

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST COMMISSION MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE TO SECOND CENTURY FUND

When the Commission at Williams Bay proposed the Second Century Fund, they wanted to be among the first to contribute to this fund for reconstruction and rehabilitation in Seventh Day Baptist mission fields. With this in mind, the Commission members have sent their contributions to the treasurer of the Missionary Society, Karl G. Stillman, Westerly, R. I. We have requested that each member send a short message to the Recorder concerning this fund, some of which we are printing this week; the others will appear later.

Seventh Day Baptists have never undertaken a more important task than that represented by the Second Century Fund. When the first American church was founded in Newport in 1671, when the General Conference was organized in 1801, and when the first foreign missionaries were sent out about a century ago—these were great movements indeed. But when the Commission and the Missionary Board together launched the Second Century Fund something equally great was set in motion. It was done in response to a feeling expressed from many quarters of the denomination. It will be of help to our brethren who have suffered in the war; and it will enlarge our souls.—Albert N. Rogers.

Our hope in the future of Seventh Day Baptists gives us courage to launch the \$25,000 Second Century Fund. Through it we anticipate not only the reconstruction of our foreign missionary fields but a broadening of the work to include many needy souls not now reached by the gospel of Christ. New laborers as well as new materials must be found. Many downtrodden by war are looking to the Christians of America not only for the material necessities of life but for some anchor in which they can feel a security for a better way of living. They want a peace of soul that no war has or ever can bring. They need to sing, "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness."

Your dollars and mine given freely can make this possible. In appreciation of our manifold blessings from a good and gracious God who has spared our own land, let us lay at the altar the next two years such an abundance that thousands of weary souls will find the peace that only our Christ can bring.—Leslie O. Greene.

Whatever the younger members of the Commission may have thought, there was at least one member present at the August meeting at Williams Bay who felt that in agreeing to start the Second Century Fund we were laying ourselves open to criticism. But we all, old as well as young, felt, I believe, that we were doing the right thing. As to subjecting ourselves to adverse criticism, it has been some compensation to me to learn of the sign on the wall of the Navy Research Laboratory in Washington which reads: "Consider the turtle—he doesn't make any progress unless he sticks his neck out."

It is true that the initiative for starting the new movement came largely from the younger men. We need to have the young people with initiative and courage. Some of us older ones are too conservative. We are too apt to say, "That won't work. We tried it back in the nineteenth century and we know it won't." As a matter of fact, we don't know. It is by no means certain that what would not work in 1895 won't work in 1945. Of course it won't work if we sit back and find fault, but by the help of God it will, if we work at it hard enough.

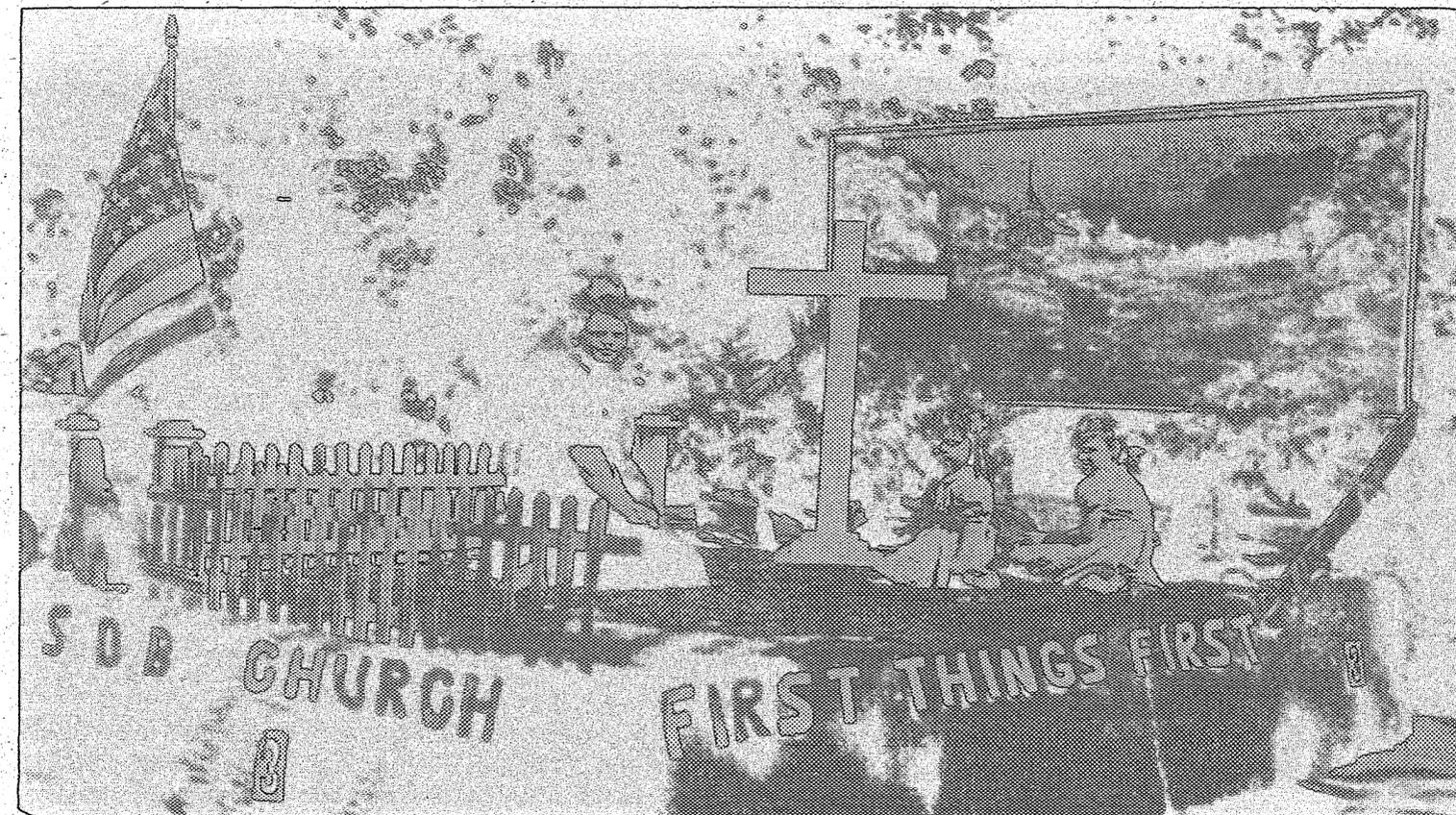
—J. W. Crofoot.

Now, Let's All Give!

The Sabbath Recorder

SABBATH
SCHOOL
FLOAT WINS
FIRST PLACE

During the annual village festival, "Pop Corn Days," in North Loup, Neb., the Seventh Day Baptist Sabbath School float (pictured below) won first place in the church school's division of the parade. For the complete story read the "Hook-up" in the October 15 Sabbath Recorder.



—Courtesy Ord Quiz, Ord, Neb.

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Editorials

A DILEMMA

One of the dilemmas of an editor is the fact that limitations of time and space often make it impossible to give emphasis to subjects which are vital, but which are not among the so-called "must" items. Lest some of the accumulated clippings and notes on the editor's desk become permanently buried under daily work, let's make at least a mention of them here.

First, this growing drinking problem. An editor in a daily newspaper laments the fact that well-meaning folk ply returning servicemen with liquor. Then many of these veterans meet with disaster and sudden death—after surviving the dangers of the battlefield. What kind of honor and glory is this?

A magazine article, enumerating the reason for the upsurge of drinking, insists that life is dull and drab for most people, and until such time as the world can offer something better, the mass of people will continue to "drown their sorrows." What a pity! Christianity has "something better"; how can we help people to receive it?

It is said that fifty-four dollars for every person in this country was spent for liquor last year, while the per capita giving of the members of Protestant Churches was less than sixteen dollars. In other words, the people of this country are spending more than three times as much for liquor as the church members are for the maintenance of church interests.

This startling fact leads directly into another problem that deserves immediate consideration—the present world need. Letters, telegrams, and special appeals keep pouring in from all sorts of agencies and groups, reiterating the desperate plight of millions of the world's people. Christians recognize the need, that is certain; Christians will do all they can to help, that is equally certain.

Church people in America are willing to have rationing continue or sacrifice in any way which will make national assistance to the war-torn countries possible. As individuals, and church groups, we must give careful consideration to co-ordinate and organize our efforts that they will do the most good in alleviating the suffering.

These are brief statements of large problems; there are other very important matters that might be mentioned, too. But for now, each one of you may become an "editor." In your own thinking editorialize further on these ideas; consider, too, other problems that are on your heart, as they undoubtedly are on the editor's, also. Then let's translate our considerations into constructive actions.

GUEST EDITORIAL

"UP FRONT"

[One of the purposes of these guest editorials is to get a cross section of church opinion, from young and old, men and women, lay people and pastors. The following stirring, soul-searching comment comes from one of the women of the denomination.]

Such is the caption—short, simple, but emphatic—of Bill Mauldin's recent book which arrested my attention and gripped my imagination as I thought of it in connection with God's plan for the work of his kingdom. Other interests have been "up front" for too long a time: the result? a torn, bleeding, and utterly confused world!

Let us for a moment check up in regard to the Lord's work—your work, my work. First—Are we, individually, up front in service? (The "Not I—but Christ!" kind of service?) Second—"Is my church, locally, up front?" Third—"Denominationally, are we up front in service?" Every honest heart answer is "No!" (Hebrews 13: 18 reads, "Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.")

Why are we not up front in all things for God? Honestly, because not one of us, or one of our churches has done his, her, or its consecrated best work! I am so ashamed of my own failure that I desire not only honest, personal reconsecration, but also to stir others to be "in all things willing to live honestly." No Christian, bearing his

PIN POINT EDITORIALS

In measuring success the things that count are the things you cannot count.

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And it came to pass that the preacher did remain in his study, for great were his problems, and there were many adversaries. But when he did feel that he was getting too low in spirits, he did go for a walk.

And when he did reach the park he did meditate, for there he saw that the boys did fly their kites. And he did note that the kites did rise against the wind, and not with it.

And when he did return unto his work he did remember this.

—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

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Wise men are never silent—they simply know when to be.

name, has any reasonable excuse not to be up front in service.

God promises today. "If my people which are called by my name, shall (1) humble themselves, and (2) pray, and (3) seek my face, and (4) turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven." An honest requirement, followed by an honest promise!

Jesus Christ, our Living Lord, promises today, "Therefore I say unto you, whatsoever things ye desire (long for) when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

Do you, do I, long to have our Christ, our Church, God's plan, up front? Why do we limit our own usefulness to him? We cannot excuse ourselves before God! God is not at fault! The only limit to God we put on him ourselves. Mark 10: 27. Pray that he may make us "use-able"—up front.

EDITORIAL FROM THE PAST

FORGIVENESS DOES COST SOMETHING

A miner who had listened to one of J. Campbell Morgan's sermons came to the preacher after service saying, "I would give anything to believe that God would forgive my sins, but I cannot believe he will do so if I just turn to him. It is too cheap." Mr. Campbell looked at the man, and said, "My dear friend, have you been working today?" "Yes," was the reply, "I have been down in the pit as usual." "How did you get out?" "The way I usually do. I got into the cage and was pulled up." "How much did you pay to get out of the pit?" "Pay? Of course I did not pay anything." The minister then asked the miner how he came to trust himself in that cage, and if it were not too cheap. To this the miner replied, "Oh, no, it was cheap for me, but it cost the company a lot of money to sink that shaft." As he thus spoke the real truth about the cost of forgiveness seemed to dawn upon him, and he saw for the first time that if he could have salvation without money and without price, it cost the infinite God a great price to sink the shaft that saves lost men from a bottomless pit.

True forgiveness is not a mere letting up of the feeling of revenge on the part of the injured one. It must be more than that. The forgiving party must find some way to

regard the offender as though he had never offended. In order to do this there must be such a loving sympathy with him as will enable the offended to pass over, as it were, into the offender's place, and when there to spare no pains, labor, or cost in trying to win the evildoer. Think how much it must have cost the Father, to thus come over into our condition. God manifest in flesh, in painstaking sacrifice and suffering for sinful men, in order to provide for their forgiveness! Surely forgiveness does cost something on God's part; and nothing so displays divine love as does the offer of such forgiveness free to whosoever will accept the gift.

Theo. L. Gardiner.

October 30, 1911.

VISIBLE OR INVISIBLE

There may be no outward evidence of it, but Recorder procedure is in the process of an important change. For some time the routine has been so arranged that material to go into the Recorder has come to the office on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week; the copy has been read, and arranged, and sent to the printshop on those days. That has left Thursday for make-up work in the shop and Friday for printing, folding, and mailing.

Working on such a close schedule has left no margin for times of emergency. Often both the editorial staff and shop force have had to work under terrific pressure, with the result that Recorder appearance and accuracy have been sacrificed. Occasionally the mailing staff has had to postpone getting the Recorders to the post office because they have been left with too much to do before sundown on Friday night. Such conditions are not conducive to a good publication.

Therefore, beginning with the issue of October 29 a new plan has been inaugurated. Material for this number went to the printshop for setting into type on Wednesday (October 17), Thursday, and Friday. That made possible more careful perusal of material on the following Monday and Tuesday, and more deliberate and thoughtful attention to make-up, arrangement, and general appearance. We sincerely believe that this method of getting copy in for the Recorder will ultimately result in a better, more worthwhile publication.

To start this new plan has meant sacrifice on the part of contributing editors, other writers, and publishing house workers. In the editorial offices it has necessitated the preparation of two sets of copy in one week; in the shop it has entailed the rearranging of schedules. For the very fine co-operation from everyone concerned, the editor is very grateful.

Remember, those of you who contribute material to the Recorder, from now on the regular deadline will be Wednesday, one week and a half before publication date.

Of course, brief items of special or emergency news can usually be printed in the Recorder as late as Tuesday afternoon of the week before publication date. In these times, as an illustration, more and more news is coming from the foreign mission fields, and when such news is forwarded to us, every effort will be made to publish it immediately.

The desire of those who are responsible for the publishing of our denominational magazine is to put out as fine and up-to-the-minute a publication as possible, that our people may be kept informed as to the latest activities of Seventh Day Baptists and the most recent happenings in the general field of the Christian religion, grow spiritually, and be challenged to high Christian activity.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

"Ears to Hear"

It was our pleasure to take a load from Riverside to the semiannual Pacific Coast Association meeting in Los Angeles. We left earlier than some others so we might spend more time on the road and go by Montabello for a call on our daughter and her family whom we had not seen since July.



P. B. Hurley

On the front seat beside me was our blind singer friend, Neva. We were just outside the city when Neva said, "Aren't those meadow larks happy this morning?" I had neither seen nor heard them. A little later the comment was, "The blackbirds must be having a convention today." Again I had neither seen nor heard. We talked of and listened for other

birds, including crows and sparrows. Neva loved them all, including the sparrow which she admitted was a pest. Discussion of these things revealed that she, though blind, sensed many things about birds and other creatures which we—supposedly having all our senses—rarely observe.

Why do we have to lose one or more of our senses before we learn to use to the fullest the talents given us? For years I have sung many of the gospel hymns. Few are those I can sing without a book before me. Neva sings all of them and never sees a word or note. She will sit through a first "reading" of a new anthem. Next time through she will do better than we who see the music.

When will we learn to use all our senses and develop all our talents?

P. B. Hurley,
Conference President.

BIBLE STUDY FROM ROMANS

By Rev. Trevah R. Sutton

The Lamb of God

Open your Bibles to the book of Romans, chapter five, and verse eight. Mother and Dad, perhaps son or daughter may need your help—do they need to help you find the place? I have known that to happen. Are we ready? Let us read this verse: "But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

God—Our Loving Creator

First notice that it is God—he who made everything, ourselves included. This God, as great as he is in the universe, is so personal that he can love. Note also that his love was commended, or given, to us—we who are small in all his limitless creation. So great was his love that Christ, his only Son (John 3: 16), died for us "while we were yet sinners." Think of it! We who so easily, and so willingly disobey the laws of God should have such love given us first!

Jesus—Our Unblemished Sacrifice

Why should Christ die for us? Simply this: God has provided everlasting life for mankind, but only they who are freed from the bonds of sin can in eternity abide in the presence of God. Redemption is made only through the sacrifice of that which is

without blemish. Christ Jesus, God's Son in human flesh, is the only one to live within the laws of God. His death can be our sacrifice.

The ancient Hebrew made a sacrifice of his best lamb—a sign of the Christ. We today, living after God made his sacrifice for us, must find our redemption not by our own sacrifice, but rather through the acceptance of his sacrifice. God has offered us a gift and we receive it when we, through faith, accept it.

New Enterprise, Pa.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

[The Historical Rooms in the Seventh Day Baptist Building are filled with interesting displays. Realizing that many Recorder readers are unable to visit in Plainfield, Dr. Corliss F. Randolph, president of the Historical Society, has prepared a series of brief articles telling about the various features on exhibit.]

In its museum cases, the Historical Society places on view certain articles from its rather extensive collection of museum material, changing the exhibit from time to time. In the current exhibit are the following military commissions, ranging from the Revolutionary War down into the Civil War:

Samuel Randolph, Gent. Commission as Ensign, County of Sussex, 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Militia. Signed by Governor Will Livingston, May 16, 1777.

Josiah G. Maxson. Commission as Musician, Otsego County, New York State, Regiment of Militia. Signed by Reuben Rock, Lieut. Col., Com'dr., March 27, 1811.

Suel Spolding. Commission as Cornet[ist], State of New York, 11th Regiment of Calvary. Signed by Governor Daniel D. Tompkins, June 27, 1812.

Josiah G. Maxson. Commission as Fifer, State of New York, 135th Regiment of Artillery. Signed by Lodowick Brown, Captain of Militia, August 31, 1819.

Leman Andrus. Commission as Chaplain, State of New York, 22nd Regiment of Artillery. Signed by Governor De Witt Clinton, July 2, 1825.

D. R. Maxson. Commission as 1st Sergeant, Co. F., 4th Regiment of Wisconsin Infantry. Signed by Halbert E. Laine, Col. Commanding the Regiment, December 20, 1861.

Daniel R. Maxson. Commission as 2nd Lieutenant, Co. F., 4th Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers. Signed by Governor Edward Salomon, September 11, 1862.

C. F. R.

REMEMBER
THE SECOND CENTURY
FUND

Money! Money! Money!

By Rev. Harold R. Crandall, President
Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

We have become accustomed to appeals for funds to carry on the war and have been urged to buy bonds and more bonds. We have been urged to give to various agencies for servicemen's entertainment and welfare. There has been ample response to these requests. Now the terrible conflict has ceased. Many in war-devastated areas are in dire need of the necessities and comforts of life. Agencies call for funds to provide food, clothing, fuel. There will be generous response to provide for the needy. Many contributing to material needs will feel that they have done their "Christian duty," and in a measure fulfilled their religious obligations. True, Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." But there is further need beyond the physical.

The late global war demonstrates what the force of evil does to mankind. We have been through an orgy of hatred produced by greed and lust for power. Those guilty of bringing this suffering upon peoples the world over do not alone suffer the full consequences of their sin. The most innocent suffer on account of it.

Dr. A. L. Warnshuis has said, "Repentance, moral reformation, spiritual regeneration are what the world needs." The gospel of Jesus Christ must be preached. Men will not realize their condition until they examine their lives in the light of the Christ. We must not so fix our eyes upon far fields that we forget to look also close at hand. We must not be so absorbed in contemplating the failures of others that we neglect our own spiritual welfare.

Seventh Day Baptists always have been a missionary people. They will continue to contribute to the spread of the gospel at home and abroad.

MORE LABORERS

It does not seem that the time has come yet when there is no need of sending missionaries to foreign lands. Counsel and advice, encouragement and inspiration are needed so much. Vast populations need the gospel of Christ and its ministrations. Young men and young women are needed to preach and to teach. They are needed to serve as doctors and nurses in hospitals and clinics and in home visitation. "The harvest is rich—so pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers." (Moffatt's translation.) As our Lord selected his corps of laborers when he was upon earth, even so he selects laborers in these days. It is necessary that we co-operate with him in selecting those whom he would have us send in his name, and in giving them every encouragement. Special training is needed for the work in various lands. Those to be sent should receive the best training available. Here is another use for some of the money contributed to the Second Century Fund.

Plan now to contribute generously to this Second Century Fund. Contribute now if you will. Expect to contribute again and again in the coming months. Be prepared to respond to the call of the representative of the Missionary Society as he goes about from place to place. But with all your generous response to this special appeal do not neglect the Denominational Budget. There is more and more need of increasing that in order that the regular work may be carried on and that it may be expanded.

Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields;
for they are white already to harvest.
And he that reapeth receiveth wages,
and gathereth fruit unto life eternal:
That both he that soweth and he that reapeth
may rejoice together. John 4: 35, 36.

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. 2 Corinthians 9: 15.

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.

BOTH ARE NEEDED

Sometimes we hear members of a church say, "We want a young man for pastor, one who will interest the young people"; and we occasionally meet people who say, "We need a pastor of mature years to meet the problems of our church." This difference of opinion regarding youth and age is not confined to an estimate of ministers. There are young people who look upon people of mature years as old fogies, and old folks who think of all young people as callow youth.

These ideas are unfortunate, and the conduct which they produce is not helpful, to say the best. In all Christian work, especially that of a minister, other things have much more to do with one's influence than the number of years one has lived. The condition of heart, strength of mind and body, willingness to work unceasingly hard, love for all men, and above all love for Christ, determine the usefulness of any minister.

Both young and old folks are needed in the home, church, society, and the ministry. Paul wrote Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth"; and about the same time he speaks of himself as "Paul the aged." Both have a special service to give which the church and society need very much. Fortunate is the minister who has both old and young with whom he works and to whom he can look for counsel. W. L. B.

A CALL TO THE CHURCHES

The time is at hand for evangelical Christianity to launch a movement to win America for Christ. Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour alone can give us new life, and save us from self-destruction. He is inescapable, inevitable and altogether sufficient.

This is the hour for the Christian Church to exercise its stewardship as the custodian, interpreter, and ambassador of the gospel of divine redemption by pleading with men to be reconciled to God. Christians everywhere in all the churches, are called upon to witness to the saving truth and the regenerating

power of the gospel by word, as well as by deeds of love.

The year 1945 will go down in history as the end of the worst war this world has ever known. Life and property were expended profusely to rid the human scene of forces which, if victorious, would have made Christian faith and life difficult. The close of the war, however, has thrust us into a new and even more critical situation. The future of mankind is now brought before the bar of judgment.

Unprecedented Power

This nation has come into the possession of unprecedented power and influence. It may be used for weal or for woe. Our goodness is hardly equal to our responsibility. Science has no adequate word of salvation to offer. We cannot return to a prescientific age. The political institutions which we build are not exempt from the corruptions of evil-minded men. The new situation puts demands upon us which cannot be evaded. God is speaking to us through these times, in terms of invitation and warning.

The weapons of war are silent. They are impotent to generate the new life which is needed. It will be impossible to settle down into the indifference and apathy of normalcy; to do so is to sleep the sleep of death. It is man who must be changed! Through regeneration, new life can and must be infused into the life of man and society. Faith and repentance are the only alternatives to man's disintegration.

Divine Rebuilding

The desolations in the earth cry out for divine rebuilding. Broken hearts cry out for healing. Hatreds in the human spirit must be eradicated by redemptive love. Mutual confidence must be rebuilt. The foundations of our social order must be reconstructed. The deliverance which is in Christ must be made efficacious in those who are the captives of fear and uncertainty. And the compulsion of the love of Christ must become a power in the lives of us all in

these days of unusual opportunity for charity and good will to all who are in need.

We call upon the churches to repent of their sins of omission and commission. We call upon them to awaken both to the danger and the opportunity which stand like an open door before them. We call upon them to recover again by prayer and study and fellowship the saving power of the gospel as a personal and corporate reality. We call upon them to proclaim with clarity, conviction, love, and unity the truth and the grace that are in Jesus Christ to all men everywhere.

Lay Evangelism

We call upon all churches to make 1946 a special year of nation-wide lay evangelism, in order to reach the sixty millions who are still outside the churches in this land. Let them release hundreds of thousands of laymen, dedicated to this primary task of the Church, and bring about a quiet, but potent, inflow of the knowledge and power of the crucified and risen Christ which will rejoice the heart of God; revive the spiritual life of the churches; and promote the highest welfare of this nation, and the world. Let them be concerned about the new migration of our peoples which threatens the loss of many from church membership.

We call upon the churches to undergird this plan by praying for the world, for the nation, for the churches, and for workers. Prayer is the source and the support of Christian endeavor. God hears and answers the prayers of those who are concerned about the glorification of his name and the extension of his reign of righteousness and love.

We call upon the churches to make this their primary effort during 1946. Billions have been spent to win the war on the field of battle. Millions of lives have been sacrificed in this terrible conflict. Let us keep faith with this sacrifice! It is a mute but eloquent testimony to the necessity of the gospel, if men would have life from God. Certainly the opportunity and the responsibility of winning America for Christ will demand much more of us all. But the issue is new life from God—for the churches, for the nation, for the world, and for all individuals who share in the effort.—Department of Evangelism, Federal Council of Churches.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT

September 1, 1945, to September 30, 1945

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

Dr.	
Cash on hand September 1, 1945	\$4,216.58
Clifford F. Lamson, E. Taunton, Mass., for missionary evangelistic and Sabbath promotion work	20.00
Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Crichlow for Jamaica School Fund	8.00
Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Crichlow for educating Jamaicans for ministry	8.00
Reta I. Crouch, Albuquerque, N. M.	15.00
Permanent Fund income	327.29
Second Brookfield, N. Y.	25.00
Denominational Budget	593.25
Rockville, R. I.	2.40
Friendship, N. Y.	10.00
Gentry, Ark.	5.00
Battle Creek, Mich.	1.00
Denver, Colo., for foreign missions	6.00
Chicago, Ill.	11.00
Milton, Wis.	10.00
Milton, Wis., for Dr. Grace I. Crandall	10.00
Estate of Jennie Crandall - Bequest	1,055.59
Ethel W. Henney, repayment mortgage	2,500.00
Ethel W. Henney, interest on mortgage	11.46
	<u>\$8,835.57</u>

Cr.	
Washington Trust Co., transfer Ethel W. Henney interest to Permanent Fund income account	\$ 11.46
C. A. Morgan, Inc., Surety bond treasurer	50.00
Jamaica payments as follows:	
Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph, salary	\$100.00
House rent	20.84
Children's allowance	25.00
Native workers	39.57
Ministerial Education Fund	20.00
Rev. and Mrs. Crichlow's gift to Jamaica School Fund	8.00
	<u>213.41</u>

Rev. Neal D. Mills	41.66
Rev. Earl Cruzan	27.50
Rev. Trevah R. Sutton	41.67
Rev. Verney A. Wilson	25.00
Rev. John F. Randolph	41.66
Rev. Clifford A. Beebe	41.66
Rev. David S. Clarke	41.66
Rev. Wm. L. Burdick, salary	\$125.00
House and office rent	25.00
Office supplies	6.86
Clerk hire	41.66
	<u>198.52</u>

Rev. Herbert L. Polan	15.90
Rev. G. D. Hargis	41.66
Treasurer's expense	25.00
Rev. Rex Zwiebel	41.66
Rev. Zack H. White	83.34
Mrs. George P. Kenyon	10.00
Rev. R. R. Thorngate	10.00
China payments as follows:	
Rev. H. Eugene Davis	\$ 75.00
Dr. Rosa W. Palmberg	30.00
	<u>105.00</u>

Rev. Wm. A. Berry	50.00
Rev. H. R. Crandall for travel expense	11.20
Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Fund share	
September Denominational Budget receipts	29.66
Cash balance on hand September 30, 1945	7,678.85
	<u>\$8,835.57</u>

Accounts payable as at September 30, 1945:	
China	\$3,937.83
Germany	2,750.00
Holland	2,775.00
	<u>\$9,462.83</u>

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

September, 1945

The Society Owns:	
Cash—In checking accounts:	
The Washington Trust Company, Westerly, R. I.	\$ 101.00
Industrial Trust Company, Westerly, R. I.	7,678.85
	<u>\$ 7,779.85</u>
In savings accounts:	
The Washington Trust Company, Westerly, R. I.	\$ 699.24
Industrial Trust Company, Westerly, R. I.	2,106.77
	<u>2,806.01</u>
Loans Receivable - Jamaica	847.00
Investments:	
Stocks, bonds, and mortgages	126,326.45
Real estate—In China	\$ 55,829.86
In Jamaica	6,125.00
In United States	1,200.00
	<u>63,154.86</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$200,914.17</u>
The Society Owes:	
Accounts payable	\$ 9,462.83
Notes payable - S. D. B.	
Memorial Fund	1,097.00
	<u>10,559.83</u>
Excess of assets over amounts owed	<u>\$190,354.34</u>

The above excess is applicable as follows:

Funds—Principal amounts:	
Permanent Fund	\$114,165.90
General Fund	1,342.23
Alice Fisher Ministerial Relief Fund	4,120.93
H. C. Woodmansee Ministerial Relief Fund	473.00
A. J. Potter Ministerial Relief Fund	1,183.89
F. F. Randolph Memorial Fund	72.60
Amanda M. Burdick Scholarship Fund	1,277.94
Myrta E. Greene Special Fund	1,024.68
Ministerial Education Fund	300.37
Ministerial Retirement Fund	75.08
Return of Missionaries	
Travel Fund	1,008.07
Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Fund	937.06
	<u>\$125,981.75</u>
Funds—Unexpended income:	
Income Equalization Fund	\$ 375.00
Permanent Fund	101.00
Amanda M. Burdick Scholarship Fund	107.94
Associated Trusts Fund	96.76
Ministerial Relief Funds	274.18
Myrta E. Greene Special Fund	33.01
	<u>987.89</u>

Funds—Gifts for special purposes:	
Sundry	229.84
Rest estate equities not allocated to specific funds:	
In China	\$ 55,829.86
In Jamaica	6,125.00
In United States	1,200.00
	<u>63,154.86</u>
	<u>\$190,354.34</u>

Little Genesee, N. Y.—Twelve Church Christmas boxes to be sent overseas have been packed by individuals and organizations of Little Genesee.

Ashaway, R. I.—Miss Ruth Kenyon has been appointed field director at the veteran's administration hospital in Bath, N. Y., by the North Atlantic Area of American National Red Cross.

ANNUAL MEETING OF AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY HELD

The annual meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society (N. J.) was held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield on Sunday, September 16, 1945, at 2:45 p.m., with Victor W. Skaggs presiding and the following members present: Herbert C. Van Horn, Courtland V. Davis, Mrs. Frank E. Lobaugh, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Miss Lucy Whitford, Victor W. Skaggs, L. Harrison North, George R. Crandall, Frank R. Kellogg, Luther S. Davis, K. Duane Hurley, Mrs. L. Harrison North, Mrs. Luther S. Davis, Melvin G. Nida, Mrs. Melvin G. Nida, and Francis D. Saunders.

After other business was cared for, the committee on nominations reported as follows:

Officers

President, no nomination; president emeritus, Corliss F. Randolph; first vice-president, Nathan E. Lewis; second vice-president, Franklin A. Langworthy; third vice-president, Hurley S. Warren; corresponding secretary, Herbert C. Van Horn; treasurer, J. Leland Skaggs; recording secretary, Courtland V. Davis; assistant recording secretary, Mrs. Frank E. Lobaugh; and assistant treasurer, Mrs. William M. Stillman.

Board of Trustees

Lavern C. Bassett, Dunellen, N. J.; Nathan E. Lewis, Plainfield, N. J.; Hurley S. Warren, Plainfield; Herbert C. Van Horn, Plainfield; Courtland V. Davis, Plainfield; Frederik J. Bakker, Plainfield; J. Leland Skaggs, New York, N. Y.; Mrs. William M. Stillman, Plainfield; Orra S. Rogers, Orlando, Fla.; Asa F. Randolph, Plainfield; Ahva J. C. Bond, Alfred, N. Y.; Franklin A. Langworthy, Plainfield; George R. Crandall, Plainfield; William L. Burdick, Ashaway, R. I.; Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Plainfield; Karl G. Stillman, Westerly, R. I.; George B. Utter, Westerly; Frank R. Kellogg, Dunellen; Mrs. Frank E. Lobaugh, Plainfield; Lester G. Osborn, Shiloh, N. J.; Luther S. Davis, Marlboro, N. J.; Charles F. Harris, Shiloh; Miss Lucy Whitford, Plainfield; Victor W. Skaggs, Dunellen; Bert B. Sheppard, Shiloh; Paul A. Whitford, Plainfield; William J. Ayars, Shiloh; K. Duane Hurley, Plainfield; Francis D. Saunders, Marlboro; and Melvin G. Nida, Plainfield.

The report was adopted and the elections completed as indicated. The election of a president was referred to the Board of Trustees with power. The board voted that the president pro tem appoint a committee to nominate a president of the society and to report at the next meeting of the board. The committee appointed is Nathan E. Lewis,

Herbert C. Van Horn, and Asa F. Randolph. It was voted that the president pro tem appoint the committee on nominations for the ensuing year. The committee appointed is as follows: Franklin A. Langworthy, Mrs. Hurley S. Warren, Herbert C. Van Horn.

During the meeting of the Tract Board on the same afternoon it was voted that the matter of the appointment of the usual standing committees of the board be referred to the president pro tem and the recording secretary with power.

Committees Appointed

Advisory—Asa F. Randolph, Miss Lucy Whitford, William L. Burdick, Melvin G. Nida, K. Duane Hurley, and Frank R. Kellogg, chairman; Distribution—Lester G. Osborn, Luther S. Davis, Francis D. Saunders, Bert Sheppard, William Ayars, Victor W. Skaggs, and Charles F. Harris, chairman; Investment—Paul Whitford, George R. Crandall, J. Leland Skaggs, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Frederik J. Bakker, and Lavern C. Bassett, chairman; Budget—Mrs. William M. Stillman (acting chairman), Frank R. Kellogg, Charles F. Harris, Nathan E. Lewis, Lavern C. Bassett, and J. Leland Skaggs, chairman; Supervisory—Luther S. Davis, Mrs. Frank E. Lobaugh, Franklin A. Langworthy, Hurley S. Warren, and Nathan E. Lewis, chairman; Auditing—Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Courtland V. Davis, and Asa F. Randolph, chairman.

COUNCIL ENCOURAGES ORGANIZATION OF WASHINGTON (D. C.), CHURCH

Delegates from Seventh Day Baptist churches in West Virginia and New Jersey met with a group of Seventh Day Baptists in Washington, D. C., at the Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church at 11:30 a.m., on Sabbath day, October 13, 1945.

Following the singing of several hymns under the leadership of Rev. Lester G. Osborn, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn led the assembly in prayer. Rev. Harold E. Snide announced that delegates had been invited from Seventh Day Baptist churches to meet as a council to consider the organization of a Seventh Day Baptist Church to be located in Washington, D. C., and turned the meeting over to the council.

Organizing, the council elected Rev. James L. Skaggs chairman of the meeting and Courtland V. Davis, secretary.

Representatives of the churches sending delegates were as follows: Salem, W. Va.—Rev. James L. Skaggs, Jennings Randolph; Lost Creek, W. Va.—Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, S. Erlow Davis, Charles L. Williams;

Roanoke, W. Va.—Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, Mrs. Susie Williams; Piscataway, N. J.—Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, Miss Ethel Rogers; Plainfield, N. J.—Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, Courtland V. Davis; Shiloh, N. J.—Rev. Lester G. Osborn, Charles F. Harris, Oliver Dickinson.

It was voted that Rev. Leslie O. Greene of the Albion, Wis., Church be invited to sit as a member of the council.

Those present who wished to become members of the new church spoke briefly of their Christian experience and their wish to join the new church. It was voted that the chairman appoint a committee on credentials. The committee appointed was as follows: Rev. Lester G. Osborn, Mrs. Susie Williams, Rev. Leslie O. Greene.

Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn and Honorable Jennings Randolph spoke words of encouragement for the proposed church.

Credentials Committee

The Committee on Credentials reported recommending that the following persons be encouraged to organize the Evangelical Seventh Day Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., and that they hold open the charter membership rolls for a period of sixty days for the admission of the names of such others as might properly become members: Harold E. Snide, Arthur M. Northrop, Claude W. Floyd, Eugenia Neifert, Virginia MacPowell, Marion Stephan, Paul Stephan, Julia Dixon, and Martha Stephan.

The report was adopted.

Rev. Harold E. Snide presented a proposed covenant and statement of belief for the new church as follows:

Constrained by the love of Christ and the Holy Spirit to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, we, the undersigned baptized believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, taking the Bible for our guide, do hereby covenant together in church fellowship, to encourage one another in Christian progress, to conduct Christian worship, to celebrate the Christian ordinances, and to advance Christ's spiritual kingdom in the hearts of men both at home and abroad, agreeing to bear the expenses and burdens of the Church as God gives us the ability.

Statement of Belief

I. God

We believe in God, the one personal, perfect, and eternal Spirit, Creator, and Sustainer of the universe, our Father, who manifests a holy redeeming love toward all men. Genesis 1: 1; Isaiah 25: 1-9; Psalms 90: 1, 2; 91: 2; John 4: 24;

1 Timothy 1: 17; John 3: 16; 1 John 3: 1; Ephesians 4: 6.

II. Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our Saviour, Teacher, and Guide, who draws to himself all men who will come to him in love and trustful obedience. John 1: 14-18; 12: 32; Romans 1: 3-5; Galatians 4: 4-6; Ephesians 1: 18-23; 1 John 3: 16; 2: 2.

III. The Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the indwelling God, the Inspirer of Scripture, the Comforter, active in the hearts and minds and lives of men, who reproves of sin, instructs in righteousness, and empowers for witnessing and service. John 14: 26; 16: 7-14; Acts 1: 8; Romans 5: 5; 2 Peter 1: 21.

IV. The Bible

We believe that the Bible is the inspired record of God's will for man, of which Jesus Christ is the supreme interpreter; and that it is our final authority in matters of faith and conduct. 2 Timothy 3: 14-17; Hebrews 1: 1, 2; 2 Peter 1: 19, 20; John 20: 30, 31.

V. Man

We believe that man was made in the image of God in his spiritual nature and personality, and is therefore the noblest work of creation; that he has moral responsibility, and was created for divine sonship and human fellowship, but because of disobedience he is in need of a Saviour. Genesis 1: 26, 27; Micah 6: 8; Psalm 8: 4, 5; 2 Corinthians 4: 15, 16; Ephesians 2: 4-10.

VI. Sin and Salvation

We believe that sin is any want of conformity to the character and will of God, and that salvation from sin and death, through repentance and faith in Christ our Saviour, is the gift of God by redeeming love, centered in the atoning death of Christ, who bore our sins in his own body on the Cross. John 1: 29; 3: 5; 1 John 3: 4; Romans 3: 23-27; Acts 2: 37-39; 1 Peter 2: 21-25; Ephesians 2: 8; 1 Peter 3: 18; Hebrews 9: 28.

VII. Resurrection and Eternal Rewards

We believe that Jesus rose from the dead, ascended to the Father, and will come again in heavenly glory; that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, the former with spiritual and glorified bodies to enjoy eternal life, the latter to be punished with everlasting destruction, which is the "second death." John 3: 14, 15; 17: 1-3; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-22, 42-57; 1 John 5: 11, 12; Matthew 25: 31-46; Colossians 3: 1-4; 2 Thessalonians 1: 8, 9; Revelation 20: 14, 15; Romans 6: 23.

VIII. The Church

We believe that the Church of God is the whole company of redeemed people gathered by the Holy Spirit into one body of which Christ is the head; and that the local church is a community of Christ's followers organized for fellowship and service, practicing and proclaiming common convictions. Matthew 16: 16-19; Colossians 1: 18; 1 Corinthians 12: 13, 14; Ephesians 1: 22, 23; 2: 19-22; Acts 14: 23.

IX. The Sacraments

We believe that baptism of believers by immersion is a witness to the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and is a symbol of death to sin, a pledge to a new life in Christ. We believe that the Lord's Supper commemorates the suffering and death of the world's Redeemer, "Till he come," and is a symbol of Christian fellowship and a pledge of renewed allegiance to our risen Lord. Matthew 3: 13-17; Acts 2: 37-39; Romans 6: 3, 4; Mark 16: 16; Matthew 26: 26-28; 1 Corinthians 10: 16, 17; 11: 23-29.

X. The Sabbath

We believe that the Sabbath of the Bible, the seventh day of the week, is sacred time, the true Lord's Day, originating at Creation and having the sanction of Jesus Christ; that it should be kept faithfully by all Christians as a day of rest and worship, a symbol of God's presence in time, a pledge of eternal Sabbath rest. Genesis 2: 2, 3; Exodus 20: 8-11; Isaiah 58: 13, 14; Ezekiel 20: 20; Luke 4: 16; Mark 2: 27, 28; Acts 13: 42-44; Matthew 5: 17-19.

XI. Evangelism

We believe that Jesus Christ by his life and ministry and his final command to the disciples, commissions us to promote evangelism, missions, and Christian education, and that it is through those agencies that the Church must promote Christianity throughout the whole world and in all human relationships. Deuteronomy 6: 6, 7; Matthew 28: 18-20; 4: 19, 23; Acts 5: 42; 20: 28-32; 1 Corinthians 4: 17; 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-22.

It was unanimously voted that the covenant and statement of belief be approved as read.

Members of the new church then proceeded to organization by signing the church covenant. The council was adjourned.

James L. Skaggs, Chairman,
Courtland V. Davis, Secretary.

Out-of-town visitors present in addition to members of the council included the following: Salem, W. Va.—Theodore Brissey; Lost Creek, W. Va.—Mrs. Charles L. Williams; Plainfield, N. J.—Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn; North Loup, Neb.—Carl Maxson; Shiloh, N. J.—Mrs. Lester G. Osborn, Mrs. Charles F. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. William Ayars, Mr. and Mrs. William Kuyper, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. William Richardson, Jr., Mrs. Loren Osborn, and Miss Edith Spahr.

Following the adjournment of the council, luncheon was served in the social hall of the church.

Washington, D. C.,
October 13, 1945.

Coast to Coast Autumn Gatherings of Seventh Day Baptists

NEW ENGLAND CHURCHES JOURNEY TO NEWPORT, R.I.

PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION MEETS AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

MEMBERS WORSHIP IN HISTORIC MEETING HOUSE

Original Communion Set Used During Service

Well over one hundred church members journeyed to Newport, R. I., Sabbath morning, October 20, to attend the yearly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of New England in the old meeting house.

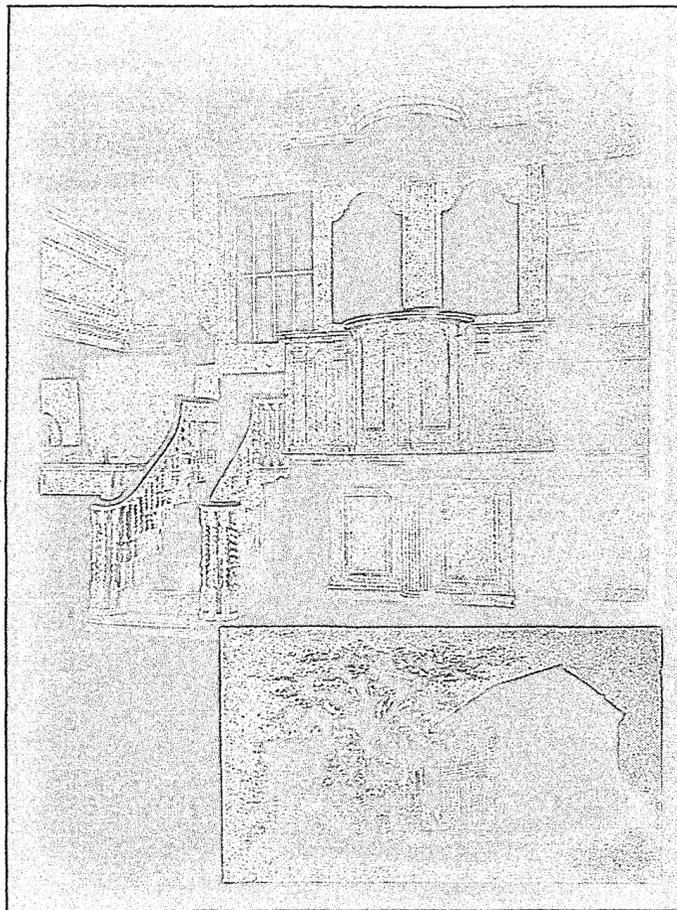
The services were presided over by Rev. Paul S. Burdick of Rockville, pastor of Rockville and Second Hopkinton churches. Prayers were offered by Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor of the Pawcatuck Church at Westerly. Luke 17: 20 was the text used by Rev. David S. Clarke as he delivered the sermon using "The Kingdom of God Is at Hand" as his topic. He told how Christians can always seek God through the spiritual life even if they have failed in actual life on earth.

The Communion service was directed by Mr. Burdick and Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, pastor of the Waterford, Conn., church. The original Communion set was used during the service. On the cup is the date 1750.

Collection was taken for the upkeep of the old meeting house and was collected in the old wooden boxes used in 1800.

The Newport Seventh Day Baptist Church was organized January 3, 1672, the first Seventh Day Baptist Church in America and the third Baptist Church. The first general meeting of Seventh Day Baptists in America was held at Newport for six days, beginning May 25, 1684. Those in attendance came from Boston, Plymouth, Westerly, and New London. Samuel Hubbard wrote that "by reason of the wind more could not come, yet there were twenty-six or twenty-seven." Out of the meeting grew the General Conference, something more than a century later.

The present meeting house was built in 1729 and was sold to the Newport Historical Society some sixty years ago. It has been moved from a back street where it was



Newport (R. I.) Church and Pulpit
(The first Seventh Day Baptist Church
in America — Erected in 1729)

first located and is now housed in a separate brick structure attached to the rear of the Historical Society building. The old box pews have been removed to make room for larger audiences, but the sections of paneling for the pews have been saved. Some of them are now being used for wall paneling.
—Westerly Sun.

The weekday religious education classes have begun in Bolivar Central School. All churches in this area are co-operating, three of the teachers being from Little Genesee: Mrs. Edna Sanford, Mrs. Jerline Peaslee, and Rev. Charles Bond.

By Joan Dalbey

On Sabbath day, October 13, the semi-annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Association was held at the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist church, 42nd and Broadway, and it was packed to the doors. The theme for the day, "Our Heritage," was chosen by the president, R. C. Brewer. What a wonderful heritage we have, our heavenly Father's love being the greatest of all! The abundance of music for the services was arranged by Joan Dalbey and Lois Wells.

Sabbath school started at 9:50 with a song service. Because the church was so crowded, Superintendent Albyn Mackintosh dispensed with separation for classes and assigned Paul Crandall, Rev. B. H. Friesen, and Pastor Hargis each a portion of the lesson for discussion. This was most interesting.

During the regular church service the Riverside choir joined with the host choir and really made the church ring with praise. Also, the Los Angeles girls ensemble sang a cappella.

We received a rich blessing from the sermon preached by Robert E. Hargis on the subject of "Shadows of the Crucified." God used him to give us all a greater vision and a deeper appreciation of the love of God the Father.

SEMIANNUAL MEETINGS HELD AT DODGE CENTER, MINN.

The semiannual meetings of the Southern Wisconsin, Chicago, and Minnesota Seventh Day Baptist Churches which were held at Dodge Center, Minn., October 19-21 are once more a happy memory. The theme for the meetings was "Christ First, Others Second, Myself Last." Beautiful weather was enjoyed during the meetings, as well as for the arrival and departure of the guests and delegates. The attendance and interest manifested were good all the way through the various sessions.

Pastor Charles W. Thorngate gave the welcome on Sabbath eve, followed by a

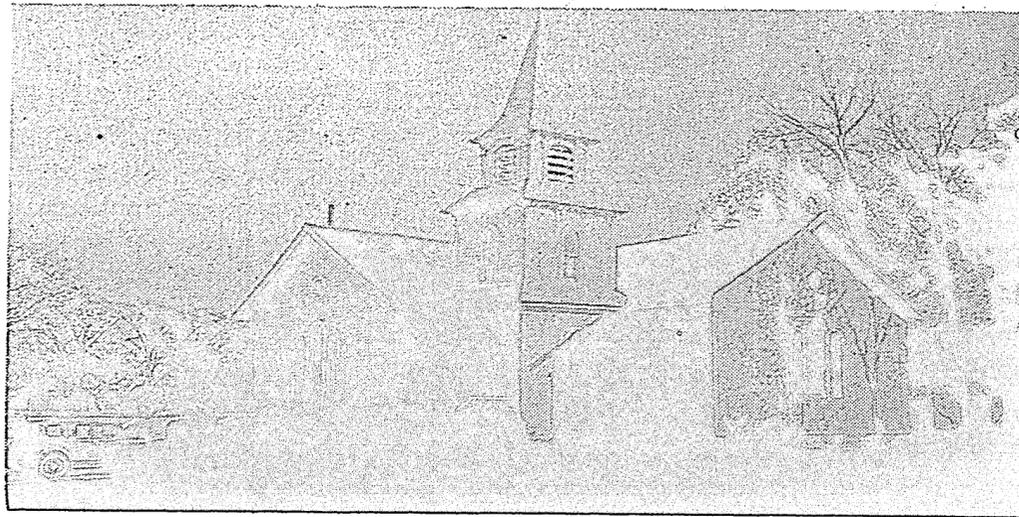
The weather was so perfect that many sat on the church lawn to eat a substantial noon meal prepared by the ladies of the church. R. C. Brewer presided at the afternoon business meeting. Many plans were discussed, especially the great need for personal work for the Sabbath keepers scattered abroad; and we are praying that God will send someone soon. Conference President P. B. Hurley brought a brief message.

Marie Becker was in charge of the young people's closing service. A praise service was enjoyed which had plenty of special music and several short talks on "Our Heritage." This service was closed with a consecration service and altar call.

Our pastor and his wife invited all to their new home in Eagle Rock, where we were graciously entertained with refreshments and an interesting program. Clifford Burdick talked to us as he showed colored stereopticon views of traces of the flood in this country and footprints showing the existence of man and dinosaur. This was a most interesting way to come to the end of a perfect day. We all departed to our homes feeling like the psalmist, "My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

sermon by Rev. Neal D. Mills of New Auburn, Wis. The Sabbath morning message was by Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn of Albion, Wis., the delegate from the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches. The Sabbath school hour was led by the superintendent, Mrs. Harry Bird. Mrs. Donald Payne had charge of the young people's hour, using as a topic, "Serving Christ by Helping Others." Mr. Mills spoke again Sabbath evening; after this all went to the town hall for recreation of games, choruses, hymns, and lunch.

Sunday morning the usual business meet-



Dodge Center
Seventh Day Baptist
Church
Constituted 1858
Charles W. Thorngate
Pastor

ing was in session with Mrs. Marguerite Clapper presiding and Mrs. Clare Greene acting as recording secretary. Pastor Thorngate was elected delegate from these meetings to the quarterly meetings in Southern Wisconsin. The men's hour was in charge of George Bonser, Ormond Bond, and Charles Socwell. Mr. Bond told of the churches in England and Scotland, having just returned from there. In the afternoon Mrs. Thorngate led the woman's hour on the subject of witnessing. A mixed quartet sang, and Mrs. Ruth Strickler of Waterloo, Iowa, told of their work of witnessing for Christ and the Sabbath there. This hour was followed by a sermon by Mrs. A. G. Churchward of Minneapolis. Pastor Van

Horn brought the closing message on Sunday evening.

The noon lunches were served at the Stebbins home under the efficient management of Mrs. Wallace Greene, assisted by Mrs. Stebbins. The choir sang anthems for every sermon and special music was furnished for every session. A male quartet assisted in three services. Two collections were taken: one for the Missionary Board and one for the semiannual meetings.

There were thirty delegates and visitors present. The meetings adjourned to meet with the New Auburn, Wis., church in June, 1946. Mrs. Martha Mills is to be moderator and Mrs. Wayne Rood recording secretary.—Contributed.

ANNUAL MEETING

De Ruyter, N. Y.—The annual church meeting of the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church was held on Sunday, October 7. The Religious Society met in the morning and re-elected two trustees, Lyman A. Coon and Elna R. Phillips, Jr. After a picnic lunch, the church business meeting was held in the afternoon. Officers elected were: pastor, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson; moderator, Harry Parker; assistant moderator, Elna Phillips, Jr.; clerk, Mrs. Lyman A. Coon; assistant clerk, Mrs. C. H. Dickinson; treasurer, Wendell Burdick; assistant, Lyman A. Coon; chorister, Mrs. C. H. Dickinson; assistant, Wendell Burdick; organist, Mrs. Oscar D. Blowers; assistant, Mrs. Wendell

Burdick; correspondent to Sabbath Recorder, Miss Madaline Burdick; agent for Sabbath Recorder, Wayne Burdick; representative to De Ruyter Community Council, Wendell Burdick; alternate, William Phillips.

MITE SOCIETY

The one hundred thirty-first annual meeting of the Shiloh Female Mite Society was held on the night of September 29. Dr. E. H. Giedt, a missionary from South China, was the speaker, telling of a changing China and missionary projects. Ten dollars was sent to each of the following: Morning Chêr Center for service men in Philadelphia; the Women's Board for the trailer fund; Miss Mary Vicinus in Piedacuesta, Colombia, S. A.; and the Jamaica Mission.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION MEETS AT BROOKFIELD, N. Y.

The one-day fall meeting of the Central Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches took place at the Second Brookfield church in Brookfield, N. Y., on Sabbath, October 13.

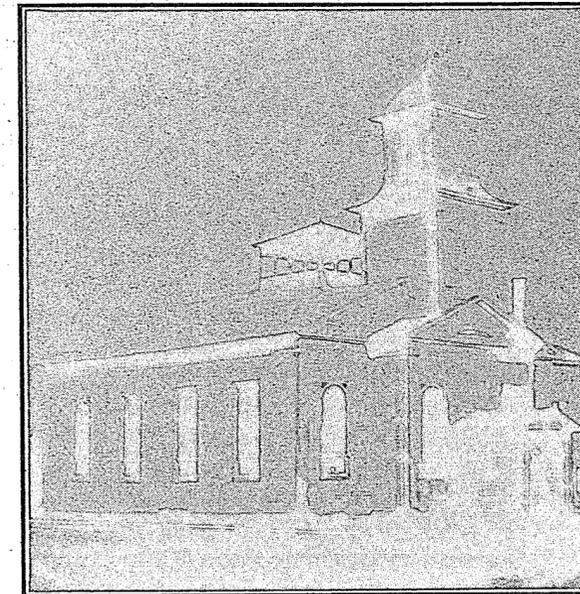
The sermon of the morning was given by Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, pastor at De Ruyter. He emphasized four essentials of the well-rounded Christian life—that it must give thought and care to the physical life, the intellectual life, the social life, and the spiritual life. In short, it requires unconditional surrender of the whole of life to the direction of our Lord and Master.

In addition to the usual group singing and the Sabbath morning music, a chorus by the Verona young people and duets were enjoyed.

At noon a co-operative lunch with "a dish to pass" was served at two places. About fifty-five young people had theirs at the grange hall and about seventy-five adults and children ate at the parish house.

Rev. H. L. Polan is moderator of the Association, and Mrs. Robert Langworthy is recording secretary. The next regular session is to be at Leonardsville in June, 1946.

J. W. C.



Second Seventh Day Baptist Church
of Brookfield, Brookfield, N. Y.

Constituted 1823
Rev. Jay W. Crofoot, Pastor

In the afternoon there was a service for the children at the parish house, under the direction of Mrs. Sylvia Carr of Verona. At the church a service for young people and adults was held under the leadership of Alva Warner of Verona. Following the devotions and a report on "Camp Harmony," three talks were given: "What Young People Expect from the Church," by Duane Davis; "What the Church Has a Right to Expect from the Young People," by Rev. Jay W. Crofoot of Brookfield; and "What the World Expects from the Church," by Rev. E. H. Bottoms of Leonardsville.

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.

Organization

The polity of Seventh Day Baptist Churches being a pure democracy determines the nature of their organizations, as well as the form of the church itself. Every church is independent in its affairs, and all union for work is voluntary. For administrative purposes chiefly, the churches are organized into associations and a General Conference, but these have only advisory powers. Besides the American General Conference, which was organized in 1801, there are Seventh Day Baptist General Conferences in foreign countries. For the sake of closer fellowship and for the purpose of interesting the members in the work of Christ's kingdom, the churches in the United States are organized into seven associations.

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

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 17, 1945

The Outreach of the Church
Basic Scripture—Acts 11: 19-30; 12: 24—13: 4;
Ephesians 4: 11-16

Memory Selection—Mark 16: 15

Woman's Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

THE WOMEN

It is the women who will remake the world.
In the bombed and blackened villages will rise
New homes upon the smashed foundations; smoke
From supper fires will drift on quiet skies.

Once more on doorsteps in the fragrant dusk
Women will sit with children at their knees,
Eyes calm with tested courage, voices low
With steadfast love and fresh born hope. Oh, these

Are builders of the future; and they build
On simple things that neither brutal death
Nor savage hate can conquer; kettle, bed,
Firewood and herbs, a child's cry, and the hearth.

Give a woman loss of these things and she fights.
Give her but only the aching faith in them,
And she will make a home of rubble, breathe
Belief into the hearts of fighting men.

It is the women who will remake the world;
The women who have eaten well of sorrow.
They will sit on doorsteps in the unbombed dusk
And teach their sons to make a clean tomorrow.
—Selected.

A MESSAGE TO THE WOMEN'S
SOCIETY OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

(Excerpts)

Dear Friends:

We were all disappointed that conditions made it impossible for us to get together at Conference this year. President Hurley already has us so enthusiastic about it that there will surely be a great Conference next year.

The work of evangelism has gone steadily forward in spite of handicaps and travel restrictions. Plans have been completed for the purchase of the trailer which is now the property of the Women's Board to be used in the spread of evangelism. The money came in nicely, and we hope to have the trailer ready for Mr. Greene's use in the near future.

We regret that Mr. and Mrs. Burns are no longer able to continue on the Iowa field. The Board sincerely appreciates the service that they have rendered. There are many fields waiting for workers. It is hoped that there will be volunteer helpers for all or part time service in this great project of evangelism, sponsored by our women's societies and so generously sup-

ported by the whole denomination. The board feels and appreciates the support of your prayers and your interest as well as your dollars.

We hope you will send news from your societies and papers or addresses prepared by your members for special meetings to Mrs. Okey W. Davis, Salem, W. Va., for use on our Woman's Page of the Recorder. We feel that by so doing you could render a real service to all the women of the denomination.

There are still many that have not sent in a history of their society. If you are one of them, will you please send it to Mrs. Gladys Vincent, Salem, W. Va., soon?

The goals adopted by the board and recommended for the use of the societies during the coming year appeared in the Recorder of September 24.

We rejoice that we can begin our new year's work in a world that is no longer at war. There is still a long road ahead of painful adjustment, but we pray God that it may be made without bloodshed. May we be alert and use every opportunity as individuals and societies to spread the gospel of good will and neighborliness.

Lotta M. Bond,

Corresponding Secretary.

A SUGGESTION

A suggestion for discussion with the possibility that it become a goal is as follows: That each women's society pay the expenses to Conference of one of its members other than the pastor's wife. The member selected should be an interested person who could not otherwise attend. The same woman should not be chosen more than once in five years.

New Auburn, Wis.

Those from here who attended the semi-annual meetings in Dodge Center October 20 were Pastor and Mrs. Mills and Miriam, David Lawton, Mary Pederson, and Winnifred Loofboro.

Correspondent.

Christian Education

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

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

TEACHING FOR WORLD ORDER

Seventh Day Baptists will want to observe World Order Sabbath on November 10. There has been information about this occasion in the Woman's Page, and the Board of Christian Education would like to add its support to what the women are doing to encourage your observance of this date. It is not hard just now for us to think of all that the war has meant to the world. There is such a need to keep Christians aware of the work of the Church in building a lasting peace. During World War I a chaplain was encouraging a soldier who was about ready to go into battle. He said, "Remember that you are fighting to build a new world." The soldier replied, "No, Chaplain. We soldiers are not building a new world. All we can do is to tear down an old one. If there is a new world the Church will have to build it." The hope of a lasting peace rests in Christ; and as Paul says in Colossians 1: 27, "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

What We Can Do

In the Church

Make the service of worship appropriate to the theme. The minister can preach a sermon on "The Spirit Giveth Life" or "The United Nations and the Christian Citizen." Print in the church bulletin the preamble of the United Nations Charter. Arrange a display of world order literature. Plan the Sabbath school program around a theme such as "Going Forward Together." Have adult Bible classes study the United Nations Charter in the light of Christian principles. Have the young people's society confront the challenge to Christian citizenship that is in the charter.

Within the Community

Plan a united service of gratitude and dedication. Have a youth rally for understanding and support of the Christian bases for the relations of the United States with its fellow members of the United Nations.

The Follow-up in Church and Community

Promote a series of study sessions on the theme, "The Churches and the Charter," under such headings as "How to Help the Charter Develop," "How to Make the Charter Better." Plan a service on behalf of Christian world reconstruction with the observance in the homes of a sacrificial meal. Sponsor a book table in church

and in the public library on the relation of the United States to the United Nations and its members.

The above suggestions are taken from a leaflet prepared for the International Council of Religious Education at Chicago, Ill. Copies of the leaflet may be ordered from the council or from my office.

Teaching for "One World" is done in the home by the attitudes of parents toward world affairs. Thus parents must realize the serious part they have to play in this lasting peace for which the Church works. Lessons on world order can be taught in connection with many Sabbath school lessons. Teachers by being aware of these opportunities can help a great deal. The Church will not only serve the world by building a lasting peace, but will itself be greatly strengthened by this world service. H. S.

PLAINFIELD HOLDS RALLY DAY

"Learning from God's Word," was the theme of a rally day program conducted by the Plainfield Sabbath school on October 6. Psalm 119 and other selected verses were used as a responsive reading. "Learning of God's Love and Care," was the topic of the presentation by the primary department; "Learning of God's Purposes," by the seniors; and "Learning about Jesus," by the juniors. Other highlights of the service were a quartet singing, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus," and a chalk talk, "God's Guidance," by Duane Hurley.

This program is evidence of the fine work being done in the Plainfield Sabbath school.

H. S.

ALFRED ENTERTAINS CONVENTION

Sunday, October 21, was the date of a convention held at the Alfred church of the Allegany County Bible School Association. This association represents the churches of the county co-operating in Bible school work. Rev. Everett T. Harris was chairman of the Leadership Training Committee of the Association for the past year and reported at the

convention that nearly one hundred fifty people were enrolled in special classes held in five towns. The schedule was so arranged that one special teacher went to the five towns each week for five weeks. One of the schools, the largest, was held at Alfred Station.

"The Lost Child"

The speaker for the convention spoke on "The Lost Child." His Scriptural background was the experience of Jesus in the temple at the age of twelve. He said that the child was lost because the parents were more interested in their own affairs, because they depended on others to look after him, and because they did not keep up with him spiritually. He said that a lost sheep would lead the lambs astray and that juvenile delinquency means parental delinquency.

To teachers, he said that they should be companions of the children in the learning process.

At the evening session there was a youth rally and Doctor Watts from the state college showed beautiful nature pictures as slides while Rev. Mr. Napier, chaplain of the university, read the script which was prepared to go with the pictures. The university chorus sang. Rev. Albert Rogers of Alfred Station conducted the installation service for the newly elected officers of the association.

H. S.

BOOKS FOR SALE

If you want books that will be helpful to you in your work in Sabbath school, several can be ordered from my office. "Children Need Adults," by Ruth Davis Perry. Chapter headings: Learning Techniques for Happy Living (The Beginnings of Discipline); Building a Framework for Efficient Living (The Beginnings of Routine); Gaining Experience for Intelligent Living (The Beginnings of Science); Developing Resources for Creative Living (The Beginnings of Art); Laying a Foundation for Worthwhile Living (The Beginnings of Religion). This book is being studied by the mothers' club at Battle Creek. It is a good book for parents or teachers. The price is \$1.50. You may have a copy sent to you for examination.

"The Use of the Bible with Children," by Ethel L. Smither. Chapter headings: The Teacher's Purpose; Principles to Guide the

Teacher, The Teacher's Study, The Bible for Nursery Children, Kindergarten, First Three Grades, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth, and What Lies Beyond? This book is especially adapted for use by Sabbath school teachers of all grades up to the sixth. The price is 65 cents.

"Planning for Children in the Local Church," by Hazel A. Lewis. Chapter headings: The Children Themselves, The Grouping of Children in the Church, What and How Shall We Teach, The Children's Place in the Church, and The Religious Growth of Teachers and Children. This book would be helpful to the primary superintendent. The price is 35 cents.

"What Is Teaching," by Frances Cole McLester. Chapter headings: What Is Teaching? How We Learn, The Place of the Teacher, What Sort of Lesson Materials Are Best? Lesson Materials for Our Classes, Getting Ready to Teach on Sunday Morning, and Ways of Teaching. This book is a new small book which will give many practical and inspirational pointers for Sabbath school teachers. The price is 35 cents.

"The Westminster Bible Atlas" has a very fine type of maps and very well written explanations of Bible lands and Bible times. It would be a good book for a Sabbath school library where all teachers can use it for reference. It is 11½ by 15½ inches in size. The price is \$3.50. I would be glad to send this book for examination before you decide about the purchasing of a copy.

If I can help any of you in any way with the securing of materials for Sabbath school, just let me know. H. S.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Little Genesee Church was held October 7. Following a tureen dinner and program, the business of the church was conducted. The following officers were elected for the coming year: pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond; moderator, Mrs. Arvida Wainman; clerk, Mrs. Esther Hazard; treasurer, Ferris Whitford; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Allie Burdick; Sabbath Recorder correspondent, Mrs. Edna Sanford. Trustees re-elected for three years were Mark Sanford and Ferris Whitford.

"You never have to apologize for going to church."

Children's Page

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

It has been a long time since we have seen a letter from Boulder, and we thought it would be nice for our class to write to you.

Our Sabbath school teacher has read us letters from the Children's Page, and we like them very much.

We are the primary class, and we have three girls and three boys in our class. We have been learning how Jesus will care for us, and how he took care of Jacob and was with him out on the hillside when he had left his home.

Our new books for this quarter are "Learning about God." They are very nice.

We are all waiting for a big snow so we can make a big snowman. We all like to play in the snow.

Sincerely yours,

The primary class of the
Boulder Seventh Day
Baptist Sabbath School.

Boulder, Colo.

Dear Primary Girls and Boys:

Thank you for your nice letter. It was good to have a letter from my Recorder boys and girls of the Boulder Church. I hope before long each one of you will write to me so that I'll have the pleasure of receiving six letters instead of one.

The topic of your Sabbath school lessons this quarter is a splendid one and is sure to help you to be fine Christian boys and girls.

I used to love to play in the snow myself when I was a child. I remember one time my brother and I built a snowhouse and put some snow people in it. We were disappointed the next day when the weather turned warmer, and the snowhouse and snow family became a mere heap of snow and soon melted quite away. Sometimes, however, we made snowmen which lasted a long, long time; but of course the best fun was in the making of them.

I hope you will urge other Boulder girls and boys to join our fine band of Recorder children.

Of course we have no snow here yet, but the ground is covered deep with gay colored autumn leaves. They fall almost as fast as we rake them up, but I'm planning to go out to do a little raking soon before they get so deep I can't reach the bottom.

Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am glad for this privilege of writing' this letter, as I promised you that I would write to you more often in the future.

How are you feeling, Mrs. Greene? I hope that you and all your loved ones are in the best of health. We are feeling quite well ourselves.

We are still having a good time in the mission. We enjoy having Pastor Maxson come over on the Sabbath to preach to us. We like him very much, and we are also glad that Mrs. Maxson, and their daughter Eunice Jane, and Pastor Maxson's father are able to come over every Sabbath.

We wish that we could meet you personally some day, if it is the Lord's will.

My daddy is very glad that I write to you and he helps me with my letters. I read the letter that I sent to you in our Sabbath Recorder, and I thank you very much.

This will be all for now, and I will keep on writing to you as I have promised.

Your Christian friend,
Esther N. Fatato.

Dear Esther:

It was indeed a pleasant surprise to receive another good letter from you so soon.

All the members of our Greene family are in the best of health and are glad to hear you and your loved ones are all well. We are especially happy now, for we received a telegram from our son stating that he had returned from Japan and was at Fort Dix, N. J., and hoped soon to be back at his home in Bridgeton, N. J. His wife and children will meet him in Trenton. We are hoping to see them all soon.

I have been anxious to attend the Schenectady Mission and meet you good people

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Our Pulpit

RELIGION - NOT A FORM BUT A FORCE

By Rev. Charles H. Bond

Text: "Though they keep up a form of religion, they will have nothing to do with it as a force."—2 Timothy 3: 5 (Moffatt).

Paul said to the young man Timothy, "Mark this, there are hard times coming in the last days." 2 Timothy 3: 1. When are the last days—I don't know, and you don't know, and even Jesus didn't know. He says in Mark 13: 33, 32, "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is." "That hour knoweth no man, no not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." Christ knew and Paul knew that it did not make a great deal of difference when the end came, but that the important thing is active godlike living so as to be ready whenever the end comes. As Paul looked at the people, he could see hard days ahead for the Church and the cause of Christ because so many were not living examples of the Master. The hard days which Paul spoke about are still present. He said: "For men will be selfish, fond of money, boastful, haughty, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, irreverent, callous, relentless, dissolute, and savage, they will hate goodness, they will be treacherous, reckless and conceited, preferring pleasure to God." 2 Timothy 3: 2-4 (Moffatt).

What is the cause of all this happening to the hearts of men? We might give several reasons. The first reason that most people give would be this: "Too many people have not accepted Christ." That is a good answer because there are thousands who have never heard the gospel and others who have not

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there ever since Pastor Wing told us about you and I began to receive letters from there. Eugene was the first one to write, and how I enjoyed his letters. I was sorry to have him stop writing. I'm wondering if he is your brother.

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

made the decision, but a peculiar feeling goes up the spine when we read that the real cause is in the Christian himself.

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." (King James.)

"Keeping up the forms of religion, but resisting its influence." (Goodspeed.)

"Though they keep up a form of religion, they will have nothing to do with it as a force." (Moffatt.)

We ask why there is war after war and so much immoral living. We wonder why there are still people who have not heard about Christ and why half of our "Christian" America is unchurched. We need not search further for the answer. Paul has put it well: "Though they (many Christian people) keep up a form of religion, they will have nothing to do with it as a force."

One Sabbath morning after I finished a sermon and was standing at the door bidding the people goodbye, one of the good brothers came up to me and said, "That is just what they needed." Who are "they"? Is this another form or way of thinking which church peoples have developed? Will we ever learn to apply the message of Christ to ourselves?

A Mere Form

Sometimes I wonder how many of the churches over the land keep a mere form of religion. Webster says that form means: "Conduct regulated by custom, etiquette, etc.; hence, empty ceremony." Most of the church worship services follow set forms: prelude, call to worship, invocation, hymn, Scripture reading, prayer, sermon, etc. Now this worship service may lift us up and we will have a real experience with God. Or it may be empty form and the words meaningless to us. We don the robes and strive to make an impressive show before God. Jesus talks plainly to those scribes and Pharisees who made only a mere show of religion: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness." Matthew 23: 27. I wonder how many of us keep up the form of religion but resist its in-

fluence and will have nothing to do with it as a force.

A certain pastor was telling me about one of his very faithful church workers, who was a member of a club and secured a liquor license for that club. When his pastor spoke to him about it, he wondered why that was any of his business and what that act had to do with his belonging to the church. This man seldom misses a church service. He keeps up the form of religion, but it is plain that he resists its influence.

One of our brothers has hit at the heart of the whole problem: such a person has never been reborn—born of the Spirit. He has accepted the form and has been sprinkled or baptized but actually has not given his life to Christ.

I believe that Jesus did not condemn certain forms in religion. He went to church on the Sabbath day as his custom was, and he continued many of the practices of his people. But he recognized early that form was nothing if it did not contain force and influence. Religion to Jesus was a force. He knew that his Father had sent him into the world for a purpose.

A Moving Force

One of the greatest problems which faced Jesus was how to change people who followed meaningless forms into a moving force for the kingdom. Nicodemus was a man of forms. He was a Pharisee and one of the rulers of the Jews. He also recognized that Jesus came from God or he could not have done the things that he did. One night he sat with Jesus at midnight on a Jerusalem housetop talking about the things of heaven and of being born again. Jesus almost won him there; Nicodemus stood within an inch of the kingdom. Then he backed off into the darkness again. He was so near and yet so far. How many, like Nicodemus, stand in the darkness of night and accept the forms of religion, but are afraid to accept the active, moving Christ.

It was after Jesus was crucified that Nicodemus laid off his cloak of fear and stepped boldly into the light. He came with Joseph of Arimathea to take the body of the Lord and give it a kingly burial. One man writes, "Too late, Nicodemus! Like roses at a funeral, that gesture was an apology for neglected friendship."

Paul looked around upon those who might have gone to Philippi, and then he had to write: "I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, and not the things which are Jesus Christ's." Philippians 2: 20, 21. Paul had to send Timothy, the one who was most useful to him while in prison. He did not have anybody to send because they were putting self before Christ. "Though they kept up the form of religion, they would have nothing to do with it as a force."

A war weary world is searching for those who will go out in the name of Christ and proclaim the good news. There are many ways: spread its influence by your living; make Christianity a force by witnessing by word of mouth and by your giving. Don't let it be said of us: "I have no one who naturally cares about the building of the kingdom because all they think about is themselves."

Wesley said, "If I had three hundred men who feared nothing but God, hated nothing but sin, and were determined to know nothing among men but Jesus Christ and him crucified, I would set the world on fire."

Our Master intended that we set the world on fire with his Spirit, but we cannot do it by keeping a mere form. The great command says, "Go - teach - baptize."

Little Genesee, N. Y.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Berea, W. Va.

Pastor and Mrs. John Randolph spent the latter part of August at Milton, Wis., where they met their two sons, Ivan and Irwin, upon their return from France. They enjoyed also their visit with the rest of their children, grandchildren, and many friends in Milton and Milton Junction.

They were sorry to miss the Ritchie County Christian Endeavor fall rally which was held at our church during their absence. A picnic supper was enjoyed in the basement. A vesper service on the front steps of the church was very effective as led by the county president. Following a social hour in the basement, an inspiring candlelight service was conducted to close the meeting.

The Sabbath school picnic, which was planned for the latter part of August, was postponed till Sunday, September 9, so the

pastor and his wife could be in attendance. On account of threatening weather and fear of bad roads the picnic was held at the church instead of at the picnic grounds at the mouth of Bone Creek. There was no sign of decrease in culinary supplies or in sociability of the group.

Four of our young people attended the State Christian Endeavor fall retreat at Jackson's Mills. The theme of the meeting was "Forward," and the speaker on Sabbath afternoon was Rev. M. C. Van Horn, a former pastor of our church. The speaker for the other conferences was Miss Pauline Shoemaker of Washington, D. C., an international Christian Endeavor officer. Those attending from our society were Alberta Radcliffe, Alberta Ireland, Billy Kelly, and Gene Sutton. —Correspondent.

Lost Creek, W. Va.

The Lost Creek Church has been active this year in relief service. This work has been carried on most actively by the Ladies' Aid and the Tither's Storehouse Association. In former years the Ladies' Aid has been one of the principal money raising agencies in the church. The ladies this year decided to give more attention to missionary and benevolent activity. This they have done admirably well. The tithers group has undertaken a program of stewardship education which has likewise borne results in the life of the church.

Our evangelistic program began at the first of the year and continued with growing emphasis to a climax in a revival meeting at the Pentecost season. Eight people came out in the meeting, four uniting with the church.

On the second Sabbath of each month an all-day meeting is held in the church with dinner being served in the church basement. These meetings have featured discussion of issues before the Commission, problems of peace, and programs by the agencies of the church. Of special interest were the two programs planned by the Lord's Acre Committee in April and November. The Lord's acre work has been a great help in the building of a closer fellowship.

During the year we have had several co-operative activities with the Methodist Church in the community. Among these were World Community Day, Week of

Prayer, World Day of Prayer. Thanksgiving Day, V-E Day, Vacation Church School. The joint committee is at work already with plans for the Vacation Church School for next year.

A new pulpit Bible was purchased with freewill contributions of members and friends for the church. It is a fine \$50 Bible with exceptionally large print. A new mimeograph has been provided for the use of the pastor and the agencies of the church. Weekly bulletins, a monthly paper called the "Pastor's Visitor," "Letters to Service Men," and other similar materials have been regularly published.

The church has been actively engaged in the "work thou gavest me to do," and our program is filled with greatly increased plans and hopes for the year ahead.

From Here and There

Alfred, N. Y.—Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph of Florida spoke of her work in Putnam County, Fla., at the October meeting of the Evangelical Society in Alfred.

Mrs. George Thorngate and son Philip have come to Alfred to make their home. Mrs. Thorngate has been in California, where Lt. Commander Thorngate had been stationed. Philip had been spending some time in Houston, Tex. En route to Alfred Mrs. Thorngate visited her son Lt. George Thorngate and family at Corpus Christi, Tex.; in Cleveland she visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burdick. Mrs. Burdick returned with Mrs. Thorngate and spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jacox.

OLD TIMER
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"There's probably no S. D. B. more in touch with Nature in his work than I am—the majesty of mountain ranges and valleys, the beauty and fragrance of timber-line flowers, the cathedral quietness of forest pines. I like the brawling mountain streams, the gorgeous sunsets rioting in color, and the nearness of brilliant stars at night.

"Yep! All these call me to worship Almighty God. But I need the quiet fellowship of worshipping believers in God's House to complete my worship."

Marriages

Kenyon - Gooch. — Leonard Kenyon, son of Deacon and Mrs. Leroy Kenyon, and Miss Dana Gooch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Jay Gooch, were married on Sabbath night, August 11, 1945, at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage at Coudersport, Pa., with Pastor Rex E. Zwiebel officiating. Their address is Route 2, Coudersport, Pa.

Loofboro - Bee. — Ralph Loofboro, of Rockford, Ill., and Miss Esther C. Bee, of North Loup, Neb., were united in marriage on August 22, 1945, at the home of the bride's mother in North Loup. The bride's uncle, Rev. C. B. Loofbourrow, officiated. Their new home will be at 115 6th St., Rockford, Ill.

Wheeler - Randolph. — Edgar Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Wheeler of Nortonville, Kan., and Miss Xenia Lee Randolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Randolph of Bristol, W. Va., were united in marriage, August 10, 1945, at New Milton, W. Va., by Pastor Marion C. Van Horn.

Williams - Tangeman. — Charles M. Williams, son of Mrs. Susie Williams of Lost Creek, W. Va., and Miss Margaret Tangeman, daughter of Mr. Lewis B. Tangeman of Mt. Clare, were united in marriage, August 13, 1945, by Rev. George Coker of Oakland, Md.

Obituary

Lawrence. — John Erwin, son of Deacon William R. and Katherine Davis Lawrence of Bridgeton, N. J., was born February 27, 1914, and passed away May 8, 1945, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., where he had been a patient since October, 1944.

He was baptized and joined the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church on June 2, 1923. He was a devout Christian young man and was faithful to his religious belief. On July 1, 1944, he married Elizabeth McBlane of Philadelphia, Pa. At the time of his death he was superintendent of agriculture of the Newark High School of Newark, Del.

Besides his wife and parents there survive two brothers, William Roscoe and Edward, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret L. Sheppard and Katherine. Farewell services were held at the home of his parents.—Contributed.

Reefman. — Bert, son of Dirk and Wilhelmina Reefman, was born in the Netherlands and died at the age of seventy-five in the Gerber Hospital on July 22, 1945 as the result of an automobile accident.

His family came to the United States when he was three years old and settled in Allegan County, Mich. On January 28, 1894, he was married to Jennie Bowman. Since their marriage they have operated a farm most of the time. He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of White Cloud since 1925.

Besides his widow he is survived by three children: Darrell, Minnie, and Mrs. Corneil Siems; three sisters: Dot, Mrs. Minnie Boars, and Mrs. Gertrude Harting; and one brother, Garret. Funeral services were held in Fremont with Rev. Robert W. Wing officiating. Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery. R. W. W.

Towne. — Isabell Hall, daughter of Obed and Nancy Hall, was born May 29, 1855, and died at the home of her son Henry on August 18, 1945.

She was married to James A. Towne of Fremont, Mich., in 1872. Close survivors are her sons: Henry, Adelbert, and Leo; two daughters, Mrs. Leota Price and Mrs. Lulu Sands; one sister, Mrs. Etta Gould; one half sister, Mrs. Inez Harvey; and two half brothers, Harry and Frank.

Funeral services were conducted in the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist church by her pastor, Rev. R. W. Wing. R. W. W.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Editor:

I want to say that I greatly admire and am pleased with the grasp upon the questions of the day and the needs of the church manifest by the young guest editors of the past six months. I pray for a deepening interest in mission and evangelistic work among the young people of our churches and a readiness among the older ones to make possible the sending out of more workers into the fields that are, and will be, opening to us as a denomination.

Yours in Christian fellowship,
E. Adelbert Witter.

Adams Center, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I am sending a U. S. Postal Note for \$2.50 to renew my subscription to the Sabbath Recorder.

After twenty-seven months in the Army, I am once more a civilian and am now at the University [of Georgia] studying for my M.A. degree in English. I enjoyed the Recorder so much while I was in service, and it followed me around wherever I went, even though I did a good bit of moving! Now that I am again a lone Sabbath keeper in civilian life, I want to be sure to receive it in order to keep in touch with other S.D.B.'s and our churches while I am going to school here.

Sincerely,
Madge B. Conyers.

Athens, Ga.

WHO IS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT WORLD DISTRESS?

(Items from Exchanges and News Services)

Asserting that "helpless children cannot survive much longer unless there is a united effort to save them," five major international agencies concerned with European relief have appealed for help from America.

Pledging themselves to work together in meeting needs without regard to nationality, race, or creed, they state: "Only by immediate and co-ordinated effort can a colossal catastrophe be avoided. Children by the millions are in imminent danger of starving and freezing as winter comes to Europe unless immediate help comes from countries which have food, clothing, vitamins, and medicine."

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One hundred fifty Holstein heifers are being sent by UNRRA to Poland as a contribution from the Church of the Brethren. They will be used to augment the pitifully small milk supply now available there for hospitals and nursing homes.

"The gift animals included in these numbers are a direct extension of help from people here to the people of Europe. It is the kind of help they need and want most—help to help themselves," said Herbert H. Lehman, director general.

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A resolution, recently made public by the president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, urges local churches to maintain liberal giving to denominational agencies concerned with overseas aid. The statement declared that such denominational gifts would be forwarded immediately to needy churches abroad and pointed out that supplies of clothing and household necessities had already left the United States under the supervision of the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, co-ordinating and interdenominational agency.

In some European districts no child born in 1945 is still alive according to a cable received by the Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction. A million Europeans are expected to die this winter, the cable stated, pointing out that church aid is essential because many persons scheduled to die are outside the jurisdiction of UNRRA and other governmental relief agencies.

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Testimony to the imperative need for relief in Holland is afforded in a radiogram received by the Save the Children Federation from Howard E.

Kershner, the federation's vice-chairman for overseas work. Mr. Kershner tells of four hundred thousand acres under water and many thousands more filled with mine fields, making only 18 per cent of the tillable land usable. He saw children barefooted and in rags; five thousand children, living in camps and jails, cannot be sent to foster homes for lack of clothing. Clothing, shoes, bedding, and

money are all urgently needed.

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"The response of our people to the Christmas packages project was very gratifying," says Victor W. Skaggs, Seventh Day Baptist representative on the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction. "Now we must rally forces to collect shoes, bedding, and clothing."

Garments, when cleaned and mended, should be sent to United Church Service Center, New Windsor, Md., or to Modesto, Calif.

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The Church of the Brethren, sponsoring the Heifer Project, has issued an appeal for assistance. Men are needed to go with the shipments of cattle. If interested, write to the Heifer Project Committee, Nappanee, Ind.

The Sabbath Recorder



"The Pilgrim Maiden"
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