

O B I T U A R Y

Our church and community were deeply moved by the death of Clarence Earl Chapman (known to most of us as Sonny) on July 15, at the Great Lakes Training Station, Ill. The funeral was held in our church and the unusually large crowd and beautiful display of flowers expressed in part the sympathy of the entire community.

Pastor Mills attended the Christian Ashram at Green Lake, Wis., the last week in July. We all enjoyed the report Pastor Mills gave, and know it was a week well spent in acquiring knowledge and gaining new inspiration.

Vila Churchward and Helen Pederson attended a camp at Holcomb, Wis., the last week in July. This camp is held every year and is sponsored by the Wisconsin Rural Missions. The girls had a fine time and reported some worth-while meetings.

Pvt. Wynan Loofboro of Camp White, Ore., arrived home August 4, on a few days' furlough.

Plans are in order for a Vacation Bible School to be held next week at Pine Grove School. The teachers will be Pastor and Mrs. Mills and Helen Pederson.

Correspondent.

A SONG OF THE SOUTHLAND

By Rev. S. S. Powell

Through the aisles of woodlands, majestic and wide,
Of Southland where pines ever sigh,
Mid the odors of balm and the far sounding tide
Of murmuring branches on high,
I wandered enchanted and heard then a song
That thrilled in my heart, and it lingered there long.

Through the murmuring echoes of mountainous dell,
Where waterfalls dash from above,
Where fountains upmurmur and streams ever swell
With cadence that whispers God's love,
There I heard the sweet songs that for ages along
To poets and minstrels their music prolong.

Through the mingling of murmurs, like humming
of bees,
Of the waters and winds intermixt,
As the echoes reverberate up through the leaves
Of trees that shelter betwixt
The cool shady glen and the clear sky of blue,
I heard my sweet song—'twas the song that I knew.

Oh! the thrilling delight of that rapturous song,
Like to fire that gleams in the night,
Like to gold, bright and shining all metals among,
Like an orb of the day, streaming light,
Let the song rise and fall; let its melodies swell,
All its treasures outpour, and its mysteries tell.

Davis. — Norman E. Davis, son of Edward J. and Elizabeth Davis, was born May 28, 1892, and died August 3, 1943.

He was one of four brothers. He lived at Shiloh when he was a boy until he was seven years old. He later lived at Cape May and Camden, N. J. He was married in Camden on April 25, 1943, to Miss Leona Gaynor. To this union were born one son, Edward, who is now in the service of the United States in the southwest Pacific, and one daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Davis, of Hialeah, Fla. For the last sixteen years, he has worked as an engineer at the Anchor Hocking Glass Works of Salem, N. J., living for the last fourteen years at Shiloh, N. J.

He was baptized and united with the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church on February 22, 1935.

Besides his son and daughter, Mr. Davis is survived by his wife and a host of friends who mourn his passing.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell, were held from the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist church, August 6, 1943. Interment was in the Shiloh cemetery. H. L. C.

Growden. — Mrs. Nellie May Growden, wife of Frank D. Growden of Salemville, Pa., died at the Mercy Hospital, Altoona, Pa., March 4, 1943.

She was a life-long member of the Salemville German Seventh Day Baptist Church, always willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed. She will be greatly missed in her home church and community.

Surviving, besides her husband, are her daughter, Mrs. Roy Como of Salemville, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Frank R. King, assisted by Rev. Orville W. Babcock.

H. F.

A CORDIAL INVITATION

The following cordial words should interest any Seventh Day Baptist service men in or near Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Davis, lone Sabbath keepers of Phoenix, cordially extend an invitation to men in service to visit them at 1046 West Taylor Street, at any time: "Come to meals, or stay over night at any time, or as long as you have leave from camp."

Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the Milton (Wisconsin) Seventh Day Baptist Church, but have been residents of Phoenix for nearly seven years. They would appreciate letters from other lone Sabbath keepers.

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A Labor Day Prayer

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD, for those men and women of privileged class, or race, or nation who by Thy grace have risen above the imprisoning walls of self-interest, have escaped from the confining conventions of thought and spirit separating them from the wider family of Thy children, and have come forth into larger places as champions of justice for all mankind. Amen.

—James Myers.

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EDITORIALS

ORGANIZED: OR NOT?

It is not the purpose of this article to criticize, or pass judgment, but a desire to be fair to all. It is easy to make overstatements, sometimes, statements that are too conclusive. Question has been raised of this nature by the letter of Rev. Luther W. Crichlow of Jamaica, appearing in the Sabbath Recorder August 2, 1943, page 70. Brother Crichlow writes reporting on his efforts towards organizing the work in Jamaica that "when he came in 1938 he found the work unorganized."

This is probably an unintentional overstatement of the situation, which those who know of the excellent work of Mr. Crichlow's predecessors, the Coons and the Hargises, feel is unjust.

Organization is a matter, not a little, of growth marked by various stages, its fuller development made possible because of faithful, painstaking effort during the years. This can be said with no disparagement of the work of the one under whose management fruitage is realized. Paul "planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." Workers come and go, but the work must go on. After all, it is not the credit that anyone is seeking, but the kingdom's advancement to the glory of God.

Attention is called in this matter only to do justice to all concerned, and because there are those who feel that former work and workers in Jamaica have been discredited in the letter referred to. We feel sure that such was not intended. But the danger of

overstatement has been realized, and there are those who have felt an injustice has been done. This is unfortunate for all concerned. We all have troubles enough without making wounds without cause. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." It is good to remember Paul's admonition.

1943 LABOR MESSAGE

"Christian society must assure meaningful occupation for everyone willing and able to work," the Labor Message for 1943 urges. This message, prepared by James Myers, was approved by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and has been issued by its Department of the Church and Social Service, with a request to be read in the churches, September 4 or 5, or corresponding days of the week following. "Full employment is an unfinished business of the American people," the message points out, and must not be dropped out of sight in future planning when war production with its man power shortages has ceased at the close of hostilities.

We of the United States must realize our responsibility not only to our own people, but to all the peoples of the world. "Whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him?" The needs of a destitute and war-ravaged world will tax the productive capacity of every country. We of the United States must not measure our obligation in terms of what we can produce for our own requirements. We must continue to make available for the needs of all peoples the enormous productive capacities which we have demonstrated in time of war. The postwar world will demand of the American people self-discipline and generosity. In

all probability the United States will have to accept a large measure of the responsibility of providing for the needs of many peoples of the world, both for relief and economic improvement.

Pointing out that the basic ideals and objectives of the labor movement are "in principle closely akin" to many of the social purposes of the Christian Church, the message urges fair treatment and appraisal of labor by the people of the church, and that church people ought to "extend recognition and encouragement to that host within organized labor—many of whom are themselves members of churches—who build into their unions the principles of integrity, justice, and brotherhood."

The message, which may be secured in full from the Federal Council, 297 Fourth Ave., N. Y., closes with a strong appeal as follows:

A labor movement, strong in numbers, and in active co-operation with management, agriculture, and government, is a social necessity in order to sustain democracy on the home front, make it effective in the world conflict, and aid its extension in the postwar world. Such a labor movement can be a strong ally of the Christian Church in promoting justice and well-being on behalf of Christian democracy in the service of postwar reconstruction. May the Church, and labor, and all other economic groups dedicate themselves with new vision, unselfishness, and determination to the task of achieving in human society God's purpose for righteousness, justice, and peace based upon the worth and solidarity of all men.

PROTEST THE LIQUOR FLOOD

What is the voice of the Church on the liquor problem—especially as the drink evil is so involved in our all-out war effort? Our armed forces are being exploited by the brewers, just at this time particularly. Our men's lives and souls are in grave danger. The victorious outcome of our country's cause is imperiled. The loss of the war is possible not only because of what alcohol does to our soldiers and officers, but because there is no promise of God to bless our land till we depart from our evil ways. History not only in Israel's day but down to France in this war shows that defeat follows drink. Drink kept the Germans out of Paris on their first great sweep down the Marne in the first World War. Look at the latest adjustment of the beer situation: fifteen per cent of all beer manufactured this year set aside for the armed forces, one liquor sheet commenting jubilantly that it meant a bottle a day except Sunday for every sailor and soldier. We had our attention called, re-

cently, to the fact that beer is furnished our boys instead of and when cold water was wanted.

Is there anything the Christian Church can do about it? We believe there is, both by the Church as a body and by the individual within the Church. Congressmen in Washington, we understand, are asking, "Why do we not hear from the Church?" Congressmen need backing from the Church; they are getting plenty from the liquor industry and its adherents. A liquor journal—Beverage Retailer Weekly, of August 9—carries an article emanating from St. Louis, headed: "Three million signatures are expected on wet petitions to Congress." It says: "When Congress reconvenes after the summer vacation it will be confronted with a flood of petitions that should squelch the dries." We are told that Anheuser-Busch Company originated the plan, appealing to every brewer to join, and 40,000 petition blanks have been sent out. Already 27,709 completed petitions with 649,714 names have been sent to Washington. Emphasis is laid on having petitions in when Congress convenes, September 14.

This should be a conclusive answer to weak hearts that feel petitioning congressmen is a vain and useless procedure.

Try this: 1. Let all ministers preach a sermon on this matter immediately, impressing upon their parishioners the action of their own official church body, and laying upon them their responsibility to carry any of its resolutions into action. Have petitions at hand with proper equipment to secure signatures, and let the pastor send it to Congressman Joseph Bryson, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., as from _____ Church. Vast numbers of petitions have been personally sent in, and they make impression. But if it came in as of the church body, it would be most impressive.

2. Urge that every community send a committee of influential citizens to interview their senators and congressmen without delay to secure a pledge to support H.R. 2082 and S. 860. Do not be deterred by the fact that the liquor people have already done this in their own interests.

It is most encouraging in pressing this matter to realize that the Baptist Conventions with their more than eleven million people, the Methodist Church with its eight

millions, Presbyterian with nearly two million, besides many other denominations and Christian organizations of many millions more have passed resolutions bearing against the liquor evil, especially in this war time, and urging passage of the above House and Senate bills.

Congress should heed the handwriting on the wall when it realizes the teeth in such petitions, and especially in the resolution of the W. C. T. U., its membership a cross section of all churches, organized in every state and in fifty-four countries of the world, beseeching the Congress of our nation "to defend our defenders from exploitation by liquor and vice interests, to protect and speed war industries, to protect youth from the influences promoting juvenile delinquency, and so to claim for our land the blessing of the Ruler of Nations, by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, importation, or exportation of alcoholic beverages for the duration of this war and the period of demobilization thereafter."

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

The meeting of the Commission at Alfred, N. Y., beginning the evening of August 17, is of especial interest to us, particularly because of the omission of Conference this year. Perhaps in a very real sense the work of the Commission is appreciated this year more than usual. Certainly new responsibilities and burdens have had to be borne by this group.

The annual report of the Commission follows the editorials. From it has been omitted the Denominational Budget for the budget year October 1, 1943, to September 30, 1944. Also omitted, the Budget for 1944-45 proposed and submitted for the people's study. These Budgets will be printed next week.

We urge a careful reading and consideration of the report of this meeting.

REPORT OF COMMISSION

To the Seventh Day Baptist Churches, members of the General Conference, the Commission respectfully submits the following annual report for the year ending August 17, 1943:

Members of the Commission for this year were as follows: Harley D. Bond, Salem, W. Va.; Harold R. Crandall, Westerly, R. I.; Leslie O. Greene, Salem, W. Va.; Perley B.

Hurley, Riverside, Calif.; Hurley S. Warren, Plainfield, N. J.; William D. Burdick, Milton, Wis. Courtland V. Davis, Plainfield, N. J., was the secretary.

The Commission has held three meetings: one at Salem, W. Va., August 23, 1942, for organization; at Plainfield, N. J., December 27-30, 1942, for the midyear meeting; and at Alfred, N. Y., August 12-17, 1943.

William D. Burdick has been unable to attend any of the sessions of the Commission. Otherwise all members of the Commission have been present at all sessions. Leland W. Hulett attended the December meeting as a substitute for William D. Burdick.

Harold R. Crandall was elected chairman of the Commission at the organization meeting and has presided at all sessions.

Charles E. Gardner was authorized to countersign the checks of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget, and D. Nelson Inglis those of the treasurer of the General Conference.

Harley D. Bond and William D. Burdick were elected as Auditing Committee.

President Warren was authorized to prepare the program for the next session of the General Conference.

The Commission appointed the following as the Committee of the General Conference to study the Federal Council as directed by the action of Conference: Lester G. Osborn, chairman, Leon M. Maltby, Paul H. Hummel, Jay W. Crofoot, co-chairman, Carroll L. Hill, and J. Nelson Norwood.

The Commission's Committee on Denominational Advertising was requested to continue its work in this field. The committee consists of Marion C. Van Horn, Lester G. Osborn, and Paul H. Hummel.

President Hurley S. Warren was asked to plan for the Seventh Day Baptist program on Mutual Radio Chapel April 4, 1943, and to bring a message at that time in place of Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, who had requested that he be relieved of that obligation. Requests for copies of this message received by six different radio stations in various parts of the Mutual network were complied with by furnishing each one with a copy of the Sabbath Recorder containing the message, as well as a letter offering any further service which Seventh Day Baptists might give.

The problem of underpaid pastors in some of our churches has received the serious

consideration of the Commission, both at the December and August meetings.

An expression of appreciation was conveyed to Dr. G. Pitt Beers of the Northern Baptist Convention and the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains for the services rendered our denomination and the courtesies shown to our chaplains in service.

It was reported that due to numerical conditions, our payment to the Federal Council of Churches would be reduced about 35 per cent, making a payment due next year of about \$66.

The Commission approved the motives of a World-Wide Communion on October 2, 1943, and recommended to our churches the observance of communion on this day.

It further recommended that if during the year a special offering is made by the church for overseas relief and reconstruction, World-wide Communion Sabbath would be an appropriate time.

The Committee of the Commission was commended for its activity in the Pastors-Laymen's Home Mission Plan and it was recommended that the plan be continued for the coming year as far as practicable.

J. Nelson Norwood, Everett T. Harris, and Ben R. Crandall were present by invitation at some of the sessions of the Commission and were of much assistance with information and counsel.

A letter was read from the executive secretary of the American Baptist Society. Mr. North's letter was acknowledged and he was assured of our continued interest and voluntary support.

Letters were read from a group of Sabbath keepers of Christchurch, New Zealand, who had been in correspondence with Herbert C. Van Horn, secretary of the Tract Society, and Ahva J. C. Bond, dean of the School of Theology. With the advice and assistance of Pastor Francis S. Johnson, pastor of our church at Auckland, New Zealand, these people have organized a church. The Commission sent them encouragement and information concerning the procedures necessary for applying for recognition of the church and its pastor by the General Conference.

Wayne R. Rood and Leon M. Maltby were commended for their decision to enter the chaplaincy, and they were so informed.

Dean Ahva J. C. Bond was invited to lead our people in the study of the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, under the direction of the Board of Christian Education, and an item was included in the budget for that purpose.

Hurley S. Warren, president of General Conference, reported on the planning of the program for the six days of Conference opening on Thursday morning, August 19, and closing on Tuesday evening, August 24. Details of this program were nearly completed when it was decided that it would be necessary to postpone the meeting of the Conference for one year. The theme was, "Christ at the Center."

The Commission recorded its hearty approval of plans that have been made and are being made for the observance of "Conference Sabbath," suggestions for which have been received from Mrs. Gladys R. Vincent on behalf of the Women's Society of the General Conference, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, and others.

In order to place the Year Book in the hands of the people as early as possible, the editor of the Year Book was instructed to print the minutes of the annual meetings of the Missionary Society, the Tract Society, and the Board of Christian Education in a supplement to the Year Book, so arranged as to be fixed readily in that volume and distributed separately when ready.

It was directed that the Conference Seal be used on the Year Book as in 1942.

The next session of the General Conference was tentatively called to meet with the First Alfred Church on the Tuesday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1944 (August 22, 1944).

The official list of ministers of the denomination has been drawn up and is published herewith as Document E of the Year Book.

Albert N. Rogers, as the Committee of the Commission on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches, reported concerning his work during the year, with recommendations.

It was recommended that our contributions to China relief be routed through the Church Committee for China Relief instead of through the United China Relief.

The Commission endorsed the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction as the arm of the General Conference for war relief.

A Conference Committee on Relief Appeals in Our Churches was established, with Mrs. Frank J. Hubbard as chairman, and Victor W. Skaggs and Mrs. Alexander W. Vars as members, and a budget of fifty dollars for expenses.

Hurley S. Warren and Albert N. Rogers were made a committee to study the problem of promoting the attendance of ministers at denominational meetings and study groups.

The Auditing Committee has examined and approved for payment bills presented to the Conference treasurer, and certifies that the reports of both the treasurer of Conference and treasurer of the Denominational Budget have been audited by competent auditors.

The Auditing Committee was instructed to make out, approve, and present to the treasurer bills for the budgeted items for which payment is not otherwise requested.

In order to further the co-ordination between societies and at the same time to reduce to a minimum the overhead, it would seem to the Commission that editorship of our principal publications might be placed under one head. The Commission would recommend that the Tract Society and Board of Christian Education make a study of the possibility of uniting the editorship of the Sabbath Recorder and Helping Hand under joint direction, with a common editor, if and when it might seem feasible.

Reorganizing for the new Conference year, Harold R. Crandall was re-elected chairman of the Commission.

Harley D. Bond and Hurley S. Warren were elected as the Auditing Committee.

It was voted that Robert E. Greene be authorized to undersign the checks of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget, and D. Nelson Inglis those of the treasurer of the General Conference.

Leslie O. Greene and Perley B. Hurley were elected Committee on Official List of Seventh Day Baptist Ministers.

Conclusion

Oh, that we might breathe into this printed page the spirit of oneness in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord which we have felt in this intimate fellowship during the hours and days of the Commission meeting!

We definitely know that the folks throughout the denomination were with us in earnest prayer. At the opening session as each member of the Commission offered prayer,

there seemed to settle upon us a sense of being set apart to the sacred task that was ours. Such a sense of dedication could come only through the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon us as your representatives on whose behalf you have been so faithfully interceding. And now as we are about to return to our respective homes and fields of labor we rejoice in him that he has so graciously guided us all. Thanks be unto him for his grace! Wherein we have failed, we implore his forgiveness. Wherein we have succeeded, we offer unto him our heart-felt gratitude.

There is much to encourage Seventh Day Baptists. We trust that a thorough study will be given the report of the Commission and to the various interests covered by this Year Book report. We urge upon everyone the fresh determination to "put first things first and secondary things afterwards." "Christ at the Center" was to have been the General Conference theme. In many of our churches the observance of "Conference Sabbath" will tend to conserve some of the spiritual values which are a perennial part of the Conference.

These are testing and tremendous times. In the words of Rev. William P. Merrill:

Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of man,
Rise up, O men of God!

"Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Ephesians 3: 20, 21.

Harold R. Crandall,
Chairman,

Courtland V. Davis,
Recording Secretary.

For the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference and at its direction (See Year Book 1942, p. 45) the Commission took the following actions:

On reference to Section 5 of the by-laws of the General Conference, which states that all Conference officers, etc., shall continue in office until their successors are elected, the Commission assumed that officers elected at the one hundred thirtieth session of Conference would continue in office.

Morton R. Swinney, treasurer of the Denominational Budget, presented his resignation. His resignation was accepted and L. Milton Van Horn, of Milton, Wis., was elected treasurer of the Denominational Budget, to succeed him.

Stanton H. Davis, Asa F. Randolph, and Paul A. Whitford were elected trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund for a period of three years.

Charles C. Burdick was elected trustee of the Lottie Baldwin Association for a term of five years.

The resignation of Hurley S. Warren as president of Conference was presented and accepted.

Albert N. Rogers, first vice-president, was recognized as president of Conference, succeeding Mr. Warren.

The resignation of William D. Burdick as a member of the Commission was presented.

Albert N. Rogers was elected as a member of the Commission to serve until the next meeting of Conference.

The requests of the Old Stone Fort and Little Genesee churches for recognition of ministers was held over for the action of Conference at its next meeting, and the churches so informed.

HELPING HAND

The Committee on Files of Denominational Literature very much desire the following numbers of the Helping Hand to complete our files of that periodical:

1902—Vol. 18, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, two copies of each.
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DIVINE GUIDANCE

There are many things regarding which no one in his right mind can doubt, for he knows what is true and right. For instance, all know they ought to love God and treat others as they would be treated. As Paul tells us (Romans 2: 14, 15), the law is written on the heart, and the conscience bears witness as to what should be done.

But many times we come to the forks of the road. Two or more courses are open, even beckoning us, and we are in doubt which one to follow. Both may be good in and of themselves, but we are in doubt which road we ought to take. Ministers and missionaries often find themselves in this situation. Two calls for work are before them and they struggle over which one to accept; or they are in doubt as to how long they should continue in a certain position. Young people in choosing a vocation often find themselves much perplexed as to life's work, and there are many questions of like nature in the lives of all.

How can these questions be settled with surety? They cannot be safely settled by likes and dislikes, for duty often calls all people to do things which are not in accordance with their wishes. God called Moses to lead the children of Israel out of bondage, but he did not want to do it, and at first objected. Christ prayed that the cup might pass, but at last he drank it to the dregs.

In times of doubt as to what we ought to do, we may consult our friends, but their advice is human. He who leans upon his likes and dislikes or upon his friends for advice is leaning upon a broken reed.

Are we left without any help to guide us aright? We are promised divine guidance, and we will receive it if we seek it and assume the right attitude. If we submit ourselves completely to God's will, are willing to do what he would have us do, and ask for light, he will show us what we ought to do. It may be a very difficult course, but he will guide and uphold us. This is his promise: "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel and afterward receive me to glory." "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find."

W. L. B.

CHINA

(Taken from the Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, adopted July 25, 1943.)

American Seventh Day Baptists in China.—At the beginning of the year covered by this annual report (July, 1942), the missionaries in occupied China were Dr. George Thorngate, Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis, and Miss Mabel L. West; and in unoccupied China, Dr. Grace I. Crandall and her daughter, Dr. Esther Pan. Two other Seventh Day Baptists are in China, namely, Mrs. Nettie M. West, who is with her daughter Mabel, and Miss Ruth L. Phillips, who is a tutor in the family of a Chinese officer in Chungking.

Communication Difficult. — During the year communication with our missionaries in China has been very difficult. The last letters received direct from those in Shanghai were written in June of last year and received three months later. They were brought to and mailed in America by repatriated missionaries who came on the S. S. Gripsholm. Air mail letters direct from Doctor Crandall have been received, but it has taken two or three months for these to come through. The missionaries in Shanghai have been able to send some information to Doctor Crandall and Miss Phillips, and through them to the board and friends in America. Some encouraging news of a general nature regarding missionaries in Shanghai has been received through the Foreign Missions Conference, which gathers information from all

boards and passes it on to board members. Doctor Crandall has written that the best way to communicate with her is by air mail, but air mail letters have been several weeks in passage.

Missionaries in Concentration Camps.—It is evident that the missionaries in Shanghai were interned by the Japanese several months past and were given considerable liberty. The last information received indicates that they are now in concentration camps near the city. One letter from China written in December stated that Doctor Thorngate and Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis had arranged for the return trip, but it is known that the Japanese do not favor exchange of nationals, and the time of their return is unsettled.

Doctors Crandall and Pan.—It was stated in the last annual report that Doctor Crandall was sick, but at the time of the last information, which was three months past, though not able to do much medical work, she was much better. Dr. Esther Pan, her daughter, has been doing a fine piece of work in the section where they are, and the medicine they took with them from Shanghai has helped supply the urgent need in that remote section. One of Doctor Crandall's objects in going to Kiangsi Province was the hope that she might establish a Seventh Day Baptist mission. The last communication from her states that there is not much prospect of realizing this hope. Though Kiangsi is in unoccupied China, at one time during the year the Japanese carried the hostilities to within fifty miles of Doctor Crandall, and those who followed the conflict carefully were concerned; but the Chinese army beat the Japanese back and Doctor Crandall and Doctor Pan appear to be in comparative safety.

Department of State Comes to Our Aid.—The sending of funds to missionaries has been a problem. After the failure to get funds to missionaries in occupied China through the express companies and the Red Cross, the State Department, upon the request of mission boards, made arrangements with the government of Switzerland, a neutral power, that its representative furnish missionaries a stated sum regularly, that it be charged to the Federal Government, and that the Government collect it from the boards. In one bit of news coming through from Doctor Thorngate, he stated that they were receiving funds according to this arrangement.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

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SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK THROUGH THE YEARS

Christian Endeavor Topics for September 18

(This is the first in a series of "The Efficient S. D. B. Society," to be covered in three Sabbaths. Rex Zwiebel has spent hours on research for our help in presenting this service. For Scripture Rex suggests Galatians 6. "In the Service of the King," "Follow the Gleam," and our "Rally Song" are suggested songs.—J. B. D.)

Glorious Things

By Rex E. Zwiebel

Glorious things have been done by the young people of our Seventh Day Baptist denomination. For these we thank God in whose honor they were done.

It seems that in the beginning of our denomination—when youngsters were to be seen and not heard—the young people were content to let their elders do all the work. At least there is little recorded of their activities until the last half of the nineteenth century. I can imagine, though, that if our young people of the seventeenth, eighteenth, and the early nineteenth centuries were here to tell us many tales of action on their part would be unfolded. I can imagine them walking miles to attend the services that often were of no particular interest to them, carrying wood to fire the church stove, sitting patiently on backless benches during hours of services, and then trudging home through all kinds of weather. Seldom did they get to commune with a neighboring church, let alone enjoy the fellowship that we cherish from contacts at General Conferences or smaller get-togethers.

Yet it was in those times that the spark was lit that finally flamed in 1881 into the young people's society called the "Excel Band." It was organized as a "society which should be identified with church work, at the same time giving place for social enjoyment and literary activity. It had a pledge, and in purpose if not method, was quite parallel to the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, which began in the Congregational Church at about the same time."* The thoughtful organizer and pro-

Schools.—After Miss Anna M. West's death, Professor T. M. Chang became principal of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and later it was decreed by the Japanese that none but natives could teach in the schools. The attendance has largely increased during the war, and according to last reports there were 1,200 pupils.

The Good Work Goes On.—In spite of many difficulties the missionaries have been doing a good work. All the information received indicates that Doctor Thorngate has continuously served the schools, hospitals, Chinese, refugees, and concentration camp as an able physician. The last news said he was "very busy with four other doctors taking care of the health of the camp." Miss Mabel L. West taught in the schools until foreigners were no longer allowed to teach. Rev. H. Eugene Davis, though not entirely recovered from his illness, has directed in the church work and helped in many ways. Mrs. Davis has cared for the home, entertained refugees, and aided in the school work. No definite information has come regarding the church and evangelistic work, but all things indicate that this work has been carried forward in all branches of the mission as best it could be under the circumstances. Doctor Pan, backed by Doctor Crandall, has done a splendid and much appreciated work in Changtsun. Our mission with other missions has had a boundless influence over affairs in China.

WHO IS RICH?

Do we really wish to be rich in silver and gold? Why? The piling together of stones or of gold does not constitute a successful life.

Is there not a greater average of moral failures in the class of those who never felt the need of assistance than of the common people, whom Jesus so loved?

It is creditable to accumulate wealth with the unselfish purpose of promoting some good work, but a million of dollars in your safe, securely locked up, helps nothing in this world, nor in any other. The only place you can unlock that safe is here, not "over there." Where we expect to go, there is no use for deposit vaults, and gold is good only to walk upon. Are you "a child of the King"? Then you are rich; others may take the rest.

A. S. B.

moter of this plan was Mr. George H. Babcock, who was known as a progressive church leader.

As all good C. E. members know, Rev. F. E. Clark organized the first Christian Endeavor Society in February, 1881. This society has grown until now its "adherents" are numbered in the millions and its influence is felt in almost every denomination throughout the world.

"It was in October, 1884, three years after the original society was organized, that the first Seventh Day Baptist Y. P. S. C. E. was formed in Westerly; this was followed by Waterford, Ashaway, West Hallock, and Alfred, within the year, so that the close of 1885 found us with five societies having two hundred nineteen members."* For two or three years several of our churches maintained both the Excel Band and the Christian Endeavor, but the Christian Endeavor grew more popular and the Excel Band was dropped. The greatest number of Seventh Day Baptist C. E. members was recorded in the period from 1887 to 1894, totaling 2,619. It would be interesting to know if that number has been exceeded since—there is no record known to the writer—also the number we have enrolled now.

The first Junior society was organized in 1891, at North Loup, Neb. Mrs. Henry M. Maxson was the first general superintendent of the Junior work, having been appointed in 1900.

The Young People's Permanent Committee was appointed by the General Conference in 1889, and it was located in Leonardsville, N. Y., with W. C. Daland as president; Agnes Babcock, secretary; and W. C. Whitford, treasurer. Many and varied have been the Permanent Committee's activities. In 1891, it "pledged the support of Rev. J. L. Huffman, who was employed by the Missionary Board as a missionary evangelist." In 1893, it helped support the Tract Depository work in New York and Chicago by contributing funds, helped in the work of securing mailing lists, and in the distribution of Sabbath literature. In 1893, it pledged one half the salary of Dr. Rosa Palmberg, medical missionary to China.

It is impossible to mention all of the efforts of the Permanent Committee which, incidentally, was changed to the Young People's Board in 1904, and then in 1940 became a part of the Board of Christian Education.

Typical of what the Christian Endeavor was and is doing for the denomination is a list of activities found in the Sabbath Recorder of January 5, 1925: conducting mission study classes, conducting C. E. expert classes, using efficiency chart, pushing Tenth Legion and Quiet Hour work, taking part in the Recorder subscription contest, sending clothing and white gifts to missionaries in China, paying toward Onward Movement, helping with pastor's salary, paying for church equipment, and collecting money for Liuho Mission.

Rev. Everett T. Harris of the Alfred Church told me that the New England Union of Young People (S.D.B.) was exceptionally busy during the years from 1920 to 1935. Their outstanding and most plausible achievement was the paying of the salary of a Mr. Edwards, who was a native helper to Rev. D. B. Coon, missionary to Jamaica.

The Tract Board sponsored "Teen-Age Conferences" for several years, starting in 1925. Dr. A. J. C. Bond, leader in Sabbath Promotion, was the promoter. By Conference time of 1926, thirteen such conferences had been held. It is interesting to note that in 1927, Doctor Bond also supervised a conference in Haarlem, Holland, and one in London.

It was about this time that S. D. B. summer camps were organized. Among the earliest was Lewis Camp in Rhode Island. Started as a local enterprise in 1926, it was later taken over by the Tract Board. Several camps are now held each year for our young people.

Probably the largest project of our young people today is the monthly issue of the "Beacon." The first copy was made in Salem, W. Va., on November 16, 1936, with Duane Hurley as editor and Ethel Main Wheeler as assistant editor. All of our C. E. societies are asked to send news of their current activities to the Alfred headquarters. Few realize the amount of work that goes into our fine paper. The project is sponsored by the Young People's Committee of the Board of Christian Education. As long as the "Beacon" is printed, all the S. D. B. young people have the most excellent opportunity of learning about each other, and they are given the chance to co-operate with fellow-workers to give our glorious denomination a real boost.

Many of our young people's projects have been completed successfully under the guidance of our ministers and interested lay workers, while others were left unfinished, but the full benefits from sharing the work have presented rewards that only true Christian fellowship can offer. Let us, through Christ, look toward new goals and constantly stride upward, praying always for the interests we hold dear.

* "Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America."

IN RETROSPECT

By Rev. Edgar D. Van Horn

In response to a request to write something of my experience with the young people at Alfred Station during my recent pastorate there, I shall make mention of some of their achievements during those happy years.

After several hours of refreshing sleep last night, I awoke to "dream" of those delightful experiences. After all, I think they are quite right in wishing to learn what the young people of yesterday were doing, and record those activities for the perusal of the young people of today.

As I reviewed the achievements of the young people during those sixteen years I was pastor, I was deeply impressed with the rather imposing list of good deeds they had done.

First they sponsored the purchase of an excellent piano, with the co-operation of the older people, for use in the young people's meetings and Sabbath school. Then they raised the necessary funds for the purchase of twenty-five copies of the Hymnal for American Youth, which filled an important need in the young people's meetings. Next, in an effort to beautify the church lawn, they purchased and planted a lot of shrubbery around the church, which hid the rather bare stone foundation of the church and lined the driveway around the church. There were spirea, pyramidal, arborvitae, globosa, etc., so placed that our church had the reputation of having the prettiest lawn of any country church in the county.

Next the young people purchased an electric signboard at the cost of more than sixty dollars. This attractively advertised the name of the church and pastor, besides giving the day and hour of our services with a welcome for the public to attend. Later when farmers

no longer drove teams to church, we removed the rather dilapidated church sheds and extended the lawn, where there was room to park the cars. Flower beds were made where there had been junk piles. These flowers, glads, asters, etc., found their way into the church where they decorated the rostrum and pulpit.

I recalled in my "dreams," too, the surprisingly successful efforts the young people made to present religious dramas: "The Boy Who Discovered Easter," "The Dust of the Road," and other similar plays. These were very creditable presentations, with suitable sound effects and scenery prepared by real artists among our young people. The plays were presented to large audiences and some were repeated, so popular did they prove.

Perhaps the most notable achievement was the purchase of the Hammond Electric Organ at an approximate cost of thirteen hundred sixty-five dollars. It seemed like a big undertaking, and some prophesied failure; but so carefully and wisely was the campaign conducted that in less than a year the organ was paid for and installed. Ex-choir members were contacted, friends outside the church were solicited, and many who had an interest in the project gave liberally in memory of parents who had been or were faithful members of the church.

It is a really heart-warming experience to recall these days with the young people and older friends who through loyalty to the high ideals for which the church stands, their friendly interest in the religious life of the community, worked together, played together, worshiped together, and learned the lessons of team work, co-operation, service, and high endeavor. Who shall say that these activities were not important factors in preparing these young people to take their place in the world's work and live more useful lives as Seventh Day Baptists and citizens of our country?

MEMORIES

By Rev. Walter L. Greene

Just after the close of World War I, the pastor and a group of intermediate boys shared in a number of week-day activities in addition to the regular Sabbath meetings. Part of the time there were one or two patrols of Boy Scouts. They secured some surplus soldier equipment of pup tents, uniforms,

and mess kits that were used for over-night camping and cooking in the open on the Independence hills and some longer camping trips at "The Ledges," with regular Scout training work. Part of the time when there was an interest in skiing, good straight-grained second-growth ash boards were secured and fashioned into skis that really worked and were a lasting pleasure for several winters. In fact, some are still in use, as one pair is still in the parsonage storeroom ready for winter use. One boy who became a manual training teacher in the public schools, some years afterwards told the pastor that his interest in wood working was awakened by the ski shop work. No small part of the value was in the comradeship in work which all enjoyed and the revelation of the several individual interests and talents. The Intermediate Christian Endeavor with its Christian teachings found delightful expression in week-day and playground activities and co-operative service for the church and community. It is good for pastor and young people to worship, play, and work together.

WHO'S WHO AMONG SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE?

Rex E. Zwiebel

Rex was reared at Jackson Center, Ohio, and has always been active in the church there. His birthday is on October 31. He was graduated from Jackson Center High School in 1933, and from Salem College in 1942, receiving an A.B. degree. Rex was Sabbath school superintendent at Jackson Center for two years, pastor of the Jackson Center Church for one summer, and president of the Salem C. E. for one year. While at Salem College, Rex was president of Y. M. C. A. during 1941-1942, vice-president of senior class, active in Zeta Sigma Pi, and was listed among those in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Rex is now attending the Alfred School of Theology. His main interests and hobbies are church work, reading, and gardening.

TRY THIS WITH YOUR JUNIORS

Vary the meetings so they won't become monotonous. Have the Scripture read responsively; try choruses for the music to change the service; when a junior has his letter in the Sabbath Recorder, let him read it to the group the following week.—Geo.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

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

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is the first time I ever wrote to you. I have a brother in the army. He went the day before Easter. My mother was so upset that we bought her a flower.

Sincerely yours,

Bridgeton, N. J.

Doris Carte.

Dear Doris:

I surely can sympathize with your mother for as you know our son, Dr. Claire Greene, has been in the army a little over a year. He is now in Australia. It helps to know that God is taking care of our boys. Doctor Claire's wife and baby Karen are to be with us from Monday morning at four-thirty, until Wednesday at midnight, when she will start back to Bridgeton.

I am ever so glad that you have begun to write to me.

Your true friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I hope this letter finds you feeling fine. There are three people who write to me from Arkansas. Two of them are Children's Page readers. Marjorie Prutsman was over here and I was telling her about you. She thought she would like to write, too, but she didn't know what to say, so I wrote it for her.

I have moved since I wrote before. Up here we have twenty-two pigs, five cows, eight calves, two horses, three cats, six hundred chickens, and seventy hens.

I shall have to close because my thinker isn't working good.

Love,

Thelma Marie Marvin.

R.F.D. 1, Fillmore, N. Y.

Dear Thelma:

Before I opened your letter I couldn't imagine who could be writing me from Fillmore, unless it was one of my Home Bureau friends, so I was surprised to find that it was one of my good Recorder friends, and I was glad to hear from you again.

Joyce and Gretchen are staying with me this afternoon while the rest of the family, including Pastor Greene, are out picking blackberries. I think I like my job best, al-

OUR PULPIT

"FULFILLING ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS"

(Sermon preached May 22, 1943, at Alfred, N. Y., by Rev. Everett T. Harris, and requested for publication.)

Text—Matthew 3: 15. "Jesus answering said . . . Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness."

Scripture reading—Matthew 3: 1-17.

Jesus had just come from his home in Galilee to the Jordan River where John the Baptist had been preaching and baptizing the penitent. Large crowds were gathered there, and before them all Jesus asked for baptism. "But John forbade him saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?" John recognized Jesus as the Messiah, the Expected One of God, and he did not feel himself worthy to baptize such a perfect Being. But Jesus insisted, giving as his reason, "for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." He did not deny that he had no need of baptism as a penitent sinner, in fact we may well believe that he accepted that inference of John. He gave as his reason that baptism would be a step in fulfilling righteousness. He would set an example as well as show his own personal readiness to comply with all God's righteous precepts. "And he suffered him."

Certainly one of the first thoughts that comes to us as we read of this stirring incident is: If Jesus so humbled himself in baptism and went to some trouble, traveling approximately twenty miles from his home, to have the ordinance administered, ought not we to humble ourselves and even go to some inconvenience to follow him in this matter?

A few years ago, Rev. Lewis C. Sheafe, the late pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., spoke from this pulpit and gave a personal testimony as to why he became a Seventh Day Baptist. As I remember it, the chief reason lay within this text, "Thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." Pastor Sheafe explained that it was not that he had not been a good man before this, but that it had come to him that the two divine institutions of baptism by immersion and the keeping of the seventh day as God's holy day were forward steps in fulfilling all righteousness, and he ought

though you can guess that I have plenty of interruptions in my letter writing. Gretchen has just been teasing to take my place at the typewriter. Be sure to write often.

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have been looking at a Sabbath Recorder that a friend of mine has. I thought maybe you would like a new writer for your page. I am nine years of age. I live on a two hundred acre farm. We have twenty cows, two horses, five calves, and about two hundred thirty chickens.

I would like to have some of your readers write to me. I am in the fourth grade this fall. I have blonde hair and blue eyes. I am about four feet, six inches.

I must close for now. Your friend,

Marjorie Prutsman.

R.F.D. 1, Troupsburg, N. Y.

Dear Marjorie:

I am very glad Thelma helped you write this letter to me. Next time you will be able to do all the writing yourself, and I hope that will be soon.

I don't know of any better place to live than on a farm, especially for boys and girls. You see, I have lived in three places, the city, the town, and the farm, and I wouldn't have missed those years I spent on a farm for anything. It was fun to go after the cows and ride old Molly home; it was fun to go rowing on the "Big Slough," on the back part of our farm, even though the boat did leak and one had to bail out while the other rowed. Yes, I like a farm. Don't you?

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is my second letter to you. How have you enjoyed the summer? My vacation will soon be over. I will be very glad to go back to school again. I will be in second grade.

Rev. and Mrs. Osborn have just come home from Lewis Camp. Rev. Alton Wheeler was at our church Sabbath day to preach, and he gave us a nice Junior message, and used the flannel board to make a beautiful picture.

Sincerely,

Arah Mae Davis.

R.D. 3, Bridgeton, N. J.

Dear Arah:

I must wait until next week to answer your good letter.

Mizpah S. Greene.

to acknowledge them before all men. And so he did acknowledge them, feeling that in so doing he was following the example of Jesus, our Lord.

And this, I believe, should be our approach to many of the good people in our communities today. Not that the only "gateway to the regions of the blest" is through the portals of our particular church, but that we Seventh Day Baptists have two divine institutions as our particular heritage, the observance of which constitutes forward steps in fulfilling all righteousness.

Now there are other perfectly good reasons why we Seventh Day Baptists are what we are. Frankly, the primary reason why most of us are Seventh Day Baptists is because our fathers and mothers were before us. That is nothing for which to be ashamed. Most of us feel as did Elijah when he said, "I am not better than my fathers." But neither does it mean that we have no convictions of our own on this matter. We are proud to follow in the steps of our fathers, because we are convinced they were right.

But our final sanction for both baptism by immersion and the keeping of the seventh day is the teaching and example of Jesus. We are not Jewish in our faith and practice, as has sometimes been said of us (not that there is any disgrace in being called Jewish, for our Lord Jesus, himself, was Jewish). But the term as sometimes used to show a contrast with Christians does not apply to Seventh Day Baptists. We follow Christ's example more closely than any other Protestant group. If it became Jesus to keep the seventh day Sabbath and to be baptized by immersion, it becomes us to follow his example.

Jesus thought it became him to fulfill all righteousness. That is, it rested upon him as a sacred obligation to align himself with a righteous work. He knew John the Baptist was a good man—a man of God. The day Jesus stepped out of the crowd on the banks of the Jordan he said by his actions, "All my influence, possibilities, and latent powers I will throw into the work this good man is doing."

Does it become us to align ourselves with the cause of righteousness in our communities? It surely does. It rests upon us as a sacred obligation to uphold the work of good men and as far as possible to throw the weight

of our influence and powers into the work with them.

The forces of evil are so strong that all sincere followers of Christ should combine their strength with others against the forces of darkness.

When Rev. Oliver K. Black, field secretary of the Committee on Evangelism, was with us, he told us that we are too apologetic about our convictions on the Sabbath and baptism. He said that he had observed that we have leaned over backward trying not to be accused of proselytizing, and as a result we have failed to reach many Christians in our communities who ought to be co-operating in our churches. And if we do not reach them, their talents will be largely lost to the kingdom. He spoke truly, and it ought to have added force with us, coming as it did from one having a broader perspective of us as a people than we can have of ourselves. Then let us strive to correct ourselves of this failing and without apology invite all right thinking men to join with us in maintaining this Christian church in this community.

There are many reasons for rallying to the cause of our particular church—its long, honorable history, its promising future with a great work to do; but especially, for thus it becometh all good men to follow Christ's example and align themselves with the sincere Christian workers in this community.

And the Bible says very simply, "And he suffered him." Would that we all might accept God's will and way as gracefully and completely as he did that day.

Closing Prayer

God, our Father, in this day when there is so much for the Church to do, stir the hearts of all good men and women to take their stand with others who strive to serve the King of kings. Teach us to serve faithfully the causes of right that are near at hand and plain to see, confident that thine over-all plan shall finally prevail in all the earth, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 1943

Israel Marches Toward Canaan. Scripture—Numbers 10: 11—12: 16.

Golden Text—Numbers 10: 29.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Farina, Ill.

July 26, 1943, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Persels celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their farm home south of Farina. Their daughters, Mrs. Arlouine Seager and Kathryn Lindman, were present, one coming from the state of Washington and the other from California, and with Mrs. Lindman came her daughter Judith.

Open house was kept for two hours in the afternoon and two hours in the evening,

Mr. and Mrs. Persels received many baskets of flowers and many appropriate presents, which marked the esteem in which they are held and the hope that they may continue for many years to come.

"With fifty years between you and
Your well kept marriage vow,
The Golden Age, dear friends of mine,
Is not a fable now.

"And, sweet as has life's vintage been
Through all your pleasant past,
Still, as at Cana's wedding feast,
The best wine is the last.



Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Persels

with about one hundred thirty friends and relatives calling and others sending cards expressing well-wishes and many years of continued happiness and service.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Persels were born in or near Farina and have lived their lives in this community. Both have filled positions of honor and trust in the church and community, and are still active today in every good work. In all business relationships and in official positions which he has filled, Mr. Persels states that he has never been asked to attend committee meetings on Friday night or on Sabbath day. When such proposals were made he simply stated, "That is my Sabbath and I cannot attend." The date and time of meeting were always changed.

"May many more of quiet years
Be added to your sum,
And late, at last, in tenderest love,
The beckoning angel come.

"Dear hearts are here, dear hearts are there;
Alike below, above;
Our friends are now in either world,
And love is sure of love."

C. L. Hill, Pastor.

Dodge Center, Minn.

The Sabbath school picnic was held in June at the Lester Greene home, with sixty in attendance. A farewell party for Lorna Payne was held at the home of her parents, with thirty-two present. The yard light was turned on and active games were enjoyed, after which a frankfurter roast was indulged

in, with every one present participating. Lorna is in the U. S. service now as a nurse.

On the third Sabbath in June fifteen from the Dodge Center Church attended the semi-annual meeting at New Auburn, Wis.

Our young people held a sunrise prayer meeting Sabbath day, July 31, west of town along the river. A fellowship breakfast followed the meeting. There were thirty-two present. It was a most inspiring service as the sun came up and broke through a rift in the clouds, to hear these young people singing praise to God who gives us the sunshine, the rain, and the beautiful trees.

Recently we lost our oldest church member, Mrs. Mary Rounseville, loved by all and for many years a consecrated and useful deaconess. Mrs. Thorngate's Sabbath school class gathered at the parsonage one recent evening for a surprise party to the teacher, in honor of her birthday. She was presented with a beautiful Bible.

Correspondent.

Adams Center, N. Y.

Rev. L. F. Hurley of Riverside, Calif., and Mrs. Flora Hodge of Adams Center, N. Y., were married at the Baptist parsonage in Adams Center on Sabbath afternoon, August 7, by Rev. R. McCann, assisted by Rev. Paul Burdick; Mrs. McCann and Mrs. Burdick witnessed the ceremony. After a brief trip the couple returned to Adams Center, where they spent a few days, leaving for Riverside August 18, via automobile.

Mr. Hurley preached the sermon at our church August 14, a truly memorable discourse; his subject was "God Reigns," and was a wonderful résumé of the story of Joseph. He showed how God finally did reign in the wicked heart of Judah, and drew the comparison between the time of Joseph and our present time, urging that we still believe with all our hearts that God reigns now, and will fulfill his purpose now, even as he has all down through the generations.

After Sabbath school a tureen dinner was held in the church parlors, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Hurley. They were presented with several gifts, among them a beautiful coffee table from the Ladies' Aid, of which Mrs. Hurley has long been an associate member; the Will Class of the Sabbath school gave them a silver inlaid, red glass relish plate. At a gathering of the Loyal Class on Sun-

day evening they were presented a relish tray, and candy bowl of light and dark contrasting wood. Other organizations and friends of this community also presented gifts and entertained them. They left for their western home, with many friends wishing them God-speed, not only on this trip, but on their journey through life. S. K. W.

Verona, N. Y.

The church and community were greatly shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of Stuart Smith July 23, caused by a fall. He was always one of the first to assist in any work for the benefit of the church or public welfare, and will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

Home Coming Day was celebrated July 24, instead of August 7, as Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Davis of Salem, W. Va., were here. Doctor Davis is a former pastor and delivered the sermon for the morning service from the subject, "The World's Need of Evangelism." Following the church school, dinner was served to a hundred fifteen people.

At the all-day service July 3, the morning sermon was given by Pastor Polan. Dinner followed church school; then the young people put on a very interesting patriotic program in charge of Garth Warner. The theme was, "Young People Giving Their Best." The program consisted of vocal and instrument music, with Dorothy Williams song leader and Doris Fargo at the piano. Prayer for our boys in the service and talks by several young people were given.

About fifty young people of the Verona Youth Council met at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pritchard's camp at Sylvan Beach, Oneida Lake, last Monday evening. The theme of the worship program was, "Jesus Teaching by the Seaside." Several from the different churches took part. Garth Warner represented our church.

The W.C.T.U. held its annual meeting in Canastota, August 12. Two of the members of the Loyal Temperance Legion of our church had a part on the program, Leora Sholtz and Duane Davis. Pastor and Mrs. Polan attended the meeting.

Correspondent.

"Abraham Lincoln promised his mother that he would never smoke or drink. He always kept that promise."

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The Things That Haven't Been Done Before

The things that haven't been done before,
Those are the things to try.
Columbus dreamed of an unknown shore,
At the rim of the far-flung sky.
And his heart was bold, and his faith was strong,
As he ventured in dangers new;
And he paid no heed to the jeering throng
Or the fears of the doubting crew.

The many will follow the beaten track
With guideposts along the way.
They live, and have for ages back,
With a chart for every day.
Some one has told them it's safe to go
On the road he has traveled o'er,
And all that they ever strive to know
Are the things that were known before.

The things that haven't been done before
Are the tasks worth while today.
Are you one of the flock that follows, or
Are you one that will lead the way?
Are you one of the timid souls that quail
At the jeers of the doubting crew,
Or dare you, whether you win or fail,
Strike out for the goal that's new?

—World-Peace Primer.