

in which justice may bring welfare to the people of the world!

What can the average citizen do to help in making lasting peace? It seems as though he can do nothing but go along with the decisions made by our leaders.

But more and more we see that everything depends on the individual citizen. He helps to make the "social mind" which the President and our senators are so eager to catch. It seems to be the deciding factor in this country at least—where there is a free discussion of world problems. For this we should thank God and take hope—keep on reading, thinking, and praying. Never before has personal conscience counted so much as it counts today in the shaping of national destinies.

The matter of peacetime conscription of all our youth is before the nation. Think on it, pray about it; help to mold public opinion on it. The Church people have a right to express their conscience as it is enlightened by thinking of Jesus Christ and his way. It will be our boys who will be affected. We have the right and the duty to think it through and express our opinions—helping to mold the "social mind."

By our attitudes and speech we can help to create the social aptitude for peaceful settlements based on justice tempered by mercy. We settle our private quarrels no longer by a duel whereby one or the other is shot to death or run through by a sword. In the development of orderly government, courts of justice, and police to enforce the decisions, we have come to a place in civic life where it is a comparative paradise. It is our firm faith that this can be done internationally, and the World Security Council is a step in that direction.

The greatest danger to peace is not merely "mob passion." I think that will become less and less a peril as the world becomes interdependent and bound closer together by radio and plane. No, the final danger will be the subtle idea that there must be a "cracking point" where war is inevitable and the only remaining argument is force. By the grace of God we have knocked that notion out of the heads of people in their civic relationships. Let us dispel it from our international relationships as well. There is to be no "cracking point." We are resolved that we shall settle our disputes by arbitra-

tion, and God helping us, we shall let "justice bring the people welfare."

Conclusion

Thus far we have been speaking of peace with understanding, but there is a peace that passeth understanding. It is the peace of God. It is that inner state of being that undergirds and sustains the soul that puts its complete trust in the overruling providence of God. As the ocean depths remain quiet and calm even though the surface is being whipped up into towering waves, still the great body of the ocean is unmoved and quiet. So it is with the soul that has a deep, abiding faith in Almighty God.

Those who have this peace that passeth understanding are best fitted to help build a peace with understanding, for they will refuse to be daunted by fears of failure, by fears of atomic bombs, by fears of Russia's great power, by bogey fears that never will materialize. The peace of God which passeth understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."

When Peter saw Jesus walking on the water he wanted to be unafraid. He made an impetuous start and leaped out of the boat. Then he saw a wave coming. It was a big wave. It was coming right at him. He began to worry. He looked at the wave instead of Jesus. Then he began to sink, and he would have sunk if it had not been for Jesus. Jesus stretched out his hand to Peter and saved him from the results of his worry and lack of faith.

We have our waves of worry and fear today. We see them coming. They are coming fast. We begin to think they will sink us, and sure enough we begin to sink. We forget the Master of the waves standing there with his arms outstretched in mercy. If we would only keep our eyes on him, we could do all things.

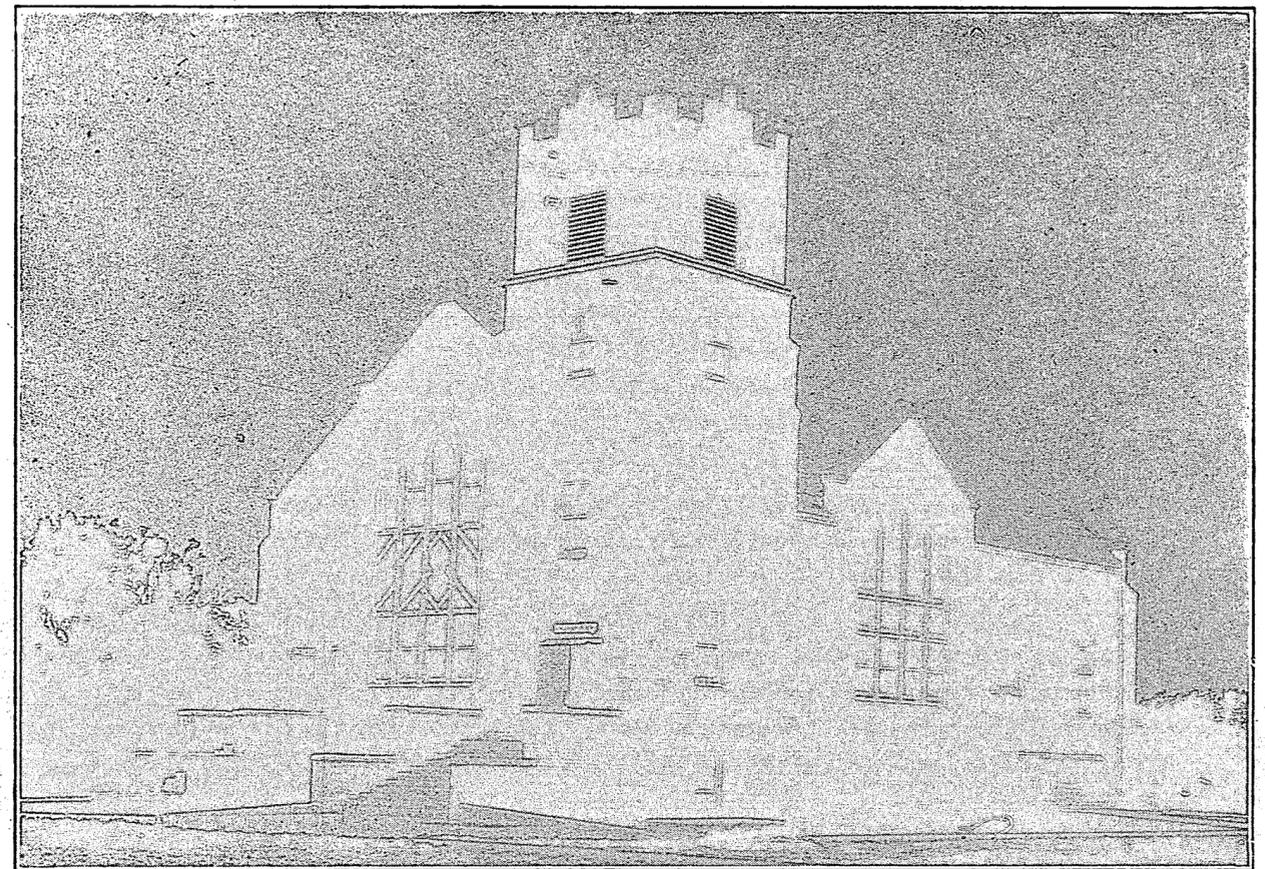
The way of doubts and fears never built a stable life, a stable home, or a stable nation. More faith in the God of the nations who has granted America this hour of leadership is the great need of the day. God has brought us to the kingdom for such a time as this. Pray not for smaller problems; pray for bigger men and greater faith.

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Editorials

ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

From the Solomon Islands comes a story that shows the importance of that question to three American airmen who were at least nominally Christian. The story has been published by press and radio. Three men, a Catholic, an Episcopalian, and a Methodist, had been seventy-two hours in a life raft after their bomber had been riddled by the Japs. When they finally landed on an island, there was little peace of mind, for it was a Jap-held island. After two days of hiding they were forced into the open to find food. Would they meet Japs, hostile or friendly natives? The prospects were not bright.

The first natives they met were suspicious and cautious like themselves, but satisfactory identification proved that the kinky-haired natives of this Pacific island, who were at one time head-hunters, were now Christians and recognized the bond of brotherhood toward other Christians. The native leader carried a Bible printed in English. He read from the Bible, said a prayer, and added that his people would hide the Americans from the Japs because they were Christian.

The incident calls to mind two important facts: We are reaping special benefits today because of the work of Christian missionaries yesterday; and the name Christian is a bond of brotherhood among all peoples.

In these times we are getting a new appreciation of the influence of Christian missions among backward races. Many incidents are being related which show that Christian missionaries have prepared a friendly welcome

for our boys in the most out-of-the-way places. The theory that any religion others have developed for themselves is probably best for them would have more appeal if the peoples of the earth were completely isolated from each other. But in our shrinking world isolation is impossible. By choice or by circumstance we may have contact with the farthest corners of the earth, and we all prefer to meet Christian friends rather than hostile head-hunters. This reasoning alone might be called selfish, but probably most everyone will agree that it is best for the natives of the corners of the earth also.

Our hats off to the missionaries, forerunners of peace and good will among many peoples. It is not on account of those who receive their teaching that we are in the present struggle, but on account of those who reject it.

The name Christian furthermore was a unifying influence between two groups, strangers, and therefore hostile under other circumstances. Would that more hostile groups might approach each other with the identification card of Christian. If labor and capital could meet and say, "We are Christian"; if Protestant and Catholic could come together and be identified as Christian; if black and white in our own land could lay mutual claim to that name, there would be more unified effort for good and more mutual protection against evil.

Who can look in the glass and tell the fellow he sees there, "I am Christian"?

J. F. R.

TO KEEP IT HOLY

The significance of Sabbath keeping often leads us into long discussions of why and how to keep the Sabbath. We may be led afar from the admonition to "keep it holy."

It is natural to think of the Sabbath as a day of rest. The command is, "In it thou shalt not do any work." We may well enlarge upon the value of rest; we may consider how God, knowing man's need for systematic budgeting of time for work and rest, set aside a portion of time for rest. But if rest alone is the significant thing, then the boy would be consistent who decided to Sabbatize on rainy days; or the first day of the week would serve the purpose of the Sabbath. It would give the same proportion of time to rest and would be just as systematic. But God not only set aside a portion of time for rest, but set aside a certain day and "hallowed it," made it holy, and told us to "keep it holy." To keep it holy we must cease from common labor. The Sabbath calls for rest, but rest does not make a Sabbath. The wedding ring is consecrated to the memory of a pledge that no other ring can commemorate. Can any other flag take the place of Old Glory? The Lord blessed the seventh day and hallowed it.

We may well consider the Sabbath as a day for worship. Our Saviour considered it as such, for it was his custom to go into the synagogue on the Sabbath and to take a leading part in worship.

Worship draws us near to God. Our minds run in channels of holy thoughts. A holy day can easily be kept holy by worship on that day. We should worship every day, but not every day is a Sabbath. A special day of worship, divinely appointed for that purpose, will keep worship alive in our thoughts throughout the week. Only the seventh-day Sabbath is thus divinely appointed. If we are careless about the sanctity of the Sabbath, we will become careless about our whole worship attitude. If the sanctity of the day that God has blessed means nothing to us, our thoughts will refuse to run in channels of holy thought, and worship will go out of our lives. If we try to keep that sanctity by substituting another day, we have already lost the significance of sanctity. The Sabbath calls for worship, but the act of worship does not make a Sabbath.

Our Saviour said, "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath." This is a very deep truth that may be shallowly interpreted—a loophole for loose thinking on what is man's good. One might decide within himself that it is for his good to live without a Sabbath. In which case the Sabbath was made for its own destruction—extreme but not impossible—the result of loose thinking.

Some men of a certain Sabbath-keeping community once banded together and went to a neighboring community that had been laid waste by a cyclone to help clean up and rebuild the damaged property. This was done on several Sabbaths. I do not think I could have done it myself. I would prefer taking time from my own work, but it may have been a holy day to these men. There may have been rest in the change of work, or the ox in the pit may have outweighed the rest feature of the Sabbath temporarily. The deed may have been an act of worship to them, and the help was very acceptable to the one benefited, but I feel sure a continuation of such Sabbaths would soon lose all significance of sanctity. The Sabbath calls for doing good, but not all deeds that otherwise would be good add sanctity to the Sabbath.

The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath, that is, the Sabbath is a means and not an end. It is a means of giving men needed rest, a means of bringing them nearer to God through worship and thus keeping them near to God throughout the week, a means of bringing men to the true realization of what is his neighbor's good and how he can fill that need. To this purpose God dedicated a certain day each week, hallowed it, and told us to keep it holy by fulfilling its divine purpose. J. F. R.

UNITED WE STAND

There stands a deserted farmhouse on the South Fork of the Hughes River, near the mouth of Bone Creek, Ritchie County, W. Va. The land is not deserted, but the present owner lives two miles away. Sleek cattle roam the hillsides and the lower fields are dotted with typical West Virginia haystacks which the writer helped to make. The empty house served as shelter when a storm arose and the haymakers took to cover. Here we learned something of the history of the place.

In the time of the Civil War a family lived in a log house that stood where the present empty house stands. A barn stood near the spot where we just made a haystack. Two other families, relatives by marriage, lived near by. These farms, too, are now without tenants. Among the three families were six young men. Three of them enlisted in the Union Army and three in the Confederate. Thus were the community and the family divided, as was the nation, on a question of vital human welfare. We all know how nearly we fulfilled the saying, "Divided we fall."

The full extent of the division within this household was illustrated as the story continued. One of the Confederate boys, home on furlough, sent word to his wife and her mother, who lived in the log house mentioned above, to come where he was, as he wished to see his wife. The mother's answer was that she would not be caught in a rebel home; if he wanted to see his wife, he must come where she was. This he did, but feeling that he was being watched he hid in the barn that then stood where we were making hay. His suspicions were correct. He was forced to come out and surrender to his boyhood companions and march off to prison camp.

In contrast with the divisions of that trying time may we dare to claim credit for a better unity in another trying time? There are differences of opinion on many important questions today, but we may thank God that when an example of great injustice arises in the world family our people stand united in opposition, and most of the nations of the world unite in the same opposition.

It is the curse of mankind that we are unable to make our opposition effective in some other way than by war. The history of war has been the development of more and more destructive weapons, and as we write there comes the announcement of the atomic bomb going into action and the prediction that the Pacific war will soon end, possibly before this is in print, on account of the bomb's horribly destructive power. How long will mankind let divisions lead on to annihilation? It may be that God is teaching us the benefits of unity and brotherhood by this hard way, the only way man has seemed to understand. That we are beginning to learn is indicated by the San Francisco Conference, the World Charter coming

out of that conference, and the general approval of that charter by the nations, especially the United States that rejected the League of Nations after the first World War.

In time of war we make all other interests second to winning the war., In time of peace can we give unity, peace, and good will priority over all other interests? We believe we are making progress. United we stand!

John F. Randolph.

Berea, W. Va.

A BRIGHT FUTURE

The future for Seventh Day Baptists is bright! If you could have listened in on Commission proceedings at Williams Bay you would feel so, too. You will see some of the reasons for optimism when you read the full account of Commission action in a forthcoming issue of the Recorder. The other reasons you sense when you come to know the men of the Commission.

The men, chosen by Conference to do the business of the denomination, are all consecrated to the cause, deliberate and prayerful in their consideration, and conscientious in their action.

With one exception, this year's Commission meeting was the longest ever held, and if observers remember correctly, at the one longer session never did the discussions last until eleven o'clock or after as did several of this season's night meetings.

One thing is sure! No action was taken hastily without all of the facts in and thoroughly considered. Of course, some of the recommendations will be criticized. But the total result of Commission activity is above reproach. The course of action they recommend is progressive.

We are standing in the full glow of a radiant new day. May God keep the sunshine of his love shining full upon us.

K. Duane Hurley.

HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

A full report of action taken by the Commission, meeting this year in lieu of General Conference, will be published soon. In the meantime, here are some of the highlights:

1. Resolutions were passed opposing peacetime conscription and urging immediate release of conscientious objectors from Civilian Public Service. Another resolution urged

President Truman to recall Myron C. Taylor from his mission to the Vatican, on the grounds that it violates the principle of separation of church and state.

2. The Denominational Budget for the year beginning October 1 was set at \$24,000.

3. All Conference officers whose terms expired will continue to serve until their successors are elected at the next session of Conference.

4. A postwar reconstruction plan, including a \$25,000 Second Century Fund, was adopted. Officers of the Missionary Board recommended the amount needed. The Commission selected the name for the fund to emphasize the fact that January 5, 1947—by which time it is hoped the fund will be raised in its entirety—will mark a century since the sailing of the first Seventh Day Baptist missionaries to China.

The Missionary Board was asked to promote and administer the plan, and the denominational Committee on Budget Promotion is to assist in raising the fund, the major part of which will be used for repair of mission properties and replacements for the mission staffs.

5. It was proposed that representatives of the American churches be sent to visit the churches in Europe and the Far East and if possible to bring some of their leaders to this country for tours through the denomination.

6. The Board of Christian Education was asked to undertake a new activity in promoting rural fellowship among Seventh Day Baptists.

The Commission was in session from August 14 to 20, meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Davis on Williams Bay, Wis.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

More "Full Cups"

Full cups — that is what we need! Full by Scripture measure, "pressed down and running over." The daily Bible readers "cup." The church membership "cup." The financial or Budget "cup." The Recorder subscription "cup." The Second Century Fund "cup."

A good friend asked me the other evening if I had never observed that the "cup" was nearly full. I did not understand; so

he explained that the cup or glass might not be full, but it could be so nearly full that it would seem to be if we looked at the 98½ per cent instead of the very little lacking.

He was taking me to task for so insistently calling attention to the fact that we for years have consistently—or inconsistently—lost members. This year very few were lost as compared with other years, but still there was a loss. Then, too, the Budget. I had hoped so much we might once actually raise it in full. Sure, it was only \$496 short, but it was not 100 per cent. Yes, I look at and am thankful for that 99 per cent, but so little extra effort might have made it "Scripture measure," pressed down, and running over.

Then the membership situation. I am sure our pastors are putting more effort into the work, as the records show. They are not missing any opportunity to "ask them to join" us. Are we laymen doing our part in getting larger groups to sit under the pastor's preaching? Should we not study with the pastor so that on occasion we ourselves might ask a friend to accept our Christ and the Sabbath? Let us enter the new year with new zeal and strong determination to "seek first the kingdom," so that Christ may come in and give us life, "the more abundant life," which will really bear fruit.

P. B. Hurley,

Conference President.

ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New York, for the election of officers and directors and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, September 16, at two-thirty o'clock.

Lavern C. Bassett,
President,

Courtland V. Davis,
Recording Secretary.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 1945

Joseph's Testimony to God's Providence.
Basic Scripture—Genesis 45
Memory Selection—Psalm 107: 8

Missions

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

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SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

(Annual Report Continued)

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Following the meeting one year past, the treasurer and I supervised the printing of the annual report. Copies were sent to the board members and distributed at the General Conference. In August I attended the General Conference held in Alfred, N. Y., and had many interviews regarding missions and denominational work. Also while I was at Alfred, three days were given to the work of the Committee on Denominational Literature of the American Sabbath Tract Society. In October I attended the meeting of the Committee on Denominational Literature held in Plainfield, N. J.; the first week in December, upon invitation of the State Department, I attended a meeting held in Boston to discuss the Dumbarton Oaks document; and a meeting of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council was attended the middle of December.

During the year material for the Missions Department of the Sabbath Recorder has been provided weekly; much work has been done as chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee of the General Conference; considerable time has been given to the work of the Committee on Denominational Literature; the World Wide Communion was sponsored; the Week of Prayer for the churches was promoted; and the Fellowship of Prayer, six weeks before Easter, was fostered.

Due to my severe sickness in January, no field work has been undertaken the last six months; but with the help of my efficient secretary, Mrs. James G. Waite, the affairs which could be conducted from the office have been well cared for.

Conclusion

The foregoing pages, together with the treasurer's annual report, present an outline of the work undertaken by the board during the year; but they do not show the many open doors and unanswered calls.

Many of our churches are unable to support a pastor without help. As the report

shows, some of these are being aided, but others are not. If any one of these churches fail in the effort, it will be a great loss, not only to the community and families therein, but to the entire denomination. With efficient, humble, God-fearing, well-supported ministers, these little flocks can be towers of strength in their own communities and to the denomination, as some of them are now demonstrating. The situation regarding these pastorless churches cannot be passed by; it cannot be neglected with impunity. Ministers for these fields and money to support them in a fair and Christian way should be provided.

Turning to the calls from other lands, it is ours to note that these have been coming to us in greater number and increased urgency during the year. They have come from the American Tropics and from the unoccupied countries in the Pacific. Four or five have come to hand since the last board meeting, and one only last week.

The world needs the Sabbath. It needs the Sabbath of Christ with the Bible back of it. The Sabbath is a part of the gospel message to the suffering, sorrowing, and sinning world, and its need is imperative. All lands and all races need it.

To bring to the world a gospel with Jehovah's Sabbath, there needs to be a people clean and humble, intelligent and teachable, charitable and appreciative of what others have done and are trying to do, willing to work with others and who will at the same time patiently and lovingly stand for truth and all that is right, a people accepting God's Word as its guide, and evangelistic to the core.

Through three centuries and more God has been training us as such a people for this work and this hour. Now he has opened the doors of all the world to us. Are we willing to accept the work and go forward at his bidding? How can we hesitate when he has laid such a great responsibility upon us? The work is his and we are his. Cannot we trust him and dedicate ourselves and our all to fulfilling the mission he has given us? We must not fail him! We must do our part

in this hour of the world's crisis, dedicating our all in complete abandon to the work of him who "hath loved us and hath given himself for us."

In behalf of and approved by the Board of Managers,

William L. Burdick,
Corresponding Secretary.

Westerly, R. I.,

July 22, 1945.

RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION

Protestant churches of America plan to raise over \$20,000,000 for their united overseas relief and reconstruction program during the four year period beginning July 1, 1945, according to a statement issued today by Rev. Leslie Bates Moss, executive director of the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction. Present validations call for \$19,132,500, but Doctor Moss pointed out that the present allocation of \$5,000,000 for Asia will undoubtedly be greatly increased when the war in that part of the world ends and it is possible to prepare a realistic estimate of needs and opportunities there for Christian service.

Denominations co-operating in the united undertaking to raise \$19,132,500 include Northern Baptist, Southern Baptist, Seventh Day Baptist, United Brethren in Christ, United Brethren in Christ (Old Constitution), Church of God, Congregational-Christian, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical, Evangelical and Reformed, Friends, Lutheran, Moravian, Methodist, Presbyterian (U.S.A.), Presbyterian (U.S.), Protestant Episcopal, Reformed Presbyterian Church of N. A., Reformed Church in America, Christian Reformed, United Presbyterian, Church of the Brethren, Churches of God in N. A.

The program represented by CCORR is a co-operative overseas undertaking, in addition to the ongoing mission program, or such help as each church may undertake to send for rehabilitation work, specifically within its own denomination.

"Although plans are being made for a four year period," said Doctor Moss, "the greatest needs in Europe are already confronting us; this is a year of crisis. To help the churches of the devastated areas in Europe and Asia calls for \$6,440,000 before July 1, 1946 — approximately five times what the churches gave last year."

Of this amount \$3,585,000 will be spent to help the churches of Europe get on their feet and re-establish their program of service and evangelism. This will help to provide temporary church shelters or repairs in completely devastated areas where no Protestant church is in usable condition, and will help provide a supply of Bibles, hymnals, and religious literature, all of which have been destroyed and for which there is an increasing new demand.

—Foreign Missions Conference.

JOINING THE CARAVAN

By Miss Margaret Wrong

An old chief in Angola, who late in life became a Christian, explained thus to his people the reasons for his decision:

"All my days I have sought life. I have sought it at the shrine of my ancestors where I have prayed to the spirits of the sacred dead. I have prepared all the ceremonies and kept all the customs of my tribe, but I have not had that power within which cleans the heart of man. Now I become a Christian, for I have come to marvel at the way Jesus gave himself for men. You know that I have much at stake—my wives, my slaves, cattle due to me from my debtors, and many other interests. I have blundered through life these many years. I have followed a great many caravan leaders on long trips and through hostile country, carrying great wealth to exchange with the tribes of the interior or the traders at the coast. Without trust in the leader and obedience to his instructions the trip would never have been successful. Today I join the caravan of a greater Leader, and I trust him to lead me to a just settlement of all these matters. The little that I have already heard and understood of his way of life gives me enough to make a start, and no caravan leaders explain the whole trip at its beginning. For these many years I have sought after something, I knew not what. Now I have found it."

—Christian World Facts.

Worry affects the circulation, the heart, the glands, the whole nervous system, and profoundly affects the health. . . . I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many who died from doubt.

—Dr. Charles Mayo.

Woman's Work

Mr. Oloy W. David, Selom. W. Va.

GOD'S GARDEN

The Flowers of All the Tomorrows Are in the Seeds of Today

As the girls of a mission school in India went to their villages for the holidays, many of them took green branches along with their tin trunks and bed rolls. They were taking to their homes slips of a pink flowering shrub that had bloomed in the school garden. Into the mind and heart of the missionary as she bade them good-by sprang the prayer that, like the flowering shrub which would bloom in many village gardens next year, the spirit of Christ and the influence of this Christian school might be carried to the hearts of the villagers and flower there with the fragrance of many lives dedicated to him.

Many are the instances in which the message and spirit of Christ have been taken to the villages by young women trained in the mission schools. It is said that in China one college girl often means as much to a community as a pastor.

"The flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today" is an old Chinese proverb. So will the seeds being sown in the hearts of thousands of little girls in the mission schools of our foreign fields flower for all the tomorrows in Christian womanhood, speeding the growth of the kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth.

What a joy and privilege it is to help the Chief Gardener prepare the soil and tend the growing.

Our Father, reveal to each one of us what our part is to be in furthering the growth of thy kingdom. Amen.

—Hazel F. Shank.

MISSION STUDY TOPICS FOR 1945-1946

"AFRICA" and "THE CHURCH AMONG UPROOTED AMERICANS"

How can there be any connection in the mission study topics of Africa, Uprooted Americans—and of The American Indian? Although the representatives from different denominational boards composing the Missionary Education Movement undoubtedly did not select these subjects because of their

similarity with and dependence upon each other, it is quite astonishing to find unexpectedly, here and there, a strong thread of unity of thought and experience in these three groups of people.

Deeply religious are the Africans and the American Indians. In all experiences of life they dwell with, they pray to, the spirits in rhythm, often fantastic; they both give expression to their joy but equally to their sorrows; they exhort their ancestral spirits for guidance.

In both instances so-called civilization, through the white man, has brought similar changes and needs for adjustments; both groups have truly been uprooted in physical, mental, and spiritual realms. That this has ultimately, in many cases, resulted in vast improvement in land production, in education, and in a deeper, truer religion is definitely shown. There are outstanding examples of devout, educated men and women who today are helping to lift up their own peoples, and, as well, are bringing inspiration to us.

Books on all these phases are claiming attention today; newspapers run items about places now somewhat familiar in name to us and still better known to our boys: Casablanca, Tunis, Soudan, Belgian Congo, Algiers, Tobruk. We are all eager to know and learn more about these places and peoples. From the many books offered there have been culled just a few for suggested study:

Look at Africa, arranged by the Foreign Policy Association, gives in concise form a most excellent background geographical, historical, political, racial, industrial, educational, cultural.

Consider Africa, by Basil Mathews, is a book which was on the reading list when Africa was studied in 1936 and is as up-to-date now as then for it deals with basic things. New industries and therefore different modes of living; education and therefore a new and wider expression of living; new religion and therefore a higher interpretation of living, have brought confusing standards and difficult adjustments. A remedy? Yes—if our people will understand and participate. How? Read and see.

More About Africa, by Helen E. Baker, is particularly for leaders of junior groups, but in it are found references and true stories which pleasingly lighten the heavier reading for adults and give information as well.

No one is "too adult" to enjoy **Nyanga's Two Villages**, by Esmá Rideout Booth. Although written especially for juniors, it nevertheless holds much of interest for older people.

Maps also which are helpful to all age groups are available.

Most interesting additional reading should be obtained from libraries in the home towns. It is hoped that **Out of My Life and Thought**, by Albert Schweitzer, is procurable; if not, any library would doubtless be glad to add it to its shelves for general reading. A master of the organ, a world-renowned interpreter of Bach, and holding a position of honor, he found greater satisfaction in serving the medical and spiritual needs of the peoples of Africa.

Two sentences from a recent letter from Doctor Schweitzer in Africa are interesting: "It is a great joy to me to be able to keep my hospital going in spite of the difficult war conditions . . . my wife has been here at Lambarene since 1941. . . . Every evening I practice on my piano with organ pedals which the Bach Society of Paris gave me at my departure for Africa."

Of course Livingstone and Stanley will be a part of our additional reading.

Stanley's Africa, by Rafaelo Busoni, is delightfully written and gives a little different idea from what is generally conceived as Stanley's "entrance" into the search for Livingstone.

In Africa today we find Americans uprooted from home surroundings, contributing their service toward establishment of "freedom for all peoples." There the American Indian, far from native surroundings, is found also, taking his part.

Not only in distant lands does one find Uprooted Americans—but also at home. Because of changing conditions and new opportunities, unrest has caused uprooting of location—but, more serious still, it has caused uprooting of previous fundamentally sound thinking. Some reasons contributing to this instability are clearly shown in **These Moving Times**, by Hermann N. Morse. A couple of booklets, **Uprooted, Yes, but Deep-**

rooted and Spanning a Continent, add to this knowledge and understanding.

Friendship Magic, a story for children, is thought-provoking and helpful also to people of older years.

(Books more definitely on the American Indian have already been mentioned in a previous article.)

A strong thread of unity of thought and experience did we say we find in the three groups—African, Uprooted Americans, and the American Indian? Rather, we should say—a cord, unbreakable which unifies interests and connects reciprocal tasks with all peoples of all continents.

Basil Mathews, in **Consider Africa**, says: "The goal of living is to find freedom and growth in fellowship. So Christian education is not simply teaching men about the facts of Christian religion, but discovering the meaning of all life everywhere in the light that Christ throws upon it."

A Few Books Suggested for Mission Study Africa

Adults and Young People:

- Look at Africa, arranged by Foreign Policy Asso., 25 cents.
- Consider Africa, by Basil Mathews, 25 cents.
- Wall Map of Africa, 25 cents.
- Out of My Life and Thought, Albert Schweitzer; and
- Stanley's Africa, by Rafaelo Busoni. (Get the last two from libraries if possible.)

Juniors:

- Fun and Festival from Africa, by Catherine Miller Balm, 25 cents.
- Nyanga's Two Villages, by Esmá Rideout Booth, 60 cents.
- Picture Map of Africa, 50 cents.
- Outline Map of Africa, 25 cents.
- (For leaders of junior groups and adult reading.)
- More about Africa, by Helen E. Baker, 50 cents.

The Church Among Uprooted Americans—Adults and Young People:

- These Moving Times, by Hermann N. Morse, 60 cents.

Booklets:

- Uprooted, Yes, but Deeprooted, 15 cents.
- Spanning a Continent, by John R. Scotford, 10 cents.

Juniors:

Friendship Magic, by Jeanette Perkins Brown, 60 cents.

Order books from the American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

Bessie T. Hubbard.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

Our people have lost so much! You cannot imagine the happiness that the simplest gifts will bring. During the war people have learned to look to the Church as never before. It will be wonderful for the churches to have these boxes to distribute. — Mme. Marc Boegner, Wife of the Head of the French Protestant Federation.

Christmas bells—long silent—this year can ring again in many lands, pealing forth their story of good will toward men.

Christians of America plan to send out that same joyous message to half a million Christian families in the devastated areas by sharing Christmas with them through **Church Christmas Packages**.

The plan, which has already been introduced in many churches, is sponsored by the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction. There are nineteen co-operating denominations, Seventh Day Baptists among them.

Our Christian brothers in war-devastated lands have lacked many essentials of life. Today these simple articles assume the value of welcome gifts. Such items are included as dehydrated soup, bouillon cubes, razor blades, combs, tooth brushes, towels, needles and thread, writing paper, hard candy, and various toys.

Church Christmas packages are a "plus" offering, something above and beyond our special church giving for overseas relief and reconstruction. They can be a token of the unbroken bonds of Christian brotherhood.

Five hundred thousand packages are to be packed this summer by Christian individuals, families, or church young people's and Bible school groups in America. The Seventh Day Baptist quota is three hundred packages. How many is your church filling?

To start on the project immediately is important because filled boxes must be returned to the warehouse in New York by October 15 to assure arrival overseas by Christmas.

If your church does not already have a supply of packages, the special Christmas

cartons may be obtained from Church Christmas Packages, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Complete instructions and lists of approved items will be sent to you with the cartons. Boxes for children, babies, or adults may be filled, and a personal greeting card from the church group or individual may be included in each box. Those who plan to fill a box are warned to wait until they receive the cartons and accompanying instruction sheet giving types of certain articles which have government approval for export.

Help renew the Christmas joy of Christians overseas. Pack and send a gift box.

OBSERVATIONS

By Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn

(Corresponding Secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society)

One of the enjoyable privileges of a corresponding secretary is the personal element that creeps into correspondence.

From a faraway continent there is the implicit confidence that the secretary will give sympathetic ear to the story of a man expressing longings for spiritual help, as well as to his appeal for some material things. "Now, Father, you know a son give father a lot of trouble; but son grow up, help father."

From an old high school classmate comes a confession of his beliefs, more or less orthodox, and a helpful philosophy of life and interest in human welfare. He likes the Bible and would not have a line of it changed. From a relative out of touch with his home church but reached by us through our lone Sabbath-keeper letters, comes a word of his love of the Book of books, and a worthy record of his daily use of it. He, too, works in the interests of bettering humanity, beginning in his own community.

From a more regular correspondent, one whose Recorder contributions are always good and appreciated, are words of wisdom and Christian faith. This lone Sabbath-keeping friend writes of listening to a most helpful sermon about worry. One thing reported is this: "Just as the water supply of the city comes in a steady flow from the hills, pure, sweet, and lifegiving, so the stream of strength, wisdom, and guidance is coming to us daily, hourly, moment by moment. . . . We are not forced to drink from the stream,

ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New Jersey, for the election of officers and trustees and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, September 16, at two o'clock.

Lavern C. Bassett,
President,
Courtland V. Davis,
Recording Secretary.

but we can if we will. Why should we be so careless and neglectful of drinking from the source that is meant for our good? Why should one try everything else before seeking that which would give needed strength and guidance freely provided and freely offered to us? We may have to pass over rugged ways and through troubled waters, but we do not have to go alone. How blessed it is to be able to say in our hearts, 'Lord, I am trusting in thee,' and then in that trust to rest and be unafraid."

These are some of the extra blessings that give encouragement to carry on.

Plainfield, N. J.

Christian Education

Rev. Harloy Sutton, Alford Station, N. Y.

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

SABBATH AT MILTON AND WALWORTH

Pastor Elmo F. Randolph asked me to tell about young people's camps at the Friday night service at Milton, August 24. The folks from Milton Junction came for this service. Slides which were made by Trevah Sutton and loaned for use on my trip this summer were shown. They were pictures of Lewis Camp, the Rocky Mountain Camp, and a number of our churches.

The high lights of my experiences at these camps were shared with them. The most inspirational experience I had was to watch the young people in camp grow spiritually. There were several who for the first time publicly announced that they were willing to give themselves for full-time Christian service, and some who accepted Christ while in camp. It was a thrill to see the boys grow in ability to take part in prayer as each night after they were all in bed we had a service of sentence prayer. At first only a few would take part, then before camp was over every boy was participating in this closing part of each day's program. It was also a real experience to go with a different boy each day to some "alone" spot and talk with him about the Christian life and the importance of listening for God's call to him to do what he would have him do with his life.

Pastor Randolph pledged himself to the idea of promoting plans for a camp at Milton for next summer. The plans will be made by the pastors of that section, and we feel sure

there will be a large number of young people ready to attend, and laymen ready to make it possible.

As pictures of the churches were thrown on the screen, those in the congregation were asked to name the church and the pastor. It was evident that more instruction is needed along this line.

During the Sabbath school hour on Sabbath morning, August 25, it was my pleasure to visit the worship services of the various departments and the classes in the primary department of the Milton school. They have a large number of young folks in the intermediate department under the leadership of Professor D. Nelson Inglis and also in the primary under Mrs. Lucille Todd. The children are placed in classes according to grades in the public school.

Pastor, choir, and congregation in co-operation made possible a fine worship service for the church hour. There was unity and smoothness in the service which gave me a real lift spiritually. It was my first visit to the regular services of this church, and I truly enjoyed it.

With Pastor Kenneth Van Horn I visited the church service at Walworth Sabbath afternoon, August 25. This was my first visit to this church. This church, which will be celebrating its centennial this fall, is not a large church in numbers, but is still strong in faith. That faith is expressing itself in determination to have a pastor on the field.

It is a beautiful building and is located in a nice part of this beautiful town.

After the church service the folks were very co-operative in their willingness to remain for another half hour, to give me a chance to tell them about the board, my summer visit to camps, and to talk about Sabbath school work. Miss Ethel Butterfield, who teaches in Chicago, helps with Sabbath school in the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bond, who live in Chicago where he is in the seminary, also were there for the services. It was interesting to meet Minnie Godfrey, whose name has appeared on Sabbath school reports. It was good to meet the other laymen who are members of the loyal group of Seventh Day Baptist workers of our churches who are the real backbone of our denomination. The Walworth folks need our prayers, and they are praying for the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

Pastor Kenneth Van Horn was coming to Alfred after his family and brought me with him. It gave me a chance to really get acquainted with him and to find that he has the typical Seventh Day Baptist minister's qualifications of faith, vision, and enthusiasm. Thus ended my long journey from Alfred Station to Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and back to New York.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK

Religious education will be given a nationwide emphasis during the week of September 30 to October 7. This special week will be observed by Protestant churches of forty denominations in the United States and Canada, as well as one hundred eighty-three state, provincial, and city councils of churches and religious education. This announcement was made by Dr. Roy Ross, general secretary for the International Council of Religious Education.

"Character for a Free World" will be the theme for the week. This special emphasis gives an opportunity for the American people through local churches and community agencies to unitedly express their convictions regarding the indispensable place of religion in the life of this continent, says Doctor Ross. He also says that America today enjoys an enviable place in the world of nations. Her political, moral, and social leaderships stem from the fact that her institutions and poli-

cies have been founded on spiritual foundations. The quality of her own life in the future and her lasting influence upon world affairs will depend upon the extent to which she keeps those foundations secure, he avers.

A rallying point to help put into operation educationally the activities of the whole church for the year, rally day or promotion day services will be held on the opening or closing Sabbath of Religious Education Week. Special features will mark the week. These might well include church school leaders' conferences with some communities launching leadership training schools for the year; family night at the church, or at home, to emphasize the place of religion in forming Christian character in the family; "Youth United for Christ," youth rallies, both denominational and interdenominational; and the World Wide Communion service, with emphasis on "the unifying power of world Christian fellowship to build a free world."

Aims set for Religious Education Week, according to Doctor Ross, are increased enrollment and attendance in church and church school, growing home-church co-operation, training of leaders, and effective evangelism through the church school.

President Truman's Letter

Dear Doctor Ross:

Every thinking person is comforted by the knowledge that divine guidance directs the world. During times of great spiritual stress, this awareness of providence is especially manifest.

Chaplains with our armed services report constantly on the increased interest in religion among our fighting men. Every American has seen photographs of our soldiers and sailors at devotions while on the battle line. On the home front, too, there is increasing attention to religion. Probably never before in our history have our people shown such deep and abiding faith.

The fifteenth annual Religious Education Week is a national event of significance. At a time when stars hang in the windows of the nation's homes to honor the absent warriors; when millions of Americans live in temporary homes and in migrant centers while they work at war jobs, it is important to urge that the religious education of the country's children be fostered and extended. It is likely that there are millions of youngsters who need initial and basic religious instruction. They should receive it and learn of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Harry Truman.

The White House,
Washington, D. C.,
July 2, 1945.

A CAMPER'S PRAYER

By Marion Maxson

(Miss Maxson was one of the older campers who attended the Rocky Mountain Camp this year.)

O God, the Creator of every good and perfect thing, unto thee do I lift mine eyes in praise this glorious day. When I behold thy wondrous works about me, I feel thy greatness and thy power. I recognize thy strength in the rock, thy majesty in the towering mountain, thy sweetness in the scent of the pine tree and the mountain flower, thy humbleness in the shimmering aspen, thy gentle voice in the song of the bird, thy beauteous face reflected in the heavens, thy clean and pure life mirrored in the lakes which dot the fruitful plains stretching endlessly below us.

Dear Father, help me this day to adopt these qualities in the life thou hast entrusted me to live for thee. Instill thy blessed spirit in the hearts of all thy children. Help each one to show forth thy love in words and deeds.

Give of thy strength to those who are striving to make this world thou hast given us a worthy place to live for thee. Guide and protect our loved ones; bring them safely home after they have achieved thy purpose. Instill thy loving, peaceful spirit in our leaders. Direct them to bring this conflict to an end, resulting in a peaceful world, with peace-loving, humble inhabitants instead of greedy, power-mad politicians. Help each one of us to show forth more of the spirit of the Master in our daily living.

We thank thee, O God, for all thy daily blessings to us, for thy care and protection, and for the blessed example of thy Son who gave his life for us. May we be worthy of thy love and his sacrifice, by living a clean, pure life and reflecting thy desires in our service for thee.

Forgive us for our many wrongs, help us to overcome our weaknesses and temptations, and to be true children of thy creation, for thy dear sake. Amen.

North Loup, Neb.

Children's Page

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

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you? I am just fine. This is the first time I have written to you, so I think I had better write to you now, don't you?

I go to Junior Christian Endeavor and I have fun. I go to Sabbath school, too. I am eleven years old and I am in the seventh grade this year. School will soon be here and I will be glad. I like to begin and end, but I get tired of the middle.

I have a pet and it is a cat. His name is Boots. He is a nice cat and I love him.

I am thankful that the war is over, aren't you?

Well, I guess I will close for now. Lots of luck.

Shiloh, N. J.

Jean E. Dayton.

Dear Jean:

Yes, I am in the best of health; but when I tell people that they are apt to say, "You had better knock on wood," for many of my neighbors are suffering from colds or stomach upsets, and that is their way of saying, "Don't brag, or you may be sick yourself." When our boy Claire was little

he used to say when he heard someone bragging, "I wouldn't bad about it if I were you."

I am glad you have such a nice cat, for I am fond of a good cat, too, though nowadays I haven't any, since we are often away from home. Joyce and Gretchen once had a dog named "Boots," but he was so destructive that their father gave him away, but now they dearly love their little rat terrier, Blackie, who is a very well behaved little doggie. They, with their daddy and mother, are spending this weekend with us, and of course Blackie had to come, too.

Yes, indeed, we should thank God every day that the war is over, and we hope our boys will soon be coming home.

Your true Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have just come home from Junior Christian Endeavor. It was cloudy this morning but now the sun is shining.

We had a kitten named Mike, but he died. So last week my brother Leroy brought me a new kitten. We haven't named it yet.

We had some pretty flowers in church this morning.

I will be starting to school next week. I will be in the first grade. I have to go on the school bus this year as Mother and Daddy bought a new home just outside of Shiloh. We got a new couch for the living room.

We have a grape arbor, and Mother picked a lot of grapes off of it this year and she gave some to our friends. We want to get some pigs and chickens.

I have to help my sister Lorraine do the dishes now, for Mother said that now that I am six, going on seven, I must help a little around the house. We surely have lots of fun up here in our new home.

I will look for an answer to my letter in the Sabbath Recorder.

Sincerely yours,
Julia Ann Rainear.

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

Dear Julia:

Did you enjoy reading the "Story of Kippie Brooks"? Perhaps you can teach your little new kitten some of the cute tricks Kippie learned. Our kittie Skeezics used to ask to get in the house by rapping on the door with his tail. When the screen door was shut he would climb it and then shake it with all his might. He always followed me when I went to make the beds in the morning, and when I reached over to tuck the bed clothes back of the bed he would reach up and grab my fingers, but he never hurt my fingers with his sharp claws but kept them hidden in the soft fur.

I am glad you are enjoying your new home so much. Perhaps the next time I come to Shiloh and Bridgeton I'll have the pleasure of seeing you in that new home. I hope so.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

There are seven girls in my Sabbath school class and we like to go every week.

My sister Virginia and I have a yellow cat named Mitzi and a yellow kitten we call Goldie. We have lots of fun with them, but Mitzi tore my mother's window curtain.

I am seven years old and will be in second grade this fall.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Babcock.

Dear Jeanette:

I'm wondering if Mitzi is Goldie's mother. If she is she didn't set the kitten a very good example, did she? I hope you'll be able to teach her to be more careful next time. We once had a yellow cat named Fluffy who formed the bad habit of killing little chickens. He would put his paw through the wire fence and pull the chicken through. After he had killed the second chicken I took it away from him, rubbed it over his head, spanked him with it, and then chased him around the yard with it. After that when he came from the barn to the house he would get as far from that wire fence as he could, and I never knew him to kill another chicken. So you see cats can be trained to keep out of mischief.

Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Alfred, N. Y.

John Reed Spicer has resigned from the staff of Alfred University and has accepted an appointment as Dean of Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa. Concluding precisely a decade as teacher and administrator in Alfred, Doctor Spicer will take up his new duties about September first. We regret to have Doctor Spicer and family leave Alfred, as they have been real community people and will be greatly missed. We wish them success in their new work.

A. Burdet Crofoot has left for Washington, D. C., where he will receive special training in the American Red Cross work. While in Alfred he taught in the English department, the physics department, and assisted in the publicity for the university. He is especially fitted for work in China, where he hopes to be sent as soon as the Red Cross makes its assignment. His many Alfred friends wish him the best of everything in his work and service.—Alfred Sun.

The following new address has just come to the Recorder office: Alfred Burdet Crofoot, A.F.D., American Red Cross, 303d Inf. Reg., APO 445, c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.—Ed.

Milton, Wis.

Rev. Orville W. Babcock, who feels called to join the Naval Reserve as a chaplain, has asked the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church for a release. The church has

voted to give him leave of absence provided his application is accepted. He has already passed the physical examination but is awaiting final acceptance of his application.

Dr. Richard Davis, who has had charge of the 6th floor East in the Wisconsin General Hospital, Madison, is now resident doctor in the surgical department of which Dr. Erwin W. Schmidt is head. During his stay in Milton, Doctor Davis was associated with Drs. Geo. E. Crosley and Milton D. Davis. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis, former Seventh Day Baptist missionaries in China.—Alfred Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Whitford have arrived in Milton and have taken up their residence in the former Olsted house at 736 Madison Avenue which they have purchased.

Having resigned as principal of the Bolivar (N. Y.) central school, which he started in 1930, Mr. Whitford will serve as director of publicity at Milton College. Previous to going to Bolivar, he was professor of education at the college.

—Milton Junction Telephone.

NORTH LOUP CHURCH OUT OF DEBT

Two mortgages totaling \$2,285.54 were burned Sunday night at a special candlelight service held in the Seventh Day Baptist church following the regular August all church social. One hundred fourteen candles were lighted, each one representing a giver to raise money to pay the debt, all of which has been raised by voluntary offerings since January of this year. Mrs. A. C. Ehret had charge of the program which consisted of special music and appropriate numbers. Of much interest were letters from Rev. and Mrs. George B. Shaw, pastor of the church at the time it was built in 1915, following the burning of the old church when struck by lightning.

Total cost of the church was \$15,000, all of which was met by subscriptions, the insurance on the old building, and \$1,000 borrowed from the Memorial Fund. The second mortgage was also held by the Memorial Board and was on the parsonage which was built in 1926 at a cost of \$3,500. Matches used to light the papers were sent by Rev. Mr. Shaw.

Arthur Stillman, moderator of the church, lighted the matches which burned the papers, making the church entirely free from debt

for the first time since 1915. A large crowd was present for the service which was interesting and impressive.

Interesting in the reports given was the fact that the first money given toward the building of the new church came from children, Myrtle Resigue, and Dr. George Hemp-hill.

Many of those who labored with their hands have gone to their reward, among them were Deacon N. W. Babcock, E. W. Black, S. L. Clement, and W. G. Rood, but the church stands as a monument to the loyal Seventh Day Baptists who came to the valley in 1873 to make this the home of their families and their church.

—Ord Quiz.

Obituary

Saunders. — Carrie Briggs, daughter of Asa Sheldon and Mary Caroline Burdick Briggs, was born April 22, 1860, at Ashaway, R. I., and died June 24, 1945, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elwood Kenyon, in Alfred, N. Y.

At the age of eighteen she came to Alfred University where she met Earl Perry Saunders to whom she was married in 1882. During seventy-five years of active church membership in the First Hopkinton and First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist churches, she has been an unceasing worker for the faith which she held.

Close survivors are her daughters, Mrs. Elwood Kenyon and Mrs. Thomas Henley, and two sons, Harold B. and Edward E.

A prayer service was held at the home and farewell services were held at the church. Her pastor, Rev. E. T. Harris, officiated. Disposition of the ashes was made later. E. T. H.

Truman. — Harlow Marcus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Truman of Erieville, N. Y., was born July 7, 1917, at New Woodstock, N. Y. He was killed in action over France, August 7, 1944.

Mr. Truman was a graduate of the De Ruyter High School and attended Alfred University. He was called into active service in February, 1943. He was a second lieutenant in the air service. His parents have received his award of an Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement. They received notice of his death in May, 1945—nine months after he was reported missing.

Besides his parents he leaves two brothers, Donald A. and Paul, and one sister, Mrs. Byrd Curtis.

A memorial service was held on May 20 in the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist church, where he was a member. The pastor, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, conducted the service. C. H. D.

A CALL TO THANKS AND PRAYER

Psalm 29: 11 — The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Now that the Peace is Signed---

LET US GIVE THANKS

Let us give thanks to God for:

1. He has guided our nation to victory over her enemies.
2. He has lifted us from the slough of seeming defeat into victory.
3. He has given us power over our enemies.
4. He has kept us from retaliating in kind to the viciousness of our enemies.
5. He has brought to an end the terror and sorrow and new bereavements, the noise and confusion and heartache, the bloodshed and shrieking death that is war.
6. He has brought us a new sense of responsibility for the welfare of all men everywhere.
7. He has become nearer and dearer to us during these war years.

Let us thank God!

LET US PRAY TO GOD

Let us pray that he will:

1. Guide us and lead us as a nation that we may help to build a righteous world order—unselfishly serving the whole earth.
2. Inspire our leaders with wisdom from on high in their work of dealing with conquered peoples and conquered nations.
3. Give us peace—an end of war, an end of fear, an end of sorrow, an end of hate, and the fulfillment of love.
4. Give to us each, as individuals, a sense of our responsibility for maintaining peace in the world.

Let us pray to God!

For the Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace. Let us then be HIS PEOPLE.

Victor W. Skaggs.

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