

to all our boys in the service. Pastor Wilson was appointed to see that our twenty-two boys should receive Testaments.

The Women's Missionary Society feel very happy over the successful results of their project to make money. The president, Mrs. Laurence Niemann, divided the society into two groups and appointed Mrs. Wilson the captain of one group and Mrs. Hatfield Stephan the captain of the other. The goal of the project was to see which group could make the most money within three months. The women had a good time planning ways of making money. Under the industrious leadership of the captains, money was made by teas, food sales, a train social, penny suppers, doughnut sales, namesake quilt, etc. The January meeting met with Mrs. C. C. Snay and the captains gave their final reports. Mrs. Wilson's group won with a total of \$130, and Mrs. Stephan's group followed closely with \$110.45.

Correspondent.

#### Fouke, Ark.

The annual dinners held at Thanksgiving and at New Year's sponsored by the Ladies' Aid were well attended in spite of gas rationing. We were especially glad to have "Chris" Mitchell, one of our sailor boys, with us on furlough at the New Year's dinner. Another feature of that dinner was the presentation to Deacon and Mrs. S. J. Davis of a golden wedding cake, and an appropriate card signed by eighty-six relatives and friends, in honor of their golden wedding, December 29.

Several of our absent members were with us during the holidays. Two of the children took part in the Christmas pageant, presented by the Junior C. E. and church choir, the Sabbath after Christmas.

The Young People's C. E. sent Christmas cards imprinted with the C. E. name and monogram, and signed by the officers, to every service man in any way connected with this church, and to our absent members. Part of the C. E. meeting after Christmas was devoted to reading their replies.

On New Year's eve, the Christian Endeavor met at the parsonage for a social. We played games and sang songs, and as the church bell pealed out the beginning of a new year, we bowed in silent prayer.

At their latest meeting the Ladies' Aid voted to take up the study of "The Upper

Room" this coming year. Some of the members are also sending copies to service men from their families.

Correspondent.

### A PRAYER

By George Washington

Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that thou wilt keep the United States in thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally, that thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the divine author of our blessed religion, without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. . . . Grant our supplication, we beseech thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—From the Moravian.

## OBITUARY

**Barber.** — Erlo Nelson Grant Barber, son of John W. and Clarinda Barber, was born in Rockville, R. I., March 29, 1866, and died in the hospital at Wakefield, R. I., January 5, 1943.

Mr. Barber was baptized by Rev. J. R. Irish and united with the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church February 19, 1881, of which church he was a member until his death.

He was married to Alice Mae Crandall September 17, 1891. To this union were born two children, Florence B. and Wilfred E. He is survived by his only daughter, Mrs. Harry D. Lewis, two grandchildren, and several nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Funeral services were held at the Avery Funeral Home, Hope Valley, R. I., conducted by his pastor, Rev. T. R. Sutton, Sabbath afternoon, January 9, with interment in the Rockville cemetery. T. R. S.

**Tolbert.** — Rev. Raymond B. Tolbert, after a long illness, died in his home 1504 South Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y., December 11, 1942.

His body was taken for burial to Milton, Wis., where a brief service at the graveside was conducted by Rev. Frank Jackson and Rev. Edwin B. Shaw. E. B. S.

(A more extended obituary will be found elsewhere in this issue.)

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## A PRAYER OF AMBROSE

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O Lord, who hast mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of thy Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore thee, a heart to delight in thee, to follow and to enjoy thee, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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## EDITORIALS

### WHAT SHALL HE PREACH?

A young man recently was installed in his first pastorate. He made an impressive "response" to the words of greeting and welcome of those representing the pulpit, the church, and the community. His real humility of character and purpose was evident in all he said, but especially his closing words, quoted from Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians: "determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." We like that in the beginning of any pastorate—and throughout a minister's service.

This does not mean that the minister is ignorant of other matters; rather that he has a proper evaluation of things that count. Paul was not ignorant; he had just confounded the philosophers at Athens; he had recently experienced the evil working of men's minds in Thessalonica, and the bitterness of stripes and stocks in a Philippian jail. Better than most, he knew men's minds and hearts—how to approach men and what to say and do. But he knew also man's deepest need, a need to be met only by Jesus Christ and him crucified.

His decision followed: to preach only those deep things—eternal verities, rooted and grounded in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Those are the truths still needed—undergirding the themes that still need to be preached in our churches.

Roy L. Smith of the Christian Advocate in a recent leading editorial declares that we

need more doctrinal preaching. Forty years ago our own Doctor Main urged that upon his students in the seminary. Preach the great doctrinal truths, he urged—things to be believed—and consequently then, the practical application in life—the things we ought to do.

We have become soft in our thinking and living because we have been unwilling to listen to a well reasoned out sermon on a great vital truth. We have demanded short, snappy sermonettes, and consequently our lives have been unsatisfactory, our religious experience sparse and thin. We have demanded inspirational preaching, and too often it has been frothy and weak because it has had no underneath body and quality: words, phrases, alliterations dexterously thrown together. True, we need the "inspirational" quality in preaching—the "lift" that sends men out with shoulders squared, chins up, and women with light in the eyes that need not be emphasized by the "face lifter's" art. Without that preaching is tragic failure, as Doctor Smith says.

But as that writer also says, "The good minister will do more than inspire. He will find a way to pour down into the lives of his people the great and abiding facts of faith which will produce convictions that cannot be shaken." This is the process which, though slow and unheralded in the papers, will "build the church and the people."

We are living in tragic times and thousands of homes will be facing heart-breaking sorrows and losses. Temptation to give up faith and to hate and grow bitter will lay siege to the citadel of the soul. Only the peace of God and the love of God will be

sufficient unto the day. A great responsibility rests upon the minister. He must be true to his vows. No panaceas or easy remedies will be sufficient. Let him meet the need of the hour by "consecutive, convincing, constructive, and thoughtful preaching of the great Christian facts." No preacher can do this who is not willing to make the honest, intellectual effort to dig down to the great fundamental truths of Christianity.

"He must have the co-operation of his people in their willingness to make the intellectual effort to listen to serious discussions of great themes." To know the great doctrines with consequent duties is of far greater importance than an early Sabbath dinner, or exchange of personal, worldly experiences. For the days ahead we are going to need all the faith, confidence, and stamina we possess. Our convictions must be rooted "in careful thinking and proved experience." The church, the preacher, must guide in that thinking.

Let him preach, then, the eternal doctrines—however difficult we of the pews find it to understand. This may call for new dedication of pastor and people. Amen.

### "EUROPEAN PREACHING IN WARTIME"

Information Service of January 16 has given a digest of a study of European preaching from the outbreak of the war to the spring of 1941. The study was made by a department of the Geneva office of the World Council of Churches.

Some of the findings will be of interest to Recorder readers. We cannot reproduce all of them reported by Service. The documents from which excerpts were made are from Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland.

Unlike the nationalistic preaching of the first World War, the outbreak of this war, it seems, aroused congregations to a new life and to a new trust in the Church as the only institution which has a clarifying and liberating message.

Speaking of the consolation of the gospel, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft at Geneva, early in the conflict, said that it does not mean that "God takes away the causes of our afflictions, but that he makes us share" in the divine sorrow, through which we arrive at great hope. It "demands a great sacrifice on our part."

Captivity is not "only a hole in existence," said a young French chaplain in a German prison camp, if one accepts the blessings of God, "for the Christian who lives in Christ there is no stoppage in life. God gives the strength and courage to live even in difficult times."

"Not the Germans," said a Dutch preacher, "but God afflicts us and punishes us for our sins, for all the faithlessness of Holland, for all the perversity of his church and of each of us."

A French pastor, Roland de Pury, in a similar vein declared, "This war is in fact a judgment which God brings on the world . . . through human wickedness, by delivering man to his own sin. It is not he who throws the bomb . . . it is we ourselves." He lets "sin bear its own fruits."

It is wholesome to see how our brother preachers urge to repentance. "It is useless to strengthen the fortifications while the spirits wander. It is useless for a people to defend itself militarily while it disintegrates spiritually. However urgent may be our military defense our spiritual defense is even more essential. . . . Repentance is the first requirement," are words of an eminent Geneva pastor.

Among other strong pronouncements is that concerning the unchanging gospel, the gospel of our Lord. A German preacher—and German preachers have suffered, as we know—declares, "all hopes [of salvation] are false and vain if they seek salvation anywhere else than in him [Christ]." How can anything but destruction result, says another German, "if one unceasingly . . . turns from faith in the majesty of God to faith in the majesty of man; if men are trained to put their trust in their own strength, in their own reason, their blood, their property, their needs . . . ?" Leaders in many other countries are urging upon their people the need of a personal Savior. The Church must be unafraid and untiring in preaching salvation as found only in acceptance of Christ.

In shadows of war or peace, a French pastor urged, the ministers of the gospel must not forget nor neglect their great care—the preaching of the gospel. The gospel must not be betrayed.

The study closes with notes of the need of an undivided Church. One favorable aspect of this global war is that it has failed

to divide Christian people. Says one in Geneva, "In so far as the Christian community lives with God and does not merely talk about it, it provides a world-spanning peaceful fellowship which in a world full of social, political, and international enmities works for brotherhood and reconciliation." Herein is an "important contribution of the churches for reconstruction of international life," which the unregenerate world may not now appreciate but in time to come must approve.

#### THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

The home is one of the first casualties of war. Out of homes must go the units of war, and when word comes in "and did not return," we know some home has suffered loss.

There are other losses threatening homes in times of war—loss of faith and hope, loss of sympathy and love. Against these spiritual losses we must guard ourselves. However hard war strikes at the heart of the family, faith and courage must not only be sustained, but must rise to even greater heights than usual.

In maintaining the integrity of the home the Bible should have a larger place in family life. Not only should it have personal reading and study by the individuals, but a recognition and corporate use. A chapter or a few verses read by one of the members at breakfast time, followed by a brief prayer or the Lord's Prayer, will give tone to family life and make the day more worth while for all. The nation has lost much in the passing of the old family altar where the members of the home read from the Book and knelt together in prayer in the family circle.

We know that there are many distractions and difficulties besetting efforts to maintain family worship. But the things eminently worth while, we should constantly and seriously strive after, making such adjustments as necessary to put first and most essential things first.

The easy excuse of the sameness of one's prayers, for not having family devotions, is now answered by the supply of gracious helps for everyday use. "The Secret Place" and "Upper Room," to mention but two of many, are easily available. We have been cheered to find in a large number of our churches a growing use and appreciation of

such helps. If the post-war world is to be the kind of place we are hoping it will be—fighting for it to be—we need nations whose people are girded by the Word of God and who know God.

The basic units, the family and the church, will be responsible. A Christian world can exist only if there are enough people in it who can say to God in sincerity and truth, "O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies, for they are ever with me. . . . I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word." It is still true that "The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish." A righteous world can be sustained and ordered only by a righteous people.

#### EXTRATERRITORIAL RIGHTS RELINQUISHED

Word is at hand according to a dispatch recently reported in the *Westerly* (R. I.) Sun that a treaty with China was signed January 11, 1943, by the United States and Great Britain, demolishing extraterritorial rights. This is an action long overdue. "China can now go to the peace conference with an equal footing with her Allies." It is expected that other countries with extraterritorial rights in China will follow the example of the United States and Great Britain.

It seems no mention in the press conference was made concerning the status of Hong Kong itself, a British crown colony now under the control of Japan.

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

##### In Opposition to National Lottery

Whereas measures are pending in the national Congress looking toward the inauguration of a national lottery as a war revenue measure; therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America urge upon the constituency the importance of alertness and active opposition to such measures as threatening the establishing of a form of gambling which is demoralizing to the community generally and to youth especially.

##### The Situation in India

The National Christian Council of India, the Metropolitan Bishop of Calcutta, and

other British church leaders having urged the British Government to take the initiative in further efforts to resolve the Indian deadlock; be it

**Resolved,** That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America communicate, through its secretary, with Lord Halifax, expressing the concern of American Christians that further attempts at solution be made.

Men for the Ministry is a subject which has become of great importance to all denominations. The number of students preparing for the ministry, now registered in colleges, has greatly declined during the past ten years. This fact together with the large number of ministers who have entered the chaplaincies has produced a tremendous number of vacant parishes. In recent years denominations have found that an increasing number of candidates for the ministry have been trained in state colleges and universities and the large independent universities. Here's an opportunity for Christian workers with students to present a challenge for a great task and opportunity to outstanding Christian students.—*Campus and Church Bulletin*.

#### LIQUOR AND WAR

Evanston, Ill., Feb. 1.—The one-sided report on drinking among servicemen, made by the army and navy and recently issued by the Office of War Information, calls for more accurate reports from the millions of citizens whose observations refute the official government "whitewash," the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union declared here today.

Declaring that the OWI statement that "there is no excessive drinking among servicemen" is not only contradicted by its own findings but is refuted daily in the newspapers and communities near service camps, the W.C.T.U. continued:

"The report names nine types of control that the armed services have found necessary to curb excessive drinking among some of the men.

"The W.C.T.U. has never believed, nor has it circulated the false rumor that our army was a drunken army.

"But for that very reason, the W.C.T.U. has been alert and will continue to oppose

the liquor crowd's attempt to make it such—and so interfere with the efficiency of the army.

"Both the increasingly rigid disciplinary measures being invoked and the OWI's recognition that a 'whitewash' report was necessary prove this to be the case."

The most blatantly untrue remark in the report, the W.C.T.U. pointed out, is the statement:

"Men do not change character when they put on a uniform. If they drank as civilians they will probably drink as soldiers—but probably not so much."

Refutation of this comes from the brewers themselves. Said the *Brewers Journal* of July 15, 1942:

"Right now there is a big demand for beer for the service camps and for shipment to the armed forces that are on foreign soil. This has been a big help to many breweries in the bolstering of their sales."

"OWI says men drink less when they enter the army," the W.C.T.U. points out. "The brewers' profit sheets prove they drink more—because it is put in the camp canteens and pushed on them in taverns of nearby towns."

Also recalled was the brewers' statement of May, 1941:

"One of the finest things that could have happened to the brewing industry was the insistence of high-ranking army officers to make beer available at army camps. The opportunity presented to the brewing industry by this measure is so obvious that it is superfluous to go into it in detail. Here is a chance for brewers to cultivate a taste for beer in millions of young men who will eventually constitute the largest beer-consuming section of our population."

The W.C.T.U. report concludes:

"A valid and adequate investigation of drinking in service camps, camp areas, and regions near war production plants should be made. But for objective and commercially disinterested results, it should be made by civic leaders, patriotic groups, and recognized religious organizations."

Such groups should be urged, the W.C.T.U. said, to conduct careful surveys in their areas and to submit their findings to their congressmen.

## 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.

### ANOTHER LETTER FROM CHINA

A long delayed and interesting communication from Dr. Grace I. Crandall appeared in the Missions Department last week. It was written in October and was addressed to friends in Alfred. After this letter was sent to the Sabbath Recorder, Treasurer Stillman and Doctor Crandall's sister, Mrs. G. L. Hutchins, North Loup, Neb., received letters from Doctor Crandall, written in November, a month later. These letters gave some additional items regarding our missionaries in China. Doctor Crandall wrote to Mr. Stillman:

Excuse this paper and the style of my letter, but I have to save weight and this is best. You see I am saving of postage, for ten dollars for a letter seems a lot, although it is in U. S. money only about what you pay for air mail. But everything is very expensive here now, most things much higher than you pay in the U.S.A.

I am continuing to be pretty well, though very thin for me and still on diet; but the main purpose of this letter is to report on finances. I received the cash on the checks which were sent to U. S. for collection a few days ago at my bank. It came just as my supply of funds here was about exhausted. Since I have received three checks of \$31.25.

As to future checks you can send them or not as you like, for I have enough for the present and others may come along. But it may be possible to cash them after a while as conditions get more favorable, so it is all right to send them along if you like. You might send three months at a time. Of course, I shall need more before many months go by. It is well I have checks back, for I have borrowed from some funds and they stand as security. I will keep you posted as the matter develops.

Dr. Esther and I are getting along very well, but hoping that the time will come before long when we can go back to Shanghai, for we find nothing favorable here for a permanent station. There is plenty of work here though, and the people seem to appreciate Esther's work very much.

Mrs. Hutchins reports that, "Grace said they had heard from Shanghai again. Meiling had steady work again, Mrs. West and Mabel had been having a bad time with boils and carbuncles; Mrs. West in the hospital

for a time, but was getting better. The Davises and Doctor George were booked to return home, but the sailing has been indefinitely postponed."

W. L. B.

### QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held Sunday afternoon, January 17, 1943, at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist church. The president was in the chair.

The opening prayer was made by Rev. A. J. C. Bond of Alfred, N. Y.

Those present were: Rev. Harold R. Crandall, LaVerne D. Langworthy, John H. Austin, George B. Utter, Karl G. Stillman, Dr. Anne L. Waite, Rev. William L. Burdick, Rev. James A. Saunders, Robert L. Coon, Walter D. Kenyon, John S. C. Kenyon, Elston H. Van Horn, Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, Mrs. James G. Waite, Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn.

The guests present were: Mrs. Trevah R. Sutton, Mrs. E. F. Loofboro, Rev. A. J. C. Bond, Mrs. Allen C. Whitford.

The monthly and quarterly reports, statement of condition, and comparative statement were read by the treasurer, Karl G. Stillman, and approved. The quarterly report and statement of condition were ordered recorded.

The report of the corresponding secretary was presented, approved, and ordered recorded as follows:

#### Quarterly Report of Corresponding Secretary

As corresponding secretary I would report that in addition to carrying on the usual correspondence and furnishing material weekly for the Sabbath Recorder, I have promoted Preaching Missions and the Universal Week of Prayer for the Churches, and spent a considerable time on tracts to be published by the American Sabbath Tract Society.

The fore part of December I went to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference and other interdenominational agencies which met in that city during the week. On the return trip I spent the Sabbath with our churches in Hebron, Pa., and visited Alfred, N. Y., and Shinglehouse, Pa. Tuesday of last week I attended a meeting of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council, held in New York

City; and Wednesday and Thursday were spent in Plainfield, N. J., with the Committee on Denominational Literature.

Respectfully submitted,  
William L. Burdick,  
Corresponding Secretary.

Ashaway, R. I.,  
January 17, 1943.

John H. Austin, chairman of the Missionary-Evangelistic Committee, spoke of the work in northern Florida. Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph has had a Vacation Bible School there. At the present time the Women's Board is helping there and the Missionary Board may be asked some day to help. It is a real missionary effort.

Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn spoke about the desirability of work being done in that field and the board assuming more responsibility for it.

Correspondence was considered that had come from the missionary in Jamaica.

The only new correspondence from China was a letter from Dr. Grace I. Crandall, who is still in Free China. She told of the high price of food and of securing money. The last check she had received was in October, 1940. The treasurer said there were a number of drafts that had not been cashed, but that he had believed that drafts had reached her and had been cashed. The State Department had been consulted as to the way of sending money.

Voted that the treasurer be asked to do everything that is possible to get money to Doctor Crandall, and that the board authorize him to use the cable in sending money, if possible.

The Ministerial Relief Committee's report was presented by Karl G. Stillman, was accepted, and ordered recorded.

The Investment Committee, Karl G. Stillman, chairman, presented its report, and it was ordered recorded.

The budget for 1943, with an increase of \$735 over the tentative budget for 1943, was adopted.

A letter from the president of the General Conference to the president of the board concerning the Conference was read.

The president and the two secretaries were appointed a committee to arrange the program for Conference.

The treasurer said he had a fund for China Relief. He was instructed to send it to Dr. Grace I. Crandall. A small sum for Bibles was ordered sent to the American Bible Society.

The minutes were read and approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer by President Crandall at 4.35 p.m.

Geo. B. Utter,  
Recording Secretary.

### LETTER FROM JAMAICA

Dear Brother Burdick:

I am late writing in answer to your letter of November 6. I wanted to be in a position to be able to tell you something definite.

I am glad to be able to report that mails are coming through much better than when I wrote to you in October.

We at Luna have held our Week of Prayer, beginning the third of January and closing the seventh, which was well attended by our own people in particular. We are certainly refreshed thereby, and strengthened to go forward. In our consecration meeting we have set spiritual growth as one of our objectives for 1943, and mean by the grace of God to live up to it.

May the time you have devoted in sponsoring the Preaching Missions for the fall be richly rewarded by the conversion of souls.

Due to my continued poor health and the sending of my children to school in Kingston, I have had to tender my resignation as visiting pastor to certain parts of the field at our last board meeting held on the sixth of this month. This was not launched suddenly, as notice of my intention was given at our November meeting. I was surprised to be informed through Brother Crichlow that there were those who thought I was resigning as a minister; but that was made clear last Wednesday at board meeting. I shall be as interested in the direction of our work here and strive manfully for its progress as ever I was, by God's grace.

I trust God will give you strength to continue the work.

Yours in Christ,  
C. L. Smellie.

January 10, 1943.

## TREASURER'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Receipts			Expenditures		
	Dec. 1941	Dec. 1942	Change	12 Mos. Ending 12-31-41	12 Mos. Ending 12-31-42	Change
Memorial Board income				\$ 1,082.30	\$ 1,236.23	\$ 153.93
Permanent Fund income	586.73	435.83	150.90*	4,067.84	3,260.73	807.11*
Denominational Budget	1,000.96	653.12	347.84*	7,020.40	7,664.95	644.55
Organizations	91.94	362.60	270.66	1,290.85	2,989.43	1,698.58
Individuals	94.66	565.79	471.13	2,176.97	1,505.97	671.00*
Special gifts	57.37	71.71	14.34	512.80	386.77	126.03*
Loans					2,500.00	2,500.00
Other				1,552.66	100.00	1,452.66*
Debt Fund investment				2,250.00	2,000.00	250.00*
	\$ 1,831.66	\$ 2,089.05	\$ 257.39	\$19,953.82	\$21,644.08	\$1,690.26
Corres. sec'y and expenses	\$ 183.41	\$ 241.65	\$ 58.24	\$ 2,387.42	\$ 2,590.00	\$ 202.58
Gen. Missionaries & expenses	15.00		15.00*	629.63	37.42	592.21*
Churches and pastors	160.00	151.66	8.34*	1,855.83	2,136.82	280.99
China	518.39	212.75	305.64*	6,002.14	2,784.20	3,217.94*
Holland	125.00		125.00*			
Jamaica	143.75	143.75		1,908.80	1,859.74	49.06*
Treasurer's expense	72.66	37.16	35.50*	614.94	588.52	26.42*
Interest	122.83		122.83*	539.74	346.98	192.76*
Loans				2,250.00	4,000.00	1,750.00
Printing	50.50		50.50*	202.52	65.65	136.87*
Foreign Missions Conference				51.00	135.00	84.00
Special gifts	243.87	48.21	195.66*	509.78	273.14	236.64*
Germany	41.66		41.66*			
Miscellaneous	2.00		2.00*	58.68		58.68*
Debt Fund investment	179.89	90.85	89.04*	1,179.16	1,195.27	16.11
Special Fund investment				86.41	829.80	743.39
	\$ 1,858.96	\$ 926.03	\$ 932.93*	\$18,276.05	\$16,842.54	\$ 1,433.51*

\* Decrease.

## CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## More About the Home Mission Plan

Reports indicate that churches are taking seriously the Laymen's-Pastors' Home Mission Plan.

We have been wondering if it would not be helpful to other churches if you will tell of the plans of your church.

How many churches will share their plans with other churches?

Hurley S. Warren.

January 25, 1943.

## A CORRECTION

In the Memorial Supplement of the Sabbath Recorder, September 28, 1942, the date of Anna West's death in Shanghai, China, is reported as March 25, 1942.

We are asked to call attention to this and to quote from a letter from Anna's mother, Mrs. Nettie M. West, written last August and received on December 31, through the Red Cross, as follows: "Anna died March 24."

Those who keep the Memorial Supplement will appreciate the correction.

Editor.

## WOMAN'S WORK

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

## REFUGEES

THEN—from a tyrant's bloody hate

They fled—

A father, mother and little Child.  
For farewells of friends they could not wait;  
Out to the desert, desolate

They sped,

Far from the despot's glowering face,  
That they might find a dwelling-place.

No one wanted them—

Victims of Herod's cruel wiles—

Refugees!

NOW—from a score of blighted lands

They flee—

Fathers, mothers and little ones—  
Some alone, some in sorrowing bands.  
To the whole wide world they lift their hands,

And we—

What shall we say to their pleading cry?

Brothers of Christ, shall we pass them by?

No one wants them—

Victims of hate and threatening guns—

Refugees!

—Thomas Curtis Clark in "War Cry."

## TO KEY WORKERS

Dear Key Worker:

This year we have a fourteenth goal: "Stimulate the spiritual life of our men and women in the service by furnishing them

with religious literature. Your Board of Directors of our Women's Society appointed a committee to study the problem of attaining this goal. As a result of the work, we feel a survey of our societies would be helpful and we compiled a brief questionnaire.

## Questionnaire

- How many of your congregation are in the armed service?
  - Number of men?  
Army? Navy? Air?
  - Number of women?  
In what capacities?
- Does your group, as a whole, keep in touch with them? In what ways?
  - Letter writing?
  - Assistance with their special interests or hobbies?
  - Other ways?
- Should the Women's Society sponsor a project in religious literature for the benefit of our Seventh Day Baptists in service?
- Could your group help to support such a project?
- Make suggestions for such a project.

Have you all read the interesting story of the Testaments printed by the American Bible Society? It is found on page 389 of your December 7 Sabbath Recorder. Please note carefully the description. What an ideal gift for a loved one in the service. You can easily procure it from the society.

"A soldier reads his Testament recuperating in a hospital bed, during rest period on a long hike, in the solitary life of the outpost radio squad on a tropical island. Like small stars twinkling on one by one until there are thousands visible, so do the Testaments issued by the government and given by loving friends flash daily light into individual lives of service men all over our war-darkened world."

World's Christian Endeavor Union of Boston, Mass., are publishing a pocket book, "Guide for Christian Living." Steps in Becoming a Christian; Books of the Bible; Familiar Passages From the Bible; Prayers for Many Occasions and Needs; Choice Passages of Scripture; Christian Hymns; How to Maintain Devotional Practices Under Difficulties are a partial list of its contents. The book is well bound with the C. E. emblem in the center of a cross on the cover. An especially good quality of paper is used and the printing is excellent. Price per volume 75 cents.

The Salem Church is purchasing this durable book for its service men.

Young people like "The Return to Religion," by Henry C. Link. One young man writes:

Among my medical friends and even remembering my college days I have found a definite but gradual "straying away from the church." Now in the last two years I find them seeking it again. Does the Church realize this? There is a book I wish you would bring to your group's attention: "The Return to Religion," by Henry C. Link.

In conclusion we ask that your society discuss and fill out the questionnaire so that we may share your suggestions with others. Will you send your reply to our chairman by February 10, in time for our next board meeting?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ottis F. Swiger,  
Chairman of Committee.

## THE GROWING EDGE OF RELIGION

By Albert N. Rogers

"... first the blade, then the ear"

"Do one thing—and if you rather go to pieces or rust out or dust out after that, you've done that one." The man who said this seems to have done his one thing well. He was Samuel S. Drury, headmaster of St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., from 1910 to 1938.

I have apparently been placed on the mailing list of the American Council of Churches. Their two-headed devil seems to be Modernism and the Social Gospel with the Federal Council of Churches his chief arch-demon. It is very interesting to learn of their competition with the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action for the glory of carrying the banners of a pure faith.

Navy Day. A friend of mine assigned to a submarine tells me how they pass around a cup of coffee when they cast off for a cruise and sing, quite reverently, the Navy Chant—"Eternal Father, strong to save."

The Conference president came out in the last Recorder in support of the Laymen's-Pastors' Home Mission Plan to which we had also said "Amen." Churches can doubtless secure suggestions from the secretaries of our Missionary and Tract Societies as well

as from the promoter of evangelism if they are doubtful as to where they can best serve. The plan should not be limited to February; my own church does this sort of thing in July.

In bed with the grip one day recently I received an encouraging letter from one of my friends, and today I have one from another friend returning a check I sent him. I shall try to reciprocate by writing at least four service men this week.

A flood of new legislative and congressional bills demands our attention. New York citizens should study particularly the Youth Correction Bill and one said to have the support of Governor Dewey to put public schools in session on Sabbath days.

### RACE RELATIONS WEEK

Race prejudice is a "disease that has spread through the body of humanity" and is contrary to all the teachings and convictions of Christianity, science, democracy, and common sense, the Federal Council of Churches declared January 11, in a race relations message to the churches of America.

Issued as part of the Council's twenty-first annual observance of Race Relations, February 14, and its fourth annual observance of Brotherhood Month, the message asserted that "man must be treated as man, apart from race and birth and color."

"These principles and practices regarding race have not yet been fully accepted among us," said the message. "Negro citizens have been consigned to the edges of civilization, denied many of its rights and privileges. They have been hedged about and oppressed. Other racial minorities have been denied their due rights and opportunities as Americans."

Emphasizing that "we cannot say we are fighting for democracy abroad and refuse to practice it at home," the message urged that our behavior at home be changed.

"The question of race is no longer a domestic issue. It has been thrust into the center of the world's consciousness; it is a world issue."

Reaffirming the Christian principle that all men are brothers and "must be so treated," the message added:

"In the early Christian Church there was no racial segregation among the people of the European, Asiatic, and African world. Fellowship between races and equality of racial opportunity expressed itself in the fact that one of the four leaders who specially commissioned the apostle Paul at Antioch was a black man. The man of color was not merely tolerated on the edges of the Christian movement. He was at the center of the fellowship."

#### Suggestions for Action

Accompanying the message are a number of suggestions for action:

1. Continuously assert the infinite value and dignity of every person in the sight of God, regardless of his race or color.
2. Vigorously oppose all policies and practices of racial discrimination in armed forces.
3. Work constructively for the relieving of the acute white-negro tensions growing up in camp and war industrial communities.
4. As employers or workers give strong support to President Roosevelt's executive order against discrimination in industry.
5. Work to banish from our speech derogatory terms such as "darky," "smoke," "nigger," "waa-coons" (the most recent), "wops," "yellow monkeys," etc.
6. Help expand the program of spreading the truth about Negroes and Negro life and history through all channels of publicity and education.
7. Recast our whole outlook and spirit in regard to the Negro citizen; look on him, not as a "problem" but as a possibility.
8. Throw opportunities for government employment open to all citizens on the same basis.
9. Stimulate Christian young people to sponsor interracial meetings and services of worship. Some who have done so call this a "fellowship church."
10. Sponsor "fireside forums" for discussion of neighborhood problems and interests.
11. Invite persons of other races to teach in church schools and to take part in leadership of church services.

In releasing the message Dr. George E. Haynes, executive secretary of the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council, says that this year, as shown by advance orders for program material, the churches of the United States are redoubling their interest in these observances and their activities for better white-Negro relations, Mexicans-white relations, Japanese-American-white relations, American Indians-white relations.

—Release.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

### UNION SERVICE, LOST CREEK, W. VA.

"Tithing Our Manpower" was the subject of the program presented at the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist church Sabbath afternoon, January 9, by the young people of the Salem C. E. Society. "How Children Can Be Taught to Serve the Lord" was the subject used by Wendell Stephan; "How Young People Can Serve the Lord," by Francis Saunders; and "How Our Older People and Disabled Can Serve the Lord," by Rex Burdick, were the subjects presented. Special music was given by the quartet and Mrs. Lila Saunders; Scripture reading by Robert Welch, and prayer by Edgar Wheeler were part of the worship service. Leland Davis was in charge.

There were nineteen young people in the Salem group from nine states, and ten Seventh Day Baptist churches. Six of the young men are training for the ministry and they come from five states. A former president of Salem College was a pastor of the Lost Creek Church. His aims for the college must have been the bringing of young people from all over the United States for spiritual as well as scholastic training. This group of young people who presented this program for the Lost Creek Church surely represent the fulfillment of such an aim.

H. S.

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

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

### OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Everett:

I do not wonder that you were pleased with your Christmas Bible. I remember how happy I was when my father gave me a New Testament one Christmas when I was a small girl. And what he said was, "Now you can read the true story of Christmas to your heart's content." That was a good many years ago but I still have that little New Testament, though its leaves are yellowed and the cover worn.

Yes, we all hope and pray that war will soon be over never to return and that people

all over the world may enjoy freedom as we do here in America.

I'm still wondering about your last name and hope you will write again soon to let me know, as I am not very good at guessing.

Your sincere friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have not written to you for a long time so I thought I'd better write. I am ten years old and in the sixth grade. I have a little sister named Gretchen who is just one year old and a sister Charlotte who is nine years old.

In Christian Endeavor we are starting another quarter. There are three months in each quarter. We have a birthday chart and on that we put the names of members, and then after their birthdays are over we sing "Happy Birthday" to them.

We have another chart that tells when we are present and bring our Bibles and when we lead or have memory work. We get points for all of those I mentioned. The memory work we have is called a string of pearls. When we learn one of them there is a certain picture that we put on a piece of satin ribbon. The string of pearls has a ring so we can hang it up. They certainly are pretty when they are finished. I have the books of the Bible and the Lord's Prayer all ready to report to Mr. and Mrs. Osborn.

Last summer when we went to Alfred, N. Y., to see my aunt Ethel and Uncle Harmon Dickinson, we saw your home and wanted to stop and see you on our way home, but we didn't get started very early so we didn't get there.

I read in the paper that your son, Lieut. Greene and his wife and Baby Karen were in Bridgeton. I certainly would like to see them and the baby.

I surely enjoy reading the letters in the Sabbath Recorder.

Yours sincerely,  
Arlene Swing.

Shiloh, N. J., Box 134,  
January 10, 1943.

P.S. Mrs. Greene, only I have the baby in my lap now.

Dear Arlene:

I remember I saw you and the rest of your family at Doctor Greene's office in Bridgeton, so as I read your letter I could see in my mind just how you look. I'm sorry I did not have

a chance to see you again when you came through Andover.

Our son with his wife and Baby Karen came to Andover after their visit in New Jersey. They reached here before five o'clock, Tuesday morning, January 12, and stayed until Sabbath morning. We took them to the ten o'clock train at Wellsville on our way to church at Independence. They had expected to stay until evening but found they must take the morning train to reach camp in time. He has gone back to Camp Carson, Colo., where he was first stationed, to serve with a new battalion, the 605th. We enjoyed every minute of their stay with us and of course fell completely in love with Baby Karen. So did our little Joyce and Gretchen. Gretchen brought her big Teddy bear of which she is very fond and tried to put it in Karen's arms, but it hardly fitted for it is as large as Karen herself. So you have a little Gretchen, too. Our Gretchen will be three years old, April 3.

Your sincere friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

#### Grandmother's Advice

If playmates quarrel and fuss at you,  
Remember it pays to smile.  
If they take your apple and candy, too,  
Remember it pays to smile.  
No matter how much trouble you're in,  
Meet each trial with a pleasant grin . . .  
Kind words are always sure to win;  
Remember it pays to smile.

—From Morning Memories by  
Alice E. Everett.

#### THE JOURNEY TO THE SEA

(A story for boys and girls)  
By Mrs. Pearle Halladay

A kind friend sent me a box of lovely sea shells. There were many kinds and colors. Some were thick and strong and some were so delicate that it did not seem possible for them to stand the washing of the great strong ocean waves.

As I turned them over and over looking at their different shapes and markings, they told me a story about a long journey that their friends the Waterdrops told them and so I'll tell you the story about The Journey to the Sea.

Very near the top of the hill a little spring was bubbling up from the ground. It was clear and cool and had made a little hollow place that was always full of refreshing water.

One day a breeze passing over seemed to say, "Do all the good you can—do all the good you can," over and over again.

"That sounds very nice," said the little spring to itself, "But what good can I do way up here on this hilltop? Why I do not even have a name." But the breeze kept on saying, over and over, "Do Good, dooo good," and the little spring kept bubbling and listening and thinking. "Why I can have a name. I'm way up here on this hilltop and I can be Hilltop Spring."

One day a little bird flew down from a bush near by and dipped its dainty bill in the fresh, cool water. "Oh, how glad I am to find this nice spring on the hilltop! With five pretty eggs in my nest I do not like to go very far to drink and bathe. A Loving One must have put this spring on the hilltop."

When the little bird flew back to its nest, Hilltop Spring thought, "Why that is doing good, to give the birds water to drink and bathe in; so even if I am way up here I can do some good, and I am going to see how many good things I can do."

So Hilltop Spring kept bubbling cheerfully away. Other little birds came to refresh themselves and the soft grass and dainty wild flowers took root in the ground made moist by the bubbling water. Sometimes a boy and girl would stop and dip a cup in the cool water and drink slowly and then sit and talk a little while before going down the hill.

One day, after the boy and girl had gone, Hilltop said, "I'd like to follow them; I'd like to see what is down the hillside." The breeze seemed to whisper softly, "Follow them, follow them," and Hilltop bubbled up higher than ever, and said, "I believe I will." So it found a little place to start and kept running a little stronger each day until there was a tiny silver stream running down the hillside.

One day gray clouds covered the sun and the breeze was not soft and gentle, but strong and wild. Then there was a loud rumble and another and another, and then the Waterdrops began to fall. Faster and harder they fell right into the tiny stream and the stream grew wider and deeper and ran faster down the hill.

At last the sun came out and every blade of grass was washed clean and the flowers picked up their heads and nodded and smiled.

"Waterdrops, where did you come from?" asked the Stream. "We came from the sky and are going with you to the sea." "Is that

## OUR PULPIT

### FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS

By Rev. E. A. Witter

(Presented at Adams Center on Universal Bible Day,  
December 5, 1942)

There was put in my hands a brochure of the Bible for the Healing of the Nations, to use for this occasion. This booklet was prepared by Dr. T. Z. Koo. He is secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation. His home is in Shanghai, China. He has been in this country, and many others, as a foremost leader of Christian education.

He says: "We live in a torn and bleeding world. . . . Into such a world the following words of the prophet Jeremiah come with a peculiar timeliness. 'Thus saith the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his riches; but let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.'

"The Bible is often called the Book of Life. It has the truth for the healing of the nations. . . . The more varied and extensive our relationships, the more rich and full will be our life. With the right kind of relationships, man will enjoy peace and happiness in life. With the wrong kind of relationships, he will instantly bring upon himself sorrow and suffering." In this statement a broad truth is set forth pertaining to both national and individual life.

"Broadly speaking, man, in his daily life, forms relationships in three spheres, namely, the sphere of spiritual values, the sphere of mental values, and the sphere of fellow men. The term, 'spiritual values' is used here not in any deep metaphysical or philosophical sense, but simply to denote those qualities of living the Bible suggests by words like righteousness, freedom, justice, love, etc. . . . The Old Testament Chinese word for this sphere of life is 'tien,' or heaven. The prophet Jeremiah is saying the same thing when he uses the words, 'I am the Lord which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.' Jesus calls it the kingdom of God.

"In the Old Testament the Bible makes three fundamental statements about God. The first is, that this universe in which we live and have our being is not a product of chance

where I am going?" asked the Stream. "Surely. Didn't you know all waterdrops go to the sea sometime; and you are waterdrops, too, you know, only you seem all grown together. But we will all reach the sea in time."

"But who told you we were going to the sea?" asked the Stream. "Loving One told us to go. Our journey is all planned. We are sent to meet other waterdrops and go on together; we travel faster if we help each other along. Have you forgotten what the breeze said on the hilltop?" "I remember," said the Stream, "it said 'Do all the good you can,' and that is surely doing good if we help each other."

At last the Stream and Waterdrops reached the bottom of the hill and flowed gently along through a meadow. It was a larger Stream now and flowed in a winding way through willows and over large stones. The boy and girl called it Crooked Creek because it twisted and turned so many times before it passed under the bridge.

Now, though the little Stream and the Waterdrops were all mingled together, they each remembered who they were and so they talked to each other as they journeyed on. They drew nearer and nearer to the bridge.

(Our story time is over for now, boys and girls, but we will tell the rest another time.)

#### WALK

##### In Ephesians

1. Past—Chapter 2: 2.
2. In good works—Chapter 2: 10.
3. Worthily—Chapter 4: 1.
4. Humbly—Chapter 4: 17.
5. In love—Chapter 5: 2.
6. As children of light—Chapter 5: 8.
7. Circumspectly—Chapter 5: 15.

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or of a self-created evolutionary power. God is the Creator of the universe and man himself part of this created order." In Psalm 90: 2, we find these words, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." The second statement is that God is the "sovereign Lord of the universe." God is a spirit. He rules the universe, not only through natural laws, but through spiritual laws.

The third statement is that, if a man orders his life in violation of the spiritual laws of God, "it is not the laws of God which will break down, but man's own life and society."

"The Bible reminds him constantly that he is but a created being. God is the Creator and Lord of the universe. Man's role will always be the humble sphere of the creature learning to know something of the Creator. Only as man realizes this truth will he come into the right relationship with God. That is why in the Bible when God is mentioned, the words, 'know' and 'understand,' are so often used." Listen. "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46: 10. Again in Jeremiah 9: 24, "But let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me." This Scripture is a very clear warning against self-glory, self-exaltation.

Evidently there are those who have gone amiss today at this very point. There is in them the forgetting of God as the ruler of the world in this effort at self-exaltation, and they are leading the world away from God into strife, hatred, and war.

The history of the world reveals the fact that man in all ages has speculated about God. Through metaphysics and philosophy he has tried to probe into the unknown to learn something of the nature of the supreme being behind the universe.

In all this it is but the mind of man striding forth in its effort to know something of God the Creator. Even in the moments of his highest inspiration he only gets glimpses of God darkly as through a veil of mystery.

In the gospels we find a full revelation of God in Jesus Christ. See John 1: 1-5. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of

men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

"In practically all pre-Christian religions God is pictured as some far off deity, residing somewhere in the infinite distances . . . but himself is not a part of the struggle of life. There is no gospel in this.

"In Jesus Christ we see a very different God. In the incarnation God has come to man. . . . Not a law or a commandment is given, but a love which shares the struggle of man, and redeems it from its despair and tragedy. . . . In Jesus Christ a principle of love becomes a Savior of love, and a far-off God becomes an ever-present father." "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

As we call to mind and think over some of the trials and dangerous experiences, let us call to mind some of the very desirable and important passages in the Bible, well fitted to give healing in all these varied experiences of life, whether of the individual or national life.

Are you troubled in the presence of danger? Turn to Isaiah, 41: 10-13, and receive help offered in the Bible. "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded; they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contend with thee; they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

Are you overwhelmed with grief? Is your land being drenched in blood and broken with strife?

Turn to John 14: 1-3. Here is an unfailing panacea, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there may ye be also."

Two of the most worth-while Bible remedies for the healing of the nations are: Deu-

teronomy 6: 5, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength." This is the first great commandment and the second is like unto it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." And Matthew 6: 33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

A multitude of other passages might be produced to reveal the saving, healing power of the Bible for the nations of the earth if they were only accepted and worked out in the individual and national life. The Bible is an inexhaustible textbook to be studied by all who would know what is necessary for the healing of a sick world. There can be no enduring healing without the abiding and indwelling Christ.

### THE SABBATH

*The Sabbath was made for man (Mark 2: 27a)*

**Why Keep the Seventh Day?**

By R. G. Davis

Jesus said the Sabbath was made for man, and it was evidently given for his benefit to fill a need and provide for right living. Not only was it given for rest from labor, but also for spiritual benefits; a set time for worship and for meditation; also a memorial, that the entire human family might often be reminded of the one true God, as well as his sovereignty over the nations of the world, being the Author and Creator of the universe. Since the Sabbath was provided by his Majesty, it should be regarded worthy of reverence and faithful obedience to its requirements rather than refusal to be governed by its righteous demands.

Properly to share the benefits of true Sabbath keeping, we have the fourth commandment in the Decalogue, Exodus 20: 8-11, that tells us to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, and that the seventh day is the Sabbath; what more do we need to enlighten our understanding and enable us to keep the right day?

Immediately following the work of creation, God blessed and sanctified the seventh day, Genesis 2: 3; so there is no good reason for keeping just any day we may choose. Jesus said, "search the Scriptures"; so it is our responsibility to read the Word of God and find out by divine authority the day to keep in obedience to the will of our heavenly

Father, whose we are and whom we strive to serve.

Rather than follow tradition and the unreliable doctrines of men, God help us to follow the "thus saith the Lord" in all our endeavors to meet his approval when we stand before the Judge of all the earth.

H. C. V. H.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 13, 1943

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind. Scripture—John, Chapter 9.

Golden Text—John 9: 25.

### DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Milton, Wis.

The Milton Sabbath school gave a Christmas program and a New Year Candle-lighting Service again this winter. The first was on Sabbath afternoon, December 19. The church choir sang four choruses from The Messiah, by Handel; the primary and the junior-intermediate departments each gave musical numbers; the Christmas story was read by Mary Stringer; and this was followed by the procession of the three kings, and the bringing of the gifts by the classes. The last number was a vocal solo, "O Holy Night," by Kenneth Babcock.

The gifts amounted to \$85.69, as follows: For the Ministerial Retirement Fund \$18.78; Sabbath Recorder to soldiers \$4; Jamaica \$3.14; Missionary Society \$23.07; Rev. A. T. Bottoms' mission on Keel Mountain, Ala., \$22; local church \$14.70.

The second program was given the following Sabbath afternoon. The program included several musical numbers and congregational singing and a "Meditation on the New Year," by Professor Rachel Salisbury. With the ceremony of candle lighting the service was appropriately concluded.

The annual church meeting was held on January 3. Good reports were given by the officers of the church and its auxiliary societies, and all business was conducted harmoniously. Rev. Carroll L. Hill received every vote cast for pastor.

Because of government rationing of oil we are not having some of the church and society services at the church this winter. The prayer meetings, some of the class gatherings, and circle meetings are held in our



homes. The Sabbath afternoon forum has been given up for January and February.

Correspondent.

#### Boulder, Colo.

The church here has been quite active this fall. We held four Sunday evening services in November and December, instead of a Preaching Mission. We used as our theme, Christ for a World at War, with the subtopics: Christ, a Comfort; Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life; Christ Sends the Comforter; and Christ Sends His Peace. These topics were taken from John 14.

We have organized a Bible study group which meets at our home every other Monday evening. We are studying the Old Testament law, and have quite a large interested group.

Our young people held their annual New Year's Rally this year from December 29-31. The theme of the meetings was "What the Lord Requireth" (Micah 6: 8): "To Do Justly," "To Love Mercy," and "To Walk Humbly." We had a devotional period with a meditation on the above topics followed by a study class, and closed with a prayer circle and the singing of hymns and choruses. On New Year's eve we held the traditional banquet with Linn Burdick as toastmaster. The theme for the banquet was "Youth Looking Forward." Toasts were given by Glendale Hemminger on the viewpoint of a high school student; Mary Margaret Hummel from the viewpoint of a college graduate; and Mrs. Alice Davis from the viewpoint of a grandmother.

Usually a social is held following the banquet, but it was dispensed with this year to join with the church members and friends in the celebration of a golden wedding anniversary of Deacon and Mrs. E. M. Irish.

After this social the young people remained for the New Year's watch party under the direction of the pastor.

We were privileged to have with us on last Sabbath (Jan. 2) Mr. P. B. Hurley of Riverside. He spent the week-end with his aunt, Mrs. Cornelia Coon, on his return from Commission meetings. He gave us a very welcome talk Sabbath morning before the sermon.

Earl Cruzan.

## MARRIAGES

**Dunn - Parvin.** — Miss Elizabeth Parvin became the bride of Pvt. Moddie L. Dunn, of Atlantic City, at the home of her parents in Shiloh, N. J., on January 16, 1943. Her pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, officiated.

## OBITUARY

**Resser.** — Mrs. Ella Dimond Resser of Battle Creek, Mich., entered into rest, Monday, January 11, 1943, after a long illness.

She was born in Salemville, Pa. Her husband, William A. Resser, was an elder of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church at Waynesboro, Pa., where they resided for a number of years.

In 1921, the family moved to Battle Creek. Mrs. Resser became a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, whose fellowship she entered into with interest and active participation.

Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. R. S. Curtis of Tucson, Ariz.; Mrs. D. S. Gillespie of San Bernardino, Calif.; Mrs. L. R. Bacon and Mrs. N. J. Mason of Battle Creek; and a brother, Harvey Dimond of New Enterprise, Pa.

Farewell services were held with Pastor G. D. Hargis and Rev. Henry N. Jordan officiating. Her body was laid to rest in Memorial Park, Battle Creek.  
H. N. J.

**Stillman.** — In Westerly, R. I., December 17, 1942, Dwight R. Stillman, aged 95 years.

Mr. Stillman was the son of Sanford P. and Catherine York Stillman, and was born in Pawcatuck (Stonington), Conn., June 16, 1847. He was the oldest member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held at the Avery Funeral Home on Sunday afternoon, and interment was in First Hopkinton Cemetery. Rev. Harold R. Crandall officiated.  
H. R. C.

**Wells.** — Anna Wooden Wells, daughter of William T. and Eliza Ann Randolph Wooden, was born June 7, 1868, at Jerseyville, Ill., and passed away at House of Mercy Hospital, Pittsfield, Mass., December 23, 1942.

Mrs. Wells joined the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ March 5, 1880, of which she has been a life-long and loyal member.

On September 16, 1908, she was married to Dr. Franklin S. Wells of Plainfield who passed away March 13, 1921. To this union was born one daughter, Anna Frances, now Mrs. Delmar B. Ellis.

She is survived by her daughter; three grandchildren, Ruth Marie, Howard Franklin, and Robert Charles; a sister, Mary Wooden Morris (Mrs. Luther D.) of Plainfield; and a brother, George R. Wooden of Lambertville, N. J.

Memorial services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield.  
H. S. W.

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The greatest human contribution the United States has made to China during her five years of war and death has been to send funds that have rescued more than thirty thousand small war victims. These war orphans, after trudging hundreds of miles along with the hordes of other refugees, have been established in orphanages run by Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, with the help of funds sent through United China Relief.—United China Relief.