

son were visiting relatives here. George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox, is in the coast guard and is stationed in Everett, Wash. On Sabbath day, May 26, he sang a solo in the church service.

May has been a month of special church services. Mother's Day, Sabbath Rally Day, Roll Call Day, and Memorial Day were observed with appropriate music and sermons. On Roll Call Day letters from many absent members were read. On Rally Day parts in the service were taken by Mrs. W. J. Hemphill, Mrs. R. O. Babcock, Mrs. Harlon Brennick, Mrs. Geo. Maxson, and Deacon Arthur Stillman. Prayers on Mother's Day were given by members of the congregation, in observing the day of prayer and thanksgiving as proclaimed by President Truman. On Memorial Sabbath a special interest was the different arrangement of the communion table in front of the pulpit; an open Bible, flowers, and pictures were used. This was the appreciated work of Mrs. Ehret.

Plans are being perfected for the regular Daily Vacation Bible School, which is a community undertaking. This year Mrs. Harlon Brennick will be in charge of the music and Myra Thorngate Barber will act as supervisor and teacher. The three other members of the faculty are members of the Methodist Church. The school will be held in the schoolhouse and will begin June 4, extending for three weeks.

Farming operations have been slow, due to adverse weather conditions. However, with frequent rains and warm weather the gardens and farm crops look well.

The return home of teachers and students is a welcome event, as always.

Correspondent.

Verona, N. Y.

The Young People's Social Club has elected the following officers for six months: president, Alden Vierow; vice-president, Mayola Williams; secretary, Leora Sholtz; treasurer, Janice Sholtz; chorister, Alva Warner; and pianist, Mrs. Alva Warner.

A memorial and remembrance prayer service, sponsored by George Davis, was conducted in our church Sabbath, May 19. Following an interesting program, Pastor Polan delivered an appropriate sermon. S2c David Williams of Bainbridge, Md., was home on a weekend furlough and took part in the service.

A mother-daughter banquet was served in our church parlors on the evening of May 19 to about forty mothers and daughters. Mrs. Elmina Warner was toastmaster, and Mrs. Iris Maltby was song leader.

Several of our young people attended the twenty-fourth annual conference of the Oneida County Youth Council at Westernville in May. They gave very interesting reports of the conference at our Sabbath school hour. Pastor Polan led the discussion group—"Enlisting Others for Service"—assisted by Alden Vierow and Mrs. Alva Warner. Alva Warner assisted in the afternoon service and was also banquet song leader. Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms of Leonardsville was main speaker.

Pfc. Garth Warner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Warner, is stationed at Camp Lee, Va.

We are looking forward to the Central Association which meets with our church June 8-10. We will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of our church on the evening of June 9.

Correspondent.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Pfc. Robert Lippincott writes from the Philippines that he receives letters from the Tract Society office, and also the Sabbath Recorder—all of which he and others of his companions read with profit.

"We've met," writes he, "missionaries from many churches on the islands. . . . They have done a great work. . . . We as Christians should want to be a part of this work."

He closes his letter with "I am sure that the Recorder is inspired by God's own hands through his servants." H. C. V. H.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR JUNE 23, 1945

The New Church in a Pagan World

Basic Scripture—Acts 11: 19-26; 13: 1-3;
1 Timothy; Hebrews; 1 Peter

(Especially 1 Timothy 6: 1-20; 1 Peter 4: 7-5: 4)

Memory Selection—Matthew 6: 33

Obituary

Burton. — Gardiner Gillett², was born at Hopkinton, R. I., April 11, 1862, and died at Canonchet, May 10, 1945. An extended obituary appears elsewhere in this Recorder.

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Editorials

EASTERN ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(Given on Friday evening at the association, June 1, 1945, and solicited for this page.)

In selecting a theme for the meetings of the Eastern Association, the executive committee was conscious of the fact that down through the centuries there has been a longing in the heart of man for something intangible, something that his own nature alone cannot satisfy. Assuming this to be true and wishing to gain constructive ideas for Christian helpfulness, they chose the theme, "Meeting the Needs of Hungering Humanity." Remembering the chaotic conditions in countless parts of the world today and not forgetting our individual opportunities and responsibilities, we think the topic seems timely.

Many years ago in Palestine there lived One who went about doing good, whose first thought was always for others. When people thronged about him for help he not only cured their diseases but healed their broken hearts. He taught love, mercy, and self-sacrifice. He showed them the Father, and promised his followers that his Spirit would be with them always. The first step in meeting the needs of others is to ally ourselves with the Christ of Galilee.

Those who accept the teachings of Christ must put into the background thoughts of race, color, or creed, and see men as brothers, all children of the same Father. The present is a particularly difficult time to practice this

principle, yet it was never more needed. "For whom Christ died" refers to all mankind—our enemies as well as our friends. Maintaining the spirit of brotherhood is an important way of meeting the needs of humanity. It is well to realize, moreover, that one's attitude toward his fellow men is largely determined by his relationship to his heavenly Father.

Children sometimes surprise us by the way they exemplify the spirit of brotherhood. "Do you want your grass cut?" said two boys recently as they appeared at the door of a man who was ill. How to get the lawn mowed had been one of his problems. The boys did the work promptly and well, but appeared confused when the grateful family wanted to pay them. Finally, the younger boy, acting as spokesman, said, "Oh, no, we don't want anything for it. Why, we're next door neighbors!"

Probably the most universal hope today is that peace may come to the whole world. Dr. J. E. Morgan, of the National Education Association, writes, "We cannot build the world of tomorrow on hate, however much apparent ground there may be for hate." It is not necessary to agree on all points (it may not even be desirable), but only when individuals and nations come to have mutual confidence, good will, and tolerance, can we be sure that the coming generations will not wage wars even more terrible than those of the present.

Let us not be deceived into thinking that the world has been more or less accustomed

to peace. Lieut. Col. Robert H. Cushing of the United States Army Reserves has proved the opposite to be true. His figures show that in the 3,521 years of recorded history all but 268 have seen wars being waged in the world. His researches tell, also, that while more than 8,000 solemn treaties have been made with the object of ending conflicts forever, each treaty has lasted on the average less than two years.

No, it is not easy to maintain peace. It requires more than the making of treaties or the signing of peace pacts. Delegates from nearly fifty countries have been attending a meeting in San Francisco in the interest of organized international co-operation. Much is hoped for and expected as a result of this conference, yet a great deal depends upon the attitude of the average citizen—upon you and me.

Recently a speaker in Plainfield advocated the addition of a new member—a Secretary of Peace—to the cabinet of the President of the United States. Of course we have a Secretary of War and a Secretary of the Navy. Who can predict but that a Secretary of Peace might lighten the burdens of both, and help prevent wars by removing their cause?

The message of peace brought to the world on the first Christmas night embodied also the principles of charity and brotherhood. "Glory to God in the highest," sang the angels; "peace on earth, good will to men." In conclusion, we must have reverence and devotion to our Master, together with feelings of confidence and good will toward our fellow men if we would travel the highway to peace; then only, as Christian men and women shall we be able to minister effectively to the needs of hungering humanity.

Ethel C. Rogers,
President of Eastern Association.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS AND OCCUPATIONS

(Continued)

To what occupation shall we turn? Why not remember the parable of the talents? Christ indicated that we each have a talent; let us search out what talents the Lord has endowed each of us with, and put those God-given talents to work. The mutual sharing of common concerns will not only be possible if we keep close to each other's needs, but working in a variety of occupations will make

the fellowship mutually more helpful. Let us seek to increase our talents to the glory of God and carefully remember in seeking out what talents we have, that there are good and evil talents in each of us, and perhaps that talent which at the moment looks to be our best is not one which will lead in the paths of righteousness. It is important that we really and firmly get across to ourselves before we start looking for a job the positive fact that we each have at least one good talent with which to start the game of life, that with God on our side we have nothing to fear. Have faith in yourself and God as an unbeatable team. Let us emphasize this point again. God and you are an unbeatable team; then work with God.

The problem, then, resolves itself into what are my God-given talents, how can I develop them to the best advantage for God, and where would he have me put them to work?

Minority groups will generally find that distasteful work is often where the greater freedom may be found, and if looked at in some ways perhaps that is the way to build character. One of my professors in college made it a point to methodically and patiently hold himself to an unpleasant task for one month in each year.

Another approach is from the top down. A Negro once suggested that their color had some advantage in the fact that they had to learn their lessons better and develop more ingenuity and adaptability than their fellow whites to gain equal positions. Outstanding individuals will find positions open to them in their particular field with freedom of religion equal to their sincerity of belief.

Development of hobbies and spare-time activities cannot be overemphasized. Paul probably made much of his living working as he went, and today many leading Bible workers demonstrate the fact that God takes care of those who seek to spend more time directly working for him. Hobbies and spare-time activities often lead to one's own business.

A lesson is to be learned in watching how restaurants can close one day a week and still have a profitable business. It was long thought that this was one business which had to operate every day, but it is now demonstrated not to be true. Too often this same type of inhibition is our greatest stumbling block. We tend to assume a thing cannot

be done because we have not seen it. We went to Prince Edward Island to live. They told us sweet corn would not grow and produce there, but nobody had tried planting any. We planted sweet corn and had exceptional results; then the neighbors followed suit and overcame what was evidently just a mental clog.

So it is my suggestion that we put spiritual things first and develop all of our latent talents that we can find. Live in the world but not of the world, as Christ prayed for us to live. Then face the world with the courage that brought Sir Thomas Lipton across the ocean every year, trying to win a race with his schooner. Enjoy your defeats, knowing that the Master Refiner would have pure gold; but never give up, never take your eyes off Jesus. Peter started sinking the minute he took his eyes from Jesus, and so will we.

How shall we develop the faith and courage it takes to live out the fact that God and oneself are an unbeatable team when pulling together? First, I believe we should stress our daily living. Nothing is more distressing to one than to come to church and have to excuse another's absence by the statement that he or she had to work today. It just simply kills the spirit. We need each other's help in daily living and we need the Sabbath.

The Sabbath was made for man, and when kept is one of the greatest of character building agents. The training for character begins at Mother's knee and the family circle. In our family we were taught to lead out in the family worship Bible study as soon as we could begin to read, and the Bible was the Book from which we learned to read. Those lessons have never been forgotten. We were prepared to answer our playmates when they asked why we went home at sundown on Friday evening and to church on Sabbath day.

To close, let me quote again from "The Lesson for Tomorrow," by Wayne Rood:

"With an ancient tradition of educational enthusiasm and a vividly remembered verification of the strength of intellectual freedom, Seventh Day Baptists are in a position to step ahead once more. On all sides pastors and people of the denomination are speaking of the need of a religious revival, a reawakening in the life of the church. The entire situation is nearing ripeness for a real, earnest, and vigorous program of truly educational evangelism—the sort of move-

ment that contemplates a campaign not merely of three or four frantic days, but of ten or twenty years' duration; that involves active training in the techniques of discovering the purposes of God for each individual life and in living a life governed by loving sensitivity to needs of our fellow men: in other words, the sort of continuing evangelism that would creatively touch every phase of individual and church life."

Albyn Mackintosh.

Los Angeles, Calif.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Morning's First Privilege

By Ralph Cushman

I met God in the morning
When the day was at its best,
And his presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long his presence lingered;
All day long he stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
On every troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered;
Other ships were sore distressed,
And the winds that seem to blow them
Brought to us both peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings,
With a deep remorse of mind,
When I, too, had loosed the moorings
With his presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,
Learned by many a troubled way;
I must meet God in the mornings
If I want him through the day.

P. B. Hurley,
Conference President.

REPORT OF EASTERN ASSOCIATION

The historic Piscataway Church of New Market, N. J., entertained the Eastern Association June 1-3, 1945. It was the one hundred seventh session of this association. There was a very good representation from the nearer churches, and several people came from the churches farther away; there were delegates from every church and from the sister associations. It is always a pleasure to meet with the warm-hearted, hospitable members of this old church, which was founded in 1705. The present church building is typically colonial and Seventh Day Baptist. It was erected in 1836 on the Stelton Road,

and later moved to its present location and additions made to it. Inasmuch as the weather was not too pleasant—being cold, cloudy, and sometimes rainy—we enjoyed all the more the pleasant fellowship and nice warm atmosphere within the church. Rev. Victor Skaggs is the young pastor here and also the pastor of the Plainfield Church during Chaplain Warren's absence. Miss Ethel Rogers of New Market was the efficient president of the association. The theme of the meetings was "Meeting the Needs of Hungering Humanity."

The meetings began Sabbath eve with a beautiful and fitting vesper service. Mrs. Hurley Warren played a selection on the piano, the lovely "Consolation," by Mendelssohn. This was followed by singing, "Abide with Me." After two other hymns, a prayer by Rev. Harold R. Crandall, beautiful selections read by Miss Evalois St. John, and another hymn, Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, who had charge of the vespers, gave a helpful talk. This was followed by a solo by Mrs. Albert Brooks of Waterford, Conn., and a poem by Grace Noll Crowell, read by Barbara Spicer. Then Mrs. Harmon Dickinson sang very feelingly that old hymn, "Just as I Am."

Mrs. Lawrence F. Harris gave a very cordial welcome to the guests; after this helpful devotions were led by Melvin G. Nida, and the president, Miss Rogers, gave her message to the association. It will be found on the Editorial Page of this Recorder.

Under the theme of the association three sermons were preached as follows: "I Bind My Heart to Thee," by Rev. John F. Randolph on Friday evening, following the president's message; "I Bind My Heart to My Brother," on Sabbath morning, by Rev. Lester G. Osborn; "I Bind My Heart to Peace," on Sunday afternoon, by Rev. Ralph H. Coon. We hope to have these sermons for Our Pulpit Page in the Recorder.

Many other addresses were given including an address by Rev. Harold R. Crandall at the missionary hour, Sabbath afternoon; one by Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson on the young people's program, and three addresses on the Tract Society hour Sunday morning. These were given by Rev. John F. Randolph on "What Our Ministers Expect of the Tract Society"; Rev. Eli F. Loofboro on "What Our Missionary Society Expects of the Tract Society"; and Mrs. Melvin Nida

on "What the Tract Society Is Doing." Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn conducted the Tract Society program.

Others who did much to make the meetings a success were two other leaders of devotions, Mrs. Donald E. Lewis and Frank A. Langworthy; also Rev. Paul Burdick, who conducted a conference meeting on Friday evening. Rev. Harley Sutton had a meeting of Sabbath school workers and also spoke at the young people's supper.

The young people had a very good meeting on the evening after the Sabbath, with Jean Bailey presiding and Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson guest speaker. They had a social following.

The music throughout the association was inspiring. There were several special numbers: solos, a duet, and choruses by the young people. The choir of the Plainfield Church with their organist, Mr. Howard Savage, supplied the music for the Sabbath morning service.

Dinner and supper were served on Sabbath day and dinner Sunday noon in the dining rooms of the church, by the women of the Piscataway Church.

At the business meeting it was voted to meet next year on the weekend of the second Sabbath in June, unless the executive committee finds it necessary to change the date. The place of meeting will be Westerly, R. I., and the president will be Elston Van Horn; vice-president, Morton R. Swinney. The recording secretary is Mrs. Dwight E. Wilson, and the corresponding secretary is Mrs. Earl D. Burdick. A well-deserved vote of thanks was accorded the people of New Market for their cordial hospitality and cooperation in every way.

Acting Editor.

SERIOUSNESS OF THE ALCOHOL PROBLEM

The extent and seriousness of the alcohol problem in modern life is not a matter for dispute, whatever one's views as to the adequate solution. In the framework of a democracy, such a problem can be solved only by public consensus. It is obvious this cannot be achieved until the public is not only adequately informed, but also convinced that positive steps of a well-defined sort are necessary.—Anne Roe, Ph.D., Psychologist, Yale School of Alcohol Studies.

Missions

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

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JAMAICA, B.W.I.

(Addresses delivered at a meeting of the women of our churches in Jamaica, published by request.)

The Greatness of Women

By Mrs. H. I. Peryer

Dear friends, we have met to discuss the greatness of women. In these days this is a topic worth considering.

I represent Rebekah. Rebekah lived during the old dispensation (the cool refreshing dawn of the day) and was the daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, and an exemplary mother. Only a good mother can produce good daughters.

From Genesis 24: 15-67 I will give you a character sketch of Rebekah, and will try to show you how by her humility she became great.

The scene opened. She was seen going to the well with her pitcher on her shoulder to fetch water. There she left us the lesson of being industrious. She had no false pride, and deemed it an honor to do honest work. Rebekah was fair to look upon and a virgin. Her beauty was not skin deep; it sprang from her innocent disposition, therefore it was durable. Where conscience is smeared, beauty is marred. She met a stranger who asked her for water, and then inquired of her parentage. She was not churlish; on the contrary, she was civil and entertainingly kind.

Rebekah was not afraid to have frank discussions with her parents. On her immediate return she told her mother and brother exactly what had taken place at the well, and showed them the gifts she had received.

The stranger was none other than Abraham's servant who was seeking, through God's guidance, a wife for Isaac. He was entertained at Bethuel's home, and there he told his mission. Bethuel and his household agreed that it was the will of God that Rebekah should be Isaac's wife. She was obedient; but note, hers was not blind obedience—hence her choosing for herself, "I will go." She was godly and full of faith and was willing to place her hands in God's and step into the unknown future.

The servant gave Rebekah rich and costly gifts, but she was not carried away by the material things of this world. She loved Isaac not for what he possessed but for what he was. Hence we find that Rebekah had qualifications that fitted her to be placed among the great and noble women of all times.

Let us women resolve to be like Rebekah, fulfilling that for which we were created. The worth and virtuous persistence of women were brought out in a noble way at the glorious resurrection of our Lord, when we (I say we) had the rare privilege of receiving the happy commission from his own blessed lips, "Go and tell my disciples." Shall we still remain in the outer court and be disobedient to our commission and allow the things of the world, which are but for a moment, to blind our eyes? God needs more young women like Rebekah today to witness for him. Let us not allow him to seek in vain. In closing, permit me to say:

Aim to be a true woman—
Stout heart and brave.
Be one of the brightest of gifts God ever made.
Be not fashionable, idle, or vain.
Be a woman to grapple with sorrow and pain.
Be a help not a clog when misfortunes prevail.
Never mind a few jolts as you journey along.
Be true to yourself and true to your God.
Be what God made you—
Be a helpmate to man.

The Greatness of Women

By Mrs. E. L. Morris

We have this afternoon as our topic, Greatness of Women. This is both a broad and lengthy subject with which to deal.

Today we find that women are taking a very important part in the world's history. Let us not stray far. For instance, we have today women in the House of Representatives, as justices of the peace, the Women's League, and in the Auxiliary Territorial Service, where the women have left their island homes to help bring victory in this great World War. Nurses have gone forth to attend the sick and wounded soldiers. All these are showing their greatness.

This afternoon we have before us the outstanding features of one great woman,

Deborah. Deborah was the fourth judge of the children of Israel, and was also a prophetess. After the death of Ehud who was one of the judges of Israel, the children of Israel entered again into idolatry. The Lord, to show that he was displeased with them, caused Jabin, king of the Canaanites, to afflict them by warring against them.

In this affliction Deborah sent for Barak out of Kedesh-naphtali. Barak refused to march against the enemy unless Deborah would accompany the army. Deborah promised that she would be in attendance and prophesied the defeat of Sisera; also she prophesied that the honor of the victory would be taken from Barak, for Sisera would fall by the hand of a woman. Barak immediately gathered ten thousand men of the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali, and marched against the Canaanites. They drove them into the river Kishon, from which Sisera fled and was killed by Jael, Heber's wife.

After the victory Deborah composed a sublime song of thanksgiving to God in commemoration of so signal a deliverance. In her thanksgiving she was termed, "A mother in Israel."

Deborah shows that as women we can accomplish great things if we will put our hands to the plow with fear and do our bit by giving charity to fallen humanity. To say a word for Jesus will help one on his way to the Cross, which has saved millions who have passed and gone to that "Great Beyond."

"Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light,
Like a little candle burning in the night.
He looks down from heaven to see us shine;
You in your small corner and I in mine."

TREASURER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT

April 1, 1945, to April 30, 1945

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer,
In account with the
Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

Dr.	
Cash on hand April 1, 1945	\$2,564.27
Second Brookfield, N. Y.	25.00
Reta I. Crouch, Albuquerque, N. M.	15.00
Recorder Press, one half proceeds	
sale China Letters	111.81
Dodge Center, Minn.	13.68
S. D. B. Memorial Fund income	266.05
M. C. Rockwell Fund, Westerly, R. I.,	
for foreign missions	7.12
Walworth, Wis.	10.00
Walworth, Wis., for Ministerial Retirement Fund	10.00
Waterford, Conn., for Jamaica Education Fund	10.00
Golden Rule Foundation for China relief work	100.00
Denominational Budget	870.10
Rockville, R. I.	3.99
Denver, Colo., for foreign missions	9.00
First Hopkinton, R. I.	10.00
First Alfred, N. Y.	15.00

Chicago, Ill.	5.00
Riverside, Calif., for native Jamaica workers	5.00
Adams Center, N. Y., for Jamaica	11.00
Gentry, Ark., Sabbath school	5.00
Richburg, N. Y., for Mr. and Mrs. Prati	10.00
Richburg, N. Y., Rev. Judson H. Stafford	10.00
Battle Creek, Mich.	6.00
Battle Creek, Mich., for foreign missions	2.00
Milton, Wis.	25.00
First Alfred Sabbath school:	
For Jamaica children	10.00
For education Socrates Thompson	10.00
For Palatka Church	5.00
For Carraway Church	5.00
Permanent Fund income	242.93
Debt Fund savings account to apply on debt	500.00
	<u>\$4,892.95</u>

Cr.	
Interest saved note Industrial Trust Co. \$750 transferred to Debt Fund	\$ 10.48
Walworth, Wis., gift to Ministerial Retirement Fund, transferred to savings account	
Washington Trust Co.	10.00
Anna M. West, China, deposits transferred to Industrial Trust Co. savings account	161.64
Jamaica payments as follows:	
Rev. Wardner F. Randolph, salary	\$100.00
House rent	20.83
Children's allowance	37.50
Travel expense	16.56
Native workers	39.52
Jamaica education fund	80.00
Riverside, Calif., gift	5.00
First Alfred, N. Y., Sabbath school gift	10.00
	<u>309.48</u>
Rev. Neal D. Mills	35.00
Rev. Earl Cruzan	27.50
Rev. Trevah R. Sutton	35.00
Rev. Verney A. Wilson	16.67
Rev. John F. Randolph	35.00
Rev. Clifford A. Beebe, salary	\$35.00
Travel expense	13.15
	<u>48.15</u>
Rev. David S. Clarke	35.00
Rev. Wm. L. Burdick, salary	\$125.00
House and office rent	25.00
Office supplies	7.86
Clerk hire	41.67
	<u>199.53</u>
Rev. Herbert L. Polan	15.00
Rev. G. D. Hargis	41.67
Treasurer's expense	25.00
Foreign Missions Conference	25.00
Mrs. George P. Kenyon	10.00
Rev. R. R. Thorngate	10.00
China payments as follows:	
Rev. H. Eugene Davis	\$75.00
Dr. Rosa W. Palmborg	30.00
	<u>105.00</u>
Raymond Prati, Richburg, N. Y., gift	10.00
Rev. Judson H. Stafford, Richburg, N. Y., gift	10.00
Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph, gifts First Alfred, N. Y., Sabbath school to Palatka and Carraway churches	10.00
Debt Fund share April Denominational Budget	120.07
Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Fund share	
April Denominational Budget	47.86
Notes paid	1,250.00
Interest paid	2.45
Cash balance on hand April 30, 1945	2,287.45
	<u>\$4,892.95</u>

Accounts payable as at April 30, 1945:	
China	\$3,838.69
Germany	2,541.67
Holland	2,525.00
	<u>\$8,905.36</u>

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JUNE 30, 1945

God's Joy in Creation

Basic Scripture—Genesis 1, 2

Memory Selection—Genesis 1: 31

Woman's Work

OUR TOWN'S RESPONSIBILITY IN A WORLD-WIDE COMRADESHIP

The airplane, the radio, the prayers of millions have helped to make God's world one world for man. Today the hopes and fears of all the world are met in the deliberations of statesmen. From the great world conferences influences will flow back into the towns of all the earth, to determine the fate of human beings for centuries to come.

Into every constructive plan of statesmen, plans for the church will fit. A missionary to China, interned at Hong Kong, and returned on the "Gripsholm," who is in the interior now, writes that it is "a valuable experience to be a part of the westward movement in modern Chinese history. It is very thrilling to be in missionary work in days like these." A missionary from the Cameroun was able to return by way of a slow boat carrying ammunition to South Africa, then through the interior by train and mail truck. When he reached the border of his own state, the drum calls brought the villagers to meet him, singing: "God is in his heaven still."

"You are no longer outsiders but comrades." So spoke Chiang Kai-shek, addressing a group of missionaries in Chungking, China, after both Britain and the United States had agreed to give up the privileges of extra-territoriality which the westerners had held for many years.

The present world conflict is opening the door to many new relationships and, in the growing emphasis upon a new vocabulary in international Christian groups, no two words are becoming more meaningful than "comradeship" and "sharing." This fact is evident in the desire of the older churches to work with rather than for; and to the recognition of the fact that—alike in New York, Bombay, London, Chungking—Christianity is going to have to face the task of Christianizing secular and pagan cultures. In this great task a new attempt must be made to achieve the true spirit of comradeship in the Church of Christ—a spirit which accepts Christians of all lands, as brothers and fellow workers with Christ.

It is important for church women to be alert to new trends and emphases as postwar plans begin to emerge. In so far as they in their own towns and churches are alive to the

Mr. Okey W. Davis, Salom. W. Va.

crucial days ahead, will they place their great strength behind all growing ventures in comradeship.

The Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction offers one of the most potent ways in which Christians can work together in an act of service fundamentally Christian. Wherever in the war zones of the warring world there are hungry children, or weary refugees, prisoners of war longing for home and loved ones, downtrodden people hungry for the comfort and guidance of the gospel message of faith and courage—there the Church's united program of relief and reconstruction finds its field. There the monies consecrated for this work by many denominations and from many thousands of towns mingle to give aid to those in need, regardless of race or creed. There Christian funds help in the rebuilding of church programs, to make the Christian Church again a center of strength.

The churches of Europe and Asia have endured behind a veil of loneliness and suffering in the past years. May we be ready to do what is humanly possible to assist in the process of restoration.

"The world mission of the Church today is the task of the world Church," and only in comradeship and sharing—terms which women understand better than anyone else—can that mission be fulfilled.—May Fellowship Day Program.

THE GIFT OF SERVICE

She stood at the corner waiting for the traffic light to change. Beside her was a large dog, watchful, patient, confident. When the light changed, they moved forward—slowly. Then the leash in the girl's hand revealed that she was blind, that the dog was her "Seeing-eye."

At the alley crossing, the dog paused to warn of the slight drop from the sidewalk level. A woman approached, hurriedly, and would have collided with the girl, but the dog came between them and pushed the woman aside.

At the street intersection the dog sat down on the curb while traffic thundered by. The girl's hand rested on the dog's strong shoulder. The people on the sidewalk paused and watched intently; and when the girl bent

forward and pressed her lips against the back of the big dog's head, there were misty eyes in the crowd. And the gleam in the dog's eyes seemed to say, "I belong to this girl."

Then as they again started forward a gentleman said, "May I assist you . . . ?" "No, thank you," said the girl. "My dog must take care of me. This is her task. She likes to feel that I depend on her."

When we rejoice in the fact that some good cause depends on us, or when we freely share our strength with those who are weak, then are we strong—then, indeed, is it blessed to give!—Clarksburg Baptist.

TRACT SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT

J. Leland Skaggs, Treasurer,
In account with the
American Sabbath Tract Society
For the quarter ending March 31, 1945

Dr.	
To balance on hand, December 31, 1944:	
General Fund	\$6,919.27
Reserve for binding "S. D. B.'s in Europe and America"	2.87
Reserve for files of denominational literature	72.84
Denominational Building Fund: Reserve for Historical Society Rooms	30.89
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Maintenance Fund - overdraft	7,025.87
	37.95
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	\$ 6,987.92

To cash received since as follows:	
GENERAL FUND	
Contributions:	
Individuals and churches	\$ 114.50
Denominational Budget	779.39
Special for Special Sabbath Promotion Work	99.00
Income from invested funds:	
Through A. S. T. S.	826.55
Through Memorial Board	1,185.07
Income from Denominational Building Endowment Funds	13.31
Receipts from Sabbath Recorder	1,009.67
Receipts from Helping Hand	417.52
General printing and distribution of literature	32.09
A. D. Tompkins - account taxes	61.38
Special through Denominational Budget Maintenance Fund: account 3 months' taxes	2.50
Receipts from real estate	187.50
	345.00
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	5,073.48

MAINTENANCE FUND	
Rent from publishing house	375.00

PERMANENT FUND	
Account proportionate share in Westerly mortgage	\$ 170.10
A-NY and B-NY Realizing Corp., account principal of bond	75.00
Bequest of Wm. L. Clarke, Westerly, R. I.	4.16
Loizeaux, bond and mortgage paid in full	3,600.00
Account principal of bond and mortgage:	
North	135.36
Rielli	37.50
Tompkins	62.53
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	4,084.65

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING ENDOWMENT	
Contributions	60.00
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	\$16,581.05

By cash paid out as follows:	
GENERAL FUND	
Sabbath Promotion Work:	
Salary of leader	\$ 18.45
Salary tax paid	4.50
Travel expense	33.57
Expenses of Sabbath Recorder	2,538.58
Expenses of Helping Hand	400.00
Proportionate share in Year Book	86.66
Treasurer, Board of Trustees, S.D.B. Gen. Conf., Income, D. B. Endowment Funds, 2nd and 3rd quarters	55.75
Corresponding secretary:	
Salary	435.60
Office supplies	.35
Telegram	1.01
Office assistant	162.38
Salary tax paid	22.90
Special Sabbath Promotion Work:	
J. H. Stafford expense	150.00
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Prati expense	38.60
Assistance, Florida field	100.00
Recording secretary expense: mimeographing	9.75
Treasurer's expense:	
Auditing reports	5.00
Clerical assistance	63.96
Salary tax paid	12.00
Office supplies	1.00
Account real estate and investments:	
Fee of special agent	73.80
Salary tax paid	12.00
John C. Dilts, collector:	
1st quarter, 1945, taxes, printshop	244.00
1st quarter, 1945, taxes, Tompkins	52.50
Account Recorder subscription, John S. C. Kenyon	.65
Account income Sarah A. B. Gillings	
Gift for Recorder Fund	1.26
Account contributions for Recorder Fund	7.50
Special through Denominational Budget	2.50
Retirement Fund	30.00
Janitor and electric service, board and officers' rooms	37.50
Express	.42
Stationery, Committee on Denominational Literature	9.75
Life Annuity payments	143.75
Real estate expense: 612 W. 7th St.	230.63
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	\$ 4,986.32

MAINTENANCE FUND	
Coal	\$ 42.95
Janitor	33.00
Removal of ashes	26.60
Repair publishing house roof	7.00
Furnace and blower repair	13.45
Account 3 months' taxes	187.50
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	310.50

PERMANENT FUND	
Transferred to savings account	4,084.65
DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING ENDOWMENT	
Transferred to savings account	60.00
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	\$ 9,441.47

By balance on hand, March 31, 1945:	
General Fund	\$7,006.43
Reserve for binding "S.D.B.'s in Europe and America"	2.87
Reserve for files of denominational literature	72.84
Denominational Building Fund: Reserve for Historical Society Rooms	30.89
Maintenance Fund	26.55
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	7,139.58
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	\$16,581.05

Ethel T. Stillman,
Assistant Treasurer.
Plainfield, N. J.,
April 10, 1945.
Examined, compared with books and vouchers, and found correct.
J. W. Hiebeler,
Auditor.
Plainfield, N. J.,
May 1, 1945.

A CLIPPING SERVICE

For some time we have been on the lookout for clippings and saving them for reference.

We wish that our people when seeing items in the newspapers on the subjects of liquor or temperance, on wet or dry issues, on Sunday bills pending in city councils and state legislatures, and especially clippings pertaining to Sabbath and Sunday issues, would clip these out, marking on them the name of the paper and the date, and send them to us at once.

Christian Education

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

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

CHRISTIANITY IN THE HOME

By Marilyn Sholtz

(High school student and member of the Chicago Church.)

The home is the place where a child forms his earliest impressions, including his first impressions of Christianity. A great deal certainly depends on the parents to have that child grow up to be a fine, honest, upstanding citizen.

The first requirement for a Christian home is Christian parents. If they practice Christian living every day as they should, it would not be difficult at all for the child to grow into a fine citizen. But do all parents live a good Christian life and "practice what they preach"? What about a parent who tells a child that he must always tell the truth? Of course, this is the thing the child should do; but what if there came a time, as often does, when the parent doesn't exactly tell the truth and the child realizes this? This certainly would not be a very good example of Christian living. A child usually follows the example that has been set for him rather than just those things he has been told. Parents should be Christian in spirit and practice.

The Christian home should be on a co-operative basis. The parents must be willing to co-operate with their children as their children are expected to co-operate with them. When they plan things out together, they might be surprised at the new and interesting experiences their children have to offer. Perhaps a picnic in the woods would be an excellent time to teach children about the wonders God has performed in the out-of-doors.

In this way we can secure the information we desire. Our people can be our clipping service and thus help us obtain this needed information continually.

We wish to keep in touch with all that is going on along these lines and thus provide an efficient, serviceable method of obtaining knowledge for the use of the gospel ministry.

Kindly mail your clippings to Att. of E. Marvin Juhl, Des Moines Bible College, 7 7th St., Des Moines 9, Iowa.

Another thing that parents could do is to help their children read and understand the parts of the Bible that would be most interesting to them. They shouldn't leave it all to the Sabbath school teacher. The teacher may be able to help a little one day a week, but what about the other six? I think parents might enjoy reading Bible stories to their children, helping them to learn and understand clearly their memory verses that they are supposed to learn for Sabbath school, or helping them to learn hymns. Almost every child enjoys singing. Wouldn't it be worthwhile to spend an hour each day teaching a child some new things about Christ?

I think that there is, too, another important point. This is the responsibility of the family to spread Christian living outside the home—not only live a good Christian life when at home but also when out among others. Invite friends who do not attend church regularly to come to church with you some week. You might be surprised at the interest they take if once given a chance.

Lombard, Ill.

LETTER FROM NEW ZEALAND

Dear Brother Sutton:

We thank you for your kind letter dated March 19. I am looking forward to receiving the packet of material you so kindly sent. In our Sabbath school we have thirteen adults and fourteen children, comprising two intermediates, four juniors, six primary, and two cradle roll. Our adult lessons have so far been on books of the Bible; at present we are studying Saint Luke. We often wish we could have, for the seniors, pamphlets

with set lessons. I teach the intermediate boys; we are studying 1001 Bible problems which are in the form of questions. The pupil finds the answers in the Bible. We also use "Bible Studies on the Sabbath Question," by Dean Main. The juniors are using your graded lessons which were sent to us by Dr. H. C. Van Horn. Our primary department is a problem; we lack material to make the class interesting for young minds. Occasionally our juniors sing a duet for us. The last one was called "Sabbath Bells." "List to the chimes, 'tis holy time the Sabbath bells are ringing." The primary group recite Psalms and the Lord's Prayer as they learn them. We usually have a Sabbath school picnic once a year.

It was a great thrill to us to have Chaplain Wayne Rood visit our church and all of us here. We feel much nearer to you all now.

We have just put out another leaflet. I am enclosing a copy. So far we have written four tracts and one leaflet. Two thousand copies of each have been distributed in Auckland; some have been sent to Australia.

With kind Christian greetings we wish you blessings in all things.

I am in his service,
Francis S. Johnson.

April 29, 1945.

[I would like to hear from churches which have Sabbath school supplies or would pay for new supplies which will meet the needs mentioned by Pastor Johnson. If you will write to me, I can then select what is needed as to amount and kind.

It is good to hear from these Seventh Day Baptists, and to have them say they feel nearer us because of Chaplain Rood's visit. Whatever we do for them will be deeply appreciated, I am sure. Rev. Francis S. Johnson is pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of New Zealand, Auckland, N. Z. — H. S.]

NEWS FROM SALEMVILLE, PA.

The Live Branch Class held a class meeting March 10 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Blough. The following officers were elected for one year: president, John Kagarise; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Mary Blough; assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Eva Boyd; flower committee, Mrs. Mary Blough and Mrs. Melda Clapper; social committee, Mrs. Elda Lippincott and Mrs. Frances Kagarise.

The April meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Boyd. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd King were present at this meeting.

Our May meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kagarise. The program of this meeting consisted of songs, a poem about mother by Lois Kagarise, mother's Bible quiz, games, and refreshments. After this we were presented with accordion music by Mrs. Sutton. We closed by singing, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

The Loyalty Class was entertained May 6 at the parsonage by Pastor and Mrs. Sutton. Mr. Sutton is the new teacher of the class.

Activities by these Sabbath school classes are evidence that there is interest and enthusiasm in the Salemville Sabbath school.

Dates have been set for a Vacation Bible School in Salemville from June 11 to 22.

—The Church Echo.

CERTIFICATES OF PROGRESS

Don't forget that those who have met the conditions will be awarded the first certificate of progress at the General Conference program this August. Please write for an application blank if you expect to complete the requirements. It is a real step forward in training for leadership to earn the first certificate.

BIBLE STUDY PROJECTS

The Westminster Press has very recently announced that three sets of "Bible Study Projects with Use of Maps" are now ready for distribution. They are "Life of Christ," "Journeys of Paul," and "The Exodus."

Each set is made up of one five-color map for use by the teacher, twelve relief maps, twelve work sheets for use by the students.

These materials should be used with intermediates and seniors, although older students will find this project profitable as a part of a more comprehensive study of the Bible.

Those responsible for texts to be used in Vacation Church School, or the weekday school will want to examine these new sets when they consider new materials.

The workbook idea is one of the best methods in use for teaching. These sets will be very helpful in this manner of teaching. The price per set is \$1.

—The Westminster Press.

925 Witherspoon Bldg.,
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Children's Page

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

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you? I'm sorry I haven't written to you before.

My school is out, so I can have some fun. Next year I will be in fifth grade.

Are you planning to come to Conference?

I think I am going to take private lessons on my violin this summer.

I haven't been absent or tardy all of this year except for the first day of school when I was waiting for Mother and Daddy to come home from Conference.

My cousin, Thurman Pierce from Alfred Station, was here to visit us this week.

I have three brothers in the service, one in Mexico, one in France, and one in Germany.

It is very cold here.

Your Recorder friend,
Della Fern Lippincott.

1408 S. Third St.,
Janesville, Wis.

Dear Della:

I am in the best of health, I am thankful to say, and I sincerely hope you are also. Yes, Pastor Greene and I are planning to attend Conference. It will be nice to see you and some of my other Recorder children. Perhaps you'll play your violin for me.

Friday afternoon some relatives of yours, Rex Burdick and wife and her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Lippincott of Battle Creek, called on us and we took them in to see our Andover church. Mr. Burdick is the new pastor at Independence, taking the place of the present pastor, Zack White, who goes to the Arkansas mission field about July 1. The Western Association will be held at Independence this coming Sabbath, when Mr. White will be ordained. We are very proud of our young ministers. Mr. Burdick has just been graduated from Salem College and will enter the School of Theology at Alfred this fall.

When your letter came I could say as you have, "It is very cold here"; but Friday and Sabbath day it has been warmer and sunny, and today we are having a nice warm rain, and what garden we have been able to plant seems almost to have sprung up over night. The little rabbit who seems to be

making his home in our garage is already beginning to sample it.

Your sincere friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I think it is time I was writing to you. School was out today. We only had a half day. I passed into the third grade.

We have baby chicks and kittens. The chicks are black and white. The kittens are black and yellow and a three-colored one.

Our strawberries are ripe here. Are they ripe there?

I am eight years old now.

Jean E. Davis.

Bridgeton, N. J.

Dear Jean:

When Pastor Greene brought your letter up from the post office he said, "You have a letter from Jean." I opened it and found that it was indeed a letter from Jean, but not the Jean he meant. You see, he thought it was from our son's wife, Jean Greene, who as you know also lives in Bridgeton. By the way, if our gasoline holds out, we expect to be in Bridgeton a week from tonight, and I hope I'll be able to see you while we are there; so you see I was very glad to get your letter, even though it was from Jean Davis instead of Jean Greene.

The schools here do not close until the twenty-seventh, for they have to make up for the time lost when school had to be closed because of impassable roads a good many days during our very cold, snowy weather, when snowdrifts piled up as high as the school busses. You'll have quite a vacation before ours begins. However commencement at Alfred University begins with a baccalaureate sermon this evening and commencement exercises tomorrow, so Pastor Greene's vacation has already begun.

You make my mouth water when you speak of ripe strawberries, for it will be some time before we have any here. They have some in the stores, but I'm afraid they taste too strong of money, and besides are rather sour.

Your sincere friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Here is one cute saying for this week: A mother was about to hear her small girl's

prayers when a neighbor called and said she must see the mother right away. After several minutes a reproachful little voice came from the top of the stairway, "Mama, aren't you 'shamed to keep God waiting so long?"

CHRIST'S WORK OF SALVATION

(Excerpts from an article by Rev. George W. Marston in the March issue of "Moody Monthly.")

There are two aspects of the work of salvation wrought by the Lord Jesus Christ.

The first aspect of Christ's saving work has to do with the legal status of his people.

God requires two things of all men. His law must be kept perfectly, and the penalty for lawbreaking must be fully paid. As a result of the fall, men do not and cannot meet these requirements. Therefore all are under condemnation.

The Lord Jesus came to earth to change the legal status of his people by fulfilling for them their legal obligations to the law of God. During his life he kept the law perfectly for them, and by his death he paid the penalty for their lawbreaking.

When one receives the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, this work is reckoned to his account. Christ's payment of the penalty for the breaking of God's law is reckoned to his account; therefore, the Father forgives his sins for Christ's sake. Christ's perfect keeping of the law is reckoned to the believer's account; therefore, the Father accepts him as righteous in his sight.

Because this saving work of Christ has righted the believer's legal status, when one receives the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, his relationship to God is changed. The heavenly Father has legally adopted the believer, made him his heir and a joint-heir with Jesus Christ: an heir to all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; an heir to thrones, to mansions, and to crowns.

The second aspect of Christ's saving work has to do with the nature of his people.

Man came from the hand of his Maker perfect in soul and body, but he was ruined by the fall. His body became subject to suffering, sickness, and death. His mental and moral faculties were impaired. His spiritual nature was totally ruined. He utterly lost true knowledge, righteousness, and holiness. In respect to spiritual matters his eyes are blind, his ears are deaf, and his heart is of stone. By nature he is a rebel against God, prone to sin.

Our ascended Lord, however, through the work of the Holy Spirit, utterly and gloriously transforms the natures of his people. This work is done by the Holy Spirit.

By that act which we call the rebirth, he implants spiritual life in their hearts.

Then, after they have received the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, as they make diligent use of the Word and prayer, and as they strive by the grace of God to overcome sin, he progressively purifies and changes them in heart, character, and conduct.

THREADS OF GOLD

By Mrs. Pearle Halladay

"And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." Exodus 33: 14.

As we read this thirty-third chapter of Exodus we think of how much God had done for the children of Israel. He had given them a leader well-equipped to guide; he had made a path through the Red Sea over which they walked in safety; he reminded them of his promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and said he would surely keep that promise. He told them he would send an angel before them to drive out their enemies; then he added, "for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiff-necked people."

God had called the children of Israel in a special way; he had honored them by calling them to make known the coming of the Messiah. He had given them laws which if obeyed would keep them conscious of his presence. It was their failure to obey that caused them to feel their separation from God. Moses had obeyed God; God could say to him, "My presence shall go with thee."

We live together in families, associate in larger groups, and yet every individual lives in a world all his own. We build our outer world from within (Mark 7: 20), but that does not mean our way through life will be always smooth and easy. It does mean that we can choose which promise we wish to claim: by our disobedience, "I will not"; by our obedience, "My presence shall go with thee." At the dawn of each new day we can choose whether we will travel in an Emmaus way or a Judas way. Which will we choose?

If our Father lights our way through Christ Jesus, we will safely reach the end of life's

day, no matter how rough or long the way may be. But if we will not walk in the light he sends, we are in danger as well as darkness. When our light is darkness, how great is that darkness! Some may choose a way that means gain in material things but loss in spiritual life. That always leads away from the throne room. Let us by obedience and faith—all along the way we must go—claim this precious promise, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

Our Pulpit

"WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED"

By Rev. Harold R. Crandall

Scripture—1 Corinthians 1: 9-31.

Text—"But we preach Christ crucified . . . the power of God, and the wisdom of God." 1 Corinthians 1: 23, 24.

As we visit places new to us we are likely to seek out those objects that are of particular interest, those in line with our trade or profession, or they may be along different lines. The tall buildings and the subways of New York are always of interest to the visitor. Some visiting a new city would seek out the establishments for the manufacture of machinery or electrical equipment. The librarian would wish to see the public library. The teacher would wish to see the educational buildings and equipment of high school or university. Many would find pleasure in seeing churches, especially those of which they have heard much. In New York it might be the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, the "Little Church Around the Corner," or old Trinity. In Portland, Me., the birthplace of Christian Endeavor would interest many. Seventh Day Baptists visiting Newport, R. I., would seek out the Newport Historical Society and the meeting house of the first church of Seventh Day Baptists in America.

Paul was in Athens, Greek city of learning and culture, waiting for his friends, Silas and Timothy, to come to him. As he was a man of religious training and an ardent religious leader, we can well imagine him visiting the places of worship in that city. He found idols and altars to such a variety of gods that his heart was stirred within him (Acts 17: 16), and he began to reason with

There is a light that comes
When neither sun nor candle sends a ray;
A light that casts no shadow on our earthly way.
'Tis ever shining though the day be dim,
'Twill guide us ever as we walk with him;
And when the hours of life's long day have passed,
He will give rest unto his own at last.

Stevens Point, Wis.

"A man who drinks now and then usually drinks more now than he did then."

the people. Now Luke tells us that the Athenians and strangers sojourning there spent their time in nothing but hearing and telling some new thing. Naturally they reported regarding this one who was talking about Jesus and the resurrection. He was brought to the Areopagus and asked to explain the meaning of this strange new teaching.

Paul began by saying that he had observed them to be very superstitious. For as he had gone about their city and noted the objects of their worship he had found an altar with the inscription "To an Unknown God." This God whom they worshiped in ignorance, he declared to be the maker of the world and all things in it, Lord of heaven and earth, giver of life and breath and all things. No doubt his learning and wisdom appealed to them, but when he mentioned the resurrection of the dead, some sneered; others said, "We will hear you again on that subject."

We are told that there were certain results from his preaching. Some did join him and believe: among them Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and some others. Not very great results. Paul may have felt something as did Elder Matthew Stillman when he entered in his diary this comment, after preaching a sermon to a large congregation, "Much talk to little profit."

Paul went from Athens down to Corinth. There he found Aquila and Priscilla who had been driven from Rome. This man and his wife became Paul's friends and co-workers at their trade of tentmaking. In Corinth he "reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath." The Jews there would not accept his testimony that Jesus was the Christ. In disappointment and disgust he shook his raiment

and said, "Your blood be upon your own heads! I am not responsible! After this I will go to the Gentiles." Here in the wicked city of Corinth we are told that many, hearing, believed and were baptized. Paul remained in Corinth a year and a half and continued teaching the word of God. We may read a summary of what he preached by turning to his First Epistle to the Corinthians, the thirteenth chapter.

Paul adapted himself in his preaching to the audience before him. In Athens, city of learning and culture, it was of the "intellectual type"—"Come now and let us reason together." It would be folly to contend that the human race has made no progress in the spiritual life by the path of intellect. But the intellect also can be a barrier. It was said of the Athenians that they loved nothing so much as to hear and to tell some new thing. Exchange of ideas and argumentation were their delight. Merely to hear and to tell and to debate would be more of a barrier than an aid to spiritual progress. When a man refuses to accept Christianity because he cannot fully understand it, he is blocked in the progress of the spiritual life. The Deity of Christ, the atonement, the resurrection, these lie beyond the range of human comprehension. But does the one who refuses to accept the fact and the benefit of these truths refuse to use the power and benefits of electricity because he cannot understand this mysterious element?

Much in these times is being made of service. It is true that our Saviour said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." For many, service has become a substitute for religion. Service alone is not religion. Service is a part of religion.

The mere observance of rites and ceremonies can be a barrier to spiritual growth. The Pharisees of Jesus' time had allowed their religion to degenerate into a form of godliness without the power thereof. Their very religion had become a barrier to God.

Emotion has an important place in religion. But religion becomes a barrier when it is merely emotional. There must be a balance between the intellectual, the service of love, orderliness, and emotion in religion.

The sacrificial love of God was exemplified at the cross. This love, boundless and free, is the gospel which we preach. This message of love God sends through us to be

spoken and to be demonstrated through our living.

"When the world with all its wisdom failed to know God in his wisdom, God resolved to save believers by the 'sheer folly' of the Christian message. Jews demand miracles and Greeks want wisdom, but our message is Christ the crucified—a stumbling-block to the Jews, 'sheer folly' to the Gentiles, but for those who are called, whether Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power of God and the wisdom of God." (Moffatt.) Westerly, R. I.

DEACON IRA A. NEWEY

Ira A. Newey, son of the late Arthur G. and Lois Husted Newey, was born in Uppingham, N. Y., September 5, 1870. At an early age he came with his parents to a farm near Stacy Basin where he attended school; later he attended at Camden and Rome.

On September 25, 1895, he married Effie Conger. They operated a farm near Churchville for several years and retired seventeen years ago. After his retirement from the farm they moved to Rome. While there he was employed by the Kent Company.

Mr. Newey had long been active in the Seventh Day Baptist Church and was a senior deacon and a teacher in the Sabbath school at the time of his death. He was devoted and faithful and will be greatly missed.

He died April 30, 1945, at a hospital in Rome. He leaves his widow; three sisters, Mrs. Vie Warner, Mrs. Irving Williams, and Mrs. Chester Stone; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A brief service was held at the Craig Sholtz home where Mrs. Newey was ill. Then services were held at the church, conducted by Pastor Herbert L. Polan. Burial was in the New Union Cemetery at Verona Mills.

H. L. P.

CLOTHING WILL BE SENT BY AIR TO CHINA

Widespread distress in China due to acute shortages of cloth and clothing is to be partly alleviated by transporting American clothing into China by air.

United China Relief has completed arrangements through the co-operation of United States government agencies for air shipping space "over the hump" from Burma into

China to send used clothing for free distribution.

The first shipment of two hundred thousand pounds is now being prepared, and arrangements made for ship space to Calcutta, whence it will go to the airports for air shipment to Kunming and Chungking, starting in November.

It will be the first time since the Japanese established the China blockade that such materials have been sent to China in any appreciable quantity. It is hoped that more than a million needy Chinese will be benefited by the American gifts.

United China Relief is participating in the united national clothing collection, but before that clothing can be made available, used clothing purchased by United China Relief from the U. S. Army will be sent.—United China Relief.

Obituary

Fenner. — Olin Smith, son of Elisha P. and Harriet Smith Fenner, was born at Five Corners, near Alfred, N. Y., September 4, 1875, and died at Bethesda Hospital, Hornell, April 20, 1945, after a brief illness.

He was married to Minnie Reddy on September 13, 1898, who died in 1939. They spent the early years of their life together in Alfred Station. He was associated with the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Survivors are four sons: Donald, Howard E., Alfred G., and Kenneth R.; a brother, H. E. Fenner; a sister, Mrs. F. W. Stevens; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, with Rev. E. T. Harris and Rev. George B. Shaw conducting the service. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. E. T. H.

Grow. — Myrta Shaw, daughter of Chester and Selina Shaw, was born at Alfred, N. Y., February 6, 1859, and died at Bethesda Hospital, Hornell, April 20, 1945, after a long illness.

She was married to George M. Grow on July 5, 1877, who died September 7, 1922. In early life she joined the Hartsville Seventh Day Baptist Church and maintained her membership there.

Survivors are four daughters: Mrs. Lester Burdick, Mrs. Clifford Potter, Mrs. Samuel Miller, and Mrs. George Bott; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Potter. Rev. E. T. Harris officiated, assisted by Rev. George B. Shaw. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. E. T. H.

Krebs. — Bertha M. Stillman, daughter of Joseph F. and Maria Stillman, was born in Westerly,

R. I., March 21, 1866, and died at Dunns Corners, May 11, 1945.

From her youth she was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton. She married Edwin D. Krebs. In recent years she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Raymond E. Pendleton. She is survived by one son and five daughters: Frank D. Krebs, Mrs. Arthur W. Saunders, Mrs. Joseph W. Bryant, Mrs. Pendleton, Mrs. Talbot A. Holland, and Mrs. Peter J. Comi.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Ralph H. Coon, assisted by Rev. Harold R. Crandall. Interment was in the River Bend Cemetery in Westerly. R. H. C.

Newey. — Ira A., was born at Uppingham, N. Y., September 5, 1870, and died at a Rome hospital April 30, 1945. An extended obituary appears elsewhere in this Recorder.

Randolph. — Viola Olmstead, daughter of Walter B. and Delcina Austin Olmstead, was born October 23, 1875, at Spring Mills, N. Y., and died at her home in Alfred, April 27, 1945.

She married David D. Randolph June 3, 1903, and came to Alfred to live. Mr. Randolph preceded her in death several years. She was a regular attendant of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church with her husband as long as health permitted.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews. A host of friends will miss her friendly face at the window of her home, where she has been an invalid for many years.

Farewell services were held at her late home, with Rev. E. T. Harris officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. E. T. H.

Sisson. — Lina B. Hoxie, daughter of William D. and Lucy Lamphere Hoxie, was born in Preston, Conn., April 8, 1878, and died May 17, 1945, at Westerly, R. I.

Her husband, Edgar W. Sisson, passed away just five weeks before her death. Mr. and Mrs. Sisson lived for many years in Ashaway, R. I., and were members of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton.

They leave three sons: Harold D., Edgar W., and J. Arthur; and five grandchildren. Mrs. Sisson is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ida Larkin.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Ralph H. Coon. Interment was in the River Bend Cemetery at Westerly. R. H. C.

Wright. — Fannie Tucker, daughter of Nathan and Mary Halsey Tucker, was born at Ward, N. Y., December 24, 1882, and died at her home in Alfred, May 11, 1945.

She was the widow of Charles E. Wright. She has resided in Alfred twenty-four years and was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Ladies' Aid society.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Bernard J. Smith; a son, L. Myles; and two brothers, Lewis and Fred.

Funeral services were held at the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, preceded by prayer at the home. Rev. E. T. Harris officiated. Burial was in Fairlawn Cemetery, Scio. E. T. H.

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