

I received a great blessing from them. I was made very much at home by the pastor, Rev. James McGeachy, and all the members.

I wish to thank you for the interesting letters which I have received from Plainfield to the fellows in the service.

Sincerely a friend in Christ,  
Leon R. Lawton.

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By Daniel Maurice Robins

Lead on, Church Press—The type-sown seed  
Shall fruit in race redeeming grain  
On every field of human need  
In foreign land or home terrain—  
As Christian editors send forth  
The fuel for vice-consuming pyres,  
On countless altars round the earth  
Shall burn, rekindled spirit fires.

Lead on, Church Press—Thy line-o-type  
Shall gear with pulpit driving wheels,  
To challenge codes of doubtful stripe  
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No censoring, subversive mind  
Shall dim Judea's Holy Star  
While printed pages show mankind  
The hands impressed with Calvary's scar.

Lead on, Church Press—a wide world calls  
For consecrated power and zeal,  
To breach those ancient creedal walls  
On which intolerance sets its seal—  
Thy editorial heart and brain  
Shall lead the Church toward that goal  
Where men of every racial strain  
Find highest vantage of the soul.

Lead on, Church Press—Thy power expand,  
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Marriages

**Johnson - Fox.** — At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Fox, in Milton, Wis., August 26, 1944, Pfc. Robert Charles Johnson, of the Army Air Force, and Barbara Ann Fox. Rev. Willard D. Burdick officiated.

**Ramsell - Merritt.** — Sgt. Robert True Ramsell, United States Army, and Miss Jean Elizabeth Merritt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Merritt of Tonawanda, N. Y., were united in marriage at the First Friendship Seventh Day Baptist parsonage, September 9, 1944. Rev. Alton L. Wheeler officiated. The bride's home address is 105 Willow Drive, Tonawanda.

**Sorenson - Pfluke.** — Mr. George L. Sorenson, son of the late Rev. George and Louise Sorenson of Altamont, and Miss Marian M. Pfluke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Pfluke, 177 Circle Road, were united in marriage October 5, 1944, in the Verona Seventh Day Baptist parsonage with Rev. H. L. Polan officiating.

Obituary

**Crandall.** — Miss Jennie, daughter of Daniel M. and Abbie Burdick Crandall, was born in Hopkinton, R. I., September 4, 1852, and died at Cranston, R. I., October 3, 1944. She leaves one nephew, D. Alva Crandall of Hope Valley.

Miss Crandall was baptized by Rev. Charles A. Burdick and united with the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church in September, 1866. She transferred her membership to the Riverside, Calif., Church in 1925 and back to Rockville in 1938.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, and interment was in the Rockville Cemetery. T. R. S.

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## From the Holy Bible

☞Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

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☞Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy Word.

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☞I will run the way of thy commandments when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

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☞I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

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☞The entrance of thy Word giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple.

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☞He hath showed thee, O Man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

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## Editorials

### NATION-WIDE BIBLE READING

The American Bible Society is sponsoring a Nation-wide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving, November 23, to Christmas.

The society believes that if our nation is to become really great, if it is "to meet these days of crisis rightly, millions more of Americans must come into vital touch with the Bible and the reading of it." More and more this belief is coming to be more prevalent. Perhaps there has not been too much read about the Bible, but there has been too little read of it.

It was interesting, recently, in one of our prayer meetings to have the lay reader, a vigorous young business man, turn the meeting into a Bible reading one instead of bringing some stereotyped talk about the Bible. The session was one of a most refreshing nature.

The Bible reading being promoted by the society will make a sense of unity across all barriers. In it men and women in service all over the world will join with hosts of civilians—the families at home and others—in daily reading of great passages of the Bible.

A part of the program is to reach every person in the country and lead him to join the reading. Local churches—pastors, other leaders, committees—should enter wholeheartedly in carrying out the plans of this movement. It goes without saying that every one of us who reads this or about the program should personally read the passages and encourage others to do likewise. Let us pray, too, that the nation-wide Bible reading may, with the Spirit's help, have a far-reaching and multiplied influence, bringing multitudes back to regular

Bible-reading and many more to start and continue doing so.

Here follow the selections chosen for the daily readings:

Thanksgiving, November 23	Psalm 103
Friday	John 14
Sabbath, November 25	Psalm 23
Sunday	Psalm 1
Monday	Matthew 5
Tuesday	Romans 8
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 13
Thursday	Psalm 91
Friday	Matthew 6
Sabbath, December 2	John 3
Sunday	Isaiah 40
Monday	Psalm 46
Tuesday	Romans 12
Wednesday	Hebrews 11
Thursday	Matthew 7
Friday	John 15
Sabbath, December 9	Psalm 27
Sunday	Isaiah 53
Monday	Psalm 121
Tuesday	Philippians 4
Wednesday	Revelation 21
Thursday	Luke 15
Friday	Ephesians 6
Sabbath, December 16	John 17
Sunday	Isaiah 53
Monday	1 Corinthians 15
Tuesday	John 10
Wednesday	Psalm 51
Thursday	Psalm 37
Friday	John 1
Sabbath, December 23	Revelation 22
Sunday	Psalm 90
Christmas, December 25	Luke 2

### THE PROTESTANT PRESS

The Sabbath Recorder has been glad to join with two hundred other papers this month to stress the value and importance of the reli-

gious press to the homes and country in which we live.

Its value is seen in the influence brought to bear upon the life of the country through information of Christian character carried in its columns, reports of church and community activities for humanitarian uplift, inspirational messages, and helpful application of Bible truths together with the need of personal commitments to the Lord and to the work of his kingdom. That the government appreciates its value is seen in the flood of material furnished to promote sales of war bonds and the like. That its value is esteemed by various bodies promoting missions and relief work is evidenced by the overwhelming contribution of "releases" and other propaganda literature bombarding editors' desks.

More church people should value it than do and appreciate its importance as it encourages home life, Bible reading, and family prayer that are bedrock influences of a nation's best life.

The editors of some two hundred Protestant journals this month have been bringing the united voices of the various denominations to the people. They represent also a powerful force for spontaneous leadership in religious freedom in our land. This has been made possible by the official organization of Protestant editors known as the Associated Church Press. At the annual conventions of this body there are no "big wigs" or "little fellows," but every man and journal stand upon their own worth and merit. There, around a common table sit and talk the editors of progressive, liberal, and conservative papers. If Charles Clayton Morrison or Roy Smith have the floor it's not because they are editors of the Christian Century and Christian Advocate, but because they have something worth while and forthright to say. By the same token the editors of the less known Telescope or Sabbath Recorder are listened to if they have something of value to contribute. Many of these meetings have been attended by the writer who has yet to hear a note of controversy. Earnest Christians, these men "recognize certain common enemies against the forces of spiritual freedom and religious tolerance. As editors they recognize the necessity of combatting—with the power of the written word—these evil forces."

So, unitedly the Protestant Press has been lifting its voices together these weeks in the

hope of a still wider hearing, deeper interest, and larger building. Subscribe to the Sabbath Recorder!

### NEW TESTAMENT PICTURE STORIES

The first of the New Testament "Picture Stories" for boys and girls is now on the newsstands. Treated reverently in full color continuity the life of Christ has been pictured for children all over America in a form they read most avidly—the colored, comic technique. One of the country's leading publishers and originator of the comic magazines is the creator of "Picture Stories from the Bible." More than a million copies of the Old Testament Pictures were sold, profits from which were distributed among religious organizations interested in the venture. It was not, and is not a strictly commercial proposition, but a sincere attempt to make the Bible better known to millions of boys and girls.

The popularization of the New Testament has been written under the careful supervision of an Editorial Advisory Council of nationally known Protestant ministers and religious educators among whom are Dr. Robert A. Ashworth, Professor Samuel L. Hamilton, Frank S. Mead (Editor of the Christian Herald), Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, and Dr. Francis C. Stifler (Editorial Secretary of the American Bible Society).

The names of such Bible Christian men should give assurance of the character and dignity of the magazine.

The New Testament is being pictured chronologically in three separate editions. The first is now ready. We have a copy on our desk, an attractive booklet that will appeal to boys and girls who are not too satiated with Tom Mix and Superman. There are forty-five pages of one hundred seventy-eight different pictures, the introduction, a clear map of Palestine, and chronological index with Scripture references to the episodes illustrated in the story of Jesus. The magazine is well worth its price of ten cents.

### CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My FIRST Association

As president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference I attended my first association meeting last Sabbath. Yes, quite naturally, it was the Pacific Coast Association. We met in Los Angeles—nearly one hundred attending. The theme of the day was "First

Things First." We had no part in program planning; yet, for some reason they used the very theme which has been in my mind for the 1945 Conference. I have asked for suggestions for a theme but to date they have not been numerous. Unless someone proposes a better one soon, "First Things First" will doubtless be the chosen theme.

Chaplain Leon Maltby gave the morning message, and Pastor Hurley of Riverside the afternoon discourse. A. D. Mackintosh as

leader of the young people's hour read several well-chosen, subject-fitting poems. These were interspersed by the Los Angeles Young Ladies' Chorus, a group of nine voices. The Riverside Men's Chorus sang several times during the morning program. It was a day of spiritual uplift. Some soul winning pledge cards were signed and pledges and resolutions for more aggressive work were made.

P. B. Hurley.

## Missions

Rev. William L. Burdick, D.D., Ashaway, R. I.

Correspondence should be addressed to Rev. William L. Burdick, Ashaway, R. I. Checks and money orders should be drawn to the order of Karl G. Stillman, Westerly, R. I.

### QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held October 15, 1944, in the Pawcatuck Church. The meeting was opened with prayer by Deacon LaVerne D. Langworthy.

The members of the board present were Rev. Harold R. Crandall, LaVerne D. Langworthy, Edwin Whitford, George B. Utter, Dr. Anne L. Waite, Rev. William L. Burdick, Lloyd B. Langworthy, Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, Rev. Ralph H. Coon, Mrs. Harold R. Crandall, and Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn.

Guests present were Mrs. John H. Austin and Mrs. Trevah R. Sutton.

In opening the meeting, the president, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, said that this was the first meeting of the board in the new year. We are facing more serious problems than perhaps the society has ever faced. The problems of peace will be different. Probably the work in China and elsewhere will present new problems. We are going to need missionaries in the future and funds for reconstruction and rehabilitation. We ought in the near future to send representatives of the board to the several fields, people who are not so directly connected with the work. The home missionary effort must not be neglected. When we stop and think and see that the leaders of today, not only our field but other denominations, come from the small churches, we should not neglect them.

The quarterly and monthly reports of the treasurer were read and approved. The quar-

terly report and report on the condition of the society were ordered recorded.

The quarterly report of the corresponding secretary was read, approved, and ordered recorded. It follows:

As corresponding secretary I would report that during the quarter much time has been given to the correspondence and to committee work.

Following the last regular board meeting, in co-operation with the treasurer, the printing of the annual report was supervised, and copies were sent to members of the board and all pastors, and church leaders where there are no pastors.

I attended the General Conference at Alfred, and the week before Conference three days were given to the Committee on Denominational Literature. As usual, material has been furnished for the Missions Department of the Sabbath Recorder and missionary evangelistic literature has been sent to the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

William L. Burdick.

Ashaway, R. I.,  
October 15, 1944.

While under the report of the Missionary-Evangelistic Committee, the secretary reported that the Chicago Church is about to call a pastor, and hopes to finance the project; and that Rev. G. D. Hargis has accepted a call to the Los Angeles Church; also, the president reported action of the Commission which asked the Missionary Board to reduce the budget on the foreign field, making it possible to place a man on a field for a year where there is promise of creating new interest.

Voted: That the treasurer be authorized to Gentry, Little Prairie, or Edinburg be referred to a committee with power to act, be named by the president.

The president referred the question to the Missionary-Evangelistic Committee.

Voted: That the proposal to place a man in the Middle Island field be referred to the Missionary-Evangelistic Committee, with power to act.

Karl G. Stillman suggested that what the Society needs is a man who would go into the churches, remain with them for several weeks, study the situations, and give suggestions for building up the work of the churches. Voted: That the plan to find a man who might do the work as suggested by Mr. Stillman be referred to the Missionary-Evangelistic Committee.

Lloyd B. Langworthy, chairman of the American Tropics Committee, reported as follows:

I would report that the committee met twice during the quarter, and spent much time on the problem of training young men for the ministry in Jamaica.

With the appropriation already made by the board, and other funds available, it appears that the support of one candidate in our schools in this country is assured. The committee recommends that the board adopt this plan.

The problem of founding a school was also considered at length; but the committee has not sufficient data regarding the project to make recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd B. Langworthy,  
Chairman.

Voted: That the report be approved and ordered recorded, and the recommendation adopted.

#### Report of Committee to Employ a Missionary for Jamaica

Your committee appointed last year, with authority to employ a missionary for Jamaica, would report that it has been working on the problem, and after consulting several candidates has employed Brother Wardner T. Fitz Randolph of Texarkana, Ark.

It is planned that Brother Randolph and his family go to Jamaica some time the latter part of next month, and it is arranged that they come to Rhode Island to meet the board before their departure.

William L. Burdick,  
Karl G. Stillman,  
Harold R. Crandall,  
Committee.

Voted: That the report be accepted and ordered recorded.

Mr. George B. Utter, chairman of the China Committee reported as follows:

There seemed to be no occasion for a meeting of the China Committee. We have had no word from Dr. Crandall in free China. Money is being sent through proper channels, and we hope she is getting it.

Recently a letter came from Mabel West. It was censored, and no date was attached. Apparently they are still with the Shanghai Mission. She speaks of the schools as having 1,200 pupils.

During the early summer strange rumors were being circulated in some sections of the denomination in regard to the Wests being "deserted" by the Board of Managers. We made it very clear that while they were not being paid by the board, we stand ready to help them in every way to leave China. We have funds being reserved to help meet the costs and have told Washington to call on us at any time. There they are registered as employees of the board.

We have understood that the Wests chose to stay in China with the mission. That was the last word brought out by the Davises and Dr. Thorngate. We stand ready at any time to do anything to help them to be repatriated. They, and they alone, must make that decision and also the arrangements for the return.

George B. Utter,  
Chairman.

Voted: That the treasurer be authorized to pay to pastors of churches as listed in the budget \$35 a month, or as much thereof as is necessary to bring the salary of the Missionary pastors to \$1,000 a year.

Voted: That the salary revisions become effective as of October 1, 1944, and that the allowance of Rev. Herbert L. Polan for work in Syracuse be increased to \$15 per month.

Voted: That \$25 be appropriated to the International Missionary Council; \$49 to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America; and \$25 each to the China East Asia Committee and the Committee on World Literacy of the Foreign Missions Conference.

Voted: That because of impending projects, the adoption of the budget be deferred to the January meeting.

Voted: That the president appoint the standing committees. He named:

Missionary Evangelistic: Dr. Edwin Whitford as chairman, Morton R. Swinney, Charles E. Gardner, Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, Mrs. Alexander P. Austin, Hiram W. Barber, Jr., Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, Rev. William L. Burdick, Karl G. Stillman, LaVerne D. Langworthy, and President, ex officio.

American Tropics: Lloyd B. Langworthy as chairman, Albert S. Babcock, Walter D. Kenyon, Robert L. Coon, Rev. William L. Burdick, Rev. Ralph H. Coon, Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, Mrs. G. Carlton Irish, John S. C. Kenyon, Karl G. Stillman, and President, ex officio.

Work in China: George B. Utter as chairman, LaVerne D. Langworthy, Dr. Anne L. Waite, Karl G. Stillman, Asa F. Randolph, Elston H. Van Horn, Rev. William L. Burdick, Mrs. Harold R. Crandall, Mrs. James G. Waite, and President, ex officio.

Ministerial Relief: Karl G. Stillman as chairman and Rev. William L. Burdick.

Investment: Karl G. Stillman as chairman, George B. Utter, and Lloyd B. Langworthy.

Auditing: LaVerne D. Langworthy as chairman, Hiram W. Barber, and Morton R. Swinney.

Voted: That the corresponding secretary be instructed to write a note to Brother Albert S. Babcock of Rockville, aged 93, expressing

## Woman's Work

### WORSHIP PROGRAM

By Mrs. Eldred Batson

#### Thanksgiving

Hymn: "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow."

"If on one day of this month we are to eat a meal with thoughts of gratitude in our hearts, why not every day and why not every meal? Thus shall we celebrate the festival of the multitudinous hands by which we are served; hands that gather coconuts in distant groves, dig the coal in dark mines, till the soil in all places of the earth, weave the carpets, garner the spices, tend and feed the flocks, obey the will of tireless machines—hands that after the work of the hour and of the day often carry within themselves an ache. For all the aching and toiling hands of the world, in a spiritual and unusual sense, are extended toward us as we eat our daily bread, thrice each day this month of gratitude."

Scripture reading: Matthew 25: 34-40.

Hymn: "O. Worship the King."

"What do I think about when I sit down to a Thanksgiving dinner, or to any dinner? About what I have done to prepare the dinner I am about to eat? What my money has provided? About what my hands have done? Or, about what others have also done? About the hands of wife, or child, or servant that peeled the potatoes? Those who toiled in distant plantations for coffee, and spices, and tea? Those who walked the rows of sugar beets, sowed and harrowed and reaped in far-off fields? Of sailors who carried food to me, of stokers in the deep hot holds of ships? And when I think of these, do I say unto myself, 'I paid a price enough to provide them all they deserve,' or 'I am a debtor to all who have struggled that I might live?'"

Prayer: "Eternal Giver of all good and perfect gifts, we come unto thee in gladness and

our love and appreciation of his continued interest in the work of the board.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. H. C. Van Horn closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned.

George B. Utter,  
Recording Secretary.

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

in gratitude for the fertility of fields and groves, for the constancy of sun and shower, and for the patient labor of unseen hands through which our food has come. Let these unknown benefactors be the guests of our thoughts this day. Speed thou our imaginations, O God, to those who sit today at meager or empty boards. Strengthen thou the persons and the forces that in all lands, and creeds, and parties joyously labor to shape a just and brotherly world. Enlist us also in their unfinished task. Thus may thy will be done throughout thy bountiful earth. Amen."

Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King."

### A LETTER FROM NEW GUINEA

Dear Mrs. Swiger:

Eva wrote, asking that I write you a letter telling what the Women's Board could do for the boys and girls in service.

I'm sitting here on my cot, under the mosquito net, in my one room stall in the barracks. The ocean is roaring outside the window and the temptation is strong to toss down my pen and cool off, as it's slightly hot in New Guinea, and I don't really know what to write. I'm here for a few days "sweating out" transportation for my new assignment, far from here.

After the fellows have been over here for a long time they get a crazy idea in their heads that they're forgotten. Many a kid has come up with a chip on his shoulder and said, "Aw, the folks back in the states don't give a hang about us. They've forgotten we're over here. Why, they don't even know there is a war going on!"

Of course, they're wrong. I think I realized the war was on back there more than I do over here. But if there is any little thing you can do to show them they're not forgotten, they need that reassurance. They want to know

you're praying for them, and their safety. They want to know things are being carried on back home the way they should be, so that they feel it's all worth fighting for.

But the actual fighting isn't the hardest job over here. There are a lot of soldiers who've had to stay back for twenty-eight or thirty months doing dull routine jobs in the heat and the mud. There isn't much to read over here. If every woman in the denomination would go to her library, and pick out one of her choicest books (not the one she doesn't want ever again), and mail it to some fellow in the service, he'd read it, and the next fellow in his tent would enjoy it, and it would fill in a lot of hours.

Maybe you could raise funds to send the Recorder to the service men and women overseas. It would be a welcome reminder. Maybe there are three hundred women who'd like to "adopt" a service man for the duration, and take it upon themselves to—well, write letters, send a book or two, maybe a can of stuffed olives, or a package of writing paper, or—just something.

They might not be as responsive as you'd want them to be. Yesterday, another Red Cross girl and I were lying on the beach. Two kids came along to talk. They were quite proud of themselves because they had managed to escape the "G. I." boundary line, and

were treading on officers' sand—which, by the way, is as black as their own. My friend spoke of a young flyer who had been killed the day before. "He—he was so young!" she commented. "He hadn't even lived." A strange look came over the faces of the boys, and one of them remarked, "I haven't heard that kind of talk for a long time."

"Yes," the other one said, "over here, you expect to kill or be killed. I—I don't think I'm tough, not really."

"You have to put on that shell, don't you," my friend suggested.

"That's right." He had a sweet boyish face. He was only nineteen. "You might as well make up your mind to be a beast as long as the war lasts."

I closed my eyes and lay thinking while the sun scorched my back again. I'll never learn just how hot the tropical sun can be. Yes, they have to be beasts for a little while, those youngsters we taught in school and in our homes to be kind and thoughtful and brothers to all races. But just keep praying to keep that little spark of humanity and civilization alive, so that when it's over, and the ugly beast is dead, there will be something left to take its place.

May God bless all of you back home.

Sincerely yours,

August 15, 1944.

Ruth Kenyon.

## Christian Education

Rev. Harley Sutton, Alfred Station, N. Y.

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

### ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION, OCTOBER 8, 1944

The annual meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Incorporated, was called to order at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, October 8, 1944, at the Gothic in Alfred, New York, by E. D. Van Horn, President of the Board. He was elected Chairman of the Corporation meeting.

John Reed Spicer was elected secretary.

Members (qualified as such by attendance at the 1944 sessions of the General Conference) present were:

A. J. C. Bond, Charles H. Bond, Ben R. Crandall, Burton B. Crandall, Dora K. Degen, Walter L. Greene, Everett T. Harris, J. Nelson Norwood, Albert N. Rogers, Don A. Sanford, Miriam Shaw, John Reed Spicer, Harley

H. Sutton, Edgar D. Van Horn, Alfred E. Whitford, Rex Zwiebel.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by the secretary, as follows:

The committee appointed by the Corporation to nominate directors for the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education would recommend the following nominations:

A. J. C. Bond, Alfred, New York  
Charles H. Bond, Little Genesee, New York  
Harold O. Burdick, Alfred, New York  
Ben R. Crandall, Alfred, New York  
Burton B. Crandall, Alfred, New York  
Edward W. Crandall, Canisteo, New York  
Dora K. Degen, Alfred, New York  
Walter L. Greene, Andover, New York  
Everett T. Harris, Alfred, New York  
E. Fritjof Hildebrand, Alfred, New York

J. Nelson Norwood, Alfred, New York  
 L. Ray Polan, now Westerly, R. I.  
 Albert N. Rogers, Alfred Station, N. Y.  
 Don A. Sanford, Little Genesee, N. Y.  
 Miriam Shaw, Alfred, New York  
 John Reed Spicer, Alfred, New York  
 Edgar D. Van Horn, Alfred, New York  
 Alton L. Wheeler, Nile, New York  
 Wilma White, now New York City  
 Alfred E. Whitford, Alfred, New York  
 Rex Zwiebel, Alfred, New York

There are only three changes from the list of directors who have served during the current year, as follows: Rex Zwiebel in place of David S. Clarke, Wilma White in place of Ruth T. Rogers, and E. Fritjof Hildebrand in place of Harley H. Sutton.

Inasmuch as the officers of the Board are, according to the By-Laws, elected by the directors at their first regular meeting, it seems wise to the committee to make no nominations of officers in order not to prejudice the election.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred E. Whitford, Chairman,  
 A. J. C. Bond,  
 J. Nelson Norwood,  
 Edgar D. Van Horn  
 Alton L. Wheeler.

August 23, 1944.

On motion of J. Nelson Norwood it was voted that the nominees be elected with the understanding that Miss Emma Burdick be regarded as alternate for Miss Wilma White until such time as Miss White is able to return to Alfred.

On motion of A. E. Whitford it was voted that the Chair appoint a Nominating Committee for the coming year. The appointees were: Alfred E. Whitford, Chairman; A. J. C. Bond, J. Nelson Norwood, Edgar D. Van Horn, Alton L. Wheeler.

On motion of J. Nelson Norwood it was voted that the report of the Board as prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and presented to the Commission be received and incorporated in the records.

The minutes were read and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Reed Spicer,  
 Secretary.

### BY YOUNG PEOPLE

(This material is furnished by the former editor of Young People's Work at the request of Mr. Sutton.)

#### If I Were You

By Melvin G. Nida

"You have life ahead of you—everything in your favor. Why shouldn't you be happy? But look at me, oh, if I were only you!"

Friend, it is so easy to look at someone else and begin such a train of wishful thinking. How easy it is to think that others have had an easier path than your own—that God has been better to them, or that they have some secret rule of happiness.

But if you stop now and think carefully, is it just the exterior things that give life abundant happiness? No, true happy living is the blossom of a God-given flower that has its roots in a deep, sincere faith—a faith that knows the guidance of the Eternal and trusts all things to a Lord and Saviour who gave his all, that we might claim the beauties of his leadership.

Without that leadership you know the incompleteness of life. Often you've wished that there were not the tangled strands that make life miserable for you. You've gazed longingly at someone whose life, beautiful in its purity and worship of God, made you decide that it was time for you to live better. But then your eyes have wandered back and suddenly—you were sick!

Then you've cried in desperation, "Oh, if I were only he! But my life, how can it be made better?"

Friend, one stands waiting who can make your life pure and give you the happiness and peace that comes from a life lived for him. He stands patiently, with outstretched love, speaking again and again while you've turned each time away. It seemed easier then to disobey God's laws, that are for our happiness, and spurn his love. But now you see the mistake. It was not the easiest path for it has made you unhappy and life has been unsatisfied without a complete fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

But still he stands waiting. Still he seeks, just now, to accept a sincere prayer of repentance. His words of love still speak entreatingly, yet so firmly:

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." "He that believeth on him is not

condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 3, 18, 16.

Friend, I'd give my life to Jesus, if I were you!

Sykesville, Md.

### THE BIBLE AND THE SABBATH

The Bible and the Sabbath

By Allen Bond

As believers in the Bible Sabbath we need to remember that we can not consistently accept any doctrine which rejects the authority of the Bible as being verbally inspired and infallible as our guide. The moment we accept teachings which reject the Bible by upholding beliefs which are contrary to simple Bible statements, we have taken away our Sabbath foundation. If the Bible can be ignored, humanized, and explained to allow for the acceptance of modern evolutionary beliefs, the denial of the deity of Christ, and his substitutionary death and his actual and visible return yet in the future, and other such profane teachings—if we do all this, then, pray tell, where are we going to find an argument against those who say that the Sabbath is not important and in force today? Some people are foolish enough to saw off the limb on which they are sitting.

Salem, W. Va.

### SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President's Address, 1944

(Not delivered for lack of time.)

For lack of funds to print it, the Historical Society, as has been its custom for several years, makes no formal report to the General Conference, aside from that of the treasurer. In this informal, and rather sketchy presentation, the president seeks to cover to some extent the activities of the Society for the past year, to set forth something of its recent acquisitions, and to state some of its needs.

Like those of other historical societies, certain of our activities have been much restricted by war conditions. In pre-war days, we were accustomed to invite various groups of people to visit us, with the view of interesting them

in our work, and of showing them its progress. Such meetings we are unable to hold now. Then, though some who are engaged in different types of research continue to come, the number is much less than formerly.

However, aside from research work carried on by the Society itself, such workers from historical organizations in Philadelphia and Washington have visited us this year, besides various ones of our own people in pursuit of this or that project. Research has been carried on by correspondence to a considerable extent in behalf of the Society, itself, and with others in their own behalf.

The librarian and assistant spent two and a half months in research for, and in preparation of a History of the Sabbath Recorder, for the centennial edition of the Recorder. The Society makes no charge to any one for such work, whether Seventh Day Baptist or otherwise; but if such charges were made, we should have presented the Sabbath Recorder with a bill of from \$800.00 to \$1,000.00 for the history. Again, may I say that all such service is rendered free of charge. But that you may have some idea of the commercial value of the services which the Society is rendering, this estimate is given, and it is a very conservative estimate.

Research for the history of two of our churches, one of which will celebrate its centennial in the near future, and for a Biographical History of Seventh Day Baptists—authorized by the Tract Board—all has been carried on during much of the year. In the absence of the records of one of the churches just referred to, you may be interested to know that its history has to be reconstructed from our various publications, including the *Protestant Sentinel*, the *Seventh Day Baptist Register*, minutes of the Associations, the General Conference, and other denominational organizations, the Sabbath Recorder, personal correspondence, and other sources at our command.

We are pleased to record the cordial cooperation of other libraries in our work. That of the War Department in Washington, of Vassar College, and the Colgate Baptist Collection at Hamilton, N. Y., have all generously offered inter-library loans of rare and expensive books, offers which we have gladly accepted. We are particularly pleased to say that the library of Alfred University has been most generous in response to our appeals for aid.

Various individuals have been assisted in compiling their family records. Work of that class is one of the growing services of the library, a service for which our resources are steadily increasing. In this connection, it may be noted that some fifty years ago, Mr. Thomas Clayton Davis, then of Nortonville, Kan., began to compile a record of the descendants of Rev. William Davis, one of our early ministers, and the founder of the Shrewsbury Church in New Jersey, which later moved to Western Virginia, and is now known as the Salem Church, at Salem, W. Va. The compiler hoped to publish the results of his work in book form, but death overtook him before this could be done. After some delay, the family placed the manuscript in the hands of a publisher who confidently expected to issue it in book form. It was set up in type and a set of galley proofs made for necessary corrections; but before these could be made and the book printed, reverses overtook the publisher in the course of which the type was destroyed, and only the one set of galley proofs, with some corrections, survived. Through the courtesy of the *quondam* publisher, our Society was permitted to make a set of photostat copies of these proofs, with their corrections as far as made. These, even with all their short-comings, are an invaluable addition to our Genealogical Department, for they include almost all our Seventh Day Baptist families, certainly a half hundred, more or less. It is still hoped that this collection may yet appear in book form. Meanwhile it serves us as no other genealogical collection does, or can serve us. It would make a book of some 600 or 700 pages, printed after the style commonly used for such books.

Though war limitations of travel have reduced meetings of friends interested in our work to a low minimum, during the year we have entertained the Commission of the General Conference, and the Tract Board, with its guests—a group of students from the Theological Seminary—both at their April meetings, respectively; and the Tract Board's Committee on Denominational Literature, at its November meeting.

Records of extinct churches acquired during the year include those of Grand Junction, Iowa; Berlin, Wis.; and Utica, Wis. There are numerous other extinct churches whose records we should be glad to have. For example, there are at least four such extinct churches in the state of West Virginia, alone. Pastors and

others in the vicinity of extinct churches can render an excellent service by looking up and forwarding such records before they are irrevocably lost. Then the communion services of certain extinct churches, as well as those of certain churches which have adopted the individual communion service, have been sent to us. We shall be glad to have more of these. Some have been presented to us outright, and others are left in our safe-keeping. We accept them either way. A commodious glass case in our museum is set apart to exhibit these.

There have been nearly 100 accessions to our library during the year, of which nearly three-fourths were presented by various donors. There have been numerous donations to the museum, too many to name here; but perhaps the most notable of these is a very large silk banner, beautifully designed, and richly executed, made by native members of our church at Shanghai, China, and presented to our Missionary Society, which, in turn, has presented it to the Historical Society. Unfortunately, it is too large to place on permanent exhibition.

The indexing of the marriages and deaths of the first 15 volumes of the Sabbath Recorder and of several current volumes has been completed. It will be remembered that Miss Helen Titsworth, of the library of the University of Kansas, has been employing her leisure time for several years in indexing these features of the Recorder, beginning with it in its present form. It will also be remembered that Miss Titsworth made a complete index of the *Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Magazine*, our earliest periodical publication, and of the *Seventh Day Baptist Memorial*, published 90 years ago. She gives this service as a contribution to our denominational activities. It is hoped that in due time a complete index of the Sabbath Recorder and its predecessors can be made; but it is a colossal task, far beyond the scope of our resources of such labor at the present time. Meanwhile, as research for this purpose and that goes on in the Recorder, suitable records are made for use on other occasions.

Among various portraits presented during the year, there may be noted the following: Those of the Utter family—Rev. George B. Utter, Hon. George H. Utter, and Hon. George B. Utter (father, son, and grandson)—and crayon portraits of Rev. Lewis A. Davis and wife, presented by Mrs. George H. Trainer;

and that of Rev. Simeon Babcock, presented by his grandson, Milton J. Babcock. Rev. George B. Utter will be recognized as the first editor of the Sabbath Recorder, and, for several years, its sole proprietor. His son, Hon. George H. Utter, was governor of the State of Rhode Island, and at the time of his death, a member of Congress. His grandson, Hon. George B. Utter, has been a member of the legislature of Rhode Island. A notable family, of which the grandson, as was his father before him, is the publisher of an outstanding New England daily newspaper—published on Sunday, but not on the Sabbath. Rev. Lewis A. Davis and Rev. Simeon Babcock, both, were pastors and missionaries on our early borders in the near and middle west. Both were notable worthies in their day.

Current church bulletins have been received from the following churches: De Ruyter, N. Y.; New Auburn, Wis.; Shiloh, N. J.; White Cloud, Mich.; New York City; and Rockville, R. I. These bulletins are carefully filed away with other material relating to their respective churches, as they constitute a valuable source of current history. We should be glad to have bulletins of other churches issuing them. Unfortunately, these bulletins are on a quality of paper which is short lived. If the copies sent to the Historical Society could be of a more permanent quality of paper, their life would not be so brief.

We were pleased to note that a recent issue of the Sabbath Recorder carries a list of names of those from our Seventh Day Baptist families who are in our national armed forces. Doubtless present omissions and future additions will appear in subsequent numbers. Such records relating to the First World War, at that time published in the Recorder constitute a record of great value, a record which will become increasingly so as the years roll along.

Here it may not be amiss to say that the editor of the Sabbath Recorder is always ready to give his cordial support to the interests of the Historical Society in all that relates thereto. We are constantly laid under obligation to him for accessions of value, particularly church and other records. Nor is he unmindful of other types of material, whether of books, papers, or things of museum value. He voluntarily started a fund for the repair of a melodeon of historic value—the first musical instrument used by the late Prof. Jairus M. Stillman, who served both Alfred University

and Milton College as head of their respective departments of music, and as a teacher of music in other fields, besides being a writer of music of note. The melodeon was presented to the Historical Society by Miss Hazel Gamble, a great niece of Professor Stillman. We hope the fund for its rehabilitation may be completed in the near future.

As a light upon the back-ground upon which our denominational life is constantly projected, we aim to provide at least a minimum of current religious and secular books and periodicals of the type suitable for giving any one engaged in study of the passing years, a fairly adequate conception of these current phases of our national and international life, secular and religious, public and private; for you have but to glance about you to realize that these changes are having a definite and powerful influence upon our denominational life and growth.

The question of financing the imperative needs of the Historical Society is a most serious one. The income from the United Denominational Budget is wholly insufficient to meet the needs of current necessary office and other incidental expenses, and then take care of much needed additional equipment, for additions to the library, and for replacements. As examples of such needs, our badly tattered window curtains need to be replaced at once, some hundreds of feet of permanent book shelves in closed cases are needed, as well as additional cases for our rapidly growing card index. These are illustrations of our many needs.

Then, to meet the requirements of expansion, a large room in the attic of our building (space now used as a sort of store and lumber room) should be fitted up with suitable partitions and ceilings, with cases for a certain class of books, seldom needed but valuable; and for the less interesting features of the museum. This can all be done of inexpensive, but substantial construction, at a relatively small cost. Several hundreds of books and a large quantity of various reports in magazine form, now stored away, can thus be quite satisfactorily taken care of. Certain additional office equipment is a crowding necessity, if our work is to be done with adequate convenience and economy of time and labor.

Funds for the salary of the assistant librarian are provided by an interested and generous friend; and certain other needs have been met

through the contributions of the president and librarian, who serves, of course, without salary.

To meet these further needs, a Capital Fund has been set up through the modest contributions of interested friends. The contributions to this fund for the current calendar year bid fair to reach the expected goal of \$500; and a similar amount is hoped for year by year in the future. The proceeds of this fund will be used only for permanent improvements and permanent growth.

In furtherance of the interests of the Historical Society, it is hoped that, in the near future, plans will be perfected for periodical reports to be made to our churches through pastors and other denominational leaders—reports of accessions, especially by gift, of books, records, papers and other material of historical interest, of our needs, and a report of the activities of the Society.

Here let me remind you that the Historical Society and its assets are in no sense personal, nor yet is the Society a private, or close corporation. It all belongs to the Seventh Day Baptist Denomination, and is always jealously guarded and cared for in behalf of the Denomination.

Under the direction of the president and librarian of the Society, the necessary work of research and compiling material for the Biographical History of Seventh Day Baptists, authorized by the Tract Board, and previously noted in this report, goes steadily on, along with the research relating to other projects. Indeed it is interesting to observe how all history of Seventh Day Baptists, whether of individuals, churches, our various denominational organizations of larger dimensions, and our various denominational projects, are all inter-related and inter-entwined. They can not be wholly separated, any one from the others. Our recent study of the history of the Sabbath Recorder and its predecessors has shown us all that, and more clearly than ever before; and that, too, beyond the peradventure of a doubt. We wonder how many of us realize how complete a history of American Seventh Day Baptists, with all their interests and activities during the past century and a quarter, is to be found in the Sabbath Recorder and its predecessors. The organization of new churches, the conditions and progress of all our churches—both old and new—our Sabbath Schools, the several Associations, not to name the Gen-

eral Conference, the Missionary Society, the Sabbath Tract Society, the Publishing Society, the Education Society, the Sabbath School Board, the Woman's Board, the Young People's Board, our Palestine Mission, our China Mission, our interests on the African Gold Coast and in British East Africa, as well as in British Guiana and Jamaica, in the British Isles, in Holland, and in Germany, and other less important projects, perhaps, even the Historical Society,—along with biographies of our leaders through the past century,—all have a place in the Sabbath Recorder. The interests and progress of our educational institutions—Alfred, Milton, Salem, especially—the attitude of, and positions taken by, Seventh Day Baptists on great moral, social, and religious questions, some of them (perhaps the most of them) provoking heated discussions, are all to be found there. And it is not only interesting, but definitely comforting and reassuring, even in these years long past, to see how carefully our denominational ship of state was guided through those tempestuous seas by the sure hands of its pilots—the editors of the Sabbath Recorder.

Those men were all chosen by our outstanding denominational leaders—men in close contact with our denominational currents of thought, and with such accuracy of vision and forethought that it would almost seem as if these editors were chosen by our Heavenly Father himself. Perhaps they were. Who knows? They were men of wide denominational acquaintance, of maturity of thought and experience, wise in their wisdom of men and of God, steeped in the history and traditions of our Seventh Day Baptist heritage, with visions of almost uncanny foresight into our denominational future—George B. Utter, Nathan V. Hull, Stephen Burdick, Lewis A. Platts, Leander E. Livermore, Abram Herbert Lewis, Theodore L. Gardiner. The memories of the lives of these editorial saints have become little short of a sacred tradition; but, though dead, they still live and march on, and are potent enough to inspire us today with a righteous pride in the heritage which they have left us, and with a courage and determination to be "not disobedient to the heavenly vision" which they opened up before our eyes. I need not remind you that they have left their editorial mantle on the shoulders of another true soldier of the Cross.

These records of the Sabbath Recorder are typical of the treasures to be gleaned from the rich resources of the Historical Society—all of which should make us more courageous, more hopeful, and more determined workers in the vineyard of our Lord and Master.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 11, 1944

The Church During War and Peace

Scripture—Isaiah 2: 2-4; 9: 6, 7; Matthew 5: 43-48;  
Romans 13: 1-7.

Golden Text—Matthew 5: 9.

### Children's Page

#### OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

It has been a long time since I have written to you, and a great many things have happened which have concerned my family. My two sisters have married; one has a little boy three months old. His daddy was killed in the South Pacific area. I believe you said that your son was in that area, didn't you?

My brother is in India. He has been there for nearly six months, only it seems a lot longer than that to us and to him, too, I guess. He has had some very interesting experiences about which he writes home to us. It seems that the need for missionaries and Red Cross workers is great to help the people become more civilized. He has sent me a bracelet made from Indian coins. His wife has a number of interesting things from him (My ink ran out here), and also the rest of us. He can get things, or rather could when he first got there, real cheap. Since the soldiers have come, the natives have started charging about three or four times the average price because they knew the soldiers wanted the things and would buy them for a good price. He seems to like his work real well, but the climate is so hot he doesn't have much ambition.

Do you remember the summer that you were at Conference when it was held in Battle Creek, Mich.? I believe it was in '41. I have often wondered if you have gotten over your "black eye." It made me remember how you looked because yours was about the first "black eye" I had ever seen. I just wish, though, that I had had time to get acquainted with you.

#### FOR CHINA RELIEF

The Chinese Anti-tuberculosis Society has been given a quantity of Christmas greeting cards to be sold for China Relief. The cards are by Chinese artists and very attractive.

Miss Miriam Shaw and Dr. and Mrs. George Thorngate (Alfred, N. Y.) are taking orders for them at \$1.00 per dozen. Since the cards are donated all the money will go to the Relief Fund. In buying them one will not only meet one's own need of the season's cards, but will be contributing helpfully to a most worthy cause.

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

This week winds up the first six weeks of school. I am enjoying it quite well, but I'm taking quite a heavy course—five major subjects. One of my classes is taught by the same teacher who taught my dad when he was in the grade school. Every once in awhile she asks me about some of my aunts and uncles and relates the funny experiences they had. She was only about eighteen or nineteen years old when she taught them.

I have just reread what I had already written. I hope you don't read it wrong about the ink. I meant that the rest of us have had some interesting things from my brother, too, and that I had to refill my pen. I often make such a mistake and don't notice it, and when someone else reads it, it sounds funny when I didn't mean for it to be.

Well, I guess I had better close before I make a worse mistake.

Sincerely,

Mary Bottoms.

Athens, Ala.,

October 13, 1944.

Dear Mary:

I am very sorry to hear that your sister's husband has been killed in the South Pacific. Yes, our son has been in the Pacific area for over a year. First in Australia, then New Guinea, and now north of New Guinea on a small island. The hot weather seems to agree with him very well. He has never seen his little boy who is nearly ten months old.

I surely will always remember the Battle Creek Conference when I had to show myself to my friends and acquaintances with two very black eyes and a much swollen nose. My

black eyes soon faded to their natural color, but I was left with a slightly Roman nose which I didn't have before. I think I remember you as the little girl who looked at me with such a solemn big-eyed expression. Your letter is very interesting and I enjoyed your funny little mistake for I have been known to make the very same kind. I imagine others, too, will chuckle over it.

Sincerely your friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you? I am fine. I saw in last week's Recorder that you didn't have any letters, so I thought that I would have to help roll the letters in.

Mrs. Greene, in that story that I made up myself and sent to you, I made a mistake. I said that Joan told about the snowballing at home and at school, and it is supposed to be she told no one about it either at home or at school. I'm sorry, but I was in a hurry.

Yesterday my brother and I were hauling in corn; we came to the bottom of a pile of corn and there were two little mice.

I am getting along quite well in school. We had our first frost this morning, and boy! was it a big one. I hope you get a lot of letters.

Your little friend,  
Nancy Lou Kelley.

Berea, W. Va.,  
October 16, 1944.

Dear Nancy Lou:

Yes, I am fine, too, never better; but I enjoy keeping near the fire, for we have a heavy frost every night, and even in the sunlight, "the wind blows cold." The birdbath outside my kitchen window had a thick coating of ice this morning. The trees which have had such pretty autumn colors are almost bare now. Last week we had a busy time raking up leaves which were carried away by the town truck. Once when I was a little girl a mouse ran up my sleeve and bit my arm. And do you know, I'm still afraid of mice. Are you?

Sincerely yours,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

The World Student Christian Federation, through its affiliated national Student Christian movements, has contact with the Christian youth of 40 countries.

### DOES GOD ANSWER PRAYER?

By Mrs. Raymond Prati

Text—"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3: 6.

I have recently had such a marvelous manifestation of God's leading power, and answer to prayer, that I feel impressed to share the blessing with others. This may seem to many to be a different sort of testimony, but none the less real to me.

As some of the Recorder readers may know, the Lord has been calling my husband and me into active service for Him with two instruments, piano accordion and guitar. It is in regard to the wonderful way in which God provided us with the beautiful accordion that we now have, that this article is written.

First, let me say that I chose the above text because I have tried and proved it in my own life, and I know that it is true. If we gladly and willingly acknowledge God in all our ways, He will direct even the smallest details of our lives—things that may seem trivial and unimportant to others. I have heard people say, sometimes, in answer to another's remark concerning a seemingly small matter, "Why trouble the Lord with such a minor matter?" Why not? God is as glad to have us come to Him with small matters as He is to have us come with the bigger ones.

About seven months ago I felt impressed to pray to the Lord for a piano accordion to use in the slums of Albany. I spoke to my husband about it, and he said, "Well, keep on praying, and if it is really of God, He'll lead on."

We have been meeting with a small group of real, praying Christians called the Prayer Band, and knowing their earnestness when they pray, and having the greatest confidence in their prayers, I brought the request before them at the next meeting. The Lord so laid it on their hearts that one brother said, "Let's take up an offering to start a down payment on it," and it was a most generous offering. Later on, others contributed, and the Lord seemed to be leading us on, as my husband had said He would.

Knowing that such instruments are dear these days, and not only dear, but scarce, we had to just blindly trust the Lord to lead us to the right one. The devil tried his level best to discourage us by saying, "You'll never find one—they don't make them any more," but we answered, "The Lord knows just where

the right one is, and He'll lead us right to it when the time comes."

As many of you know, we have been helping out in slum work in the city of Albany, and one night, a short time after I had presented my request to the Prayer Band, as we were walking down one of the streets in the slums toward the corner where we had our street meeting, we spied an accordion in one of the store windows. I was the first to notice it, and when I drew the attention of the others to it, my husband and the other men went across the street to inquire about it. They soon returned and said that the man was asking \$100.00 for it, but my husband, although he could have taken it then, decided not to, and so we went on our way.

A day or two later my husband contacted an acquaintance of his who is an accordionist, and they went together to Albany to look over the instrument, but when they got there the store was closed, and again my husband came home without it. That was on a Tuesday night, and since the accordionist was engaged for the next night (Wednesday) they made arrangements to go down the following night (Thursday) and go earlier, so as to find the store open.

On Wednesday morning I picked up the morning paper and was glancing through the want ad section, just why I don't know, exactly, and there before my eyes, in bold black print, was this advertisement: "Piano Accordion for sale—120 basses—like new—owner going in army," and it gave the address. I showed the ad to my husband when he came home, and he said, "I suppose it wouldn't hurt to go take a look, anyway," so he did. It was some time before he came back, but when he did, he was full of enthusiasm over the beauty of the instrument, but bothered because the man was asking more than he felt he could afford to pay, but the owner had told him that another person had offered him a little less than he was asking, but he didn't want to sell it to him, because he was just planning to fix it up and sell it for more than he paid, and he wanted it to go to someone who would appreciate it.

When the young man told my husband how much he was asking, my husband then told him of the one in Albany that we had almost bought, and the man knew the very one he meant. He told him that it was badly worn and that he himself had almost bought it for

the parts, since he is also an accordion repairman. When my husband heard that, he discarded the idea of getting the one in Albany, because it would have cost him the price of a new one to have it put into good shape.

Just before he came home, he told the young man what we wanted to use the instrument for, and made him an offer, left our name and telephone number so that if he decided to sell it to us, he could call us. My husband had said to me, "We must pray that God will touch his heart, because only the power of God can bring that beautiful instrument into our home," so we got to our knees and asked God if it was His will, to touch the young man's heart, to sell it to us.

After supper my husband felt an urge to take me over to see it, so we went over, but much to our disappointment the young man had gone out of town. However, the young lady who received us said he would be back at about nine o'clock (it was then a little after eight). She invited us to sit down inside and wait, but we went outside to the car and waited. Just when we were about to give up and go home, we saw him, in the company of some other men, go upstairs to where he was living, and so we went up, too, knocked, and were invited in and given chairs. After playing a few pieces on it and demonstrating its beauty of tone, and his own ability as well, he finally turned to us, and said, "I'll sell it to you at your price." You can imagine our joy and gratitude to God for answering our prayers. There was another man there who also wanted it, and he turned colors when the man sold it to us, for he was very eager to get it for himself.

We knew that without a doubt God had answered our prayers, for the young man kept saying, "I don't know why I'm doing this, but I am." However, we knew that it was because God had touched his heart, and he had to sell it to us at our own price, even against his will. He also said, "I'll know it is in good hands, and that you'll take good care of it." We assured him that it would be cared for as tenderly as a baby.

We offered to make a down payment on it, but he refused, saying he knew he could trust us, and we left, with the understanding that we would come back the next day to get it, which we did, at which time he told us that the saloon keeper next door had seen the ad in the paper and wanted to buy it for his own



boy, but the man told him it was no longer his, that it had been sold. The man asked him to take it and play it in his place, anyway, so he did, and after he finished playing, the saloon keeper counted out the price that he had originally asked and shoved it across the bar toward him but again he told him that it had been sold. The Lord had chosen it and taken it away from Satan for his own use, and the bar-keeper had to give up. Praise the Lord for His marvelous ways! The young man also told us that he had made up his mind the day before after my husband had gone, that he was going to sell it to us, so God's hand was in it from the first impression to pray for an accordion to the day we purchased it. Since that time it has been used for His glory alone.

Just after we brought it home, the devil laid me flat on my back with a cold and sinus infection, and for two weeks I was unable to touch the instrument, and even after I got up from the sick bed, I was too weak for many days to hold it up, and the progress was very slow. The devil was not going to give up as easily as that—he figured that he hadn't been able to keep us from buying it, but he could keep me from learning to play it for a while, and he did, but God again stepped in and put him to flight when one day, after several fu-

tile attempts to play it, I raised my hands up to heaven in desperation, and said, "Lord, I'm sick of trying to learn in my own strength—you'll have to help me," and from that time on I was able to play better and better, and today, (and I say this to the glory of God, because it is He, and He alone that has made it possible,) people say to me that mine is the best accordion playing they have ever heard. Praised be the name of the Lord! To Him belongs the glory!

In September we expect to take our instruments and go to a place in northern New York to be the singers and musicians for a full week of evangelistic services. We are praying that God will again use us to His honor and glory.

May God's blessing rest upon this humble testimony and bring blessing to all who read it, to see how marvellously God does answer prayer, and guide every phase of our lives if we trust Him, closing open doors, and opening closed ones.

In closing, let me repeat the text: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Margaret S. Prati.

Schenectady, New York.

## Our Pulpit

### A MEDITATION ON THE CHARACTER OF GOD

(One of three meditations given over the radio last winter by Rev. T. J. Van Horn, Daytona Beach, Fla.)

#### His Omnipotence

A philosopher said, a long while ago, that the proper study of mankind is man. That surely is a subject worthy of our most careful study, for David, wiser and preceding him by many centuries, said we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." But what David has to say about God will justify an amendment to the old philosopher's statement and make it read "The proper study of mankind is God." While the study of man in these tragic days is sorely disappointing the study of every aspect of God's character is always purifying and inspiring. Do we not all feel the need of such a study at this sorry stage of the world's history? God's omnipotence is peculiarly appropriate just now. Men have always

been obsessed with the notion of power. Many centuries ago Archimedes said, "Give me something to stand on and I will move the world." We have those in our day who seem to think they have found such a footing. The world has gone power mad. It is high time for us to heed David's sane observation, "Power belongeth unto God." But men now seem to say, "Behold the power we have in the battle ship, the electric engine, the submarine, the airplane, the radio." They have found the keys to God's powerhouse and have not only boasted of their ingenuity and skill in the development and use of these agencies, but have diabolically subverted them to destructive and inhuman ends.

A cure for this madness is a study of how the writers of the Bible stood in reverent awe before the manifestations of God's omnipotence. Take this passage from Psalm 33, "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his

### DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Alfred Station, N. Y.

Conference is past. All who attended felt a spiritual uplift from its messages.

Our church calendar seems to be filled by activities. We were saddened by the death of Mrs. Bertha Potter. Many years were spent by her in our midst.

We have gained three church members: Mr. and Mrs. Harley Sutton and Lola Mae, their daughter.

The Lord's Acre sale and program for church finance will be held in November. Two hundred nineteen dollars was raised last year, and we hope to do better this year. The united spirit of giving and sharing in this way as a whole community for the church has made the Lord's Acre of value in many ways.

At our Sabbath school executive meeting October 1 Mrs. Bertha Willard, our superintendent, acted as chairman. Plans were laid for two new departments: a nursery department and a new young people's group. Rev. Harley Sutton spoke on "A Guide to Your Growth in Christian Leadership."

The W. C. T. U. has a membership of thirty-three and holds meetings the third Wednesday of each month. This year our union earned \$5.00 for the Efficiency Standard. This was given to our union at the State Convention in Albany by the New York State W. C. T. U.

The Ladies' Aid meets each month on the second Wednesday for tureen dinner and business meeting.

Through the co-operation of the clergy with our school principal of Alfred-Almond Central School it is possible for a religious program there; about 575 children attend the school.

The first Sabbath night of each quarter we have a quarterly church meeting and a community supper. The proceeds go to the church treasury.

With appointments of the church and visitation through the community Pastor Rogers is very busy. We are hoping that we may help and that our church pews may be filled for worship. I was glad when he said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Correspondent.

Ashaway, R. I.

The ten-day series of meetings being held in the Ashaway Seventh Day Baptist Church opened with a splendid spirit last night,

mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap; he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast."

Hear David again in Psalm 104, "Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind." And thus in this glowing and poetic imagery, these old prophets described the power and majesty of our God.

Then see how calmly and majestically God, in the person of Jesus Christ, moved among men. His omnipotence is manifest in lovingly opening the eyes of the blind, in making the deaf to hear, in cleansing the leper, in restoring the dead to their loved ones, calming the boisterous waves of the sea, and finally sending out his disciples into all the world to preach the gospel with his assuring word, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth . . . and, lo, I am with you always."

Now I know something of the feeling of almost despair as we are confronted with this war that we seem obliged to carry on against atrocious wickedness. Does it seem that God is hiding his face and has left his world to its deserving fate? But let these views of God's power deepen our faith and establish us in the belief that Christ's loving, omnipotent ministry, once seen on earth, will be seen again here. God, who created this earth and the stars and governs their movements so firmly that our astronomers can foretell to a second of time just when any one of them will appear at a given point in its orbit, can hold in leash these contending armies and make the wrath of man to praise him. We shall yet believe that the intangible, subtle forces of righteousness are stronger than any evil. We will assent to what one poet has put down,

"And long though the fiends may fight  
And long though the angels hide,  
We know that truth and right  
Have the universe on their side."

For Sale—A folding bed, by a lady that shuts up and looks like a piano.—Salt Lake City Deseret News.

October 19. The music under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Prati from Schenectady was inspiring from the start. With Mr. Prati's leading and Mrs. Prati's masterly handling of the piano all present felt glad to enter into the singing by the congregation. These two leaders brought a sacred instrumental selection on the piano-accordion and the guitar and then sang together. One of the songs they sang was written and composed by Mrs. Prati within the last month and was entitled "He's Always There." This made such an impression that it has been decided to make it the theme song of the meetings. They have been asked to sing it each evening.

Evangelist Judson H. Stafford took as his subject "I'm All Right." This, he says, is what people in general are saying. They think all the gospel has to say is for the other fellow. Then he referred to the text of the message, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." He called attention to the repeated warnings of our government against the danger of complacency in this war and showed that complacency is the most serious obstacle in the way of people's accepting the new life in Christ or the life of victory through him. Then he went on to show that the remedy is in "being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." This and the above text are found in Romans 3: 23 and 24.

R. H. C.

#### Edinburg, Tex.

The average attendance at our Sabbath services is good. Several who were away during the summer have returned and are helping to carry on the work.

Women of the church have recently reorganized the Benevolent Society which had not met for several years due to various conditions. A spontaneous need was felt for a revival of this work, and it is hoped that the members may not only be helped themselves, but that the church may be strengthened and the community helped by their united activities.

We were greatly benefited by the sessions of the Southwestern Association which convened here in September. The good sermons and splendid help in other ways of the two ministers who came, Clifford A. Beebe and Charles Bond, will not soon be forgotten.

Correspondent.

#### Milton, Wis.

On Sabbath day, March 4, 1944, Rev. Carroll L. Hill resigned as pastor of the Milton Church that he might accept the urgent call to the presidency of Milton College, the resignation to take effect after the Easter service, April 9.

A few weeks later, a call to the pastorate was extended to Rev. Elmo F. Randolph who accepted it with the understanding that he would not move to Milton until the last of September. This meant that the church would be without a pastor for about six months. In order that the appointments and work of the church might continue with the least possible interruption an interim committee was chosen to provide speakers for the Sabbath morning services, choose leaders for the prayer meetings, and perform other duties that usually are cared for by the pastor. This committee consisted of the three elders and the licentiate of the church. Rev. Edwin Ben Shaw served as chairman of the committee for a few weeks, but he was compelled to give it up because of serious illness. (He is much improved, but has not been to church for three months.)

There were twenty-five Sabbaths between the conclusion of Pastor Hill's service and the installation of Rev. Elmo F. Randolph as pastor. On two of the Sabbaths the Quarterly Meeting of the churches of Southern Wisconsin and Chicago were held; two communion services were conducted by the elders of the church; and on a third Sabbath the communion service was conducted by President Carroll L. Hill and Rev. Elmo F. Randolph. Dean John N. Daland spoke on one Sabbath; each of the members of the interim committee spoke on one or two Sabbaths; delegates to the General Conference reported of the meetings on another Sabbath; visiting ministers of our denomination spoke on three Sabbaths: Rev. A. N. Rogers, then President of the General Conference; Rev. Claude L. Hill; and Rev. John F. Randolph. The pulpit was supplied on ten Sabbaths by nine different ministers from churches in Milton, Milton Junction, and neighboring cities and towns. This makes eighteen different persons who have spoken at the Sabbath morning services, in addition to those who reviewed Conference.

On September 16 the Forum was started on Sabbath afternoons for the fall and winter. At the Forum on September 23 Mrs. Robert Randolph and Miss Betty Daland gave an

organ-piano recital, with Don Gray as reader and announcer. This was a program of very great merit, appreciated and enjoyed by all listeners.

During the summer extensive improvements were made at the parsonage for the comfort and pleasure of the pastor and family.

In the evening of September 27, Rev. and Mrs. Randolph and their three children reached Milton. Happily their goods reached here by truck earlier in the day. The following night they were at home in the parsonage, and the following night we welcomed them at the prayer meeting. Sabbath morning President C. L. Hill and Pastor-elect Randolph conducted the World Wide Communion service.

Plans had been made to hold the installation service of the pastor on October 7, and invitations had been sent to the other churches of the Quarterly Meeting to join us in the service. On Friday evening preceding a vesper service was held, with Professor D. N. Inglis in charge. The choir provided special music, and solos were sung by Miss Bernice Todd and Miss DeEita Lippincott. Helpful meditations were given by Mr. Hill and Mr. Randolph.

Sabbath morning dawned a beautiful October day; at 11 o'clock the audience room of the church was filled, and the parlor was opened to provide more seating room. Mr. Hill conducted the service, following the usual order of the opening worship. The choir sang "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" by Brahms. The Scripture lesson was read by Pastor Kenneth Van Horn of Albion; prayer was offered by Rev. H. Eugene Davis, after which Kenneth A. Babcock sang "The Lord is My Life." The second hymn, "Lift Up Your Hearts," very fittingly led up to the Installation Service conducted by L. A. Babcock, president of the church. After introductory remarks were given by Mr. Babcock, welcome to the new pastor was voiced by Deacon George R. Boss, for the Advisory Board; Edward J. Rood, for the Sabbath school; Mrs. Dora Burdick, for the Women's Circle; Beverly Burdick, for the Young People; President Carroll L. Hill, for Milton College; Rev. Raymond Newell, for the Village Churches; and Pastor Kenneth Van Horn, for the Quarterly Meeting.

The acceptance of the pastorate was given by Pastor Randolph after he had been installed by Mr. Babcock. Following the hymn,

"Lead on, O King Eternal," the service was closed with the benediction by Pastor Randolph.

This splendid program was perfectly carried out in the time appointed. All present seemed happy in the worshipful, stimulating, and cordial spirit of the service.

Correspondent.

#### YOUR TRACT BOARD

##### Some of Its Activities

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society has no special department in the Sabbath Recorder as do the Missionary Board, the Board of Christian Education and Woman's Board. Perhaps it ought to have. Two reasons might, at least, be stated why it does not have such representation in our denominational paper: First, because there is a feeling that the Sabbath Recorder is over-departmentalized and to add another weekly department would be adding too much of a burden to a paper so reduced in size as the Recorder has been for the past ten or more years. Second, since the paper is sponsored and published by the Tract Society, and since its editor and Corresponding Secretary are (is) a part of the Board there is expectation that the interests of the cause for which the Board particularly stands will be adequately taken care of in ways outside of a special department. It must be left to others than the writer to decide if this has been adequately done. We trust the cause has not suffered from the lack stated. Full minutes of the Board's meetings are usually published, always unless over long reports have to be summarized or condensed. The editor seeks to get representative writers to furnish materials showing value and place of the Board's interests.

Speaking as secretary the writer might say he thinks it might have been better years ago if the editor had changed the policy of departments altogether, having the societies and Boards' representatives contribute matters of interest merely over the names of the writers; as secretary he might criticize the editor for some of the things done or left undone; or for publishing too much of material from other sources than Seventh Day Baptists; or for selection of such material. Be that as it may, the policy has persisted as it is until now, and it will likely continue so till changed by a future editor or editorial Board.

However, though the Board has not often talked about its work, it has not been idle. We wish to mention some of the interests being served. For the past four years, at least, the Board, through its corresponding secretary has been sending out letters, quarterly, to from seven to nine hundred people living away from their home, Sabbath keeping churches.

At times these letters have gone to every state in the Union. In these messages it has been made clear that it is being done in the name of our General Conference. Likewise, for more than two years a similar service in behalf of Conference has been rendered from the secretary's office to men and women in uniformed service of our country. The last letter to the Lone Sabbath keepers carries a helpful message from Rev. Judson H. Stafford, newly recognized by Conference as an accredited Seventh Day Baptist minister, who at time of this writing is assisting Pastor Ralph H. Coon, Ashaway, R. I., in evangelistic meetings, and is scheduled for similar service in November in the Shiloh church. While speaking of Brother Stafford it may be in place to say that he is being sponsored by the Tract Board to the extent of his expense for a two month or more campaign in Mississippi and Louisiana for Sabbath evangelistic services, early in 1945. For his work in Rhode Island and New Jersey the Tract Board is not responsible.

The Board's Standing Committee on Denominational Literature has within the year, or so, completed the splendid series of twelve information tracts on Seventh Day Baptists and a series of six Evangelistic tracts. These have all been published and some numbers are already out and scheduled for reprints.

There will appear soon, the report of a Board meeting held October 22, in which this committee made definite recommendations for new work: a new tract by George Main, a treatise to meet some particular needs; the publishing in Hand-book form the material of the Twelve series of Seventh Day Baptists, with prefatory note, a brief historical sketch, and a conclusion. This will meet a need increasingly felt by some.

At this Board meeting it was voted to restore four pages weekly to the Sabbath Recorder. This news, we believe, will be welcomed by many of our readers.

We would call attention to the attractive titles of Tracts found in the Sabbath Recorder

of October 23, 1944, page 287. Reprints recently made are with self-covers in attractive design and color,—as Her Wedding Ring; Lovest Thou Me?; God's Holy Sabbath Day; and What is Your Decision?

These are some of the things your Tract Board has been doing, or recently completed.

H. C. V. H.

## Marriages

**Davis - Pohl.** — Chief Shipfitter Ardis Duane Davis of Milton, Wis., and Miss Roslie Pohl of Neenah were united in marriage by Rev. William A. Riggs on September 9, 1944, in the Methodist Church at Neenah, Wis.

## Obituary

**Atkinson.** — Franklin Perry, son of Moses A. and Emma J. Robins Atkinson, was born January 2, 1870, and died October 1, 1944.

He was a member of the First Hebron Seventh Day Baptist Church. One of a family of seven, he is survived by an only brother, George William Atkinson.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Rex E. Zwiebel. R. E. Z.

**Palmiter.** — Mrs. Harriet V. Babcock, daughter of Gen. Charles and Frances Nye Babcock, was born near Westerly, R. I., January 3, 1846, and died Monday night, October 9, 1944.

She married Albert H. Palmiter on September 19, 1869, in Westerly and moved to Wisconsin where they spent the major portion of their lives in or near Albion. She joined the Ashaway Church and later transferred her membership to Albion where she remained a loyal member.

She is the last of her own family to be taken in death and is survived by a son, Louis, and two daughters, Mae and Zada. K. V. H.

**Randall.** — Vanevrie Anderson, son of Edwin and Elizabeth Van Horn Randall, was born at Welton, Iowa, February 12, 1864, and died at Lewiston, Idaho, August 5, 1944.

As a young man he was converted and joined the Welton Seventh Day Baptist Church from which he never removed membership. He was united in marriage March 14, 1888, with Fanny Strahl at Cornwall, Idaho.

To mourn his loss are the widow; three daughters, Cornelia E. Frantzich, Ida Hortense Carman, Alta U. John; three sons, Lloyd V., De Loss J., and Wayne A.; one brother, Elbra; and many other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Oliver (an Adventist), and burial was had in Vineland Cemetery, Clarkston, Wash. He lived and died a Christian. H. C. V. H.

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## For the Healing of Humanity

Our Father, which art in heaven—

Father of all peoples, of all nations

Hallowed be thy name—

Give to thy suffering people of war-torn lands the strength and courage under oppression to continue their Christian witness unto thee.

Thy kingdom come—thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven—

Cleanse our hearts and strengthen our hands, that we may become worthy and willing instruments for bringing about thy purpose among the people of the earth.

Give us this day our daily bread—

And turn our hearts to share our plenty with thy other children, our brothers, who today hunger in body and spirit.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors—

O enter our hearts that love may find a sure and lasting way, by showing forth thy spirit in this hour of crisis, to win to thy allegiance even those who now crucify thee.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil—

Save us from arrogance, self-righteousness, and patronizing attitudes. Lead us to give not grudgingly from our excess of riches, but humbly, joyfully, and generously, with hearts full of devotion and gratitude that we may thus have a part in the building of thy kingdom upon earth.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.