

## O B I T U A R Y

"The commonplace is tiresome," he said. "But this land could not have been what it is with only Washingtons and Lincolns. Every great man, whether in politics or business, has had a host of unnamed 'many others' behind him.

"We may be classed among the 'many others'; but, just the same, it is our privilege to show forth the great love of Almighty God.

"There is enough woe in the world to crush every one of us if we would give it place; there is enough glory to stir and thrill us.

"In the Southwest Pacific, the measure of a man was not his rank and medals, but whether he did his duty. That is our measure with God.

"It is a wonderful thing to find our place and to fill it well; to keep our vision in the midst of weariness; to be able to say with St. Paul, 'I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.'"

He retold the story of the four chancelers—Jewish, Catholic, Methodist, and Dutch Reformed—on a torpedoed vessel, who gave their life belts to soldiers who had none and went down with the ship. The Dutch Reformed minister was a son of Daniel Poling.

Leaders of the Syracuse Church are:

Clerk, Mrs. Edith Cross Spaid; deaconess and teacher, Mrs. Herman J. Cross; trustees, H. J. Cross, Mrs. Jennie Seamans, and Miss Marian Parslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross have lived in Nottingham Road close to fifty years. When they went there, it was real farm land.

The day's collection was taken up by a little lady in a sunsuit, Sally (Cross) Tily. —Taken from Syracuse Post-Standard.

## M A R R I A G E S

**Bradshaw - Perrin.** — John Arthur Bradshaw and Alexzene Dennison Perrin were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Perrin, in Ashaway, R. I., July 11, 1943, by Rev. Ralph H. Coon.

**Burdick - Cook.** — At Alfred Station, N. Y., July 3, 1943, in the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist church, Clinton L. Burdick and Ellen Winifred Cook, both of Alfred Station, were united in marriage by Rev. E. T. Harris.

**Burdick.** — Mrs. Fanny E. Davis Burdick, daughter of Ellis and Eliza Davis, was born March 11, 1860, and died at her home in Richburg, N. Y., June 17, 1943.

She lived in Shiloh, as a girl, where she joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at an early age. She was married to Marcullus O. Burdick September 21, 1887. To this union were born two sons, Ellis E., of Lancaster, N. Y.; and Elbert N., of Clintonville, Pa.

For several years she resided in Little Genesee, N. Y., and was a member of the church there, later bringing her church letter to the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Besides her two sons, Mrs. Burdick is survived by four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler. Interment was in the Little Genesee cemetery. A. L. W.

**Hargreaves.** — Helen Jane Whitford, daughter of Otis Benjamin and Mabel Mae Crandall Whitford, was born in Plainfield, N. J., April 21, 1913, and passed away in the same city July 12, 1943.

She was baptized and united with the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ May 8, 1927, of which church she continued a member all her life.

Helen attended Plainfield grade and high schools; also Wheaton Women's College, Norton, Mass., for two years. She received her nurses' training at Muhlenberg Hospital.

She was married to Bernard J. Hargreaves, of Plainfield, February 6, 1943.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her mother; two sisters, Janet Louise and Mary Elizabeth, both of Plainfield; one brother, Harold C., of New York City; other relatives, and a host of friends.

Memorial services were conducted July 14, 1943, by Pastor Hurley S. Warren. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery. H. S. W.

**Maine.** — Wilmot H. Maine, son of Stanton and Suzan (Gray) Maine, was born March 20, 1860, at Ledyard, Conn., and died July 9, 1943, at the Mary Milby Magge Convalescent Home in Westerly, R. I.

His wife was the late Hattie (Park) Maine. He was a grocer by trade. He was employed for many years in Stonington and Mystic, Conn. He was at one time postmaster at Woodville, R. I., where he also conducted a grocery business. For a number of years he has made his home with his son Clarence, of Ashaway, R. I. Besides his son he is survived by two grandchildren, Claude L., and Miss Hilda Maine, and one great-grandchild.

Farewell services were conducted by Rev. Ralph H. Coon. Interment was in Union Cemetery, North Stonington, Conn. R. H. C.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR AUGUST 7, 1943

**God Shows His People the Way. Scripture—  
Exodus, Chapters 13-15.  
Golden Text—Exodus 15: 2.**

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### PRAYER FOR THE WAAC

By Auxiliary Vivian Cook

**God, when we kneel to pray at night  
It's not our cause we plead,  
But for the heart and strength to serve  
Our country in her need;  
For smiles to wear upon our face  
And words of faith to speak  
To all who ask us if our place  
Is one a girl should seek.  
God, let us serve till peace is ours  
And bring us safely back,  
Proud that once our title was  
Auxiliary, in the WAAC . . . .**

—From Chief of Chaplains,  
Wm. R. Arnold.

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## EDITORIALS

### "POWER OF THE PLUS SIGN"

Some years ago, Japanese boys on seeing for the first time a cross on a Christian church asked why Christians use the plus sign as their motto. Evidently they knew more of mathematics than of the Christian religion.

Their question with its implications furnishes us with a clue worth following. The cross bears resemblance to the plus sign, and while it symbolizes sacrifice, that of Christ, it also very well symbolizes a religion that means more than any other. The plus sign is characteristic of the gospel of Jesus.

The gospel reveals the fact that God does more and better for mankind than man justly deserves. "God so loved . . . he gave . . . that whosoever believeth in him should . . . have life." While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. We are reminded that the rain falls upon the just and the unjust alike. God's sun shines on all.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus laid great stress upon his followers doing more than was expected. If you are friends only with those of your own set, or do good to them only whom you love, what reward is yours? "What do ye more than others? Do not the publicans the same?" The Christian religion is one of "more than" others. It is a plus religion.

It is not an easy religion. It is not easy to love one who is despicable, or treat an enemy fairly. Do the Japanese execute captured enemies against all international custom? What do we more than they if we swear vengeance on them, and execute man

for man? We are glad for the attitude of our leaders in such a case, and that the Christian principle of the plus in our religion has thus prevailed.

We have still far to go in living up to this high sign of Christianity. But we may well thank God that more is expected of Christians, of church members, than is expected of the world. "Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain."

### THE HOME AND THE CHURCH

By Rev. Harold R. Crandall

(Guest editorial)

"The Holy Family" is the title of a picture giving the artist's conception of Joseph and Mary and the child Jesus. Every real family is a holy family. Established by God himself, away back at the dawn of creation, the home is the oldest of institutions. These are days when there is crying need of stressing the sanctity of family relationships and the home.

With all the stress and strain of present world conditions, family life is disrupted and homes are broken up. Young men, sons and fathers, and young women are scattered to all parts of the world in the armed forces of our country, fighting for and serving in a cause that we are convinced is just and righteous. Those remaining at home, including wives and mothers, are engaged in producing machines and materials necessary for the prosecution of the war in which we are engaged. Hence, home life is sacrificed on the altar of patriotism.

A recent "Reader's Digest" contains the following paragraph: "In 1923, when Herbert Hoover was president of Better Homes in

America (before it became a department of Purdue University), that organization offered a prize for the best definition of a 'better home,' to be written by a school child. The award was won by a Tennessee mountain lad, who wrote: 'A better home is a place my dad is proud to support, my mother loves to take care of, and we like to be in. It is a place to grow old in.' " Through all the history of the world this definition would apply to the ideal home.

The home and the Church are closely akin. They are interdependent. Each is of the utmost importance to the other. The ideal home cannot be, without the influence of the Church. The Church cannot exist, without the Christian home. Of the two the home is the older institution—for it is the oldest of institutions. The Christian home is the greatest institution in the world. Out of the Christian home comes the Church. Out of the Christian home comes the just and righteous nation.

Out of the Christian homes of our land and out of homes that are not Christian, young men and young women have gone and others are going to strive for the freedom and the way of living that have been inspired by the influence of the Christian home and the Church. With all the stress and strain and with the disruption of normal home life, our worth-while institutions are in danger. Since the Christian home and the Church are mutually dependent and inseparably bound together, there is imperative need that each bend every effort for the good of the other. Of supreme importance is the need that those who are separated far from loved ones shall find, upon their return, that the things for which they are risking their all shall be waiting to receive them. The Church must faithfully strive for the maintenance of the ideal home, that every agency may work most efficiently for the increase of the kingdom of God on the earth. Unless the Christian home and the Church assume and are accorded their rightful place in the new world order and exercise their proper influence, all the anxiety and suffering and horrors, all the sacrifice of the present conflict will have been in vain.

### CHINA LETTERS

"China Letters," by Dr. Rosa W. Palmberg, forty-six years a medical missionary in China, has just come from the Recorder Press.

This is a remarkable book. The author has woven into the letters to a special friend during nearly a half century the changes witnessed in China through the years "in the people, the customs, and government, along with her own experiences and thoughts." All the incidents she has related actually happened "and are true in every detail," the author says in a brief foreword.

The reader finds difficulty in laying the book down when once he has read one of the letters.

One marvels at the courage, vision, and faith that possessed Doctor Palmberg as she labored through the years—pioneered, so often alone, and withstood the ravages of disease, weather, hostility, and war. Only the grace of God can fully account for it.

A friend outside our own mission family, a fellow missionary, Mrs. Frank Rawlinson, writes an illuminating preface which pays a loving tribute to Doctor Palmberg.

A life-long friend of the doctor, Mrs. A. S. Burdick of Chicago, the friend to whom all the letters are addressed, has paid for the publishing of the book. All income from the sales of "China Letters" will be equally divided between the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary and American Sabbath Tract societies. It is a beautiful book in workmanship, with many fine illustrations. It can be had for \$2, from the Recorder Press, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

### OBSERVATIONS BY THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

In Southern Wisconsin

After a rather tiresome trip from Edmonton, Canada, we arrived at Milton. The ride by bus from Watertown, Wis., after a night on the coach train from St. Paul, was most refreshing. Recent rains had washed the air and bathed the countryside. Corn was making unbelievable growth, a bountiful hay crop was being put up, while small grains were ready to harvest. This is a beautiful country whose only blight is man made. The taverns, beer signs, and other unsightly advertising remind one of Lowell Mason's lines:

Where every prospect pleases  
And only man is vile.

Sabbath at Milton Junction

The Sabbath was spent with the Milton Junction Church of which Rev. John F.

Randolph has been the loved pastor for the past fourteen years. Fifty years ago this coming fall the writer first began to be acquainted with the friendly church folks of this place, as a student entering Milton College. One of his closest chums made his home with the widow of Elder Nathan Wardner, and attended the church, an additional incentive to come here for worship. Here were found two encouragers and helpers toward the gospel ministry, Mrs. Martha Wardner, of sacred memory, and Rosa Davis, now of Riverside, Calif.

It was a pleasure to bring a gospel message of encouragement and challenge before so many friends, as well as a pleasant privilege to speak for him whose we are and whom we serve.

#### Open Circle Class

On Sunday night the writer was guest speaker at a monthly meeting of the Open Circle class of the Milton Sabbath school. Twenty-five people sat down to a picnic supper in the Homer Hess home in Janesville. Friendly conversation and fellowship were as greatly enjoyed as the bountiful meal—which is saying a good deal—if you knew the men who were present. At the business part of the meeting reports were made, new officers elected, and various projects for church comfort and betterment discussed. This Open Circle is well named, taking in all who are interested in helping promote interest in Bible study, social betterment, and other lines of Christian service. Its plan of monthly supper meetings was inaugurated, we learned, in 1934. By its efforts several major projects have been initiated and substantial financial contributions made.

Mrs. Clarke Todd, newly elected president, presented the speaker with an invitation to tell of the Canada trip. Prefacing with something of the field work and purposes of the Tract Board, he told of the interests in and around Edmonton and of the experiences there of himself and Pastor Randolph. Much interest was shown and favorable comment made.

The more people know of conditions, possibilities, and encouragements, the more they become interested to push on with the work represented by our denomination. Herein lies the value of such work as undertaken by the Tract, Missionary, and Women's societies.

When Paul and Barnabas returned from the first missionary journey they told of the work, and the church thanked God and took courage.

### A TRIP TO CANADA

By Rev. John F. Randolph

When Secretary H. C. Van Horn called at the Milton Junction parsonage and made it known that he desired the pastor to accompany him on a trip into Canada, even to the foot of the Alaskan Highway, the undertaking seemed stupendous. But the call seemed urgent and it was agreed that Secretary Van Horn should not make the trip alone. So having the will, a way was found. Provision was made for supervision of the last week of Daily Vacation Bible School, for a teacher for the intermediate department, and for supply of the pulpit. Provision was also made for the care of the family cow and her new calf; also for the care of the parsonage garden, which fell to the pastor's wife.

Any one who has traveled with or worked with Secretary Van Horn, a privilege the writer has had before, will know that the trip was a pleasant one; but the primary object of the trip was to contact some lone Sabbath keepers in Barrhead, Alberta, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Price, and their son, George Marshall Price, have been the sole Sabbath keepers in Barrhead during the past year, while the son was teaching in the local high school. That they had made a place for themselves in the village was evident to us during the four days we were in their home. The neighbors that dropped in, the topic of conversation so often on religious and moral questions, the salutations on the streets and in the places of business, their part in Red Cross and patriotic activities, showed that they were accepted as a real part of the community.

Many happy incidents in this home and community will long be remembered. There was always the morning and evening family worship, in which all took part. There was the neighbor who dropped in on Sabbath morning, asking for the prayers of the visiting ministers for a mentally depressed sister. The family circle again knelt in prayer in her behalf. Sabbath afternoon a preaching service was held in the home. Many neighbors were invited to this service, and to the small company in the home Secretary Van Horn gave a brief outline of Seventh Day

Baptist history. His traveling companion followed with a gospel sermon on the theme, "Our Place in Life." It was shown that every circumstance of life tends to adjust or re-adjust our evaluation of things, peoples, and qualities of character. War, educational systems, philosophies, history and its application, all become factors in our finding our place in life. But the great object of Christianity as an influence in this line is to give men everywhere a complete and true conception of values, and our place in life in regard to these values, just as Jesus showed the lawyers and Pharisees their need of readjustment in their evaluation of seats at the wedding feast (Luke 14).

We have heard much of the "United Church of Canada." In Barrhead (a village of eight hundred), there were besides the United Church, the Roman Catholic and the Anglican churches. The visiting Seventh Day Baptist ministers were heartily welcomed by Captain Graham, pastor of the United Church of Canada, and were invited to preach at their regular service on Sunday night. The invitation was gladly accepted. A short introduction on Seventh Day Baptists' place in history was followed by one of Secretary Van Horn's stirring sermons on the place and value of the Christian Church. The Church must have faith—a faith that manifests itself in action. The object of the Christian Church is not only to carry the gospel message, it is a way of life. It not only preaches the gospel, it must live it. The Church has a great commission—to all the world. It must not fail. The sermon was well received and commented upon by those in the audience. In fact, the visiting ministers from the States were most cordially received by all the good people of the village with whom they came in contact.

It was the custom of Pastor Graham and his wife after each Sunday night service to invite into their home a group of their parishioners for a social hour. This evening the visiting ministers as well as Mr. and Mrs. Price were invited with the rest. It was hard to realize we were among foreigners, or that we might be considered foreign. The hospitality of Christian people has something in common everywhere, but especially is this true on either side of our unguarded border with Canada.

We would express our appreciation of the gift of a friend which made it possible for the pastor of the Milton Junction Church to ac-

company Secretary Van Horn on this trip. And may God grant the corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society physical and spiritual strength to develop the contacts that he makes in so many places.

## MISSIONS

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Checks and money orders should be drawn to the order of Karl G. Stillman, Westerly, R. I.

### REPORT OF REV. LUTHER W. CRICHLAW

The reality of the present world conflict comes home to Jamaica more and more each day, though it is far removed from the area of actual conflict. Though not many Jamaicans are called upon to serve in the armed forces, there is the definite feeling that Jamaica, mainly through strong agricultural effort, is making definite contribution to the war effort. A few of our Seventh Day Baptist young men are at present in the United States as part of the thousands of West Indians imported to help solve the shortage of farm workers. I hope that our American brethren will make every effort to visit their Jamaica brethren in their camps.

Our work here is not unaffected by the war. Money is exceedingly scarce, especially among our people. Our people are for the most part "cultivators," or farmers, and they do not receive a good deal of money for their produce. Not a few complain that they cannot get sufficient lands to cultivate. As a result our people cannot support our work as strongly as they would like. Many of our brethren feel they cannot attend church due to lack of proper clothing. But all without exception feel they can thank God for his many daily blessings to them.

Our Jamaica conference, the first since the 1941 conference at Wakefield, was held during the Easter week-end, April 22-25, 1943, with the Kingston Church. Attendance at conference was numerically small, due mainly to the lack of finances on the part of our people and the scarcity and increased cost of public transportation, but the spiritual side was as great as ever. Our main problem at conference was how to raise funds to support the men whom we feel ought to be called to ordination. Pastors N. H. Grant and C. S. Ivons. Our delegates left conference for their home churches determined to increase

the financial giving of the home churches; as a result, in the two months since conference more churches than ever have contributed an increased amount of money to the Missionary Fund.

Your representative's chief efforts for the five years he soon will have been in Jamaica have been directed towards organizing our work, for when he came in 1938 he found the work unorganized. He was the moving spirit behind the adoption of the constitution of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference at the Wakefield conference in 1941. The constitution includes provision for the organizations we actually have at work now and those we hope will become realities in the near future. The conference sessions themselves, the Advisory Board, the Executive Council, and partially the Women's League are the organizations already at work for which provision was made in the constitution. The Missionary Fund and the Delegate Fund are the chief financial plans of our work, the former taking care of current missionary work, wages of workers, and other current expenses, and the latter mainly caring for the expenses of the conference sessions. The Jamaica S. D. B. Society for Christian Education is the organization which is not yet fully a reality, but even with that we have for some three years been raising funds for the school we need right this moment and which we hope will become a reality in the very near future. Provision is made in the constitution for any property that the conference may in the future own.

The Advisory Board, formerly called the Central Committee, was organized at 1938 Luna conference, but had its first meeting in December, 1938, soon after the arrival of your representative in 1938. So the writer has been with the Advisory Board, not from its birth, but at least from its earliest infancy until the present. Through the Advisory Board the writer has tried to teach our Jamaica brethren something of Seventh Day Baptist history, polity, methods, and aims. He has given our native workers an ever increasing share in the responsibility for carrying on our work. Every capable worker in this field has had all the opportunity and all the responsibility to which his talents have entitled him, and this has been decided, not by the writer, but by the Advisory Board. There is not one single worker but who has publicly admitted time and time again in the meetings of the Advisory Board that our native men

have more opportunity and more responsibility today than they ever have had since Seventh Day Baptists were organized in this island. The only complaint of the writer in this respect is that our workers have refused to take more responsibility. The Executive Council was thought of by the writer, organized by the Advisory Board, and approved by the 1941 Wakefield conference, to deal with delicate matters requiring mature consideration. In January, 1942, the writer turned over the control of the financial help the American Missionary Board sends into this field each month, and that sum is woefully inadequate, into the hands of the Executive Council; so the Executive Council controls also the question of the wages each worker is to receive.

The Jamaica S. D. B. Women's League, through its Women's Board, is organized and working, though a constitution for it has not yet been drafted. Slowly but surely the women are coming to realize the possibilities of service to our work open to them. Their main interest thus far has been the gathering of funds for what we call the School Fund. Every Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist wants a school of our own in this island, and all are unanimous in asserting that no other single thing would make for the rapid advancement of our work like a school. I would that I had sufficient influence with the American Missionary Board so that I could convince you one and all of this great truth which every Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist knows. So much do all Jamaicans, and especially our women, want a school, that they have contributed nearly twenty-two pounds (nearly \$100) to our School Fund. This will not seem like very much to our American brethren, and it is less according to the British standard, but when it is called to mind that our women have made programs the proceeds from which have rarely amounted to more than ten or fifteen shillings, and that our people have been trying hard at the same time to support our missionary work by their giving, something of the true nature of the amount above named begins to be seen. Our Jamaica brethren want a school and they are trying to help themselves, and have actually started to raise funds; they, therefore, deserve to be helped. Provision is made in the conference constitution for the drafting and adoption of a constitution for the Jamaica Society for Christian Education. The work of drafting such a constitution still remains to be done.

Our work for the year ending June 30, 1943, has been moving forward slowly. Two severe losses to our work during the year have been the loss of the services of Rev. C. L. Smellie as one of the visiting pastors to the field, on the ground of ill health, though he still carries on as pastor at Luna, and the dropping of Brother I. R. Smith as one of the pastors of the Jamaica conference because of charges made against him which he admitted were true. Every effort was made to see that this latter received justice. A full report of the matter was made to Secretary W. L. Burdick. The status of the Albion Mountain Church, where Brother Smith is at present, is uncertain. It has nevertheless been reported as being still a Seventh Day Baptist church in the accompanying statistical report.

Since your representative will soon be leaving this field, he wishes to take this opportunity to thank all those churches and individuals, of which both there have been not a few over the years, for the financial help they have given this field from time to time. He wishes to thank especially the women of the Westerly Church for a personal financial gift they made to his wife and himself at the last Christmas season. He wishes to thank those individuals who, seeing the recent reports in the Recorder, have sent contributions towards helping young men in this field prepare themselves for our ministry in this island.

There is one young man, Brother Octavius A. Thompson, who is at present in Kingston studying with your representative in his home three days a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from nine in the morning until twelve noon. He is studying two subjects, arithmetic and English grammar, and is doing fairly well in them. Your representative thought when he came to this field that he would be able to convince the Missionary Board of the need of this field for a school and that by this time the school, even if on a modest scale, would have been a reality. That hope has thus far proved vain. But as Brother Thompson was determined to prepare himself for our ministry and your representative encouraged him, the writer has been teaching him since February of this year. The successor missionary to this field, the writer expects, will continue to teach Brother Thompson. We need educated ministers in this field. Three or four years of study now will mean well for our work in this island

in the future. So it may truthfully be said that Seventh Day Baptists have a school in Jamaica, however modest it may be and regardless of the fact that there is but one student at present. There are other young men in the island who, if they had the opportunity, would be studying for our ministry.

The Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference extends greetings in Christ's name to the American Seventh Day Baptist Conference as the latter meets soon in Alfred in its one hundred thirty-first session. May God bless the work that shall be done in his name and for the advancement of his kingdom here in this world. The brethren of Jamaica send greetings and wish to thank Seventh Day Baptists in the United States for all the help, financial and otherwise, they have given to Jamaica.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. Crichlow,  
Missionary to Jamaica.

Kingston, Ja., B. W. I.,  
July 9, 1943.

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### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor:

There is a letter here on file from a lad for many years an invalid. He lives in one of the parishes where I have had the privilege of being his pastor. In this letter there is a glowing anticipation of attending his first Conference at Alfred this summer. This boy with many others who have been looking forward to this Conference with similar anticipations has my sincere sympathy. I think that it has already been suggested that we make this Conference Sabbath an occasion for a special service of prayer for the promotion of the work to which God has called us. May I present this additional suggestion? Let every one who was anticipating the joy of attending this Conference forward to our denominational treasurer the amount of money it would have taken to cover the expenses of this trip, and designate it for the Denominational Budget. I assume that the contributions thus made would balance the Budget. Would not that long desired result afford as much inspiration and exhilaration as the most thrilling address that some leader has been preparing for that occasion?

T. J. Van Horn.

Daytona Beach, Fla.

## WOMAN'S WORK

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

### A PRAYER IN SUMMER

O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we lift up our hearts to thee in this season of growth when we see about us the ripening of the promise of bread for the eater and seed for the sower. Favor with thy gracious blessing the labors of the husband man as he toils in the field, and of his helpmate as she preserves the kindly fruits of the earth against the coming of the winter. May their strength be sufficient to bear the heat and burden of the day.

Be with the children released from the work of the schools. May they find joy in nature; and, as they study thy Word in the Vacation School, may they come to know one another, their teachers, the skills of head and hand and, above all, to know thee, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life.

Bless those summer visitors who come to our country-side that they may find true rest, health, and renewed strength, and give to them a sense of genuine companionship with those who live all the year on the land. All this we ask in the spirit of him who loved nature and human nature, who delighted in the sparkle and sheen of this visible world, and who brought to men authentic tidings of invisible things. Amen.

—Kenneth C. MacArthur.

### BOOK LIST FOR THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION LITERATURE COMMITTEE

When our busy week days are brought to a rest period by the Sabbath, we often ask ourselves "What shall I read?" During these strenuous days our reading material should hold a proper balance as to values. Religious reading should be a daily habit, if we are to read material of the times with the right attitude. The person who uses Bible readings for daily living has a source of fundamental principles of living.

The time which is ours for choosing and reading other material must be wisely spent these days when factual, provocative, and recreative reading may fill the leisure parts of our day. Such time could be used in the worth-while type of reading. Titles of books do not select for us in many cases, but often suggestive material of authors of note and

readers of an extensive amount of literature can help us in our limited time.

It is with this in mind I was asked to prepare this reading list for our Central Association Literature Committee.

Doctor Butterick has suggested the following as some of the best books for the year:

"The Place Where Thou Standest," Paul Scherer, Harper, \$1.50.

"The Man of the Hour," Winifred Kirkland, Macmillan, \$1.75.

"The Hope of a New World," William Temple, Macmillan, \$1.35.

"Faith Under Fire," Michael Coleman, Scribner, \$1.50.

"Invitation to Pilgrimage," John Baillie, Scribner, \$1.50.

#### Other books:

"Faith for Today" (Five Faiths Look at the World), Doubleday Doran & Co., New York, \$2.

"The Great Adventure of Living," Winifred Rhodes, Lippincott Co., New York, N. Y., \$2.

"Which Way Ahead," Walter Russell Bowie, Harper Brothers.

"The Three Meanings," Harry E. Fosdick, Associated Press, \$2.50.

"On Being a Real Person," H. E. Fosdick, Harper Brothers, \$2.50.

"God Is Doing It," Wentworth Bryon Winslow, Dodd, Mead Co., \$2.

"What Is the Church Doing?" Henry P. Van Dusen, Scribner, \$1.

#### Books suggested for soldiers:

"Strength for Service to God and Country," Chaplain Norman Nygaard.

"A Testament of Devotion," Thomas R. Kelly, Harper Bros., \$1.

#### Novels:

"The Robe," Douglas, \$2.75.

"Nazarene," Sholem Asch, Putnam Co.

"The Apostle" (To be published in fall of 1943), Sholem Asch, Putnam Co.

#### Children's Books:

"Stories to Live By," Gertrude McKelvey (This explains the Beatitudes for children).

"The Story of the Bible," Muriel S. Curtis, Macmillan Co., \$1.75 (for ages 9 to 14). The author is Professor of Biblical History at Wellesley College and has done a real service for parents in preparing this collection of tales from the Bible.

Helen E. Brown,  
First Brookfield Church.

"Two principal causes of the drink habit are: (1) inheritance of a weak nervous system and (2) parental example."

## 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.

### BOOKS ARE GOOD COMPANY

Standard C. E. Topic for Senior Meeting  
of August 14, 1943

By Evelyn Ring

Francis Meehan, in his book, "Living Upstairs," pictures the house of life as a two-story structure. Downstairs we carry on the ordinary tasks and duties of life. Upstairs we have a different outlook and associate with better company. Upstairs we enjoy symphonies, delight in poetry, talk with our book friends, re-create the past so as to become better able to understand the present. Upstairs every path leads upward. Life upstairs is largely a reading life.

Reading is a most satisfactory way of spending leisure time. It calls for no special equipment; it does not require the co-operation of other persons; it can be pursued in all moods, for five minutes or five hours a day. Reading diverts our attention from the ordinary occupations of the downstairs. It puts us in excellent company, for great books are great men at their best.

Books give a deeper meaning and interest to living. There is nothing in the most humdrum occupation that cannot be made more interesting or more useful through books. They are inexhaustible sources of pleasure. They bring to us the life of the past and the present. They supply unlimited resources.

You may think it strange to suggest book companions when the world is so full of people, when you can always be with a friend or with a crowd. However, there are times when even in a crowd it is possible to be very lonely. People who turn to books for companionship are seldom lonely. As has been pointed out by reading enthusiasts, books are friends who will come when desired, bringing amusement, counsel, comfort, confidence; friends who may be dismissed at will, and who may be chosen to suit whatever mood or interest is present. They make us more sensitive to the best emotions of life. One of the best reasons for reading is companionship.

Today we seem to be living in a badly snarled world, confused and alarmed. Under

the high pressure of our war-time living we ask ourselves, how is time for reading to be found? The only answer is that those who like to read will somehow find time for it. We all find time for those things which are vital to us. Even a few minutes of daily reading will, after a while, have brought a rich reward. Happiness gained through reading means more now than at any other time.

The books of today reflect the thoughts, the ideals, the weaknesses, and strength of today; they point out the path on which we are traveling; they interpret its conflicts and problems. Good modern books have one common purpose—the pursuit of truth. By living upstairs and by knowing the fellowship of books we draw nearer and nearer to goodness, beauty, understanding, and truth.

905 E. Brockton,  
Redlands, Calif.

### RECOMMENDED CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

#### The Robe

By Lloyd C. Douglas

(The story of the soldier who tossed for Christ's robe and won.)

For thirty years the author of "Magnificent Obsession," "Disputed Passage," and other widely known novels, has been preparing to write this book. It is now complete, and a lifetime of thought, research, and planning has made of it the author's longest and by far his most important book. It is a distinguished, disturbing, and exciting novel about another terrible era in history not unlike our own. To the production of this story, the author has been able to bring not only his recognized competence as a novelist but some thirty years of diligent inquiry into the career of the Man of Galilee and the group of immortals who found his friendship of more value than their blood.

From an Interview in the New York Times

With L. C. Douglas

By Robert van Gelder

"My father was a country parson, a quite old man when I first began to think and notice. He was fifty years old when I was born; he had reached a steadiness, a pronounced philosophical point of view, and he had time for me. He would take me out of school sometimes, and I'd drive with him over the country roads on sick calls, to funerals, to weddings, behind a plodding old horse. I was an old hand at funerals when I was eight years old.

"Father had kept up his Greek and he coached me in Greek as we rode behind that old horse. He also stressed the importance of English—he'd

rather have heard me cuss than make a grammatical mistake.

"Father loved to tell stories and I've seen many a farmer right on the edge of a bench hanging on every word Father said. They were the old Bible stories, but Father thought of every one in the Bible as alive, and he made them seem alive. And if he needed to throw in a little drama to make the story even more interesting, why he threw it in.

"Well, I grew up and became a preacher and told stories, but I wanted to write. . . ."

Lloyd Douglas has realized that ambition. Since 1929 he has been writing some of the most successful novels of our generation. His latest work, "The Robe," goes back to those early days of his father's Bible stories. It is the wisest and most deeply felt of all his books.

#### The Bible

Seven things to which the Bible is likened:

1. A flame—Jer. 5: 14.
2. A hammer—Jer. 23: 29.
3. A life giver—Ezek. 37: 7.
4. A saving power—Rom. 1: 16.
5. A sword—Eph. 6: 17.
6. A prober—Heb. 4: 12.
7. A washer—Eph. 5: 26.

The Bible is the story of a personal God who deals with personal sin by sending a personal Savior to purchase for each of us a personal salvation.

#### OUR OWN POETS

##### Contact

Just the hem of his robe she touched,  
And touching, was made whole;  
He perceived that virtue went out  
To heal this trusting soul.

If just the hem could do all that,  
What would the whole robe do?  
But the robe without him is naught;  
Christ is the way so true.

B. P. D.

##### The Robe

The robe, the robe, what became of his robe?  
The soldiers cast lots for it.  
And what did the one who won it do,  
What did he do with it?

After he had experienced that death  
And had tried on the robe,  
How did he feel? Was there some effect,  
Some effect on his life?

Betty Parvin Dunn.

Shiloh, N. J.

#### TRY THIS WITH YOUR JUNIORS

The juniors like Bible puzzles. The little paper, "The Bible Club Reporter," is only thirty cents a year and furnishes many helpful puzzles, stories, and suggestions for juniors. The address is Bible Club Movement, c/o Miss Bessie Traber, Schaff Building, 15th and Race Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. Geo.

#### LEWIS CAMP

Ashaway, Rhode Island, August 3-12, 1943.  
Ages: 12 to 20. Fee—\$8, which includes all meals.

Worship — Classes — Sports — Campfire  
— Friends — Fun.

#### WE CARRY ON

With the year 1942-43 behind us it is now time to think of making efforts to insure another profitable year for our denominational boards and other agencies through which the General Conference carries on its work. For the first time in the memory of many Seventh Day Baptists there will be no session of the Conference. That means that, in great part, the programs of work will have to proceed largely on the same basis of support as for the year just closed. There will be lacking the inspiration that has come from meeting and planning together to initiate new programs and strengthen the plans already laid. In all this the Conference will have to depend very largely on the extra effort of existing agencies and especially on the enthusiastic support of the pastors, who are the appointed leaders in the churches.

The Committee to Promote the Financial Program is feeling some reluctance to commence a campaign for the new year without an appointment from the Conference. But the work must be done, and, until notified to the contrary, the committee will assume that its appointment will hold over for the coming year.

In its last communication, both in the Recorder and to the churches, stress was laid on the fact that the summer months have always been considered as the "lean months" of the year. But now with the postponement of the session of the Conference it would seem quite imperative that every agency and every individual should exercise a little more thought and care over making sure that there shall be no relaxation in effort—and certainly no relaxation in liberality of support

for the groups which have the responsibility for carrying out the missionary, educational, evangelical, and promotional work of the Conference.

There are encouraging features in the economic and political world; why should not we be encouraged to proceed with determination in making sure that no part of the work entrusted to us shall suffer through neglect. Certainly there is need for a program of practical and applied Christianity. Certainly now is no time to be weary in well doing, and especially in liberality.

Committee to Promote the  
Financial Program.

#### CHILDREN'S PAGE

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

#### WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH LITTLE THINGS

(Continued)

But now about the old lady's store cupboard. It was almost bare. All she had in it was a handful of flour at the bottom of a barrel and a little bit of olive oil in a jug. There had not been a drop of rain for over three years, so the crops had withered away and everybody was starving. She was just about to take her last meal of the flour and oil when the prophet Elijah met her. He, too, was very hungry, and asked her for food.

The old lady replied that she had practically nothing left, that her store cupboard was just about empty, and the little she had left was to make the last meal for herself and her son. Then Elijah asked her to do a very hard thing. He said, "You make me a cake first." It sounds very mean of him; but he surely wouldn't have said it if he had not believed for sure that God would do something for the poor woman in return. He promised her, "The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth."

She was a noble old soul. Starving though she was, she gave away the little she had to someone else. And God kept his promise made through his servant Elijah. Something happened to that store cupboard. I don't know what it was, but every time the poor widow went to the barrel or to the oil jug she always found all she required. The barrel was never empty, and the jug never ran dry. I think the angels must have had lots of pleas-

ure filling them up when the old lady wasn't looking.

But just think of it—in the midst of a dried-up country and among a starving people, that dear old lady and her son were kept supplied with food for twelve months until the next season's crops were gathered—and all because she put God first and gave her all to him.

And don't you think that if God could look after that old lady's store cupboard, he can look after boys and girls today? I am sure he can. But it all depends on our putting him first, and giving him all we have.

Now you want to know about that little boy's lunch. This is the most remarkable of all.

One morning a mother living in Galilee stood in the door and waved good-bye to her boy who was going off to spend the day in the fields. She had put up a lunch for him—five large buns, and two small fishes.

So off he went, happy as a lark, looking for something with which to amuse himself for the day. Seeing a number of people running, he joined them, and asked one of them where they were going. Then he learned that Jesus, the great teacher and healer, had crossed over to the other side of the lake by boat and these people were running to meet him there. Thinking this a good opportunity to see Jesus and watch him heal the people, the boy decided to run on with the others. As they drew near the place where Jesus was standing, the boy found himself in the midst of a vast crowd of people, all eager to get as near to Jesus as they could. Only with great difficulty did the boy manage to squeeze himself near to the front. At last he reached a place where he could see what was happening and listen to what Jesus was saying.

So this was the Jesus of whom he had heard so much! How glad he was to see him! What a strong yet kindly face he had! What searching eyes! Thrilled with wonder and delight, the boy watched the healing of the sick, the deaf, the dumb, and the blind, and listened to the beautiful words that came from the Savior's lips. His heart was won, his love captured.

"Surely," he thought, "this must be the Messiah for whom my people have waited so long! If only I could speak to him, or touch his hand, or do for him some little service!"

Just then he saw Jesus turn to one of the men who were standing close by him, "Philip," said Jesus, "whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" Immediately the thought passed through the boy's mind that perhaps Jesus was hungry and had forgotten to bring any food with him. He thought of his lunch. Just then Andrew caught sight of the lad. "See," he called to Jesus, "there is a lad here with five barley loaves and two small fishes."

Jesus looked over at the boy, and saw that he was offering his lunch. I'm sure his heart was touched at the sight, for he knows so well how precious are lunches to boys. As for the boy, he was repaid by the beautiful smile of appreciation that he received. He was only too pleased that his gift had been accepted.

To the boy's surprise, Jesus did not eat the lunch. Instead, he held it in his hands while he asked his disciples to tell the people to sit down and prepare for dinner, "But he is surely not going to feed all this crowd with my little lunch!" said the boy to himself. But Jesus did not seem the least bit disturbed by the large family he had asked to dine on so small a supply of food.

When all the people were seated, Jesus bowed his head and asked his Father to bless the food. Then he began to break the buns into pieces and pass them to the disciples to hand around to the people.

(Concluded next week)

—Sent by Mrs. Raymond Prati,  
Schenectady, N. Y.

### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas death has entered our ranks and removed our sister, Mrs. Gertrude Case Smith, who was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Syracuse since July 27, 1925; therefore be it

**Resolved,** That we deeply feel the loss we have sustained in the death of a beloved and loyal member who has endeared herself to young and old.

**Resolved,** That while we miss her presence, we rejoice that her influence will still be a living factor among us.

**Resolved,** That her uprightness, kindness, and Christian character were such as commended her to our highest esteem.

Edith C. Spaid,  
Secretary.

## OUR PULPIT

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

Do you honestly believe that this is the last war and that the outcome will be the "new order," when there will be no more unemployment, no more oppression, everyone prosperous and happy?

Some of our statesmen say we must strike at the root cause of war. What is the cause, and where is the remedy?

Some of us think that universal socialism is the solution, others suggest monetary reform—a decent standard of living, etc.

Presumably there will be an armistice and the belligerent nations sitting at the peace table will proceed to carve up the earth's surface, taking from the vanquished and allocating to the victors, and this will doubtless be followed by many sincere political efforts for social reform. Do you believe that our leaders are sufficiently altruistic to bring about such a state of society as we all so earnestly desire—peace, security, prosperity, content? Are we who are led, sufficiently unselfish as to give our whole-hearted co-operation to the establishment of this new order? Will the representatives of all nations rise from the peace table feeling that they have had a perfectly square deal and believing that they are at last about to realize the brotherhood of man?

Is there any reason to believe that we are now quite ready to "pull our weight" and to sacrifice our own pleasures and our own ambitions, if needs be, in order to establish this better world?

No! We are not ready! Surely we are very much on the down grade. Our morality is at a very low ebb; the spiritual life of the nation is at a discount; men and women have little time for religion, especially if the observance interferes with their pleasures or their profit. Christianity today is regarded by most of us as old fashioned and uninteresting, but all forms of vanity, greed, and vice are flourishing. We cannot shut our eyes to the mischief in our midst. We see it all around us, and our newspapers are full of it—divorces, unfaithful husbands, unfaithful wives; wanton girls, sly-grog "clubs"; street brawls, drunkenness, defiant young people beyond parental control—these are the more definite signs of the times. The moral character of the so-called civilized world is rapidly disin-

tegrating; home ties and the sanctity of the marriage bond increasingly deteriorate with the passing of each decade.

Then what of the future? What is the alternative? Generations of politicians have failed to produce a better world, and our wisest statesman cannot arrest this spiritual decay. Then why have we descended into this chaotic state? Is it not because we have forgotten the Ten Commandments? We have grown careless and departed from the code of conduct as taught by the Man of Galilee, nearly two thousand years ago.

The teachings of Jesus Christ present us with a standard which precludes all forms of greed, self-seeking, jealousy, war-mongering, and vice, and these teachings magnify or fulfill the Ten Commandments. Matthew 5: 17. "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

It is said that the average Britisher will do anything to defend his Bible; he will fight for it and will die for it, in fact he will do anything but read it and yet it contains the whole history of the human race in general, and his own destiny in particular, and incidentally an unerring description of those last riotous days: Read Matthew 24 and 2 Timothy, 3, 4 chapters; you will find therein described a state of affairs which surely fits this present age in which we now live and if this is insufficient, read Daniel, chapter 12, verse 4, wherein, speaking of the last days it states, "Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased." This is a very striking quotation; contrast the leisurely pace of even fifty years ago with the hurry and bustle of today. The horse and the sailing ship have been replaced by the motorcar and the mail steamer, and now comes the aeroplane, traveling at from two hundred to three hundred miles per hour. Can we conceive of any faster mode of travel? Where are the humble folks whose horizon was limited to their own village or home town? Compare the general level of knowledge and education of our grandparents with those of today. Do we rush to and fro, and has knowledge been increased?

There are those amongst us who regard the Bible as a fable based on superstition. They want proofs. A very natural desire too, and God has provided for this when he says, "The very stones shall cry out." And this they do. Archaeologists and excavators are continually unearthing tablets and other relics

which confirm the Biblical stories of Babylon, Nineveh, Egypt, Assyria, and Palestine, and if this is not sufficient evidence then we have the history of the Jews and their persecutions, just as foretold in the Scriptures. And finally let us consider that if the story and life of Jesus Christ are but fables, then it is remarkable that this supposed fable has endured through the ages, has survived all organized onslaughts, and has dominated the course of history.

Where today is the influence of the Cæsars, of Alexander the Great, of Napoleon, all mighty men of their day, and yet men whose characters practically died with them; while the influence and character of Christ remains and is manifested in such men as Martin Luther, John Wesley, Wm. Penn, Hudson-Taylor, Livingstone, etc.

Every town and village in the British Empire, in Europe, and in America has its church or churches—monuments to the Founder of Christianity. Where, today, are the monuments to the Cæsars, to Alexander, and to Napoleon? Strange how persistent is this "fable." (See 2 Timothy, chapter 4, verses 3 and 5.) "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves, teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

We have been taught that God is love and with this definite statement we have sometimes raised the question, "Why does God allow this terrible war?" The answer to this is contained in a very few words, James 4, 1, 2: "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not; ye kill and desire to have, and cannot obtain; ye fight and war, ye have not, because ye ask not."

God is asking, Why do the people disregard me, my Book, and my Son?

Christianity does not necessarily mean "Churchianity," and it is possible for a person to be a great theologian, literally stuffed with religion, and yet lacking in Christian love and charity, bereft of the desire to serve the God who made all things, and to whom we are all eventually answerable for our conduct in this world.

It is to be regretted that there are today, as there always have been since the dawn of

Christianity, ministers of religion so immersed in the church tradition, and so accommodating to the worldly outlook, that they have little resemblance to the extremely humble character of the Savior. However 1 Peter, chapter 4, verse 17, assures us that the judgment will begin at the house of God; nevertheless the course of the Christian is plainly indicated: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." "He that is a friend of the world, is an enemy of God."

"Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

It would be easy for most of us to say, "I treat others as I like them to treat me. I pay twenty shillings in the pound and do no harm to anyone, etc." Yet this is not enough; that simply means being a respectable, law-abiding citizen. God requires much more than this easy-going philosophy. We are called upon to forsake the pomps and vanities of the world and to abandon our relentless pursuit of pleasure, comfort, and money and to make Jesus Christ the center and the orbit of everyday life in the home, and work and in our recreation. Furthermore we are called upon to faithfully obey the Ten Commandments—not some of them, but all of them, and this self-imposed loyalty to God and his Son will estrange us to the frivolities of this world. In short, our spiritual inclinations would transcend these things and we should lose the desire for unworthy pursuits. Instead of being known as "good sports," we should probably be described as "straight-laced," "stuck-up," "killjoys," etc., probably subjected to a great deal of scorn and ridicule; but being, through prayer, in frequent communication with our Father, these trials will not be difficult to bear. We have an outstanding assurance of this: (Matthew 11: 29, 30)—"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Perhaps we are thinking that all this involves too much sacrifice. Is it worth while? We might give up a few things and perhaps devote a little more time to spiritual things! But no, we must go all the way. We cannot compromise with God Almighty and we realize, too, that we have really, at best, only a few years in this world and then what? Furthermore, we should very much like to see this world improved; its vanities and vices swept away, and yet we cannot leave it all for the other fellow to put into practice. We

cannot avoid our responsibilities. We must do our share in helping to place our Savior, Jesus Christ, in the forefront of all our activities.

Can we visualize our football matches opening with a prayer; our union meetings, our business meetings, our social gatherings, all opening with prayer, and thus being handed over to Divine Guidance? When we are willing—nay, eager—to hand over this much of our daily lives to our Maker for his blessing and his guidance, we shall then have prepared a "new order" far beyond the scope of politicians and social leaders.

Are we prepared to do our part? Whether "Labor" or "National" is in or out will make no real difference, except to our injured feelings; our selfish natures cannot be changed by acts of Parliament, restrictions (upon the other chap), licenses, and form-filling. Willing (not compulsory) obedience to the "eleven" commandments will usher in the new order and bring about the return of Jesus Christ to this distracted world.

(This pamphlet is sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Church, who meet for prayer and study at 11 a.m. every Saturday morning. Sabbath school at 9.45 a.m., in the Orange Hall, Newton Road, Auckland, New Zealand. Pastor, F. S. Johnson, Arapito Road, Titirangi.)

### DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Marlboro, N. J.

On Memorial Sabbath, May 29, the Marlboro Church held a special service of dedication at which they dedicated a Christian flag, a United States, and a service flag. The Christian and United States flags were given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cook, in memory of their son Allen, who was in the navy and who was accidentally killed on his Christmas furlough home. The service flag, which has thirteen stars, including the gold star for Allen Cook, was given by the Marlboro C. E. Society. The service was very impressive and we hope it will deepen our loyalty to our Master, make us better citizens, and help us to remember our boys by prayer and letter and to realize that they are fighting our battles for us.

The church entertained the Shiloh Church in the joint communion service on Sabbath day, June 26. The two churches enjoy a joint communion service twice a year, meeting with the Shiloh Church on the third Sabbath in November, and with the Marlboro Church, the fourth Sabbath in June. This custom was started in 1839, and has continued for one

hundred four years. This has become a most sacred and treasured institution and it helps in a wonderful way to strengthen that spiritual tie that binds us together as one people. May this institution long continue.

After the morning service at the church on Sabbath day, July 10, the congregation adjourned to beautiful Rhodo Lake, a short distance from the church, where the pastor had the privilege of baptizing five young people. They were: Frances Davis, Leland and Charles Cobb, Howard Ayars, and Philip Davis. All of these united with the church except the last one mentioned and we hope he will desire to join the church later.

Last Sabbath day, the four young people received into the church were given the right hand of fellowship by their pastor.

Sgt. Philip Lewis was home the first two Sabbaths of July. Alfred Lewis, who is in the merchant marine, was home on the third and seventeenth of July. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lewis have five sons in the service. Besides Philip and Alfred, above mentioned, there are Jr. Lt. Ford Lewis, Pvt. Norman Lewis, and Murray Lewis.

Last Sabbath, July 17, we were glad to have Lt. and Mrs. William R. Lawrence with us at the Sabbath morning service. Lt. Lawrence is stationed in New York City but makes his home at Pearl River, N. Y.

On Sunday, July 18, the juniors enjoyed a wiener roast on an outdoor fireplace at the home of their superintendent, Mrs. Herbert L. Cottrell. H. L. C.

Alfred Station, N. Y.

The Daily Vacation Bible School came to a close Sabbath day, with the children in full charge of the morning service. During the two weeks there were a total of thirty students enrolled, averaging around twenty-five daily. Following the worship service all who attended church had a chance to see the display of work done by the children.

The superintendent of the Sabbath school wishes to thank all those who helped to make the summer school a success—especially the teachers, Miss Genevieve Greene, Mrs. Randall Palmiter, Miss Jean Palmiter, and Mrs. Harold Allen for their splendid co-operation and faithful attendance.

—Alfred Sun, July 22.

White Cloud, Mich.

At an impressive service witnessed by the whole camp and many others, two of our campers, Mary Lou Jontz of Grand Rapids,

and Betty Peterson, received baptism. These girls tell us that they are going to keep the Sabbath, though that subject was not taught much in camp.

Many are asking for news about the chaplaincy of Pastor Maltby. All application papers with necessary recommendations were completed and sent in this week. The General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains will make a thorough investigation, which will take five or six weeks. It may be a month after that before we know definitely about the appointment.

—White Cloud Church Bulletin.

Dodge Center, Minn.

Pastor Thorngate is conducting a class for the intermediate young people to instruct them in the faith and practices of the Seventh Day Baptist doctrines, preparing the way for baptism and membership in the church.

Mrs. Schwarg has furnished us with the following clipping: Dr. Herbert N. Wheeler is retiring, effective September 30, after thirty-eight years in the service. Dr. Wheeler entered the Forest Service in July, 1905, as forest guard of Gunnison National Forest, Colo. In November of that year he was promoted to assistant forest ranger, and in April 1906, was made supervisor of the Montezuma Forest. He served for the next fourteen years as forest supervisor of the Medicine Bow, Cleveland, and Colorado National Forests. On January 1, 1921, he was assigned to Public Relations work in the regional office at Denver, Colo., and served in that position until November, 1924, when he was transferred to the Washington office to organize and conduct educational campaigns in states working with the Federal Government in protection of forests against fires. In this position Doctor Wheeler has prepared and delivered, both by radio and before audiences, educational lectures, and otherwise conducted educational campaigns for the reduction of forest fires and for the extension of interest in and knowledge of the correct management of private timber and woodlands. Altogether Doctor Wheeler has delivered 3,975 lectures and 150 radio talks, reaching approximately one million people.

—Dodge Center Star-Record.

Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Brother Van Horn:

You will find enclosed the treasurer's weekly report, Nos. 5-7. A small beginning usually encourages a good ending. Too much



money to start with encourages wrong thinking on the part of some local members, who then would shirk their individual responsibilities. Hence this slow growth.

Eight weeks have passed since May 22. During this period a total of 268 door to door calls in vicinity of the Dray family included as many pieces of literature, nine successive numbers so far per home, in proper rotation respectively. Total number of homes covered last week was fifty-seven.

The first two to three weeks the neighboring children attended a couple of times under the influence of the Dray family. As soon as the parents learned the children were being drilled in memorizing the Ten Commandments, etc., the parents prohibited the children from attending.

At the end of the sixth week two to three families who had been influenced by reading the literature, assisted by the personal call, began to promise to attend the Sabbath school. On the eighth week two homes were represented in our Sabbath school, and we can say that the literature home-to-home campaign won the battle for good. There are several homes that will respond in the near future.

Our treasurer is to mail you \$1 this week, as you will notice on the enclosed record No. 7.

Elmer M. Juhl.

July 19, 1943.

### ALCOHOL A DEPRESSANT

It is strange that so many people believe alcohol to be a stimulant. It is not. Concerning this there is no difference of opinion in the scientific world. A stimulant has been defined as "a substance which will increase the force, frequency, speed, amount, or effectiveness of one or more of the functions of the body."

Alcohol is not a stimulant; it is a depressant. A depressant has been scientifically defined as "a substance which alters one or more of our bodily functions by reducing speed, strength, or quality."

The apparent stimulating effect of alcohol is due to its suppression of the inhibitions. Functioning is not increased in power or speed, but it "runs wild," uncontrolled by the higher brain. This is why the drinker "talks like a fool"; he or she has temporarily lost the restraining influence of discretion and discrimination.—The Voice of Bd. of Temperance, Methodist Church.

## MARRIAGES

**Bottoms - Putnam.** — Miss Maxine Jeanne Putnam, daughter of Mrs. Minnie Putnam of 69 Walter Avenue and the late Delmar M. Putnam, was married to Lieut. George D. Bottoms of Lexington, Ky., son of Mrs. B. H. Bottoms of Athens, Ala., on July 3, 1943, in the Seventh Day Baptist church, Battle Creek, Mich., with Rev. E. M. Holston officiating.

**Burdick - Norman.** — H. Lawrence Burdick of Milton, Wis., and Dorothy V. Norman of Parkersburg, W. Va., were united in marriage in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist church on June 29, 1943, Pastor Carroll L. Hill officiating. The new home is at 325 W. Main St., Apt. 101, Madison, Wis.

**Clocker - Lowther.** — Edwin T. Clocker of St. Paul, Minn., and Virginia G. Lowther of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist church on May 23, 1943, Pastor Carroll L. Hill officiating. The new home is at 1366 Raymond Ave., St. Paul (8), Minn.

**Fitz Randolph - Vail.** — Pvt. Charles Irwin Fitz Randolph, son of Rev. and Mrs. John Fitz Randolph of Milton Junction, Wis., and Miss Marian Suzanne Vail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Vail of Benton, Wis., were united in marriage on June 26, 1943, in Army Chapel 1020, at Camp Crowder, Mo., by Chaplain Claude S. Dayton. They were attended by Pvt. Ivan H. Fitz Randolph and Mrs. Don McCarthy. Twenty-five members of the groom's company attended the wedding.

## OBITUARY

**Coon.** — In Westerly, R. I., June 23, 1943, Adele Bowman Coon, wife of the late Louis S. Coon, aged 78 years.

Mrs. Coon was the daughter of Charles and Mary Kingham Bowman and was born at Ashaway, R. I., October 26, 1864. She was united in marriage with Louis S. Coon and came to Westerly to live more than fifty years ago. She was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. For many years she was a teacher in the Sabbath school. She was active in the work of the Woman's Aid society and had served as president. She loved the beautiful and was artistic in decorative work. Community interests claimed a share of her time. It was with great reluctance that she relinquished her labors because of ill health.

Mrs. Coon is survived by her son, Louis Bowman Coon of North Plainfield, N. J., and by a grandson, Louis Bowman Coon, Jr.

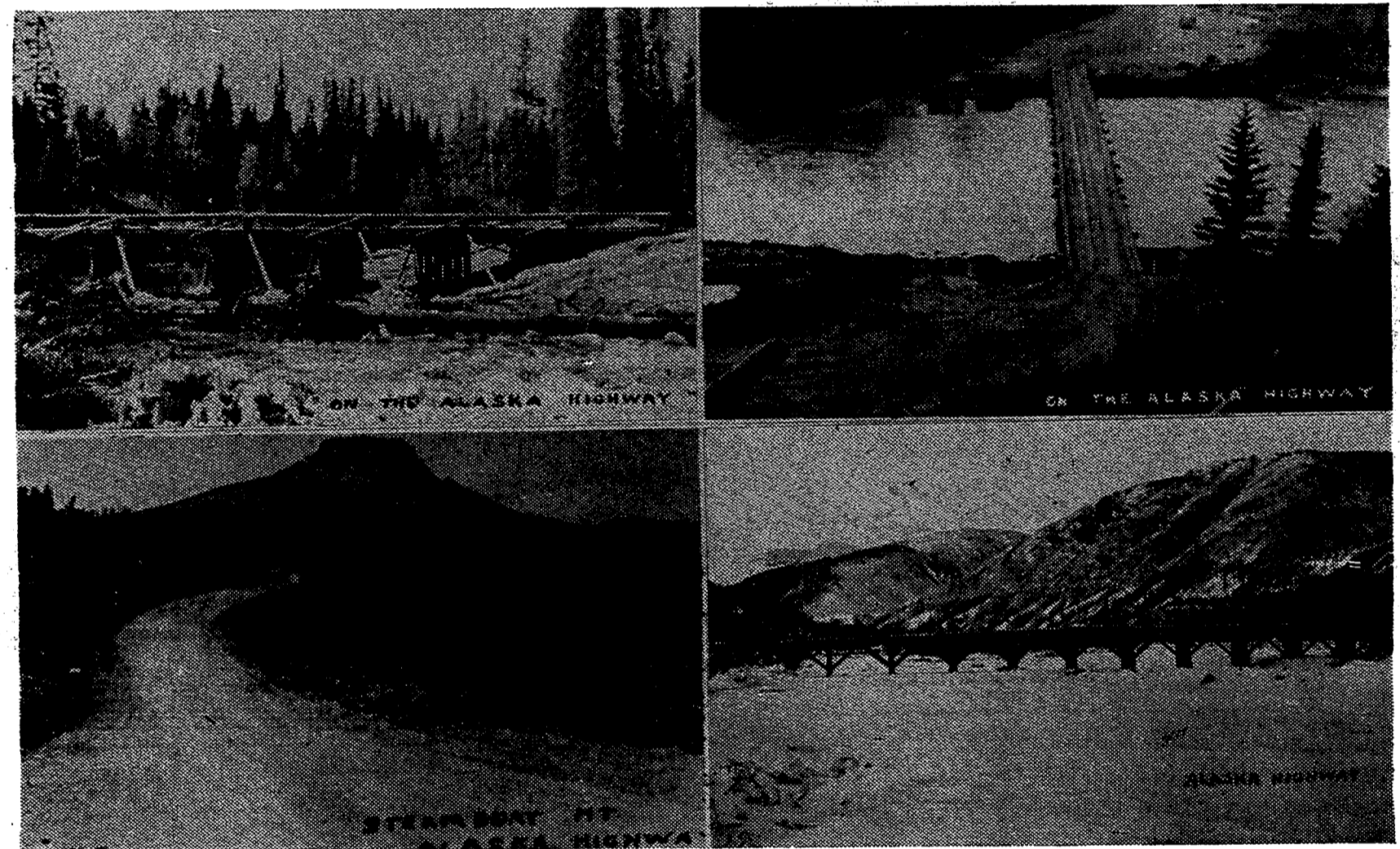
Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon at the Avery Funeral Home and interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway. Her pastor, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, officiated. H. R. C.

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