

laincy service maintained. There is a new interest in the Church among labor groups. Meetings of Church leaders are being held to discuss post-war problems and what the Christian position should be as to a just and peaceful world. An active program of religious education is being carried on for youth and also for adults. By no means have all youth been lured into the Hitler Youth Movement—there is still a Christian Youth Movement. Even lads enrolled among the Hitler youth have insisted on being allowed to attend church services.

Obviously, we have not been able to *particularize*, but the above facts will indicate how—in spite of much that could be written about the failures of the Church in Germany—there is a hopeful side to the picture. God bless this "saving remnant" in its heroic struggle against paganism.

—World Council Courier.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches will be held with the Walworth Church, July 23 and 24. Pastor K. B. Van Horn of the Albion Church will preach the Sabbath morning sermon. Services will start Friday evening and continue through Sabbath day.

Robert Greene,
Secretary-Treasurer.

NOTICE OF SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

The Southwestern Association will meet at Fouke, Ark., August 13-15. The theme is "Christ Our Strength," and the theme Scripture is Psalm 73 and Acts 3: 1-16. Zack White, 187 W. Main St., Salem, W. Va., is president; and Mrs. Earl Mason of Tichnor, Ark., is corresponding secretary.

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OBITUARY

Pentz. — Ulcey A. Pentz, son of John A. and Ida A. (Monn) Pentz, was born at Fox Hill, near Quincy, Pa., February 7, 1881, and died at his home, the Nunnery, near Waynesboro, Pa., June 13, 1943.

He had been ill for nearly two years and was thought to be improving when a thrombosis developed and he passed peacefully away within a few hours.

Though possessed of but a common school education, and of a retiring disposition, he was noted for his modest leadership, not only among the farmers and business men of his immediate community, but throughout the surrounding countryside as well. The wide esteem in which he was held was attested by the large throng attending his funeral, which was conducted in his late home by Rev. Frank R. King, pastor of the Salemville German Seventh Day Baptist Church. Burial was made in the local cemetery.

In March, 1915, he was baptized by his father, the late Rev. John A. Pentz, and joined the local church, the Snow Hill Church, sister church of the Salemville Church. Here he was faithful in his attendance at both church service and Sabbath school, as long as he was physically able to do so.

On October 20, 1908, he was married to Miss Nora Emma Fitz, and brought her to the old Nunnery, of so many hallowed memories, where they lived happily together until his death. His wife and his aged, invalid mother survive him.

The church and community have lost a stalwart pillar, and this writer has lost a valued personal friend.
C. F. R.

West. — Miss Evelyn West, daughter of the late Francis and Mary Stillman West, was born February 24, 1888, near Nortonville, Kan., on what is known as Seventh Day Lane, where she lived until about fifteen years ago when she moved to town. She was called from this life on May 21, 1943.

She accepted Christ as her Savior and united with the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church, to which she remained a faithful member until her death. She loved her church and worked for its interest.

She is survived by one aunt, Mrs. William Vincent, one uncle, Dennis Stillman, both of Nortonville, and five cousins, together with many other more distant relatives and a number of friends.

Miss West was a good Christian woman, and was thoughtful of others. She leaves behind her a worthy life, and will be greatly missed by her people, her church, and community. She was one of the directors of the First National Bank of Nortonville.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Verney A. Wilson, Sunday following, at the Seventh Day Baptist church in Nortonville, and interment was made in the Nortonville cemetery beside her parents.
V. A. W.

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THE INNER LIGHT

If I covet one high grace,
It is this — upon my face
Just to show the inner light,
To illumine another's night.
Give me such a look — so high
That the saddest passer-by,
On a sudden, glad shall say,
Somewhere shines the sun today.

—Whittier.

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EDITORIALS

DO YOU BELONG TO THE CHURCH?

Do you belong to the church? What is the purpose of your belonging? Would you be or feel or fare differently in any way if you did not belong? One may belong to some fraternal organization but is sadly in arrears. He is "out of benefits"; might as well not belong. Another belongs to some labor organization but has not kept up his dues. So far as "benefits" go he might as well not belong.

This is the way some "belong to the church," and very nearly the correct measure of the benefit they secure from their "belonging." A hammer does not hammer unless wielded by a hand; nor a saw saw unless pushed by some arm. Ice cream is not good unless you eat it. One derives no strength-supplying, tissue-building, heat-producing benefits from even the choicest beef steak, be it ever so nicely done, unless he brings himself sufficiently close to it and then proceeds to eat it: In order that the church may make fullest contribution to your life you must subject yourself—your physical and spiritual presence—to her influence, and yield your life to her service. Then only can your belonging bring to you its richest rewards. Be not like the inebriate propped against the wall of the building who said to one inquiring, "Do you belong to this church?" "No, but I lean that way." Truly we must more than lean that way.

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS IS JESUS

(Guest editorial)

The World Outlook. There was a time when the popular feeling throughout the country was that the race was continually growing better. This hope was largely based on man's faith in himself. Today it is evident to all that we have not made much improvement in things. The war "to end war" was found to be merely setting the stage for a second world war and now we even hear talk of a third such war.

The Root of the Trouble. It does not take a philosopher to see that selfishness is at the bottom of all of the trouble. Greed, suspicion, intolerance, and the failure to be able to see the point of view of the other nation, race, or sectional group make trouble within a nation and between nations. The world does not like the word sin because that lays the blame where it belongs, in the heart of unregenerated man. When a thing is once labeled sin, no more excuses can be made for it. Man prefers to go on making excuses. The Bible is more pronounced than any other book in placing the blame for the downfall of nations on sin within those nations.

Has America Forgotten God? The sins most often mentioned in the Word as the cause of a nation's downfall are the sins of idolatry and Sabbath desecration. Both of these are the results of forgetting God. Is America remembering God today? Our President has asked for prayer for the nation generally and on two or three special occasions, but I fear that the response of the churches themselves has been an inclusion of prayer for the nation in the pastor's Sabbath

morning prayer, rather than a voluntary turning of the members of our churches to God's house for united supplication. As yet there is no general turning of our nation to prayer. Instead, we hear of people everywhere taking advantage of war conditions to "feather their own nests." The moral let down in the nation is shown by the increase in crime and drunkenness and social diseases.

What Is the Remedy? The godless situation in America needs to be attacked at the source of the trouble more than at the results of the condition. This source is the human heart. We all agree that the evil ideologies of the aggressor nations must be stamped out. The majority of people are willing to lay the blame for the mess that the world is in at the feet of a few dictators or military cliques. Few are willing to admit that in their own lives is that principle of sin that results in all of these world calamities. Paul, the great apostle, was one of these. He spoke of himself as the chief of sinners. God's Word states the remedy very plainly. When the people said to Peter, "What shall we do?" the answer was clear and simple, "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

"All Have Sinned." "There is none righteous, no not one." We do not like to admit the truth of this analysis of the situation as God gives it to us. Nevertheless, before America turns to God she will have to recognize sin in her national life and the growing evident sins among her people. It is even more important that we recognize that the inherent sin in every heart can only be rooted out by the application of the blood of Jesus Christ, for "there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

What Seventh Day Baptists Need to Do is to point people to individual sin and the condemnation that necessarily goes with it and then lead them in no uncertain terms to the great and wonderful remedy in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has taken the condemnation upon himself and we are free if we are willing to accept the salvation he invites us to come to him and partake of. When people thus find the Lord, the materialism of the present day which is the idolatry that is being substituted for the worship of the true God will be done away

with. When Christ finds his place in men's lives, Sabbath reform will be easy.

Let us pray for revival as they prayed in the early church. At the same time let us give every ounce of our strength to the task of warning and rescuing. We need to work individually and as churches in this task. Seventh Day Baptists are a small people, but we believe in working with those who are not Sabbath keepers in that greatest task of all, namely, salvaging lives for eternity. We must study all of the organizations of churches and denominations and ally ourselves with those groups which seem to be nearest to carrying out the great commission. We can work the best with those who are preaching the old gospel that is as old-fashioned as the Bible itself.

Let us pray knowing that everything depends on our praying, and work knowing that the Lord depends on us to do his work for him.

Rev. Ralph H. Coon.

Ashaway, R. I.

OBSERVATIONS BY THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Canada

A cordial welcome awaited us—the corresponding secretary and Pastor John Randolph of Milton Junction, Wis.—on our arrival at Barrhead, Alberta, Canada, eighty-five miles north of Edmonton, capital of the Province of Alberta.

We had come from Milton in three days—by private conveyance, train (three of them), and bus. A pleasant ride was had on the "Hiawatha" from Watertown—the crack train of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul Railroad. Kenneth Babcock of Milton acted as chauffeur on this part of the trip, accompanied by Mary Van Horn and son, Peter.

Minnesota is a big state, and though we left St. Paul on the Northern Pacific at 8 p.m., we were still eating a late breakfast next morning when we crossed the international boundary into Manitoba. Courtesy and friendliness characterized the revenue men at the border, and the same is true of most of the officials and people later met.

Again we were impressed by the unique boundary of our two great countries—four thousand miles long without a fort, a fleet, or a gun guarding it. Truly it is a monu-

ment to peace to people of respect and good will for each other. Did such boundaries separate peoples of European and other countries, such warfare as now embroils the world would be impossible.

A change of trains at Winnipeg was quickly effected and we were soon on our twenty-two hour run to Edmonton. Trains were crowded everywhere, and dining car service pretty much restricted to service men. For the most part the Canadian soldiers were quiet, sober, and friendly. We observed no drinking, but saw a little gambling.

A few hours were pleasantly spent in Edmonton while we waited for the afternoon bus. It is a clean, wide-streeted city of 110,000 people, who are engaged in the usual occupations marking a state capital situated in a prairie country. It is located near the center of Alberta, a province 760 miles long from north to south, and with a mean width of 255 miles from east to west.

There are large modern department stores of both wholesale and retail nature. Large grain elevators are among the higher structures; some of the business houses are of modernistic, world-fair-like appearance. The public buildings are substantially built and the churches have some architectural merit. It is the seat of the University of Alberta, with two thousand students as normal enrollment. The city is well spread out on a rather high tableland on the north bank of the North Saskatchewan River, one of the three great streams of the province; Athabaska and Peace are the others. Grain, meat packing, and trading are the chief industries. It is said the city's prosperity was built in early days by the fur trade—the Hudson Bay Company having established a post here early in the nineteenth century.

A short call was made at the office of the Chamber of Commerce and some information secured from the friendly attendant. From what we have seen and heard, we are impressed that Alberta would be a grand vacation land, with its wonderful mountains in the western part, embracing Jasper Park, "the largest mountain park in the world." The roads do not look too inviting, however, for rainy weather, and mud chains are an important equipment of motor cars. Edmonton is the southern terminus of the Alaska highway. In our bus ride to Barrhead we traveled the first fifty miles of this

road, and wondered **what** it could be like the rest of the way. Nevertheless, we wished we might go its entire length, even if by jeep.

A National Holiday

Flags are flying everywhere, July first is Canada's "Fourth of July" — marking the birth of the Dominion of Canada, with its original four provinces, and Northwest Territory. With the good will of its ally on the south, a compromise of the two days this year has been made, and the celebration in Edmonton was staged for July 2, when the Governor of Alaska and the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta were honored speakers.

At Barrhead the celebration was held on the first, with a grand picnic and field day. Baseball and softball tournaments, basketball, races, and other games were controlling features of the day, with a "Midway"—hot dog and cold drink stands doing a good business. All proceeds of everything, however, were for benefit of the Red Cross. Several hundred were present and everyone had a good time. The two visitors from "the States" enjoyed it too, experiencing uncomfortable sunburns on faces and head. The days are long up here, the sun coming up in the north by four o'clock, and setting in the north at ten p.m. Daylight lasts till midnight. Some of the games lasted till nearly ten o'clock, when a thunder shower sent people scurrying home.

Just as the sun was setting, a beautiful sight—one of the most beautiful your secretary ever has witnessed—was called to our attention. The storm had passed over. A brilliant rainbow stretched across the heavens half way between zenith and horizon, framing a cross on one of the church steeples, lighted by the sun—a glorious, silver-white cross. The picture held for several minutes, a sight not soon to be forgotten.

The interest of the cross and the things for which it stands brought us the long miles to this interesting, promising, and hopeful country. We trust that our words and actions will in no way dim the luster of the cross which we would hold up as the symbol of Christ's love and sacrifice.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Price with whom correspondence has been had for several years are our genial hosts. A son, Marshall, has just completed the year's work as science teacher in the high school and is off with

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.

A PROBLEM FOR THE CHURCHES

A statement recently made tells us that there are sixty-seven million people unchurched in the United States. This number of people do not belong to Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish churches. It is true that there are many Christians who, for various reasons, belong to no church; but with this deduction those who are not Christian constitute about one half the population. This condition presents a great problem for the churches. It is the problem of winning for Christ about one half of the population of the United States.

To this work churches should give their thought and effort. The first thing is to realize the task that is before them. Many churches and church leaders do not comprehend that about one half of the people in the United States are not professed followers of Jesus Christ. We call ourselves a Christian nation. This leads us to feel that most people are followers of Christ, and we are quite content to let the church and its affairs drift along in an easy way.

Having taken into account that one half of the people in the United States are not Christians, the Church should plan to win these millions to Christ's way of life and should push its plans with energy and enthusiasm.

This does not mean that we should slacken our work for foreign missions. It means that we would be able to do twice as much, that instead of placing twenty-seven thousand missionaries in foreign countries, Protestant churches in America would send fifty-five or sixty thousand. It would mean that every worthy institution in the United States would be purified and strengthened, and above all it would mean that Christ would be glorified.

W. L. B.

"HOW MUCH OWEST THOU?"

We pay taxes, expecting protection of life and property, free schools, and a multitude of public benefits. We pay dues to social organizations for return benefits, only. All

other teachers for the six-weeks' summer school at Edmonton. Plans are made for a Sabbath service in the Price home, and in the United Church of Canada on Sunday night.

THE COMMISSION WILL MEET

Unless there is good reason to the contrary, the Commission of the General Conference will meet on Thursday evening, August 12.

Within a short time it will be decided whether the meeting will be held at Alfred, N. Y., or Plainfield, N. J. This decision will be determined by majority vote of the Commission. There are good reasons for going to Alfred and there are certain reasons for coming to Plainfield.

Since Conference has been postponed, the question is being asked by a number, "What is the procedure now?"

In answer, Mr. Courtland V. Davis, corresponding secretary of the General Conference and secretary of the Commission, has called attention to the fact that according to the Constitution of the General Conference, plus the action of the Salem Conference last August, the Commission is authorized to act for the Conference in nearly every respect. That is, the Commission will expect and be expected to conduct the necessary business of the General Conference. This, of course, will include the consideration of reports and the filling of vacancies among the officers of General Conference.

The Commission has been greatly helped by the interest and prayers of many people throughout the year and hopes and prays that prayers may be continued and made on behalf of its coming meeting.

Hurley S. Warren,
Conference President.

NOTICE

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

Please notify the entertainment committee if you are planning to attend the Southwestern Association at Fouke, Ark., beginning Friday morning, August 13, through August 15, 1943.

Hazel Scouten,
Glen Davis,
Nathan O. Monroe.

these cannot be called charity; it is a business transaction, as is insurance, somewhat like the tithe proposed by Jacob of olden time.

The noisy coin dropped upon the collection plate probably finds a place somewhere. A bucket of water tossed in the air is wasted; the "cup of cold water given to a disciple," because he is a disciple, like yourself, still returns reward, though not released with that in mind. Expenditure to get the gospel of free salvation to somebody else is the Christian's best investment. There are no strings attached to mission funds, rightly given; they do bring satisfaction.

In view of benefits received and never failing, with promises good forever, we forget our little gifts. "Freely ye have received, freely give." A. S. B.

REV. CLIFFORD A BEEBE, MISSIONARY PASTOR, WRITES REGARDING WORK IN ARKANSAS AND TEXAS

Although it was possible to hold only four public meetings at Little Prairie in May, I feel the trip was worth while. Rising flood waters made it difficult for us to get together, and I blew out two tires on my car, so it was useless. However, we got together to observe the Lord's Supper. Although present conditions have made regular meetings at the church impossible, some of the members have kept up Sabbath school regularly at one of the homes since February, even during the high water.

I should report in more detail the trip to Edinburg, Tex. Before going there I had the impression that the church was fast going down, since the removal of some of its most active members to central Arkansas. I found that was not true. We held meetings over two Sabbaths, much of the time both morning and night; and while attendance was small, due to distance, working conditions, etc., the members showed a good interest. There are some who are not members actively working in the church, and I had the privilege of baptizing four young people who were received into membership. I cannot urge too strongly the need of a pastor there. Mrs. Allen is not physically equal to carrying on the work as formerly, although she is still active as far as strength will permit. Although it has never reported to Conference, there is and has been for

over twenty years an active Sabbath school, now under the leadership of Brother W. H. Cockerill. A number are interested, aside from the membership, and regular pastoral work is much needed. Perhaps some retired minister, if he were still fairly active, could meet the situation; perhaps not. Anyway, if it can be done, the field should have a resident, even if only a part-time worker. The country is young and growing and the church has good prospects of growth; but they are too isolated from others of our faith; and such visits as I made are, and must be, too infrequent.

I had two enjoyable side trips, which also gave me a much wider knowledge of the valley and its people: a Citrus Association meeting and barbecue at Harlingers, as a guest of Brother and Sister Will Cockerill; and a visit to Reynosa, Mexico, as a guest of Alfred and Melva (Babcock) Fisher.

At the suggestion of the missionary secretary, I spent several days both ways on the Edinburg trip, in attempts to look up lone Sabbath keepers in Texas. Had some good and profitable visits with several such in Houston, Rosenberg, and Freeport, and the privilege of baptizing a man of seventy-one in the Gulf of Mexico at Freeport. I tried to look up surviving members of the old Eagle Lake Church; I believe there are only two, and I did not get to see them; but found a number of younger folks, still loyal, who came into our faith through the influence of that church. I also visited a minister of the Church of God (seventh day) in a Houston hospital where he was recovering from an accident.

At Rockdale, Tex. (near Austin), I found a colored minister who is wanting to unite with us. I found him well acquainted with our belief, and thoroughly in accord with us; fervent and anxious to do Seventh Day Baptist mission work among his own race. I wrote him a recommendation to our church in Washington, D. C.

The Fouke Church held its annual meeting June 27, and gave the pastor a unanimous call for another year, under the same terms. The call was accepted, the provisions as to Little Prairie subject, of course, to their action at the annual meeting to be held this month.

The Fouke Church has continued to pay pastor's salary and Denominational Budget regularly. Little Prairie has paid the pastor over \$45 for the year, besides raising some

for denomination. The Edinburg Church paid more than half the expense of the trip there.

The special effort at Fouke was in connection with the observance of the Lord's Supper, April 19. There was a good attendance and messages from a number of nonresident members. We invited the association here in August, and hope we can have an evangelistic effort then. The Texarkana meetings have not been held since April. War conditions make it difficult, but we hope they may soon be resumed.

There needs to be much more visitation work among lone Sabbath keepers.

Weeks of work 13; prayer meetings 21; conversions, at least 4; Sabbath converts, possibly 2; average congregation at Fouke 31, at Little Prairie 27, at Edinburg 11; sermons and addresses 23; calls, about 80; baptisms 5; added to churches 4.

GENEROUS GIVING IN BRITISH CHURCHES

There is generous giving in British churches. Figures of church giving now coming in for the past financial year show encouraging improvement. The Church of Scotland records an increase of over \$400,000 in total gifts which have come in from parishes and other sources. The London Missionary Society reports an increase of \$48,000 in contributions which have come in from the British Isles. The Baptist Missionary Society reports that, in the year which has just passed, ordinary gifts exceeded those of last year by \$20,000, while a special fund of \$400,000 has been raised in commemoration of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the society. The Congregational Church reports that \$400,000 has already been contributed to its special reconstruction fund.—(From British Information Services.)

WOMAN'S WORK

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

WE ARE THE UNITED COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN

The Woman Movement began in the Church!

This claim was recognized at an informal meeting of board members this winter as they considered the development of church women's organizations. "Lest We Forget"

was the title of a panel of board women who briefly and vividly recounted the simple beginnings of women's work in their several denominations.

Of the Baptists, "pious females" had shown an interest in the "heathen" by 1812. But a Presbyterian missionary in 1808 had written home to "ask the women to pray" . . . and by 1811 it was recorded that "It has pleased God to excite pious ladies . . ."

Giving began early, too. In 1814, their Female Cent Society was organized. The worn little treasurer's book of the first woman's society on Manhattan Island dated 1821, which is a treasure of the Reformed Church of America, records two gifts of \$1, but mostly twenty-five cents from Mrs. M. Groot, Mrs. Hagen, and other names as dignified and Dutch. (How tremendously women's wealth has increased in the intervening century! Has their spirit of generosity continued proportionately?)

The meetings of these earnest women of local churches became so general in a few decades that by 1858 a Methodist Women's Board was organized in Boston. The movement was general and boards in many denominations were organized during or closely following the Civil War period.

Not too eagerly was this welcomed by the men. We smile to note. One brother advised them "to raise the money . . . but let the men administer it." As late as 1870 a woman speaker arriving in a town was met by five men boarding the train and urging her not to get off and spread these dangerous ideas.

These consecrated beginnings came out of the hearts of women who saw a great need, first of their sisters in foreign lands, and later in their own land. They were imbued with a great passion that overcame obstacles, prejudice, and opposition.

Closer at home the needs of young women forced into the business world became the concern of the women and the Y.W.C.A. was born. It still was the Christian women and the outreach of the Church. Only after their pioneering did other interests and activities of women develop into the present well known leagues and federations. Yes, Church Women began the Woman Movement. But somehow we failed to keep our position of leadership. One wonders when and why we lost it.

A leading daily in New York recently conducted a National Congress of Women. The

speakers were leaders in many fields—science, education, labor, industry, literature, law, politics, human relations. It was a shock to some of us that there was no outstanding Christian among these speakers, that only a few church women were among the many sponsors, and that almost without exception any reference to religion was omitted from the addresses on the forum on "What Kind of a World Do We Want?"

This may well be a criticism, not of the New York daily, but of the Christian women of today. Have we lost the fervor and the crusading spirit which Helen Hayes is interpreting in Broadway's newest success "Harriet" (Beecher Stowe)?

Individually we feel so helpless—but God has blessed the day of small beginnings—and collectively we are growing in strength. In the community of every local council some movement is waiting to be started—some are hoping for consecrated women and a religious accent in the local problems. Let us, this summer, ponder and plan more effectively for learning God's purpose and releasing again his power through the Women's Movement of the Church — Amy Ogden Welcher, in The Church Woman.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, June 30, 1943

Receipts	Total for	
	June, 1943	12 Months
Adams Center	\$ 123.05	\$352.35
Albion	158.00	226.50
Alfred, First	218.93	1,927.23
Alfred, Second	138.35	274.85
Andover	15.00	30.00
Associations and Conference		162.24
Battle Creek	125.50	986.30
Berlin		148.05
Boulder		100.90
Brookfield, First	39.50	202.50
Brookfield, Second	70.00	247.60
Chicago	8.00	119.00
Daytona Beach	38.00	160.65
Denver	15.80	193.45
De Ruyter	82.30	395.11
Dinuba		31.28
Dodge Center		49.50
Edinburg	6.00	67.00
Farina	15.00	278.00
Fouke	16.98	80.61
Friendship	4.00	14.50
Gentry	2.00	33.35
Hammond	10.00	56.10
Hebron		31.24
Hopkinton, First	51.50	667.84
Hopkinton, Second		21.50
Independence	20.00	217.00

Individuals	55.00	3,586.48
Irvington		300.00
Jackson Center	10.00	40.00
Little Genesee	47.32	409.55
Little Prairie		20.00
Los Angeles	48.25	119.67
Los Angeles - Christ's		12.00
Lost Creek	93.60	297.00
Marlboro	55.00	715.00
Middle Island	6.44	76.68
Milton	362.05	2,024.89
Milton Junction	155.35	668.41
New Auburn	9.50	81.50
New York City	101.53	638.39
North Loup	54.38	298.88
Nortonville		166.50
Pawcatuck	503.67	3,345.00
Piscataway	16.00	221.00
Plainfield	340.14	1,683.90
Richburg	34.00	114.00
Ritchie	6.00	72.00
Riverside	168.55	1,003.32
Roanoke	9.00	33.00
Rockville	15.00	127.99
Salem	160.00	526.30
Salemville		47.80
Schenectady		85.00
Shiloh	268.00	1,136.00
Stonefort	7.00	20.00
Syracuse	25.00	25.00
Verona	111.30	336.02
Walworth	25.00	25.00
Waterford	64.10	206.91
West Edmeston		20.00
White Cloud	61.10	230.06
Yonah Mountain		46.57

Comparative Figures

	This year	Last year
Budget receipts—June	\$3,273.25	\$3,318.64
Special receipts—June	696.94	587.18
Budget receipts—12 mos.	18,705.70	17,215.69
Special receipts—12 mos.	7,128.77	4,066.87

Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$1,342.70	\$313.40
Tract Society	419.72	13.85
S. D. B. Building	260.18	
Women's Board	26.97	119.00
Ministerial Retirement	352.29	209.69
Historical Society	21.71	
General Conference	286.83	5.00
Board of Christian Education	578.92	
United China Relief		17.00
United Christian Relief		17.00
Federal Council of Churches		2.00

Morton R. Swinney,
Treasurer.

Niantic, Conn.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
FOR JULY 31, 1943**

God Delivers His People. Scripture—Exodus, Chapters 5-12.

Golden Text—Psalm 50: 15.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Jeanett B. Dickinson, Acting Editor
Pine Brook Bible Conference
East Stroudsburg, Pa.

During July and August, please send all material to the above address.

SOME TESTS FOR OUR AMUSEMENTS

Standard C. E. Topic for Senior Meeting
July 31, 1943

By Allen Bond

Bicycle riding is some fun, and I have done enough of it to gain full confidence in my ability to handle any difficult situation that should arise. I remember one time that I was riding my bike, and as usual I was riding rather fast, so that I passed a small girl who was riding her bicycle. When I passed her, she decided to try to catch up with me, so she came after me as fast as she could. I came to a narrow driveway where I wanted to turn, and without slowing down much I skillfully made the first turn: but the small girl was inexperienced, and although I had been safe enough in what I did, it was far from safe for her as she tried to follow my example. She could not make the corner, and so she ran into some bushes by the big stone wall. She was not hurt, but she might have been, and I had a rather guilty feeling in leading her into that danger. That which in itself was all right for me, was wrong for me when it was the means of leading someone else into a place of danger.

Do you see any application here to the age-old problem as to what is right for the Christian to do, especially in the way of so-called harmless amusements? Definite rules may be hard to make, but surely we sin when we are the cause of another's fall. Let's take these matters seriously, and always give the Lord the benefit of the doubt.

4431 S. Ellis Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

DIRECTIONS

By Bessie S. Davis

Jesus' directions are best;
They pass in every test.
When all other ways fail,
Jesus' way doth avail,
And gives to our souls blessed rest.

Jesus' directions are sure.
They exalt the oppressed and the poor.
Although they seem odd,
They're the will of our God,
And a joy to the heart that is pure.

Jesus' directions are right.
Spiritual power is their might.
They are more potent far
Than the sword or the spar,
And a very real source of delight.

CONSECRATION MEETINGS

For you who are planning consecration meetings the first Sabbath in each month, Rev. Neal D. Mills' talk on "A Challenge to Consecration," which appeared in the July 5 issue of the Sabbath Recorder, should prove most helpful. The poetry and pledge he used are excellent.

More thoughts for consecration have been contributed by Allen Bond. He writes:

When cleaning house, did you ever wonder where all the dirt came from? I have. It doesn't seem possible that so much dirt could collect in such a short time, but there it is, and we can't argue it out of existence. We simply have to "clean house." Did you ever think of sin in that way? We wonder from whence it came, but all of our arguing, denying, and rationalizing will not erase the black fact of sin. There it is, and the problem is to get rid of it. There is no use trying to turn over a new leaf, reform, or whitewash our sin. That would be like trying to paint a dirty and greasy article. It wouldn't last. So with our sins, we must get rid of them first of all, but how? There is only one thing that will do, and that is the power of the forgiveness of God as made possible through the life, death, and resurrection of the Son of God, and offered to whosoever will come and accept this Savior. . . .

To live victoriously, we need to follow the guidance of God. He guides us in different ways, and one of these means of guidance is the circumstances which we meet. We speak of doors being opened and closed to our doing of certain things. But there is a danger that we may, in following this type of guidance, let our consecration degenerate into a form of being "wishy-washy." We may take everything that comes to us as being God's guiding hand, and fail to fight a good fight with perseverance. God may be allowing some obstacles to enter our paths to test and harden us. God's way is uphill. Don't be looking for a downhill path.

THE MAILS ARE HEAVY

As service men express their growing interest in Christian Endeavor programs and materials for them, the mail bag for 41 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, continues to be heavy with soldiers' and chaplains' letters. Variety in mailing point and in subject matter is a daily characteristic of these messages from men and women in uniform to the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Many of the letters relate directly to programs and resource materials used by Chris-

tian Endeavor Service Men's Units and by Units of the Service Men's Christian League, with which the World's Union heartily cooperates.

A host of mail deals with the World's Union distribution, free to chaplains, of "The Christian Endeavor World," the famous "Guide for Christian Living," Chaplain Alva J. Brasted's "For Victorious Living," and other materials—all of which are in constant demand.

Typical of many letters from chaplains is the message from Division Chaplain Silas E. Decker, U. S. Army, reading in part as follows:

"Can you send me five thousand copies of 'Guide for Christian Living'? These will be given to many Protestant enlisted men and officers at this station. This book has a place in the religious lives of our men that cannot be replaced by any other. The selected Bible readings, the prayers, and the favorite hymns combined take the place of at least two other books."

Chaplain B. F. Janes of the Coast Guard writes, at almost the same hour, that "the 'Guide' is quite adaptable to any man's use. It fits nicely into a man's blouse pocket, it is attractively bound, and it is Christian. We appreciate the splendid support by Christian Endeavor in the time of our country's need."

A sergeant serving at a base weather station has different news for Christian Endeavor leaders. He writes: "I will be using 'The Christian Endeavor World' regularly because I have been asked by the pastor of the Presbyterian Church to take charge of their Intermediate (high school) Christian Endeavor society. I was very active in Christian Endeavor before entering the Air Corps and know I shall find my present position very interesting."

He has received helpful material to go forward with this work.

"We have a Christian Endeavor Unit in the Texas community near our post. It is composed of civilians and soldiers," reports Corporal Howard Ford, Jr. "Civilians were elected as officers, because a soldier may move on. But soldiers are taking an active part through their work on committees.

"All members signed the Associate Member's Pledge," the corporal continues. "In about six weeks we will hold a consecration service, when the Active Member's Covenant will be presented."

Such experiences are being reported by a large number of service men and also by pastors and other church leaders and officers of Christian Endeavor unions. In the vast and continuous shift of the American population, particularly young people, the good work of many a society and union of Christian Endeavor now extends across the continent and even overseas. The outstanding conferences and conventions of the past few years live on in the service that soldiers, sailors, and industrial workers, far from home, are giving to the communities where they are temporarily stationed.

In presenting the encouraging news of the postman's visits to 41 Mt. Vernon Street in Boston, the World's Christian Endeavor Union thanks a host of civilians, young and old, for the generous gifts that make possible an extra quota of service to those who need counsel, organizing literature, and resource materials. More of this splendid support will keep the movement alert to the needs and opportunities, and ever ready to serve in Christ's work.

—World's Christian Endeavor Union.
41 Mt. Vernon Street.

TRY THIS WITH YOUR JUNIORS

Try a "Star Chart" for three months. The juniors like to see the chart get bright and shining with multicolored stars. Stars may be awarded for attendance, bringing Bibles, letters to Children's Page, memory work, and serving as leaders.—Geo.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

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

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I suppose it has been quite a while since I wrote you, so I will write you now.

I have a little wren house outside my bedroom window which I have been watching, to see if any bird had built a nest in it yet, but I don't believe so, so I might just as well stop watching.

I don't suppose I have written you that Nancilu was down here, have I? Well, she came down here the last of April and stayed about three weeks. And oh! Little Vic, Junior, is cute. I almost wish I could have

kept him. In one of her letters, Nancilu said (since she has gone back) that he was crawling so fast she couldn't keep up with him. When they left he was just beginning to crawl.

I have quite a strange pet now. Could you guess what it is? Daddy sold me a beef calf. Well, he's not not much to play with, but I hope he will bring me some money some day. Last year I had one and bought a War Bond with the money when I sold him.

I also have a mother sheep with her two young ones. One year my father had four little lambs which the mother sheep would not take, and two more from another mother sheep. He gave four away and gave my brother and me one each. Now my sheep has two lambs.

At the close of this letter I am sending you a poem I found.

With the best of wishes to you,

Your Recorder friend,

Bettie Butler.

Sheep

Lazy sheep, pray tell me why
In the pleasant field you lie,
Eating grass and daisies white
From the morning till the night?
Everything can something do,
But what kind of use are you?

Nay, my little master, nay,
Do not serve me so, I pray.
Don't you see the wool that grows
On my back to make you clothes?
Cold and very cold you'd get
If I did not give you it.

(Two verses of the poem "The Sheep," by Ann Taylor, taken from "My Poetry Book.")

Dear Bettie:

I can't begin to tell you how pleased I was to receive your good letter and also the charming little poem. You see, when I have a chance to see my Recorder girls and boys in person, as I did you last year, I enjoy their letters all the more. Little Vic, Junior, was a darling even then, though he was so tiny. I am looking forward to seeing our son Claire's baby girl, Karen, in a few days, as she and her mother have just got back to Bridgeton, N. J., having driven through from El Paso, Texas, near Fort Bliss, where Claire has been stationed over four months. When we heard from Claire last, June 30, he was in San Francisco. His address is Capt. E. C. Greene, M.C. O-1688047, 99th

F.A.B., U.S.A., A.P.O. 4552, c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. Isn't that a lot to write on one envelope? Baby Karen was eleven months old July 2, and is beginning to walk. We have not seen her since she was five and a half months old, when they visited us for nearly a week while Claire was on a fifteen day leave. Of course we think she is a wonderful baby.

I have two more letters to answer so I must close now.

Sincerely your friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Joe:

It is fine that you can help your daddy load hay. When I was some older than you I used to drive the horses for my daddy when they drew the hay into the mow. One day the hired man let me ride up on the hay fork. It got stuck at the top of the barn and I hung there quite a while before they could get me down. You may know I didn't try that again.

You surely have quite a dog family. Our daughter's little girls and their dog stayed with us nearly all of last week while they were moving, and one dog surely was enough for me.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mary:

I think a farm is the finest place in the world for boys and girls to live. I lived on a Wisconsin farm until I was quite a big girl and I wouldn't have missed it for anything. When we moved from Independence to Andover our children missed the good times they had with the farmers' boys and girls. They asked, "What fun is there for children in town?" But they soon found enough to keep them busy.

It makes me feel good to think that the first letter you ever wrote was to me. I am grateful to your Junior teacher for helping you to write it.

Your true friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Our tone would have been made deeper
If contributions had been greater.

—Inscription on a Church Bell.

OUR PULPIT

ROAD BUILDERS

By Rev. Earl Cruzan

"One mightier than I cometh." Luke 3: 16.

John the Baptist was a prophet in the sight of God, who was important in his own right. John, a cousin of Jesus, was called by God before he was born for a very important task upon the earth. He was a few years older than Jesus, perhaps not more than a year, but he began his work much sooner. It was necessary that he do it on account of the message that was burning in his heart. He was a fearless man, speaking out the truth as it was revealed to him. He spoke alike to king and pauper, to scribe and publican. It made no difference who came to him in the wilderness, he plainly told them their wrongs and urged them to return to holier paths.

Jesus testified of him that he was the one who was to come in the spirit of Elijah, and Elijah was one of the greatest prophets the Hebrew people had ever known. John was sent to prepare the way for the coming of One still greater. He knew that he was only preparing the way, and he did as thorough a job of it as any prophet might do. He baptized as a symbol of repentance of sins and preached right living, walking in straight paths. How many of the people John reached we do not know, but from our brief record of his work we may gather that great multitudes came to see him, seeking baptism at his hand. So great was his fame, the knowledge of him so widespread, that the leaders of the people sent representatives to him asking him if he be the Christ, the Son of David for whom the Jewish people had been waiting all these years.

Here was a wonderful opportunity for John, thinking in terms of human aims—power, prestige, great glory. All he needed to do was to tell these representatives that he was the Christ, and the leaders of the people would have done the rest. They would have started an insurrection so as to have a kingdom of their own. They would have crowned John as king and would have given to him great glory and honor.

There was no doubt in their minds that John was a prophet, for he drew so many people to him, but still greater proof that John was a prophet called by God is shown

in his refusal to claim that honor which was not his. His very honesty is positive proof of his relationship to God. The very fact that he was contented to do the work which he was doing when he could have been placed in a position of greater honor shows that he was indeed a prophet of God, sure of his calling. And his testimony was equally sure. He said, "One mightier than I cometh. Prepare ye the way. Make straight your paths."

John had the courage to be a road builder—to pave the way for someone else. A road cannot be built, it cannot be followed, except a certain amount of hard work is done first. First of all it must be surveyed. The road of life had been surveyed—it has the guide posts given all through the Old Testament history. These Old Testament writings show to us what needs to be done to walk along the way of life.

But after a road is surveyed, the foundation of the road needs to be laid before anyone can travel on it or before a solid roadbed can be laid. And those who lay the foundation of the road often have the hardest work to do and get very little credit or praise. I have been told that a section of road in the salt marshes of New Jersey had to be built three times before it became a road. Twice the men left work at night, with a nice grade built up, only to return the next morning and find that it had settled completely out of sight. The marsh had just swallowed it up. That meant a lot of work done that could not be seen. And so in building roads the grades must be built. The road bed must settle before the pavement can be laid and a person may travel it in safety.

John the Baptist was willing to lay that foundation, preparing the way for another to complete the task and to receive the credit for it if necessary, for he realized that he was only a part of God's plan and he was willing to do his part, knowing that God would reward him for doing it well.

And Jesus has completed that road. He has shown unto us the completed road. All that we must do is to follow that road which he has given us. If we follow in his way, although it be straight and narrow, it will take us to eternal life with God and his Son, our Savior, for it is the road of salvation unto everyone who believeth. It is marked with signposts along the way. We are given a Guidebook which shows us the way, the

ultimate goals, which warns us of the many pitfalls along the side of the road, which urges us to watch the signs closely that we do not turn off the road onto one which, although it may look to be a better road, only leads into the mire of deceit and the way of evil.

Not only do we have a Guidebook to show us the way, but we also have the privilege of speaking to the Engineer who built that road. He is ever ready to hear our troubles and to lead us out of them into the way of life itself. He will always comfort when we grow tired or discouraged. All we need to do is to take time to speak to him and he will answer and refresh us, that we may have the strength to go on.

It is the plan of the One who has prepared that way for man that all men walk therein. He has been desiring that men walk in the way all through the ages. And he has been constantly leading men therein. Yet many have not found the road. Many do not seek it. Some have started upon it and lost the way. They have lost the way because they have neglected the Guidebook, because they have lost contact with the Engineer. Perhaps many have lost the way because they have been following those who think they are traveling along that way, but who have been unwilling to follow all the way and thus have led those who are following off into a side road and lost them in the mire.

Jesus has given the commission to those who have found the way. We are to reach out a helping hand and show others the way of life. We are to tell others of that way of life, but unless our lives tell of it also, it does us little good to speak of it. But we are to help others to find the way of life. That is a part of the duty of everyone who travels along that road. Because if we do not help others as we go along, we soon lose the way ourselves. Our eyes become blind and we can no longer read the signs nor can we find that contact with the One who would make the way easier.

We, too, may be road builders in this life. We must learn the lesson of John the Baptist. We must be willing to do our bit, however small it may be, because by doing our bit we are making it possible for someone to do still greater tasks. Let us never feel that the task that we are called to do is a task too small to merit our best efforts, for

as we do small things well we learn to do great things better. . . .

In likening the lives of individuals to roads there are many things that we as Christians should keep in mind. First of all, we must try to keep our way along the great highway to eternal life with Christ. That is our first and foremost task, but we too must help others to find that way or we won't travel very far in it ourselves. We need not seek that our way will attract the most attention. We need not try to draw honor and glory unto ourselves among men. We need rather to get within our hearts that spirit of humility of which Christ spoke, so that we will continually be striving toward the will of Christ, rather than doing that which is pleasing in the sight of men.

We will have no self-righteous feeling among ourselves, but will at all times be conscious of our shortcomings, of our lack of the perfect life. We will ever be conscious of the saving grace of Christ which makes our goal possible. And because we are dependent upon the grace of Christ we will not be so concerned with the thoughts and comments of men as we will be concerned to be right with our Savior.

God has called us to various tasks in life. As Paul says, some are called to be teachers, some preachers, some prophets, etc. Some of us are called to be leaders to a greater extent than others. But we are all called to lead others to Christ and to his way of life. We cannot be true disciples of him if we are not helping others to find him. The Christian gospel must be shared to be of value to us. If we feel a lack in our Christian life, perhaps it is because we are trying to keep it to ourselves and are not willing to share it with others. We can't keep Christianity to ourselves, for if we attempt that we lose that which we already have. For the very heart of the gospel is sharing and loving. We cannot share or love when we keep it to ourselves alone. Let us awake to the opportunity, yes, the privilege that is ours of showing Christ to others. Let us not be afraid to speak of him. Let us not be ashamed to be called followers of his. Let us build a program as a church which will reach out beyond our small group to others who have not yet found that gospel. Let us share that joy which is ours with those who are still wandering in the world without Christ in their lives. We will find

that it means far more to us than if we are selfish with it. We will find that there is a new zest, a new joy in living. . . .

Those he has not called to positions of leadership, as we often think of them, he has called to be road builders, so to speak. You may ask how you can be a road builder if you are not a leader. There are many ways. And the road builders often accomplish more than they think. They sometimes accomplish more than the leaders, even if it doesn't always show in a visible form. . . .

Every parent is a road builder. Every home lays a foundation for each child that is sheltered beneath its roof. If you cannot be a leader for Christ, you can lay a foundation wherein your own son or daughter may do greater works for Christ than you have had the opportunity to do. We can, perhaps as John the Baptist, help prepare the way for someone who is greater than ourselves. But if we have laid a good foundation, our reward in the sight of Christ will be as great as the reward of the one who has traveled on the foundation which we have laid. . . .

And if you could not give yourself to full time Christian service, if you did not have that call, still you can find a place where you can work in the program of the church in the community where you can spread the glad tidings as well. You can truly be a road builder.

If it should be that your son or your daughter should feel a call for full time Christian service, you can do much toward preparing the way for him. You can give him encouragement rather than discouragement. Even though you can think of other tasks you might rather have him do, other tasks that provide a better living in the light of the world; yet there is no place where more true service can be done if one has that call. It should never be discouraged; nor should one be pushed into it. But we can be road builders that will help him or her along the way.

We can be road builders as we teach in Bible school, as we attend the services of our church, as we invite others to go with us. We can be road builders as we help some child to find the way of life. . . .

May we be willing, as was John, to admit the superiority of others; and yet be just as diligent in preparing the way for them to do still greater good than we have been able

to do. May we give them all the help that is possible. May our prayer be that we may be worthy to be called road builders for Christ, and thus be traveling down the road which leads to eternal life in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Shiloh, N. J.

The Shiloh Vacation Bible School closed on July 2, after a two-weeks' session, with a program of music and memory work presented by the pupils.

In spite of the fact that no transportation was provided, there were eighty boys and girls enrolled, fifty-five of whom had perfect attendance.

Pastor Osborn supervised the school, assisted by the following teachers: Miss Gertrude Dickinson, Mrs. Grace Osborn, Mrs. Bessie Rainear, Mrs. Marian Campbell, Mrs. Mary Ayars, Misses Katherine Davis, Verle Rainear, and Ruth Davis, and Mrs. Ella K. Sheppard as music director. Margaret Fox acted as registrar and assistant teacher.

July 3rd was Family Rally Day at the Shiloh church, with service of dedication of babes. Four were brought to the front of the church while Pastor Osborn conducted the service of recognition and consecration. The babes were Nancy Lucile, daughter of Charles and Anita Harris; George, son of Bert and Helen Cruzan; Ann Cordelia, daughter of Roeland and Grace de Wilde; and Emily Mae, daughter of William and Margaret Fogg.

Twelve one hundred per cent families were present at the service. Special music was given by a mother-daughter trio, and an all-family quartet, besides anthems by both Junior and Senior choirs under the direction of Mrs. Bessie Rainear and Mrs. Ella K. Sheppard.

The attendance was almost a record for the year, over one hundred eighty being present.

Correspondent.

Verona, N. Y.

Children's Day was observed at our church during the Sabbath school hour June 26. Pastor Polan delivered the sermon from the text, "A little child shall lead them." Isaiah 11: 6. David Clark, a theological student of Alfred, was present and offered prayer at the morning service.

The children, carrying flags, came marching in singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers," with Mrs. La Verne Davis at the piano. They did themselves credit in several chorus songs, an instrumental duet by Jean and Joyce Sholtz, a song by Richard Warner, exercises, and recitations. Mrs. Orville Williams and Mrs. Craig Sholtz were the committee.

Correspondent.

White Cloud, Mich.

Although it has been several months since you have heard anything from us, we wish to assure you that we are still a very active group. During the late winter and early spring months we held special Sunday night meetings, with an effort made to bring the gospel to many who may never hear it otherwise. Our pastor was ably assisted by Rev. Mr. Arman, a fellow minister from Woodville. We feel that many worthwhile contacts were made.

In June, we had another very successful Vacation Religious Day School. Our attendance this year was much better than last, as we had eighty-nine present part of the time. The past two years the Swedish and Methodist people have held a school prior to ours, and this year many of the boys and girls attended both schools. Due to gas and tire conditions and also child labor in this region, we cut our school to two weeks this year.

Beginning July 12, our Seventh Day Baptist Camp will be held at Diamond Lake for one week. This will be under the direction of Pastor and Mrs. Maltby, with three others assisting. There are twenty young people who are planning to attend camp, the majority of them boys and girls outside our own denomination.

Miss Alma Bond of Chicago has been with us since the first of June and is very ably assisting in the church work.

We now have eight stars on our service flag which hangs in the church, and will soon have two more. Leon Mosher expects to leave soon. He is our first married man and father to be drafted into service.

Last Sabbath, July 3, Pastor Maltby read a statement to the church in which he declared his intentions of enlisting as a chaplain in the U. S. Army. Since then he has enlisted and is awaiting his call to go. Our prayers and good wishes go with Pastor

Maltby wherever he may be called. His family will remain in White Cloud, for which we are very glad. We know the family well enough to know that no personal sacrifice is too great to bear when they feel that God is calling. Correspondent.

Albion, Wis.

The Albion Bible school closed with an appropriate program Friday evening, July 2. This school had been in session three weeks, with Mr. Kenneth Van Horn as superintendent, Mrs. Kenneth Van Horn, Mrs. Sanford Ousgard, and Miss Betty Babcock as teachers, and Hazel Lawton and Ruth Saunders as substitutes. There were thirty-two enrolled and twenty-two who had a perfect attendance.

An unusual interest was maintained during the whole term. Regret was expressed that it had to close so soon. It is surprising how much of the Bible the children commit to memory in so short a time. There was no afternoon session of the school.

Much credit is due Mr. Van Horn, who entered into the work so wholeheartedly and whom the children all love. The other teachers are to be congratulated also for the work done by the pupils under their supervision. The graduates were Joan Saunders, Lois Babcock, and Rollin Nesbit. Correspondent.

North Loup, Neb.

Children's Day was observed on June 26, when the children of the church presented the pageant-cantata, "Queen Summer Holds Court." The stage setting and costuming were beautiful, and the songs and speaking were very nicely done.

The church is sponsoring an "Honor Roll," a list of men in the service who are connected with the membership. The names are written in excellent copperplate by W. T. Hutchins. Five more stars were added to our service flag representing church members who are in the service. The lovely workmanship on the flag is credited to Mrs. Chas. Fuller.

New officers in the church and auxiliary societies were elected the past month. The heads of the organization are: moderator, R. O. Babcock; Sabbath school, Dell Barber; Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Edw. Christensen; Nellie Shaw Society, Mrs. James Johnson; Christian Endeavor, Miss Phyllis Babcock. The yearly reports were favorable.

All church socials are held once a month. After breaking bread together, a program is presented, and games are arranged.

The Christian endeavorers are in charge of summer vespers, a half hour of music and worship beginning at eight o'clock each Sabbath eve.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. Ehret home again.

Correspondent.

Dinuba, Calif.

Greetings to the Sabbath Recorder and all the dear readers. May God greatly bless the editor and co-workers. I feel it my duty to let all the good people of like faith know how we are getting along. We have meetings every Sabbath, and also on Friday night at present.

The Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church has done a great deal of missionary work all along the coast by sending their pastor to help other groups, and that is the mother church of this Dinuba group. They paid the pastor and sent him out to hold meetings, and as a result of that work seven years ago, we organized a Seventh Day Baptist Church. Nine young people have since been baptized and other folks have been built up in faith. We all feel very grateful to the folks who did and are yet doing so much for us. When some of us were cast out as heretics from another church, the Seventh Day Baptists accepted us heartily, and ever since have helped us wherever they could. I love their policy, I love the system of their organization, I love their liberty, I love their kindness, their friendship, I love their spirit—I love them.

They hold to the Bible and the Bible only. I am indeed glad to have the privilege of being connected with a people who take the Bible for their guide, and who grant liberty of conscience to the personal understanding of the Bible, who have no set doctrine to accept, but believe the good old Book.

Thank God, we can pray for his Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds. Whom the Spirit of God leads, he is a child of God, and can have fellowship with God's children. Thank God for such a gospel. I would like to encourage our dear Sabbath Recorder readers, and also the workers and writers in their work. I read every word of the Recorder and enjoy reading it. I am glad I had the privilege of meeting some of you folks at General Conference in Denver, and also on my trips to Dodge Center, Milton,

and Battle Creek. It is a privilege to know some good Seventh Day Baptist friends—even those whom I have not seen but know only by their names in the Sabbath Recorder. I am glad to read their good articles. God bless you all.

B. B. Friesen.

MARRIAGES

Burdick - Olson. — Carrol T. Burdick of Andover and Merabah Louise Olson of Alfred, N. Y., were united in marriage June 19, 1943, at the home of the bride, Rev. Everett T. Harris officiating.

Darling - Jacox. — LeRoy N. Darling of Sergeantsville, N. J., and Neva Jacox of Alfred, N. Y., were united in marriage June 23, 1943, at the home of the bride, with Rev. E. T. Harris officiating.

Osborn - Meek. — Pfc. Loren G. Osborn, son of Rev. and Mrs. Lester G. Osborn of Shiloh, N. J., and Miss Helen June Meek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Meek, of Salem, W. Va., were united in marriage on June 23, 1943, at the First Baptist Church of Newport News, Va., by Rev. F. W. Putney, pastor of the church. At present they will make their home in Newport News, where Pfc. Osborn is stationed at Camp Hill.

OBITUARY

Coon. — Willis W. Coon, son of Aaron Welcome and Melissa Shaw Coon, was born at Alfred, N. Y., on October 20, 1864, and died at Alfred, June 14, 1943.

He was a member of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, joining by baptism June 26, 1889. For many years he was director of the choir of this church. He had served the community of Alfred as dentist for fifty-five years.

On August 19, 1886, he married Grace Green who survives him. Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. C. F. Tefft of Columbus, Ohio; a son, Lieut. Aaron Mac Coon, stationed with the U. S. Army in New Orleans; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A service of prayer was held at the home, followed by farewell services at the First Alfred Church, with interment in Alfred Rural Cemetery. Pastor Everett T. Harris officiated, assisted by Elder George B. Shaw. The Order of Masons assisted at the grave.
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By GRACE NOLL CROWELL

The bread, the cup, the symbols of our Lord;
His broken body and his precious blood—
We come to take it at his word,
Within our hearts a sudden surging flood
Of reverence and love for him, our Christ,
Who for our humble sakes was sacrificed.

We eat the bread, we drink the cup, we share
The Lord himself with others by our side.
Our hearts lift up with faith, our earnest prayer
Goes up unhindered, that he may abide
Forever with us and with all who take
The sacrament this day for Jesus' sake.

—New Auburn Church Bulletin.

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