

us before leaving on July 17 for training in the chaplaincy at Harvard University. A delightful get-together supper and social were held on the evening of the fifteenth in honor of Chaplain Warren. We have not had one of these informal gatherings for some time, and all seemed to enjoy themselves—especially the young people who had a grand time singing. Chaplain Warren was presented with a check for \$143.50 expressing the Christian love and best wishes of the members of the church and congregation.

No action has been taken yet toward securing a supply pastor, as the church service and Sabbath school will adjourn during August as usual. That will probably be decided at the August business meeting.

We shall miss Pastor Warren greatly, but are glad to have his family with us. We all wish him "God speed" in his new work.

Correspondent.

North Loup, Neb.

Children's Day was observed at the Seventh Day Baptist church Sabbath morning in the place of the regular service. The committee in charge was Marion Maxson, Phyllis Babcock, Marjorie Hamer. The program was musical and consisted of choruses by the junior and senior choirs, piano numbers by Kathleen Clement, Jeneanne Breanick, Deloris Cox, Carolyn Hamer, and Neva Brannon. Gloria and Donna Babcock sang a duet, and Phyllis Christensen sang a solo. The choirs entered in processional. Following the program, Pastor Ehret conducted the regular quarterly communion service. The platform was nicely decorated with flowers, there being many hollyhocks. As usual, the collection taken was given to the Children's Home in Omaha. Mrs. C. W. Barber, who is the local representative, reported that \$35.55 was received.—Scotia Register.

Annual meetings of the church and auxiliary societies were held just before the first of July. Officers were elected for the coming year and Rev. A. C. Ehret was given a unanimous call to stay with us.

There are at present twenty-six stars on our service flag. Up to the present date, no serious news has come from any of our boys. Our committee keeps in constant touch with the men in the service, letters from the church being sent every month. Our prayers are with them at all times.

The church social for July was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuller. It was a picnic on the church lawn.

Four of our young ladies, Phyllis Babcock, Belva Babcock, Bonnie Babcock, and Kathleen Clement, with Vesta Thorngate in charge attended the Young People's Camp in Boulder, Colo., this summer.

Correspondent.

Obituary

Satterlee. — Jennie Wells, the third daughter of Alfred M. and Sarah Carson Wells, passed away recently in Hollywood, California, at the age of seventy.

Surviving are her husband, Alfred H. Satterlee; her brother, G. C. Wells; and a sister, Gertrude Wells Davis.

Rev. Mr. Gowthly of Los Angeles conducted the funeral services, and burial was made in Hollywood, Calif.

W. S. W.

Williams. — De Ver Orrin, retired physician and son of Orrin P. and Rhoda Joslin Williams, was born November 10, 1862, and died at his home at Stacy Basin, N. Y., July 6, 1944.

He was a graduate of Oneida High School, Alfred University, and New York University's School of Medicine. He practiced his profession in southern New York State.

On August 13, 1887, he married Sarah E. Ward, and in January of 1904 he married Florence E. Worrallo. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. A. Warner Thayer; a son, De Ver Orrin, Jr.; a grandson; and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Herbert L. Polan of Verona. The burial was at the Verona Mills Cemetery.

H. L. P.

COMBINATION OFFER

Sabbath Recorder, 1 Year\$2.50
Protestant Voice, 1 Year 2.00

Total\$4.50

Both papers for one year for only \$3.50

(The Protestant Voice is an interdenominational weekly, eight page, eight-column religious newspaper.)

RECORDER WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale, Help Wanted, and advertisements of a like nature, will be run in this column at one cent per word for each insertion, minimum charge 50c.

Cash must accompany each advertisement.

FREE—Sabbath tracts emphasizing that it makes a difference what day we keep. Original illustrations, Bible examples, and direct Bible teachings used to make the point clear. Also has a message on Salvation. Any quantity, or single copies. Allen Bond, 60 Oak St., Salem, W. Va. 7-31-24

The Sabbath Recorder

Vol. 137

PLAINFIELD, N. J., AUGUST 7, 1944

No. 6

I Will

I will follow the upward road today.

I will keep my face to the light;

I will think high thoughts as I go my way.

I will do what I know is right.

I will look for the flowers by the side of the road.

I will laugh and love and be strong.

I will try to lighten another's load

This day as I fare along.

(Contributed by a friend
who has forgotten the author.)

Contents

Editorials.—The Power of Changed Lives.—Threatening Calendar Change.—Those Who Know.—Items of Interest	82
Open Letter	83
Missions.—Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Managers	84-86
Southwestern Association	86
Woman's Work.—Notes Grave and Gay	86-88
Ordination Service at Jackson Center, Ohio	88
Vacation Church School News	90
Young People's Work.—Pre-Conference Camp Called Off.—Ships in the Night.—A New Sabbath.—Alone with God	91-93
Children's Page.—Our Letter Exchange	93
Our Pulpit.—The Sabbath and the Law	94
Denominational "Hook-up"	95
Marriages	96

The Sabbath Recorder

A Seventh Day Baptist Weekly Published by the American Sabbath Tract Society, Plainfield, N. J.

HERBERT C. VAN HORN, D.D., Editor

L. H. NORTH, Manager of the Publishing House

William L. Burdick, D.D.
Mrs. Walter L. Greene

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

Mrs. Okey W. Davis
Jeanett B. Dickinson

Per Year\$2.50 Terms of Subscription Six Months.....\$1.25

Postage to Canada and foreign countries 50 cents per year additional.
Subscriptions will be discontinued at date of expiration when so requested.

All subscriptions will be discontinued one year after date to which payment is made unless expressly renewed.

All communications, whether on business or for publication, should be addressed to the Sabbath Recorder, Plainfield, N. J.

Entered as second-class matter at Plainfield, N. J.

Vol. 137, No. 6

Established in 1844

Whole No. 5,097

Editorials

THE POWER OF CHANGED LIVES

The men who turned the world upside down—as an alarmed, complacent populace once declared—were men of changed lives. The growth of the early church came about by the power of changed men. "But ye shall receive power," said the Christ not yet ascended, "after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1: 8. It is this living, divine presence which distinguishes Christians from others. Where that great experience had come, religion could never be a cold and formal thing. The new power made lives vibrant and active. That change in their lives made the members of the Christian movement witnesses for Jesus Christ and led them into vital service for the Master.

If you and I are to do the Lord's will we must have this sense of a divine presence—a strength adequate everywhere and always. Without it Peter would have been tongue-tied. Peter was a changed man from what he was the day before Pentecost. The conversion of the thousands that day came through the preaching of a Christian message by a transformed Peter. We sometimes miss the point of Pentecost by our questioning about unimportant details like the cloven "tongues like as of fire," or the speaking "with other tongues." There is no suggestion that the exceptional and marvelous elements of themselves produced conversions. We should look here, as well as always, for what is abiding and universal, not what is local and temporary. The great and important fact is revealed in the heart of the message that Jesus—crucified, buried and risen, and ascended unto the Father—is Christ the

Lord who is able to save all who repent and believe. The efficacy of that message lay in the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the changed speaker and his changed supporting fellow Christians. There lies the secret and that power is not the monopoly of the primitive church.

The coming of the Spirit in fullness of power has transformed men throughout the world. Peter at Pentecost did not offer a program of social service, much as it might be valued; but he brought his hearers face to face with the reality of Jesus. He talked about the cross, the man they had slain thereon, and how God had raised him from the dead and made him Lord and Christ. He called for repentance and baptism in the name of their Jesus for the remission of sin. Men were pricked in their hearts and cried out to know how they might be saved. They in turn became transformed and as the power of the Spirit pushed them out they went everywhere preaching the kingdom. The promise of this power is still good "to you, and your children, and to all that are afar off."

Changed lives! By such is the world to be changed. It's a missionary proposition. It's the great evangelistic project. A pioneer minister was asked how many missionaries there were in the successful movement in the district. He gave his complete membership. When the inquirer said he did not ask how many members but how many missionaries, the reply was: "With us there is no difference; every member is a missionary." When one is really changed he can be no less than a missionary.

THREATENING CALENDAR CHANGE

A highly financed and widely advertised scheme of calendar change is being promoted. The President is being urged to foist this change upon the conferees at the peace table.

The change proposed by the World Calendar Association is an attack upon religion itself as it seeks to set aside the sacred days of Protestantism, Catholicism, and Judaism.

House concurrent resolution thirty-nine requests the President to urge the adoption of the World Calendar upon the peace conference with a blank day proposal, which would set aside the Sunday of Catholic and Protestant and the Sabbath of Sabbath-keeping Christians and Jews.

The proposal, seriously made, is that after the year 1944 there shall be no more weekly holy days as we have known them through the centuries. The present calendar, until the last day of 1944, would be followed. The last day of 1944, which is Sunday, would be called no day. At the coming in of 1945 an entirely different day would replace Sunday. It would not be Sunday at all, but Monday—though it would be given Sunday's name. And those who now hold Sunday as a holy day would be asked to accept Monday in its place, rechristen it Sunday, and observe it instead of the real Sunday. The seventh day Sabbath likewise would be lost in its continuity and would fall upon a different day every year.

The Religious Liberty Association, which is fighting against this devastating proposal, has published a pamphlet setting forth the calendar as it would appear and as it would affect the religious world. The association has offered to send a copy of this pamphlet free to our ministers on receipt of their names and addresses. A list has been furnished. We trust our ministers and other leaders will give this their serious attention.

Also, we have written the secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America urging the council's active protest against the adoption of the proposed calendar.

THOSE WHO KNOW

There is less drinking of alcoholic beverages in the chemical warfare service than in any other component of the Army of the United States, according to information recently received by Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith (of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union) from authoritative, though non-official, sources.

"The fact that the chemical officers and troops regard beer and liquor with disdain is not surprising," declared Mrs. Smith. "As far as I know, the chemical warfare service officer group is composed largely of chemists and chemical engineers. And who knows better than a professional man with a chemistry background that all grains and other basic materials used in making alcoholic beverages must first be allowed to spoil, or rot, before they can be fermented?"

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Triplets—two boys and a girl—born out in the bush of Southern Rhodesia, Africa, fifty miles from Nyadiri, were taken by neighbors to the Methodist Hospital in Nyadiri two days after their mother died. "At first sight we despaired of bringing them up," says Dr. A. Garfield Anderson, of Chicago, superintendent and surgeon of the hospital. "But at the end of seven months they weighed about seventeen pounds each, and today they are the joy of the hospital and the special pride of Miss Alice Whitney, the nurse." In the old days in Africa, twins or triplets were put to death because they were considered bad luck. But missionaries have changed the people's thinking. Even their old grandfather visits them now and his wrinkled face beams with delight. They have names given them by the natives. Translated, the boys' names are "Why Were We Left?", "How Shall We Grow?"; and the girl's, "What Will Make Us Happy?"

W. W. Reid,

News of the World of Religion.

OPEN LETTER

Alfred, N. Y.,
July 31, 1944.

To the pastors and leaders of our churches:

There is an epidemic of infantile paralysis in Steuben County which includes Hornell. While there are but two cases in Allegany County and none in Alfred the Alfred Town Board of Health has notified us that children under 16 will not be permitted to visit Alfred until the danger is past. They have asked us to close our churches and Sabbath schools as well as places of amusement to children, and we are co-operating.

The Board of Christian Education in its meeting yesterday voted to discontinue plans for the Pre-Conference Camp. It would have

been possible to hold the camp for young people sixteen and over, but transportation conditions and the large number of young people who are working made it seem improbable that enough would be present in the older age group to warrant holding the camp.

Those planning to bring young children to Conference are the only ones who need to revise their plans at the present writing. What the next weeks may bring, we do not know of course, but as there are no cases nearer to Alfred than Andover (9 miles from Alfred), we do not feel that the Commission should be advised to change Conference plans at this time. Dr. R. O. Hitchcock, our health officer, has the confidence of the community and he and the Board of Health have simply made the ruling regarding children as stated above.

The Conference program is taking shape and plans for entertaining delegates are well under way, but it was felt that our people should know the situation.

Sincerely yours,
Albert N. Rogers,
President of Conference,
A. J. C. Bond,
Chairman of Local Committee.

RIGHT TO THE DEPTHS

By Rev. Wm. C. Kernan

In looking over recent pronouncements by prominent people in this country, our attention is drawn to a widely circulated statement by one who said that "the spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right."

It is this assumption, too commonly accepted in America, that a free man does not know what is right and that democracy itself is something so vague as to defy essential definition that makes it so difficult for the American people to create a more perfect union during these crucial days when a decision either for liberty or enslavement must be made.

Missionary

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

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held in the Pawcatuck

This state of affairs is something of a mockery among a people whose forefathers stated the principles of liberty in the Declaration of Independence, calling them "self-evident truths," and who staked their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor on these principles in the conviction that they were right. And the certainty of our forefathers concerning the nature of liberty suggests, at least, that our churches and schools spend more time examining the basic principles of liberty and more effort teaching them to the American people so that free men in this country may know what they are talking about when they say that they are free.

It is important that this be done. For we are daily faced with the necessity of contending with the propaganda of the dictators who deny the principles of liberty utterly. If, however, we are not sure of our own position, if we do not know on reasonable and moral grounds that we are right, how can we say that the dictators are wrong?

It is this indefiniteness, this lack of certainty as to what a liberated man can know to be right that—in some quarters—still makes it possible for people to get a hearing who say that Nazism has its "good points." We shall never be free of the threat of Nazism until we are sure that it is a system of society which is wrong—wrong at the core, and wrong to its depths. Neither shall we ever build the strong and united America for which we hope until we know what the basic principles of this republic are and that they are right—right at the core, and right to the depths.

Christian Institute for
American Democracy.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR AUGUST 19, 1944

The Prophet in the Life of Israel.
Scripture—1 Samuel 3: 19—7: 17.
Golden Text—Jeremiah 23: 28.

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

Church Sunday afternoon, July 23, 1944. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Eli F. Loofboro.

The members of the board present were: Rev. Harold R. Crandall, George B. Utter, Karl G.

Stillman, Rev. Wm. L. Burdick, Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, Lloyd B. Langworthy, Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, Mrs. G. Carlton Irish, Mrs. Harold R. Crandall, Elston Van Horn, Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, John S. C. Kenyon, Walter D. Kenyon, and Rev. Ralph H. Coon.

The guests present were: Mrs. Ralph H. Coon, Mrs. Charles Coon, Rev. and Mrs. Leslie O. Greene, Rev. Judson Harvey Stafford, Mrs. O. A. Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. Trevah R. Sutton.

The monthly, quarterly, and annual reports of the treasurer were read and approved. The quarterly report and report of the condition of the society as of June 30, were ordered recorded.

The annual report of the treasurer was presented. It was voted that the annual report of the treasurer as audited by Loomis, Suffern and Fernald be approved and adopted as the annual treasurer's report of the Board of Managers to the Missionary Society.

The corresponding secretary rendered his quarterly report. It was approved and ordered recorded, as follows:

Quarterly Report of the Corresponding Secretary

As corresponding secretary I would report that the correspondence of the board has been conducted, attention has been given to the work of the Ministerial Relations Committee of the General Conference, material has been furnished for the Missions Department of the Sabbath Recorder, and the annual report has been prepared.

Also, two field trips have been made since the April meeting of the board. For several months there have been urgent requests from the southwest that I visit that field, and the trip was made during May. In addition to visiting our churches in Gentry and Fouke, Ark., many calls were made on Sabbath keepers in Louisiana and Texas. During the trip eight sermons were delivered, and upon request, I addressed the assembly of the Fouke High School. Last month I attended the Eastern Association held at Shiloh, N. J.

Respectfully submitted,
William L. Burdick,
Corresponding Secretary.

The annual report of the corresponding secretary was presented. Voted: that the annual report of the corresponding secretary be the one hundred second annual report of the Board of Managers to the Missionary Society and that the secretary be authorized to have printed the usual number of copies of the secretary's and treasurer's reports.

Rev. L. O. Greene, of the Women's Society of the General Conference who is visiting the

New England churches, addressed the board. He told of visiting a number of churches in two areas, Florida and a part of Virginia. Mrs. Greene also spoke.

Rev. Judson Harvey Stafford, who recently became a Seventh Day Baptist and a member of the Plainfield Church, said he was glad to be with the board so as to get acquainted with the people of the denomination and learn of their work.

For the Missionary Evangelistic Committee, the corresponding secretary said that a man was needed in the southwest field. Pastors are needed.

Lloyd B. Langworthy said there had been no meeting of the American Tropics Committee. The secretary told of some of the problems in Jamaica and British Guiana.

George B. Utter for the China Committee reported there was no new news from China.

The report of the Ministerial Relief Committee was voted received, approved, and ordered recorded.

The report of the Investment Committee was given by Karl G. Stillman, chairman. It was received, approved, and ordered recorded as follows:

Investment Committee Report

During the quarter ended June 30, 1944, additions to the various permanent funds of the society totaled \$1,616.88, segregated as follows:

Permanent Fund	\$1,020.27
Debt Reduction Fund	306.10
Alice Fisher Ministerial Relief Fund	156.35
Hannah C. Woodmansee Ministerial Relief Fund	17.93
A. J. Potter Ministerial Relief Fund	44.83
Franklin F. Randolph Memorial Fund	.44
Amanda M. Burdick Scholarship Fund	48.47
Ministerial Education Fund	18.15
Ministerial Retirement Fund	4.34
	<u>\$1,616.88</u>

Of this total, \$30.00 represents a gift in memory of Miss Maria and Miss Harriett Potter of Potter Hill, R. I.; \$.44 credited to the Franklin F. Randolph Memorial Fund represents income on its investments for the quarter which was added to the principal of this fund since it is an accumulating fund; \$7.50 and \$2.38 represent quarterly income from Associated Trusts Fund investments apportioned to the Ministerial Education and Ministerial Retirement Funds—also accumulating funds; and the balance represents realized profits on the sale of 75 shares of Masonite Corporation common stock and \$4,000 Southern Pacific R.R. Co., 4's, 1955, which produced profits of \$759.69 and \$817.87 respectively.

Other changes in investments not affecting the principal funds are as follows:

Purchases	Perm. Fund	Debt	Asso. Trusts
16 shares Abbott Laboratories common stock	\$ 350.00	\$ 264.73	\$ 388.42
30 shares U. S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. pfd. stock	2,083.85	.....	.....
30 shares Louisville & Nashville R.R. Co. common stock	2,641.14	.....	.....
\$4,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Co., 5's, 1995	1,977.72	.....	.....
20 shares U. S. Steel Corporation \$7 preferred stock .....	.....	1,255.35	1,255.35
20 shares Bethlehem Steel Corporation \$7 pfd. stock	2,385.97	.....	.....
1 share Pacific Gas & Elec. Co. common stock .....	.....	33.00	.....
	<u>\$9,438.68</u>	<u>\$1,553.08</u>	<u>\$1,643.77</u>

Repayments or Sales	Perm. Fund	Debt	Asso. Trusts
Mary S. Damerel, account mortgage	\$ 241.88	.....	.....

We are, of course, still unable to remit amounts due our missions in China, Holland, and Germany, so are holding these balances temporarily in the form of U. S. Government short term bonds. During the Fifth War Loan recently completed, we purchased \$2,000 U. S. Treasury 7/8% Certificates of Indebtedness, Series C, due June 1, 1945, bringing the total of our General Fund investments to the sum of \$9,000 all of which mature in less than one year.

Interest more than six months in arrears includes the R. J. and E. C. Smith mortgage amounting to \$324.13 and the H. C. Buck mortgage for \$75. These items are exclusive of the two Charles P. Eccleston mortgages held in suspense for future action.

The investments of the Permanent Fund and Debt Reduction Funds as of June 30, 1944, are classified as follows:

Stocks	\$43,130.26	45.3%
Mortgages	27,992.80	29.4%
Bonds	21,957.57	23.0%
Real estate	2,088.94	2.2%
Cash	128.30	.1%
	<u>\$95,297.87</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

The marketable securities in the above summary, i.e., the stocks and bonds on July 21, 1944, had a value of \$3,163.34 in excess of their cost.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl G. Stillman,
Chairman.

July 21, 1944.

Woman's Work

NOTES GRAVE AND GAY

On "the mercy ship," the Gripsholm
By Florence Gordon

An ambulance drove up to the door of the Prince George Hotel in midtown Manhattan, discharging there a miscellany of small hand baggage—and five small children. They were the first repatriates to be greeted by the East Asia Committee of the Foreign Missions Con-

ference, which acted as host to the several hundred missionaries from Japanese-occupied territory who arrived on the S. S. Gripsholm. The mother and father of the bewildered little group of children continued on uptown in the ambulance to the Medical Center, and three hours later Mrs. S. gave birth to another baby.

The Prince George bulged with returning missionaries and their relatives and friends for a week, but that first day marked the peak of

Voted: That the 1944 budget, as adopted October 17, 1943, be the tentative budget for 1945, and submitted to the Commission of the General Conference for its approval.

The corresponding secretary reported on a number of letters he had received.

Voted: that the question of educating the youth of Jamaica be referred to the American Tropics Committee for study and report to the October meeting.

A Church Certificate of Award from the Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army, naming Luther Crichlow as a chaplain, was received and displayed. Voted: That the Church Certificate of Award from the Chief Chaplain of the War Department for Luther W. Crichlow, chaplain, be exhibited at Conference.

After prayer by Rev. Judson Harvey Stafford, the meeting adjourned.

George B. Utter,
Recording Secretary.

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

The Southwestern Association will meet for its fifty-fourth annual session with the Edinburg, Texas, Seventh Day Baptist Church, September 15-17, 1944.

Nathan O. Monroe
Fouke, Ark.

Mrs. Okoy W. Davis, Salem, W. Va.

excitement and emotion. The missionaries had all made a seventy-five day, sixteen thousand mile sea voyage. They had been in internment camps of varying degrees of discomfort for periods ranging from a month or less to the entire period from Pearl Harbor on. Most of them showed the marks of confinement and restricted diet. But happiness at being safe at home shone through their pallor, and their kin made no secret of their joy at having them here. In many cases men were reunited with families which had preceded them to the United States by eighteen months or more.

In at least one instance, a father was greeted by a child he had never seen. In the lobby a young woman restrained her own eagerness when she saw a familiar figure enter, but whispered a word of suggestion to the two-year-old at her side. Obediently the child trotted up to the newcomer, crying gleefully, "Daddy! Daddy!"

A boy in his teens found the hours of waiting harder as they lengthened out. (No visitors allowed on that pier over in Jersey City. Canadian passengers were down the gang-plank first, to take the waiting train.) The youth was pressed into service as page boy and plied with sandwiches to help keep him occupied. Suddenly he shouted, "I'm through"—and took a flying leap into the arms of his father. The Foreign Missions Conference had lost a good messenger boy.

A woman sat with her eyes glued to the window. A taxi discharged a passenger. The woman dashed into the revolving door. The man also dashed into the revolving door. They spun round and round till amused but sympathetic spectators stopped the door, extricated the couple, and let them fall into each other's arms.

Board secretaries from out of town were at the hotel to greet their returning missionaries, and the boards with New York offices joined them. The corridors of 150 and 156 Fifth Avenue, of 152 Madison Avenue, and of 281 and 287 Fourth Avenue resounded with welcomes. Denominational groups arranged meetings and parties. The Foreign Missions Conference and the Greater New York Federation of Churches united in a service at St. Nicholas Collegiate Church, at which Earle Ballou, a China missionary caught en route home and repatriated from the Philippines; Miss Thomasine Allen of Japan; and Rev. C. Stanley Smith of Shanghai briefly related their experiences and observations.

Everything was done for the comfort of the travelers, many of whom were too lightly clad for New York in December. One large denomination had two rooms filled with racks of clothing, from which missionaries could choose a wardrobe. Another sent members of its purchasing department to help them shop. "Wherever we went," declared a nurse who shopped for a coat, a fascinator, and a permanent, "people we had never seen before said, 'Oh, you were on the Gripsholm! We are so glad to have you back.' We had no idea our coming meant so much to people." One woman sent a check of \$100 for each of the five repatriated missionaries of her denomination.

The Foreign Missions Conference was ready with clergy certificates for the missionaries' transportation, and after spending four or five days in the city—having health check-ups and meeting their boards—they scattered to their homes in many different states, to repeat there the scenes of joyous reunion.

The John Van Esses of Arabia, missionaries with humor and humanness, after any experience which has rejoiced their hearts or tried their patience, have a family way of saying to one another, "Well, what great good lesson can we learn from that?" The missionaries we heard relate their stories in small groups as in large, seem to have evaluated their experience with striking similarity.

Indeed their experiences themselves were in general very similar. They were interned; food was limited in amount and variety and confinement irksome, but they were not badly treated as a rule, and in many cases were shown distinct kindness. The seventeen hundred internees in one Shanghai camp found their Japanese commandant considerate because he himself had known internment during the first World War. The national Christians remained steadfast, not only in their Christian witness, but in loyalty to their friends the missionaries from America. They sacrificed to bring them food and funds and often braved actual danger to keep the bond of friendship unbroken.

The way in which one missionary summed up his learnings is typical of the expressions of many others as well. He gave a little list of new appreciations. First of all, he and all his colleagues had experienced constantly the goodness of God—"we had fainted unless we had believed to see the goodness of God." There was new appreciation of the faithfulness and devotion of the Oriental Christians even under difficult conditions. There was a fresh

sense of the values of a democratic government like ours. Nowhere did the U. S. government lump them together as just a group of its citizens; it dealt with each as an individual and treated all alike. The Red Cross was helpful at every point. When they reached Goa, in Portuguese India, the first person they saw was a woman in Red Cross uniform, with a Nestle's chocolate bar for each passenger, and two or three for the children! When the twelve hundred on the Gripsholm had their first tiffin and saw the waiters coming in with great trays of food, spontaneously all broke into song: "God bless America!"

What great and good lesson did a bystander learn from that week or so in New York with the missionary repatriates? The indestructibility of the Christian spirit. These had endured as seeing him who is invisible. They had kept the faith. Waiting on the Lord they had renewed their strength, that they might mount up with wings as eagles, that they might walk and not faint. Neither tribulation nor famine, nor danger, nor distance from their families, nor privation, nor confinement, could dampen their ardor or divert their purpose. Their friends in the Orient have asked them to come back at the earliest possible moment, and some are already planning their return to unoccupied parts of their fields. The gates of hell cannot prevail against a spirit like that. It rests on those unseen things which are eternal.

—East Asia Committee on the
Foreign Missions Conference.

ORDINATION SERVICE AT JACKSON CENTER, OHIO

A council of ordination was called by Deacon J. D. Jones, moderator of the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church, to examine David S. Clarke as a candidate for the gospel ministry, June 17, 1944.

Rev. Gerald D. Hargis offered prayer. A call for the ordination of David S. Clarke was read by Deacon Curtis Groves, clerk of the church. Rev. Gerald D. Hargis was chosen as moderator of the council, and Rev. Herbert L. Polan as clerk.

Aside from the members of the Jackson Center Church present, the following persons from other churches were made members of the council:

Rev. and Mrs. Gerald D. Hargis, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ben Kolvoord and Donald, and Mrs.

Grace Babcock of Battle Creek, Michigan; Dean and Mrs. A. J. C. Bond of Alfred, New York; Deacon and Mrs. W. G. Polan of Milton, Wisconsin; and Rev. and Mrs. Herbert L. Polan of Verona, New York.

Dean Bond of our School of Theology, with well-chosen words, presented the candidate for ordination and in doing so read the following letter from the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church:

Resolution for David Clarke's Ordination

Whereas David Clarke is being called to Ordination by the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church on June 17, 1944; and

Whereas David has been, until quite recently, a baptized member and licentiate of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church; therefore be it Resolved, That the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church express to David Clarke our Christian pride and interest in him personally, our confidence in his ability to serve acceptably in the gospel ministry, and our intention to follow him with our prayers and love;

Resolved, That we send greetings to the ordination council of the Jackson Center Church and express to it our commendation of David as being worthy of their confidence and co-operation in his work among them.

A very full and complete statement of belief was given by Pastor Clarke. Opportunity was given to question the candidate and there being no questions it was voted that we proceed with ordination.

Rev. Herbert L. Polan, at the request of the moderator, gave the charge to the candidate and also offered the prayer of dedication with the laying on of hands of all ordained ministers present, with David and Frances, his wife, kneeling together.

Rev. W. L. Davis extended very graciously a hearty welcome to the gospel ministry. A duet, "The Ninety and Nine," was sung by Miss Janet Snyder and Mrs. Frances Clarke with Miss Pauline Groves at the organ.

It was voted that a statement of ordination be given Rev. David S. Clarke and the proceedings of his ordination be sent to the Sabbath Recorder for publication.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. David S. Clarke.

Secretary of the Council of Ordination.

Statement of Christian Experience and
Call to the Ministry

By David S. Clarke

My selection as a minister of the gospel begins long before 1938 when I made the final

decision to follow God's call for service in our denomination.

God granted me birth of good and loving parents, and I am convinced my early days were compassed with the feeling that love was the greatest power in the world, and that no real harm could come to me as long as I was loved.

Although I never knew my father, the security and strength of his love for his family came into my life and that of my brother and sister. I think we all have felt a great desire to pass on that love and secure peace which we received. This feeling was the beginning of my turning toward the Christian ministry, and I am sure will guide my steps always. (It is a part of my ministerial task to shed that Godly love which my mother and family instilled so quietly and firmly within me.)

Up until my senior year in high school I did not know what vocation I should enter. The call of a particular interest or of service had not crystallized within me. I accepted Christ and was baptized at the age of 12, but my life was not focused around any united purpose to serve God or man. Christ had not come to mean what he does now. I was not concerned whether *my* work contributed to *his* work or not.

During my senior year, the call of service came for me to become a technician in bee research, and I determined to educate myself for this purpose. I am indebted not only to the man who helped me out of this intention but also to the man who interested and helped me decide on bee research. Had I not become concerned in educating myself to study bees and had not my family patiently stood by me in my rather sweeping plans, I probably would not have contacted the man who finally persuaded me to listen to God's call to me; for I felt him call me, and now he continues to guide me. It was by God's good providence that I was brought to this satisfying decision as he threw me into a series of persuasive contacts with my fellows.

When I started to listen to God's call which I had thought was "not for me," God gave me a more powerful grasp of life. He helped me to bring all my life into a single effort, and peace and security followed. All the past was illumined by the light of this new experience, and I was determined to continue in this path. My baptism and confession of faith in Christ then became the cornerstone of my life's work.

(But my Christian experience should not be considered as having attained its permanent level of expansion.)

Beginning with the encouragement of my mother, my pastor, and the dean of our School of Theology—now my admired and beloved step-father—I grew in confidence that I had truly heard God's call. Whether it was in study of those things I thought might be useful in the ministry or whether in the quiet absorption of attitudes and purposes for my service, I was again indebted to Christian fellowship with my friends, classmates, and family. I believe that the prayers of others for me had a part in the paths I chose to follow.

During this period I came to know and admire the girl who is now beside me in all I do. The Christian upbringing she had and her own interest and love helped me—and still do—in numberless ways to find and follow God's will more completely. Since our marriage two years ago we have bound ourselves in loyalty to Christ to carry the message of his love to those who do not now know it. Christ has been our Saviour; we seek with all our powers to help others find him as their Saviour.

During my study at Alfred University School of Theology, I experienced a new uplift in my Christian calling. First, I saw a spirit of sacrifice, service, and love which carried from classroom to home, from student to student, between students and teachers, and even out into denominational contacts. In this atmosphere I pursued my ministerial training and was rewarded with a renewed determination and confidence in my ability to preach Christ.

And second, the realities which had helped me to decide for the Seventh Day Baptist ministry became more clear to me, and I planned with better understanding how I could fit into the work of building God's kingdom.

The needs of the denomination and of full-time Christian workers everywhere was one of the great factors causing me to decide for the ministry. Now those needs could be partially met by my own preparation and consecration. The fact that God calls all of me to a life of service was another fact I realized before I heeded the call to full-time ministry service. All young people should at least consider that call to full-time Christian service. This fact was being fulfilled in my own progress toward graduation and service in a parish.

I realized that although I was not yet qualified, I could prepare myself for the ministry

just as for any other work, since there was no particular bar to my preparation in my opinion of my call or in the opinion of those whom I consulted. By God's grace that preparation was coming along satisfactorily, as far as I knew.

I wanted more than anything else to help fill the need of spreading Christ's gospel. Christ's power to heal and save did not match up with the meager and unhappy life the world in general seemed to me to have. I was finding outlets for filling these needs.

All these fundamental visions in my call guided me in planning my course of action under God's good providence and grace. "I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

With God's grace and your prayers, Frances and I shall continue in the high and clear purpose in the ministry which I caught in God's call to me.

(Following each section prepared by me, the Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists pertaining thereto was read as expressing my belief also.)

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

By Rev. Harley Sutton

Forty-eight pupils were enrolled in the school held at Little Genesee July 3-14. Twenty-three of these children had perfect attendance. The school was sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist church for all children of the community. The pastor, with the help of the children in the classes, conducted worship services each day. Offerings were received once each week. Enough money was contributed to send a child from the slums of New York City to Mont Lawn, the Christian Herald Children's home, for one week. A program was presented at the church Friday night, July 14. This program was so planned and presented that it demonstrated what had been done in the classes and the worship services. Pastor Charles Bond was the supervisor and was assisted in the school by an able corps of teachers.

The First Hebron Church, Pa., held a school July 10-14, with twenty-six children enrolled.

Of this number twenty-three had perfect attendance. A short worship service was conducted each day by the pastor. An offering was received each day and three dollars ninety cents was sent to the Missionary Board for the Jamaica Mission. Two dollars fifty-five cents from an offering received at the closing program was added to this fund for the Jamaica work. On Sabbath morning, July 15, a worship service and program demonstrated the work of the school. This was the first school to be conducted by Pastor Rex Zwiebel. Congratulations to him for the fine school. He would want to add that the teachers helped greatly to make the school a success.

The churches of Alfred co-operated in putting on the school there July 10-21. The enrollment was sixty, and twenty-three had perfect attendance. Plans for the school included a workers' conference conducted by workers from the New York State Council of Churches. A committee composed of members from the different churches planned the school. Worship services, with the pastor conducting, were held each morning. Special numbers of music were given at some of these services by classes. Money received from offerings amounting to over ten dollars was sent to help the children of China. Ten dollars from the offering received at the closing program of the school was added to this fund. A large number of parents and friends attended the program Friday night, July 21. A worship service and contributions by each class were features of the program. Rev. H. Eugene Davis, Chaplain Gené, and Rev. Harley Sutton spoke to the children at worship services. Pastor Harris supervised the school, and experienced teachers were in charge of class work.

There were forty-six children enrolled in the school sponsored by the Alfred Station Church for all children of the community. The dates for the school were July 10-21. Three staff meetings were held to make plans for the school. Teachers and the pastor canvassed the community inviting children to attend the school. Worship services were held on alternate days under the leadership of Rev. Harley Sutton. Pastor Rogers conducted assembly programs on the other days. The Junior-Intermediate group led the worship service one morning at the Alfred school and afterward visited the university museum. The Primary group made a collection of nature materials which,

with other pieces of hand-work, were on exhibit in the church vestibule the Sabbath morning after the school closed. An offering of over four dollars was made for the children of China. Pastor Rogers supervised; he and a

good staff of teachers worked together for a successful school.

More news will appear as soon as other reports come into my office.

Harley Sutton.

Young People's Work

Jeanett B. Dickinson, Editor

Please send all material and suggestions to 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

PRE-CONFERENCE CAMP CALLED OFF

By vote of the Board of Directors, the Young People's Committee was asked to cancel plans for the Pre-Conference Camp because of the danger of polio (infantile paralysis).

Plans for young people eighteen and older will be made for Conference.

Harley Sutton,
Executive Secretary,
Seventh Day Baptist Board
of Christian Education.

SHIPS IN THE NIGHT

By Alice Annette Larkin

The Story Thus Far

Linda Sherman, a consecrated Christian, is now at Hilltop Farm helping to care for her Aunt Penny who is seriously ill. Living with Aunt Penny are two young children, Lucy and Peter, who are grateful to her for taking them into her home. Her son, Donald, left home several years ago when his mother spoke unkind words about his bride-to-be. No one in the family has heard from him since, but he and Frances are happily married and living on a tenant farm. Frances has been earnestly praying that Donald would accept Christ as his personal saviour; he has recently done so and is extremely happy.

Chapter XII

It was early one afternoon when Linda heard a truck somewhere in the distance and hurrying to the front door, she saw that it was just turning into the long lane leading to the house. It was a small truck; but what it lacked in size it made up in noise; and Aunt Penny, who had just settled down for a nap, was startled.

"What's all that racket, Linda?" she called. "A person would think we were right in the

heart of a city instead of out here miles from town."

"I'll tell you soon's I can, Aunt Penny," Linda said as she went to open the front door. "It's all right. I know what it is." She had seen some boxes in one end of the truck, and she felt sure they had come from home.

The driver stepped down and came to the door. "Shall I bring the boxes in this way?" he asked. "I've got to get the coal in my truck out to the Gleason farm right off, so I'm in a hurry."

"Yes, bring them right in here, please," Linda replied. "The children will help take care of them after school. But all these boxes don't belong to us, do they?"

"Reckon they do if your name is Miss Linda Sherman. They're all marked that way, and the man who turned them over to me said they were to be delivered here."

It didn't take the driver long to deposit the boxes in the front hall, and he had already been paid, so a few minutes after the small truck came rattling into the lane, it went noisily out.

Linda hurried back to Aunt Penny, who remarked, "I'd like to know who that man was and what he wanted. Just what is going on in this house?"

"I don't know who the man was, Aunt Penny," said Linda. "But he brought some things the folks sent from home, and I'm wondering how I'm ever going to wait till Lucy and Peter get back from school to open the boxes. You remember Paul and Patty wrote that a wonderful surprise was coming but I mustn't guess what it was. I love surprises, don't you?"

"Yes, if they're such lovely ones as your coming, when I needed you so terribly, was, Linda. I don't like to think that you'll be going away as soon as I'm on my feet again."

"But I'm not going as long as you really need me, Aunt Penny, unless something seri-

ous calls me home. Now, would you think I ought to open just one box?"

"They're your boxes, Linda. Of course, Lucy and Peter would love to be here at the opening. Poor youngsters, I'm afraid they haven't had many pleasant surprises for a long time, if ever. Oh, do you suppose I shall be able to do for them the things I want to? How can I manage those big gardens this year? Have I taken on more responsibilities than I can carry alone?"

"But you don't have to plant the gardens now, Aunt Penny. Look at all the snow on the ground. And for the present, at least, Lucy and Peter are well fed and comfortably sheltered, and we don't have to carry our responsibilities alone, you know. Now, no more worrying this afternoon. I'm going to make a chocolate cake for supper while you catch that interrupted nap. Then we'll be ready to open the boxes."

Lucy and Peter were as excited as Linda had hoped they would be when they came from school and saw the boxes in the hall. She opened the door just before they arrived, so they would notice them at once. Soon Peter was running to find a hammer and a chisel, while Lucy tried to guess the contents of the boxes.

The first article to be released from its wrapping was the radio, and the children could hardly keep from shouting with joy. They had heard one a few times, but they hadn't expected to live in a house where they could listen in every day. Next came Peter's sled, and tears came to Miss Penny's eyes as she witnessed his delight in it. She remembered Donald's first sled after they moved to the farm and how he had loved the long hill where the coasting was so wonderful to him. Evidently he had loved every foot of the farm, and she had been too busy to realize or understand this.

One box contained useful and dainty birthday gifts for Aunt Penny. For Lucy there was a soft, blue wool sweater and blue mittens to match. For her and Peter the family had sent nice little Bibles and for everyone there were games and puzzles, books and magazines. The Scripture Text Calendar was there, and for Linda, a generous supply of stationery and stamps was provided. Last to be unpacked was a big basket of fruit and candy.

"It's like Thanksgiving, and Christmas, and birthdays all put together," said Lucy happily. "Oh, Miss Linda, you've got the nicest family—except ours here."

"I think they're both pretty nice, too," smiled Linda. "But now how are we going to get our radio ready for use? I suppose someone will have to fix the aerial, and I don't know much about such things. We always use the electric radio at home. Does Mrs. Herbert, where you telephone, have a radio?"

"I never saw one there," Peter replied, "but the La Pietra's do. I saw Mr. La Pietra fixing it one day when I was going to school. He talks kind of funny, but I think he's nice. The kids are too. Want me to go ask him about it? There's a radio at the Callihan's, but it's lots farther there."

"I don't like to ask favors of strangers, Peter," Miss Penny said. "I've never even spoken to Mr. La Pietra. Isn't there some other way, Linda?"

"I'm afraid there isn't, Aunt Penny. Will it be all right if I go with Peter? I find that strangers can be very kind, and we ought not to be too great strangers when we all live out here in the country."

Aunt Penny sighed. "Do whatever you think best, Linda," she said after a moment. "You may be right."

"Come on then, Peter, and bring your sled. You might as well slide down the hill," said Linda.

"Oh boy!" exclaimed Peter exultantly.
(To be continued)

A NEW SABBATH

If you were living in a run-down house and decided to build a new one, would you first repaint the old house, patch the roof, point up the foundation, clean the house, paper the walls, refinish the floors, and modernize the kitchen? Would you then turn around and tear it all down to make room for a new house? I don't think you would. And yet it would be about the same thing if Jesus had established a first day sabbath after all his teaching regarding the proper use of the true and existing Sabbath. Besides, the Sabbath was not a run-down structure. The institution itself was as firm as ever. It had merely been hidden by the dust, dirt, and cobwebs of Jewish tradition and misuse. And suppose it had been so decadent that Jesus thought best to start afresh on a different day. Would he have first patched up the old, only to discard it for a fresh start? I believe that Jesus knew what he was doing, and that the original Sabbath is preserved by the Christ who renewed its original meaning.

Allen Bond.

ALONE WITH GOD

(By one attending the Rocky Mountain S. D. B. Teen Age Camp, July, 1944.)

As I sit out here alone with God I am thinking about the things he has made—the trees, the rocks, and the animals that run wild in the hills. It is wonderful how these creatures and objects are made and what they do. I think God is here with us guiding us to do the best we know how. If this camp was not gathered together in the spirit of God we would not do the things that are his will, but we would do as we pleased and probably result in a big blunder. I know that the Lord is with me, and I know he is guiding me, and if I listen to him I will not do the things that are not his will. If you let him be your guide he will be the super ruler of your life, and it will be a life of peace and happiness.

Children's Page

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

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Each one in our Sabbath school class thought it would be nice to write a letter to you for the Recorder. I enjoy our class every Sabbath. My cousin Muriel Sholtz is our teacher.

I am six years old and live on a farm three miles from the Verona church. I have four older brothers. We have a good time riding our black and white pony, Silky. I like to help feed the calves and play with them, too.

When school starts I will be in the second grade.

Your little friend,
Willis Davis.

R. D. 5, Rome, N. Y.,
July 15, 1944.

Dear Willis:

It seems good again to get letters from children in the Verona Church, for I have received a good many letters from there since I have been editing the Children's Page, and some of them were from your cousin Muriel and other Sholtz cousins, and what a fine bunch of cousins they are.

A pony is a fine pet and a useful one, too. I always wanted a pony when I was a child but had to be satisfied with "the old gray mare" whom we called "Old Jangler." My brother and I had great fun riding her.

Your sincere friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

RACE RESPECTED

There is a large colored population in Springfield, Ohio, my home of eighty-three years. I have always felt and shown the same respect for them as for our own color. This is one of the ways to witness for our Lord Jesus Christ.

F. W. Barrett.

The constable called at a villa and rang the bell. Inside the house the piano playing ceased and a rather scared-looking young woman appeared at the door and asked, "Yes, what do you want?"

"Well, miss," said the constable, "we've just 'ad a telephone call to say that there's a fellow called Mozart being murdered in this 'ere 'ouse."—Friends Intelligencer.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Today, in our Sabbath school class our teacher asked us to write letters to you. I like to go to Sabbath school every week; and in my class there are seven children, but some of them didn't come today. My sister is my teacher.

My daddy and Uncle Claude are building a new barn because our old one burned. I have lots of fun watching them build it and helping them get in hay. Our new barn is 100 feet long and 36 feet wide. It looks very big.

I passed my June tests with an average of 95 per cent, and next September I will be in the second grade. I like to go to school very well.

I guess I'd better close now.

Your Recorder friend,
Robert Sholtz.

R.F.D. No. 3, Oneida, N. Y.,
June 15, 1944.

Dear Robert:

Please thank your sister teacher for suggesting to her class that you write to me. I hope to hear from the other four members of the class before long, and from you all often.

When I was a tiny girl living on the farm in Wisconsin, our barn blew down during a cyclone and a fine big barn was built in its place. But when I was out there a few years ago I found that the barn had been struck by lightning and burned down three years before and

the last I knew had not been rebuilt. The old farm house had also burned some years before and a smaller house built in its place; it did not seem a bit like my old home.

You made a fine average in your tests. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely your friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am four years old and one of the smallest ones in my class. Glen Warner and I are both four, but we are in the class with older boys and girls because there are only two of us.

My cousins, Lucille and Allan Maltby, have been visiting us for a while; Sunday, Aunt Iris and Ronald came. I have lots of fun playing with my brother Robert and Allan who is two years old. We like to ride in the truck when we get in hay. It is lots of fun. My sisters, Joyce and Muriel, and my cousin, Jean, take turns driving it.

I will close now.

Your little friend,
Louis Sholtz.

R. F. D. No. 3, Oneida, N. Y.,
July 18, 1944.

Dear Louis:

I can imagine what fun it is to ride in that truck. Some boys and girls in Andover had great fun one summer riding in an old open Ford car, with an older boy to drive and what a noise it did make—like a threshing machine. I felt like putting my fingers in my ears when it went by. Why, even the dogs barked when they saw and heard it.

Our Pulpit

THE SABBATH AND THE LAW

By Rev. S. S. Powell, Retired

Text—Exodus 20: 8-11.

"I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously," sang the redeemed of the Lord who came out of the house of bondage in Egypt. Then he led them to Elim where were twelve wells of water and three-score and ten palm trees; and they encamped there by the waters. Thence, provided with manna and water for the people to eat and drink, they came to where they were commanded to gather a double portion of manna; from thenceforth the Sabbath was bound up with the legislation

I saw your Maltby cousins at the Shiloh Conference when they were living there. No doubt they have grown a lot since then.

Again I must mention how much I have enjoyed hearing from children of the Verona church and hope they'll write often.

Your true friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

SEND YOUR PASTOR TO CONFERENCE

Following are the clergy fares to Hornell, N. Y.

From—	
Boulder	\$56.70
Chicago	23.10
Denver	56.45
Farina (Effingham)	27.39
Jackson Center (Lima)	17.13
Little Rock (central point in Arkansas).....	44.75
Milton	23.80
New Auburn (Minneapolis)	36.21
New London, Conn.	18.16
New York	12.87
North Loup (Grand Island)	41.39
Salem via Parkersburg and Salamanca	17.60
Salemville (Altoona) via Elmira	8.58
Shiloh and Marlboro (Bridgeton)	14.12
Westerly, R. I.	18.95
Washington, D. C., via Elmira	14.52

NOTE—The list is not complete but your agent can give you the fare if your church is not mentioned. The Conference president will be glad to receive contributions toward the fare of some other pastor if yours has been arranged for.

—The Commission's Committee to Promote Attendance of Pastors at Conference.

of Sinai. Then it was said, "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. . . . And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation." In these words the Sabbath is bound up with the provisions for and the blessings to be given to all of God's people for all coming time. They are lifted infallibly above the requirements of the ceremonial law, these requirements of the weekly Sabbath, for man's refreshment and daily life and for the well-being of his helpers from the animal kingdom.

The simple language of the Bible, "The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy

God," conveys to our minds that the last day of the week is the appointed rest day for mankind. Can there be any doubt in which direction lies the path of obedience, the seventh day Sabbath or the man-appointed first day of the week? Whence came this first day? For the Bible claims to be and is God's own revelation to man. Any religious observance which claims to rest on divine authority should be clear and obvious.

Rev. Thomas B. Brown, a Seventh Day Baptist writer of a former generation, wrote, "It is a remarkable fact that the day set apart for the public worship of God by the majority of Christians—the first day of the week—is not regarded as a sabbath to any great extent by unconverted men. With many, it is a day of recreation or amusement; with some, a day of business; with others a day of journeying; while but few outside the religious circle, consider themselves guilty of sin when they fail to regard the day as holy to the Lord. It is not as if they were guilty of lying, or theft, or adultery, or any other offense against the moral law; for then conscience does not fail to remind them that they are under condemnation."

The law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government. In the very heart of this law is the commandment, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God." In the fourth commandment the sabbath of the law is identified with the sabbath of creation, and the New Testament sabbath is identified with the sabbath of the commandment. Luke 23: 56. When did God revoke this law? "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: Yea, we establish the law."—Romans 3: 31.

Princeton, Mass.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Adams Center, N. Y.

The Adams Center Church celebrated Sabbath Rally Day; Pastor Burdick preached a fine Sabbath sermon, and responses and hymns from the Sabbath Recorder program were used in the service.

The pastor also presented a timely sermon on Mother's Day, and the children of the Sabbath School had a special program of songs and recitations.

The Central Association convened at Adams Center June 2-4. The attendance was surprisingly good, considering all the rationing conditions. Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Davis brought messages of keen interest and inspiration. The program was recently noted in the Recorder.

Four young people have just been baptized and received into the church, also one new member by letter. The young people are Le-Roy Burdick, Arden Greene, Frederick Langworthy and Beatrice Maltby.

July 22 Mr. Ben Taylor of the Friends' Service Committee, talked to the congregation about the work of his committee (Quakers), particularly of the service they render to refugees and to soldiers behind the battle lines.

Correspondent.

De Ruyter, N. Y.

The people of the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church are happy to welcome their new pastor, C. Harmon Dickinson, and his wife. On Sunday, July 9, a reception was held for these two young people. An evening of games and refreshments was enjoyed by about thirty of the church people.

Sabbath morning, July 15, an installation service, planned by Rex Burdick—a church member who is a ministerial student—inspired the congregation. Pastors of the local Congregational and Methodist Churches welcomed Pastor Dickinson to the community; Rex Burdick welcomed him on behalf of the church. Mr. Dickinson's response was fitting and sincere. We feel that under the guidance of this new pastor the work of the Kingdom will again advance for our group here in De Ruyter.

Sabbath Day, July 22, about twenty-five drove to Syracuse and conducted a service in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Burdick who have been unable to attend our services for some time.

Correspondent.

Verona, N. Y.

Home-coming Day was observed in our church on Sabbath, July 22. Pastor Polan delivered the morning sermon and Rev. A. L. Davis of Salem, W. Va., a former pastor here, assisted at the Communion service. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Prati of Schenectady were with us and furnished music on the piano-accordion and guitar while the offering was taken. At the close of the morning service dinner was served in the dining room. Mr. and Mrs. Prati

had charge of the afternoon service which consisted of vocal and instrumental music and stereopticon pictures of the old and new Palestine. Mr. Prati gave a brief description of each picture as it was thrown on the screen. Kenneth Babcock of Milton, Wis., was present and sang a solo with Mrs. Prati at the piano. There were one hundred forty present during the day.

There were over one hundred present at the quarterly convention of the Adult Verona Town Council of Religious Education held in the M. E. Church, Verona, July 18. The worship program was in charge of the Young People's Council. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental music and an address by Rev. Nathan Tyler on his work as a missionary in the Belgian Congo. Mrs. Howard Davis, president of the council, presided at the business session. Our church was awarded the attendance banner for having the largest percentage of membership present.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society held their annual meeting with Mrs. Henry Hamilton and Miss Susie Stark at the former's home in Rome. After the worship program, officers were elected for the year. The annual report showed a surplus in the treasury. Red Cross sewing was the work for the day.

Correspondent.

Jackson Center, Ohio

The semi-annual meeting of the Ohio-Michigan Seventh Day Baptist Churches was held June 16 to 18 at Jackson Center with the theme: Jesus Only. No delegates could come from White Cloud because of illness, but there was an average attendance of nearly 50 at the meetings. A carload came from Battle Creek.

The Sabbath evening services were conducted by Rev. Herbert L. Polan, after an organ vesper by Janet Snyder. Mrs. Frances Clarke sang a soprano solo following the devotionals, and Pastor Clarke spoke on: "Jesus Only for My Neighbors."

Sabbath morning, during the Sabbath school period, Rev. H. L. Polan, Dean A. J. C. Bond, and Mrs. Bond outlined the lesson. In the worship service, Janet Snyder sang a solo. Dean Bond read the Scripture lesson and preached the ordination sermon on the subject of "The Christian Message."

The ordination of Pastor Clarke occurred in the afternoon.

J. D. Jones led a praise service the evening after the Sabbath, and Dean Bond led the devotionals. Mrs. Clarke sang a solo, accompanied on the flute by Pastor Clarke. Rev. G. D. Hargis preached the sermon, and led a testimonial meeting during which many participated.

A Fellowship Breakfast at 8:00 o'clock Sunday morning was attended by nearly fifty people. The devotionals were in charge of Mrs. Clarke, after which the business meeting was opened by Third Vice-President Pauline Groves. Along with the other items of business the following resolutions were presented and favorably voted upon:

1. Resolved that the delegates and friends attending this semi-annual meeting express to the local Seventh Day Baptist church our thanks for their generous hospitality in entertainment and program.

2. Resolved that we recommend that it be our policy and our purpose to encourage such denomination-wide policy to give special care and prayers to smaller churches and young pastors.

3. Resolved that record be made of our sympathy to the family and lasting appreciation of the life of Ciella Snyder, deceased. Her faithful ministry will be long remembered.

Sunday evening, Rev. W. L. Davis led devotionals following vespers by Janet Snyder and a praise service led by J. D. Jones. Rev. H. L. Polan gave the concluding sermon of the meetings. He and Mrs. Polan sang a duet, "He Has Led Us."

Correspondent.

Leonardsville, N. Y.

Rev. and Mrs. Emmett Bottoms have returned from West Point, Alabama, having been called there by the death of Mrs. Bottoms' mother, Mrs. H. M. Goodwin. They also visited Mr. Bottoms' parents at Athens, Alabama, and found them both enjoying good health at the age of 84 and 82 years.

—Brookfield Courier.

Marriages

Sullivan - Stuart. — Mr. Charles Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sullivan of South Stephentown, and Mrs. Helen Stuart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellis of Stephentown, were united in marriage following the Sabbath morning sermon on June 24 in the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church. Rev. Paul Maxson was the officiating clergyman. The couple will reside in Stephentown, N. Y.

The Sabbath Recorder

Vol. 137

PLAINFIELD, N. J., AUGUST 14, 1944

No. 7

TO THINK

I fought for Prohibition, and I will do so again—not because I believe that people can be legislated into righteousness, but *because* I want to see liquor put as far out of reach of people as it can be put—and especially out of the reach and attention of young people.

They say we became lawless during prohibition days—it is no compliment to us that we did, in terms of a law that was calculated to effect a social good—but I would rather devote my influence to persuading people to *obey* that law than to accept the present debilitating alternative.—From an address, "The Tavern Is the Saloon," by Dr. Paul C. Johnston, Rochester, N. Y., in the Voice.

Contents

Editorials.—Liquor Holiday?—Be Sure to Read This.—Shop Talk.....	98
Conference President's Letter	98
Missions.—The Annual Report.—Together	101
Proud of Whose Boys?.....	102
Women's Work.—Faith.—Annual Reports.....	103
July Meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society.....	104
Christian Education.—Religious Education Week.—Vacation Church School News....	106
Young People's Work.—Ships in the Night.—Who Is a Christian?.....	108
Children's Page.—Our Letter Exchange	110
Denominational "Hook-up".....	111