

WHAT CHURCH PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT ATOMIC POWER

(Items from Exchanges and News Services)

In all history each successive achievement of science has been hailed with acclaim as a further step in man's conquest of nature. But the latest and probably the greatest achievement of science has not been hailed with pride and reassurance; instead, it has cast a spell of dark foreboding over the spirit of humanity. The penetration into what is perhaps the ultimate source of nature's energy, the discovery of methods to release it, and its final harnessing in the atomic bomb, have all terrified the world. Has science gone too far? Is man worthy of such knowledge? Has he not violated the sanctities of nature's own secret and brought upon himself vast reprisals, perhaps the destruction of civilization and his own annihilation? — C. C. Morrison, editor, "Christian Century."

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If there was any doubt that beneath the crisis of the Second World War lay a more profound crisis of man, the explosions in New Mexico, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki should have shattered the illusion. The fact that the illusion widely persists reveals the depth of our present, and possibly final crisis. . . . The relatively favorable time for action is pitifully short and all of us woefully unprepared. Let us, therefore, in our weakness and ignorance seek God's strength and light. Let us in our churches and in our homes seek, in all humility, his guidance for our world, our nation, our churches, and ourselves in this fateful time. Spiritual power alone can cope with atomic power.—Rev. R. M. Fagley, secretary, the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace.

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"Every possible safeguard to protect man from the consequences of his own pride and greed is the urgent business of the churches."

MASTERING ATOMIC ENERGY

We need Christianity—personally in our daily living, in our homes, and in our town. Yes, America and the whole world, of which America is now such an interdependent part, need all that Christianity is, and all for which it stands. The smart thing to do is support actively the Church, that it, in turn, may do its share in creating the kind of world which will master, and not be mastered by, atomic energy.

know this bomb's secrets. Evil is so evil that it would not hesitate to urge wicked men to use it to destroy a nation. Christians know that peace does not come from worldly fear, nor from world organization; it must arise out of the peaceful natures of individuals—individuals become peaceful through the new birth.—A. L. Goodrich, editor, the "Baptist Record."

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Neither in blind optimism nor in panic is there a chance for peace. That unimaginable state lies in the conquest of war's causes in the social order; in the development of a dynamic, not repressive, world community; and in a growing social conscience. . . .—Devere Allen, editor, "Worldover Press."

It is too soon to begin to trace out the ways along which mercies will flow from this new unlocking of power. It is not impossible that even in relation to war it may yet be turned to mankind's progress rather than regression. And it is certainly clear that its potentialities for good in constructive and remedial service are infinitely great. It is almost as though God had let this thing be found at a point in history when the world has been impoverished by years of wasted energy and had chosen this moment with deliberate intent. Not "I will henceforth withhold from them the secret of power," but "I will put more power into their hands and give them a chance to rebuild with it. I will try them again."

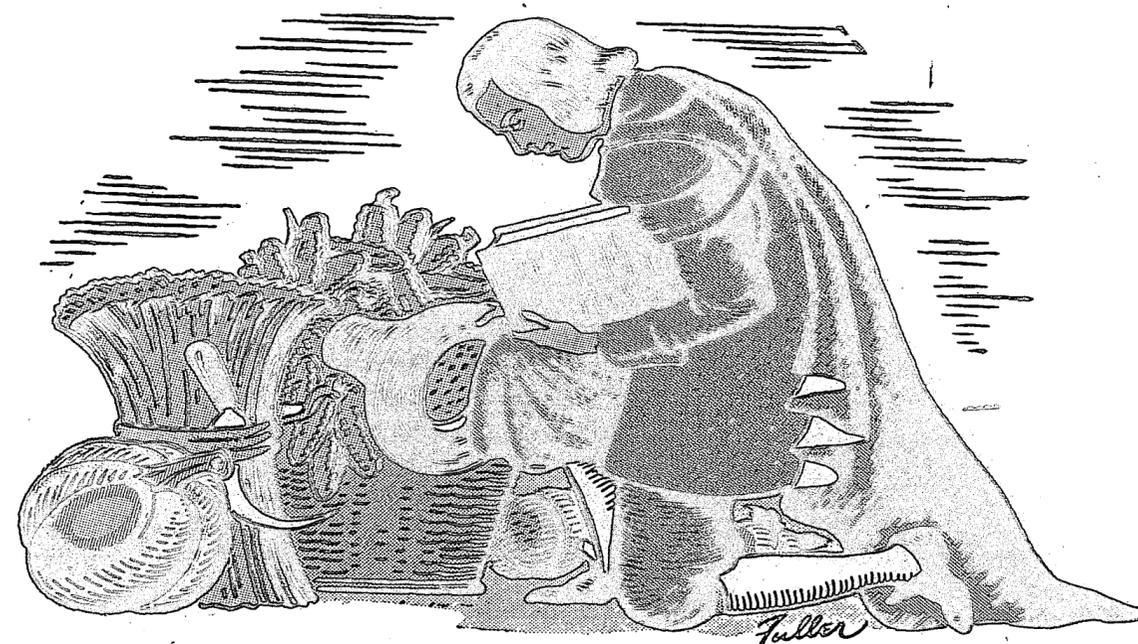
When God permits such disclosures as this, it is time for humble and hearty thanks. — Rev. Norman Goodall in the "Christian World."

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Now in the light of this monster, people are avowing the absolute necessity of peace. We know that eventually all peoples on the earth will

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In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.—Philippians 4: 6.

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Editorials



WITH THANKS TO OUR NATION'S BUILDERS

UNDER this same title your Recorder editor, back in 1933 as editor of a school publication, wrote a Thanksgiving editorial. The nation at that time was just beginning to recover from a great depression; in 1945 the nation is just in the process of reconversion after a great war. Conditions, in some ways, are very similar—especially in respect to the fearful, self-centered attitude of many people. What was said then still has an appropriateness.

THEN—

Following years of bitter struggle and hardship in combating primitive conditions, the Pilgrims celebrated with thanksgiving their victory over the forces of circumstances. They succeeded largely through their unflinching patience and the practical application of their religion. They trod the rough and stony path and left for us the paved way.

You, the builders of our nation, we salute.

NOW—

After many months of grievous suffering and hardships in fighting national downfall, the people of America commemorate the Pilgrim fathers by celebrating Thanksgiving. They have not experienced such trials as did their forefathers, yet they are prone to complain and find nothing for which to be thankful.

Are such men hailed as nation builders?

Strangely enough, I ran across this copy of the old editorial while in the process of getting settled here at Recorder headquarters and while thinking about this Thanksgiving season. Strangely, too, my thoughts are somewhat the same now as they were when considering the country's problems at that earlier date. There is no need to face the future with fear, either for self or for others, if Christ be in the planning.

True, our nation and its people have "suffered" during these war years. But how slight our difficulties have been compared with those of many people around the world. Why should we forget the needs of others and fail even to "count our many blessings"? Why should the leaders of industry be so fearful about being able to maintain wartime profits, which in many instances were exorbitant? Why should laborers be so shortsighted as not to be able to see the employer's point of view at all? Why must we always let mutual benefits be eclipsed by personal considerations? Why should we spend time in selfish quarreling when we could, and should, be working together to meet the needs of the day?

The time has come for us to forget our petty and peevish personal feelings, submerging self in the greater cause of helping to rebuild the world in God's name and for his sake!

Thou that hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more—a grateful heart.
—George Herbert.

RADIO'S SLIM FINGERS

Radio's slim fingers can stretch out and span a continent, cross oceans and deserts, slip over mountain peaks and into deep valleys. The outreach of the air waves is limitless.

GUEST EDITORIAL

IF I WERE A GERMAN

It is often a good thing to place yourself in another's shoes, and ask what you, yourself, would do if you were in his place. It may be a little easier in this particular case because there are people in Germany of our own faith, with whom we feel slightly acquainted. So let's try to see things through the eyes of the Losches, the Schultzes, and the Zobelers over there.

First of all, these are common people, upon whom the blame of Hitler's doings rests very lightly, if at all. Some probably opposed him as far as possible. Those who fought in his armies did so for much the same reasons that have led men and boys to fight in every war. Love of country is much the same sentiment anywhere you go.

The present situation would find you, as a German, very much distracted and troubled. To be told that all the old leaders whom you trusted were wrong, and that now the foreign conqueror had come to make you into a democrat (or a communist, as the case may be), when such terms have been abhorrent to you for many years, would tend to make you, anyone, troubled and disturbed.

The look into the future is not reassuring. You stand between great powers which are highly armed while you are to be kept disarmed. Your heavy industry is to be destroyed; part of your country is to be given

is no place to enter into doctrinal disputes. If we present the universal, eternal truths in a sincere, honest way; if we give inspired Bible readings; if we use the beloved music of the church played or sung with consecrated artistry, we shall gain a hearing and create interest among the type of people we would be proud to have as Seventh Day Baptists. There are many Christian people eager to affiliate with a Sabbath-keeping church, if they but knew that such a group as the Seventh Day Baptists existed.

These are only two of many possibilities for a radio approach to the public. Let us not delay; begin today making plans for putting radio's magic to work in the glorious work of building God's kingdom.

Seventh Day Baptists should be utilizing this modern and effective means of communication. We say we have a message for all the world and for all people, but how are we going to make such a wide contact without the help of the one means that comes nearest to doing the job with universal and instantaneous efficiency?

Possibly the ideal situation would be to sponsor a regular nation-wide broadcast. That, unfortunately, is beyond our immediate means. A single such broadcast, even if it could be arranged, would cost nearly as much as our entire yearly budget for denominational work, and a single radio program is hardly worth while, anyway. Repetition is the keynote of results on the air.

A Steady Series

The alternative, then, is for each church organization to sponsor a steady series of radio programs over a local station. Near almost all of our churches are the studios of some station; undoubtedly time on the air could be arranged at a nominal cost. If churches in every section of the country were to do this, then the message of Seventh Day Baptists would spread into all parts of our nation just as surely as if we had one network broadcast. In fact, the local church would have the advantage of adapting its radio ministry to the specific needs and conditions of the immediate vicinity.

Elsewhere in this Recorder, Rev. Harley Sutton, executive secretary of our Board of Christian Education, makes a recommendation about a type of radio program available for sponsorship. The program is of a dramatic nature, and that type of program (if it is well done) has a tremendous appeal for many people.

The nation-wide Bible reading project, from Thanksgiving to Christmas, presents a fine opportunity for effective radio presentation. Many stations are willing to present simple, direct, nonsectarian Bible studies as a sustaining feature during this season of the year, if some church group will take the responsibility of arranging for speakers and special music.

Here is a means of getting our name before people with the only expenditure being in time and effort. To let people know that there are Seventh Day Baptists should be our main objective. Over the microphone

to others; unemployment will be serious; your country is to be divided by foreign administrators into two or three divisions that may remain more or less permanent. Even granted that you know that you deserve all this for having followed a false messiah, this is the situation you face. "What shall I do about it?" you ask.

If you should at this point consult your Bible, ask what Jesus would have you do. It seems as though the answer might be somewhat as follows: The smart thing, the wise thing, nay, the Christian thing to do would be to remain unarmed in the midst of an armed world, while using the technique of Jesus to the fullest extent in overcoming evil with good, even though many times it means turning the other cheek to the oppressor, while you pray for his conversion. For if you rearm, either secretly, or with the connivance of one or another of the neighboring great powers, you are sure to become the battleground for the next war. No nation of the future can be so well armed that no one will dare to attack her; even the best armed nation will be likely to be attacked most suddenly and most ruthlessly by those who fear her. On the other hand, there is a distinct possibility that the nation which is not armed, but is making herself useful to humanity, might escape much of the devastation of the next war, and might even lead the way to a warless world.

There are three things, then, that such a nation might do. First, be an industrial and commercial leader—under a policy of "live and let live"—of the neighborhood of nations of which she is a part. Second, join wholeheartedly in any effort toward a world federation to keep the peace. Not having a standing army or a strong navy will be an advantage rather than a handicap in promoting international relations. Third, let her scientists rigidly set themselves to discover the best way to use new knowledge to bless mankind rather than to destroy. Physicians follow a code of ethics that requires them to publish their discoveries rather than use them for private gain or secrete them for war purposes. For all scientists to follow such a rule would require the spirit of Jesus, who refused to make use of the powers of evil, even though he might gain all the kingdoms of the world thereby.

Such a course is not guaranteed to free a nation from hardship. Jesus himself promised that persecution and the sword would follow his disciples. But it can safely be said that the nation which puts itself under the protecting power of God, and puts into practice the teachings of Jesus, will have, in the long pull ahead, the power of righteousness on its side.

The writer is so thoroughly committed to the above thesis that he has twice during the past year offered himself to his mission board as one who is willing to go to Germany to help in the recovery of her scattered churches and to preach the gospel of peace. Others, too, are willing to go. Whatever may have been the causes of mutual suspicion and dislike in the past, we have one common Christian tradition, one common Lord, and in him there is the possibility of mutual forgiveness and reconciliation.

Rockville, R. I. Paul S. Burdick.

PIN POINT EDITORIALS

"The man who is set in his ways will never hatch out new ideas."

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A little girl stood at the gate of a garden. The flowers inside the fence were pretty and appealing, spraying out here and there into riots of color like skyrockets bursting. The grass spread a carpet of soft green; the shrubs and trees made the spot invitingly cool. The little girl wanted desperately to go through the gate—to tumble and roll on the lawn, to pick a bouquet of flowers for her mommie, to lie down in the shade to rest.

All these reasons she pleadingly posed to her daddy, with whom she was going for a walk. He tried to explain that the garden was someone else's property, that the gate was locked and to go inside was impossible.

Finally, as the climaxing plea in her argument, the little girl said, "But, Daddy! my shadow is already in there." Sure enough, the sun was just right to cast a long pattern of shade through the gate and into the very middle of the garden.

So often, in our daily living, conditions are just right for us to cast a "shadow" into places we could not possibly go and upon people we could not possibly influence otherwise. It behooves us to make sure that the pattern of our lives will cast the right kind of shadow, illuminated with God's radiance.

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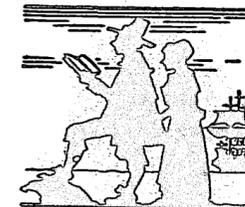
The hardest thing in the garden of life is digging up the roots of evil. And the best way to do it is on your knees.

EDITORIAL FROM THE PAST

THANKSGIVING

A Fitting Time for the Occasion

The piety of our forefathers has bequeathed to us this favorite festival of gratitude to God; and, as the past year has been signalized to us by the unexpected preservation of peace amidst many rumors and fear of war, we would invite the public attention to this fact as a special call for individual and national thanksgiving, and would suggest to Christian ministers of every name, the propriety of expediency of selecting the subject of peace, in one or another of its manifold aspects, for their theme of discourse on that occasion.



It would be difficult to exaggerate the importance of this theme, or the urgency of its claims upon good men in an age like the present. Peace is obviously the great want of the world, as well as one of the chief glories of our religion; and we can hardly suppose any argument necessary to enlist every truehearted ambassador of the Prince of Peace in the cordial, zealous advocacy of an object so strictly evangelical, and so vastly important to the temporal and the spiritual welfare of mankind.

We have no wish to dictate; but, accustomed to solicit from preachers of the gospel an annual plea for this cause, relying mainly on them as its heaven-selected advocates, and believing that the good providence which has thus far averted the horrors of threatened war calls for our warmest gratitude and demands very special notice from the pulpit at the approaching anniversary of public thanksgiving to the God of all our mercies, we earnestly hope that his ministers throughout the country will seize upon the occasion to urge the claims of peace with zeal and power. We ask them to ponder the prophecies of peace recorded in the Bible; to examine the principles of peace taught in the gospel; to dwell on the countless, unutterable evils of war; to consider how many blessings to our land, to Christendom, and the world are included in a single year of general peace, and how essential its continuance is to our temporal and spiritual prosperity, to com-

Co-operation Among Churches Is Encouraged in Canvass

Co-operation among the churches and interfaith groups, which has been accelerated through wartime services, will be continued and encouraged in the national United Church Canvass, November 18 to December 2, 1945. Churches of all denominations and creeds will co-operate in city-wide campaigns to increase church attendance, place the values of religion before the whole community, and conduct financial campaigns for current, missionary, and postwar reconstruction budgets.

Charles E. Wilson, chairman of the General Electric Company, will head the national Sponsors Committee. Rev. Dr. A. D. Stauffacher, executive secretary of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Church, will be chairman of the Planning Committee.

While the national office, at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City, does not conduct individual local canvasses, it does aid in the supplying of promotional material, newspaper mats, radio transcriptions, and multi-color posters on a cost basis.

Contributions are not received at the national headquarters. The national planning and office is the joint effort of the departments of promotion of nineteen denominations.

merce and every secular pursuit, to the revival of pure religion, and the success of every enterprise now in progress for the spread of Christianity, and the ultimate recovery of our world from sin and its woes.

God grant that his ministers may soon learn more fully their duty, privilege, and power on this subject! Let the twenty-five or thirty thousand in our country unite with the still larger number in the land of our fathers and brethren, to enforce aright the pacific principles of the gospel in the application to the nations as well as to individuals; and how easy for them under God to insure the perpetual peace of these two countries, and eventually of Christendom and the world.

In behalf of the American Peace Society,
Geo. C. Beckwith,
Corresponding Secretary.

New York, N. Y.,
November 13, 1845.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

MORE Invitations

This is laymen's year. Last year was laymen's year. Every year should be laymen's year. For too long have we left church work (Christian work, evangelism, inviting) to the pastors. Pastors are too few. We can no longer leave all the inviting to them if we hope to grow denominationally.



P. B. Hurley

Recently I saw a splendid example of the inviting which I think must needs take place if we are to really grow. Our evangelist, Rev. L. O. Greene, took many pledges a year ago and folks signed them with good intentions. In reality it was "every one win one." Many tried; some succeeded. Let us not cease trying because we failed last year, but let us study more carefully that we may know how to present the truth and so do better next year.

In the meantime, let us try to duplicate what happened in one of our churches. A lady had moved into town and was looking for a church home. She had attended several but had not found what satisfied. A neighbor, a Seventh Day Baptist, asked that she go with her the next week. The inviter explained that she would be going to church on Sabbath, Saturday. The invited accepted the invitation. She heard the truth, saw the truth, and accepted the truth. She was happy in her find. Her desire was to share with other friends. She had shown her pleasure that day by asking another and brought that one for her first knowledge of Seventh Day Baptists.

If a like effort were multiplied by the number in that small church, it would be only a short time until its membership would be more than double. Think of the possibility to the denomination if every member in every church should do this. I am anxiously awaiting a report on the result. Several may have to be invited to get one to accept. Let us all do more inviting.

P. B. Hurley,
Conference President.

NEXT WEEK: A special Thanksgiving story by Dr. Edwin Ben Shaw. Look for it in the Pulpit Department.

Africa —

- o A History of Accomplishments
- o Encouragement for the Future

By Rev. H. C. Van Horn
(Corresponding Secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society)

During the General Conference at Milton Junction, Wis., 1898, I ate my breakfast at "Aunt Deal" Estey's at Milton. At those breakfast times I learned the story of Joseph Booth and his African Industrial Mission work. At that Conference our people became interested. Later, after investigation and a canvass of resources and possibilities, "The Sabbath Evangelizing and Industrial Association" was organized with the object of "planting in Africa and other countries of industrial missions, for educating and training of the natives in Christian doctrines, and educating them to be farmers, mechanics, and good citizens, and developing among them carefully selected industries or manufactures, and devoting the proceeds to be derived therefrom to the support and duplication of such mission centers . . . for the more rapid diffusion of the gospel and Sabbath truth in heathen lands by means of self-supporting and self-propagating mission effort on Seventh Day Baptist principles." Other worth-while objectives were named in Article I of the constitution.

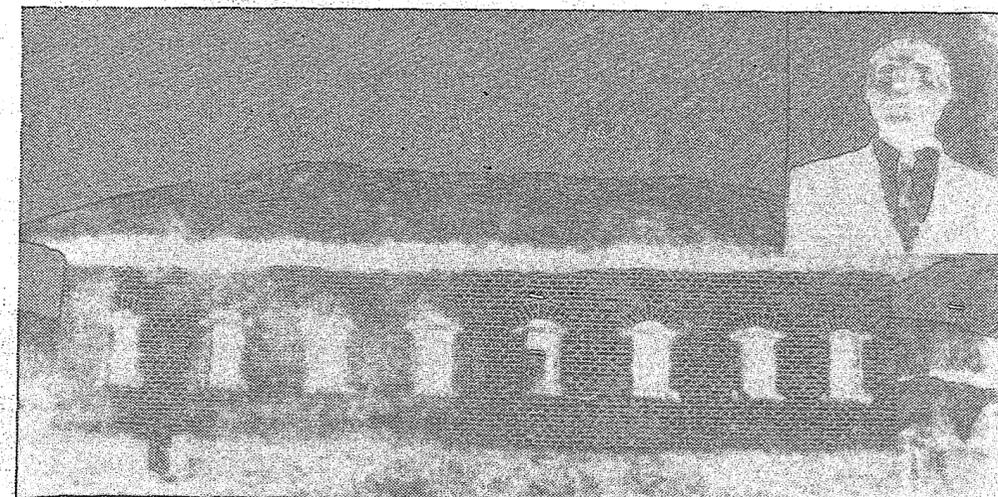
Mr. Booth and his wife, who had become members of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church, were sent back to Africa to have charge of the work in Nyasaland. Land was secured, native helpers were hired, and a coffee plantation was established. Religious services were held and Christian teaching begun.

The story of disappointment and failures does not have a place here. Jacob Bakker, an earnest, levelheaded young man, later was sent to help Mr. Booth, but was left alone at a critical time without experience and with previous debts. The mission was finally sold to others.

Too often we have criticized ourselves and some of our leaders for this seeming failure. None could blame us for our great disappointment, for the objectives were good and the fundamental plans were sound. How-

Nyasaland
Seventh Day
Baptist Church

Alexander Makwinja,
Pastor



ever, results have followed. It would be interesting to recall and tell the story of the investigation of affairs about 1912 by Rev. Wayland Wilcox and N. Olney Moore; of the personal and self-supported effort of Walter B. Cockerill of Berlin, Wis., who was thrust out of Nyasaland by the British government in 1914, early in the First World War, suspected as a spy or fomenter of a native revolution.



"These children . . . will be growing up to give encouragement and help."

E. M. Brighton Timothy Chapita
Son of Pastor T. T. Chapita, Linungwe Village,
Nandaya

But all through the years we have received correspondence and calls for help of various kinds from the natives who became Christian Sabbath keepers as fruit of our industrial mission work.

In the more than fifteen years of my experiences as corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, I have had many interesting and earnest letters from leaders from out of our early experiences. Reports have come of at least two thousand native Sabbath keeping Baptists in Nyasaland, who claim to belong to us. Reports, extremely detailed, have been received of a sort of supervisory work done by one of the leaders, who visited villages and groups in an eight hundred mile itinerary on foot. Preaching, baptisms, and Communion services were reported with the numbers present, or participating, given.

We have sent thousands of pages of tracts, besides Helping Hands, Recorders, and books for free distribution. School supplies, simple readers, crayons, and the like, have been asked for, which we could not supply. Efforts have been made to send us money, but never, with one exception, were the money orders negotiable in America. For the one negotiable order a good Bible, a concordance, and a one-volume Bible commentary were sent. Again and again have we been importuned to send them a missionary, a teacher, even for six months.

Interest also has been taken in these people by our Mill Yard Church and by our brethren

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Thanks Festivals Were Held in Bible Times

---Today Church People Give to Show Gratitude

The idea of a special day of thanks and praise by no means belongs to America. God's Word tells of the laws concerning feasts of harvest, etc. "Thou shalt keep . . . the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field; and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field." Exodus 23: 15, 16. Another example is Exodus 34: 22.

In Judges we find that when the children of Israel were in the land of the Canaanites they held festivals of thanksgiving. Later, in memory of their forty years of wandering, they gave thanks to God for their harvests. The early Church had its special days of supplication for a blessing upon agriculture.

J. D. N.

KANSAS TOWNS GIVE FLOUR TO ASSIST OVERSEAS RELIEF

Church generosity is jamming a Kansan flour mill.

The 1,100,000 pounds of wheat flour, a gift of twenty-one local churches representing six denominations in four small Kansas towns, is being turned over to the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction.

Dr. Leslie B. Moss, director of the committee, an interdenominational agency for relief in Europe and Asia, admits that handling the flour and the tons of other relief goods consigned to CCORR for overseas delivery had become a headache—but the best headache he ever had.

"When we started organizing a material aid program two months ago, seven pounds of clothing arrived at our New Windsor, Md., warehouse. During the last week in October, twenty-four tons arrived—twenty-four tons of bedding, clothing, and shoes. Not only are we getting clothing and bedding

IT IS FIT TODAY, TOO

In October, 1621, Governor Bradford of Massachusetts declared "God has blessed our summer's work, and has sent us bountiful harvests. He brought us safe to this new home, and protected us through the terrible winter. It is fit we have time for thanks to God for his mercies to us. What say you? Shall we not have a week of feasting and of thanksgiving?"

The Pilgrims all agreed. On the following Thursday they dropped their tools in the field and with their Indian friends spent the time in gladness and thanksgiving.

but offers of cattle, soap, seeds. Now we are planning shipments of five hundred fifty tons of flour," Doctor Moss pointed out. "We hope we'll be overworked and swamped for at least a year."

It was also disclosed that the Brethren Service Committee has co-operated with CCORR from the beginning of the interdenominational effort. Recently the two organizations reached an agreement making available the Brethren's two warehouse depots. The warehouse in New Windsor channels relief goods to Europe and the one in Modesto, Calif., prepares shipments to Asia.

Another relief and reconstruction project that is proving to be a tremendous job is caring for stock that is being sent abroad. Rev. John D. Metzler, of the Brethren Service Committee and now field representative of CCORR said that the "sea-going cowboys" who are assigned one to every twenty-five head of stock have a tough job on the ships and spend on an average of eighteen days on each trip. Animals are being sent both to Europe and Asia.

OUR COVER

The colored pictures in this issue were made possible by a generous gift of a Recorder subscriber who wishes to remain anonymous, but who says, "I am hoping that this Thanksgiving colored cover will encourage others to help with lovelier future covers for our church paper."

Missions

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

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EXPERIENCE IS VITAL ELEMENT

Experience is a great factor in life, one extending from the cradle to the grave. As Col. Parker, one of the leading educators a generation past, used to say, "We learn to do by doing." The child learns to walk by walking, to talk by talking, to write by writing, to think by thinking. He learns that fire is hot by putting his hand on the stove and that sugar is sweet by tasting it.

At first our parents decide what our experiences shall be, but soon our own choices enter in and become a large factor in determining these matters. As a rule we decide what vocation we will follow and the preparation we will make for it; and thus we become responsible for the experiences of life.

One of the greatest experiences, if not the greatest, comes when, in conversion, we give ourselves to Christ and his way of life. Many Christians will remember and cherish this experience through life and eternity.

All the things of life—those of the home, church, school, companionships, and fellowship with God—enter into and become part of our training. This is why it is necessary, or at least desirable, for the teacher to attend the school for teachers, the minister the seminary, the doctor the medical school, the editor the school of journalism, and the mis-

sionary the school for missionaries; also it is the reason why parents know more than their children and why we become more efficient as the years pass.

Many experiences are joyous, and others are difficult and hard to bear; but often the trying ones are the most valuable in fitting us for our tasks as ministers, missionaries, and Christians. (Romans 5: 3-5.) The chaplains who are now returning home from the battlefields are good illustrations of this truth. They left to defend their country and to free the peoples of other lands from diabolical tyrants and murderers; they spent several months in special training for their difficult tasks; they learned as never before how to deal personally with men; they spent long hours with the sick and dying; "under extraordinary conditions, they have learned how to preach direct, vigorous, and intelligent sermons to men who would not have the patience to listen to any other kind." By virtue of these rigorous and very unusual experiences, these men should have far greater power in their work for the Master who endured so much for all men. Pastorless churches, mission fields, and dying men in the homeland are waiting for them and their ministries.

W. L. B.

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT CHINA

From Miss West

It had been a long time since the Missionary Board had received a letter from Miss Mabel L. West; now all are encouraged since one came November 5. The letter was dated September 23, 1945. One paragraph in the letter gives information regarding her and her mother, and all readers of the Sabbath Recorder will be interested in the following paragraph:

Mother and I are still at camp, awaiting the cleaning of the rooms in the Davis house. Though the Japanese and later the Chinese soldiers have left the Burdick West house, it

will take too long to get that place ready. For the time being we will live where we were. The school buildings will take a lot of repairing. Just the minimum repairs have been made, so that the place is pretty well run down. One thing that the Japanese did not do was to cut down our trees. They did everywhere else, it seems. I expect to go into town to teach, beginning Wednesday, September 26, a long and expensive trip. Since the U. S. ships have come into the river, the prices in town have just doubled. People cannot stand it. The U. S. dollar is now exchanging for C.R.B. (Nanking Japanese-backed currency) \$140,000. So you see, these sailors fling the money so that it is impossible to compete with them. At present the internees are given \$200,000 a week, but it does not go far, I can assure you. The repairs on the roof last week were over \$3,000,000 and, as I had to have carfare, I could not pay it. Mrs. Yeu, with whom I have

lived many years and who has been looking after us for a long time, has advanced the money for me. She will feed us in part after we go back to school, and is doing a lot of nice things to make mother happy and comfortable. God has surely blessed us in many ways. We are getting very good food now. Am already putting on some of lost weight.

W. L. B.

From Dr. Palmborg

Dear Secretary Burdick:

I sent word to you that I had letters from Mrs. West and Miss Mabel West, saying they were well and released from camp, but still remaining there till a place could be put in shape for them to live in at the mission. They had not suffered much. Miss Mabel has been asked to teach in the Boys' School again next school year.

Now I have a letter from my friend—not mine alone, for she is friend to all our missionaries—Miss Eleanor Woo. She is the young evangelist who, while refugeeing at our mission, started an orphanage there on faith. When the number had reached fifty, she found a place and moved out. As she had some children who belonged to our Liuho Christians, I felt responsible in a way, and did all I could to help her while there and from here until the U. S. and Japan got into war. Although praying constantly for her, I still wondered with anxiety how they were getting on. Now I have a letter from her, which rejoices my heart, and I am going to copy portions of it for you to print with this, if you please, in the Sabbath Recorder.

Dear Dr. Palmborg:

What a joy to have an opportunity of writing you again, after this long silence—almost four years! Every day you are remembered in prayer by us.

By the love of God our whole group has been kept in safety. The number of the little new comers has kept increasing. There are more than two hundred now; many are still on the waiting list, but we have not one more space. Even our dining rooms at night are occupied with lots of bedding.

Our heavenly Father has been graciously leading us and providing for us "according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ."

Prices of food, etc., have gone up horribly expensive. It was dreadful and people could hardly breathe. There are many works of God in our midst, but I have to stop for this time.

The whole family joins me in sending you our love and thanks.

Yours in Him,
Eleanor J. Woo.

Can you imagine my joy at receiving this?

Sincerely yours,

Rosa Palmborg.

1326 Maryland St.,
Los Angeles 13, Calif.,
October 15, 1945.

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.

Publications

The printed page was early used by Seventh Day Baptists, and the first publication regularly sent out was the "Missionary Magazine," started in 1821. Other periodicals followed this. The Sabbath Recorder has been the leading denominational paper since 1845, and for many years has been published by the American Sabbath Tract Society. This society has also published many tracts, books, and other literature. The Publishing House is located in the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield, N. J.

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

De Ruyter, N. Y.

A series of preaching services have been held at the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist church with Rev. Alton L. Wheeler of Battle Creek, Mich., speaking each evening until Sunday, November 4.

The meetings were highlighted by the showing of colored slides, one each evening, and by special music at each service.

Pastor Harmon Dickinson reports that he considers the attendance good. Mr. Wheeler's messages, according to the comments of those in attendance, were sound and refreshing, rather than sensational. The congregation has consisted largely of those outside the Seventh Day Baptist membership.

—De Ruyter Gleaner.

Woman's Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

WOMAN'S WORK

If there is righteousness in the heart,
There will be beauty in the character.
If there is beauty in the character,
There will be harmony in the home.
If there is harmony in the home,
There will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation,
There will be peace in the world.

—Chinese proverb.

ONE MAN'S IDEA LED TO NATION-WIDE BIBLE READING

Scripture Passages Selected from Poll Taken
Among Protestant Clergy and Military Services

By American Bible Society

(This message is taken from the one hundred twenty-ninth annual report of the society.)

The young marine on Guadalcanal had a real inspiration when he wrote to his mother that he would like her and the other members of the family to join him in the daily reading of the same passages from the Bible. This meant that there would be a spiritual bond between himself and his family during the horrible days of that campaign.

Out of this simple experience, intended only for the use of one man's family, came the idea of a nation-wide Bible reading in which millions of families at home might simultaneously read the passages with their boys the world over.

The idea received the cordial endorsement of national leaders, and the American Bible Society undertook to develop the plan. The first step was the selection of thirty-three passages to be used during the reading period from Thanksgiving to Christmas. This was done by a poll taken among all the Protestant clergymen of America and all the chaplains in the various United States military services throughout the world.

When these chapters had been determined by this poll they were set up in the form of a bookmark which would fit the ordinary Bible, and which when folded in half would fit the New Testament carried by servicemen.

A number of these bookmarks were then sent to the ministers throughout the country and to the chaplains throughout the world, and orders for additional quantities for distribution to the families of the congregations and the men in the services began to come in. Eventually more than thirty-five thousand orders were received. There was also prepared, a V-mail form, and, with the consent of the Post Office Department, the list of chapters was printed on one side of the blank letter page with room left for a message. Our first printing of the bookmarks

was six million, which it was thought might be adequate; but these had to be reprinted again and again until the final count showed approximately fourteen million prepared and put into circulation. The first printing of the V-mail form was one-half million, which in a short time was exhausted; and even a second half-million was not adequate to meet the demands. Not only were these sent by the families to the boys, but by the boys to their families; and so they shuttled back and forth across the world.

The response has been so spontaneous and widespread that provision has been made for a similar program to be put on again in 1945 for the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas with the passages, if possible, selected by the men and women in the services, under the general theme, "Marching Orders for a New Day."

BIBLE READINGS FOR

FIRST TWO WEEKS

Thanksgiving, November 22	Joshua 1
	Psalm 121
Friday	Psalm 23
	John 10: 1-18
Sabbath, November 24	John 14
Sunday	John 3
Monday	Matthew 5
Tuesday	Romans 12
Wednesday	John 1: 1-14
Thursday	Exodus 20: 1-17
	1 Timothy 2: 1-8
Friday	James 1
Sabbath, December 1	Ephesians 6
Sunday	1 Corinthians 13
Monday	Psalm 24
Tuesday	Hebrews 11: 12: 1, 2
Wednesday	Matthew 6
Thursday	Romans 8
Friday	Matthew 7
Sabbath, December 8	Psalm 91

Peace is Never-ending Task; Women Agree to Work; Pray

By Evelyn Luchs

Chairman, World Community Day

Yesterday a letter came from Carl. It was the first word we'd had from him since we left his delightful Manse on the Belgian border in the late summer of 1939. One of his sentences keeps returning to my thoughts: "We think of the peace not only as a gift but as a task."

For the peace is a task never ending. Here is the atomic bomb with its civilization destroying potentiality. It must be controlled. Here is the charter with its promise of permanent peace. It must be implemented. Here are the resources for a good life in a world community. They must be shared. Here is a world church providing a pattern of brotherhood. It must be strengthened. These are our tasks accompanying the glorious gift of peace.

We church women are not alone in our aspirations: General MacArthur, speaking from the Missouri moored in Tokyo Harbor, combined statesmanship and Christian philosophy as he pointed out that the atomic bomb makes the use of war to settle inter-

national disputes impossible: "The utter destructiveness of war now blots out this alternative." He spoke too, of constructive purpose: "IF the talents of Japan are turned into constructive channels, the country can lift itself . . . into a position of dignity."

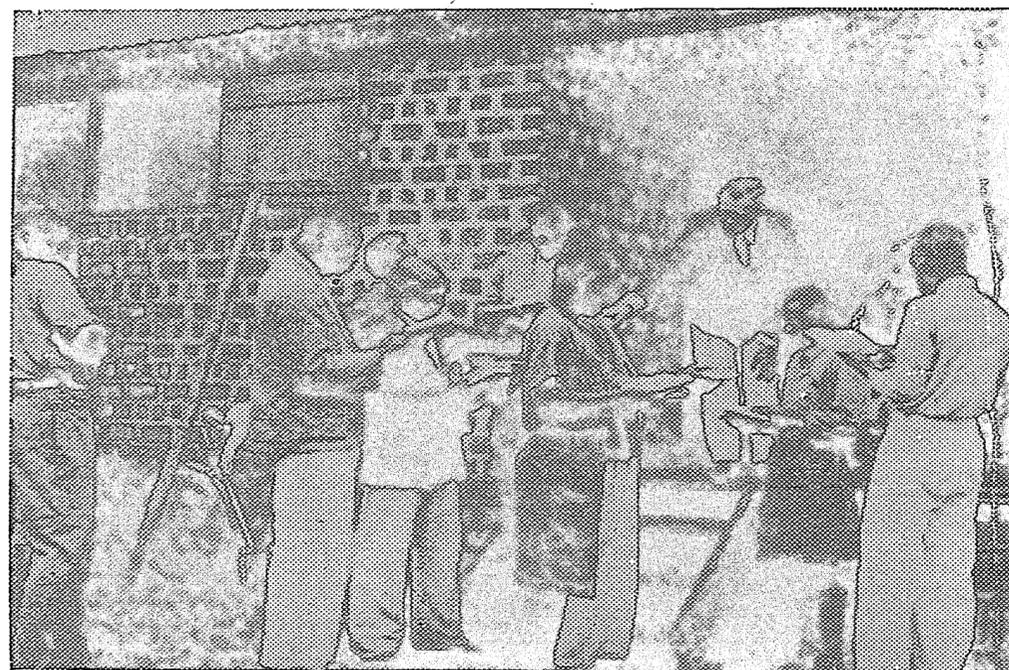
And finally, and most important, he also reminded us of the necessity for improvement in human character: "It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh." When a military hero, at the moment of his triumph, says that war must end, that the enemy nation must attain a position of dignity, and that people everywhere must have a spiritual awakening—something new has been added!

These words give us courage and hope as we continue to work, study, and pray: "Thy kingdom come."

—The Church Woman.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR DECEMBER 1, 1945

The Christian and His Economic Relations
Basic Scripture—Deuteronomy 8: 17, 18; Psalm 50: 7-11; Malachi 3: 8-10; Luke 12: 13-21; 18: 18-24; Acts 2: 41-47; James 2: 15, 16; 5: 1-6
Memory Selection—Luke 12: 15



In Africa
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Join with
Christians
around the
world in
Bible reading,
Thanksgiving to
Christmas.

Christian Education

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

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

PROBLEMS OF COUNTRY LIVING DISCUSSED AT W. VA. MEETING

By Don Sanford

The emphasis of the annual conference of the youth section of the American Country Life Association this year was on the rural community. Around two hundred sixty delegates from various rural youth organizations from nineteen states met at the beautiful and spacious grounds of the West Virginia State 4-H camp at Jackson's Mill near Weston on October 24-27 to discuss the various problems which face those who dwell in the country and to receive help from others in solving these problems.

One could not help but feel the presence of God in the beautiful surroundings of the West Virginia hills, and his presence was prominent in all of the discussions and talks. The high points religiously were the vesper service on Thursday evening and the candle service on Friday night. The first, led by Ralph Fulmer, a student pastor, challenged us to let God into the community by first letting him come into our own hearts. The candlelight service was a dedication to rural life in all its phases. As the light was passed from one person on to the next, it seemed very emblematic of Christ's words to go and preach the gospel to all the world. The amphitheater echoed the old hymn, "Follow the Gleam," as each of us seemed to realize more fully that there is only one light which we can follow to peace and eternal life, the light of him who said, "I am the light of the world."

Discussion Groups

There were two main discussion periods at which time the entire group was divided into fifteen small discussion circles so that everyone had more chance to participate. Then the results or conclusions, with helpful suggestions, were presented to the entire group in a co-ordinated discussion by all. The first discussion topic was "My Club and My Community," which was co-ordinated by Evelyn Hodgson from State Teachers College at Oneonta, N. Y. This discussion dealt with the place of the local club in the community.

The second discussion period took as a topic "My Community and the World" and was co-ordinated by Dr. Carl C. Taylor of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Dr. Taylor raised the question, "Have we lost our rural life because of progress and outside influences?" In answer he advised us to keep those things which we cherish in our own brothers and sisters and add to those other benefits which come from the world. We should keep our minds open to the outside world and try to understand all people. The only blueprint which people can use successfully to build lasting peace is one based on love. International problems can never be solved until there is love and understanding among all peoples.

In addition to worship and discussions, workshops or classes were held in which delegates received practical information and training to carry back to their own groups at home. One person could attend two workshops; so he had a chance to get help on two subjects. These classes included the following: the use of radio, recreation, dramatics, discussion, and group singing. Instruction was also given in news writing, party fixings, and parliamentary procedure. Each class, lasting an hour and a half, was taught by an expert who gave many helpful suggestions.

Perhaps the most important part of any conference is the fellowship which one receives from working, playing, learning, and living with other delegates from all sections of the country—delegates of all faiths and many nationalities. There were practically no signs of friction between the negroes and the whites, and a strong feeling of unity and equality was prevalent. Our new vice-president is a young negro from Virginia, and the rural youth who attended this conference felt that the racial question was very important. We included in the objectives of the constitution of Rural Youth of the United States of America the following phrase, "To be an interracial and interdenominational association."

So much more can be accomplished when we can meet together on a common basis and discuss our problems. Everyone who

IMPROVING DISCUSSIONS

The workshop meeting I attended at Jackson's Mill was on the improvement of our discussion meetings. The leader said that discussion is **us**. True learning means **sharing**; it is democracy in action. Here are some practical suggestions about conducting and participating in discussions:

In a discussion we are encouraged to learn by taking part ourselves; we develop a desire to learn.

In a discussion each person should speak his mind clearly because there is always someone who thinks the one who speaks is "tops," and he is influenced by the contribution.

One of the problems faced by the leader is to keep some people from monopolizing the time.

Those making comments should keep their remarks clear and practical, not dealing with abstractions.

Discussion should be from member to member, and the good leader will recognize this rule.

The ideal discussion is where all get new light on the subject and there is not too much "heat" generated.

When properly conducted, this is a good method for youth, young adult, and adult groups in their meetings.

Don Sanford and I appreciate very much the privilege of attending the Rural Youth Conference. We both feel that the young people of our denomination as a fellowship should become affiliated with the movement, and that you as youth groups should discuss the matter and let us know what you think. The group voted this year to discontinue relationship with the Adult Country Life Association, and have formed an independent group with a new constitution. Local groups of young people can become affiliated with the national organization.

The annual conference next year will be held at Lake Geneva, Wis. H. S.

A MESSAGE TO TEACHERS

A message prepared by Miss Evalois St. John of Plainfield, N. J., was mailed November 5 to Sabbath school teachers. Miss St. John has had training and experience in Sabbath school work.

It is always helpful to have our teachers remember that the chief purpose of teaching is the pupil, not the material; that if the pupil is to receive most good he should be led to accept Christ as his personal Saviour and grow in likeness to him. H. S.

DRAMATIC RADIO PROGRAMS DEMONSTRATE NECESSITY OF FAITH FOR VICTORIOUS LIFE

"Victorious Living" is a dramatic radio program designed to interest nonchurchgoers in the fundamental worth and necessity of faith in God to meet life's problems victoriously, and to stimulate attendance at church schools and churches by all who listen to the program.

It is a five-minute transcribed program, six days a week, based upon true life incidents in which the gospel of Jesus Christ is seen to work; it is narrated and arranged with musical settings by Rev. Jerry Walker, director of radio production for the International Council of Religious Education.

"Victorious Living" should be on the air in every community, and it must be listened to.

Such is the emphasis given this radio program in a leaflet sent out by the International Council. If you are a member of a group in your community that could arrange for the program to be broadcast, please write to the International Council, 203 North Wabash Ave., Chicago 1, Ill., for material which will explain the program. Then urge your group to sponsor the broadcast.

If the radio station nearest you is not carrying the program, call or write them and urge them to use it. Find out from the nearest station which carries the program what hour it is given and tune in. Let me know if you are listening.

This broadcast is an extension of the gospel of Jesus Christ to millions of church members and those who do not go to church throughout the United States and Canada.

By a report given in July this year we see that at that time one hundred one communities were sponsoring it, and the estimate was that between seven and ten million people were listening. H. S.

attended this annual conference of rural youth left with a warm glow inside—a glow of pride that we are the rural youth of America. The fate of the world rests very heavily upon the rural people, and we are willing to carry our share of the load.

Little Genesee, N. Y.

Children's Page

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Would you like to have me write a letter to your children? I always watch for their letters, and read them, too.

There are no children in my home now, just three bustling grown-ups, but oftentimes I have a boy or girl riding with me when doing errands about town.

But best of all, I have a dear little grand-niece who lives with her parents just across the road. She is seven months old. She has very bright blue eyes, and not much hair. She is a happy little girl with a smile for all her aunties, and for nearly every one else, too.

Her mother takes her to Sabbath school and church. Does she make a disturbance? No, for they are teaching her to be quiet in God's house, even if she is tiny. When she is old enough she will join the cradle roll.

I almost forgot to tell you her name. It is Jocelyn Ruth. She likes to roll around in her playpen, and will soon learn she has some feet, and that they are made to stand on. She likes to watch the cat, too. The cat's name is Tiddle-de-winks, because she has patches of black and yellow on a white background. We call her Winkie for short.

Now you young folks hurry and write a letter to Children's Page, for I want to tell you what Winkie brought home from the woods one day. It was something we almost never see. You will like to hear about it, I know. And I will tell you what it was next time I write. So hurry with that letter and guess what Winkie brought home.

Yours truly,

Aunt Effie.

Dear Aunt Effie:

To be one with the children, I'm calling you Aunt Effie, though no doubt you are younger than I.

I will be pleased, and I am sure the children will, to receive letters and stories from you now and then, especially when no children's letters are forthcoming. So please write as often as you can.

Perhaps you remember that when I first began to edit the Children's Page I wrote a series of stories about Winkie, the little field mouse. So I'll think of Winkie, the cat, as the namesake of Winkie, the field mouse.

This past week has been a very happy week for Pastor Greene and me, for our son, Dr. E. Claire Greene, spent from Monday night to Friday morning with us on his return from overseas where he has been for over two years. He is looking wonderfully fit considering all he has been through. We are indeed grateful to our heavenly Father that he has brought him home safely. You can imagine the happiness of his wife and little ones. He had never seen his little boy who is twenty-two months old.

Hoping to hear from you soon about what Winkie brought home the other day, I am

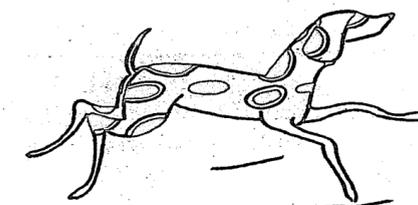
Sincerely yours,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children:

I am sure you, too, are anxious to hear about the unusual thing Winkie brought home from the woods that day; so you join me, do you not, in urging Aunt Effie to write again soon.

Now I'm going to tell you about two dogs I know and which make me realize that dogs are often wiser than we realize. One of these dogs belongs to a dear friend who lives about a block and a half from us and is a frequent caller. He is a little brown and



"He runs far ahead."

white dog and when his mistress starts away from her home in our direction he runs far ahead of her and without looking back comes up on our front porch and lies down near the door. But if she is calling at some other home he seems to know that, too, and arrives ahead of her there. Don't you think he is a wise dog?

The other dog lives at the other end of town. He gets quite excited when he hears

ONE WAY TO GET IN

By K. L. Brooks

Dr. Charles Barry, a liberal preacher of England, was getting ready for bed one night when a poor woman came to his door, saying, "My mother is dying. I want you to come and get her in."

The minister understood that the dying woman wanted peace in heart so she could face her Maker.

He consented to go, wondering how he could adapt his ideas of the gospel to a sinful, dying soul. He talked to the gasping woman about the advantage of having a good record. He told her there was no reason to fear anything, since God is love and all is God. He told her just to blot out the past and throw herself on the mercy of God. But none of this brought rest to the sin-sick soul.

The minister became desperate. He well knew what this woman was waiting to hear. He could think only of the hymn he had often heard his mother sing when he was a lad. He began to sing it:

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

E'er since by faith, I saw that stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Seeing that a light came into the woman's face, the minister recalled as best he could the story of the Lamb of God crucified in the sinner's place, as it had been taught him in his early days. The dying woman was given faith in that moment to receive Jesus

the train whistle. He will throw back his head and howl, and he sounds so much like the fire whistle that people will also get excited and cry, "Where is the fire?" He is a funny dog. Don't you think so?

I wish my Recorder children would tell me more about the cute pets they have or know about, for we would all like to hear about them. Perhaps you have some unusual pets; has anyone a pet pig, lamb, woodchuck, or squirrel? If so, we'd like to hear all about them; I might mention many other kinds of pets, and you might think of others.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

as her Saviour and Redeemer. He got her in!

But Doctor Barry did something more. The next Sunday morning he told the story to his fashionable congregation and added: "And not only did it get her in. It got me in too, and from this day I'm going to preach Christ and him crucified!"

Yes, dear friend, that's the only message that gets anyone in. "Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5: 1.

One way to get lost—take the wrong road. Regardless of fine pavement and charming scenery, the wrong road does not take you to the desired destination.

One way to get peace with God—one way to heaven. The Word of God has been given to mark out for us the road to the Eternal City. "I am the way, the truth, and the life," said Jesus, "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14: 6.

Millions have borne witness to the joy of salvation found by entering this Door. Will YOU enter?

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN AFRICA

(Continued from page 371)

ren in New Zealand, but the needs for workers and other support are far from met.

Our hearts are continually touched by the loving messages and appeals. Just now a letter bears news of concern over the writer's late illness and messages of love and assurance of prayers from three named leaders.

Here is the conclusion of an appeal received some time ago: "Father Herbert, you know a man have a son; cause father much trouble. Son grow up help father." So these children of ours in the gospel over there in what used to be called the great dark continent will be growing up to give encouragement and "help" to us who fathered a movement that appeared to be a failure. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6: 9.

REMEMBER

SECOND CENTURY FUND

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Plainfield, N. J.

The Plainfield Church resumed its services and work after the summer vacation with all its auxiliaries functioning.

A family supper and hymn sing were held in the Sabbath school room on the evening of September 28. Basket lunches were brought and all seemed to enjoy this first get-together supper of the season.

The regular September Communion service was postponed until October 6, in order to join in the World Wide Communion. The November Communion was held at its regular time, on the third.

Sabbath Rally Day was observed October 6 with an interesting program at the Sabbath school hour. The young people and children furnished special music and Scripture readings, and Mr. Duane Hurley gave an interesting and helpful chalk talk.

We are happy to have Mr. Hurley and his family with us. They fit into our church life in such helpful ways—especially Mr. and Mrs. Hurley in the choir and the children in the Sabbath school.

Bibles and other used Christian books have been sent by the missionary interests committee to Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph's mission work in Florida. The committee is planning to send new Bibles to two of our most active native pastors in Africa. The request of the CCORR for Christmas boxes to be filled and sent to Christians overseas met with a good response. Over thirty boxes were filled by groups and individuals.

One of our highest experiences has been the entertainment of the yearly meeting of the eastern New York and New Jersey churches.—Correspondent.

Amsterdam, N. Y.

Fred Pearson, a young man who has recently become a member of the Berlin, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church, is making plans for what he hopes will become a Seventh Day Baptist Youth Center. In a recent letter he writes: "I have purchased a bungalow in Haganan, N. Y., which I intend using for Christian work, holding meetings, entertaining young people, having recreational and eating facilities. Christian service is my first interest, and I want to have evangelists come here with singers and other musicians to hold services."

Riverside, Calif.

A church reception was held recently for Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Chapman, who have moved to Washington where Mr. Chapman is establishing a cleaning and pressing business. Rex Brewer, brother of Mrs. Chapman, accompanied them.

The young people of the church are actively participating in the Youth for Christ rallies which are being held every two weeks in Riverside.

Plans are already being formulated for next summer's camp at Pacific Pines, the camping site now owned by the church. Many improvements already have been made in the lodge and bunk house; blueprints have been drawn up for an additional dormitory to be built as soon as materials are available. Over fifty young people attended the Seventh Day Baptist camps last summer, and the camp grounds were in use almost every remaining week during the summer by some other youth or church group.

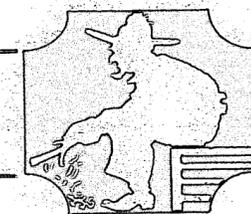
Correspondent.

Westerly, R. I.

A series of meetings at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist church are being held on the four Sunday evenings in November, with Sabbath beliefs and practices being discussed.

The first speaker was Dr. Edwin Whitford, whose subject was "The Sabbath in the Bible." On November 11 George B. Utter spoke on "Successful Seventh Day Baptists from the Pawcatuck Church." The November 18 subject was "Sabbath or Sunday—Why I Am a Seventh Day Baptist." Karl G. Stillman gave the address.

November 25 the pastor, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, will speak on "The Spiritual Value of Sabbath Keeping."—Westerly Sun.

OLD-TIMER
SEZ . . .

"Some of yer money put into these here denominational boards, churches, Sabbath schools, young folks camps, and such, pays big interest in makin' good citizens, too!

"Where yer treasure is, there's yer heart also—or words to that effect."

ERNEST FITZ RANDOLPH

Ernest Fitz Randolph was born in Alfred Center, N. Y., October 15, 1863, one of five children born to Silas F. and Emily Lusk Randolph. He moved to Farina, Ill., with his parents in 1866, and most of the time since then has made Farina his home.

He united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Farina in 1882, and has served this church faithfully, being ordained deacon in 1914. He sang in the choir, taught a Sabbath school class for many years, and served as a trustee. He took a firm stand in favor of everything he thought right. He was a believer in the Bible and that it was and is the Word of God. He believed that the seventh day is the Sabbath of Jehovah and as such should be observed by all mankind. Believing this he has for the sixty-two years of his business life closed his place of business before the setting of the sun on Friday night, to remain closed until sunset the night of the Sabbath. These years have been a living testimonial to the consistency of his belief.

For fifty-five years he has continuously served an ever-widening clientele as a dependable and trustworthy repairer of watches and clocks, and has built up an extensive practice as an optometrist. In 1901 Mr. Randolph installed at his own expense the "town clock," which has three sets of weights, one set being wound every day in the week except on the Sabbath day. Deacon Randolph went to work as usual on September 26, 1945, and was stricken suddenly; his Maker had called him home to his reward.

He was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Langworthy on September 28, 1893, at Nortonville, Kan. Two children were born to this union: Dale, at home, and Mrs. Emily Davis of Jerseyville, Ill. He is also survived by three sisters: Mrs. Lura Persels, Mrs. Ines Wells, and Mrs. Mabel Allen, all of Farina.

Alfred, N. Y.

Harold O. Burdick, who is a field director of the Red Cross, expects to sail for home on November 7, from Calcutta. The voyage takes approximately one month, so it is expected he will be home in early December.

—Alfred Sun.

Deacon Randolph never aspired to public office, but he has served the community as township and as village clerk; he was the first treasurer of the Farina Building and Loan, and served for five years as its president, and many years as a director; served as president of the Farina Cemetery Association for more than twenty years.

Funeral services were held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church on September 28 with Rev. Claude L. Hill officiating. C. L. H.

Obituary

Gurley. — Susan Williams, daughter of John and Mary Chapman Williams, was born in Lowville, Lewis County, N. Y., June 18, 1865, and died in Adams Center, N. Y., October 12, 1945, one week after a fall in which her hip was broken.

She was married to David Spicer Gurley on June 17, 1888, and most of their married life was spent in Adams Center, but from 1908 to 1916 they lived in Milton, Wis., where Mr. Gurley was in business. Mrs. Gurley has been a loyal and devoted member of the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church for over sixty-three years.

Close survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Eva Jones, and a brother, Chester C. Williams.

The funeral service was at the home in Adams Center where her daughter, Eva, has cared for her since Mr. Gurley's death in 1937. Rev. Jay W. Crofoot, pastor of the Second Brookfield Church, was in charge of the service. J. W. C.

Irish. — William Arthur, son of Amy Elizabeth Potter and William Babcock Irish (of Potter Hill, R. I.), was born in Farina, Ill., March 23, 1870, and died October 1, 1945, at Bethesda Hospital, Hornell, N. Y., after a brief illness.

Mr. Irish came to Alfred from Farina in 1893 and has been a farmer in this vicinity during the past fifty-two years. He was an active member of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, joining by letter from Farina. He married Hattie Estelle Burdick of Alfred on June 5, 1897, who preceded him in death June 25, 1942.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. John E. Oman and Mrs. Myron A. Burrows, a son, William Arthur, and a foster son, James Anderson.

Farewell services were conducted at the church by his pastor, Rev. E. T. Harris. The Alfred Grange assisted at the grave. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. E. T. H.

Randolph. — Ernest Fitz, was born in Alfred Center, N. Y., October 15, 1863, and died at Farina, Ill., September 26, 1945. An extended obituary appears in this issue.

Tappan. — Flora Orcutt, daughter of Hall Henderson and Eliza Nichols Orcutt, was born September 1, 1860, in Concord, Minn., and was called to rest at her home in Battle Creek, Mich., October 12, 1945.

Mrs. Tappan served the Lord many years. A convert to the Sabbath in her early years, she joined the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church, and later served as deaconess for ten years, as Sabbath school superintendent, and in other phases of the Lord's work. In 1912 she wrote the history of the Dodge Center Sabbath School which was published in conjunction with the Church history prepared by Rev. H. D. Clarke. When she and her husband, Frank Tappan, moved to Battle Creek, both served faithfully in that church. She was active in Ladies' Aid and other church work as long as her health permitted, and her judgment was depended upon even during her declining years.

The memorial service was held in the Farley Funeral Home in Battle Creek, conducted by Pastor Alton L. Wheeler, assisted by Rev. Edward M. Holston. Interment was at the Memorial Park Cemetery. A. L. W.

Smart. — Ella Clarke, daughter of Albert and Elvira Greene Clarke, was born at Scott, N. Y., October 1, 1857, and died in a hospital in Valley City, N. D., October 6, 1945.

She was a graduate in 1888 of Hahnemann Medical College in Chicago, Ill., and settled as a practicing physician in Milton, where the year before she had become a member by letter of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. October 14, 1889, she was married to William Henry Crandall, who died in 1892. Dr. Ella, as she was familiarly and affectionately called, practiced her profession of medicine and healing in Milton as a widow until March 14, 1901, when she married Arthur H. Smart. He died in January, 1929.

Close survivors are a sister, Mrs. Grace Place, a daughter, Mrs. Alice Thal, and a son, William Greene Crandall.

Funeral services were held in Milton, Wis., October 9, 1945, in charge of Rev. Willard D. Burdick, assisted by Rev. Edwin Ben Shaw.

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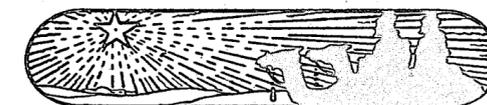
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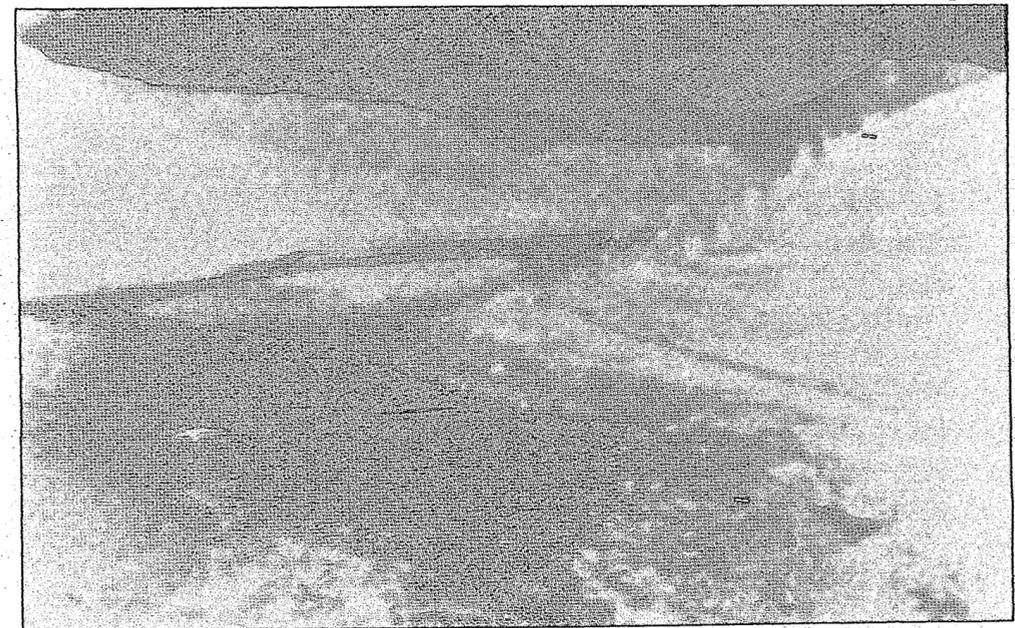
God of our fathers . . . at this Thanksgiving time our hearts are filled to overflowing . . . our eyes, once wet with tears, are drier now . . . and broken hearts are surely mending because of thy blessings unto us. A mighty fortress is our God! . . . And that Divine guidance which has always been our priceless heritage is showing us the way!

For this we offer thanks. Thou hast stood beside our leaders . . . our loved ones, departed . . . and those who have remained at home. Thou hast given us courage and led us victoriously . . . to build those things which thou hast taught us to be righteous!

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