

ested, send the name and address to Pastor Harris at Alfred.

We have spoken of this effort as an experiment. It will not do any harm, and may do much good.

Why not such gatherings in Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Washington?  
Correspondent.

#### New Orleans, La.

Seventh Day Baptists in New Orleans have had a real treat. The Pratis have been here and held eight evening services in the W. L. Coalwell home. Their music is inspiring, and Brother Prati's discourses on the Bible are helpful.

They came here after holding nearly two weeks of services with Rev. Mr. Stafford in Hammond. From here they go back to Hammond for a few more meetings, then to Columbus, Miss., where they and Mr. Stafford helped start a new Seventh Day Baptist Church. After that they will go to Alabama.

These gifted musicians are out on faith and will go anywhere they feel the Lord calls, trusting to the generosity of his people for support. If you love good accordion, guitar, and piano music; good singing; and earnest, sincere presentation of the gospel, you will not make a mistake if you send for Raymond and Margaret Prati.

We in New Orleans feel we have received a blessing.

One Who Was There.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the southern Wisconsin and Chicago churches will meet with the church at Milton Junction Friday night and Sabbath day, April 20 and 21, 1945.

The subject of the meeting will be "The Role of the Church in World Peace." Pastor Elmo F. Randolph of the Milton Church

will preach the Sabbath morning sermon. There will be a picnic dinner at noon.

Mabel C. Sayre,  
Secretary.

#### Obituary

**Davis.** — Rena Randolph, daughter of David and Jeanett Randolph, was born December 15, 1880, and died at her home in Pitman, N. J., on December 11, 1944.

On February 16, 1894, she was baptized and joined the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church where she continued as a member until her death. On June 26, 1901, she was married to Daniel W. Davis. To this union were born five children: Mrs. Elsie Haines, Meredith, Robert, Elton, and Raymond.

A brother Isaac and four sisters—Mrs. Jeanett Carl, Mrs. Alice Dickinson, Mrs. Nellie Husted, and Mrs. Olive Lupton—survive her. In addition to the before mentioned family, she is survived by several nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Shiloh church by her pastor. Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery.  
L. G. O.

**Goodrich.** — John Ivel, son of Joel P. and Mary Goodrich, was born August 5, 1857, in Ohio. He died in North Loup, Neb., March 2, 1945.

On December 25, 1882, he was married to Cora C. Greene. Seven children were born to this union. In 1891 he came with his family to North Loup. Mrs. Goodrich died in 1911. On November 30, 1915, he was married to Mrs. Jane Smith who died in 1941. When he came to North Loup he united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church and remained a faithful member until his death. He is survived by five children: Lorenzo G., Lula A. Barber, Clifford J., Harold, and Melford. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Adamson, a brother Abner, a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in his church by his pastor. Burial was in the local cemetery.  
A. C. E.

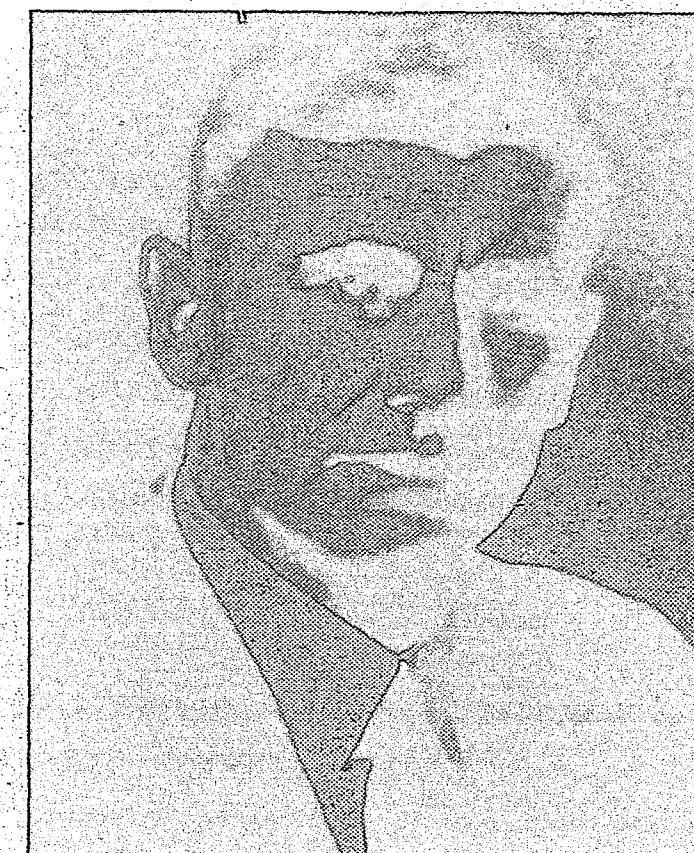
"Those who have a disposition to give usually have something to give. Those who don't have the disposition can always find an excuse for not giving."

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First Seventh Day Baptist Church of New Zealand,  
Titirangi, Auckland, N. Z.

(Read his message in the Pulpit Department.)

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## Editorials

Rev. Alva L. Davis, D.D., Selom, W. Va.

### THE BEGINNINGS OF THE CHURCH

Probably no one can point to the exact time and place when the Church was organized, or when it actually began. Some say it was when Jesus called his disciples, and that Peter, James, John, Andrew, Philip, and Nathanael were the first members. Some say it was organized when Jesus, at the Passover supper with his disciples, established the Lord's Supper. While others think it was at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon them with power.

But that doesn't matter. We are told that the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. And it doesn't matter whether the name was given them by their enemies in contempt or not. The name stuck to the disciples; it sticks today.

In the Gospels, as well as in the Acts, nothing is said about the Church being organized or about members joining the Church. These early believers came together in an informal way. At Pentecost, following Peter's sermon, we are told "they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Acts 2: 41. Then it was five thousand. Then we read, "The Lord added to them day by day those that were saved." Acts 2: 47, R.V.

The significant thing concerning these statements, to me, is this: These disciples did not think they were joining an organization, but that they had joined Christ—they were

added unto the Lord. They were his. Paul seems to have this in mind when he writes to the Corinthians: "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." 1 Corinthians 12: 27. The Revised Version makes this clearer: "Ye are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof."

The Jewish Church was the foundation of the Christian Church. At the beginning there was no thought of leaving the Jewish Church. They were loyal to it. Jesus himself was a loyal member of the Jewish synagogue. They builded upon the old church. But these disciples had come into a new personal experience. They had met Jesus and he had changed their lives. They yielded their supreme love and loyalty to him. They didn't reject their old faith, save only as the old ceremonial, ritualistic faith gave way to a deep, vital experience that transformed their lives and their outlook upon the world. Certain things came into their lives that gradually took possession of them, and made a new Church — the Christian Church — inevitable.

But even when that Church came into existence the great abiding truths of the Hebrew faith became basic in the new Church. Let us examine some of those basic facts that wrought the transformation.

1. A new faith possessed them, centering in Christ as the long expected Messiah. That faith became a dominant, motivating power in their lives.

2. A great emotion filled their hearts. The love of Christ so filled their souls that they would die for him, but they could not deny him.

3. In those dark hours when Jesus lay in the tomb, doubt and fear took possession of them. The Shepherd had been smitten and despair settled down over them. But when Jesus came forth triumphant over death and the tomb, their outlook on life was changed and with Thomas they could say, "My Lord and my God."

4. A new hope was born in their souls. Sin had been purged away. Redeemed men were thrilled with the hope of a new life here and hereafter. Jesus had said, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

5. Life took on a new meaning for them. They had been bought with a price. Jesus had died for them, to purge their souls of sin. The love of Christ thrilled them. Service now gripped them, and they went forth to tell others the good tidings that Christ died for them.

### The Most Momentous Movement

Thus it was in the beginning. The Church grew. It was not organized at first as we think of organization. But organization became inevitable. That small group of believers, on fire with their new experience, told others about their new-found faith. They had no book, no written message. They just told others, and others told others. The movement, small and insignificant in the beginning, became the most momentous movement in the world's history.

The organization of the Church soon became a necessity. New converts craved the association with those of "like faith and practice." At first it was the Lord who added "those that were saved." Soon believers began to speak of themselves as the "Church." Doubtless they recalled Jesus' words, "I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." I think then it can be truly said, as expressed in our "Beliefs": "The Church of God is the whole company of redeemed people gathered by the Holy Spirit into one body, of which Christ is the head, and that the local church is a community of Christ's followers organized for fellowship and service, practicing and proclaiming common convictions."

Today, membership in the Christian Church is a vital part of the Christian pro-

gram. I do not say that membership in the Church is essential to salvation, but it is my definite conviction that saved men should be identified with the Church. There are many things that non-churchmen can do that are distinctly Christian, but there are many things that can be done better when working together than by working singly. The fuller opportunity for service and the enrichment of one's life is to be found in the Church. If one really wants to make his life count, his place is in the Church. To belong to the Church is to be linked with the purpose of God.

The tragedy of our modern Church is that all too many members have just joined the organization; they are enrolled members; they are not built into the life of the Church. So I come back to my theme of evangelism. We desperately need a revival of religion in the membership of the Church. Somehow, that is what many people have been carefully avoiding. We don't want any enthusiasm or excitement. Get enthusiastic about anything else but religion. Evangelism can do nothing finer than to arouse our sleeping members. "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee." Ephesians 5: 14 R.V.

### MAN'S STRUGGLE FOR MANHOOD

Family gone, fortune gone, health gone, Job sits in ashes. Three friends arrive from a distance to comfort him. Shocked by his appearance, they weep and rend their garments. Then for seven days and nights they sit around and simply gaze at the sufferer in silence. The plight of Job is so terrible they have no words.

At last Job can stand it no longer; this spectacle of dumb silence weighs so heavily upon him that he breaks out in anger and curses the day in which he was born. In this long lamentation he utters these words: "Why is light given to a man, whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in?" Job 3: 23.

Jeremiah also was very human. Once he had spoken the truth as God gave him to see it. For his fidelity he was thrown into the stocks, and later into a slimy pit where they planned he should die of starvation and exposure. When released he became the center of derision. His suffering was due to the fact that he had declared the will of

God in that tragic hour of doom that had settled down over Jerusalem.

"Against Heaven's hand or will, not bate a jot  
Of heart or hope; but still bear up and steer  
Right onward."

Here is a triumph that has enriched the race. When a man, whose way is hedged in, is arguing against Heaven's hand or will, may he not be shrinking from the very obstacles that are to help him reach God's goal for him—that which is to render him of the most value to God and the world? Mysterious but undeniable is the value of physical limitations. We cannot set the limits, but we can and do largely determine the conditions under which we work.

Handel composed music that has melted the heart of the world at a time when he was struggling with hardships and suffering. Beethoven was totally deaf and burdened with sorrows when he gave the world his most marvelous symphonies. Out of his years of invalidism and suffering Robert Louis Stevenson gave to the world a brave manliness and note of optimism that have inspired the race. But he was a greater gift to the world than his books. Charles Darwin, at the close of a long career, wrote a friend: "If I had not been so great an invalid, I should not have done nearly so much work."

This is not saying that we ought not to cultivate the soundest health; but it is saying that the limitations in our lives, that nothing can remove, may be our finest spur to endeavor and our key to success.

A poor, crippled boy was once watching some strong, well-fed boys playing ball. In his soul was bitterness and envy. A bystander said, "Wish you were there, Bub?" "Yes, I do," he said. "Why should they have everything and I nothing?" The bystander replied, "I reckon God gave them money, health, and education to help make them of some account. Did it never occur to you that he gave you your lame legs for the same reason—to make a man of you?" The boy said later that he didn't believe it then. But the more he thought about it, the more it seemed the stranger told the truth. He adds, "Gradually it came to influence my whole life. Whatever came, I looked upon it as a gift from God for some special purpose." The result was that the crippled boy became a physician, living a life full of good deeds and faith.

A man's life is hedged in, that he may reach God's goal for him. That goal is not wealth, or fame, or social eminence. That goal is service to our fellow men. The foundation of highest service is character, and the backbone of character is a trained will. Where do men get a trained will? By conquering obstacles—rising above them. Many a boy or girl has sighed, "Oh, if I had only been born to wealth!" But how few born to wealth accomplish anything!

Notice how slight an obstacle poverty is to a determined will. Benjamin Franklin started his newspaper with all his possessions in a wheelbarrow. When Horace Greeley began his penny sheet in New York, he and his partner had only \$150 and some type bought on credit. Kepler, the astronomer, had to make almanacs to keep from starving while he was pursuing his cosmic researches. George Stephenson at seventeen could neither read nor write, and was twenty before he made his first guinea. Yet he lived to build the first locomotive, and to become the railroad magnate of his day.

"Why is light given to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in?" That he may reach God's goal for him—a good will, a determined will, and a sterling manhood. Marion Crawford says: "Those who have faced great physical dangers or have been matched by fate against overwhelming odds, alone know what great things are done when men stand at bay, face the world and fate, life and death, and say in their hearts, 'We will win this fight or die.'"

When Jesus was describing to his disciples the awful days that should come upon them he said: "In your patience possess (win R.V.) ye your souls." Luke 21: 19. The margin reads, "In your steadfastness ye shall win (not save) your souls." Jesus did not say "win your aims." A man might win his aims but lose his soul, but a man who wins his soul may triumph though he miss his aims. He may attain the assurance that he is just where God wants him, and if he is there, he may attain his highest manhood.

"Why is light given to a man whose way is hid, and whom God has hedged in?" That light is given him that he may surmount the hedge and reach God's goal for him. If he does that he will be one of God's heroes, an enlightener and helper of men. Your broken employment, or limited means, or uncertain health, or manifold trials—God

did not send these to baffle you. They are here according to the working out of his holy laws. "In your patience ye shall win your souls." No one serves his fellow men more than he with his own true manhood. No one inspires his fellow men more, and no one proves more gloriously that God is in his world.

### THE PASSING OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Too late to appear in last week's Recorder came the news of the sudden death of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. We would join with all of the papers of the country which have expressed their regrets and deep sorrow at his going.

Mr. Roosevelt was a courageous man and a great man. We cannot all see eye to eye in national matters—that is the American way. The following quotation from our former President, Herbert Hoover, can be subscribed to by all:

The nation sorrows at the passing of its President. Whatever differences there may have been, they end in the regret of death. It is fortunate that in this great crisis of war our armies and navies are under such magnificent leadership that we shall not hesitate. The new President will have the backing of the country. While we mourn Mr. Roosevelt's death, we shall march forward.

We would join with others of our countrymen and with the nations of the world in expressing our grief at his passing. It is for all true Americans to carry the torch of freedom forward as he would have done.

We can sympathize with President Truman in his difficult position. We admire his humility and his sterling Christian faith, as expressed in his words before the members of Congress. We give here a few excerpts:

Let me assure the forward looking people of America that there will be no relaxation in our efforts to improve the lot of the common people. In the difficult days ahead, unquestionably we shall face problems of staggering proportions. However, with the faith of our fathers in our hearts, we fear no future.

Even the most experienced pilot cannot bring a ship safely into harbor unless he has the full co-operation of the crew. For the benefit of all, every individual must do his duty.

I appeal to every American regardless of party, race, creed, or color, to support our efforts to build a strong and lasting United Nations organization.

President Truman concluded his brief address with a quotation from First Kings, third chapter, verse 9. It was:

"Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad; for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?"

I ask only to be a good and faithful servant of my Lord and my people.

Acting Editor.

### FIRST THINGS FIRST

#### Uncertainty

Early in the year the government issued a decree that there should be no convention of more than fifty people—unless and until. It seemed to me to be quite like the situation two years ago when we, in loyalty, held no Conference; yet brewers, bartenders, labor unions, and such did have meetings.

This time I had in mind to continue planning for Conference, hoping the restriction might even be raised by August or the government at least have a change of heart toward religious matters. I had not "thought it through" to the realization that this might cause others much work and planning to be suddenly shattered at the finish.

A vote from the Commission members leaves the decision an uncertainty still.

A simple statement of fact to the government brings only a piece of "red tape" which must needs take more days of uncertainty while it is being unraveled.

Uncertainty is not conducive to constructive thinking and planning; yet we remain in uncertainty. When we have a final decree from the government, we will let you know.

P. B. Hurley,

Conference President.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Dr. Corliss F. Randolph

#### The Davis Genealogy

Owing to unforeseen difficulties, the Alfred Sun was unable to begin publication of the Davis Genealogy as originally expected; but definite plans have now been made to begin it about the middle of May.

As stated heretofore, this genealogy embraces the descendants of Rev. William Davis who founded the Shrewsbury Church in New Jersey—now the Salem Church of Salem, W. Va. In it may be found nearly every Seventh Day Baptist family in this

country, from New England to California. Those who are interested but are not already subscribers to the Alfred Sun should so subscribe at an early date, since extra copies cannot be supplied after publication, owing to the existing paper shortage.

## Missions

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.

### POSTWAR MISSIONS

(The material for the Missions Department this week is furnished by Rev. John F. Randolph, missionary pastor at Berea, W. Va.)

We hear much these days about the postwar world. What will be the postwar governments, world organizations, taxes, business opportunities? What will be the postwar opportunities for missions? We do not know the details, but we know there will be postwar missions.

We know that the building up of the home base will be one move in the right direction. Whatever the condition of mission work in the war-stricken world, a spiritually strong and well organized home base is essential. To establish such a base is the mission of the present, looking toward the postwar mission.

Our country is untouched by the physical destruction of war. We are enjoying (?) a period of financial prosperity. Many have never handled so much money. Our government is urging us to spend this surplus money on war bonds and other good purposes to prevent the unbalancing of our whole financial system. We are told this prosperity will last for five years after victory. What an opportunity to invest in the kingdom of God at home!

We hear various reports as to the expected spiritual and mental attitudes of our boys when they return. But why not show them on their return a well kept church building, painted and in good repair, equipped with new fixtures, and artistically decorated? Why not show them a well organized group, interested in the spiritual welfare of the community and the world, a group that has given much study to world problems in the light of kingdom values? Why not show them that we, too, have had a spiritual

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR MAY 5, 1945

The Hebrew Monarchy at Its Height

Scripture—1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Kings 1 to 11

Memory Selection—Psalm 33: 12

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

experience, along with them in the fox holes? Show them that we are well prepared to meet the problems of postwar missions.

### A MISSIONARY PASTOR'S EXPERIENCES

When the new missionary pastor and his wife arrived at Berea, W. Va., last September, some new experiences awaited them. Though they had lived in the North, the South, the East, and the Midwest, there were experiences awaiting them to add spice to life.

Upon arriving on the field the pastor found a man-power shortage among the farmers. That of course is not peculiar to West Virginia, but farmers here are peculiarly affected by the same, as they depend more on man power and less on machine power than do some parts of our country. Then there is less exemption for farm boys from military service in this section on account of the scarcity of dairy cows on the farms. Young men of eighteen or over are seldom to be found, and many a farm is manned by one man of sixty to eighty years of age, with broken health in some cases.

This situation afforded the pastor almost immediately an opportunity to help in the hay field. Haying was not new to him, even on the hillside, but he was surprised when the hayfield was pointed out to him in a vertical direction. After following a meandering course up the hillside, the hayfield was found to be only slightly less vertical.

Gravity was of great assistance in raking, bunching, and dragging the hay to the stacks. Dragging is the proper word, for no one would risk wheels under a load of hay there. Eventually the hay was deposited in a row of small stacks on the lower side of the field, with a pole sticking out of the top

of each in good West Virginia style. Later a field of corn was husked out in a similar topographical situation.

With the coming of spring days the rusted tin roof of the parsonage is receiving a coat of moss-green paint. One day the pastor, with a paint pail in hand, met a neighbor who said: "Are you painting the parsonage roof? I saw someone was up there painting, but I did not think it was you. I thought you were too old to be climbing on roofs." (How the years do creep up on us!) Well, a one-story roof with a good ladder is child's play when you talk of climbing.

Every time the pastor goes to the store or post office (one and the same place), or to the nearest neighbor, or any other place in the village he goes down and back up a bank much higher than the roof and also steeper. Of course one can go around a less precipitous route, but the shorter climb is sooner over. When you see men of seventy-five or more years climbing these hills daily through the winter to feed cattle from these hay stacks you will think a man is never too old to climb in West Virginia. There is a topic worthy of more consideration: A man is never too old to climb.

### Some Projects

Of course the painting of the parsonage roof, from which we have digressed, is only a part of a program of improvements this mission church is planning for the early summer. Sufficient white paint is on hand to paint the church. It has a new green composition shingle roof. The difficulty is to find a painter. If there is enough white paint the parsonage may get some.

It is evident that such projects demand the expenditure of cash. A committee was recently appointed to look after that part of the program. The first move was to promote a public entertainment and social in the local schoolhouse, which serves as a community house. The entertainment was a home talent play: "The Family Album," characters decked in old costumes, etc. Ladies prepared lunch boxes to be sold; a fish pond was well patronized; wieners and coffee sold fast. The result was forty dollars cleared, which is to be used for interior work at the church.

The church is very much in need of new hymnals. This need is being looked after

by the Ladies' Aid society and the Christian Endeavor society. The young people are planning a public social soon for the purpose of raising money for their part.

You may ask "Why all this unusual activity?" The answer is found in the fact that the Southeastern Association will meet with this church about the last of June. One hardly realizes how much missionary work, direct and indirect, he is promoting when he supports the continuation of our associational gatherings, the exchange of delegates, and the visits of board representatives.

### West Virginia Winter

Old residents of West Virginia say we had a severe winter. To newcomers from Wisconsin it seemed mild. In other ways, if not in temperature, the winter was severe. There has been much sickness. With no doctor in the village, that is serious. At times, three to five doctors have been called from surrounding towns and not one could be had. The patient was obliged to pass through a crisis without a doctor. At one time telephone service was off for several days. There is a hard road through Berea, but many of the people live off the highway on roads next to impassable in winter. There are few cars in the village; they are in demand to carry passengers to the doctors, or to the county seat to attend to alphabetical business that demands personal attention. Expenses are generously cared for; but when it comes to the need of tires, the OPA is not so generous. The pastor's car has been resting on three tires for the past two weeks. But spring is here, the roadmen are working on Otter Slide, the OPA will act some time, shut-ins are getting out in the sunshine. And this is a beautiful day.

### Church Services

As would be expected, attendance on the Sabbath has been light during the winter, but services have been conducted regularly. Only a handful near the church have been regular attendants, but the spring sunshine and better roads are bringing out the shut-ins.

Literature has been distributed for the study of personal evangelism, but it has been impossible to get the eighteen signers together during the winter for study and discussion. Now we hope to conduct such classes.

The Sabbath school has been reorganized for a larger separate primary department. Classes that have united for the winter are taking their customary places.

Our resident group is small at best; but thanks to the assistance of the Missionary

Board in the support of a pastor, and thanks to the Memorial Board for the loan of funds for a building, and thanks to the local people for their faithfulness, we have a good plant and a good field that we alone can serve.

J. F. R.

## Woman's Work

Mrs. Oboy W. Davis, Salom, W. Va.

### PRAYER

Be near me when all else is from me drifting—  
Earth, sky, home's pictures, days of shade and shine,

And kindly faces to my own uplifting  
The love which answers mine.  
There, from the music round about me stealing,  
I fain would learn the new and holy song,  
And find at last beneath thy trees of healing,  
The life for which I long. Amen.

—Whittier.

### PEACE

And when it comes, as come it will,  
New loveliness will spread and steal  
Into the thrill of that fair word.  
Then every heart shall know and feel  
Such depth of wonder, as when God  
Proclaimed this mighty earth complete:  
Then gave to man the fecund sod  
Some desecrate with their foul lust.  
Out of this holocaust—this trial—  
Must spring a faith, a purer trust,  
A creed of brotherhood, and love.  
If whitest lilies spring from mire,  
Cannot man's soul achieve through this  
Black curfew of the earth, a cleansing fire,  
And spring again to better image of  
The King, who taught the rule of brother love?

—Emily Sprague Wurl,  
in "Church Woman."

### A PRAYER FOR CHURCH WOMEN

Will all church women pray for the United Nations Conference, San Francisco, April 25, 1945.

Almighty God, Father of all mankind, grant to us and to thy children everywhere a new vision of thy world made one. Forgive us our sins of separateness which have kept us from thee and from one another. Guide with a sense of justice and humility those who will meet together. Make them instruments of thy peace—that even in this day thy kingdom may come, thy power may prevail, and thy glory be made manifest in all the world. Grant us our prayer. Amen.

—Mrs. Harper Sibley,  
in "Church Woman."

### SOME GOOD TRACTS FOR PERSONAL WORKERS

1. "Visitation Evangelism Manual," 32 pages, 5 cents each. Department of Evangelism, Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

2. "Lessons in Soul Winning," by Dr. Will H. Houghton, 24 pages (free). Moody Bible Institute, 153 Institute Place, Chicago, Ill.

3. "The Greatest Words in the World," by Sherwood Eddy, 16 pages; 5 cents each; \$1.50 per hundred. Department of Evangelism, Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

4. "Training Fishers of Men," by Philip Lang, 20 pages (for pastors). Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.

5. "Personal Soul Winning—How to Do It," by F. M. McConnell, 12 pages; 1 dozen 15 cents; one hundred 75 cents. The Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

6. "The Personal Worker," by Wm. S. Meyer, 16 pages; 2 cents each. Unit of Evangelism, Board of National Missions, 8 South Dearborn St., Chicago 3, Ill.

7. "How to Win Men to Christ," by Frederick L. Anderson, 20 pages (free to Baptists). American Baptist Publishing Society, 1701-1703 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

8. "What Is My Business," by G. Ray Jordan, 16 pages; \$1.50 per hundred. Tidings, Methodist Church, 166 Eighth Ave., North Nashville, Tenn.

9. "Concern for Souls," by Frank B. Fogerburg, 8 pages; 10 cents per dozen; one hundred at 50 cents. Department of Evangelism, American Baptist Home Mission Society, 212 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

10. "Vital Evangelism for Our Time," by Samuel McCrea Cavert, 16 pages; \$1.50

per hundred. Tidings, Medical Arts Building, Nashville 3, Tenn.

11. "Prayer and a Revival," by Louis H. Evans, 22 pages; one cent each. Unit of Evangelism, Board of National Missions, 8 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; or 156 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

12. "Selected Bible Statements for Personal Workers," 12 pages; one cent each; one

hundred at 75 cents. (Same address as above.)

Each worker should be encouraged to buy his own copies which will not exceed twenty-five cents. There is some duplication and one may not care for all of the helps. The pastor should order in lots and save expense. A list of evangelistic tracts will be given later. Leslie O. Greene.

## Christian Education

Rev. Harlow Sutton, Allrod Station, N. Y.

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

### PATIENCE, THE MISSING VIRTUE

By Zack H. White

A senior in the School of Theology at Alfred

After a person has acquired faith, knowledge, and ability, he needs to add to these patience.

"It is the last 10 per cent that gets the sale," my manager used to say to me when I was selling Hoover vacuum cleaners. "Don't give up so quickly," he used to say. "You quit just before you make a sale." It is the same with teaching Christianity.

In teaching the principles of Christ it is imperative that we don't give up too quickly. I once heard a Christian teacher say that he worked with a man five years before the man became interested in Jesus. If he had lost patience the man would probably never have been saved.

A certain Sabbath school teacher, we will call her Miss Hays, checked her Sabbath school roll and found that Johnnie Harp had been absent that Sabbath. She had missed Johnnie during the class, but had almost forgotten that he hadn't been there until she checked the roll.

Miss Hays sat down and wrote a personal note to Johnnie telling him that the class had missed him. Then she told him what the Sabbath school class had done while he was away and what they were planning to do the next Sabbath. That would have been enough for most boys and girls, but not Johnnie.

The next Sabbath he was absent. This time Miss Hays went to his home to pay Johnnie a visit, and he told her that he was never coming to Sabbath school again because the other boys had picked on him.

Miss Hays told Johnnie that the class needed him.

The next Sabbath he was absent again. Miss Hays did not give up, but went again to visit Johnnie to tell him that she had missed him. That did it. Johnnie was convinced that someone cared; so he came to Sabbath school.

Later Johnnie grew up to be a minister who was known all over the United States. What would Johnnie have been if his Sabbath school teacher had not made that second visit?

Alfred, N. Y.

A question which often comes to my mind as I think of Sabbath school work in our denomination is, "What is being done to prevent absenteeism?" It would be both interesting and profitable, if others would send in articles on this matter. Let us know how your Sabbath school is meeting this problem. H. S.

### A COUNSELING PROGRAM

Rev. Richard Norberg who is associate pastor of the First Community Church of Columbus, Ohio, wrote a short article for the International Journal of February, 1945, on counseling.

If there is a problem child in the Sabbath school, the Christian Endeavor, or even in the community, all those who have any contacts with this child should be interested in helping it meet these problems of life. One example given by Mr. Norberg was of a boy who was very high-strung and irritating in the church school.

The teacher came to the minister for counsel. The minister made visits to the public

school teacher, the parents; all expressed a willingness to co-operate in any plan that would help him. After a physical examination it was found that he had an abnormal glandular condition, and treatments were begun immediately. In the meantime the minister arranged conferences with the parents, public school teacher, and church school teacher, to discuss attitudes of understanding and procedures of guidance that would help the boy make a successful adjustment to the group pattern. Several months later there was a definite improvement in his behavior.

It will not be abnormal glandular conditions in every case of a problem child, but the procedure followed by this minister, and the others involved, could well be used with adaptations in most cases to good advantage.

Mr. Norberg also urges that parents and teachers of their children in the church school meet for study of child guidance, and for the fine fellowship which is possible. They plan to meet in his church at least once a quarter.

It seems to me that our Sabbath schools should make much use of this idea. When the new quarterlies arrive and the teacher has made a study of her copy to see what the aim is to be, she could in such a meeting tell the parents what this aim is and how they can help in the home to make it apply to the everyday life of the children.

This would help the teacher to see the whole quarter and not just the next lesson. It would help the parents see that they must help in this all important matter of teaching their children the Christian religion. It would also help the parents to look at their part in the Christian training of the children as something that requires special attention, and special preparation and training.

Every Sabbath school should have a meeting once a month of Sabbath school teachers and officers. By having meetings this often there would be time for special features besides the business of the school. It would seem wise to me for one meeting a quarter to be a parent-teacher meeting, and have the classes meet separately with the teacher and parents of each class having time to discuss the next quarter's lessons. There could be a supper for all before this meeting, or a social time afterward. H. S.

#### MORE ABOUT FAMILY WEEK

Our homes need the touch of the uplifting which the Bible can give.—By Charles D. Bonsack, former secretary of the General Mission Board, Church of the Brethren, Elgin, Ill.

Use the Bible regularly, intelligently, and prayerfully, and you will have power for family living.—By E. D. Riebel, professor of Christian education and applied Christianity, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill.

The home life of mankind is threatened with disruption. The youth of our land and other lands are confused and bewildered. The moral and spiritual life of peoples everywhere need the undergirding of God's greatest dynamics which only the Bible reveals.—By P. D. Brown, pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N. C.

The best measure of any civilization or nation is its citizens. The way we affect the next generation in the homes we are making today will determine the kind of world we will have. It is our responsibility as Christian leaders or as parents to transmit a fine heritage to the next generation which can be accomplished only through the development of sons and daughters under the influence of the Christian home.—By Mrs. Josephine Humbles Kyles, associate director of Christian education, Washington Federation of Churches, Washington, D. C.

The Bible would speak its word for the world family as well as for our individual homes. Jesus said that all who heard the word of God and kept it were his relatives. What makes us brothers is not the nation to which we are proud to belong, the color of our skin, or the language of our tongue. It is our relation to God that proclaims us members of the same family, whatever our race or creed. As we work toward this true brotherhood of man, we are making it possible for the Bible to speak today. — By Charles M. Laymon, department of literature and history of the Bible, Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn.

The testimony of church school teachers is that without family co-operation it is almost impossible to teach the Bible with effective results to children.—By E. D. Riebel, professor of Christian education and Applied Christianity, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill.

#### Regular Meeting of the Board

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in regular session in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, March 11, 1945, with Lavern C. Bassett presiding, and the following members present: Lavern C. Bassett, Frank Kellogg, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Frank A. Langworthy, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Miss Lucy Whitford, Victor W. Skaggs, Mrs. Frank E. Lobaugh, and L. Harrison North, manager of the publishing house. Visitor: Mrs. Melvin Nida.

The board was led in prayer by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs.

The minutes of the last previous meeting, February 11, 1945, were read.

Corresponding Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn submitted the following report, which was read by Mrs. Van Horn (who explained that the report was prepared by Mrs. Nida in conference with Mrs. Van Horn).

#### Corresponding Secretary's Report January 15, 1945, to March 11, 1945

As usual, large personal correspondence with lone Sabbath keepers and with people making inquiry concerning Seventh Day Baptists and their beliefs has been carried on. Suitable information and tracts have been sent.

Tracts, the Sabbath Recorder, and the Helping Hand are being sent to army and navy chaplains upon request.

Repeated correspondence is being received from members of our churches in Jamaica who are working in labor camps in this country. So far, none who have contacted our office have had the opportunity to visit any of the Seventh Day Baptist churches in America.

Pastor Timothy Teka Chapita writes from East Africa, expressing appreciation for the packages of literature sent for their work. Because of war conditions and unusually high expense, a very small amount of literature has been sent; it is interesting to note that everything has arrived safely to date.

Rev. Francis S. Johnson, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of New Zealand in Auckland, indicates that a good work is being carried on by the church there. He also wrote that Rev. Edward F. Barrar from Christchurch would be making a trip to Australia in Seventh Day Baptist interests if the authorities let him go. The New Zealand churches are very anxious that Chaplain W. R. Rood visit them while in that section.

Since your corresponding secretary has received a request from Harold E. Snide—leader of the white Seventh Day Baptist group in Washington—that Rev. Lester G. Osborn visit them in the interest of Seventh Day Baptists, arrangements have been made for this trip. Mr. Osborn is also to call on Ella Mae Davis who is in need of encouragement in her faithful work in Franklin City, Va.

The Bible has been an important family possession from the early history of the printed word. There are many reasons why this is so. Perhaps the first one is that it states clearly and definitely the only basis for successful family life. That basis is the principle of love, so beautifully enunciated by the apostle Paul. Another is that it mirrors faithfully family life of other ages. In its pages the family can find just the necessary mood to fit its need, strength for times of weakness, courage when facing trials, inspiration in times of discouragement, forgiveness when one has been injured, compassion when one has been misunderstood, companionship when one is lonely, and a way of living daily to make of life the best that can be made.—By Jessie B. Carlson (Mrs. J. Eric) wife of the general secretary of the National Benevolent Association, St. Louis, Mo.

America and its institutions came largely out of the Bible, and its future depends to a great extent upon keeping this once forbidden Book open as a guide to its life. . . . One of the best things American parents can do to promote the American way of life is to teach their children to love this Book by reading it to them, keeping an attractive appearing copy of it where it can be seen and read, and familiarizing themselves with its contents so they may guide their children into satisfying and useful lives that will promote their happiness and well being, be a source of satisfaction to their parents, make them useful members of society, and citizens who will guarantee the future of the nation.—By Sidney W. Powell, pastor, First Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.

#### TRACT BOARD MEETINGS

At a called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Tract Society held February 11, 1945, Mrs. Frank A. Langworthy was employed as acting editor of the Sabbath Recorder pending the arrival of a full-time editor.

The Committee to Consider the Matter of an Editor reported, recommending the employment of an editor, and was authorized to proceed with the employment of the person recommended if suitable arrangements could be made.

After devoting two full months to consecrated service in the interest of Seventh Day Baptists, Rev. Judson Harvey Stafford has returned to his home for a much needed rest. A complete report has been received from Mr. Stafford, telling of the encouragement given to the loyal, pastorless members of the church at Hammond, La., and of the work that has been started in Columbus, Miss. Your secretary is convinced that the excellent "lift" afforded the church in Hammond more than compensates the money put out by the board to help with Brother Stafford's expenses on this southern trip. (Your secretary feels that all of Mr. Stafford's expenses, above contributions received, should be paid if at all possible.)

At Hammond one man was baptized and joined the church; the other convert was not baptized because of being confined to his bed for four years with arthritis. Time alone will tell the true results of the hard labor put forth, and still going forward, in Columbus. Even though the field is extremely difficult, the Lord has blessed the efforts made. Mr. Stafford writes there is every reason to believe that a good, thriving church will result from the small one of six members already roughly organized. Definite plans have been made for the erection of a small house of worship.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Prati, musicians, who volunteered their services and who have gone at no expense to the board, have assisted Mr. Stafford. Following the work at Hammond, Mr. Stafford returned to the work started in Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. Prati went to hold cottage prayer meetings with members of the Hammond Church living in New Orleans. After this they were planning to return for a few days to Columbus and then spend a little time with our people at Woodville, Ala., before returning East.

A most challenging and promising situation has developed in Indianapolis, Ind. Much correspondence has been carried on with Mr. Leo L. Wright who believes there are many people in Indianapolis who would gladly join a Seventh Day Baptist church if a church organizing campaign were to be carried on in a wholehearted manner. He is a salesman and is willing to start immediately and invest a considerable amount of money and time in bringing Seventh Day Baptists and their beliefs before the Indianapolis public.

Without expense to the board, Rev. Claude L. Hill of Farina visited Mr. Wright and had a lengthy conference with him. He feels convinced of his sincerity and that a real opportunity is there.

Your secretary recommends that a committee be appointed with power to consider plans for work in Indianapolis.

For the Corresponding Secretary,  
Abbie B. Van Horn,  
Jeanett D. Nida.

An informal discussion of work at Columbus and Indianapolis followed.

The report, including the recommendation that a committee be appointed with power to consider plans for work in Indianapolis, was accepted.

It was voted that the president appoint the committee according to the recommendation in the report. Committee appointed: the Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Van Horn read parts of a letter from Rev. Mr. Stafford concerning the work at Columbus.

An informal report of treasury balances was presented by Mrs. Wm. M. Stillman and was received.

Report of progress of the Committee on Distribution of Literature was given by Victor W. Skaggs, chairman.

L. Harrison North, manager of the publishing house, reported informally on the work now being done.

The following resolution of appreciation and regret of the board in the resignation of Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, editor of the Sabbath Recorder, was read:

It is with profound regret that this board receives the resignation of Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn as editor of the Sabbath Recorder. Since the day when Doctor Van Horn reluctantly allowed the board to persuade him to undertake the responsibilities of that office in addition to his already heavy burden as the board's chief executive officer, he has uncomplainingly carried a load which would have been an impossibility for many men. His wide acquaintance among our people, his thoughtfulness, and good judgment have kept the Sabbath Recorder at the same high level of esteem that it held under previous editors. That he feels that he must now lay down his pen and lighten his burden makes us more conscious than before of the contribution he has made to our denominational life. The board is happy that he is willing to retain his office as its corresponding secretary and thus continue his connection with the board and his good work in that field. In his present illness the board extends to him its love and sympathy and its prayers for a speedy and complete recovery.

It was voted to send a copy of the resolution to Mr. Van Horn.

The report of the acting editor of the Sabbath Recorder, Lena B. Langworthy, was received and placed on file as follows:

I began work on the Sabbath Recorder February 26, and two issues have been published. Rev. Alva L. Davis has been retained for writing the editorials for an indefinite period.

If the Tract Board is willing, I would be glad to have a committee appointed whom I could consult on the most difficult problems that may arise.

At present we are putting out only a 16-page paper, but hope to have material enough for a 24-page issue soon. It is not economical for us to publish a 20-page issue, we are informed by the

Recorder Press. It would be better for us to print 16 pages one week and 24 the next. However, so far we have had only enough copy to print 16 pages. We will print a 24-page issue whenever we can secure enough good material to do so.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lena B. Langworthy,  
Acting Editor.

It was voted the board authorize the corresponding secretary to invite the graduating class of the theological seminary to the May meeting of the board and to visit the de-

## Children's Page

Mr. Walter L. Groono, Andover, N. Y.

### OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have a whistle.

My "banties" lay eggs. There are ten eggs in one nest. I hope she will sit and hatch them. My banties' names are Rooster-Pooster, Betty, and Henny-Penny.

Adele Walters.

R. D. 1, Edgerton, Wis.

Dear Adele:

I used to have "banties," too, when I was a little girl. I don't remember just how many or what their names were, but I do know that I was very proud of them and was about brokenhearted when one of them fell in the rain barrel and was drowned. My brother, however, once had a big rooster which he called Rooster-Pooster, and we had a pet pig we called Betty. When Betty grew to be a big pig I once tried to ride on her back, but she soon dumped me in a mud puddle when I was wearing a favorite dress.

I was so glad to get your nice little letter, and I hope when you read this you will be all over your croupy spell and able to go out to examine your banty's nest.

Your true friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

### A BOY'S ANSWER TO PRAYER

(Written by Harold K. Pearson of the Schenectady Mission.)

In the summer of 1908, when I was about ten years of age, another boy and I had a rather dangerous experience which I will now relate to you.

nominal headquarters building at the expense of the board.

It was voted that the recording secretary draft a suitable resolution of appreciation of the work of Mr. Hunting on the board, to be sent to Mrs. Hunting.

Adjourned to meet the second Sunday in May.

Lavern C. Bassett,  
President,  
Elizabeth D. Lobaugh,  
Assistant Secretary.

I lived at that time in the city of Oneonta, N. Y., which is one of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad centers. The street on which we lived ran parallel with the railroad; so our back yard ran up against the railroad property. Because we were so close to the railroad we were privileged to go on the track and pick up coal that had fallen off a loaded car; of course this was at one's own risk.

Under these conditions we boys in the neighborhood became very familiar with the trains, engines, and the railroad crews and workers.

Shortly after dinner one day, I told my mother that another boy and I were going fishing, but instead of going fishing we decided to play on the railroad track about a mile from our home. I did not tell my mother of this change we had made.

The spot where we were to play was a narrow gauge railroad track, with one dinky or miniature engine, also cars and two coal trestles. All were in a kind of siding from the regular railroad tracks. We were having a fine time that afternoon making believe we were real railroad fireman and engineer, as we played in that engine. When we had finished playing this game, before starting for home, we decided to crawl into the fire box.

The fire was out of course and had been for some time, as this engine and cars were not being used at that time. Inside the fire box which was very small—I should judge about three feet high—it was very tight quarters for two boys, even though

small. After being inside for a while I said, "Let's close the door a little to see how dark it is in here." In so doing the latch on the door on the outside fell down in the notches to keep the door shut. So you can see we were locked in, and no one but God knew where we were.

We soon realized our helpless condition and tried to escape. Several times my friend bit sticks to a small end in the effort to try to force the latch up through a small crack between the door and latch, but to no avail. We called to a man I knew who was plowing in a field not far away, but he did not hear us. We cried, but none of this helped.

We were doomed as far as our families and the outside world were concerned. I shall never forget that fear, that darkness, that quietness in that small place. We were able to get air through the flues and smoke stack and by cleaning ashes off the grates. Only God knows what went through our

minds; no supper that night; no mother to put us to bed. Our bed was a bed of cinders. My friend was the only child in his family, while I was one of six children, three girls and three boys.

As time went on we could tell by what little light we could see through the cracks that it was night. We just about cried ourselves to sleep after all that strain and excitement. It was a restless night with no pillow on which to rest our heads.

I remember the dream I had that night very well although this happened about thirty-six years ago. I dreamed that I was home playing with Mother, but little did I realize then that this was impossible unless God interceded in some way.

I had a boyish knowledge of God and prayer. That night in the fire box I told God I would be a good boy if he would only get us out of there.

(To be continued.)

## Our Pulpit

### GOD'S CREATION

By Rev. Francis S. Johnson

(Pastor, the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of New Zealand)

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light . . . and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." Genesis 1: 1-5. Coupled thus with Exodus 20: 11, the world was completed in six days, the sixth day God created the human race.

Man thus created excludes any thought of a preadamite race as suggested by some good Christian scholars. "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive." First Corinthians 15: 45 says Adam was the first man; Romans 5: 12 says that by one man sin entered. Had there been men before Adam they would not have been sinners. Yet our Bible says all have sinned and come

short of the glory of God; we are all born in sin and shapen in iniquity.

The old question, Where did Cain get his wife? seems very frail when we realize that Cain was not necessarily a young man, as we count age, when he was driven out from the face of God. Men lived long lives in those antediluvian days, and no doubt Adam had many daughters ere this. The health question that bars the marrying of brother and sister today did not apply then in a race perfect; so there was no difficulty in Cain getting a wife—nor in the sons of God taking the daughters of men.

Seth's sons took Cain's daughters to wife. Seth's seed were sons of God. Cain's were daughters of men. God created man in his own image; man fell and became a sinner. Through Adam's fall, sin and death came upon all the human race; but "as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

"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. God created; God loved; man was created; man sinned; man died; God gave life everlasting through his Son.

In the beginning there was God the eternal Father, the Maker of all things—not in the beginning, ape; not in the beginning, atom. There was in the beginning divine creation of man in the image of God—the sublime revelation of an infinite being, who in his love made men in his own image and gave him the power of a free will.

These creation days were evening and morning days, and on the seventh day God rested and blessed. These were definitely evening and morning days. Light and darkness were ordinary common days. He spoke, and it was done. He commanded, and it stood fast. We realize that God our Father breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life, and he became a living soul. The faith once delivered to the saints taught of God the Creator of all things, the Creator of the human race.

Faith teaches that man was made in the image of God and that through Adam's transgression sin and death came upon all mankind, but that God through his Son provided a means of escape of all. John 3: 16. The atheist thinks he came into being in some roundabout way, but the saints of God know they are made in his image. Finally through Christ, our Redeemer, the saints will be remade in his likeness to inherit eternal life and dwell with him through the ceaseless ages of eternity.

Let us all in reverence bow before our Maker, remembering his divine creation and his divine revelation. No man can fathom the marvels of his creation—the birds, the flowers, the trees, and all the beautiful things of life. The sun, the moon, and the stars forever sing as they shine, "The hand that made us is divine."

Evolution is a failure. Creation is an accomplished fact. Let us all turn back and ever remember, "In the beginning God."

Auckland, N. Z.

### DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Verona, N. Y.

The Pearl Seeker's Sabbath School Class held its February meeting at the home of Miss Sadie Lowe in Oneida Castle.

The Young People's Social Club met with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Warner and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Warner in February. Although the night was rainy, the young people enjoyed the sleigh ride which had been planned.

In March they were entertained at the parsonage where a program of musical numbers and readings was enjoyed.

Our all-day service was held in the church March 3 with Pastor Polan giving a good sermon from the text found in John 4: 24. Following the dinner the church and society meetings were held.

Leora Sholtz led the worship program of the Young People's Christian Endeavor, and ways of improving the Christian Endeavor work were discussed. Mrs. Alva Warner told of the society in Battle Creek; William Arthur told of the one in Alfred; and Pastor Polan, the societies in churches he has served.

The Junior Christian Endeavor meeting was led by Twila Sholtz. The Loyal Temperance Legion also met. These meetings were under the direction of Mrs. Polan, who was assisted by Mrs. George Stone and Mrs. Leon Maltby.

David Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, has finished his training at Sampson Naval Base; he spent a weekend furlough with his parents here. Correspondent.

London, Eng.

The Mill Yard Church has suffered a great loss in the death of Deacon B. A. Morris. This sad event created the problem of the future of this magazine (Sabbath Observer), of which our brother has been editor for so long. A special church meeting was held to consider the matter and it was decided that the pastor of the church should become editor. The same meeting also confirmed the ordination of Pastor James Alexander Benjamin Trotman to the gospel ministry by our brethren in British Guiana—a full account of his history and spiritual experience having been received. He was formerly a Pentecostalist preacher, who became convinced of our teaching regarding the Sabbath, and should be a valuable asset to the work of our mission in that part of South America.

During the last quarter we have been pleased to welcome to our services more American visitors. Pte. McCann, of the Church of God in Detroit, was one of these. With him came a Seventh Day Adventist brother named Pte Greco. Later we had special pleasure in welcoming the first Seventh Day Baptist sister to visit us from America since the war began. She was Lieut. Lorna A. Payne from Dodge Center, Minn.,



who now serves as a Red Cross nurse in an American military hospital in this country. Her special work is that of a physical therapist, helping and teaching badly wounded soldiers how to use their limbs again. Lieut. Payne spent her leave at the home of Pastor McGeachy. —Sabbath Observer.

## Marriages

**Bartholomew - Davis.** — Mr. Raymond Charles Bartholomew of Vernon, N. Y., and Miss Helen Marie Davis of Oneida, N. Y., were united in marriage at the Verona Seventh Day Baptist church January 21, 1945, by Pastor Herbert L. Polan.

**Bottoms - Hodge.** — T/5 Ary Thomas Bottoms of Gurley, Ala., and Miss Jane Hodge of Boulder, Colo., were united in marriage at the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist church on March 20, 1945, Rev. Earl Cruzan officiating. The groom has just returned after twenty-seven months of overseas service.

**Koehlner - Hard.** — Mr. Dale Koehlner and Miss Norma Jean Hard were united in marriage at the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist church on January 7, 1945, Rev. Earl Cruzan officiating. They are making their home at Laramie, Wyo.

## Obituary

**Ayres.** — Lillie Vars, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vars, was born in Berlin, N. Y., November 22, 1853.

She moved to West Hallock, Ill., when ten months old.

She made her home in Boulder and Hygiene, Colo., from 1912 until her death at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alma Brand, on February 22, 1945. She was treasurer of the Women's Missionary and Aid Society of Boulder for twenty-two years. E. C.

**Bee.** — Charles Thomas, son of Nelson and Perdelia Bee, was born June 26, 1858, and died of a heart attack February 16, 1945, at his home in Clarksburg, W. Va.

Mr. Bee is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rachel Sutton Bee; two sons: A. P. Bee and A. J. Bee; and three daughters: Mrs. Ava Husk, Mrs. Sada Wright, and Mrs. Stella Crandall. There are nineteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted at the Pine Grove church, Berea, W. Va., February 19, 1945. Interment was at Pine Grove Cemetery. Services were in charge of Rev. John Fitz Randolph.

J. F. R.

**Bowen.** — Donald W., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bowen, was born in Eckley, Colo., May 30, 1918, and died in Belgium, January 19, 1945.

He was educated in the public schools of Boulder. On October 14, 1941, he was united in marriage with Jean Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Taylor. They left Boulder for Burbank, Calif., where he had a job with Lockheed. Their son, Bruce Taylor, was born March 17, 1943.

Donald entered the service of his country March 22, 1944. He trained at Camp Hood, Tex., for about five months, and after a brief furlough home he was sent overseas with his unit as replacements in the front line. His company received the Presidential Citation and Donald was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster for gallantry in action.

While home on furlough he was baptized by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, as Pastor Cruzan was in the East at that time. The greatest tribute that we can give and the greatest consolation to those he left behind is that he was a Christian. He loved his Lord. E. C.

**Langworthy.** — Henrietta Trowbridge, daughter of Orrin A. and Esther Jones Trowbridge, was born in Greene Settlement, near Adams Center, July 9, 1869, and died in Rodman, N. Y., November 17, 1944.

She was married on December 18, 1904, to Ernest Stevens, and until his death they lived on a farm west of Adams Center. On November 17, 1934, she was married to Clayton R. Langworthy, in Berlin, N. Y., with Rev. L. A. Wing officiating. Mr. Langworthy passed away in July, 1937. She was a member of the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church having joined the church February 18, 1882.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor at the Piddock Funeral Home in Adams, and burial took place in the cemetery at Adams Center. P. S. B.

**Wells.** — Harriet Lanphear, daughter of the late George C. and Angeline Clark Lanphear, was born in Westerly, R. I., December 18, 1860, and died in Westerly, April 5, 1945.

She was united in marriage with Dr. Frederick J. Wells and the home was in Plainfield, N. J., the few short years until his death, after which she returned to Westerly. She was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, having joined at the age of fourteen years. Her only immediate survivor is a daughter Helen, Mrs. D. Harold Rogers.

Funeral services were held on Sabbath afternoon at the Harvey W. Buckler Funeral Home and interment was in River Bend Cemetery. Pastor Harold R. Crandall officiated. H. R.-C.

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# The Sabbath Recorder



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### Jesus and the Sabbath

And as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. Luke 4: 16.

### After the Resurrection

Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures. Acts 17: 2.

### The Gentiles and the Sabbath

And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. . . . And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. Acts 13: 42-44. And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. Acts 18: 4.