

Marriages

Neidigh - Becker. — Donald G. Neidigh, U.S.C.G., of Fenelton, Pa., and Helen Becker of Dinuba, Calif., were united in marriage on Sabbath afternoon, July 28, 1945, at Chappelle Dealva Marriage Chapel, Long Beach, Calif. Pastor G. D. Hargis officiated.

Obituary

Burdick. — Carrie D. Still, daughter of Sylvester C. and Louisa M. Blimm Still, was born January 6, 1859, at Lewis, N. Y., and died June 18, 1945, at Providence, R. I.

She came to Ashaway as a young woman and lived there sixty years of her life. On October 11, 1884, she was married to Daniel Burdick, who preceded her in death almost exactly two years. She joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, February 23, 1889, and continued a member of that church until the time of her death. She was loved by many friends and relatives in Ashaway and vicinity.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Ralph H. Coon, and interment was in the Oak Grove Cemetery at Ashaway. R. H. C.

Burdick. — Lester Dowse, son of Thomas Truman and Harriet V. Dowse Burdick, was born May 22, 1874, and died June 3, 1945, at his late home in Alfred.

At an early age he was baptized and became a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at West Edmeston, N. Y. He was later a member of the Hartsville Church, where he was ordained as deacon. He served in this capacity in the First Alfred Church until his death. On October 15, 1902, he was united in marriage with Grace A. Grow. For the past thirty years Mr. Burdick has been engaged in the dairy business in Alfred. He was an active member of the local Grange, having served as its master and as a trustee.

His close survivors are his wife, two brothers, and three children: Dighton G., Milton D., and Mrs. Clair Gowdy.

A prayer service was held at the late home. Farewell services were offered in the church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. E. T. Harris. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. E. T. H.

Starkey. — Vera Azelia Todd, daughter of Hallie E. and Ethel Whitford Todd, was born in West Edmeston, N. Y., May 22, 1904, and departed from this life at her home in Effingham, Ill., July 11, 1945.

She was baptized and united with the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church when about the age of fourteen years, and continued her membership there as long as she lived. She was married to Kenneth W. Starkey June 17, 1926. They have made their home at Milton, Waukesha, and Watertown, Wis.; and Effingham, Ill. She will be greatly missed by her family.

Close survivors are her husband; two daughters, Vera Jeanette and Margaret Ann; a sister, Mrs. Earl H. Young; and her father.

Funeral services were held at the Seventh Day Baptist church at Farina, Ill., and were conducted by Rev. Claude L. Hill, assisted by Rev. Carroll L. Hill and Rev. Mr. McCowan.

—Contributed.

Van Horn. — Nettie Lawrence was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, and moved with her foster parents to Garwin at the age of four. She died at her home in Garwin on June 16, 1945.

At an early age she united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of which she was always a loyal and faithful member. In 1891 she married Harry L. Van Horn. They spent the early part of their married life on farms in Green County. Mrs. Van Horn served her community many years as a Sabbath school teacher and officer. For several years she was secretary of the Iowa Annual Meeting.

Close survivors are her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Ava Hirst and Mrs. Echo Wilcox. Mr. Van Horn has sold his home in Garwin and will make his home with his daughters.

—Contributed.

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VICTORY PRAYER

God of our fathers, God of the nations, thou who art eternal, from everlasting to everlasting the same: we praise thy name as in humility for all our sin we thank thee for thy mercy and long-suffering for wayward peoples and nations. Thanksgiving fills the hearts of millions for the close of an awful war. In every home in America and elsewhere thankfulness is too deep to find expression in the blowing of whistles and horns, ringing of bells, and parades. Our words, too, are inadequate to express the emotion of our thanksgiving.

We thank thee that men and women who have fought and labored long may now return to their loved ones and to the paths of peace. Pity the homes to which the loved one returns not. Temper the sorrow there with assurance that with thy help none shall have died in vain.

May we allow no bitterness to creep into our joy over victory, no hatred to destroy our peace. Create in the hearts of all people a love that will see clearly, that will not stoop to revenge. May we realize that no "advantage and no satisfaction of revenge can safely be a guide in this peace" for which we pray and have labored. If the safety of humanity is achieved we must have a sense of thy righteousness. May justice be tempered with mercy.

God, grant us peace, an enduring peace: a peace that gives hope to those who are innocent, even to those of enemy countries. Our Father, may there be unto us a peace wherein is no fear, in which mankind can build happier and freer lives.

In these days wherein we are celebrating victory may there be a sorrow for lives snuffed out, and a dedication of ourselves to a kind of peace that is founded upon the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of mankind. In the name of him who gave his life for man. Amen.

H. C. V. H.

Plainfield, N. J.,
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Editorials

"PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

Writing these editorials is my first task after unpacking my typewriter and just enough other materials to start work in the new parsonage at Richburg. It is not only new to us, but the people here have worked hard to put on new paint inside and out and to lay a new hardwood floor in the living room. A new gas furnace with thermostat control has been added, and a modern gas range has been installed in the kitchen. It is not only for these man-made things that we are thankful. We have enjoyed the beautiful landscapes that have opened up before us as we crossed Connecticut and New York to come to our new home. It was with regret that we turned away from Rhode Island with its beautiful beaches along the blue Atlantic and its bright green wood set with deep blue lakes, or ponds, as they are called in New England. We shall miss the Rhode Island scenery, but we have here the wooded hills with their darker shades of green and the grass-covered valleys with their many elms and lovely hard maples. We miss our many friends in Ashaway, but we are already rejoicing in the fellowship of our newly found brothers and sisters in Christ. Oh, how much we have to be thankful for, wherever we are, and whatever we are doing, in this world.

As we praise our Father in heaven for all of the bounties he showers upon us, we cannot help thinking of those who are deprived of home and loved ones and all that is dear

to them. We think also of those who are enduring all of the horrors of man-made war. Is it right for us to be grateful to God while others are suffering so for the want of such things as we have? May we not answer these sobering questions by reminding ourselves that the greatest treasures we receive from our bountiful Father in heaven are "the riches in glory by Christ Jesus"? Let us remember that the more adverse the circumstances, the more the spiritual blessings mean to the one who knows the Lord and lives by the promises of his Word. Lieut. Cornelius Vanderbreggen of the United States Marines tells in the Sunday School Times of the horror of the Iwo Jima campaign. He talked with many of the wounded, and all but two of them spoke of the terror of it all, which was so great that even to be seriously wounded was a relief because it meant to be evacuated. The two who knew the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and constant companion said nothing of the terror, but thanked God for the peace they had in those days of great danger and hardship.

Yes, we may praise our Father any time under any circumstances. Can anything take away our great salvation, so rich and so free? The Word commands, "In every thing give thanks." 1 Thessalonians 5: 18.

R. H. C.

THE FRUITS OF PRAISE

Some time ago a card came into my possession with these words printed on it, "Praise opens the door of blessing." I am convinced

that God can bless us only to the extent to which we can appreciate it. Appreciation of the blessings we have makes it possible for God to send the greater blessings he has long desired to give us. We need not only to "count our many blessings," but also to let the praise of our hearts burst forth to God, our Creator and Redeemer. One reason that the Church seems to have lost much of its old-time power to save souls and to inspire Christians to sacrificial service is that the note of praise has to so great an extent been dropped from our lives. Where are the old-time testimony meetings? Has not the Lord done as much for us as he did for our fathers? Those outside of Christ will take notice of a testimony that rings true, when they will turn a deaf ear to a sermon. Among different groups of Christians I have known I have noticed that the ones who are the most happy in their religion and the most willing to give a joyful witness to what Christ has done for them are the ones who are winning the most souls to Christ. Let us pray with the psalmist, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." R. H. C.

GOD-GIVEN FAITH

The basis of Christian joy is faith. The Christian whose faith is weak cannot give a joyful and convincing testimony. "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" 1 Corinthians 14: 8. In contrast to this weak, uncertain testimony, note what Jesus says about the one who has faith in him. "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." John 7: 38. A sound faith and a clear testimony will bring blessing to others like that brought by rivers of living water in the midst of a desert. If the Church had such a testimony, the world would be sure to take notice.

If such a witness hinges on our faith, it is clear that the question of how we get our faith is an important one. Let us turn to the Scripture to find the answer. In Ephesians 2: 8 we read, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Faith is the hand we hold out toward God to receive his gifts, but even that, we are told, is not of ourselves; it is the gift of God. The question may arise if the apostle is not referring to our salvation as being the gift of God. It

is salvation by grace that he is talking about in the verses before and after this one. The best way to settle such a point is to compare Scripture with Scripture. In Titus 3: 5 we read, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us." This shows definitely that salvation is a gift of God, and nothing we earn by our own works. Romans 6: 23, "The gift of God is eternal life," and many other Scriptures could be quoted to show that this reading of Ephesians 2: 8 is correct. On the other hand, in Romans 12: 3 we read that "God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." This clearly indicates that our faith is received from God, so the passage in question really has a double meaning. Both salvation and faith are gifts of God.

We often hear people say, "If I only had more faith I could do so and so"; or, "My prayers are not answered because I haven't enough faith." Is it God's fault that faith is weak? Since faith is the gift of God, it might be argued that these people were slighted when God was dealing out faith. Surely we cannot countenance such a thought. The Bible teaches that God's giving depends upon our receiving. It is only as we pray that we are really ready to receive. God will reward our weak faith as he did that of the man who asked help for his son and at the same time recognized his own small faith. Let us pray as he did, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." Mark 9: 24.

If we want more faith, that desire is evidence that we have some faith. Jesus said, "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say to this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you." Luke 17: 6. So we see that God gives every encouragement to even the smallest faith. He will also make it to grow as he does the mustard seed if we bring it to him. The method is simple. We bring what faith we have to him, praying in faith believing. He answers our prayer "above all that we ask or think." That gives us a greater faith to ask for more.

We may put it in another way. If we keep our eyes on Jesus, trusting the promises of the Word, our faith will come along all right. God who supplies our faith will see to that. Dr. Charles G. Trumbull said that it is as though three men were following

a narrow path in single file. Christ is ahead, leading the way; I am next; and faith comes last. If I keep looking around to see if I am losing my faith, I may lose sight of my Guide and lose the way; but if I keep my eyes on him, my faith will come along all right. I must say with Paul, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection." Philippians 3: 10.

There is no better way to keep our eyes on Jesus than by studying the Bible, looking for revelation of him. If we look carefully enough we may find him in every chapter. I have a book in my library which summarizes the Bible, showing how the Lord Jesus is referred to in some way in each chapter.

There are three things, then, that will strengthen weak faith: prayer, Bible study, and service. Each answered prayer gives us faith to ask for more. As we study the Word we become familiar with God's promises, and our experience makes us more sure than ever that they never fail. As we serve, especially in natural, joyful witnessing, our God gives strength for the task and crowns our efforts with success as he leads the way. R. H. C.

GOING 'ROUND IN CIRCLES

Often we are prone to think that in our attempts to serve the Lord we are just going around in circles and coming back to where we started. This may not be the case, after all. Since coming to Richburg we have been interested in watching the heavy freight trains as they pull laboriously up the valley. After watching one of these trains passing about half a block east of the parsonage, some time later we can see it again from our west window as it comes back on the other side of the valley and way up on the hillside. It has almost gone around in a circle, but in doing so it has climbed to a higher level, getting up to where it will soon be able to go over the West Notch so it can deliver its loads to the cities and towns of northern New York.

When life seems to be going around in circles, is it not still worth while if each circle brings us to higher levels of spiritual experience? Then, too, let us ask ourselves if in this going around we have been lifting burdens for others as we went.

"Life is like a mountain railroad with an engineer that's brave." Indeed we can be brave for we know that there is One who has gone over the road before us and planned

each curve and grade and trestle for our best advantage. We need not even fear the darkness of the tunnels for we know that the same One has seen to it that the farther portal is nearer our destination than we could get any other way. Then, too, he furnishes all of the equipment and all of the fuel, or power, we need to make the grade and lift the loads. "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4: 19.

Ralph H. Coon.

Richburg, N. Y.

COMMISSION RE-ELECTS HURLEY

Commission is in session at the W. M. Davis home at Williams Bay, Wis. The men have voted that I should continue as president of Conference.

Possibly some have thought much was asked last year. As I look into the new year the feeling is to ask for more money, more church advertising, more Bible readers, more soul winners, more abundant living.

P. B. Hurley,
Conference President.

Telegram received
August 15, 1945.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Rev. Simeon Babcock: an Autobiography
(Continued)

After staying about four years after the treaty of peace with the Indians by General Wain*, we left the village and moved to a place where father had bought a home and some other improvements. Others also bought land and moved on it. Some still lived there, and that was the place where they met for worship; and father prospered. From the time we left Jersey to this period is six years, A.D. 1795, at which time I was eleven years old, the eldest son of my father. And now commenced the cutting down of the sturdy oak and the poplar that endangered the buildings; and to get them out of the way, they had to be sawed up and burned. On this farm father lived till A.D. 1806;—in this year, he and Sm. Davis and his brother Jacob and their families emigrated to the west, in the state of Ohio, to a place noted for its excellent qualities, be-

* General "Mad" Anthony Wayne.

tween the two Miamis, where they arrived in due time; and within the term of two years bought land in Greene County, now Clark; a bottom that lay between the Mad River and Mud Run, four hundred and twenty acres. There my father lived till he died.

I shall now proceed to give some account of father's children: Anna married Elder J. Davis, son of Samuel, and had six sons and four daughters. Brother William had three wives; the first had two children, the second four, and the third six. Sister Judeth married a man named Cornelius Sutton, had seven children. Brother Thomas died a soldier in the war with England A.D. 1812. Brother Jacob married Lydia, a daughter of Jesse Maxson, had eight children. Joel married a girl by the name of Anna Green, had nine children. John had two wives; one child by the first, and by the second eight children.

In giving an acct. of myself, in regard to my experience in religion and course of conduct and what the Lord has done for me, I wish to do it in the love and fear of God. At the age of thirteen I was brought to see myself a sinner but did not find deliverance; at length it wore off. It was some four or five years after this that I was brought to see myself. About this time the Lord was bringing sinners to the Saviour by the labors of Elder John Davis, and several were baptized; but I did not feel myself to be a fit subject; I feared I had not experienced enough, so stood back; and I thought I could have religion and keep it to myself. In this I was mistaken;—for I lost its enjoyment and was left to wander in vice and folly.

At the age of 19 (October 6th 1803) I was married to Ephraim Maxson's youngest daughter, Charity, who was one of the converts that was baptized at the time named above;—who was a warm Christian. In this connection God was pleased again to bring to my mind my awful condition—which was awful in the extreme, but in the most awful extremity deliverance came and the joy no tongue can express; but there was at this place no one to administer the ordinance of baptism, so of course it was not performed, and again the experience wore off.

The same fall that father and company moved, I also emigrated, but not in company, my wife being sick at the time. My wife had bourn two children, but one was dead;—the other was two years old when we came

to Ohio. Here I think it fit to state that our first stopping place was near Lebanon, the county seat of Warren County, and not far from this place was three families of our near neighbors in Va. who had preceded me, that were Sabbath-keepers and some thirty miles south, two other families of our relations located, for a limited time.

About this time there was a great excitement in religion. There was a sect called by the people New Lights, but by themselves Christians. They were a sect that broke off from the Presbyterians in one of their great revivals at Cambridge, N. Y. The prominent leaders were Barton Stone, J. Thompson, McNamer, and others. They split in doctrinal points;—the points were: on the character of Christ and his divinity; they held that he was begotten of the Father before the world was, that the Father and Son were two distinct persons, but one in union, and that he died for all; that man was a free agent; that salvation was free for all, that if it were not so, it was his own fault. But their energy in worship to me appeared very strange; jerking, screaming, falling, vaulting, running, barking and grimacing, clapping of hands, &c.

At the same time there were, some six miles from Lebanon, a sect called Shaking Quakers that caused a great attraction; many went to see them and many of the noisy shouters, directing of the New Lights, went over to them and some of their leaders became their preachers.

Oft times in going among them, the query would rise in my mind, "Can this be genuine religion?" Then the thought rose in my mind, "What is it to me? Am I a Christian?" And I was roused up to a sensibility of my own condition; and blessed be God, He left me not to pursue the road to ruin, though I had twice been made happy in his pardoning love, but had forgotten the Friend of sinners and was again in the road to ruin, He was pleased to again call after such a sinner; and when near the brink of ruin, the same kind, forsaken Saviour heard the prayer of the poor wandering rebel and came to speak the peace-giving word: "Thy sins are forgiven thee."

Oh! What joy to have one's mind freed from the guilt of sin and that by a twice forsaken Saviour. Even while penning these lines, my soul is so full of that heavenly

theme, it is with difficulty that I can pen them.

From this time I resolved by the help of God to try to live a Christian. I commenced family worship, but there being no minister of our order at this place was not baptized till after we moved to the place mentioned before, in Green County - Mad River.

There were some seven or eight families of Sabbath-keepers here, some who had migrated since we did from Va., some were members of the Salem Church; my mother and some others were members in the church

when in N. J. Father professed religion but did not connect himself with the church at N. J., nor yet at New Salem, yet he was a constant attendant at their social and business meetings.

Here we, in our weakness, endeavored to worship God on Sabbath days, and occasionally have preaching by first day ministers:—by one of them I was baptized in Mad River, not having one of our own order and no expectation of any,—had waited too long already.

(To be concluded)

Missions

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

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

THE ANNUAL REPORT

The people have a right to know what their servants, the denominational boards, are doing, and it is helpful to all concerned. One of the chief ways of learning about the activities of the boards is the reports, and for this reason it has been customary to give the annual report of the Board of Managers in the Missions Department soon after it is adopted by the board.

The annual report is in two parts: first, a statement by the corresponding secretary setting forth the work done, conditions, and needs; and second, the treasurer's annual report audited by certified accountants. Some of these facts have been given in the Missions Department during the year, but in the annual report the activities of the entire year are presented.

W. L. B.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

One Hundred Third Annual Report of the Board of Managers

This is the one hundred third annual report of the Board of Managers. The pages of another year are closed; its opportunities are past; and its achievements have been recorded to the credit of Seventh Day Baptists in the "Book of Life."

With a deep sense of the magnitude of the missionary undertaking and the imperative nature of the Great Commission, and with gratitude for the priceless privilege of having part with Christ in the evangelization of the

world, the Board of Managers herewith presents its one hundred third annual report of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society and through it to the churches, whose servant the board is.

Because we have been unable to communicate with our mission fields in Europe and Asia, this report is shorter than usual. The principal items covered are as follows: In Memoriam, Jamaica in British West Indies, British Guiana in South America, Holland and Java, Germany, China, Home Field, Annual Report of Corresponding Secretary, Conclusion, and Treasurer's Annual Report.

In Memoriam

One member of the Board of Managers, Hon. Albert S. Babcock, passed away during the year. Brother Babcock was born in Ashaway, R. I., November 14, 1851, and died at his home in Rockville, R. I., the 19th day of last October, and thus had he lived three weeks longer he would have reached his 93rd birthday. Comparatively speaking, few men have given as long, faithful, and efficient service to the church as did Brother Babcock.

He became a member of the board in 1887, and at the time of his death had been a member fifty-seven consecutive years, twenty-two of which he served as recording secretary. Upon the resignation of Rev. George J. Crandall as recording secretary, Mr. Babcock was elected to fill the vacancy and served till the fall of 1920, when he thought best not to accept re-election. He was active, prompt, wise in his advice, and skillful in

recording verbal motions. Though no longer recording secretary, his interest in the work of the board was unabated, and he continued as a member, always present at its meetings, until his failing health made it impossible. When he was no longer able to attend the meetings, his interest was not lessened, as was seen by the fact that he wrote occasionally for the Missions Department of the Sabbath Recorder, brief, pointed, and helpful paragraphs.

Jamaica, British West Indies

At the time of the last annual report, Rev. Charles L. Smellie, at the request of the board, had assumed the responsibilities of leading in the work in Jamaica, but on account of poor health felt he should serve only till the board could send a missionary from America.

Last autumn Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph accepted the call of the board and was ready to go to Jamaica in November; but because of the war, the government would not give permission to go by steamer, and it was impossible to secure passage by airplane till February. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph and three children arrived in Jamaica February 18, 1945. While waiting for passage, Brother Randolph did missionary work in Florida. He has been well received, and the work in Jamaica is prospering.

Though an unusually efficient worker, Brother Smellie's health compelled him to resign all work as soon as Brother Randolph was installed as representative of the Missionary Board. Brethren N. H. Grant and C. S. Lyons have continued throughout the year as pastors and missionaries, and Mrs. Emily Smikle has engaged in evangelistic work some of the time. In March Brother A. S. Finn became pastor of our church in Luna, and is fostering missionary interests in that part of the colony.

Correction.—In the last annual report, it was stated that both Brethren Grant and Lyons had been ordained; but after the adoption of the report, it was learned that only Brother Grant had been ordained to the ministry.

British Guiana, South America

Pastor William A. Berry continues as leader of the work in British Guiana, and the board is appropriating \$50 a quarter for his support. Serious problems are constantly appearing, and Pastor Berry and others are

urging that the board send a missionary to lead in the work. It appears that with such an arrangement our interests would increase, as they have in Jamaica.

Holland and Java

As already stated, very little news has come from our mission fields in Europe and Asia. For many years the Missionary Board has been helping our churches in Holland carry on and extend the work.

Until recently we had heard nothing from Holland for five years; but last month a postal card and letter came from Brother G. Zijlstra, treasurer of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of Holland. Though conditions have been terrible, our churches and members in Holland have not suffered as sorely as we feared, as will be seen from the following quotations from Brother Zijlstra's letter:

"We have had five terrible years of incredible oppression, slavery, barbarism, plundering, massacre. As far as I know, not one of the church members has lost his life by the acts of war, nor was one led into slavery to Germany. Thank God we have come through. Taking circumstances into consideration, we make well. We have all gone through a heavy course of banting (reducing)."

"We have had no difficulties with our finances. As time came, the churches solved this matter, and each paid one third of the sum required."

Our churches in Holland have established missions in Java, and part of the funds sent to Holland by the Missionary Board have been used to foster this work. The interests in Java have suffered by the war, and no news for many months has been received.

(To be continued)

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

June 30, 1945

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer

The Society Owns:	
Cash—in checking accounts:	
The Washington Trust Company, Westerly, R. I.	\$ 56.27
Industrial Trust Company, Westerly, R. I.	2,928.27
	\$ 2,984.54
Cash—in savings accounts:	
The Washington Trust Company, Westerly, R. I.	\$ 2,760.78
Industrial Trust Company, Westerly, R. I.	2,018.37
	4,779.15

Investments:	
Stocks, bonds and mortgages	127,151.87
Real estate—In China	\$ 55,829.86
In Jamaica	6,125.00
In United States	1,200.00
	<u>63,154.86</u>
Total Assets	\$198,070.42
The Society Owes:	
Accounts payable	\$ 9,292.86
Notes payable—S.D.B.	
Memorial Fund	1,097.00
	<u>10,389.86</u>
Excess of assets over amounts owed	\$187,680.56

The above excess is applicable as follows:

Funds—Principal amounts:	
Permanent Fund	\$111,719.38
General Fund	1,321.74
Alice Fisher Ministerial Relief Fund	4,120.93
H. C. Woodmansee Ministerial Relief Fund	473.00
A. J. Potter Ministerial Relief Fund	1,183.89
F. F. Randolph Memorial Fund ..	72.25

Amanda M. Burdick Scholarship Fund	1,277.94
Myrta E. Greene Special Fund ..	1,024.68
Ministerial Education Fund	300.37
Ministerial Retirement Fund	75.08
Return of Missionaries Travel Fund	1,008.07
Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Fund	848.66
Income Equalization Fund	250.00
	<u>\$123,675.99</u>
Funds—Unexpended income:	
Permanent Fund	\$ 56.27
Amanda M. Burdick Scholarship Fund	107.94
Myrta E. Greene Special Fund ..	33.01
Ministerial Relief Funds	274.18
	<u>471.40</u>
Funds—Gifts for special purposes:	
Sundry	378.31
Real estate equities not allocated to specific funds:	
In China	\$ 55,829.86
In Jamaica	6,125.00
In United States	1,200.00
	<u>63,154.86</u>
	<u>\$187,680.56</u>

Woman's Work

Mr. Okey W. Devin, Selom, W. Va.

PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION REPORTS

There is only one organized women's society in the Seventh Day Baptist churches in this association. Women in the churches and among the isolated Sabbath keepers are interested in the work of the women of our denomination but have no society to report.

The Dorcas Society of the Riverside, Calif., church has forty-six members. The regular meetings the past year have been of more than usual interest, perhaps because the members feel the necessity of carrying on as well as possible during these days of war.

One afternoon each month was spent in business and program meeting at the home of a member. The topic this year had a note of spiritual uplift that was helpful to all. The theme was "Finding God in Persons, Places, and Things." Some of the subjects were "Thanksgiving Through Music," "In World Brotherhood," "Through Race Appreciation and Patriotism," "In Opportunity," "In Beauty and Nature," "In Missions." The annual Christmas party was an especially enjoyable affair; the exchange of gifts revealed the identity of the secret sister of each member for the year. The annual picnic lunch in June was another all-day meeting.

For work and money raising the society was in two groups. The younger women met each month for potluck lunch and made things for a sale. The older women did some sewing for members, and each gave a

monthly donation. The financial report follows: United Budget, \$25; home evangelist, \$61; Helpers' Fund, \$39.60; gifts to missionaries, \$25; church debt, \$60; and other projects, \$844.67.

The keyworker reports that the directors of the goals did good work this year. All of the sixteen goals received attention, and were promoted in a way that created and increased interest in the subjects recommended. The women like the goals idea.

The Dorcas Society has representatives in the settlement house work in our city, in the W.C.T.U., and in the United Church Women.

A box of clothing for women and children was sent to Rev. Elizabeth Randolph to help in her work at Palatka, Fla.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Hurley,
Corresponding Secretary.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION REPORTS

In the item of local expenditures are included many items of more than local interest such as the Red Cross, March of Dimes, International Religious Education, etc.

As usual the reports show the women are carrying and meeting a large responsibility in the upkeep of parish houses and parsonages. Some are helping with the pastor's

salary. Little Genesee shows an especially large amount as they are building a new parish house and equipping its kitchen. (Rebuilding an old building for it, I should say.) Richburg is repairing their parsonage for their new pastor and family. Independence has equipped their parish house for light housekeeping for their student pastors to use weekends. Alfred Station has repaired their parsonage. Alfred has repaired and improved the parish house and helped with student rooms at the Gothic.

Contact with our boys in service by books of daily readings, letters, boxes, etc., has been carried on by most of the societies. Several societies have contributed and helped with the clothing drive for European sufferers. Alfred, Alfred Station, and Andover at least participated in the World Day of Prayer.

Miss Bessie Hille was a special speaker on missions in Alfred.

LOST CREEK REPORTS

The keyworker of the Lost Creek Ladies' Aid Society would report as follows on the goals for 1944-45.

1. The same as last year—\$5 per month.
2. We made a survey of the church membership and found that twenty-two of our families take the Recorder. Two new subscriptions were secured.
3. Six of our Ladies' Aid members belong to the Tither's Storehouse Association while one other is a tither. We still continue the use of the thank offering boxes this year among all members.
4. The same as last year—\$5 per month.
5. We have given \$14.90 to the Helpers' Fund, with thirteen members contributing.
6. No temperance organization is in our community.
7. Have assisted pastor financially with postage money to send "Pastor's Visitor" and other items of interest to nonresident members.
8. The following mission study books were purchased and read: "Tales of Southeast Asia" by five persons, "Changing China" by four persons, "West of the Date Line" by four persons, and "Peoples of the China Seas" by five persons.
9. Worship program in the Recorder was used at each meeting.
10. We feel that Bible reading and family and personal devotions have increased to the

point of including the most of our homes, both local and nonresident. Our "Upper Room" subscriptions have increased from sixty to seventy-six during the year.

11. Hasn't been stressed very much at our meetings.

12. Very little this year.

13. World Community Day was observed November 3, 1944, in co-operation with the Methodist Church.

14. World Day of Prayer was promoted as a community program by the Methodist Church and our Seventh Day Baptist Church.

15. I believe our interest in the study of peace has increased during the year.

16. The society has furnished four copies of "Strength for Service" to young folks entering the service during the year. Individual members of our society send the "Upper Room" to practically all our young folks in the service.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, July 31, 1945

Receipts	
	July
Associations and groups	\$ 85.84
Battle Creek	81.60
Brookfield, Second	8.75
Denver	43.70
Edinburg	8.00
Farina	15.00
Fouke	31.26
Gentry	6.00
Healdsburg-Ukiah	7.25
Individuals	2,043.40
Irvington	150.00
Little Genesee	38.85
Lost Creek	63.10
Marlboro	80.00
Middle Island	10.85
Milton	156.85
Milton Junction	70.38
Nortonville	10.00
Piscataway	10.00
Plainfield	106.92
Rockville	11.32
Salem	31.00
Waterford	10.00
White Cloud	31.61

Disbursements		
	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 276.85	\$193.07
Tract Society	92.47	2.00
Board of Christian Education	149.45	23.00
Women's Society	5.04	
Historical Society	12.60	1,012.50
Ministerial Retirement	69.23	1,056.10
S. D. B. Building	31.43	
General Conference	62.93	
Overseas Relief and Reconstruc.		38.94
Bank of Milton, service	1.17	

Now and Then		1945	1944
Budget receipts for July\$	786.07	\$1,569.18
Special receipts for July	2,325.61	323.34
		L. M. Van Horn, Treasurer.	
Milton, Wis.			

Christian Education

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

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

LIFE AT CAMP HARMONY

By Alfreda J. Maltby

(A young person who is a member of the Adams Center Church and who attended the Central Association camp held near Verona, N. Y.)

Sunday, July 1, at 2 p.m., camp opened with a chapel service. At the service we received a copy of the camp program and a song sheet.

There were twenty-six young people present—eighteen girls and eight boys.

Our staff consisted of Rev. and Mrs. Harmon Dickinson, Mrs. Leon Maltby, Rev. and Mrs. Herbert L. Polan, Rev. Paul Maxson, and Mrs. John Williams, cook. Rev. Harmon Dickinson was the supervisor, therefore we named our camp "Camp Harmony."

The theme for the chapel services was, "To Know Him and Make Him Known." The theme song was,

"To know him and all he doth require,
To know him is all my heart's desire;
To know him will set the world on fire;
To know him and make him known."

At each chapel service one of the older campers was the leader. During each service we learned and sang choruses, listened to a Bible story told by one of the young people, and then a talk by one of the counselors.

I always enjoyed campfire time. We usually had a few visitors, and the evening of July 4 was visitor's night, when parents and friends were invited. At each campfire service a Bible story and a funny stunt were presented. We sang choruses and other favorite songs, and one of the ministers gave a short sermon.

Everyone loved the cook, especially the night she treated us to marshmallows to roast in the campfire. She served us grand meals. One of the specialties was spaghetti and meat balls. You won't believe it, but ten pounds of spaghetti were cooked for that

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 1945

Joseph's Place in God's Plan

Basic Scripture—Genesis 37; 39—41: 43

Memory Selection—Proverbs 22: 29

meal. I won't try to tell how many loaves of Italian bread we ate.

I must not forget to mention Mr. Polan's treat. He spent most of one afternoon popping corn for us to eat after campfire.

There were two classes which I especially enjoyed. One was taught by Rev. Paul Maxson, called "Everyday Problems in Christian Living." Each day we took a different problem. Some of these problems were concerning those in the home, at school, in the church, in business, and in recreation. We discussed how we could remedy our individual problems.

The other class was taught by Mr. Dickinson. In his class we studied "Why We Keep the Sabbath." Bible references were found to prove that we should keep the day which God has commanded us to keep. We found that the Bible gave no reference to tell us we should observe Sunday as the Lord's Day.

I feel that the values we young folks received from our week at camp greatly exceeded the five dollars we paid to attend.

One of the benefits I received was that I learned to pray aloud before others. At each meal three people were chosen to offer prayer, and then during cottage devotions sentence prayers were given. Because we had no older people to pray for us, we learned to pray for ourselves.

The choruses we learned were very good. I find myself singing them over and over and teaching them to others.

It was inspiring to be with so many young Christians, to work and play together, and to study about the great things we all hold in common—the Sabbath and God.

I am sure that all of the campers at Camp Harmony wish to thank the Central Association for providing us with the camp and the joy we all received.

BERLIN YOUTH CONDUCT SERVICE

The Sabbath morning worship service of the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church for May 26, 1945, was conducted by the young people.

The theme for this service was "Christian Workmanship—Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow."

Yesterday

By Robert Bentley

Christianity had its beginning at the birth of Christ and was founded upon his doctrines. The Apostle Paul was the greatest teacher of Christianity ever known to the world. In the Bible we have the record of the seven churches of Asia, from which Christianity gradually spread through Asia Minor. Later Christianity found its way to Europe.

Martin Luther, a monk, after much study upheld his personal freedom of thought against the papal tyranny which had been handed down from the early church. With him we had the beginning of Protestantism. At present the leading Protestant denominations are Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Congregational, and Disciples.

England received its Christianity from either the Apostle Paul or converts made by him during his imprisonment at Rome. There are many people who believe that the early Church of England was a Sabbath-keeping church from the first.

When the people of England began to be persecuted for religious beliefs they came to the shores of North America. This was the beginning of Christianity in our country.

In 1664 the first Seventh Day Baptist to come to this country, Stephen Mumford, came from the London, England, church. When he arrived in this country he affiliated with the First Day Baptist Church, but later he with seven others organized the first Seventh Day Baptist Church in this country, at Newport, R. I., in 1671.

From this "mother" church have come many other Seventh Day Baptist churches. From our country we have sent missionaries to China, South America, Africa, and Jamaica.

Today

By Clifford Greene

The Scriptures say that if the good man had known what hour the thief would come, he would have been watching for the thief. We are told to watch and be ready for our Master. He will come when we do not expect him. Therefore do his will at all times. Do it today. Do it until he comes, or until we are taken to him.

In Acts 10: 34, 35 we find, "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

Now, if that had said that God was prejudiced, we would have been fearful, since God sent his Son into Asia Minor. As we are quite a distance from there we probably would have been isolated from Christianity. But God wants all peoples who fear him and work his works of righteousness, for they are accepted in him.

In the light of this Scripture we should work the works of righteousness. These are the days to prove ourselves by doing his will and working his works.

You've probably heard someone say, "I'm going to settle down and be a Christian after the war is over." Well, what about such a statement? Don't wait until tomorrow, the day after the war, or until Johnny comes home. You can't afford to do it. For the Holy Scriptures say we will not know when our Lord is coming. So get ready for him today by doing his work.

Tomorrow

By Arlie Greene

You have all heard "Yesterday," and "Today," and now about tomorrow. You've probably heard the old joke about the tomorrow that never gets here because when it does, it's still today. Of course none of us can predict what will happen tomorrow because no one knows but God. Therefore the future of the children of tomorrow is entirely in our hands. We should pray for help from God to guide our every thought and deed so that a shining example may be set for those people around us, especially the children. Children often have one person in mind after whom they would like to

pattern their lives. That person might be you or it might be I; so in thinking of Christianity of tomorrow let us all pray that our steps may be led in the paths of righteousness.

Adults of the Berlin, N. Y., Church must be proud of their young people who so efficiently took charge while the pastor was away. Many young people learn that they are called to be ministers by having a chance to lead or take part in such programs.

May God bless and lead these young people at Berlin so that their church of the

"tomorrow" may be a stronger unit in the Church of Christ and of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. H. S.

Christian character is not developed in our sons and daughters by accident, or by exposure to decent society. Character is made by education, and in no other way. Christian character is made by Christian education, and in no other way. In this awful day of mixed tragedy and opportunity, the leadership in sound education that produces good men and women must be taken by Christian educators.—Conway Boatman.

Children's Page

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

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I read the letters in the Sabbath Recorder and thought I would write to you. I am nine years old. I will be in the fifth grade next year. I live on a farm at Hebron, Pa.

My brother has a small dog named Rusty. We thought he was going blind. The doctor said he needed vitamin A. He is better now.

I am exposed to the whooping cough and cannot go to church tomorrow. I don't like to miss Bible school because I won't get a chance to put a star on a chart.

Our pastor is Mr. Rex Zwiebel.

I baked a little cake today for Mike and me to eat Sabbath day. Mike cannot go to church either.

Sincerely,
Maralee Stearns.

Coudersport, Pa.

Dear Maralee:

I'll wait until next week to answer your very welcome letter so that you can enjoy with me another chapter of the story of Kippie Brooks.

Sincerely,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Here is more of the story of Kippie Brooks:

First I must tell you that the cat I am writing about was killed by a fire engine; in his great haste to get to the house, I don't believe that he knew any fear. Nevertheless he was petrified at the noise of that siren.

The engine and Kip met in the middle of the road.

We are happy that we could have another cat just like him, and he is nephew to him. This one's name is Goldie. Kip's name was Goldie, and my husband nicknamed him Kip.

Mrs. Mary S. Brooks.

Shore Road,
Waterford, Conn.

Story of Kippie Brooks (Continued)

One of the things that I loved to do most of all was to go with my loved ones for the Sabbath. We stayed all day which gave me a chance to be freed of my bondage.

It was then that I learned to ride in the car. I liked it, too, and I sat on Master's shoulder while riding.

I have learned a number of things are fun to do and give great pleasure to my human friends. When quite small I learned to play hide-and-seek with Eleanor. My grandmistress has a large living room with many grand hiding places. What fun we had every night after the Sabbath. It was a bedlam let loose for a while. Playing ball is great fun, too. Mistress throws the ball up, and on the rebound I jump up and catch it in my front paws.

For my first Christmas I had a catnip mouse and it was so purr-r-good. The next Christmas I had a catnip ball.

I sort of love my grandmistress. She has such good things in her pantry and ice box. She is always glad to see me and says, "Hello

Kippie" when I go in. I show her how much I love her by rubbing her legs and singing my sweetest "Glad Song." It is a bit different from my usual purr as it has trills in it, if that is the proper musical definition of the sound which I make.

One time my mistress and I stayed with her mother for a visit. I did not realize that Mistress had stayed with me, so when I saw the car leaving the house, I thought that I had been left behind. I sat on the porch step and cried very loudly, for I felt very sad. But Mistress came and gently picked me up into protecting arms and talked lovingly to me and assured me that I had not been left alone. I felt better and sang her my gratefulness. From then on my visit was a happy one.

I have never been made to feel that I was a nuisance, and have been thoughtfully provided for when it wasn't possible for them to include me in their outside activities. How I love to see them when they return, and I do my best to welcome them. If they don't seem to notice me I gently nip Mistress on the leg. Then she knows how glad I am to see them, and I get passed from one to the other with gentleness. Then all is well, for we are together again.

One time my mistress became ill and was obliged to be in bed most of the time. We lived on the second floor. As she was unable to let me out, Master took me with him when he went to do the chores, and brought me back with him at lunch time. What a good time I had with him.

I soon tired of having to remain out so long and wandered back to the house and

would cry to go in. To my dismay no one answered the cry. I realized that the time had come when I just had to start being independent and think things out for myself. Remembering that I had climbed a little elm tree that was by the kitchen window in my play, I decided to climb it and ask to come in. So I did, and mewed loudly. My plan worked, for Mistress heard and I was admitted. She praised me and was glad that I had found a way of entrance by myself.

When she was in the bedroom I jumped over to the porch roof and went along the roof to the bedroom window. From her bed she would see me, and again I was allowed to enter. Then I would cuddle up to her and have a nap. We got to be great pals.

Just before my first birthday we moved from our temporary farm home and went to live in Waterford, Conn., where we now live. This was all a new experience for me. The long ride, coming to a different house, with so many corners to be explored, also new hunting grounds and new friends to be made. Waterford is a friendly place in which to live, so I haven't minded the change.

(To be concluded)

Dear Mrs. Brooks:

I am enjoying Kip's story, and I'm sure the children will, too. This seems a good place to pause until next week, when there will be just enough to fill another Recorder page.

Sincerely yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Our Pulpit

"BE YE TRANSFORMED"

Romans 12: 2

By Rev. Edward S. Ballenger

(Concluded)

Happy is the boy or girl who enters life with a background of the family altar—one who has been brought up in a Christian family. He or she can never enjoy the things of the world as the young person can who has no conception of the requirements of Christianity. Our brother was the favored one of the family; our parents imparted to

him more than a double portion of their good looks, and he was a favorite among the girls of the community. He and another young man with their girls drove to a country schoolhouse to attend an old-fashioned "exhibition." When they reached the schoolhouse, they found that it had been postponed for a week. Three of the quartet proposed that they go to a dance in their home village. Although my brother did not dance, he did not object to their proposal. As soon as he entered the ballroom, half a dozen or more girls surrounded him, beg-

ging him to dance with them. The most handsome girl in the whole community came to my brother and said, "Albion, if you dance, I would like to have you dance with me, but don't you dance. Your mother and father disapprove of dancing, and if you dance you will greatly grieve them." It was not hard to resist temptation after that. God sent that message to him to keep him from falling into temptation.

Paul in 1 Timothy 5: 6 expresses the condition of most young people of this present time, "she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." This statement is just as true if the gender is changed. Again Paul paints a picture of the present generation, "Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." 2 Timothy 3: 4, 5. He is not speaking of the world here; he is referring to the Church, and it is true that at the present time the Church has a form of godliness; but where is the power that the Church once possessed?

Doctor Pearson, the outstanding Methodist editor of a generation ago said, "The church is chasing the world down the toboggan slide of sin, and gaining on her every day." We cannot censure the world for saying, "Where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of?" Judges 6: 13. "For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2 Peter 3: 4.

While the Church is drifting toward the world, nevertheless, God has people scattered here and there who are still representing him and the power of the gospel to transform human lives.

Delays are dangerous and deathbed confessions are poor substitutes.

A faithful clergyman, located for many years in the same thickly settled community, kept a careful record of his experiences. He had noted two thousand people who had called on him to pray for them when they thought they were on their deathbeds. Of these two thousand who recovered, only two of them remained faithful to their deathbed vows. It is dangerous to put off getting ready to meet God until one faces the open grave.

God is performing miracles in our missions continually. It would be refreshing to many churches if they would visit some of these city missions where the worst characters in

human society are transformed into faithful Christians and citizens. Harry Vom Bruch relates a very remarkable and gripping experience of Doctor Finney while holding a series of meetings in the city of Detroit. At the close of one of his services, after preaching on the text, "The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son cleanseth us from all sin," a well-dressed business man asked for a private interview with him. He told the man to wait at the door until he was ready, and he would be glad to give him an interview. Finney's friends advised him to have nothing to do with that man because he was the worst ward heeler in that city.

The man led Doctor Finney down the street to a dark alley, took out his key and opened the rear door to a saloon. When they had entered he locked the door behind them and put the key in his pocket; then taking a six-shooter from his pocket, he said, "Mr. Finney, I wish to ask you a few questions. Do you really believe what you preached tonight?" Doctor Finney affirmed that he did. Then, holding the revolver in his hand, he said, "That gun has killed four people, two while in my hands and two while in the hands of others. Now tell me, Mr. Finney, can God forgive a man with a heart like that?" Finney replied, "I have but one authority—the Word of God—which says, 'The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.'"

The man then reached up to a shelf, and taking down a bottle of liquor, stated that he was the sole owner of that place, and that he had seen mothers bring their babies into his saloon, lay them on his counter, and beg him not to sell liquor to their husbands. It meant taking the very food out of the children's mouths; and he had turned a deaf ear to their pleadings. Many times boys had picked up the bodies of men killed on the tracks after leaving his saloon. Again he said, "Mr. Finney, can God forgive a man with a heart like that?" Finney, of course, made the same reply.

The saloonkeeper continued, saying that when a man came into his saloon, they made it a business to get him so drunk that they could get all his money. If they did not succeed they took him into a back room, and with marked cards and loaded dice they succeeded in getting the rest of his money. Again he asked Finney whether God could forgive such a sinner.

He gave one other experience. He said, "My wife and little Maggie, nine years old, live across the street. They never have had a kiss or pleasant word from me since little Maggie was born, and my wife bears marks on her back of my cruelty in beating the poor, helpless creature. Now Mr. Finney, with that picture, do you think God can forgive a man like that?" It is said that Finney dropped his head, and replied that he still knew that the "blood of Jesus Christ . . . cleanseth from all sin."

The saloonkeeper then unlocked the back door, and Doctor Finney retired; but the saloonkeeper locked the door again, and spent the rest of the night in his horrible den. When he had finished, the floor was strewn with broken bottles, torn cards, and empty kegs. There was not a drop of liquor left when daylight came.

Then he crossed the street to his home and went upstairs to his room. His wife sent little Maggie up to tell him that breakfast was ready. He said, "Maggie dear, tell your mama that I don't want any breakfast." Little Maggie ran downstairs and said, "Mama, papa called me 'dear'; he doesn't want any breakfast." The mother said, "You go back and tell him that breakfast is ready, or we may have trouble again." Maggie made known that breakfast was ready, and the father said, "Maggie darling, you tell your mother that I am not going to eat breakfast this morning." The mother was so surprised that she sent the little girl back the third time, but this time she followed upstairs. The third time, the father asked the little girl to come in, and taking her up on his lap, he kissed her. The mother stood close to the open door, and he invited her to come also. He took her on the other knee, and drawing both of them close to himself, he kissed his wife for the first time in nine years. By this time all three were shedding tears. Little Maggie asked her mama what it all meant. She replied, "I don't know." Then she asked her husband what had happened. He replied, "I cannot explain it, but something has made a change." Then he said, "Maggie, you have a new papa; wife, you have a new husband; the devil has a new enemy, and God has a new friend."

The remaining years of this man's life were spent in active Christian service, and probably a happier family never lived in the

city of Detroit. This experience can be duplicated in many of the missions, and by many of the evangelists who are holding up the old-fashioned gospel that is able to transform men and make them into new creatures. This is the gospel that God wants his Church to present to the world in their teachings and in their lives. This is a miracle; it cannot be accomplished by mere human effort. It must be done by the Almighty.

How can this be accomplished? I am up-to-date in that I have been on the operating table. I needed to have something done that I could not do for myself. I selected a man in whom I had unbounded confidence. I permitted him to put me in a perfectly helpless condition, so that he could carve me to pieces and I would not know anything about what he was doing. He used the knife successfully. God is the great surgeon; he has promised to take away the heart of stone, and give us a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36: 25-27, and, if we have confidence in him, and permit him to perform the operation, he will give us a new heart. He will put his Spirit within us, and cause us to walk in his law.

Riverside, Calif.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Dodge Center, Minn.

It has been some time since the church has been heard from through this column. Our faith is strong in our heavenly Father, and the weekly services are well attended. Pastor Charles W. Thorngate gives us searching messages each Sabbath. The choir under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Thorngate is very faithful in attendance, bringing gospel truths in songs that are much enjoyed and appreciated.

We are redecorating the inside of the church with a more durable and lasting material than has been used previously. The Faith American Lutheran people are using our church for their services on Sunday mornings.

The cold spring with so much rain has hindered the farmers greatly, but we know that God promises a seedtime and a harvest—and our trust is in him.

We have two new members to report: Mrs. Roy Langworthy by baptism and Mrs. Oscar Sanford by letter.

We need the prayers of God's children.
Correspondent.

Independence, N. Y.

The Independence Vacation Bible School closed a very successful and inspiring term from July 2-13 with a picnic in the Richtmyer's private gardens in Almond and summary exercises at the church on Sabbath morning. The school was under the direction of Pastor and Mrs. Rex Burdick. Mrs. Rob Clarke had charge of the craftwork. Miss Phyllis Burdick of Andover taught the primary group. There were thirty-five children enrolled.

Every family co-operated in making the school a success. Seven drivers and cars were contributed to transport the children to the parish house each morning. The offering was sufficient to pay all the expenses of the school.

In place of the regular Sabbath service the children had entire charge. The older ones conducted the opening worship service, and then each class gave a demonstration of their work. There was also an exhibit in the hall of the notebooks and craftwork done by the children. Twice during the program all the children marched to the platform and made the church ring with their songs of love and praise. Correspondent.

Stonefort, Ill.

At our annual election in January, 1945, the church chose Rev. Oliver Lewis to serve again as pastor. He has preached for this church continuously since November, 1931. Mrs. Sallie Appel, our treasurer, is serving again in this capacity, having filled that office very acceptably for several years. Mrs. Edith Lewis was re-elected clerk, and Mrs. Cora L. Green, corresponding secretary.

Because of the shortage of local man power, a new blue-toned roof was put on the church recently by a roofing company. It was very much needed, harmonizes well with the white walls of the church, and greatly improves its looks.

Thanks are due to the teacher of our public school, who is a Sunday keeper, but has encouraged her pupils to attend our Sabbath services. Also appreciated is the Sabbath school teacher of a class that ranges in age from six to ten years; they have had an unusually large attendance for several months. Some of these children from first-day families who came to our Sabbath services, even came on foot from the village, two miles away.

Our annual homecoming and Communion was held May 19. Two carloads came from Farina. These were Rev. and Mrs. Claude L. Hill and son, Deacon and Mrs. Arthur Burdick, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Green and three sons, and Mrs. Bernard Seager. As always, there was an abundance of good things to eat at the noon hour as friend greeted friend after a year's absence. As always, a liberal offering was given for the Lord's work.

The subject of the morning sermon delivered by Pastor Hill was, "Communion or the Lord's Supper." The singing was inspiring. This included a solo by Pastor Hill, accompanied at the organ by his young son Theodore.

At the afternoon session Miss Laura Lewis, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Lewis, sang a solo, "My Task," very beautifully. Pastor Lewis offered special prayer for our absent ones in military service, and for others.

After partaking of the Lord's Supper and renewing our covenant with one another and with the Lord in our customary manner, a very happy and, we trust, a profitable meeting was brought to a close.

Correspondent.

THE VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE

S. D. B. Conference

With the purpose of being of real assistance to our returning servicemen, will everyone who is desiring help of any kind notify the above committee. If you know some Seventh Day Baptist community where there is need of a professional man as doctor, dentist, teacher, etc., please notify above. The committee is anxious to be of every service possible in the way of aptitude tests, counseling, and guidance, both for further education and training as well as employment.

Ben R. Crandall,
Chairman.
Alfred, N. Y.

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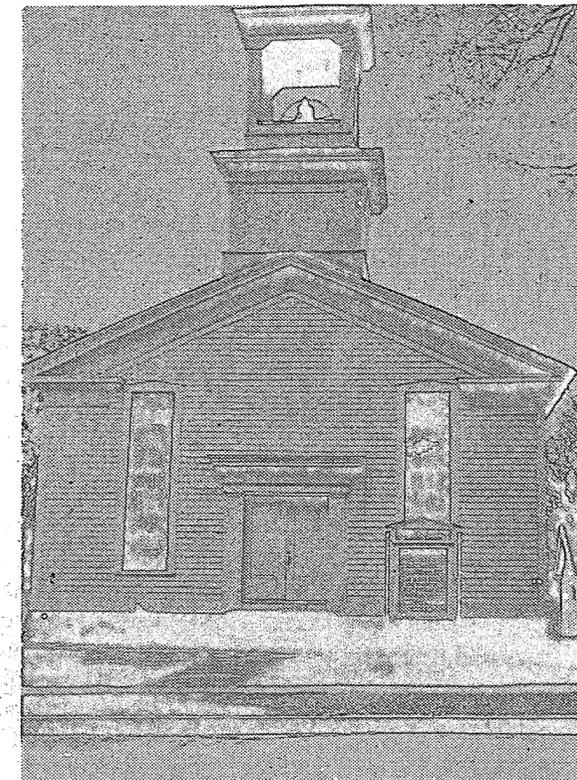
WATCHMAN! WHAT OF THE NIGHT? — Service in the Lord's vineyard is very remunerative. All helps and supplies are FREE. Pastors of churches are requested to help YOU become a Missionary Evangelist. Write Des Moines Bible College, 7 7th St., Des Moines, Iowa. 8-20-2t

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