

Russell A. Churchward, F.C.3/c, of Norfolk, Va., was home for a few days the third week in August.

Capt. Philip Loofbourrow of Tallahassee, Fla., was home for three days the last week in September.

October 3, Corp. Donald Loofbourrow, of Fort Monmouth, N. J., came home on a six-day furlough.

Corp. Dale Churchward arrived home October 6, and returned to San Francisco three weeks later. Dale has been in the South Pacific for eighteen months.

October 2, our church celebrated World Wide Communion with an appropriate service, both in the morning and the afternoon. There was a good attendance at both meetings. Dinner was served on the church lawn, and the social time together, along with the splendid meetings, made it an outstanding Sabbath day. Those who attended from away were: Mrs. Edna Dangerfield of Cornell, Wis.; Mrs. Nettie Coon, Milton, Wis.; B. P. Mattison, Chippewa Falls, Wis.; Ralph Loofboro, Rockford, Ill.; and much to our surprise Rev. and Mrs. Wayne R. Rood, who arrived the night before from the East. Mr. Rood assisted in the morning service, favored us with a solo, and at the afternoon meeting gave us a talk on the duties of a chaplain. Mr. Rood left Sabbath night for Camp McCoy, Wis., where he began his work as chaplain.

The northern Wisconsin and Minnesota churches held their semi-annual meetings at Dodge Center, Minn., October 22-24. Those from our church who attended were: Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills and daughter Miriam, Corp. Dale Churchward, Rowena and Clara Loofboro. Alton Churchward, who now now works in St. Paul, Minn., also attended part of the meetings. All the services were well attended and proved inspirational and helpful. Beautiful fall weather added to the success of the meetings.

Two combined C. E. meetings and socials were held at the parsonage during the month of October. Pastor Mills led the first meeting and Rodney North the second. November 6, a C. E. meeting was held at the home of Clara Loofboro, with Juanita Loofbourrow leader. A social time followed.

The Ladies' Aid has met once or twice a month all summer and fall and have been

busy sewing. Many articles were sold as soon as completed. Our society has paid five dollars a month toward the pastor's salary since April. We voted to buy two copies of "China Letters," and place one in the Chetek Library, and one in the Bloomer Library.

The new year is not far off. Perhaps our church, with the aid of its earnest pastor, could take as its New Year's resolution the words of Paul the apostle: "But one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Correspondent.

THE GADARENE'S SOLILOQUY

By Rev. S. S. Powell

Jesus came from Galilee,
Came from far and came to me.
I, erewhile in Gadara born,
Saw him, saw the Savior's form,
Knew that he had come to me.

First he stilled the blowing storm,
Then he stilled my storm for me—
Sent me forth from morn to morn,
Bade me tell his love for me,
Tell that Jesus came to me.

Forth I go to blaze abroad,
Praising now the Lord my God,
Speaking of my Savior's love,
Grace he gives me from above,
Grace to tell he set me free.

Chained was I in Legion's power,
Dark the day, the evening hour;
Storms and tempests 'round me surged,
Storms within to fury urged.
Jesus spake his peace to me.

Peace now broods o'er all the deep,
Peace will o'er my spirit keep
Ceaseless vigil, endless calm,
Keeping me from needless harm;
Jesus spake and set me free.

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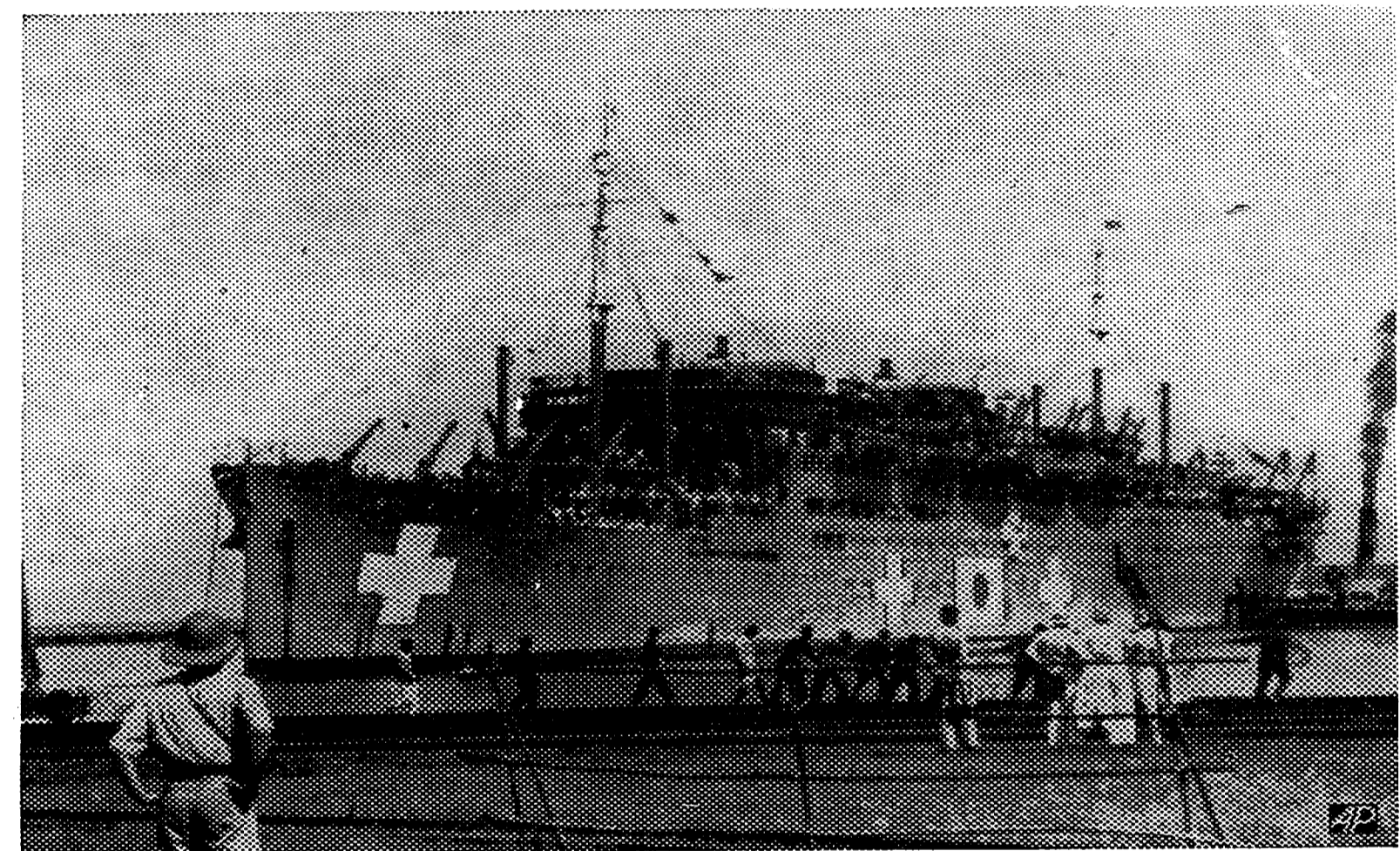
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EDITORIALS

AT THE DESK AGAIN

The writer takes up his office work again. For the past six weeks or more he has been relieved of editorial responsibility, for activities on the northwestern field, by an appreciative board. The arrangement with Dr. Alva L. Davis to take over some of the tasks of the editor has been eminently satisfactory. Brother Davis' editorials have been thought-provoking, forceful, and inspiring. As always in his own work, he has given us of his best, and it is good. We are under no little obligation to him as a board and editor, and as a people throughout a reading denomination. His editorials, especially on the home, should not be put away, but read again and again.

It is the hope of the editor that in future absences from the office on Tract Board work, the services of Brother Davis can again be secured. Doctor Davis, we thank you.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE SHIP

The cover cut this week is made from AP Wirephotos of the Japanese Exchange ship, the Teia Maru, arriving at the Portuguese Indian port of Mormugoa, with fifteen hundred allied internees, including more than eleven hundred American nationals.

Mr. Utter, who kindly furnished us with the telemat, suggests that if we look hard enough and use imagination, we can see the Davises and Doctor Thorngate leaning over the side of the vessel.

However, if we are disappointed in this, we trust soon to be seeing them face to face. The Gripsholm now bearing them homeward

is scheduled to dock December 2, and at this writing, November 17, is reported as on the last leg of its journey—between Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and New York City.

UNIVERSAL BIBLE DAYS

December twelfth will be observed as "Universal Bible Sunday." The eleventh will be the time when our churches will again be happy to give some attention in public worship to the great work of the American Bible Society which sponsors this movement supported by the churches of more than fifty denominations. "Universal Bible Sunday" has become a nationally recognized event, supported by endorsements of the President and the governors of the states, and bringing the nation, over the radio networks, the voices of prominently religious leaders.

In sponsoring the celebration the American Bible Society supplies to every pastor in the country materials designated to encourage the spread of Bible reading and to acquaint the Christian people with the present demand for Bibles throughout the world, which only the American people can meet. In its effort to cope with this need, the American Bible Society, which is the agent of all the great denominations—among which Seventh Day Baptists are counted because of their historical background, co-operative attitude and spirit—in translating, publishing, and distributing the Bible throughout the world, last year issued in the United States 8,230,835 Scripture volumes for domestic and foreign use, exceeding its output of any former year. This record production was principally due to the demand for pocket Testaments for the men of our armed forces and for

Bibles and Testaments for prisoners of war. Since early in 1940, it is reported, the American Bible Society has distributed 3,375,673 Scripture volumes to our fighting men and is still filling orders for chaplains at the rate of about 25,000 books a week. Through its office in Geneva, Switzerland, the society has supplied almost a half million Bibles, Testaments, and Gospel portions to prisoners of war in Germany and elsewhere, in thirty-four different languages.

Just now the American Bible Society is marshalling all its forces to publish large quantities of Bibles in various languages spoken in Europe, for immediate supply to the civilian population of the impoverished nations there as soon as the war is over. The celebration this year will serve to inform the American people of the needs and afford an opportunity for a response.

OBSERVATIONS BY THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

My last observations were written concerning Jerome, Idaho, where Rev. Leslie O. Greene was to remain for the closing week-end meetings. He doubtless will have something to say regarding the work there and his closing services through the women's department of the Recorder.

This contribution is begun on the Northern Pacific Railroad train just east of Helena, capital of Montana, and in sight of inspiring snow-capped mountains. At Helena we stepped off the train for a few turns in the lovely, warming morning sunshine. The twin spires of an imposing church building were pointed out and the information was given to the effect that the church building was paid for by the gold excavated from its foundations. We were told that gold in small quantities can be "panned" from most any of the city's streets. I did not learn the altitude of Helena, but it is located in a high, level basin, surrounded by mountains through a high pass of which we traveled at 5,566 feet by way of the "Mullen Tunnel and Continental Divide." This quote is from the railroad time schedule.

Oregon and Washington

But I am ahead of my story. From Boise I went into Oregon and visited several lone Sabbath keepers and interests. Many years ago we had a small Seventh Day Baptist Church at Talent, occasionally visited by

some of our pastors and missionaries on the Pacific Coast. Of that church, so far as I know there is but one loyal member remaining at Talent, Delwin O. Hurley. He is an own cousin to many Seventh Day Baptists, and was much encouraged by my two days with him. At near-by Ashland, a Sabbath service was held in the mountain-side home of Rev. A. D. Porter, a Sabbath-keeping Baptist minister of Pentecostal belief. Here I preached a sermon, and an earnest prayer service was held. The promise of our Lord that he would be in the midst where two or three are gathered in his name was realized. Brother Porter is a sane believer in the power of the Holy Spirit, a fine, sweet-spirited Christian. He could be a blessing in any of our churches, one feels confident. It was a real pleasure to meet in this humble home, and to get the splendid view of Grizzly Mountain across the valley, rearing his snow-mantled head and shoulders some six thousand feet above sea level. One keen disappointment came in not seeing Mount Shasta, but the weather was unfavorable for long distant vision. Similar conditions prevented a long desired sight of Mt. Hood, and Mt. Rainier, Washington. The view of Shasta was furnished me by a friend at Marshfield whom I visited on leaving Talent and Ashland. (View of Shasta next week.)

At Marshfield a night was spent with Brother A. S. Ball, a member of the Boulder Church. This membership was brought about through the ministry of the late Rev. D. Burdette Coon, who lived some years at Roseburg, Ore., following his mission in Jamaica. He did a fine service in bringing Brother Ball and his family into affiliation with us. Such is a part of one's wayside ministry.

A pleasant day and night were spent visiting old-time college friends at Eugene, Ore., Dr. and Mrs. George I. Hurley and daughter Muriel's family, Mrs. Laura Gilbert Stillman, Miss Laura Stillman, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Talbott, and the Lou Hurley family, lately from Battle Creek. Eugene should be made a strong Seventh Day Baptist center. It is in a beautiful country, well developed, of fertile soil and delightful climate. The people admit that there is a good deal of rain in Oregon, but they do not seem to mind it very much. The story told is somewhat as follows:

The southern Californian says when its weather is criticized as "hot" "Oh, yes! But it's a dry heat." The Washingtonian, when weather of that state is berated as "cold," says, "Yes! But it's a dry cold"; while the Oregonian admitting it's "rainy," comes back with "But it's a dry rain."

The rain with a temperate climate makes, with the fertile soil, for many varieties of fruits, nuts, grapes, roses, and other lovely flowers. In Oregon I saw a rose tree with trunk many inches in diameter, and covered with wonderful bloom, though out of season for roses. Here, also, I saw growing the popular Bosk pear, and for the first time, filberts growing. The bushes, contrary to my expectation, are well formed, low headed trees. An orchard of filberts is valued at \$1,500 per acre. It takes but three or four years for the filbert to come into bearing. Truly, the Willamette River valley was worth saving to the United States, and the foresight and persistence of our early missionaries in settling this section of country lay upon us a large debt of gratitude.

Washington

From Eugene, reluctantly—except in the thought of continuing toward home—the writer set his face to the north and east. Portland is a busy city with great crowds thronging the depot gates. Following a night by train up the Columbia River we reached the city of Lewiston, Idaho. Upon a phone call I was soon met by Dr. Paul Johnson, an old-time college class and room-mate, and his charming wife. Here for four days I rested, visited a lone Sabbath-keeping cousin whom I had not seen for sixty-two years, and was cured of a flu-cold. I owe much to my doctor friend and his wife. Doctor Johnson with two other men of the profession owns and operates a large and busy clinic in Lewiston. His home is across the Snake River in Clarkston, where for many years he has been a useful citizen, whose guiding influence can be seen in many library, high school, and other civic projects. His sustained interest in our denominational work is reflected not only by the cordial reception and hospitality accorded the corresponding secretary, but by the generous checks handed us to help on travel expense, and for the Missionary Society in repatriating some of our China missionaries.

A day was spent in Miles City, Mont., with loyal members of the North Loup, Neb., Church, Richard and Mabel Green. The latter has been a helpless invalid for ten years, tenderly cared for by her husband and children. We were interested, too, in their children and grandchildren. A brother of Richard, Archie by name, whom we had hoped to see also lives eighty or more miles away in another section of this immense state of Montana. Had gasoline been available we would have visited him.

The trip through this state with its mountains, plateaus, rivers, and valleys; with its antelope herds and smaller wild life easily observable as we speeded along, was enjoyable and never to be forgotten. The Bad Lands of North Dakota, through sixty miles of which we passed, and wide stretches of prairies peppered in spots with ring-neck pheasants, prairie chickens, and wild ducks were of no small interest. The long hours that otherwise might have been more monotonous were made pleasant by conversations with a "buddy" seatmate and other men in uniform on furlough. As always among such you find the "good, bad, and indifferent." Our heart ached for some who seemed to have no regard for religion, or any personal knowledge of a loving Savior.

A STUDY CONFERENCE ON DENOMINATIONAL LIFE

By Albert N. Rogers,
President of the General Conference

The Year Book is off the press and in the hands of the churches. This is a signal that the work of the denomination goes on. (If yours has failed to arrive, notify the manager of the publishing house.)

Because it was impossible for us to have the inspiration of a General Conference this year, I have suggested to the pastors and church leaders that a Study Conference on Denominational Life be held in each of our churches. Using the Year Book and recent numbers of the Recorder as source material; the young people and laymen of the churches can assemble a body of information which will be both interesting and stirring. I hope this suggestion may commend itself.

It would contribute greatly to your Study Conference if you could invite one of the members of the Commission to sit with you

as a consulting expert on our denominational work and fellowship. Their names are found on the inside cover of the Year Book and your pastor can supply addresses for each.

Following is an outline designed for use by a young people's society, a Sabbath school, a prayer meeting, or a group of speakers at a Sabbath morning service. It will prompt other topics and questions, no doubt, which may be discussed in a question period.

A Study Conference on Denominational Life "What's Doing Among Seventh Day Baptists?"

1. Refresh your knowledge of our three major boards and the Commission. What is being done in the British West Indies, in Idaho, in China? How much is still owed on the Denominational Building? What board wants an executive secretary? (Ask other questions.)

2. Refresh your knowledge of the Conference auxiliary boards (distinction mine) and its special committees on finance, etc. What offices had to be filled by the Commission this summer? How does each committee serve your church?

3. How are we helping in war relief and reconstruction? Victor W. Skaggs, Mrs. Frank J. Hubbard, and Mrs. Alexander W. Vars are this year's committee. What relief agencies were endorsed by the Commission? How are our missionaries being repatriated?

4. Make a map of the U.S.A. showing the "grass roots" of our decentralized transcontinental organization, each church, and as many lone Sabbath keepers as you know.

As I read the New Testament I am impressed with the importance given to personal names, particularly in the epistles. The early church was made strong by the interlocking of personal friendships, in which our denomination is also rich. I urge, therefore, that the Study Conference be pointed toward the men and women who are doing the work of our churches at home and abroad.

463 Hawthorne Ave.,
Yonkers 5, N. Y.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has removed from our midst our sister, Daisy Anderson, our intimate association with her during many years makes it fitting that we record our appreciation of her.

Resolved, That while we mourn the loss of a faithful friend and co-worker, we will remember her faith in God and her belief in an immortal life beyond the grave.

Resolved, That we express to her family our deepest sympathy, with the earnest hope

that through the clouds of bereavement they may feel the heavenly Father's love and care.

There is no death! Cease then to mourn and sorrow
When those we love shake off their shackles grim;
For they but rise into a bright tomorrow,
And we should raise a glad Thanksgiving hymn.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of our society and a copy be sent to her family.

The Ladies' Aid Society,
Milton Junction S.D.B. Church,
Lottie G. Baker,
Lona Green,
Jennie C. Greene,
Committee.

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.

THE UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCHES

The days pass swiftly by, the old year will soon end, and the new year will begin. For several decades Protestants have observed the first full week in January as the Week of Prayer for the Churches, and January 2-9, 1944, is set aside this year for that purpose. The general theme chosen this year is, "The Power of God." Two paragraphs taken from a booklet prepared to promote the Week of Prayer make the following pertinent statements:

The Universal Week of Prayer is held annually during the first full week in January. It is a world fellowship. Christians in all lands observe the week simultaneously. In countries other than the United States, the Week of Prayer is sponsored by the World's Evangelical Alliance, with headquarters in London. In the United States the week is sponsored by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, through its Department of Evangelism.

Perhaps there never has been a time when Christians needed to pray more than during these days of suffering and conflict. Christians need to pray for themselves, that they may be true to Christ and the Church. Also, they need to fervently pray for others. Simultaneous and united praying help to bind the churches of the world into an unbreakable fellowship. While there are many things that Christians are prevented from doing because of circumstances over which they have no control, yet there is always one thing

they can do—they can pray. "Men ought always to pray" for one another in times of war as well as in times of peace.

It is suggested that the meetings be carefully planned, that the churches of a community unite, and that different leaders be selected. In some communities it has been found helpful to hold the meetings in private homes.

For a number of years the Missionary Board has endeavored to promote the Universal Week of Prayer, and in doing this has sent to the pastors and church leaders, where there are no pastors, copies of a booklet giving help for each meeting during the week. The booklets prepared for the 1944 Week of Prayer have been mailed, and additional copies may be had by sending to the Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Ave., New York City.

W. L. B.

WELCOME NEWS

The fore part of this month Mr. Stillman, treasurer of the Missionary Board, received a letter from Dr. Grace I. Crandall, Changtsun, Kiangsi, China. It had been en route about two months. The most of the letter had to do with financial affairs, but there were some items which are especially interesting to the readers of the Sabbath Recorder, and these follow:

"I wrote you some little time ago and sent with a letter to my sister, and I hope you have received it or will soon. But lest you do not receive it, I will repeat what I said in it. Until two days ago I had received no letter from the U.S.A. in over four months, but had two night before last, one from my brother in the answer to which I am enclosing this letter to you.

"It seems that living is so very high that the government here is granting a subsidy to missionaries of a 50 per cent increase over the regular official exchange which will make exchange for us \$29.268 China money for each United States dollar. I can say that we surely need it, and that exchange may have to be increased still further, for prices are advancing very rapidly. Within the past few days things have gone up at an unbelievable rate. Eggs which were \$1.50 only a few days ago are now \$2.30 - \$3.00 each. Pork is \$30 per pound, and that is all the meat one can get. Chickens and ducks are out of the question unless one has his own, which we have and we shall soon be able to

begin eating them rather regularly, and I hope to have our own eggs, also. Milk is \$10 per quart, fish \$12 - \$15 per pound. Vegetables are also very high and of very scant variety. I have a small garden, but it has not done well this year and rats are also feeling the famine, so that they eat up tomatoes and squash on the vines. Our cat was stolen, so we are overrun with rats. Kittens cost sixty to seventy dollars each and are very expensive to keep. Of course, our chickens and ducks cost heavily, for the rice and vegetables which we have to buy to feed them cost a good many dollars each day; but one does not feel that so much as to pay \$25 - \$30 per pound buying them."

"Doctor Esther has a fair salary now and also rice allowance enough for her own needs, so that helps out a great deal. We are getting along as well as we can, and I am thankful to say we are keeping well. I have been getting along by using the money coming in from Grace Hospital medicines which we have been selling at a very high price. All drugs are excessively high. We had to pay \$90 for a pound of soda bicarbonate, and that was at a reduced price. Now \$240."

"We hear often from the Wests and know that they are all getting along fairly well in Shanghai."

Doctor Crandall says she has just learned how money can be sent to her. The plan is that the funds be deposited in the Chase Bank of New York City, cabled to the Central Bank, Chunking, China, and from there it will be forwarded to her. This is the method which Mr. Stillman has been using this fall.

W. L. B.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT

October 1, 1943, to October 31, 1943

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer, In account with the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society Dr.	
Cash on hand October 1, 1943	\$1,506.95
Memorial Fund income for quarter ended August 31, 1943	616.18
Clifford Lamson, Raynham Center, Mass., for missionary evangelistic work	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Ritz, Somona, Calif., for Jamaica mission school	64.13
Reta I. Crouch, Albuquerque, N. M.	4.00
Reta I. Crouch, for Chinese relief work	4.00
Mrs. Edna B. Campbell, Hammond, La., for Sabbath promotion and evangelistic work in Southwest	5.00
Friend in Southwest for Sabbath promotion and evangelistic work in Southwest	15.00
Delmar Ellis, Berlin, N. Y., for Debt Fund	10.00
Riverside, Calif., for China Mission	1.00

Riverside, Calif., for native Jamaica workers	12.00
Milton, Wis.	25.00
Rockville, R. I.	12.50
Dodge Center, Minn.	14.10
White Cloud, Mich.	5.00
Gentry, Ark., Sabbath school	2.00
Marlboro, N. J., for Gurley Mt., Ala., work	10.00
Alfred, N. Y.	2.00
Adams Center, N. Y.	2.00
Milton Jct., Wis., Sabbath school	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fowler, Exeland, Wis.	6.00
Denominational Budget	857.22
Permanent Fund income	293.79

Missionary Travel Fund gifts as follows:

Helen S. Thorngate, Alfred, N. Y.	25.00
J. H. Austin, Westerly, R. I.	10.00
Second Brookfield, N. Y.	25.00
Elizabeth Hiscox, Westerly, R. I.	25.00
Helen A. Titworth, Lawrence, Kan.	10.00
Grace Burdick, Wayne, Pa.	5.00
Charles C. Burdick, Milton, Wis.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Randolph, Sutton, W. Va.	5.00
Mrs. James I. Stillman, Houston, Tex.	10.00
Greta F. Randolph, Middle Island, W. Va.	15.00
Daytona Beach, Fla., Sabbath school	27.00
Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Davis, Battle Creek, Mich.	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ivan O. Tappan, Battle Creek, Mich.	25.00
Lottie Baldwin Association, Milton, Wis.	50.00
Semi-annual meeting northern Wisconsin and southern Minnesota churches	29.00
Mrs. Edna B. Campbell, Hammond, La.	5.00
Bernice E. Whipple, Westerly, R. I.	25.00
Mary E. Whipple, Westerly, R. I.	15.00
J. Perry Clarke, Westerly, R. I.	5.00
Rev. E. A. Witter, Adams Center, N. Y.	5.00
Mrs. Cora A. Potter, Washburn, Wis.	5.00
Albion, Wis., Missionary Society	25.00
H. Louise Ayers, Westerly, R. I.	10.00
Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Wing, Berlin, N. Y.	10.00
Raymond Prati, Schenectady, N. Y.	5.00
Schenectady, N. Y., Mission	60.00
Mrs. Floyd Coon, Riverside, Calif.	5.00
Mrs. W. M. Gates, Wakefield, R. I.	5.00
Daytona Beach, Fla.	5.00
Mrs. L. W. Babcock, Oshkosh, Wis.	5.00
Home Benefit Society, Albion, Wis.	25.00
Mrs. H. L. Stillman, Westerly, R. I.	10.00
Marlboro, N. J.	25.00
Quarterly meeting southern Wisconsin and Chicago churches	85.50
Alfred, N. Y.	25.00
Battle Creek, Mich.	30.00
Milton, Wis.	28.00

\$4,187.37

Rev. Luther W. Crichlow:

Salary	\$91.67
House rent	20.83
Native workers	39.59
Special gift, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Ritz, Sonoma, Calif.	64.13
Riverside, Calif., gift	12.00

\$228.22

Rev. Neal D. Mills	27.50
Rev. Earl Cruzan	27.50
Rev. Clifford A. Beebe	27.50
Rev. Orville W. Babcock	27.50
Rev. Verney A. Wilson	16.67
Rev. Marion C. Van Horn	27.50
Rev. Ellis R. Lewis	27.50

Rev. Wm. L. Burdick:

Salary	\$125.00
House and office rent	25.00
Clark hire	33.33
Office supplies	7.72

191.05

Rev. Herbert L. Polan	10.00
Rev. E. S. Ballenger	20.00
Treasurer's expense	20.00

China payments as follows:

Rev. H. E. Davis, salary	\$50.25
Dr. George Thorngate, salary	83.33
Children's allowance	25.00
Dr. Rosa W. Palmborg	30.00

188.58

Mrs. George P. Kenyon	10.00
Rev. R. R. Thorngate	10.00

Delmar Ellis, gift transferred to Debt Fund	10.00
Rev. A. T. Bottoms, Marlboro, N. J., gift to Gurley, Ala., work	10.00
Debt Fund share October Denominational Budget	111.78
Cash on hand October 31, 1943	3,196.07
	<u>\$4,187.37</u>

Accounts payable as at October 31, 1943:

China	\$2,626.19
Germany	1,791.67
Holland	1,775.00

\$6,192.86

WOMAN'S WORK

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

A PRAYER

Father, we pause to thank thee for all thou hast done for us; for life, for love, and above all, for thee. Help us to be more thankful to those about us and to thee, our loving heavenly Father. We ask in thy Name, Amen.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S BOARD

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination met in regular session November 14, 1943.

Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Ottis Swiger who read excerpts from "The Sermon on the Mount," by E. Stanley Jones. She also read Scripture from Matthew 5, 6, and 7, after which all joined in the Lord's Prayer.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Venie Bond, was read, showing a balance of \$792.39 for September and \$841 for October. Her report was accepted and placed on file.

The report of the corresponding secretary was given, stating that Mrs. Marion Van Horn had accepted the position of Women's Board correspondent for the Southeastern Association; also, that Mrs. Frank Hubbard and Pastor Victor Skaggs had acted as delegates to a meeting in New York, November 10, of the C.C.O.R. and R.

The editor of the Woman's Page, Mrs. Davis, read correspondence from Mrs. Cecil Wharton of Columbus, Miss. It was voted that Mrs. Davis answer this letter. Correspondence was also read from the Foreign Missions Conference concerning Christian Literature and Literacy. It was voted that Mrs. Davis present this matter through the Recorder.

The report of the committee on the spiritual life of men and women in service was read, accepted, and placed on file.

Your Committee to Promote the Spiritual Welfare of Our Youth in the Service of their country would submit the following report: The committee met with all members present, October 30. Much thoughtful discussion ensued as to work this committee could recommend to our various societies. It was decided to write a letter to each church society asking for the names of all of our young women in service of their country. We recommend the board send a letter of cheer and encouragement as Christmas greetings to each girl in the service.

Yours respectfully,
Mrs. Ottis Swiger, Chairman.

The report of the Christian Culture Committee was read, accepted, and placed on file.

The Christian Culture Committee would report that it has assumed the responsibility of preparing the worship program each month for publication in the Recorder.

Correspondence has been received from the Women's Society of Boulder, Colo., requesting pamphlets. Twenty-five copies each of "How to Read the Bible" and "How to Use the Bible" were sent.

Elder Witter, who is now living in Salem, kindly consented to give a short review of the booklet, "Christian World Facts." We would recommend this booklet for study to the women's societies.

Requests for copies of the booklet should be sent to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, 156 5th Ave., New York City, N. Y. The price is twenty cents for a single copy, or twelve cents each for twenty-five to one hundred copies.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. P. Seager, Chairman.

A Book Review

A booklet of about one hundred pages was placed in my hands with a request that I write a review of it.

The tablet is, "Christian World Facts," No. 24, compiled from a large number of sources and put out by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

A careful reading and study of this material will not fail to awaken in the mind of the reader a deep interest in mission work, giving him an impression of the real worth and importance of mission work among the backward and unchristianized nations and races of the earth.

One cannot fail to rejoice in the words of Joy Homer, a journalist, who, after a trip through China, said, "I found mission hospitals well-equipped, and large-scaled affairs doing a job that in America would be called spectacular and heroic. I had not thought that Chinese Christians were like that." Like Wendell Willkie, in his famous trip around the world, he saw missions at work and came home impressed by the great reservoir of good will existing today toward the American people.

In this survey one is enabled to see how the youth of our country, and older ones as well, with lives consecrated to God in mission work in all parts of the world, have not only been leading all classes of men to Christ, but under God have been preparing all nations for this hour in the world's arrangements for the fulfillment of that angelic song, "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men."

I cannot fail to declare this as a conviction that a study of this booklet by every woman's society, every young people's society, every pastor, every Bible school teacher, and every home would be of marked help in creating and arousing the spirit of missions, so greatly needed today for the emergencies of the hour and the responsibilities that will rest upon the Allied Nations.

This is an era in which God is leading toward peace and brotherliness in Christ Jesus.

Study and become a partner with God.
Live the Christ in daily deeds and attitudes toward all men.

Elder E. A. Witter.

The resignation of Mrs. O. B. Bond as a member of the Board of Directors was read. Her request was granted with regret, as she is a valued member and chairman of one of our most important committees.

The report of the Ways and Means Committee was read, accepted, and placed on file. Your Ways and Means Committee would submit the following report:

Since our last report, our promoter of evangelism has made a trip through the Northwest in company with H. C. Van Horn, editor, visiting several churches en route. Special services were held with lone Sabbath keepers in Des Moines, Iowa, and in Jerome, Idaho. He has now begun his work with the Jackson Center Church. This work will continue through a period of several weeks.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Oris Stutler, Chairman.

Monthly Report for October, 1943

To the Women's Board, Salem, W. Va.

My work for the month of October has taken me from Des Moines, Iowa, as far west as Boise, Idaho, and back east to Boulder, Colo., where I am spending a few days in the interest of our program of evangelism. I have been invited to stop at North Loup next Sabbath for the ordination of deacons, after which I will go to Jackson Center to begin my work there.

Herbert Van Horn and I spent several days at the home of Elmer Juhl in Des Moines. Mr. Juhl is a Sabbath keeper and is anxious to organize a Seventh Day Baptist church in that city. He is a very capable leader. We did not think, however, that the time had come to effect the organization, but hope it will not be long. This city is the home of Rev. Riley Davis, who, with several others, is anxiously awaiting the time. Mr. Juhl is building up a good retail business with his soy bean products and is negotiating with some jobbers for their wholesale manufacture. With this business as a means of support, he hopes to train Seventh Day Baptist young men and women in a Bible

Training School he is planning to establish, so that they can go out as home missionaries to spread the truth for Seventh Day Baptists. His desire to prepare them with a trade and religious background so that they may go out and support themselves without expense to the denomination is very commendable. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Van Horn and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Babcock of Garwin, and Miss Alta Van Horn of Tama were present for our all-day service at the home of Rev. Riley Davis, on the Sabbath. Sunday evening another meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Dray and family. Prospects are hopeful on this field. I will stop for a day on my way back East.

We made a twenty-four-hour stop at Denver on our way to Jerome, Idaho, to see a number of our seventh day families. Pastor Sutton had arranged for an evening meeting at the church, which gave each of us an opportunity to present the work of the two boards which we represent. While in Denver word came to me of the death of my mother and I returned to North Loup for the funeral, while Brother Van Horn went on to Jerome. It was my privilege at North Loup to speak Sabbath morning, to attend a church social, and to speak to the women's societies at an all-day meeting and dinner on Tuesday.

I arrived in Jerome at the end of that week, ready for the week-end meetings which had been planned. These were held in a Grange hall in the country, two miles from Elmer Green's. Conditions were not so favorable as we had expected to find for holding a series of meetings. The lack of gas for travel and the big potato harvest which was in full swing made it impossible to hold meetings except for the week-ends. We found here the two Sabbath-keeping brothers, Dee and Elmer Green, with their families, separated by fourteen miles, with Jerome in between. Some of their children and grandchildren made up a group of nearly twenty, who met the second Sabbath with Dee for worship. The whole group expressed deep appreciation of our coming and felt greatly encouraged to continue Sabbath observance. They left North Loup many years ago to find new homes in Utah, and they have been away from Sabbath privileges all this time.

Secretary Van Horn and I went to Boise for a couple of days before he went on into Oregon and Washington in order to see other Sabbath keepers. We found here Mrs. Jennie Hurley, her son Carl and family, and a daughter Lulu and her family, Mrs. Elwin Maxon. These men are successfully carrying on at the carpenter's trade. Jerry Hill, son of Pastor Claude Hill, very cordially welcomed us into his comfortable home where we met his wife and two small girls and had a very interesting visit with an old-time neighbor of mine of North Loup.

When I left Jerome for the East, I made a day's stop with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Van Horn at Hinckley, Utah, who, years ago, with several families, left the North Loup community and went to seek new homes in the irrigated region at Heber, Utah. At one time, the Green brothers of Jerome; my sister and husband, Harry Van Horn of California; the Webb brothers and their mother, now in and near Montrose, Colo.; and the Charlie Hurley family, some of whom we visited at Boise, and perhaps others, all were together at Heber. L. L. Van Horn and wife are now alone in Utah,

but they have held on to their faith as Seventh Day Baptists. They are active in a community church at Delta, but they long for an opportunity to be with others of our faith. They are highly respected by their neighbors and friends. Recently many of them came in to help celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They expressed the desire that, if any of our people at any time are passing through Utah, to or from California, they be sure to stop at Hinckley, which is near Delta on the main highway and railroad to Los Angeles.

At Montrose I visited Ellis Webb and family and his mother, Mrs. Nora Webb. I was unable to see Irvin Webb and family who live at Olathe. There are a few other Sabbath keepers at Montrose whom I was unable to contact. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hutchins also live at Montrose, whom I was glad to see. They once were at North Loup. In fact, nearly all persons I have mentioned in this report are people with whom I have been associated in North Loup, yet whom I have not seen for many years.

I arrived in Boulder, Friday, October 29, for a five-day series of meetings and visitations. The activities of this appointment will have to come in my next report.

Leslie O. Greene,
Promoter of Evangelism.

A letter was read from Laura Lewis of Milton College, expressing appreciation to the Women's Board of the use of the Mary Bailey Scholarship.

It was voted that Mrs. Okey W. Davis be our delegate to the Foreign Missions Conference Convention and Jubilee to be held in January, in Chicago.

It was voted to send the usual expense allotment to Mrs. Marion Van Horn as our correspondent to the Southeastern Association.

It was voted to send \$5 to the Emergency Fund of the American Bible Society.

It was voted to send a contribution of \$5 to the Foreign Missions Conference for the Jubilee meeting.

It was voted to meet expenses of our delegates, Mrs. Hubbard and Pastor Skaggs, to the C.C.O.R. and R. Convention in New York.

It was voted to extend our thanks to Elder Witter for his review of the booklet, "Christian World Facts."

Members present, Mrs. James L. Skaggs, Mrs. Edward Davis, Mrs. Okey W. Davis, Mrs. Oris O. Stutler, Mrs. Ottis F. Swiger, and Mrs. Roswell P. Seager.

Adjourned to meet in January, the second Sunday.

Mrs. James L. Skaggs,
President,
Mrs. Roswell P. Seager,
Secretary pro tem.

Salem, W. Va.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Jeanett B. Dickinson, Editor
Route 3, Bridgeton, N. J.

Please send all material and suggestions to the
above address.

LOVING - GIVING

By Ethel Dickinson

(The first of four articles, suggested as supplementary Christmas material for young people's society meetings during the month of December.)

"God so loved that he gave . . ."

Downtown Philadelphia is hanging Christmas trimmings. In one of the department stores Santa is already "leaning his ear" to the wants of the kiddies. Yes, the "giving season" will be here shortly. Can we make it a loving-giving season? Let's hope so.

Many a mother and father, this Christmas as in other years, will spend more than they should to buy toys which they know will make their children happy. Why? They love their children so and want to give them pleasure, even if the budget is stretched until it breaks.

God loved his children so very much, too, that he wanted to see them made happy, no matter how high the price.

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that no one who believes in him should be lost, but that they all should have eternal life." John 3: 16 (Goodspeed).

How much do you love God?

Your love for the Lord will manifest itself in what you are willing to give to him. The first thing he asks for is yourself. Do you love God enough to surrender your whole life to him as a "living sacrifice"? How pleased he would be with such a Christmas gift!

The love of God in a person's heart reaches to the purse of that individual. You older young people who have jobs, keep a check on the proportion of your income which you are giving to the church, the denomination, and other charitable causes. The writer knows from an actual experiment that one does not give as much as he thinks he does when dimes, quarters, and even dollars are unsystematically donated. Sacrifice in your giving to the Lord as you will sacrifice this Christmas to give a loved one a beautiful gift.

"If you love him, why not serve him?" goes the old spiritual. Time is a precious

thing these days. Because it is, the Savior will appreciate all the more the gift of your time, if you give it because you love him. Take a little time to help that neighbor of yours, your mother or father a little more, your classmate with the problem which has him stuck (no copying!). Find time for the assignment the pastor wanted you to take. Go sing for shut-ins. If you can't think of a way to serve, pray for a job, and you'll get it!

He has given his all for us. What a challenge to love him deeply—so much that we will be willing to give our fearless testimony for him at all times.

Shall we search the Scriptures?

Look up: Luke 2: 11; John 3: 16; Rom. 12: 1; 2 Cor. 9: 15; Rom. 5: 17; James 1: 17; Acts 8: 20; John 4: 10; John 17: 23; Rom. 5: 5, 8.

Don't forget to thank our gracious Father.

In a period of sentence prayers let each member speak from the love in his heart.

You might do this:

Make plans to send Christmas boxes to an institution for the less fortunate—an orphanage, poor home, sanitarium, whatever is nearest you. If your society is unable to raise the money, try sponsoring a campaign in Sabbath school for donations from each class. Make the boxes pretty and Christmasy, and be sure to include some tracts in each package.

[The other three topics will be: "Joyfully Receiving," "Faithfully Acknowledging," "Hopefully Possessing."]

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The Year Book for 1942 showed the membership in Seventh Day Baptist churches in the United States as 6,765. The 1943 Year Book shows 6,678 members. That is a net loss of eighty-seven for the year.

Here is a remedy—one that would cost nothing in money. Take your pencil and do a little figuring. If just one tenth of the Seventh Day Baptists would each try to win one convert per month, and even if nine out of ten failed (which is too high a proportion), we would have a net gain of eight hundred for the year, instead of a net loss. Sounds good, doesn't it?

It can be done! Someone has said, "the greatest unused resource of the church is the combined personality of its laity."

Seventh Day Baptists will begin to grow just as soon as we as individuals get right with God and each other, eschew worldliness and modernism, get a burdened heart for unsaved friends and neighbors, and go out to witness for Christ and the Sabbath in the power of the Holy Spirit, backing up our witness with a separated life.

Seventh Day Baptist young people, what will you do about it?
L. G. O.

FAITH

Hebrews 11 and 12: 1-3

Without faith we will never go into any profession. Without faith the farmer will never plant his crops. So it is with the Christians of today. If we do not exercise our faith it will not grow and multiply. The more we cultivate our faith the more we will become like our Master, Jesus Christ.

Think of a little boy going down a swelling stream on a piece of driftwood. He sees no way to keep from being drowned. All at once there appears a man in a boat who holds out a hand, saying, "Jump! I will save you." At first the boy hesitates, then looks into the pleading eyes of his would-be rescuer and makes the leap. He is safe in the boat of safety.

Today Jesus stands with outstretched hands. He sees everyone who has not already accepted him as his Savior going down the swelling stream of sin into the eternity of hell. Today he is pleading with you to jump—turn from the stream of sin and come with him. Have faith! Trust Christ today!

Mrs. Cecil Wharton.

Box 132,
Columbus, Miss.

BIBLE STUDY

(Continued)

By Rev. Lester G. Osborn, Shiloh, N. J.
DEUTERONOMY — BOOK OF OBEDIENCE

Part I—The Call to Obedience—Chapters 1-11.

Part II—Laws for the Land—Chapters 12-26.

Part III—The Future Outlook—Chapters 27-30.

Part IV—Closing Events of Moses' Life—Chapters 31-34.

Deuteronomy is a book of review, for it consists of eight discourses by Moses in which he reviews the history of the children of Israel and repeats the principal provisions of the law. It is a long and earnest plea for hearty obedience to God based on a known and recognized relationship to him through redemption.

This book is characterized by a warm and oratorical style, and is more spiritual and ethical in tone than the other four books. Moses speaks with tenderness and urgency, and with a note of pathos, for it is his last address. This gives it a note of force and reality as well, for his time was short.

The chosen people, on the borders of the promised land, listen to their venerable leader, Moses, as he reminds them of God's goodness to them as shown by all he had done for them. He reviews their history from the beginning, reviews the law in the hearing of the new generation, and pleads with them to obey God because of all his gracious dealings. The two grand motives for obedience which Moses gives them are love and fear, with emphasis on response to the divine love, but with the alternative clearly set forth in case of failure.

The fifteenth to twentieth verses of chapter 30 are especially rich, setting forth in winsome tones the setting before them of life and death, good and evil, with the plea that they choose life and blessing.

At the close of Deuteronomy the people are just across the River Jordan from the promised land, opposite the key city, Jericho. Their long journey is ended. The land lies before them.

(Continued next week)

TREES OF THE BIBLE

Judges 9: 10; Leviticus 23: 40; Luke 19: 4; Song of Solomon 2: 3; Isaiah 44: 14; Psalm 37: 35; Ezekiel 31: 8; Isaiah 14: 8; Hosea 4: 13; Numbers 17: 8; Isaiah 41: 19; 1 Kings 19: 4; Isaiah 55: 13.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

FOR DECEMBER 11, 1943

Christ's New Commandment. Scripture—Mark 12: 28-34; John 13: 34, 35; 15: 10-14.

Golden Text—John 13: 34.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

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

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is the first letter I have ever written to the Children's Page. I have been wishing to write for some time and now I have my chance.

I am ten years old and in the fifth grade at the Sonoma Grammar School. I live on a ranch of sixty acres just a mile away from school. I earned fifty dollars on our ranch by picking up prunes and cutting pears this year.

We have Sabbath school in our own home and there is a little girl that is just my age. Our pastor is Mr. John I. Easterly, Berkeley, Calif.

I have a brother thirteen and a sister eight years old. We have all been baptized and love the Lord Jesus.

My brother has had three years of violin lessons and now both he and I are taking piano lessons, but he still plays a hymn twice a day so he won't forget how to play.

We enjoy the Children's Page very much and think the stories are very nice.

Your friend,
Evelyn Ritz.

Route 1, Box 412,
Sonoma, Calif.

P. S. I would enjoy letters from other children. I will answer all letters.

Dear Evelyn:

I have enjoyed your good letter very much and am so glad you decided it was time you were writing for the Children's Page. I sincerely hope you will write often.

I think you are a "wonder worker" to earn so much in fruit gathering. I suppose now you are planning how best to use the money you have earned and just where it will do the most good. I must have been about your age when I really earned my first money, husking corn and picking up potatoes for my father, and the next year I picked cherries and apples. I don't remember how much I earned, but I am sure it was not anywhere near fifty dollars. I know I would have needed much more than that, however, if I had used it in all the ways I planned.

I am always happy to hear that my Recorder children have been baptized and have learned to love and serve the Lord Jesus and I know you will be happy in that service.

Very sincerely your friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am writing this letter to you in school. I like school a lot. It is fun to play outdoors. I hope you are well, as I am feeling good. Some of the boys threw erasers in school today, so the teacher took them away from them.

I have a brother and he is six years old and I am eight. I am in the third grade. I go to Junior Christian Endeavor nearly every Sabbath day and like it a lot.

We have a little white kitten and we all like him very much. He is playing with me now while I am writing to you. I don't believe you would mind that, would you?

I hope some other boys and girls will see my letter in the Recorder and will write to you, because I like to read them. When any of the juniors in Shiloh have a letter in the Recorder we read them to the other boys and girls at Junior on Sabbath day.

Well, I will have to stop and eat my supper now.

Very truly yours,
Edith Nieukirk.

Shiloh, N. J.

Dear Edith:

I'm guessing that you started your letter in school and then finished it at home, since your white kitty was playing with you. Or is the white kitty a school kitty? If so he must be a well behaved kitty or the teacher might chase him out, like "Mary's little lamb." Once when I was a small girl and attending church in Walworth, Wis., a kitty came in and curling up in the pastor's chair went to sleep, while he was preaching. You can guess what happened when the pastor discovered how his chair was occupied.

It must be fun to read your Recorder letters in Junior if you enjoy them as much as I do. I, too, hope that some of the other children will follow the suggestion you have given them and sit right down to write to me.

Your very truly,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Barbara:

I just discovered that I haven't room for your fine letter, to say nothing about answering it, so I'll save it for the beginning letter in next week's Children's Page. It's nice to have a Shiloh letter often.

Very truly yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

A CONFERENCE REPORT

Report of the Delegates to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

The biennial meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America was held in Cleveland, Ohio, December 8-11, 1942. Ahva J. C. Bond and Herbert C. Van Horn were the Seventh Day Baptist delegates present. William L. Burdick was present also, in another capacity.

Something of the extent of the work of the council may be sensed in the fact that its published report makes a book of 329 pages. Anyone wishing to acquaint himself both with the nature and extent of its labors should get and read this informing account of the co-operative activities of the non-Roman Christian churches in America.

The recent acceptance to membership in the council of certain Orthodox groups has caused some criticism. The council does not see why it should not welcome to the co-operative tasks of the churches in America all who accept Jesus Christ as God and Savior, and who desire to affiliate with the council.

We include here the communication of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America, asking membership. To turn down such a petition would seem to be doubtful treatment of a Christian body, and out of harmony with the spirit of Christ and his prayer for the Church.

In a desire to co-operate more fully with the members of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, we, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America, petition to be admitted to full membership in the council.

We are deeply conscious of the need for greater unity and spirit of co-operation by the Christian bodies in America, and the necessity of bringing these bodies into united service to Christ and the world. If peace is to be restored, we, the churchmen of America, must show the way by ourselves working in peace and harmony.

Therefore, it is our earnest desire to participate in the work of the Federal Council and we ask

that our petition be considered at the biennial meeting of the council being held this year at Cleveland, Ohio.

These Christians were received into the council with no thought that either they or any other members of the council were giving up any cherished doctrinal beliefs or one iota of their practice in worship or church government.

A good deal of time was given to the discussion of the report of a committee which had been working on a proposal to federate eight leading interdenominational organizations of America into an agency to be known as the North American Council of the Churches of Christ. This new federation was not consummated at Cleveland, and is still being given consideration by the organizations involved.

Delegates to the biennial meeting of the Federal Council have learned to look forward to the report on "The State of the Church," presented by a committee previously appointed to prepare such report. The report for the Cleveland meeting was prepared by a committee of which John C. Bennett was the chairman, and it measured up to previous reports in interest and value. Besides the introduction and the conclusion, stimulating and challenging, the report was given under five heads. The entire report would make good reading for all Christians interested in the progress of the kingdom's work in America. Much of it was taken up with special work due to the present world situation, and the impact of the Church on the problems involved.

We wish to include in this report the first section, "The Permanent Functions of the Church," since here we find an index to the fundamental character of the program of the council.

Any selection of special tasks for emphasis which are the result of a particular historical situation must always be done against the background of the permanent functions of the Church, which are only superficially affected by changing events. In every situation the Church should be primarily a worshipping community, for all of its activities gain their true meaning when Christians stand together before God in praise, confession, and commitment. It is here that the life of the Church is deepened and made ready for the hardest tasks in the world. Worship is not to be separated from preaching and teaching. God is not a hidden God, but he is known to us in Jesus Christ. The Bible contains God's supreme revelation and this can only be made known to Christians today if the Bible is ceaselessly taught in the sermon, in the church

school, and the home. Not only the people in the pew but also the ministers need to open their minds and hearts to the word that God is speaking in our time through the Bible. Without this emphasis upon the Bible, the Church is in danger of echoing merely the voices of the contemporary world, or of providing "services of worship" which give expression to the religious feelings of the people but which do not confront men with God as revealed.

Seventh Day Baptists were represented at Cleveland on the Business Committee of thirteen members, before which came all proposals presented from the floor during the general sessions. In other ways, also, your delegates sought to represent the denomination faithfully, thankful that for a full generation Seventh Day Baptists have had a worthy part in the united activities of the churches of Christ in America. Our membership has defined us as a Christian denomination with a background, a message, and a forward look, rather than as a narrow sect willing to avoid the great issues involved in the Church's united challenge to the paganism of our materialistic world.

Co-operation, with no compromise of conviction or surrender of truth, is the duty of all Christians in this tragic hour of physical death, mental confusion, and lack of spiritual power—co-operation in bringing the saving message of the gospel of Christ to individuals everywhere, and in the application of its principles to the problems of the race. Finding one such opportunity through membership in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Seventh Day Baptists should accept the privilege and the responsibility thankfully. They should cherish the desire to make their witness and their service count, through the continued enrichment of their own Christian experience, in a deeper loyalty to their own faith, and a warmer devotion to the Master of all life, the Head of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. C. Bond,
for the delegates.

Husband (examining bills): "You will drive me to the poor house with your extravagance."

Wife: "No, my dear, you will have to walk. The finance company has taken the car."

OUR PULPIT

EXCEPT YE REPENT

By Rev. Ralph H. Coon

(Pastor First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Ashaway, R. I.)

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" Luke 13: 3.

In these words Jesus emphasizes the need of repentance and then gives added emphasis by repeating the same words over again. Let us see how the context gives added weight to the thought and connects it up with present-day problems.

The Problem of Catastrophe

The disciples brought the age-old problem of catastrophe to Jesus. "There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Then to emphasize this teaching he mentions a similar case, that of the eighteen on whom the Tower of Siloam fell, and asks his hearers if they thought these were greater sinners than the rest of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Again he answered with the same strong statement, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

When we read of a large number of lives being snuffed out by a plane crash, a train wreck, or a hurricane; or when we see the long casualty lists of the present war, we shudder and say, "Suppose I had been in that crash," or "What if my son's name had been on that list?" Again and again we hear the question, "Why does God allow such horrors?" Jesus seems to be saying to us through the words of the text: Questions like these must be left to your heavenly Father. It is far better just to trust his infinite wisdom than it would be to know all of the answers. Then can you not hear him tell what we do need to know and heed as though he were saying: Let the sobering thought that comes with these reports of death remind you of the spiritual death of those who have not repented and turned to me.

God's Mercy

Then following this solemn warning he adds a parable about God's mercy, as though he would remind them that "the Son of man came not into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." Jesus emphasized the gospel of mercy by presenting the parable of the barren fig tree. That the fruitless, unrepentant life, in God's infinite wisdom and justice, demands punishment is shown in the words of the owner of the vineyard, "Behold these three years I come seeking fruit on this tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?" The wonderful mercy of God offered to the sinner is portrayed in the answer of the dresser of the vineyard, who represents the Lord Jesus as our advocate before God, "And he answered and said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: and if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down." Death came close to the fig tree but it was given another chance. When death comes close to you and me through the awful war news of these days, let us think of the Master as saying to us: As far as justice is concerned, you might just as well have been taken too, but I have pleaded for you that you be given more time. It may be more than a year or it may not be even a year, but in the meantime in my great love for you I am doing all I can to encourage you to turn to a new life. He is lovingly pleading with us to repent.

Repentance may be a turning from sin to salvation through Christ or it may be a turning from a fruitless Christian life to a life of prayer and consecration to the Master's service. The parable leaves it clear, however, that the day of reckoning is only being postponed unless we repent.

The Message of the Church

In the evangelistic message of the Church of Christ today there must be a divinely balanced combination of the drawing power of God's love and the word of warning that calls men to repentance in order that they may avoid the fate that would come to the fig tree if it continued in its fruitless state.

The New Testament is full of the wooing love of God, shown in the life and death of Christ and in the lives of self-sacrifice lived

by the apostles. We also hear the note of warning in the oft-repeated command to repent, coming from the lips of John the Baptist. Peter's warning on the day of Pentecost led the people to cry, "What shall we do?" His answer you will remember was, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you." Paul at Antioch in Pisidia, said, "Beware lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets." At Athens he said, "God . . . commandeth that all men everywhere repent." In our Lord's messages to the seven churches in Revelation we find the command to repent repeated again and again.

The Most Respected Men Need Christ

The problem today seems to be to show the so-called morally good unbeliever that he is in danger and needs to repent and turn to Christ. The rich young ruler who came to Christ was sincere in saying that he had kept all of the commandments from his youth up. His sincerity is shown by his admission that he lacked something yet. Jesus called for a radical turning point in his life. He told him he must turn completely away from his interest in the things of the world and follow the meek and lowly Savior. That is the kind of repentance the Lord is calling for today. I believe that it is just as important that such repentance should occur among Christians as among unbelievers. The world and self are always present and we must continually be in the attitude of turning from them.

Children Need Christ

When the Lord said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," I believe his "all" included children, at least children who are old enough to know when they have sinned and old enough to understand the explanation of Jesus' love. Even if there is not visible sin in the child there seems to be that in the race which will one day pull him down into sin if he does not repent and receive the Savior. How much better for the child that he be born again and receive the new life, the Christ life, before sin becomes so apparent.

In the White House collection of interesting letters there is one which is perhaps the quaintest of all and shows beautifully the repentance of one child. This is what it says:

To His Majesty, President Cleveland.
Dear President: I am in a dreadful state of mind and I thought I would write and tell you all.

About two years ago—as near as I can remember it is two years—I used two postage stamps that had been used before on letters, perhaps more than two stamps but I can only remember of doing it twice. I did not realize what I had done until lately. My mind is constantly turning on that subject, and I think of it night and day. Now, dear President, will you please forgive me, and I will promise you I will never do it again. Enclosed find the cost of three stamps, and please forgive me, for I was then but thirteen years old, for I am heartily sorry for what I have done.

From one of your subjects.

I believe it was only the love of the sinless Christ that could have brought such consciousness of sin. Would that more of us adult Christians were living so close to the Master that in comparison with his life our sins loomed up before us as did that of the little girl. We are too prone to make excuses for ourselves.

The Master's Teachings

If our lives were lived on the plane of our Lord's teachings about righteousness and about the commandments, that example would in itself be one of the most powerful forces to bring sinners to repentance. The Lord would have us be as particular about sin in the church as a surgeon is about germs in the operating room. The effect is similar. Sin grows and spreads like infection in the body. Then, too, there are those who, like diphtheria carriers, do not show any outward signs of serious sin but nevertheless are spreading the disease wherever they go.

Present-Day Needs

If the much prayed for revival is to come, the nation and the individuals who make up the nation will have to be brought to repentance. If people are to repent they must see sin as it is. We need more preaching and teaching about sin. The Holy Spirit, we are told, will help us in the work. In fact, the first work of the Spirit as Jesus listed his offices is to convict or convince the world of sin.

We, surely should take as great pains to spread the truths of repentance and of God's grace as some do to convince people of the supposed value of cigarettes or alcoholic liquor.

What an encouragement it is to know that the power of Almighty God himself is available to us in this work. Also we need to remember that the connection with the Power is made through prayer. The Bible

speaks of prayer again and again, as strife, so we see that in our praying, as well as in our witnessing, faith and works must go together.

"Lord, teach us to pray." "Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea establish thou it."

ALONE WITH JESUS

Alone with Jesus; leave me here,
Without a wish, without a fear.
My pulse is weak and faint my breath,
But is he not the Lord of death?
And if I live or if I die
'Tis all the same when he is nigh.

Alone with Jesus; ye who weep,
And round my bed your vigils keep—
My love was never half so strong,
And yours—oh, I have proved it long;
But when had earthly friends the power
To comfort in the dying hour?

Alone with Jesus; oh, how sweet
In health to worship at his feet!
But sweeter far when day by day
We droop and pine and waste away,
To feel his arms around us close,
And in his bosom find repose.

Alone with Jesus; how secure!
Vile in myself—in him how pure!
The tempests howl, the waters beat,
They harm me not in my retreat;
Night deepens with its gloom and chill,
It draws me nearer to him still.

Alone with Jesus; what alarms
The infant in its mother's arms?
Before me death and judgment rise—
I lean my head and close my eyes;
There's naught for me to fear or do,
I know that he will bear me through.

Alone with Jesus; earth grows dim;
I even see my friends through him.
Time, space, all things below, above,
Reveal to me one life, one love;
That One in whom all glories shine,
All beauties meet—that One is mine.

[Written by Mrs. Annie R. Sprague, of Penobscot, N. B., shortly after she had recovered from a severe illness when it was thought that she would die.—My mother's sister. C. L. Price.]

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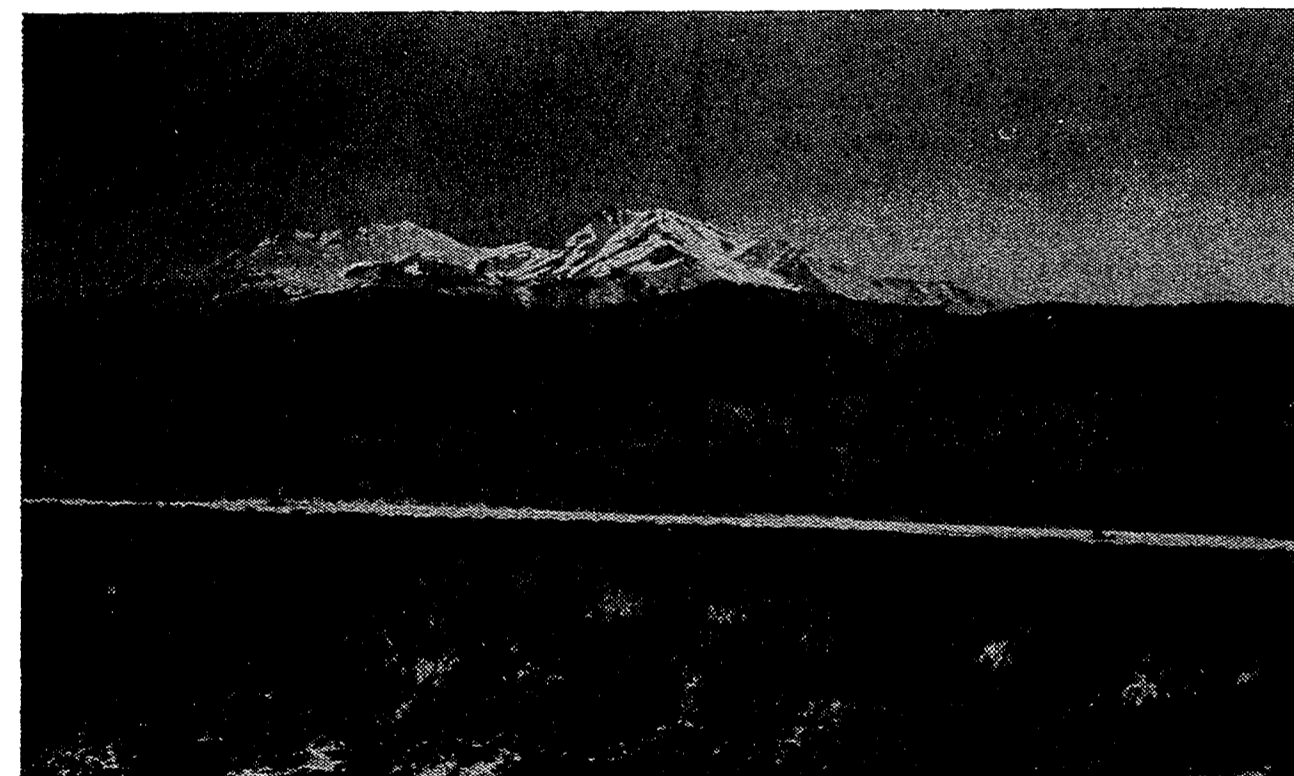
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