

WHAT CHURCH PEOPLE ARE DOING THE WORLD AROUND

(Items from Exchanges and News Services)

"Even V-J Day does not bring a solution to global problems," says President Hugh C. Stuntz, of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. "There are no solutions. Victory plus victory does not make peace, as two plus two makes four. Human emotions, prejudices, traditions, desires, and ambitions complicate every social relationship. All we can hope for are gradual changes in the spirit of individuals, groups, and entire peoples, making them willing to forgo selfish advantage for the sake of the good of all."

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Growing out of the missionary efforts of Dr. Frank C. Lauback, "apostle of literacy" and the world-picture charts he has devised for many language groups, together with the work of other missionaries and missionary societies, Mexico is now on its way toward being a "literate nation." President Camacho has issued a decree that everyone up to forty years of age must be able to read and write by March 1, 1946. He himself teaches a class of illiterates; radio, newspapers, magazines, and posters are urging that "each one teach another"; while progressive business houses are employing teachers to instruct even their humblest workers.

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Ninety-four of the one hundred and twenty schools in Finmark, northern province of Norway, have been completely destroyed and the entire population is homeless according to a radiogram to Save the Children Federation, One Madison Ave., New York, from its vice-chairman, Howard E. Kershner, who is now in Europe setting up administrative plans for the sponsorship of schools and individual children in liberated countries.

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Theological education as now carried on in detached colleges will be changed, if the report is accepted of a special commission of the Church of England to consider modification in the training of the ministry.

There would be new emphasis on training for spiritual leadership. Groups of clergymen would be taught to minister in the realms of social, industrial, and rural life, thus helping to "bridge the gulf that exists between the ecclesiastical world and that of ordinary men." Many teachers of ministers-to-be would be laymen specialists, and there would be "refresher courses" for men now in the ministry. The theological colleges would be transferred to the great universities to broaden their courses of study.

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"The number of drunken driver automobile accidents is increasing in cities of the United States in relation to the total number of accidents investigated by police," Henry M. Johnson, president of the American Business Men's Research Foundation, said in revealing the results of an independent survey that was made for the organization. The survey was made among chiefs of accident prevention bureaus of police departments in more than three hundred cities of

thirty thousand population and over.

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Good news comes from the German Bible Society. Although war destroyed their three large buildings, the printing plates for their principal editions of the Bible in German and Greek were safely stored in deep cellars and have been recovered intact.

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When Mahatma Gandhi, India's political leader, "saint" to millions of Hindus, was congratulated on his seventy-fifth birthday, he is reported to have said he hoped to live to be one hundred. He gave these four points as his prescription for living: pray three times a day; eat moderately; never allow yourself to become irritated and lose your temper; be silent one day in seven—"talking uses up nervous energy and gives no chance for meditation."

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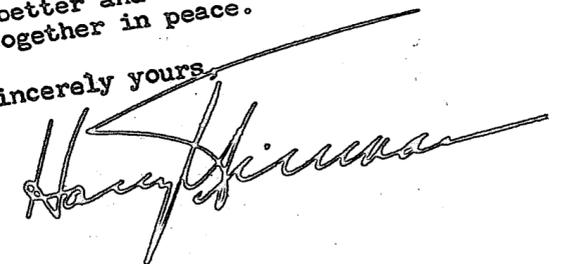
It seems to me most fitting that the month of October should be observed this year as Protestant Press Month.

In this period of rejoicing over the surrender of the last of our Axis foes, we must not lose sight of the solemn obligation which victory brings.

We have defeated forces of evil which knew neither conscience, justice nor mercy. This should quicken our appreciation of the part which spiritual forces must play if we are to bring order back to a war-torn world. I hope, therefore, that all of the editors of journals affiliated with The Associated Church Press will in the observance of Protestant Press Month emphasize anew the need of a revival of the religious life of this Nation.

Without Divine Guidance and a renewal of our reliance on the everlasting reality of religion, we shall labor in vain to make the world a better and a happier place in which all men may dwell together in peace.

Very sincerely yours,



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Editorials

THE VOICE OF CHRISTIAN PEOPLE

October is being observed as Protestant Press Month. Throughout the nation, church publications and other papers through special features are emphasizing the importance and power of the voice of Christian peoples through the printed page.

The Associated Church Press, representing more than two hundred papers with an aggregate reading public of more than two million people, sponsors Protestant Press Month each year.

The Sabbath Recorder has chosen this midmonth number to give special mention to the cause of church publications, hoping that already you will have seen in other papers some publicity about it. Having started to think of it in general, then you will be ready to give specific attention to the Recorder and the part it is playing—and has played—in Seventh Day Baptist denominational life.

During the rest of October why not make yourself a committee of one to do what you can to help support your church paper: get a new subscription; send in a news item; write a letter of advice or helpful suggestion to the editor; or just make a resolve to try more ardently to live up to the ideals of Jesus Christ, whom this publication always tries to glorify.

There never was law, or sect, or opinion did
so much magnify goodness, as the Christian
religion doth. Bacon's Essays.

LITTLE EFFORT, BIG RESULTS

One of the most important activities of the denominational publishing house is very often overlooked or just taken for granted. While we are thinking particularly about the church press, it is a good time to remind ourselves of this very important function—the publication and distribution of tracts.

A steady stream of mail requesting information about Seventh Day Baptists comes to the office of the American Sabbath Tract Society; and a steady flow of tracts goes out in response. People are eager to know about Seventh Day Baptists. New and more attractive editions are being produced all the while to meet this demand. That is another way the Seventh Day Baptist portion of the Protestant press is being influential.

But that influence is not being used up to its ultimate forcefulness if tract distribution is limited simply to those who make inquiry by mail. We, as a people, need to be aggressive in letting people know about our church and its beliefs.

A year or two ago a Tract-a-Month Club was organized by the Committee on Distribution of Literature. The immediate response to the idea was enthusiastic; but like many activities, the interest has been waning somewhat.

As we recognize Protestant Press Month we ought to be mindful again of this avenue of service. The plan of the Tract-a-Month Club is simple; anyone can belong with very little expenditure of time or money. Each member agrees to distribute one tract a month. The tract is sent out by the Committee on Distribution; the member is responsible when the tract comes for getting it out to some interested person. After a period of time the member is billed for a slight amount, just a few cents to cover partially the cost of mailing and printing. That is all there is to it.

Certainly when so much good can be accomplished for so little effort, every one of us should hasten to take advantage of the opportunity. Won't you become a member of the Tract-a-Month Club during October, Protestant Press Month?

EDITORIAL FROM THE PAST

THE CHURCH PRESS

The value of the church press and the vital interest in religious matters taken by increasing numbers of people are reflected by newspapers and other journals in their departments on religion.

The church press should take its mission more seriously even than it does. We believe it is a healthy sign that this is being done, by the emphasis being co-operatively made in Protestant Press Month. Throughout October attention of the public is being called to the religious press. Hundreds of religious journals and religious departments of papers, daily and weekly, are participating. Check on your various papers for indication of this interest.

The "Christian Leader" reports a minute of a meeting in one of the Lansing, Mich., churches as follows

Moved by L. C. Church that \$2.50 of each family's pledge for the support of our church for the years 1943-44 be used to purchase subscriptions for the "Leader," if they are not already subscribers. Seconded, Carried.

In commenting, the "Leader" urges that the local contributor will be a better member and worker in his own church by being better informed about church and world matters through reading his church paper.

This, we believe, holds good for Seventh Day Baptists; and by the adoption of such a procedure by our churches, the Sabbath Recorder could be helped. As a part of co-operating in Church Press Month, this farsighted and timely action would be helpful and welcome.

Herbert C. Van Horn.

October 4, 1943.

GUEST EDITORIAL

FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS

It still is not a too common thing for an organization or an institution to continue its active service to a nation, a city, or a community for one hundred years. Though we may use the phrase, "the first hundred years are the hardest," in jesting—or talking seriously for that matter—with friends or acquaintances, I defy the originator of that statement or any one else to prove the statement to be a truth. There are a few churches in the Seventh Day Baptist denomination that have completed the first hundred years and are now launched on the second set of years of service and activity in their respective communities, while at the same time there are nearly an equal number that have ceased to function and do not now exist. And I doubt if there is any one of the members of those churches which have passed their centennial year of Christian activity that will agree that the first hundred years were any harder than the time in which they now live.

In the month of October, 1945, another church of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination will have reached its one hundredth anniversary—the Walworth Seventh Day Baptist church, Walworth, Wis. If the plans now in the making materialize, the quarterly meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Seventh Day Baptist churches which meets in the month of October will honor the memory of those who have given many

precious years of active service to this community. Also a note of encouragement and hope will be sounded that the few remaining members of the church may receive new blessings and new spirit. The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Walworth requests your thoughts and your prayers that it may continue in the grace of God and the active Christian service to this community which it served for these many years. Let us pray that if it be God's will, a leader may be raised up to help guide these good folks.

This church—as so many others are—without a pastor except as the author of this article drives there every other Sabbath afternoon for a worship service. May it be that this article will be a challenge to the young people of the Seventh Day Baptist churches to rise to the needs for more and more active, well-trained ministers.

Kenneth B. Van Horn.

PIN POINT EDITORIALS

Happiness has this advantage over great wealth—people don't try to borrow it.

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Life today is full of noise and confusion; sometimes a person feels almost helplessly and hopelessly engulfed in the tumult.

A person gets somewhat the same feeling watching and listening to the mighty Niagara Falls—especially from the Canadian side. Across the great chasm is that constant surge of water, a deafening din. How powerless a mere human being seems in the presence of such an awesome force!

Yet, but a few yards upstream around behind the falls and off at the side of the main channel are quiet spots. An observer would hardly realize that an unusual condition existed near by. The water swirls in lazy pools; the trees dip low. It is cool and restful.

In the headlong rush of a busy day, too, a person is but a "few steps" from refreshing, quiet moments away from the crowd and hubbub—getting new inspiration from reading about an exemplary Bible character, receiving new hope from learning again of God's love, and gaining new strength from conversing with God in prayer and meditation.

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Some men PRAY fervently in church on Sabbath; then PREY hard in business on week days.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR OCTOBER 27, 1945

The Influence of Christian Homes
(Temperance Emphasis)

Basic Scripture—Acts 16: 13-15; 2 Timothy 1: 1-6;

3: 14, 15; Titus 2: 1-4, 11, 12

Memory Selection—Joshua 24: 15

SHARING PROGRAMS

"I surely hope other Sabbath schools will send in reports about Religious Education Week." Thus writes Harley Sutton, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education.

Interesting reports have come to the Recorder office in a number of round about ways, indicating that many churches gave recognition to the week in an outstanding manner.

It would be an inspiration to our people if many of the Sabbath schools would share their special programs through short, descriptive articles.

Sabbath Recorder correspondents are urged to send, immediately, Religious Education Week stories to the executive secretary at Alfred Station, N. Y.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

More Advertising

Some time last year I expressed a desire for a large sign board in front of each of our churches.

I hoped to get a model erected at my home church which might be photographed and published as a pattern for your use, but instead we have much less identification on our church than ever before. We are still hoping for something better.

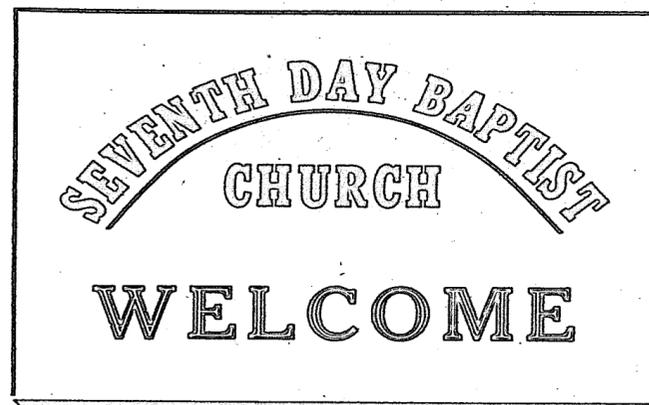


P. B. Hurley

I related to you the experience of the family who came to Riverside looking for the Seventh Day Baptist church and how they had difficulty finding anyone who knew where it was. Then there was the man who came from Washington to visit us and found folks on the street only one block from the church who did not know where to find it. I crave a large sign which may be read much farther than one block each way from the church.

A recent experience was when we went looking for the New Market church. We knew it was not far away, but found no one on the street who knew where. I believe permission might be obtained for a large sign to be placed on the corner. It might read "Seventh Day Baptist Church, one-half block," with an arrow pointing. This would keep the name Seventh Day Baptist always before people. Then we who do not know

would not have so much "fun" finding out that everybody else, also, does not know where the Seventh Day Baptist church is.



Let's get the name Seventh Day Baptist in large, plain, easy-to-read letters in front of all our churches—not just on the church, but in front of the church at right angles to the road. Then autoists passing at any speed, going in either direction, may see and read. Let people no longer honestly say, "We never have heard before of Seventh Day Baptists."

P. B. Hurley,
Conference President.

BIBLE STUDIES FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL

By Rev. Earl Cruzan

The Bread of Life — John 6: 32-58

People Seek Jesus

Jesus in his compassion for the hungry multitude had looked to God and blessed the small quantity of food which was in his hand and had satisfied the physical hunger of this crowd of people. The next day they sought him, but could not find him until they crossed the sea. When they found him, they thronged around him asking for a still greater sign that he might show them.

Jesus Reveals the Truth

Speaking in terms of physical food, Jesus revealed to these men something of his true nature and the love of God. "The bread which your fathers received in the wilderness came not from Moses, but came from God in his love and compassion for them." This is the substance of what Jesus is saying.

He goes on from physical food to spiritual. "The bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world." Jesus fulfills this qualification; he had been

with God at the beginning. God had sent him upon the earth in human form, and he it is who giveth life unto the world. See John 1: 1-4.

They asked that this bread be given unto them; but they were still thinking of food for the carnal body, not food for the soul. This brought forth the assertion from Jesus, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

The World Hungers

There is a hunger that is deeper than the craving of the body for food to keep it alive—there is a hunger that gnaws at the soul of man which, if not satisfied, man seeks to ease in the pursuit of the things of the world. He may lose it for a while, but it comes back again and again unless the soul has sunk to such depths that there is nothing left that interests him or urges him on. Pitiful indeed is that soul.

Jesus Is the Bread of Life

Jesus says, "He that cometh to me shall never hunger." That hunger—that gnawing at the soul—is satisfied, and peace is found in Christ and in his way of life. Love is the keynote: first of all, the love of God that draws us to Christ—the love of God which sent Christ into the world; second, the love of Christ that he was obedient to the will of God and gave his life for the sins of man; third, the love that wells within man's soul when he has accepted the love of God and the sacrifice of Christ. That love feeds him, it carries him on when his own strength fails. It gives his soul an outlet, constructively working to do the will of Christ here upon the earth. Christ is the living bread; he gave his flesh, his life upon the Cross so that if any man will come to him believing, he shall never die.

The World Needs the Bread of Life

Coming to him in belief means that a person will go forth living, as nearly as it is humanly possible, after the life that Christ lived. We need to study our Bible to know how to live, but Bible study should not eclipse Christlike living, the two must go hand in hand. We need to feed on the bread of life which has come down from heaven. We need to come to Christ and believe on him, accepting the sacrifice which he made, and we will be filled with the bread of life.

o "The military genius of war has created scientific monsters."

Sharpening the Christian Press Pen

— THE HOPE OF FUTURE SECURITY

THE PEN is mightier than the sword. That belief has been popularly expressed down through the years; yet, in time of crisis, the pen has always been forsaken for the sword.

The world has just passed through a time of slashing with the sword, a sword sharpened and resharpened to a bloodily-keen edge. The sword—and all of its ultramodern counterparts—has been mighty, that is sure. It has caused mighty destruction; it has brought on mighty suffering; it has created mighty hatreds. But the problems of the world have not been mightily solved by it.

Now it is time for the pen to be sharpened, figuratively speaking, and given a real chance to show its might. Especially the pen employed through the religious press of the world should have unhampered opportunity to present to the world the message that will be the ultimate cure—the truth of the golden rule, the spirit of the Good Samaritan, the gospel of Jesus Christ.

October has been set aside this year as Protestant Press Month, to call attention to the fact that church publications not only have an opportunity but a responsibility.

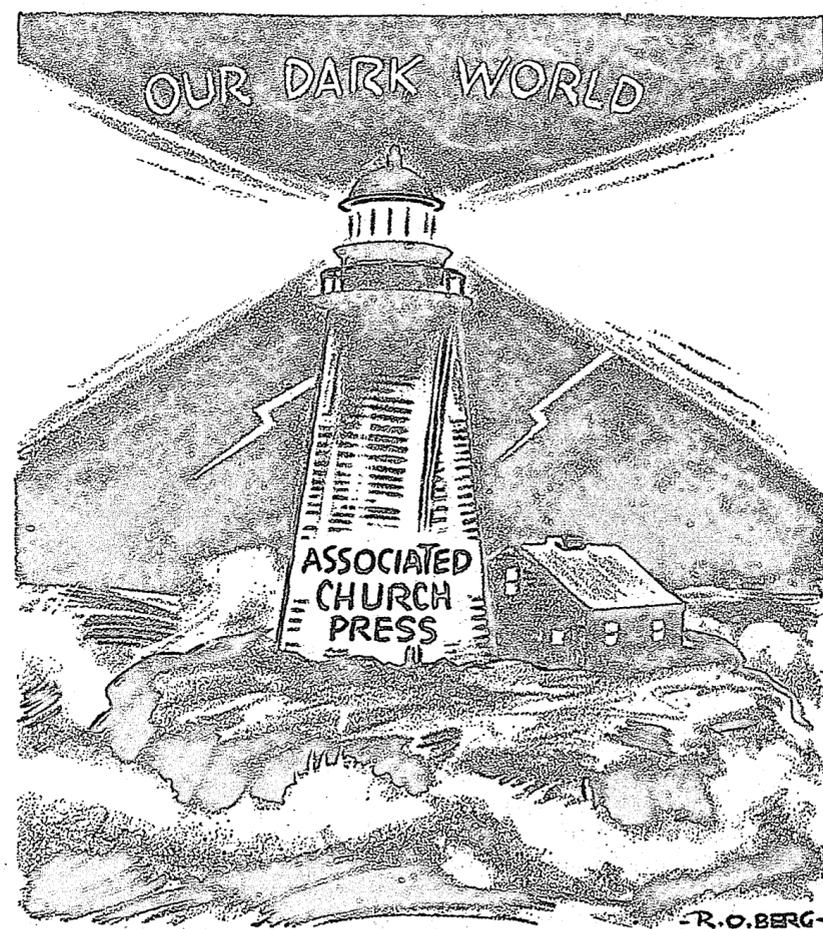
The military genius of war has created scientific monsters, monsters like the atomic bomb, that will either control and destroy the world or be controlled by right-thinking men who are humanitarian-minded enough to employ the wonderful resources for good. The religious press must constantly remind men of their responsibility.

A seemingly necessary by-product of war is the mistrust developed between peoples. Set off by militaristic propaganda and fanned by the intensity of battle strains, the sparks of doubt and

misunderstanding have blazed into hot hatred. The religious press has a duty to perform in reminding people that in Christ's world there is no distinction between races. "For there is no respect of persons with God." Romans 2: 11. It is the Christian way to love your enemies and do good to them that despitefully use you.

If this message of the "second mile" and the "cup of water in my name" is to be sent out to the world, subscribers to the religious periodicals have a responsibility as well as the editors and contributors.

The Sabbath Recorder, for example, is limited in scope and influence to its mailing



list. Every family in the denomination should subscribe and read the Recorder, then pass it along to some friend or other interested person. Each church should have a Recorder salesman whose constant job it is to sell the magazine.

The Recorder increases in effectiveness as more people participate in its activities. Each church should have an on-the-job reporter who sees to it that news items and inspirational material from the local church get to the Recorder for timely publication. There

is inspiration to church people in knowing that others are holding forth God's message, too, and living victorious lives.

The ideal publication is one that acts like a mirror in reflecting the interests and ideals of its readers. Let the Recorder become a more perfect reflection of YOU through your more active participation. You, as a reader, have a responsibility in keeping the "religious pen" sharp enough to compete with the sword—and put it out of business forever!
K. D. H.

Missions

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

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

CHRIST SUPREME

Considerable attention is being given just now to the subject of the ordination, confirmation, and retirement of ministers. The Commission has been spending some of its valuable time on the subject; two timely articles by pastors with years of experience have appeared, and there is more which might be said.

One question which comes to the writer is this: Shall a minister who has been called into the ministry by Christ let the Commission, the General Conference, or any other organization say when he shall retire?

Paul said, "For necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" No one has a right to give his life to the gospel ministry unless Christ has called him to that special work. Christ asks all to work for him in one capacity or another—some as laymen, others as lay preachers, and still others he asks to dedicate their lives with all their time and power to the ministry.

How can one know when to retire? Christ not only calls, but he opens needy fields for them to serve. When the doors close to a minister or when he is no longer able to do the work in any of these fields, he may conclude he can stop serving his Saviour in the ministry; but till then he must not be disobedient to the heavenly vision.

If a minister is called by Christ, Christ alone can discharge him by retirement. For others to undertake to dictate in the matter is usurpation, usurping the place and power of the Divine One, and the minister may well reply as did the disciples Peter and John,

"Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye." Acts 4: 19.

Another fact to be kept in mind is that with Seventh Day Baptists, and all Baptists, the local church is supreme and no General Conference, association, or minister can dictate to it. Christ is its head and he alone has authority over it. Other organizations can advise and that is all they can do. Our history shows that the General Conference and the associations could never have been organized on any other basis. In the New Testament the Church is called Christ's body and his bride. It will endure forever and is the most important organization among men. It is the organization by which men are saved from eternal death and to which we should give our best.
W. L. B.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held September 16, 1945, at 2 o'clock in the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist church. President Harold R. Crandall called the meeting to order.

It was voted that the annual report of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, adopted by the board on July 22, 1945, be approved and ordered recorded.

Voted: That the officers and members of the Board of Managers, as recommended by the nominating committee, be elected.

The officers are as follows: president, Harold R. Crandall, Westerly, R. I.; cor-

responding secretary, William L. Burdick, Ashaway; recording secretary, George B. Utter, Westerly; assistant recording secretary, Elston H. Van Horn, Westerly; and treasurer, Karl G. Stillman, Westerly.

The members of the Board of Managers are as follows: Harold R. Crandall, Westerly; Morton R. Swinney, Niantic, Conn.; Edwin Whitford, Westerly; George B. Utter, Westerly; Karl G. Stillman, Westerly; Mrs. Anne L. Waite, Bradford; William L. Burdick, Ashaway; Charles E. Gardner, Waterford, Conn.; Robert L. Coon, R.F.D., Westerly; Mrs. Alexander P. Austin, Westerly; Walter D. Kenyon, Hopkinton; John S. C. Kenyon, R.F.D., Westerly; Hiram W. Barber, Jr., Westerly; Elston H. Van Horn, Westerly; Lloyd B. Langworthy, Ashaway; Eli F. Loofboro, Waterford, Conn.; Mrs. James G. Waite, Bradford; Mrs. G. Carlton Irish, Rockville; Mrs. Harold R. Crandall, Westerly; Paul S. Burdick, Rockville; David S. Clarke, Jackson Center, Ohio; Herbert C. Van Horn, Plainfield, N. J.; and Asa F. Randolph, Plainfield.

Voted: That the president appoint a nominating committee for the ensuing year. He named Hiram W. Barber, Jr., Mrs. Alexander P. Austin, and Robert L. Coon.

Present at the meeting was Conference President Perley B. Hurley of Riverside, Calif., who made a few remarks after adjournment.

Voted: That we adjourn to meet at the same place on the third Sunday in September, 1946, at 2 o'clock p.m.

George B. Utter,
Recording Secretary.

Woman's Work

Mrs. Olof W. Devin, Salom, W. Va.

WORLD LITERACY AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

A Group with World Vision

The Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America accepts as its special task the promotion of literacy and provision of accompanying character building literature. This committee serves men and women of all races, classes, and creeds. It makes a study of world needs in literacy and literature and calls them to the attention of the home constituency.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

By Bishop Arthur J. Moore
(President, Methodist Board of Missions)

Times like these do not discredit the church. They demand it. In the course of the centuries countless crises have arisen and hindered but not stopped the march of Christ's kingdom. The distance we have traveled in the right direction seems only to bring into clearer perspective the vast distances we have yet to go to reach the goal of a redeemed world.

We who call ourselves Christian are under the desperate necessity of Christianizing the world. No other plan holds any real hope for our distracted world.

Ours is a missionary religion. It was born with the missionary motive. It lives because of the missionary motive. It will die if the missionary motive—its breath of life—passes from it.

Millions of our brothers and sisters are freer, better, and happier because the Christian church sent forth its sons and daughters to proclaim life here and hereafter for all who believe in and follow Christ. The results accomplished have been amazing, but we are not at the end of the missionary enterprise. We are only beginning. The church must consecrate itself anew to the proclamation of the gospel at home and abroad.

"March we forth in the strength of God
With the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth
May shine throughout the whole world.
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin
To set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea."

The committee acts on the invitation of and in co-operation with nationals in various lands where the work is begun. The aim is to help others help themselves. For instance, the National Christian Council of India, now being assisted with its literacy campaigns, looks forward to assuming responsibility for its own illiterate masses.

All funds secured by the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature are allocated on the recommendation of literacy specialists on the needs in the various lands. Funds are administered by accredited agencies in the fields of operations.

Your Representatives

The Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature is an interdenominational group of eighty-six men and women appointed by twenty-seven denominations affiliated with the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. They are a cross section of the leadership of the church in the United States and Canada.

The Leaves and The Book

By J. Christy Wilson

"And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." Rev. 22: 2. We may think of the leaves from the tree of life as the symbol of Christian literature published in every language around the world. These leaves of the printed page mean first of all the Bible which is the foundation of all missionary effort and the church in every land, and then all Christian literature.

Just as the sunshine may be reflected into the darkest places by a small bit of a broken mirror, even so the small fragment of these leaves may bear the healing message to individuals. In Iran some years ago a Christian tract was torn up and scattered on the street of a great city. A young Zoroastrian chanced to see one of these pieces of printed matter and was struck by what he read. He was interested enough to find out where the tract had come from and began to read more of Christian literature and the Bible. Eventually he was converted and is now the father of a Christian household and has served faithfully for years in the position of mailing out the Christian literature from the central depot to all parts of Iran.

What can dissolve hate, bitterness, misunderstanding and all the moral and spiritual wounds of war? Only the love of Christ that may be spread to every land and nation by the literature which is truly made up of "leaves for the healing of the nations."

Mrs. Wu Serves Through a Literacy Class

I am Wu Da Niang from Liu Chia Kou. Of course, you know that all the married women of our community carry their mother's name together with the husband's number in the family. My husband is named Chang and is the eldest son of his family. As I came from the Wu family, I am called Wu Da Niang (this means Wu Big or eldest woman).

Our Bible woman encouraged me to help with the literacy class. I really have studied

only a few months myself though I have been a Christian for over ten years. Last fall I attended a Bible school institute for training. This was held in the Kien Yang church five miles from our home. I got an inspiration to really serve the Lord. "What can I do when I am scarcely literate?" I asked. Our Bible woman replied, "You can teach the beginners, and I will teach the advanced pupils, those who have already studied some." So we planned for the class. The books were easy, for the county Government Adult Literacy Bureau provided them when our Bible woman and I went and asked for them. The women of our community have not studied, and it is a very conservative place.

At first we had four young men, two young married women, and two girls about twelve years old in the class. We decided to meet in the ancestral hall of our clan. Each person who came had to bring a lamp. If two or three came from one home, they brought only one lamp.

I went and visited the mothers-in-law of all the young married women who wanted to study and urged them to let the daughter-in-law come. Some did and others were not willing to let them use the lamp and waste oil. So I provided oil for the lamps of several. My oil supply for the year was used up in March; but my husband is a Christian too and interested in the class. So he agreed to buying more oil. Our crops were good last year, and we can give this much to the Lord.

After a few months we had over twenty in the class. Every night we had a period when both classes got together and our Bible woman told some Bible stories or explained the Christian way instead of some superstition. Some people of the community thought it was not right for me to let Christian teaching be done in the ancestral hall. They feared the ancestral spirits would be displeased. So we cleared out one of the rooms where we stored our farm implements; and after the reading and writing all the class go over to my house to that room for the Christian teaching. Now, about everyone in our clan sees how much improved the character of folks is who study. It is handy to have the daughters and daughters-in-law able to write accounts. Since they learned a little they do not make such expensive mistakes on money. A woman in our

settlement once gave a five dollar bill for fifty cents. Now, they can tell (count) the money.

That is all. I really haven't done anything. But we enjoy the classes, and I think many people will soon become Christian.

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES

About Seventh Day Baptists and Their Activities

With over two hundred religious denominations in the United States, it is no wonder that each generation needs to be told "who is who" among denominations. Many are inquiring about Seventh Day Baptists; for those of that group who happen to read the Sabbath Recorder, we will print each week in this column a few facts about Seventh Day Baptists.

History

Since the days of John the Baptist there have always been Seventh Day Baptists, and the denomination now known by that name dates back to the Reformation. The oldest church extant is the Mill Yard Church in London, England, organized in 1617. Seventh Day Baptists stood with other reformers, especially with the Baptists, in the struggle for religious and civil liberty and Godly living. They did more. They suffered im-

prisonment and martyrdom. Some of the foremost men of the Reformation were Seventh Day Baptists. Among them were Francis Bampfield, Thomas Bampfield, at one time speaker of the House of Commons, Dr. Peter Chamberlen, physician to three sovereigns, and the four generations of famous preachers by the name of Stennett.

The first Seventh Day Baptist church in America was organized in Newport, R. I., in 1671/72. Seventh Day Baptists in Rhode Island were co-laborers with Roger Williams and Dr. John Clarke in establishing the colony on the principles of civil and religious liberty. In doing this they suffered imprisonment and other forms of persecution. Governor Samuel Ward, a Seventh Day Baptist, led the colony in the struggle with the mother country, and would have been a signer of the Declaration of Independence had he not died three months before.

As the years have passed by, the founding of Seventh Day Baptist churches in America has followed the tide of emigration, and has extended to all continents and the isles of the sea.

For further information about Seventh Day Baptists, write American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

Christian Education

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

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Alfred, Alfred Station, and Andover Seventh Day Baptist churches were represented at the Area Convention of the State Council of Churches of New York State held at Hornell September 27 and 28. Pastor Harris was a member of a panel which led the attending delegates in a discussion of the home. Pastor Rogers was in charge of the music for the first night session. Harley Sutton was a resource person for one of the discussion groups.

Leadership Training

Professor Loomis, who is in charge of leadership training for the state council, said:

1. The war has made us all conscious of the need and importance of training.
2. General MacArthur has said that the only hope of world peace is through the teaching ministry of the Church.
3. Leaders must be trained, and how can we get this?

- a. Training must be in terms of the local church where a recruiting committee finds new helpers and then they are trained.
- b. The local church will need to share workers, who are especially capable, with other churches.
- c. More flexible methods must be used such as the workshop method where teachers meet for work on common problems, as discipline, worship, finance, etc.
- d. The pastor must be the keyman and will need to preach on the need of trained parents and teachers.
- e. There must be education for the deacons, janitor, all laymen.
- f. Teachers and workers need help in learning how to best use materials.

Home and Family

Dr. Leland Foster Wood, who is on the Federal Council Commission on the Home and Family, said:

1. Children get religion where they get life—love, in the home, in everyday living.

Evangelism

Dr. H. H. McConnell, associate secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches, said:

1. We have only that which we give away.
2. A man from St. Louis became rich in Florida and was invited to help buy an organ for his home church in St. Louis. He refused. He lost his wealth in the depression, and lost his chance to feel he had something in the home church which would always speak for him.
3. This is the secret of Paul, "What I received of the Lord Jesus I pass on —"

Sympathy

Dr. William L. Stidger of Boston said in his message that what the world needs is sympathy. His theme was "Bring Me Your Tears." He read the account of Jesus at the home of Martha and Mary when Lazarus had died, and Jesus seeing their sorrow groaned in spirit and was troubled. Doctor Stidger said that friendships made in sorrow are the most lasting.

Service to Christ

Bishop Earl W. Ledden of the Methodist Church and president of the New York State Council of Churches said that by consecrated service to Christ we give meaning to places and things. Pews in our churches are holy places because of the faithful who have lived, served, and have gone on above, who always sat in these pews when they came to church.

PROMOTION DAY AT ALFRED STATION

Included in the Sabbath morning church service at Alfred Station September 29 were the annual promotion exercises for children of the Sabbath school. Mrs. Ernest Bague was in charge of planning the program, and she asked the teachers to show some part of the work that had been done in the classes.

The primary department used the flannel-graph story of Jacob's ladder. Four children told the story and placed the figures. They sang several songs. One class showed by short readings about shepherd life.

Several members of the intermediate class told about their study of Seventh Day Baptist beliefs and about the local church.

Teachers gave promotion certificates to all children who passed on to a higher grade.

2. Parents are the first teachers and they must be trained and inspired to do a better job.
3. Good teachers want to use current situations; the home is where we are drowning in situations for teaching.
4. We hear of the fifty-fifty proposition of settling differences. What is needed is the sixty-sixty proposition where both people come more than halfway.
5. The home is the unit of the kingdom of God.

Compulsory Military Training

Rev. Dutton Peterson, speaking for the Friends Service Commission, said:

1. Compulsory peacetime conscription is not a dead issue.
2. It would be definitely unfair to ten million men away from this country to allow Congress to pass a law on this matter now.
3. Compulsory military training would mean a definite turn in the American policy from Democracy toward the kind of systems the past war was fought to eliminate. (As one father told me, that is the thing our boys were fighting against.)
4. All nations where there had been full and compulsory military training before the war were defeated.
5. The kind of discipline boys get in military training is outwardly imposed, and the Christian discipline comes from within.
6. Many military men are honest enough to say that in modern war a large army would be a disadvantage. Defense today is a matter of scientific knowledge and machine defense.
7. As Christian citizens we must study this matter carefully, and if opposed to compulsory military conscription, act so that we will exert our influence with senators and congressmen.

One Mission

Dr. B. A. Liu, Chinese delegate to the United Nations Conference in San Francisco, said:

1. Americans are not used to being a minority or a problem, but that is what the white race has often been in China.
2. The Christian Church can still render a valuable service to China.
3. The non-Christian group of China has a higher respect for Christians than before the war because of the courage and helpfulness of the Christian missionaries to all sides.
4. In the future China would want missionaries to recognize the Church of China as a grown-up church, capable of furnishing leadership.
5. China no longer should be called a heathen land, but there should be a feeling of "one mission" to all lands to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to all.

PROMOTION DAY AT ALFRED

Rally Day was observed by the First Alfred Church Sabbath school on September 29. A special program and promotion of classes were held at the church.

Special mention should be made of the exercise, "Foundation Stones of the True Church," by the graduating class from the primary department. These graduates are James Harris, Everett Harris, Jr., Mary Jane Parish, Sara Jacob, Marion Sutton, Roberta Glover, and Paul Stillman. Mrs. Robert Place was their teacher.

The class was presented by Mrs. Luella Straight, primary superintendent, and received by Professor Burton B. Crandall, superintendent of the intermediates. Harriet Packard and Judith Burdick gave a violin and piano duet and a vocal number.

An inspiring address was given by Rev. Robert Franklin Spencer of the Almond Union Church.

Monthly Round-Table Discussions

The executives and teachers of the First Alfred Sabbath school are to hold monthly meetings for round-table discussions as to the needs of youth and ways to meet these needs. Ben R. Crandall, general superintendent, presides at the meetings.

A special study of the book, "The Child in a Changing World," by Edna Baxter will be summarized by Miss Miriam Shaw. General discussion will be held.

This group met for a fellowship dinner September 30. At this time Rev. Harley Sutton, executive secretary of the Board of

Christian Education, gave a constructive talk for teachers and parents. Mrs. W. H. Thomas was chairman of the dinner.

Mrs. Ben R. Crandall.

Alfred, N. Y.

LOOKING BACK AT CAMP

By Phyllis Burdick

(A member of the Andover Church who was in the Western Association camp this past summer.)

Now that it is a month after I attended Camp Potato, I can see that many things I learned there have helped me to lead a better Christian life.

The consecration service we held one evening has meant much to me. Some of us read our faults, which we had written down; then we cast them into the fire. This service impressed me.

I remember what "Grandpa Bond" said one evening in his talk. It was outside in the cool of the evening while all of us were sitting on the ground. He spoke to us from an altar made of stones. He said something about all of us being God's children and being put here to make this old world of ours a better place in which to live.

The walks through the woods make a vivid picture in my mind. The songs we sang and the fellowship of faculty and campers was an inspiration. God seemed so near that I felt I was one of his disciples.

This single week of camp was another milestone in my Christian life. Many thanks to the Western Association for making such a camp possible for young people.

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

acquired overnight. They are courage, honesty, and loyalty: not just a nifty blue suit, a shiny badge, and a gun. The best way for you to train to be a policeman is to obey God's commandments, your parents, and the laws of your country. With thanks for your inquiry, and regretting there are no booklets such as you ask for available, I am sending you a pamphlet of this community's laws on bicycle riding which I want you to read and obey, if you are a rider, and tell your friends who ride.

With best wishes,

Your policeman friend.

You will notice "obey" is the important part of that policeman's advice, and it is just that obeying that makes happiness in

our small homes and in our large cities, whether New Orleans, Daytona, or elsewhere.

Mrs. S. S. Powell.

Dear Recorder Children:

I'm sorry there are no children's letters for me to answer this week; for we all, both children and grownups, are disappointed when not one single letter appears on our own special page. We'll hope for a number of letters next week, will we not? In the meantime I have a short story for you.

One of God's Missionaries

There was once a faithful servant of God named John Paton who went to an island called Aniwa, where the people had never heard about God. Can you imagine such unfortunate people? They knew that someone must have given them whatever blessings they had, but since no one had told them about the one true God, they were praying to images of wood and stone thinking these lifeless things could send them rain and food. When Mr. Paton told them about God and his Son Jesus, they didn't know whether he was telling the truth or not.

None of the people had ever learned to read or write; in fact, they had never heard of such a thing. One day when Mr. Paton was building his new house and wanted a certain tool, he wrote a message to his wife on a chip and asked one of the natives to take it to her.

"Why do you want me to take that to her?" asked the man.

"Mrs. Paton will read what it says and send me the tool I want," answered Mr. Paton.

With a puzzled frown the man carried it carefully and gave it to Mrs. Paton. She read the note, threw away the chip, and handed the required tool to the native, who picked up the chip and, holding it at arm's length, carried it and the tool to Mr. Paton.

"How did your wife know what you wanted?" he asked.

Mr. Paton showed him the marks on the chip and told him about reading and writing.

"Can I learn to read and write?" asked the man.

"Of course you can," Mr. Paton answered. Soon others wanted to learn, too, and Mr. Paton organized a class of natives to teach them to read and write.

The weather grew very hot and everything began to dry up for lack of rain. When Mr. Paton asked them why they did not dig a well, they laughed at him. "You can't get water by digging down," they said. "Water comes from above."

"God has taught me, and he can teach you many things. I'm sure if we dig down we will find fresh water that he has stored there for us."

So he began to dig and the people helped him until some dirt caved into the well and frightened them. Then they refused to help him, and he had to do all the digging alone, though they would pull up the buckets of dirt for him if he paid them with fish hooks. They would pull up several buckets of dirt for one fish hook. At last he found water and tasting it found that it was fresh. The people above tasted some of the water he sent up to them, and clapping their hands, shouted, "It's rain water, it's rain water!"

One day one of the men called the people together and told them to bring all their images of wood and stone. "Everything Mr. Paton has been teaching us is true. It is true about reading and writing we know, because we are learning to read and write ourselves. It is true about the well for here it is full of water, and what he tells us about God and his Son, Jesus, is true. Let us throw our idols of wood and stone into the sea and worship the true God who alone can hear and answer our prayers."

So the stone idols were thrown into the sea, and the wooden ones were burned.

Years after, when the missionary was visiting in America, people asked him why he did not bring one of the idols home with him so that they could see what they were like.

"I thought I would," said he, "but although I hunted all over the island, I couldn't find even one."

Are we not happy, boys and girls, that God is able to answer the sincere prayers of all his children all over the world just as he did on this island?

Sincerely yours,

Mizpah S. Greene.

NEW ADDRESS

Rev. Gerald D. Hargis
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Children's Page

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Mrs. Powell's Letter

(Concluded)

In answer to the boy's request for booklets describing a motorcycle policeman's training, a police captain who was given the job of answering the boy, wrote:

Dear Jimmie:

Although you are a little too young to begin policeman's training, your interest and the fact that you want to prepare yourself for the profession are commendable. Such interest and effort make it certain that the future of law enforcement will be well assured. The important traits that make a good policeman are not

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Alfred, N. Y.

Crandall Hall, the presidential residence—the Alfred "White House," on South Main Street—has been improved in some respects for the convenience of the new university president and his wife.

Alfred Station, N. Y.

Rev. Albert Rogers attended the Hornell and vicinity ministers' meeting at Buena Vista recently.

Mrs. Harley Sutton is leader of the local 4-H Club for girls 10 to 16.

Ten boys and girls of the Intermediate Class of the Sabbath school and Pastor and Mrs. Rogers enjoyed a picnic supper on the Palmiter picnic ground Thursday evening, September 13.

Salemville, Pa.

Gospel meetings are being planned to be held from October 12-21. Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, pastor of the Denver Church and editor of the Helping Hand, is to be the evangelist.

Adams Center, N. Y.

This church joined in World Communion services on October 6. The sermon preceding the service was given by our oldest Seventh Day Baptist minister, Rev. E. A. Witter. He is past ninety-two years of age and is an honored member of this church. The theme of his sermon was "The Spirit of Man Is the Candle of God." Rev. Mr. Witter is a living example of the theme he presented, for his fine, brave spirit is a brightly shining candle for the God he loves, and will be as long as it continues to burn.

Mr. Witter also conducted the Communion service, a ceremony that will live long in the memories of those who were privileged to participate in it.

Shiloh, N. J.

Over thirty people are enrolled in a community Bible class at Shiloh, N. J., studying a course from Moody Bible Institute Correspondence School. The class meets weekly in the Shiloh Grange Hall, studying "The Panorama of the Ages" under the leadership of Pastor Lester G. Osborn. Those who complete the course and receive a passing grade on the examinations, which are corrected by the staff of the institute, will receive a certificate from the correspondence school. This is the second year such a class has been held in Shiloh.

The fifth season of weekly radio broadcasts was begun September 1. Pastor Lester G. Osborn, the "Bible Gold Miner," brings the message; music is furnished by members of the choir. The program goes out Sabbath afternoons from 5:00 to 5:15 over radio station WSNJ, Bridgeton, N. J.

A church-night supper and planning conference was held September 2, followed by the bimonthly business meeting. Preceding a general discussion of the work of the church and plans for the year's program, a symposium of four talks was given on the subject, "What Would Do the Shiloh Church the Most Good?" The topics were the following: "Incendiary Members," "Fire the Pastor," "Sell the Church," and "Jump in the Lake." "Which is, being interpreted" members on fire for the Lord, fire the pastor with enthusiasm and get behind him with help and encouragement, "sell" the church to the community, and jump in and rescue souls which are sinking in sin.—Contributed.

North Loup, Neb.

Recent guests at the home of Deacon and Mrs. R. O. Babcock were their son, Rev. Orville of Milton Junction, Wis., with his wife and son; their son Lt. Richard of the U.S.N.R., stationed in Massachusetts; and their daughter Mrs. Paul Van Horn and son of Beloit, Wis. On Sabbath day, September 15, the sermon for the morning service was preached by Orville; Ruby, Mrs. Van Horn, played the voluntary and offertory; and Richard sang a solo, accompanied by his sister.

Deacon and Mrs. John L. Cruzan left September 26 for their new home in Bridgeton, N. J., which they will make with their son Roy and family. The move was made necessary since both Mr. and Mrs. Cruzan are in frail health and could not live alone. They recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage. Both have been of great assistance in the church and will be missed. Their many friends here wish for them the best of everything in their new home.

The annual festival of this village, Pop Corn Days, was observed September 11, 12, and 13. The ladies of the Missionary Circle served meals during the time, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ehret and Mrs. J. A. Johnson. During the time over \$365 was cleared. Some vegetables and pies were donated, and the ladies put in long, hard

hours of work to make the venture the success it was.

In the float parade during the same festival the Sabbath school won first place with their float, "First Things First." The float showed a beautiful picture drawn by Deacon George Clement at the front, the picture showing a scene of lovely coloring with a church in the background, a well-worn path leading to it. On the truck bed was a white cross, with Deacon and Mrs. Vernon Williams and their two daughters kneeling near it. The floor was covered with green, and a small white fence surrounded the sides. The theme selected by the float committee for churches was "Slogans," and this was chosen by the Sabbath school committee, due no doubt to the articles written by President Hurley appearing in the Recorder. Members of the committee in charge were Lois Barber, Merle Davis, Charles Fuller, Dell Barber, and Deacon George Clement.

At the quarterly church meeting held Sunday, September 30, the committee in charge of raising the church debt was dismissed, their mission having been finished. The camp committee was retained, the committee consisting of Marcia Rood, Deacon Aubrey Davis, and Deacon Vernon Williams. Deacon George Clement was added to the committee. It was also voted to make a history of the camp held last summer. The resignation of Mrs. Charles Fuller as organist was accepted, and Mrs. J. A. Johnson was elected to fill the vacancy. It was also voted to plan a sinking fund to be used for church repairs. The fund was started with \$12 left over from the payment of the church debt; the church body voted to pay \$100 into the fund. Correspondent.

Verona, N. Y.

The Verona Youth Council met at our church Monday evening, September 10. The worship program was arranged by Mrs. Leon Maltby, the new adult adviser. Those taking part were Leora Sholtz, Lucile Maltby, Alva Warner, Duane Davis, and Olin Davis. The president, Olin Davis, presided over the business meeting. Electric lights were strung outside, and games were enjoyed on the lawn. Popcorn, sandwiches, and cookies were served.

The Young People's Social Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sholtz for the September meeting.

Miss Muriel Sholtz left the following day for State Teachers' College at Geneseo, N. Y.

Miss Anita Dillman is attending Home Economics School at Canton, N. Y.

The Pearl Seekers' Sabbath school class held their monthly meeting with Mr. and Mrs. James Woodcock in Rome.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society was entertained by Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Alva Warner for the October meeting. The worship program was conducted by Mrs. Alva Warner. More facts about our associations were given by Mrs. LaVerne Davis. Red Cross sewing was the work for the day.

The Religious Day School has begun in Verona High School. Pastor H. L. Polan is dean. Mrs. Howard Davis, Mrs. Leon Maltby, and Mrs. Harold Carr are members of the faculty.

Miss Agnes Smith is teaching English in a school at Huntington, Long Island.

We were glad to have Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wing of White Cloud, Mich., spend Sabbath, September 29, with us. Mr. Wing gave the morning sermon.—Correspondent.

From Here and There

Alfred, N. Y. — President emeritus J. Nelson Norwood is now occupying his new office in the Greene Block.

Ashaway, R. I. — There were more than eighty present at the fellowship supper held in the parish house for members and friends of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church. This was the first get-together of the fall season. An excellent supper was served, the tables being centered with vegetable arrangements suggestive of autumn in their bright colors. During the supper hour music was furnished by the Wright orchestra. Later a program was presented composed of orchestra music; readings, "A Sermon on Old Mother Hubbard" and "Sam's Letter," by Mrs. Elston Van Horn; a playlet, "O Daddy"; and a period of gospel choruses led by Mrs. Harold Collings.

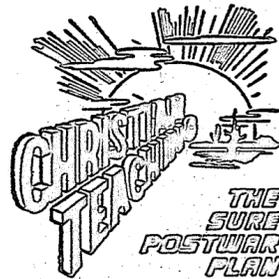
De Ruyter, N. Y. — The pastor of the Battle Creek, Mich., Seventh Day Baptist Church, Rev. Alton Wheeler, is to preach during special services to be held in the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist church October 26 to November 4.

Salem, W. Va. — H. O. Burdick, formerly professor of biology in Salem College, and more recently with Alfred University, is now located in India with the American Red Cross.

"Peace hath her victories . . .

"—no less renowned than war." And these boy-men we shall be welcoming home at long last will want a part in winning the peace. As you grip the Christian soldier's hand in welcome, make a solemn pledge with yourself to fight the peace as selflessly as he fought the war.

American service men never left their churches. Heroic chaplains and contributions of Christian literature have gone with them to the farthest islands of the sea. Behind the lines, helping to supply these vast necessities, has been your official church publishing house. Night and day the printed words of eternal truth have sped from humming presses into distant reaching hands. Peace will not slow these presses: war has been reveille for many a drowsing soul. Support your church publishing house in its Christian mission—the only worthwhile propaganda ever to exist.



The Recorder Press, your Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House, has co-operated during the war by furnishing religious publications to our men in all branches of service—as well as supplying many chaplains of other faiths with religious materials for use in their work with servicemen.

Now that peace has come your Publishing House will help you in all your plans to make that peace enduring.

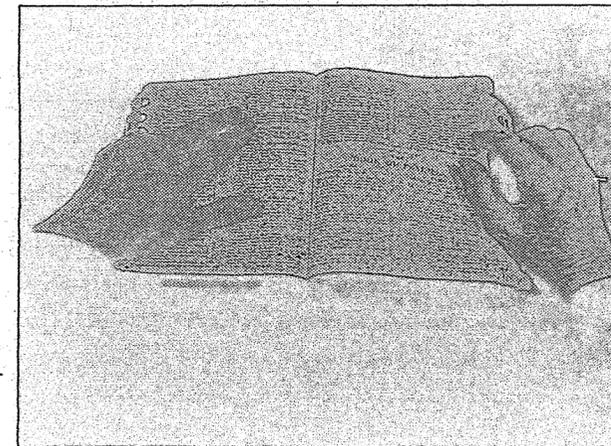
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*We come back laden from our quest
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read.*

—Whittier.

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