

there was no transportation by car for several days.

A Mother's Day party was held at the parsonage by the Junior society in honor of their mothers.

The members of the junior choir and their director, Mrs. Leta De Groff, have been diligently preparing numbers for their concert given at the church before an appreciative audience the night of June 7. The concluding numbers were "Beautiful Saviour," by Christiansen, and "Lift Up Your Heads," by Knowlton; they were especially well rendered.

A farewell reception was recently held in honor of Professor and Mrs. J. Fred Whitford at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Hall. During the evening, music, games, speeches, and refreshments were enjoyed by all, but beneath our mirth and jollity there was a deep feeling of sadness. We were losing from our church circle two very faithful members. However, we all wish them health and happiness as they take up their abode in their new home at Milton, Wis.

Correspondent.

Plainfield, N. J.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ at Plainfield has carried on in its usual manner since the first of the year except that the social activities have been much curtailed on account of war restrictions.

Only two get-together socials were held. At one we were entertained by Col. F. G. Tyler, who showed us interesting colored pictures on the screen, and by the singing of favorite songs led by Mrs. Donald E. Lewis.

The other social deserves special mention because of the originality of those who worked it out. Mrs. Nathan E. Lewis was chairman of the committee. It was called the "Comedy of Eras," and consisted of short acts, songs, and readings—contrasting the church and community of many years ago with the present time. It was filled with wit and humor, and excited much laughter—especially the act of Don and Mary Lewis on the tandem bicycle. Dressed in old-style costumes they rode around the room to the tune of "A Bicycle Built for Two." Then they dismounted at the front of the room and sang the song as a duet, most effectively. Misses Lucy Whitford and Evalois St. John, representing early members of the church, were dressed in costumes of olden days.

They discussed matters of their time and community, especially the church and Ladies' Aid affairs. Mrs. N. E. Lewis read a most interesting paper telling about the Plainfield of other days. There were several other good features, and refreshments followed.

The annual church meeting with its supper also afforded another time for getting together in a social way. The Pro-Con group of young people are now meeting once a month for a supper meeting and Bible discussion.

The meetings of the Women's Society have been held, for the most part, in the homes of the members. They closed their work with a picnic luncheon at the home of Mary Bond Lewis, on June 26. A most interesting talk was given by Mrs. Fancher on the work being done by groups of musicians who visit the hospitals of our servicemen. Their entertainment is truly a help in building up the morale of our wounded soldiers.

We have enjoyed the sermons by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, who has been preaching for us since December 16, 1944. He is joint pastor of our church and the church at New Market. Pastor Hurley S. Warren, who is on leave as a chaplain in the armed service, frequently sends the church a special message. We welcome these cheering messages which are printed in our bulletin.

The prayer meetings have been kept going in a creditable manner by members of the church taking turns as leader.

Daily Vacation Bible School in the Plainfield church began July 9 to continue for a period of three weeks. Rev. Victor Skaggs is the supervisor. New Market is also co-operating.

Correspondent.

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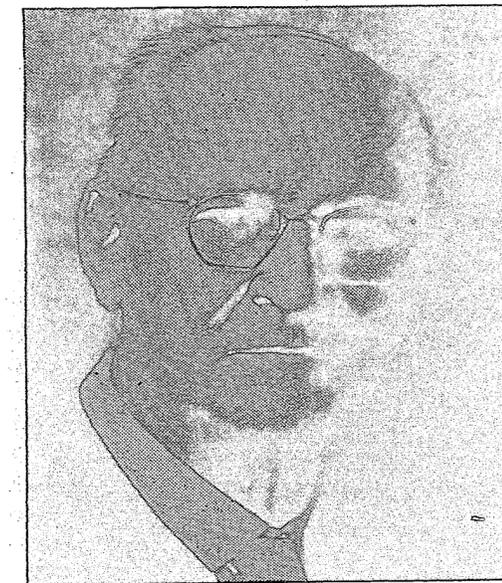
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Editorials

WHAT PEOPLE EXPECT TO FIND IN SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS

After years of preaching for Seventh Day Baptist and other churches and working with people who look for religious fellowship to Seventh Day Baptists or some other Sabbath group, I have come to several clear convictions of what people would like to find in Seventh Day Baptists.

More and more people are looking to Seventh Day Baptists with real hope of discovering satisfaction for their inner longings. One woman, for example, wrote recently, anxious to learn about these Sabbath-keeping Baptists, "Are they really Spirit filled? Or is their church just like any ordinary denomination except for the Sabbath?" For this woman, and the many others who are looking, do we have what it takes to attract people? If we have the following characteristics, we do.

I.

First, we must (above all people) be a group that stresses the gospel of salvation by grace. Too many church people are legalists; they expect to work out their salvation; they expect salvation because they "loaf on Saturday," as one of our writers has aptly put it. How can we hope for salvation by works alone when we find in the Word such statements as "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2: 8, 9); and "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of

God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1: 12, 13)? People who are looking for a soul-satisfying place to worship are not content with a be-good, do-good religion.

II.

People want to be sure about salvation. Can one be sure that he is saved? Here are the evidences by which anyone may know. (1) You can know whether you are really trusting in Christ as your Saviour. (2) You can know whether you feel that God is your Father. (3) You can know whether you just naturally feel that you belong in the fellowship and brotherhood of his children. You do not need to guess or hope so. You may know whether you have been born into God's family.

III.

The gospel of salvation by grace, emphasizing the certainty of salvation, issues in character above the average. It results in not merely good humanity, but humanity showing the divine touch and divine origin. Such people demonstrate in their daily living why the Christian way of life is better. It is the way of the second mile, the cup of water, and the turning of the other cheek. It grows out of the love of God within, not a desire for reputation. The life that has a longing to be Christlike is outstanding.

IV.

Christian character issues in brotherhood. People worshiping with some Seventh Day Baptists marvel at the fellowship. They say,

"We've never seen anything like this." The occasion may be a Sabbath noon meal at the church as the church people eat together like a family; never is there a group off by itself talking about the rest. Outsiders find such a condition unusual and appealing in the modern day, but even in early Roman times it was said about the Christians that they loved each other even without knowing each other. Seventh Day Baptists need and must have such brotherhood.

V.

Then something even more marked people wish to find in Seventh Day Baptists. They want to find a people who live close enough to God to live by his guidance and know his direction. Life is so complex, so confusing today, even more so now than when Jeremiah wrote, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jeremiah 10: 23). We are unable to see one step ahead, yet we have a God who knows the end from the beginning. Of course, such a God can direct! We sing with assurance, "My tomorrows are all known to thee," don't we? Do you see that if people come to folks who can be guided, folks who are near enough to God to be guided, they will say, "Surely God is among these people"?

VI.

We should be a Biblical people. I think others want to find this characteristic in us; it is a characteristic we need to find among ourselves. It is quite evident by experience and observation that many among us, who by heredity and conviction are loyal Seventh Day Baptists, grow liberal in their attitude toward the Bible. But after a third of a century in the ministry, I have yet to find a liberal Bible student interested in being a Seventh Day Baptist. People outside expect us to be true to the Bible in its obvious and ordinary sense, not indulging in slavish literalism, or a mere worship of the letter, but possessing loyalty to the Word of God as the Word of God. That is what I find to be true!

VII.

Of course, outsiders expect to find in Seventh Day Baptists true Sabbath keepers. Many criticize us for being too lax in Sabbath keeping; others fear a kind of Sabbath keeping as followed in some places by some

groups. A friend of mine, formerly of another denomination, told me she knew people who would go to bed and try to sleep on Sabbath afternoon for fear of doing something to jeopardize their salvation.

Seventh Day Baptists do not keep the Sabbath, or do anything else for that matter, to earn salvation. Salvation is a gift! We obey for love's sake. "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" (1 John 5: 3). We should be Sabbath keepers, careful to observe the day, but while keeping it faithfully let us keep it out of our love for God and avoid legalism as we would avoid the plague.

VIII.

Now, consider liberty of conscience. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Galatians 5: 1). One can be faithful to the Scriptures himself and still grant others wide liberty to differ from him. I think that of all the characteristics and qualities of Seventh Day Baptists, this appeals probably to more people than any other. It is the first sentence in our statement of belief: "Seventh Day Baptists cherish liberty of thought as an essential condition for the guidance of the Holy Spirit." However, there is a vast difference between granting liberty of conscience and not caring what people believe.

Seventh Day Baptists should care, care about the gospel, knowing that salvation is certain and free. We should have an undying love of the truth as we seek divine guidance in daily living, which will be manifest in Christian character and grow into enduring brotherhood. Granting liberty of conscience, we need still to be a Biblical people, loyal to God and true to our Sabbath conviction. And with all, we need to show, as others look to us, a vigorous zeal.

If we as Seventh Day Baptists hope to appeal to people outside the denomination, we will do well to check ourselves on these basic qualities and characteristics.

Loyal F. Hurley.

Riverside, Calif.

Swearing is just the blustering of a bully. It is conversation's cesspool.

—Edward Wertheim.

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GOD'S APPEAL TO MANKIND

By Rev. E. A. Witter

(A missionary sermon preached at Salem, W. Va.)

"My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways." Proverbs 23: 26. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1: 12, 13.

These texts should not be thought of as the word of man, but as of God, for both are of the Spirit of God. The texts are of God's personal approach to you. It is as though God had said to you, "My son, give me thine heart."

Now let us inquire why does God especially want the heart, for he has said, "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." The heart is the seat of affection, and God wants our affection. He cannot be satisfied with you and me unless we confide in him.

Have you ever noticed the face of a mother or father when a prattling child reaches up its little hands, pats the face, and says with shining eyes, "I love you"? I think that is the way Jesus looked when he took up the little child and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." Jesus' great heart of love longed for the cheer and comfort of the love and sympathy of even a little child.

How much more does the Lord Jesus long for the heart and confidence of older boys and girls and men and women. He died for all. He suffered even to the breaking of his heart and the sweating of great drops of blood, that he might give deliverance to all men. Do you realize, my brother and my sister, that professed Christians are and have for a long time been living at a poor, dying rate, so much so that Christianity has not been going forward? There has been but small growth in the membership of the churches of all Protestant denominations, or increase in the fields occupied by Christian

workers. Is it necessary that conditions should remain as they are? Are you conscious of these conditions? Can they be changed for the better? Some have said in answer to this question, "Yes—promote, build up evangelism." What is necessary to build up the spirit of evangelism and give it power to work and win? This is a good question for each one to think about and answer for himself before God.

I think that in Luke 24: 49, Acts 1: 13, 14, and 2: 1-4 is to be found a pretty good answer to the question. First, let the Christian people assemble themselves together in homes or special places for worship, study anew the promises of God, and continue together in prayer and consecration of spirit, time after time, till the Holy Spirit sends them out into the byways and hedges of the earth to find the unsaved. Such a course would prepare for a Pentecost. The war, with its sorrows and sufferings, furnishes the match to start a fire of strong evangelism and create a change in conditions.

Once I sat in the home of a sawmill owner as he and his workmen ate their dinner. There was a rap at the door; his wife opened it, and there stood a man with his hat in his hand. She invited him in; he sat down for a time, and then said, "Mr. Vanwormer, your mill is on fire." He was quiet and manifested no excitement. Is that the way we treat the work of the church? Will that way lead to successful evangelism in the work of bringing the sinner to redemption? There is excitement, enthusiasm, in efforts to overcome the destruction of fire.

Do you really long to save a soul from the burning of sin? How much less of excitement and enthusiasm should we manifest in the work of redemption than is shown in the case of dangerous fire? The one is for the saving of temporal things—the wealth of the world. The other is a work for the saving of a soul for the eternal kingdom with God. The loss of a soul in sin is eternal. Do you realize it?

There has been much soft-pedaling in the use of the words sin and hell. It has gone on for so long a time that there is danger

of forgetting that these are Bible phrases and should not be blacked out in religious discussions.

I think there is need that we remind ourselves often of the fact of sin, and realize that sin is deceitful. It is possible for us to roll sin under our tongues, or harbor it in our lives, and not be aware of it. Sin is a destroyer of life; it robs one of the hope of a home with Christ. Sin is a Hydra-headed monster. Take note of it, think of it, but know that Jesus Christ lived and died that you might be free therefrom. Turn not a deaf ear to Christ's teachings on this point.

I hope you will forgive me for referring to a personal experience I had soon after entering upon my work as pastor here. There came to me some of the business men of town who proposed that they meet in the session room of the church each Sabbath morning for a short time before preaching service, and make it a time of remembering the pastor and the church in prayer. What a great source of inspiration it was to me each week to see that company of men come up the stairway and take their places in the audience, knowing they had been in prayer for the church and its services. There were a goodly number of business men in town then who had no business on the Sabbath but the business of God. Their readiness to devote time and thought to the church and its work was an evidence of a living interest in the salvation of men.

Here is a good illustration to help in the training of children for the service of Christ. A father and mother were having trouble to interest their little daughter in the study of geography. To help awaken an interest in that study they secured for her a jigsaw puzzle map of the United States. They felt the putting together of this puzzle would awaken an interest in the study. Great was their surprise when they found how quickly she could put it together, so they asked how she did it. She replied that on the other side of the map was the picture of George Washington, and when she got that picture together, the map was all right.

In life it is for you and me to make for the world a living map of Christian faith. To do this, can we do better than follow the example of the little girl with the jigsaw puzzle? Can we do better than to so live as to make the picture of Christ stand out in us, that the world may behold him? Re-

member that when you get the life right, the Christ will be clearly seen.

Here is another illustration. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Timothy 3: 16, 17. Jesus Christ loved the Bible and had faith in its teachings as a rule for life, or he would not have quoted it so often.

To make the picture of Christ perfect, it is necessary that each professing child shall believe that the Bible is the Word of God, given to us that we may know something of his thought. If we can read the Bible with this in mind, how rich and wonderful will John 14: 1-3 be to us when we are weighed down with the cares of life or overcome with grief.

Are you filled with worry and unrest? Is there darkness and doubt in your heart? Listen to that sweet voice of the Saviour as he speaks to you, "Let not your heart be troubled." How much is that like a mother as she holds her crying child to her breast and seeks to give it comfort. That is just what Christ is doing for you in your time of need. Let me ask you, Why does Christ speak thus tenderly to you? Is it not because he wants you to know there is plenty of room in his Father's house, and he wants you there with him? Have you in mind a picture of the thought of a sinner when he realizes that Jesus is speaking thus tenderly and lovingly to him? It is not too much to believe that when he holds these words in mind, he will listen carefully for other words of comfort. Jesus says to every listening soul, "This is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life." John 6: 40.

A story is told of a man who was walking along the railroad track, carrying a heavy burden. A station agent said to him, "Don't you know the law forbids you to walk upon the tracks?" The man was a foreigner and said, "I have a ticket." He took it from his pocket. The agent said, "But that ticket will let you ride on the train to the place where you want to go, and it will carry your burden for you."

Friend, if you love the Lord Jesus Christ and serve him, you have a ticket for heaven, and he has said, "Cast all your cares upon

me." The eternal God is thy refuge, and his understanding of your needs is eternal.

A little boy was awakened from a dream one night in great fear and he cried out, "Mother, are you there?" She answered, "Yes, darling, mother is here." The boy asked again, "Mother, are you next to me?" "Yes, dear, Mother is next to you." After a little he called again, "But Mother, is your face turned toward me?" "Yes, darling, Mother's face is turned towards you." With a contented sigh the little fellow went to sleep.

Dear hearer, when you are turned toward God and his face is turned towards you, as it is seen to be in our text, you can go off in quiet repose—but not to sleep on the questions of the world's great needs. You can go forward in confidence, for God does love you, and Christ will be by your side all the way.

OBSERVATIONS

By Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn

(Corresponding Secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society)

Interesting events of special importance to us all as Christians and churches are developing in these days, though they may be crowded from attention because of front page war news.

One of these is the far-reaching influences and promise of the recently closed Peace Conference. We shall watch the developments of plans arising from the actions at San Francisco.

Another is in the liberation of Pastor Niemoeller and other Christian leaders from concentration and prison camps.

Particularly, of still another do I write at this time, namely, that concerning leadership in the World Council of Churches. By action of the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches, meeting on June 26, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the council, was released for six months' service with the Provisional Committee for the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, for the purpose of assisting on major matters of organization and policy during the crucial period of reconstruction in Europe. This release was made in response to an official request presented by three representatives of the Provisional Committee for the World Council during their

recent visit in this country. The three European churchmen were Dr. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the Provisional Committee, with whom Doctor Cavert will be associated in Geneva; Dr. G. K. A. Bell, Bishop of Chichester; and Dr. Marc Boegner, president of the French Protestant Church Federation. Doctor Cavert will leave for Geneva, according to our news release, in September. Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, associate general secretary of the Federal Council, has been designated acting general secretary during Doctor Cavert's absence.

In the official request for Doctor Cavert's services, Dr. Visser 't Hooft pointed out that the release by the Federal Council of "one of the outstanding Protestant leaders in America as a temporary gift to the World Council would symbolize the concern of the American churches in the world-wide organization of Christian churches."

Doctor Cavert has been general secretary for twenty-four years. Our own contacts with him first came at our General Conference at Ashaway, R. I., in 1922, when he made a deep and favorable impression upon many of us. He is well known in Europe and is one of the leaders in the World Council of Churches, being one of the members of the Provisional Committee which was created by action of the Oxford and Edinburgh conferences in 1937, and of the international conference at Utrecht, Holland, in 1938, which drafted its constitution.

In the fall of 1942 Doctor Cavert made a special trip to the European offices of the World Council of Churches for the purpose of strengthening the contacts between the churches of America and those of Europe. This was the first trip by an American churchman to Europe after our entrance into the war.

Some years ago Dr. Edwin Lewis, much interested in my work as editor of the Sabbath Recorder, wrote to me as follows: "Did you ever stop to think of the original meaning of Recorder? It is that which calls back memories to the cor, the heart. It also records in our modern sense, but that is a cold meaning in comparison with the original."

Doctor Lewis wrote this illuminating word at a time when compelled to seek another climate on account of his wife's heart ailment. He was always a friend to the Re-

Recorder and to those who had its responsibility upon their hearts. His father, Dr. A. H. Lewis, was its distinguished editor from March 7, 1898, to September 16, 1907, which doubtless deepened Edwin's interest in its problems and aspirations.

The heart is the symbol of the center of love and affection. How meaningful then to us is the analysis by Dr. Edwin Lewis of the original meaning of the Recorder. The Recorder—calling "back memories to the cor, the heart." How significant that should be to us all. To us who are carrying on the work in church and throughout the denomination, the Recorder as it comes "calls back

memories to the heart" of God's goodness, mercy, love, and watchcare of those who seek diligently to do his will and to keep his commandments. How warm indeed is its meaning as Doctor Lewis suggests.

Then for those scattered abroad, perhaps indifferent to religious interests and to their early training, the Recorder—even if only occasionally seen—not only records events and doings of the people and work they once were interested in, but in its warmer meaning of memories brought to the heart must stir again somewhat to active faith and loyalty.

Plainfield, N. J.

Woman's Work

Mrs. Okey W. Davis, Salem, W. Va.

LITERACY AND LITERATURE

The World Literacy and Christian Literature Committee, or to shorten this long title, Literacy Literature Committee, is sponsored by the Foreign Missions Conference. As your Women's Board is a member of that body, your editor became the board's representative on literacy and literature.

The work of the committee is twofold and, as the name implies, world-wide. The need of world literacy is discussed in a pamphlet, "Postwar Opportunity No. 1." Frank Laubach, an American missionary in the Philippines, has given a marvelous impetus to the work by developing a short method of teaching reading by means of charts. The method is being adapted to a multitude of languages. A most comprehensive review of his method was given in Congress and printed in the Congressional Record, July 15, 1942. Sponsored by our committee, Doctor Laubach recently completed a trip to Latin America where, with his helpers, he is introducing his method and preparing charts in many tongues and dialects.

The problem of what to give new literates to read is being solved by the publication of Christian literature in the form of periodicals and books. An outstanding example of the former is the "Chinese Farmer," read by many thousands. It is said that 10 per cent of its readers are converted to the Christian faith. Other publications for the home, news, women, and children are printed in many languages.

One can endow a village library for the sum of \$3. After the mission study of the "Silent Billion Speak," one of our societies endowed two such libraries through the board treasury. If the library were for a village in India, it would consist of sixty booklets enclosed in a tin can to protect them from white ants.

Spreading literacy lies at the heart of missions, for illiterates are the poor, the brokenhearted, the imprisoned whom Jesus came to free. Today many doors are closed to Christian missions, but the doorway to the mission of the printed page remains wide open. What can we do about it? At the end of your mission study course will you consider prayerfully with your Ladies' Aid what you can do together to further this great work among the nations?

Frances Davis.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

(Minutes of the Directors' Meeting of the Women's Society)

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination met in regular session July 15, 1945, in the Mrs. G. H. Trainer Sabbath School Room with the following members present: Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. Okey W. Davis, Mrs. R. P. Seager, Mrs. Oris O. Stutler, Mrs. Edward Davis, Mrs. Ottis Swiger, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Miss Lotta Bond, and Miss Greta F. Randolph.

Mrs. Skaggs led the devotionals, using as her subject "Strength will always be wait-

ing." Psalm 84: 5-7, 11, 12. Prayers were offered by all present.

Mrs. S. O. Bond gave the report of the treasurer. Her report was accepted and placed on file.

Voted that the associational correspondents be requested to send the papers given at the woman's hour at each association to the editor of the Woman's Page of the Sabbath Recorder for her use.

Mrs. R. P. Seager gave a report of the Christian Culture Committee. Her report was accepted.

The report of the Spiritual Welfare Committee was as follows:

To the Board of Directors:

Your committee to promote the spiritual welfare of Seventh Day Baptists in the service of their country would express their appreciation of the services being rendered by our four chaplains, all now serving overseas.

A recent addition to religious literature for the service man or woman is an attractive, pocket sized edition of "The Upper Room."

We are happy to note that some of our suggestions passed on by the Recorder are being adopted by our women's societies.

As time passes, the members of your committee realize increasingly the problems which confront the serviceman's family. We would call attention to a discussion of this matter on pages 386, 387, Sabbath Recorder, May 21, 1945. Cannot several of the helpful suggestions cited be adopted by various groups? For "The American home, reinforced by church, school, and community, is, perhaps, America's most priceless possession. In the struggle to preserve its tradition, the Church has a vital share."

Your committee would remind all that a serviceman is placed on the Recorder subscription list for \$1 a year.

We feel that there is a great opportunity for the churches to keep in personal contact with their people in service by means of the personal letter from individual lay members of the church, and by means of the church bulletin. The latter can be the regular weekly bulletin with an additional page once a month, a kind of news sheet for the serviceman. Some bulletins list the names of their men for whom special prayers are being offered during the ensuing week. A special message from the pastor, or an interested layman, encourages and heartens the recipient of the bulletin.

The candlelighting service appears to be a means of inspiration. A church in the mountains of the South, not of our denomination, holds such a service once a month. Sixty-five candles flicker on the altar, one for each of the town's servicemen and women. One by one, a father, mother, or wife comes forward, lights a taper, pauses in silent prayer; beneath each candle is a name; as they pass their pastor, almost inaudibly

they urge him to "Pray for Johnny." Probably Johnny is there in spirit, at least, for he had been notified of the day and the hour. Attending a candlelighting service means a walk of eight miles over mountain roads for some of these people.

The Salem Ladies' Aid combined their candlelighting service with the church fellowship supper before Easter. The program, in attractive cover, was sent to each person on the honor roll. Included were a special message from the pastor, the church honor roll with latest address of each serviceman or woman, and a message from Rev. A. L. Davis in behalf of families and friends. We close our report with the words of Doctor Davis:

"Of course we miss you. There is a vacant place in the home, in the church, in the community. But you are not absent. You are here with us in spirit; and we are with you in our prayers, our love, and our sympathy.

"We are too old or too young to join you in person, but you are fighting our battles, and we love you for it. You'll be coming home some day, and we want you to find a better church, a more sympathetic, Christlike church. In the words of Tiny Tim we can truly say: 'God bless us, every one.'"

Mrs. Ottis Swiger,
Chairman.

Mrs. Stutler gave the report of the Ways and Means Committee including reports from Rev. L. O. Greene and Mr. Arthur Burns. Her report was accepted and placed on file.

To the Board of Directors:

Your Ways and Means Committee would submit the following report:

Evangelist Greene has begun his work in northern Wisconsin and Dodge Center, Minn. He will also attend the Ashram to be held at Greene Lake. This work will take most of his time until the early part of September.

Mr. Arthur Burns reports that special meetings conducted by Rev. Loyal Hurley will be held at Welton, July 19-21.

We would make the following recommendation: that \$180 for housing be paid in semiannual payments to Mr. Greene.

The project of purchasing a trailer for the use of our evangelist is being received with enthusiasm. Money is being promised by some, and we hope that by October, or November, we will have a trailer ready for use.

We recommend that the board pay into the Ministerial Retirement Fund a sum equal to 4 per cent of the salary of our evangelist.

Mrs. Oris Stutler,
Chairman.

Letters were read from W. D. Rogers concerning trailer prices, from Deacon Wiley encouraging the purchase of a trailer, and from Mr. P. B. Hurley concerning Conference reports.

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

The sixty-ninth session of the Southeastern Association convened with the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berea, W. Va., on Friday evening, June 29, 1945, at eight o'clock, with Reuben Brissey, moderator, in the chair.

The session opened with a vesper service by the Berea choir in charge of Amos Brissey, with Mrs. Alberta Ireland at the piano and Mrs. J. F. Randolph at the organ. The music of the association, with the exception of special music, was conducted by this group with the assistance of Mrs. Beula Sutton. Special music was given at different times by Mrs. Alberta Radcliffe and Mrs. Lenore Brissey; Wilma Bonnell and Nancy Kelly; Carol Kagarise; Mrs. Mary Sutton on the accordion; Lewis H. May on the trombone; and the Salem quartet, consisting of Dr. S. O. Bond, Dr. O. S. Ikenberry, Mr. Roswell Seager, and Mr. Orla A. Davis.

The sermon of the opening session was preached by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, pastor of the Lost Creek, W. Va., Church. His theme was "The Bridge of Prayer," encouraging the building up of our prayer life. Other strong sermons were delivered. Rev. J. W. Crofoot, delegate from the Central Association, preached on the theme, "The Gods of Our Enemies," urging a Christian attitude in time of war. Rev. Trevah R. Sutton spoke on the theme, "The Son of Abraham." Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, delegate from the Eastern Association, used the text, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already unto harvest." John 4: 35.

A number of devotional services were conducted during the association. One by Dr. S. O. Bond, assisted by the Salem quartet, was very effective. One was conducted by the Berea young people featuring "Meditation" readings by Mrs. Alberta Radcliffe with a musical background. Another was conducted by Rev. M. C. Van Horn with emphasis on the meaning of "The Cross." Rev. James L. Skaggs conducted one service based on the "Love Chapter," 1 Corinthians 13.

The interests of the denominational boards were not neglected though direct representatives of the boards were not present in some cases. The interests of the Missionary Society were presented by Rev. T. R. Sutton. Those of the Tract Society were presented by Rev. J. L. Skaggs. Mrs. J. F. Randolph,

Mrs. Skaggs gave a report of progress for the committee to plan program for Conference.

To the Board of Directors:

Your Committee on Program for Conference would report progress.

Tentative plans were made at an early meeting of several members of the committee with our promoter of evangelism. Several letters have been written and favorable replies received. Further development is held up pending a new decision in regard to having a Conference this year.

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs,
Chairman.

Miss Lotta Bond gave the annual report of the corresponding secretary. Her report was accepted.

Mrs. S. O. Bond gave the annual report of the treasurer. Her report was accepted.

Voted that the report of the corresponding secretary and the report of the treasurer be the annual report to Conference.

Voted that the treasurer provide for the auditing of her books.

Voted that a committee be appointed to have the annual report printed.

Mrs. S. O. Bond and Miss Lotta Bond were named on this committee.

Voted that a bill of \$1.50 be paid to the Literacy Literature Committee.

These minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in annual meeting the second Sunday in September at 2.30.

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs,
President,
Greta F. Randolph,
Secretary.

Salem, W. Va.,
July 15, 1945.

IN MEMORIAM

The Woman's Missionary Circle of North Loup, Neb., has lost a dear friend in the passing of Delia Sayre, and yet we have not really lost her. Her beautiful life with love and devotion to all that was pure and right, her fine example as wife, mother, neighbor, and friend will be an inspiration to us for life. She loved her church devotedly, and the last act of her life was to send money for the church debt. We are grateful that we had her friendship so many years, and are left with a beautiful memory. We give our deepest sympathy to her family.

Mrs. E. J. Babcock,
Mrs. G. L. Hutchins.

southeastern associational secretary, had charge of the Women's Board hour. The Board of Christian Education was represented by its field secretary, Rev. Harley Sutton. Mr. Sutton's plan for organized assistance to the board within the association was adopted and Sabbath school division chairmen were appointed.

Some special features of the association might be mentioned. A communion service was conducted Sabbath morning by Rev. J. F. Randolph, assisted by Rev. J. W. Crofoot. A sunrise breakfast was enjoyed by the young people on a hill overlooking the village and the church. A good breakfast was prepared by all and a good devotional

service was conducted by Rev. Harley Sutton. The Southeastern Association Camp, to be conducted at Middle Island church under the supervision of Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, immediately after this association, was brought to our attention by the report of the camp committee and by provision made in the budget for its continuation.

Letters from the churches of the association sounded an optimistic note, and letters from the Eastern, Central, and Western Associations were gladly received. The presence of delegates from the Eastern and Central Associations was much appreciated. Many expressed their appreciation of a very fine associational gathering. J. F. R.

Christian Education

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

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SUNRISE SERVICE OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

By Carol Kagarise

(A young person from the Salemville, Pa.,
Seventh Day Baptist Church.)

Sunday morning greeted the Southeastern Association with thoughts of rain, but as sleepy-eyed young people met at the church around 6 o'clock, signs of the sun began to appear.

It did not take long for the merry group to wind its way up the hill, where we were greeted by Pastor John Randolph and a smoky fire. After enjoying a hearty dish of sausage and eggs, and the fun that always goes with a sunrise breakfast, we turned our minds to more serious thoughts in charge of Rev. Harley Sutton.

The group joined in singing several hymns and was accompanied by Mrs. Trevah Sutton on her accordion. Devotions were led by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, followed by sentence prayers from the group.

Rev. Harley Sutton quite appropriately had chosen "Higher Ground" for the theme of his message. There we were physically on higher ground, able to look down into the valley on both sides of us. We could thoroughly enjoy the beauty of it all as the sun climbed higher and higher into the sky.

But what about our minds, hearts, and thoughts, were they on higher ground? Mr. Sutton went on to illustrate his theme by

telling about a rat that had made its home in an airplane and was being as destructive as rats usually are. Time after time the men tried to kill it or catch it, but each time they failed. Finally they decided to take the plane up into the air higher, and when they reached a certain height the rat fell out of his dwelling place—dead. So with us, if we climb high enough the rat in us will die.

To further illustrate the need for placing our lives on higher ground, Mr. Sutton told of a family who wanted to build a home in the mountains, and since they had several children they wanted to build above the snake line. By doing so there would be no danger of poisonous snakes attacking the children. In our lives, greed, selfishness, hatred, unkindness, disobedience, disloyalty, and untruthfulness are poison. So we must build our lives on higher ground to keep from those poisons.

"Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on heaven's tableland,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMPS

"Camp Harmony" was the name decided on by the campers and staff at the Central Association camp held at Oneida Lake, N. Y., near the Verona church. A report will appear later, which is being prepared by one of the young folks. There were twenty-six campers who came from the Adams Cen-

ter, Verona, De Ruyter, and Leonardsville churches. The staff members were Rev. and Mrs. C. Harmon Dickinson, Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Polan, Mrs. Leon Maltby, and Rev. Paul Maxson. Mrs. John Williams of Verona was the cook. Pastor Dickinson says, "Camp really went better than we had anticipated. We had a fine group of campers. We had a good corps of workers on the staff."

Camp at Middle Island in West Virginia began the same day as camp at Verona, and a report will soon appear. Dean A. J. C. Bond who was to teach there was unable to attend because of illness. He has now recovered from this illness and will be teaching in the Western Association Camp which will be held near the Hebron Seventh Day Baptist church in Pennsylvania, July 22-29. As soon as possible a report will be published of this camp.

Marian Coon of Ashaway is preparing a report of Lewis Camp. It was my first visit to Lewis Camp, and I surely did enjoy working with the staff members and campers. There were twenty-five full-time campers, and four visitors from the church at Middletown, Conn., which is an independent seventh day church of which Rev. William Kimshel is the pastor. Five young people expressed their desire to dedicate themselves to a life of full-time service for Christ: two young men as ministers, and three girls as missionaries. There were eleven high school age campers in my class on the "Young People's Meeting," and most of them did satisfactory work to receive credit cards for this first series course.

Word will come soon from Battle Creek regarding camp there. The girls' camp was July 15-22, and the boys' camp July 22-29.

On the west coast a camp was held June 17 to July 1. Some of the results were given in the Recorder of July 2.

Camps at Boulder and North Loup are to be held yet, and reports will be published.

MICHIGAN AND OHIO SEMI-ANNUAL

By H. J. Teegardin

At the Michigan-Ohio semi-annual meeting June 29 and 30, the young people had charge of the Sabbath afternoon program. In spite of the sultry day, many came to hear a musical service and a series of three talks on the theme of "Building with Christ Vocationally, Politically, and Socially." Elaine

Lawton was in charge and introduced Norma Johnson of White Cloud, Ilou Miars of Jackson Center, and Robert Featherston of Battle Creek as speakers. We enjoyed also as our conference guests: Rev. and Mrs. Clarke and little Roberta, Joy Miars, and Janet Sailor, all of Jackson Center. Mr. Clarke gave an inspiring message in the Sabbath morning service. The White Cloud Church was represented by Norma and Joan Johnson. Mr. Clarke will be back here for our young people's camp being held this month. He and Rev. and Mrs. Alton Wheeler will be in charge of the girls' and boys' camp. Mrs. John Langworthy will be in charge of the kitchen, always an important part of camp. About fifteen campers from Michigan and Ohio are enrolled for each camp.

We're certainly fortunate to have so many young people from other states working with us this summer, although we'll be losing one of our "locals" to Wendell Burdick of De Ruyter, N. Y. She is Virginia Moulton, and there will be wedding bells in August. We have active workers as follows: Barbara Seager of Salem; Vivian and Barbara Parks, Wendell and Audrey Stephan from Nortonville; Ruth Bird of Dodge Center; Lucille Simby of Milton; and Darrell Barber of North Loup, who recently received an honorable discharge from the navy and is now visiting his sister, Mrs. Roderick Moulton. Another dischargee is Ralph Legion from our society.

That about winds up our news for this time, except for telling you who are our new 1945-46 officers: Dorothy Brannon is our president; Virginia Moulton, vice-president until Elaine Lawton takes over in August; Madeline Parrish is secretary; and Merle Fuller, treasurer. — July Beacon.

VACATION SCHOOLS 1945

Reports are coming in from churches where Vacation Church Schools have been conducted.

Boulder reports a school with thirty-eight children enrolled, and the school was held June 4-15. There were classes as follows: beginners, age 3 to 5; primary, age 6, 7, 8; and juniors, 9-12. The school is sponsored by the church and under the direction of the Religious Education Committee.

The Salemville Church held the school June 11-22, a two weeks' school of five days

each. There were forty-five children enrolled, of which eighteen were Seventh Day Baptists. Two other churches were co-operating, but except for two helping teachers the responsibility was Seventh Day Baptist. There were beginner, primary, junior, and intermediate classes. The Sabbath school sponsored the school and authorized the pastor to choose a committee which selected courses and teachers. There was a brief worship service at the opening of each day and worship in the classes. There was an assembly period each day with time to learn hymns. There was a missionary offering received which amounted to \$12.83, which will be sent to the American Bible Society to be used in helping blind children to obtain Bibles.

At Shiloh the school was held June 18-29. The Seventh Day Baptist Church was the only church taking part. There were sixty-five children enrolled. The classes were kindergarten, primary, junior, and intermediate. Texts used were from the Christian Publications at Harrisburg, Pa. An offering of \$5 was received for a missionary in South America.

Rex Zwiebel reports for the Hebron, Pa., Church as follows: School held July 9-13 with twenty-five children enrolled. There were three classes. The teachers were selected by the supervisor, and all were experienced Sabbath school teachers, college graduates, and very co-operative. We had two pre-school faculty meetings with discussion. The supervisor entered the homes of children in the community and where they had no transportation it was provided. About sixty-five miles were traveled in the week's pick-up. We had one assembly period with a worship period each day. In the worship service we used a candlelighting ceremony, call to worship, school motto, salute to Christian flag, prayer, Lord's Prayer, two choruses, Scripture, offering, and benediction. An offering was received for helping send a young man to school in preparation for the ministry, who is from one of our mission churches.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR AUGUST 11, 1945

Isaac's Testimony to God

Basic Scripture—Genesis 25, 26

Memory Selection—Psalm 72: 18

THREADS OF GOLD

By Mrs. Pearle Halladay

"But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee . . . when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour." Isaiah 43: 1-3. What an assurance we have in this passage of Scripture: He is our Creator, our God, and our Saviour.

When we start each new day with its uncertainties, how much strength and comfort the promise gives us, "I will be with thee." He did not say he would remove the waters or the fire, but how much greater the blessing to be with us — to see us safely through. Just as strong winds strengthen the great trees of the forest, so circumstances which we must overcome give to us added strength. We would not expect great strength from a small, sheltered flower, but truly it fills its place in shedding its perfume and beauty in its little nook, and the great whole world would be incomplete without it.

Did you ever drop a small stone into a pool of water and watch the rings, one after another, go out and out until they reach some object? What we do and say in our daily living is very much like that. We drop words—words of kindness or otherwise. We do thoughtful, kindly deeds or careless ones, and so start in motion something that surely will touch another life. What will the effect be on that life? How kind our heavenly Father is to give us a new beginning each day—yes, each hour. There are many hills to climb, many dark valleys through which we must pass, many sudden turns in the road that we must meet; but his precious promise, "I will be with thee," gives us strength to climb the hills. That promise is a clear light in the shadows; it is a shelter from the burning heat, and gives us steadiness to meet the unexpected.

Once a man who did not believe in God wrote this motto and hung it on the wall of his room, "God is no where." A little child just learning to read changed the letters and then read—"God is now here." The

child read the motto out loud and turning to the man said, "Do you believe God is now here, right in this very room?" The man only looked; he was afraid to answer that innocent child. What if he did not believe in God? He could be wrong. Did he dare sow seeds of doubt in a trusting child's mind? He did not cast a stone into the pool of water.

May we ever keep this thread of gold where we may look at it and follow it clear through the many pages until we come to Matthew 28: 20b, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Stevens Point, Wis.

RECONSTRUCTION

By Fred W. Barrett

Hitler's great failure against Russia was like that of Napoleon, who took six hundred thousand men into Russia, capturing Moscow in 1812, but got only thirty thousand of his army back to France. After that huge defeat and a year and a half more of battles, Napoleon was sent to the little island of Elba.

But has there been any long peace in the world since that time? And can there be now? The Bible surely teaches that we can have it so—but only by a great turning to God.

Nearly all the discussion for a lasting peace is based on improved co-operation between nations, with very little thought of more obedience to God—such for instance as to abolish the beverage liquor traffic and legalized gambling. And there is a still greater sin than these.

Those two great sins Jesus did not mention specifically. Those are public sins and easily seen. But his one great command for specific action, given after his resurrection, was to "Make disciples of all the nations." Instead, nearly all ever since, (including even those who in other respects show fruits of a genuine Christian spirit) have been embezzlers.

Even in the United States and Britain, the two most outstanding Christian nations, most of the people (even those with plenty) have spent nearly all on self, family, and friends.

"Men are like steel. When they lose their temper they become worthless."

ATTENTION SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

A great many of our military people are traveling toward the Pacific Coast. If you are to be stationed near one of our Seventh Day Baptist churches in California, or if you are passing near by, we as members of these churches would be glad to welcome you at any time to our services:

Los Angeles Church

264 W. 42nd Street

*Mrs. Emma Jeffry

1152 Gordon

Phone Gladstone 2870

Los Angeles Christ Christ

(Colored)

*Rev. Henry C. Lewis

9224 Compton Ave.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Riverside Church

Corner 14th and Lemon

*Mr. G. M. Curtis

4145 Orange Street

Phone 4761-W

First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Dinuba

*Rev. B. B. Friesen

1493 South Ave.

Reedley, Calif.

Pacific Coast Association.

* Church Representative.

IN-MEMORIAM

Death has again entered our Ladies' Aid society of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church and taken from us one of our oldest and most loyal members, Miss Margaret Burdick. While health permitted, she was active in all the affairs of the church. Her love of beauty was expressed through her lovely plants and flower garden, which were an inspiration to all who visited her. While we shall miss her, her influence will still be a living factor among us and her gift to the church she loved will be a constant reminder of her faithfulness and loyalty. We desire to express our sympathy to her family in their loss and ask that these words be placed upon the minutes of our society and copies be sent to her nephews and niece.

Mrs. Jennie Greene,

Mrs. Hazel Baker.

Children's Page

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

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you? I am fine and all my sisters are, too. I have five sisters and one brother.

I have heard a lot about your stories in the Sabbath Recorder. My mother takes the Recorder. I like to hear the children's stories and letters and will learn to read them soon.

We have forty-nine young chickens. We have had them since they were very young babies.

Two of my sisters and I went to Independence. Betty and I went to the parish house, and you told stories to the little boys and girls.

I am nine years old. My birthday is March 31. I think this is all now.

With love,
Louise J. Henry.

Dear Louise:

As usual I am fine, too, and as usual busy with various things. This week we are entertaining our little granddaughters, Joyce and Gretchen, while their parents are taking a much needed vacation with relatives in Elmira, so I am extra busy. Just now the girls have gone with one of our neighbors to play with thirteen-year-old Nedra Burrows, who has moved from next door to the other side of town. She is never so happy as when she is furnishing a good time for younger children, and all the little ones love her dearly.

I remember you at Independence, and I hope you and the other boys and girls enjoyed hearing the stories as well as I enjoyed telling them. I also remember your sisters.

Five of our Andover young people, ranging in age from twelve to eighteen, are planning to attend the Seventh Day Baptist camp at Camp Potato, near Coudersport, Pa., spending a week there beginning a week from today. It seems an odd name for a camp, doesn't it? But that part of the country is noted for a wonderful grade of potatoes, and they are grown in large quantities.

The little girls have just returned home, so I must keep the promise I made this morn-

ing and take them to see the fish and squirrels at the beautiful home of one of our neighbors. I hope you will write often and also try your hand at writing stories.

Sincerely your friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

[The above letters were omitted from last week's Recorder as there was not room for them in the children's supplement.—Acting Editor.]

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you? I am fine. Since there haven't been many letters lately, I thought it was about my turn to write. I have been going to write, but I just didn't get to it, so here I am.

We have some little chickens and one of them is the funniest color. It is a kind of blue color and it is so fat. I love little chickens, don't you?

There is a sparrow's nest in the grapevine below our house, and in it there are two baby sparrows. They aren't quite big enough to fly and sometimes they fall out of the nest. We put them back in because we have a cat. He sits out in the yard and watches the mother bird hop around on the fence. I think he would like to catch her.

Well, I guess I will stop for now.

Your Christian friend,
Nancy Lou Kelley.

Berea, W. Va.

Dear Nancy Lou:

I guess most everyone loves little chickens; they are so cunning and cuddly. We used to have many of them when we lived in Independence, but haven't any place to keep them here. One of our friends in the other end of town has two little "fresh air" boys spending two weeks with her. One of them doesn't know one thing about the country and asks comical questions. For instance: "What's the difference between a chicken and a hen? Why do roosters crow? Why isn't your milk in a bottle instead of a pail? Where does the milk come from anyway? Why do you let people walk on your grass?"

His questions make me think of a little girl from Chicago who spent one summer at my uncle's in Milton Junction, Wis., when I was also there. We had gone for a long

ride into the country, and just before we returned to my uncle's house, she said, "I have looked everywhere and seen almost everything, but I haven't seen a single potato tree yet."

Our kitty Skeezics was a great cat to catch sparrows, robins, and other birds, but he never seemed to hurt them. He would bring them in and lay them carefully at my feet; then he would look up at me proudly as if to say, "See what I have brought you?" But I didn't appreciate such gifts for they would fly all over the house, and such a time as I did have getting them to fly out of doors and windows. When he brought me baby birds, however, I could usually put them back in the nest.

I am glad you did not delay any longer before writing for I am by no means the only one who is interested in reading the children's letters.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Shiloh, N. J.

On every hand is talk of "postwar" plans. National and world conditions challenge the church as never before. The aftermath of the war will be very serious. The situation calls for a new loyalty on the part of church members. As a step toward meeting this challenge, the pastor and deacons have issued a call to renewed loyalty to be recorded in a "Book of the Covenant." July is Renewed Loyalty Month. Pastor Lester G. Osborn is emphasizing the four parts of the covenant in his sermons on the four Sabbaths. Each Sabbath is to be a rededication of ourselves to our Lord, his Church, and its task.

About thirty from our church went to Salem the night of June 23 to attend the meeting at the Christian Youth Center. The Dickinson quartet furnished special music, Ella K. Sheppard led the singing, and Pastor Osborn brought the message.

Our Intermediate Christian Endeavor received the attendance award at the spring rally of the county union on May 21. Florence Sheppard was elected treasurer of the union. Paul Osborn was elected president of the Greenwich district. Pastor Osborn is one of the minister advisers.

Fifteen of our members were at the meetings of the Eastern Association at New Mar-

ket in June. Pastor and Mrs. Osborn attended the Central Association at Verona, as delegates from this association.

On May 12 the order of service of five years ago was duplicated as nearly as possible in recognition of Pastor Osborn's fifth anniversary as pastor here. May 19 was the quarterly communion service, with reception of five new members of intermediate age and two adults. Ella Mae Davis of Franklin City, Va., joined by testimony. On May 26 we celebrated Sabbath Rally Day, all the music used being written by Seventh Day Baptists. On June 16 we honored our graduates at the morning service. The same day a Children's Day program was presented by the primary and junior departments. July 7 was Family Rally Day, with dedication service for babies. The annual joint Communion service at Marlboro was held June 23.

There have been special programs at the Sabbath eve services, too. We were glad to hear Pastor Harmon Dickinson of De Ruyter, N. Y., one evening. On another evening a representative of the Moody Bible Institute was with us, and showed pictures of their work with the servicemen. Another night we borrowed the use of the baptistery in one of the neighboring churches and held an impressive baptismal service. On April 6 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Prati brought their ministry of music.

On the night of May 8 a large congregation gathered at the church for a service of praise and prayer celebrating the cessation of the hostilities in Europe. Songs, poems, Scripture reading, and a season of prayer led up to an address by Pastor Osborn on "Peace Under God."

On the night of May 12 a special Mother's Day vesper was held. One of the features of this was a mother-daughter chorus of twenty-seven women and girls. This service was planned by Mrs. Ella K. Sheppard, Mrs. Anita Harris, and David Davis.

After being with us a year, Isabel Prati—formerly of Schenectady, N. Y.—has moved to Boulder, Colo., and has taken her letter to join the church there.

Our Sabbath school has sent \$50 to Jamaica to help finance a proposed evangelistic campaign in a section of the island not touched as yet by our people.

A like amount was sent to Rev. Elizabeth Randolph to be used in her work in Putnam County, Fla.

The Benevolent Society has sent \$96 to the Women's Board for the Helpers' Fund which provides support for workers on the home field.

Vacation Bible School was held from June 18-29 and had a total number of pupils attending of seventy-three. Pastor Osborn was the supervisor. Pastor Francis Saunders of Marlboro was one of the nine teachers. An interesting fact is that six of the teaching staff are products of the school.

The session room has been redecorated, and is very much improved. Additional chairs and other supplies for the primary department are being ordered.

A new sign advertising our church is up. It is located a mile below Shiloh.

A new young people's chorus is to be organized soon to take the place of our former junior choir. Mrs. Grace de Wilde will be the leader.
—Shiloh Bulletin Extra.

Ashaway, R. I.

The Ashaway Daily Vacation Bible School was in session for ten days and came to a close with appropriate exercises in the church. The program featured a review of the work accomplished by the pupils under the supervision of their teachers.

Memory songs, Scripture verses and exercises by the different age groups, and a picture featuring the Bible story, the "Good Samaritan," shown by Rev. Ralph H. Coon, with Pauline Daland as reader, constituted the excellent program. Following the processional, all saluted the American flag and the Christian flag.

An exhibit of handwork done by the children was displayed on the tables arranged in the vestry and included handbook work and novelties used in connection with Bible stories.

Mr. Coon was supervisor of the school and teacher of the intermediate class; Mrs. Coon, assisted by Miss Marian Coon, taught the junior class; Rev. Paul S. Burdick, assisted by Miss Esther Burdick, the primary class; and Mrs. Munson Gavitt, the beginners' class.

There were seventy-three boys and girls registered, with an average attendance of sixty-four.—Westerly Sun.

Unless man has the wit and grit to build his civilization on something better than material power, it is surely idle to talk of plans for a stable peace.—Francis B. Sayre.

Obituary

Burdick. — Margaret Louise was born in Lima, Wis., on December 20, 1858, and died at her home in Milton Junction, June 21, 1945.

She was adopted when small by Ethan and Phileana Babcock Burdick, attended Milton College, and taught school for a number of years before moving to Milton Junction with her family, fifty-three years ago. In May, 1877, she was baptized and joined the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church and always held it foremost among her many interests.

Surviving are two nephews: R. Leon and Charles C. Burdick.

Funeral services were conducted from the home and the church on Sabbath afternoon, June 23, by Rev. Orville W. Babcock, assisted by Rev. W. D. Burdick. Burial was in the Milton Junction Cemetery.
O. W. B.

Lippincott. — Samuel Darius, son of Curtis and Elizabeth Babcock Lippincott, was born May 23, 1861, in Logan County, Ohio, and passed away July 14, 1945, at the home of his brother, Perry B. Lippincott, Battle Creek, Mich., where he has lived for many years.

Early in life he was baptized and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Jackson Center, Ohio. Due to an accident and illness he has been a cripple most of his life.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. LeRoy (Marjorie) Reigner; two sisters, Mrs. James (Charlotte) Knight and Mrs. Iseus (LaVerna) Randolph; two brothers, Jesse H. and Simeon M.

Committal was at the Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek. The service was conducted by Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, assisted by Rev. Henry Jordan.

A. L. W.

Wright. — Willet H. Wright, Jr., son of Willet H. and Lottie Green Wright, was born at North Loup, Neb., January 11, 1920, and was killed in action in Germany, March 25, 1945.

When a young boy he was baptized, and at the time of his death was a member of the Denver Church. On August 20, 1940, he was married to Alice Marie Pulver.

Besides his wife, survivors are two small daughters, Sally Marie and Sadie Kathleen; his parents; one sister, Mrs. Eileen Stadler; and two brothers, Herbert and Richard.
L. G. W.

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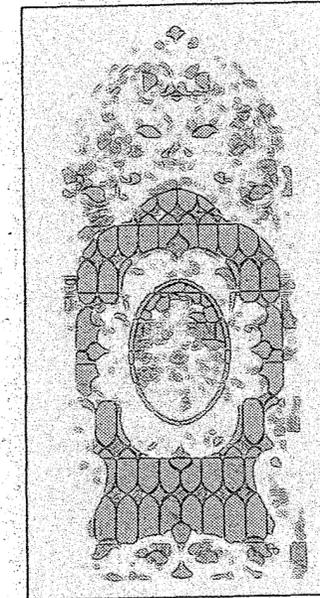
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The photograph of this stained glass window featuring the Cross of Christ was taken by Rev. Zack H. White. His sermon, "Take Up Thy Cross," appears in this issue.

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