. B. Ashcraft, B. B. Friesen, E. S. Ballenger, and L. F. Hurley, each had charge of one service, and were used by the Lord to enrich the meetings. Willard Wells led the meeting for young people, with Alvin Mackintosh as his principal speaker, and Dora Hurley conducted a delightful vesper hour.

The president chosen for the coming year is Professor W. Ray Rood. And we enter the year ahead with quiet trust and hope in the Lord.

Loyal F. Hurley,  
Corresponding Secretary.

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sabbath Recorder,  
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Friends:

The Committee on Church Schools of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., has asked me to write once in a while concerning work done as secretary for the Committee.

#### Sabbath School Teachers' Conferences

Sabbath school teachers of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church met Monday night, April 6, to discuss the problems of Christian education in the local church as well as their problems in class work of the Sabbath school. Mr. Clarence Rogers who is superintendent of the school was in charge of plans for the meeting. Rev. Harley Sutton, representing the Committee of Church Schools of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, spoke concerning the importance of the person in church school work. He also told about the work of the board, and led the discussion. Leaflets for teachers and a blank to be filled out were handed to each teacher. Some very practical problems were discussed and helpful suggestions made for meeting them. The response by the teachers was very gratifying and speaks for the good work being done at Salem.

The Lost Creek Sabbath school teachers met with Rev. Harley Sutton Sabbath afternoon, April 11. Leaflets were handed out, books for teachers were passed around for observation, and problems were discussed. The superintendent is Mr. Carroll Bond. All of the teachers of the school were present.

Holding regular teachers' meetings, classes in Christian education, and what books to use for reading, were some of the matters discussed. After the meeting with teachers was adjourned, a meeting with all the congregation present was held to discuss the whole field of Christian education. Mr. Sutton told of importance of Christian education, of the work of the board, and led a discussion during which some interesting suggestions were made as well as questions raised by the group. The results of these two conferences are hard to measure. To the leader they seemed very much worth while.

#### Western Association Churches Represented at Christian Education Convention

Alfred, Alfred Station, and Little Genesee were well represented at the "Christian Education Advance" convention held at Canandaigua, N. Y., April 30. The "Advance" is a co-operative effort of forty Protestant denominations to reach the goal, "Reaching every person with religious teaching." Inspiration and practical suggestions for putting the "Advance" into the local church program were received by those attending the convention. Some of the important topics discussed were: Christian Family Week, Vacation Religious Education Projects, Visual Education, Mobilizing to Win the Peace, Securing and Developing Leaders, Christian Action on Social Problems. Outstanding speakers were Dr. Harry T. Stock, Dr. Albert W. Beaven, Dr. Philip Landers, and Dr. Willard D. Brown.

Those from other associations or churches who have attended other "Advance" conventions are urged to report helpful suggestions and reactions to the undersigned.

Harley Sutton.

#### ASSOCIATIONS - 1942

**Central**—At Adams Center, N. Y., June 5-7, Rev. Jay W. Crofoot, Brookfield, N. Y., moderator.

**Eastern**—At Rockville, R. I., June 11-14, George V. Crandall, president.

**Western**—At Independence, N. Y., June 20-22, Wayne Crandall, Canisteo, N. Y., moderator.

**Southeastern**—At Salem, W. Va., "at call of Executive Committee," Ross Seager, moderator.

**Southwestern**—at Nady, Ark., July 30 - August 2, Rev. R. J. Severance, Hammond, La., moderator.

**Northwestern**—At Battle Creek, Mich., time not yet reported; Dr. B. F. Johanson, president.

**Pacific Coast**—Place and time of next meeting unannounced; Ray W. Rood, Riverside, Calif., president.

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

Mrs. Walter L. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

### OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

David is writing to you, too. Mother is going to bring Anne home today.

We had Better Homes Night the third of May. All five churches of Fouke joined together in the Seventh Day Baptist church. Daddy preached the sermon.

We have Junior at our house Sabbath, at 2.30 p.m.

I will be in the fourth grade next year.

Your friend,  
Paul Beebe.

Fouke, Ark., Box 105,  
May 8, 1942.

Dear Paul:

I have been thinking for some time that you and David were getting about old enough to join Anne in writing for the Recorder, for you are about the age she was when she first began to write to me, so I was happy to receive your letters.

Please say "Thank you," to your mother for the copy of "The Bible Witness," and the program for Better Homes Night. I like union services. Don't you? We are having union services in our six churches here in Andover each month, but are having separate meetings for men and for women. The men's meeting is to be held at our church next Wednesday evening. Last week Wednesday the women's meeting was held at the Methodist church.

I am glad you are having Junior C. E. in your home each Sabbath. We used to have Junior at the parsonage during the winter and at the church during warm weather, when we were in Independence. Now we haven't enough children in either Independence or Andover for a Junior society.

Your true friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I don't believe I ever wrote to you before. I am not going to be home this afternoon. My sister is in the hospital for appendicitis and I am going to see her.

May Day my brother and I hung out May Day baskets.

Our school was out the twenty-fifth of April.

Sincerely,  
David Beebe.

Fouke, Ark.,  
May 8, 1942.

Dear David:

I am very, very sorry to hear that Anne has been having appendicitis, and hope by this time she is almost if not entirely over it and able to be home with you again.

I used to think it was great fun to hang May baskets when I was a small girl living on a farm near Walworth, Wis. We boys and girls would pile onto a hayrack driven by one of our fathers or big brothers and hang May baskets on every farmhouse door in the community. How hard each one did work to make his or her baskets the prettiest of all, and very pretty some of them were.

Your school closes quite early, doesn't it? Our schools do not close until about the twenty-fifth of June. Does your school begin again the first part of September as ours does?

I was pleased to have you and Paul write to me and hope, now you have begun, that you will write often.

Your true friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children:

I have just been reading a little poem which I am going to share with you. I do not know the author.

#### Golden Keys

A bunch of golden keys is mine,  
To make each day with gladness shine.  
"Good morning" is the golden key  
That unlocks every door for me.

When evening comes, "Good night," I say,  
And close the door of each glad day,  
When at the table, "If you please"  
I take from off my bunch of keys.

When friends give anything to me,  
I'll quietly use the "Thank you" key,  
Or if unkindly harm I've given,  
With "Forgive me" key I'll be forgiven.

On a golden ring these keys I'll bind;  
This is its motto, "Be ye kind."  
I'll often use each golden key,  
And then a child polite I'll be.

Hearts, like doors, open with ease  
To very, very little keys,  
And don't forget that two are these,  
"I thank you, sir," and "if you please."

## DAILY MEDITATIONS

(Prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Alton Wheeler, Alfred, N. Y.)

Sunday, May 31

Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart. 1 Kings 3: 9.

If we were given the privilege of having any one wish that we might make, it would be interesting to know just what one thing would seem to be of utmost importance to us. Some men would immediately wish for wealth, great possessions; some would wish for prestige or position in politics or society; others, no doubt, would think in terms of spiritual values.

One night God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask what I shall give thee." The king thought for a moment of the tremendous responsibility involved in ruling over his people Israel, and of his own inadequacies. Then he replied, "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?" His answer pleased the Lord exceedingly, and he said unto Solomon, "Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; behold, I have done according to thy words: . . ." The most lofty request that we could make would be, "Lord, give thy servant an understanding heart."

As we pray, may our petitions be expressed to our heavenly Father not in selfishness, but with humble and contrite heart, realizing our faults and praying for spiritual enlightenment.

## Meditations for June, 1942

(Prepared by K. Duane Hurley, Marysville, Calif.)

June is vacation time.

Vacation time is free time. There is great joy in freedom. We get out of the daily rut, leave worry and care behind, and are free for a time to live as we desire.

Our danger in vacation time is that we leave our religion at home. Vacation should really draw us nearer to God through contact with nature.

The bits of poetry, random thoughts, and quotations given in this month's Daily Meditations are organized to help us experience the joys, and escape the dangers, of vacation time.

Ecclesiastes 11: 9, 10.

Call to Prayer—Each day's Call to Prayer will be words taken from two favorite gospel songs, "Take Time to Be Holy," and "Secret Prayer." Let us, each one, each day, pray in our own way for our own needs.

## Vacation Time

Monday, June 1

Indifference.

We have lost the faculty of observation of nature. We walk through woods and see nothing but bushes, trees, and brown earth. A closer view would show an amazing amount of interesting life around us.

Acts 24: 25.

Call to Prayer—Go where the morning shineth.

Tuesday, June 2

Evil companionship.

It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinions; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps that perfect sweetness, the independence of solitude.—Emerson.

Psalm 1: 1.

Call to Prayer—Go where the noon is bright.

Wednesday, June 3

Selfishness.

An itching to find faults in others is worse than the faults themselves. It is an absence of love that rejoices in iniquity. We are not to point out, but to pull out, wickedness.—Bishop Warren.

2 Thessalonians 3: 11-16.

Call to Prayer—Go when the eve declineth.

Thursday, June 4

Service.

Lead thou the way in the wet grass drear,  
Then, only then, art thou pioneer;  
For Mr. First must get all the woes  
That Mr. Second may find repose. —Anon.

Matthew 25: 24-40.

Call to Prayer—Go in the hush of night.

Friday, June 5

Joy of Companionship.

Nothing equals the joy of companionship on a hiking or boating expedition, unforgettable evenings around the camp-fire, heart to heart talks and confidences.

Proverbs 13: 20-22.

Call to Prayer—Go with an humble feeling.

Sabbath, June 6

Worship.

We need breathing spaces in the midst of our tumultuous life, periods when we can get our rest and refresh ourselves.

"If the outlook is black, the uplook is always bright. 'From a small window,' says Carlyle, 'we can see the infinite.' Vacation gives us a chance to look up."—James M. Campbell.

Revelation 1: 9, 10.

Call to Prayer—Put earthly thoughts away.

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JUNE 6, 1942

The Days of Passion Week: Wednesday, the Day of Suffering, Continued. Scripture—Mark 15: 33, 34; Luke 23: 33-46. (Compare John 19: 25-30.) Golden Text—Isaiah 53: 5.

## OUR PULPIT

## THE LOVE OF CHRIST

By Rev. John F. Randolph

(Pastor Milton Junction, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church.)

Scripture: Romans 8: 31-39.

While divine love is the theme of the whole gospel, only three times do the exact words of our theme appear: "Know the love of Christ which passeth understanding," Ephesians 3: 19; "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ," Romans 8: 35 and "The love of Christ constraineth us," 2 Corinthians 5: 14. We like Paul S. Lineback's suggestion of three wonderful pictures of the love of Christ suggested by these three verses: (1) The Beckoning Hand; (2) The Clasp Hand; and (3) The Constraining Hand.

## The Love of Christ — the Beckoning Hand

We all know the significance of the beckoning hand. We have been thrilled upon seeing a child take its first step. Usually such a step is taken toward a beckoning hand as you, or another, have held out the inviting hand to encourage the child to take the great adventure. So the love of Christ invites us to gain knowledge of that love which passeth understanding. We hesitate to step out on the love of Christ, for it is beyond our comprehension, yet it ever draws us on to greater knowledge and greater appreciation of a Savior who gave his life for you and me. The lure of the unknown has ever been a

magnet to the mind of man and led him to greater knowledge of the universe in which he lives, greater efficiency in utilizing the resources of his universe for constructive or destructive purposes. Too often it is for destructive purposes, to our shame, and largely because we have resisted the lure of the love of Christ, the greatest constructive force in our universe.

To the child the first step is a daring adventure; the parent knows it is a necessity. To mankind the lesson of love is a daring adventure. The drawing power of divine love can hardly persuade him to undertake it, yet the heavenly Father knows it is man's only salvation.

Often we have seen someone beckon to another. The act plainly says, "Come here." It also implies, "I have something of interest to tell you," or, "I have something to show you." You may at some time have been uncertain as to the way to go; and someone, seeing your confusion, beckoned you, "Come this way," and you were set on the right track. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." The beckoning hand of the love of Christ invites us to go his way, learn the truth, and live the Christian life.

Never in the history of the world, probably, have more people been asking, "What is the way out of our present confusion?" "What will we have after the war is over?" "What is a just peace?" "What is truth?" (not so much in dogma, as in human relationships) "What kind of world will we have after the war?" "What is life and what is it worth?" Pilate was no more confused than the present world when he asked, "What is truth?" Yet the beckoning hand of Christ's love is held out to a confused world. It was he who said: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." "Whosoever cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out."

The beckoning hand of Christ has been depicted to the world in many ways. The statue of Thorwaldsen's Christ, in the Fru Church of Copenhagen has been described as, "the most appealing of all works of art." You may have sung the song entitled, "Beautiful Hands."

Beautiful hands at the gateway tonight,  
Faces shining with radiant light;  
Eyes looking down from yon heavenly home,  
Beautiful hands, they are beckoning, come.

Brightest and best of that glorious throng,  
Center of all and the theme of their song,  
Jesus our Savior, the pierced One stands,  
Lovingly calling with beckoning hands.

#### The Love of Christ — the Clasp Hand

What does a handclasp mean? You meet a friend, immediately you clasp hands. He introduces a companion and you clasp a new friend's hand. The clasped hand signifies a bond of friendship and mutual confidence. Possibly hand shaking has become a custom and you think nothing of it, but if either party refused a handclasp upon introduction, the other would realize that something was wrong. It would be an unfriendly rebuff, a refusal to pledge confidence, a sign of distrust. Jesus said, "I have called you friends." Do we refuse the pledge of friendship? The beckoning hand of Christ becomes the clasping hand when one meets that invitation in confidence. Who then shall separate us from the love of Christ; shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? Paul says, "Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Paul's list of disturbing elements sounds very modern. Can we too say, "In all things we are more than conquerors"? Do we accept the clasping hand of Christ's love, and does he have our love and confidence?

The clasping hand is an expression of mutual understanding. Two men undertake a worthwhile project. They clasp hands in mutual understanding and pledge mutual support to accomplish the task. Nothing will thwart their purpose to work together for the accomplishment of the undertaking. In the same sense, the clasping hand of a loving Christ makes us workers together with God, for the accomplishment of the kingdom of God. *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* is usually sung as the bond of Christian fellowship among men, but it might be applied to the clasping hand with Christ.

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

Mutual understanding in other lines is emphasized by the hand clasp. A friend is rejoicing in some accomplishment, a difficult task is accomplished, special honors received, good news from friends or loved ones. As a friend who shares his joys, you rejoice with him and congratulate him with a hearty handclasp. One who has, through the grace of

God, accomplished the forgiveness of sin is a happy man; his true friends rejoice with him. We are told, "Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth," and we know that the clasping hand of Christ is extended in congratulation, mutual understanding, and joy.

Not only in our joys do we appreciate friendly understanding. In our deepest sorrows often a friendly handclasp shows deeper sympathy than words could express. At such times sympathetic understanding, however expressed, strengthens the tie that binds. At the grave of Lazarus, Jesus wept. This divine love has long been recognized. Paul says, "We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities." This is the love of Christ, and what can separate us from that love?

The clasping hand is a protecting hand. In childhood we had many unnecessary fears, nevertheless they were very real fears; but they immediately disappeared when our hand was clasped in that of father or mother, one whose wisdom and ability we trusted. Some of the fears of the children of God are enumerated by Paul: tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword.

The Psalmist put his confidence in the divine Presence and expressed the same in the words: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me."

How much more is the divine Presence revealed in the love of Christ. Our confidence in the protecting hand helps us to recognize it as the guiding hand. The child fears to walk into the dark. He shuns the lonesome path peopled with imaginary beings and fears derived from idle tales; but when guided there by the loving parental hand, he gains confidence. The guiding hand of a loving Christ gives us confidence in our Christian path.

"I'll say, dear Lord, with my hand in thine,  
I'll go where you want me to go.

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,  
O'er mountain or plain or sea.  
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord;  
I'll be what you want me to be."

The clasping hand is a helping hand. Christ clasps the hand of the sinner who reaches up the hand of faith, though the hand of faith be weak. The one who cried, "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief," was not left help-

#### DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Westerly, R. I.

The ZYW class met with Mr. and Mrs. Anton Oberman, May 10. After the business meeting, Pastor Crandall gave a brief outline of the Sabbath school lessons to be studied during the next quarter, in an effort to renew interest in attending Sabbath school.

A special invitation was to be sent to each member to attend church and Sabbath school May 16, which is Rally Day; the pastor has announced that he will preach a sermon on the Sabbath at that time.

Mr. Ben Utter gave a short and very interesting talk on "Trails," and showed some lovely color slides to illustrate. Mr. Utter is a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and has done much in clearing trails for hikers, in and around South Cy.

Correspondent.

Hopkinton, R. I.

Only Sabbath school was held in the Seventh Day Baptist church May 9, because of the illness of Pastor Wayne Rood. He is reported to be doing well following an appendectomy in the Westerly Hospital, yesterday morning. —Westerly Sun.

New Market, N. J.

Pastor T. R. Sutton has accepted the calls to become pastor jointly of the Rockville and Second Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist churches in Rhode Island, beginning after the first of September. He and Mrs. Sutton will reside in Rockville.

Pastor Sutton came to New Market from Garwin, Iowa, where he served his first pastorate. He began his work in the Piscataway Church in December, 1936, and was ordained here in 1938.

Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Van Horn of Plainfield were speakers at our prayer service April 10, and told us about the recent field trip in the southern states. Sabbath morning, Mr. Van Horn again spoke, at which time he brought a challenging message on Christian responsibility. —The Echo.

Brookfield, N. Y.

Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills of DeRuyter and Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Polan of Verona were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Jay W. Crofoot Monday. Plans were formulated for the Central Association of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, which will be held in Adams Center the first week in June.

—Brookfield Courier.

less. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

#### The Love of Christ — the Constraining Hand

Love is often constraining, urging one to the best and repressing the evil. The best protection is often the restraining hand. The parent urges the child to good where he is hesitant, and restrains him from evil. Thus in childhood we are spared much suffering and many mistakes through constraining love. Later we come to appreciate that love and begin to constrain ourselves. In other words, because of that love and our appreciation, we shape our course according to the will of the one who loves us. Thus our parents, our best companions, our truest friends become constraining influences. I cannot do certain things because it does not harmonize with my relationship to these parents, companions, and friends. The love of Christ should even more constrain us.

When I was a small lad I had a companion who was quite a "cut up." He told me once that when he was tickled in church and about to make a disturbance by his laughter, he always thought of Christ on the cross. The love of Christ, manifest on the cross, constrained him. We are constantly asking ourselves, consciously or unconsciously, "What will our friends think? We wish to please our friends and refrain from forfeiting their confidence. We cannot entirely get away from such constraint. When we come to know the love of Christ, it becomes a deciding factor in our lives. What would Jesus do, what would he think or say?"

"I would be true, for there are those who trust me;  
I would be pure, for there are those who care;  
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;  
I would be brave, for there is much to dare."

May we come to appreciate more fully these three pictures of the love of Christ—that love which draws men to a fuller knowledge of him, which reaches out a friendly hand to guide and protect, and becomes a controlling force in character building.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

Old Scottish Householder: "Maggie, ye hae served us faithfully for twenty-five years, and frae now on we will regard ye as a member o' the family. As such ye will receive na salary."—Hartford Courant.



## Verona, N. Y.

The annual convention of the Verona Town Council of Religious Education was held in the Verona Methodist church April 21. Rev. H. L. Polan gave the convention address, "The Armor of Light." Officers were elected for the year. Mrs. G. Howard Davis was re-elected president and Mrs. Wm. Vierow superintendent of the children's department, from our church.

The twenty-first annual Oneida County Youth Conference was held in Verona Presbyterian and Methodist churches May 9. The theme of the conference was "Build Tomorrow Today." Rev. F. W. Trimmer, Syracuse, director of the Christian education department of the Baptist Church for New York State, was the speaker. Pastor Polan led one of the discussion groups. Alva Warner, president of Verona Youth Council, was in charge of local arrangements. The consecration communion service was in charge of the local ministers. Officers were elected for the year. Alva Warner was chosen president of the county council. A sermon was read in our church by Raymond Sholtz in the absence of Pastor Polan.

The Ladies' Society held their April work meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sholtz, Oneida. It was voted that each one contribute money instead of putting on a supper this spring.

Our Mother and Daughter banquet was held in our church parlors May 2. Mrs. Mildred Lennon was toastmaster and Miss Dorothy Williams song leader. Participating in the program were Anita Dillman, Dorothy Williams, Mrs. Eula Sholtz and daughter Jean, Geraldine Thorngate, Twila Sholtz, Louise Hyde, Jean Stone, Mrs. Minnie Jewett, Mrs. Sylvia Carr, Mrs. Zilla Vierow, and Mrs. Iva Davis.

Mrs. H. L. Polan was speaker at the Mother and Daughter banquet held last Tuesday evening in the Lutheran church.

Correspondent.

## Alfred Station, N. Y.

Alfred, Alfred Station, Andover, and Independence churches joined in a Preaching Mission, April 17-26, at Alfred Station. Rev. Carroll L. Hill of Milton, Wis., was the "messenger of the good news," and Rev. Albert N. Rogers of New York City was the minister of music.

It was in assisting with the music that most of the young people found their places. A descant choir of high school girls was a feature.

Ten Alfred young people took their stand for Christ and eleven joined the church at Easter time. For several weeks before taking this step, the candidates were instructed by Pastor Everett Harris in a class on Church Membership. —The Beacon.

## Albion, Wis.

The May Church Night of the Albion Church was well attended. The James Bennett family, of Fort Atkinson, gave a fine program of music and a reading. The committee in charge was Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Saunders and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Root. The committee for June is Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gaines and Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Onsgard.

The Clinton Green family were in the Oklahoma tornado. All escaped except Mrs. Green, who suffered a knee injury from broken glass. Their car was demolished.

Vacation Bible School begins May 18, with Pastor L. O. Greene as superintendent.

The committee appointed to arrange for the centennial anniversary of the Albion Church met at the parsonage April 26. Anyone having interesting data concerning any former pastor of the Albion Church is requested to send same to the chairman of the committee, Rev. L. O. Greene.

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## Riverside, Calif.

On April 10, 11, and 12 the annual association for the Seventh Day Baptists of the Pacific coast was held at the Riverside church. Not so many attended as in previous years but the meetings were very good. The theme was "Victory," based on 1 Corinthians 15: 57, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The young people held a fellowship breakfast in the beautiful yard of Dora Hurley. After breakfast they had a "singspiration," and Bernice Brewer talked about plans for the camp which will be held June 28-July 5. The devotionals, which followed this discussion, were led by Mildred Orr.

The camp, which was discussed at the breakfast, was rented in previous years, but now the church has bought it and it has been named "The Pacific Pines Camp."

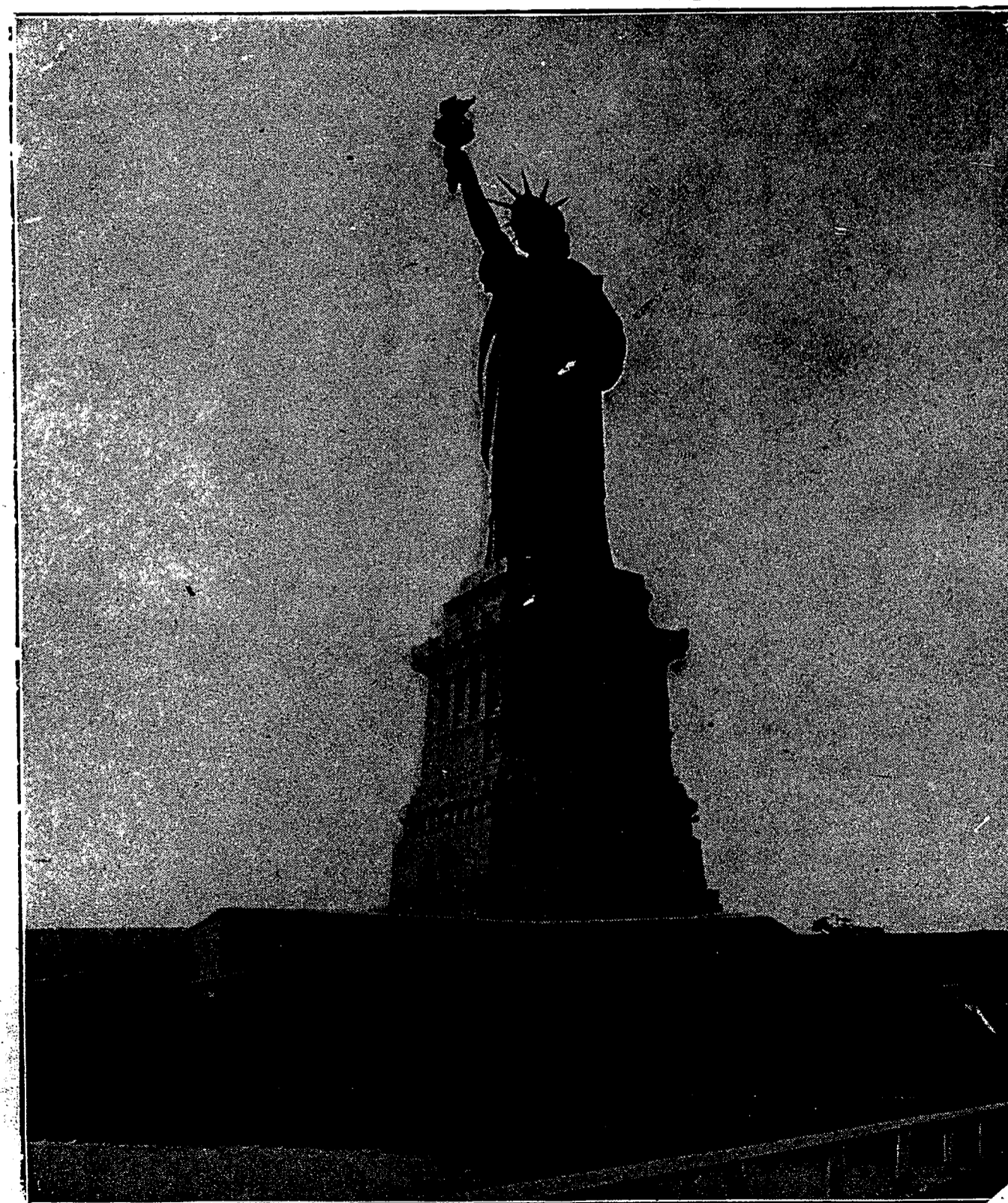
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