

IT IS UP TO YOUTH

WELFARE OF NATION

By Charles Seymour
President, Yale University

It is the generation now entering manhood and womanhood that will carry responsibility for the permanent welfare of the nation and the world. It will be in the hands of these men and women to repair the evils resulting from the moral degeneration caused by a quarter century of international strife, when the conscience of the world went to sleep. We must hope that they will be wise in their understanding of the problems ahead. But above all we must pray that they will serve as apostles of a moral standard, clearly distinguishing right from wrong, courageous by reason of their faith in Christian ideals.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

By John Foster Dulles
Chairman of the
Commission on a Just
and Durable Peace

Youth faces its greatest challenge. It faces a world where the physical has attained unlimited power to destroy. How can that power be restrained? That is the great issue which faces the new generation and the answer lies with them. They cannot be saved by their elders' devising and bequeathing some political or mechanistic formula which will work automatically.

No formula for peace will work except in an environment that is conducive to peace. Future security depends basically upon worldwide fellowship, of the kind that Christ sought. That is not an impossibility, for the spirit of fellowship is contagious. If it starts at one point, it readily spreads to another. If individual young people, in their daily life and daily contacts, will develop the spirit of fellowship, they will be making an indispensable contribution to man's salvation, both spiritual and physical.

FACING AN ATOMIC AGE

By Mrs. Ruth M. Worrell
Executive Secretary
United Council of Church Women

The atomic age makes us face ourselves, and it leaves us no choice. It is good will among men or annihilation. It is one world or none. It is Christ or chaos. But we are not without hope. We have faith that out of this world rubble there can emerge a world where men and women can live together in love and brotherhood and peace, a world which is built on the principle of Christianity. Virginia C. Gildersleeve, dean of women of Barnard College, Columbia University, puts the responsibility on youth, stating, "More than ever before the youth of our country need religious faith and moral principles."

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CHURCH AND HOME

By J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I.

At the present time, too few of the youth of America are being reached by the churches,

and this failure to make contact with the citizens of tomorrow is producing a fertile field for future crime. I sincerely believe that if America is to remain devoted to the fundamentals of Christian living, more adults must assume their responsibility in bringing our young people closer to the Church.

The theme for this year's Youth Week observance, "Mold the World — Through Daily Christian Living — Through Unbounded Christian Fellowship," is particularly pertinent. Youths too young to vote accounted for 21.4 per cent of the arrests last year, and unless a concerted effort is made now through the media of the Church and the home, these same juvenile delinquents may be the hardened criminals of tomorrow. This challenge we cannot afford to disregard.

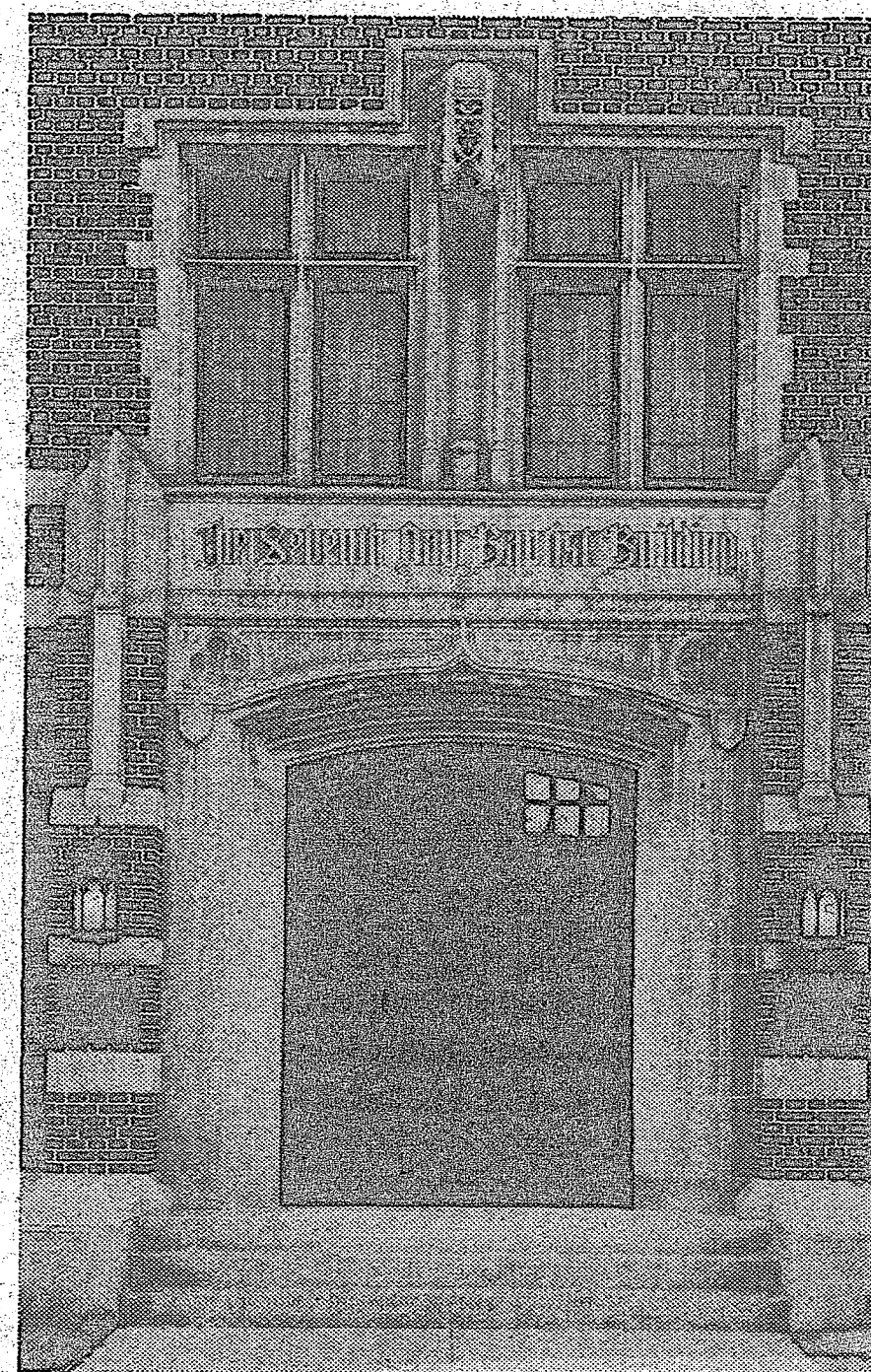
YOUTH WEEK

The statements on this page endorse the continent-wide observance of Youth Week, January 27 to February 3, in the United States and Canada. Seventh Day Baptists and thirty-nine other Protestant denominations as well as one hundred eighty-three state, city, and provincial interdenominational councils of churches and religious education are co-operating in this observance, sponsored by the International Council of Religious Education.

YOUNG PEOPLE: ENTER ESSAY CONTEST

GET INFORMATION FROM RECORDER, DECEMBER 24

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Editorials

A NEW HOPE

As 1946 begins there is gratifying evidence that people in general—not just church-goers—are looking to Christian principles for the rebuilding of the shattered world. Perhaps, at last, society is ready and willing to try the type of living exemplified by the Galilean, on whose birthday peace was proclaimed for men of good will.

If you have been listening intently to the radio and reading carefully the daily press during these opening days of the new year, you too have heard and read such statements as these:

For the future it is either world-wide brotherhood, or world-wide destruction. . . . This Christmas is the most significant since the birth of Christ. . . . The Sermon on the Mount should be the basis of international law. . . . The Golden Rule is the only defense against the atomic bomb. . . . We have peace, even if we do not yet have good will among men. This is the start. . . . Children go to bed this Christmas Eve full of hope; grownups, too, have hope for peace on earth. It will come if we show good will among men. . . . Peace has come; good will has not. Both take a surrender. . . . It is either one world or no world.

Such statements as these come, not from the religious press, or from church broadcasts, or from religious workers, but from various secular sources. The world is awakening to the need of applying the basic, simple truths that Christ taught for human conduct. There is truly new hope for the new day.

Behind the cloud the starlight lurks,
Through showers the sunbeams fall;
For God, who loveth all his works,
Has left his hope with all.

—Whittier.

A LESSON IN READING

Students in school spend much time in learning how to read; special courses are offered in universities designed to train readers to get more from the printed page.

Expert educators recognize the importance of employing correct methods of reading and studying; to do so is vitally important, they insist, for success scholastically. Yet when it comes to Bible study, the average Christian is prone to employ haphazard procedures. Profit and pleasure from Scripture reading, however, are no less dependent on proper methods.

The American Bible Society in promoting the recent world-wide Bible reading program suggested a five-point outline on how to read:

1. Read seeking the "Marching Order" for YOU for the day.
2. Underline passages that "reach up and clutch you" as you read.
3. Memorize a verse daily.
4. Set aside and keep a definite, daily time for reading.
5. Make it a habit; go through 1946 as a daily reader of the Bible.

As Seventh Day Baptists enter into a year especially dedicated to Bible-centered study and Christ-centered living, we feel impelled to give emphasis to the importance of reading the Bible with an intelligent purpose.

GUEST EDITORIAL

THE SABBATH, A DIVINE TIE

By Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell

We sing so often that old hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love." And how many are the ties that bind Christian people together? Since coming to Florida and mingling with so many people who have no Sabbath and to whom all days of the week are the same, I am impressed how truly the Sabbath is the divine tie that, amid the worldly temptations, binds us more closely to everything worth while. Since holding pastorates in different churches of the denomination for forty years, I have accepted the privilege of Christian fellowship as a matter of course; but since being deprived of this opportunity, I have appreciated more truly the position of the lone Sabbath keeper.

The Sabbath is a divine tie that binds us to God. Can we truly keep the Sabbath without asking the question, "Why?" After God had finished the work of creation, "He rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it." Thus by keeping the Sabbath day, we become followers of God's divine example, linked together with him in spiritual experience and fellowship.

The Sabbath is a divine tie that binds us more closely to the study of the Bible. Can we keep the Sabbath sincerely without being led to a frequent restudy of its Biblical

PIN POINT EDITORIALS

I have never heard much of the resolutions of the apostles, but a great deal about their acts.

—Horace Mann.

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Prisoners of war surrounded by hate and contempt in a foreign land hear continually a foreign tongue and are subjected to brutalities and privations. Immediately when they set foot on home soil they find love, helpfulness, comfort, and all the cheer of home and loved ones. So, everyone, who has been the prisoner of sin or failure, the slave of evil habits, or lonely, finds at the Cross eager forgiveness and the great gifts of new life and a new disposition. He takes courage with the helping hand of the Lover of mankind. More, he gets the assurance of leadership through time and eternity, for He says, "I will never leave thee or forsake thee."—Bible Advocate.

foundation and a review of all the eternal truths found in the Scriptures?

The Sabbath is a divine tie that binds us to those principles and ideals which help to lift existence above the low material plane and make life worth living; it also unites us more closely in spiritual sympathy and fellowship with the many friends we have made during the years. The consciousness that, though separated, we are keeping the Sabbath together, at least in spirit, is a source of strength.

So may we make the Sabbath a blessed and sacred tie that links us all more closely together with God, the Bible, eternal truth, and Christian service.

Daytona Beach, Fla.

EDITORIAL FROM THE PAST

REVIVALS

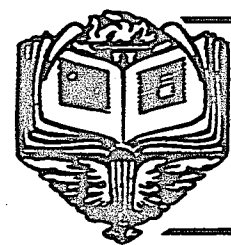
We are glad to find, in looking over our exchanges, frequent notices of revivals of religion. To one church in Pennsylvania forty persons were recently added by baptism; to another, eighty-four; and to several others, smaller numbers. In New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and some other sections of the country, similar facts are mentioned.

These pleasing indications that God is yet gracious to his people are full of encouragement. But they should not be allowed to foster an impression that religion can only be advanced by the instrumentality of extraordinary measures and boisterous excitements. There is scarcely room to doubt that too much account has heretofore been made of such measures, and too little of the ordinary ministrations of the Word in connection with faithful pastoral counsel. Indeed, it is highly probable, that the remarkable declension which has been witnessed for a time past, is attributable to this more than to any other single cause. After the admonition which has been given, there ought to be great caution and care upon this point.

Let a revival commence in the hearts of God's people, and be followed up by the regular and faithful preaching of the gospel, and the most happy results may be expected. The Word of God will not return unto him void.

George B. Utter.

January 16, 1845.



STUDY to show thyself approved UNTO GOD

MEDICINE FOR TODAY

By Rev. Claude L. Hill

Joy and to Spare

Praise ye Jehovah. Praise Jehovah, O my soul. While I live will I praise Jehovah: I will sing unto my God while I have any being. . . . Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in Jehovah his God.—Psalm 146: 1-5.

According to an old tale, there once was a man who was so filled with despondency that he decided to commit suicide. He started to walk to a bridge which was to be his jumping-off-place. He promised himself that if he met one smiling, happy, friendly face, he would turn back from his bitter errand. The question posed by the tale was this: If that man had met you, would he have turned back and taken up his life with a measure of courage? Think it over, and then answer the question: Well, would he?

If I have faltered more or less
In my great task of happiness;
If I have moved among my race
And shown no shining morning face;
If beams from happy human eyes
Have moved me not; if morning skies,
Books, and my food, and summer rain
Knocked on my sullen heart in vain:
Lord, thy most pointed pleasure take
And stab my spirit broad awake.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

"Children of the heavenly King,
As we journey let us sing:
Sing our Saviour's worthy praise,
Glorious in his works and ways."

FOUR NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED INTO DE RUYTER CHURCH

Four new members were voted into the Seventh Day Baptist Church at De Ruyter, N. Y., December 1, 1945. Mrs. Minnie Neal presented a letter from the First Baptist Church of Homer, N. Y.; Mrs. Flora Schule, a letter from the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Nortonville, Kan.; and Mrs. Virginia Moulton Burdick, a letter from the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Battle Creek, Mich. Mrs. Marjorie Mallison testified of her baptism and Christian belief. All have received the right hand of fellowship by the pastor, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Emblems

Nearly every recent mail has brought some suggestion for a denominational emblem. The one just received asks why not use the cut used on the back of the Year Book. A good idea.



P. B. Hurley

This person follows with the statement, "But too many are forgetting the messages in Exodus 31: 13 and Ezekiel 20: 12-20. If we all take these thoughts whenever we travel about, we won't be so unknown; but hundreds of us have left the Sabbath, God's emblem, out when we move about." My friend quotes further, "Them that honor me, I will honor." Exodus 31: 13 reads, "Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you."

The other reference, Ezekiel 20: 12-20, is too long to quote here. Please read it. Two phrases I will give. "And my sabbaths they greatly polluted" and later in the passage, "because they despised my judgments and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols."

The children of Israel suffered many things along the way, and their suffering was self-inflicted in that they always "forgot God" when they became too prosperous. They were not willing to be different from the neighbors. They worshiped idols.

Let us take care that Seventh Day Baptists do not pollute the Sabbath or possess idols!

P. B. Hurley,
Conference President.

DODGE CENTER COUPLE HONORED

A happy group of relatives and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stebbins Sunday afternoon, December 16, and helped them celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. A purse of silver and many anniversary cards were given the couple.

There is only one real failure in life possible; and that is not to be true to the best one knows.—F. W. Farrar.

© "Whatever moral difference there may be must grow out of our keeping the Sabbath."

LIBERTY OF THOUGHT CHERISHED

Second Indianapolis Broadcast Outlines Polity and Beliefs

By Loyal F. Hurley

Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

A good friend in New York, a former teacher, once told me her first experience in meeting with our people. She had engaged to teach in a community where Seventh Day Baptists were quite prominent. But my friend had never seen any of them, and didn't know just what she might encounter. With a hazy expectation of working among people who would prove to be a strange and peculiar sect, she left her home to journey to her new field of labor.

She arrived on a Friday, and spent the remainder of the day arranging the things in her room. On Saturday morning she noticed a considerable group of people passing the house. They were well dressed, quiet and reverent, and she wondered if there might be a funeral that morning. When she inquired of her landlady who these folks might be she was told that the Seventh Day Baptists were just going to church. "Why," exclaimed my friend, "they look just like ordinary folks."

That young woman didn't teach many years, for an attractive young man entered the picture, with the usual result that they were married. Thus she settled down to spend her days in that community. Her children were born there, educated there, and one son from that home was seriously wounded on the first American beachhead in France.

I have told you of this friend that I may give you her estimate of Seventh Day Baptists. She never became one, but after living much of her mature life among them, she said to me one day, "Mr. Hurley, your Sabbath-keeping people are the finest part of this community to me." With a feeling of sincere appreciation and deep gratitude I shall try to explain to you why, in some small degree at least, we may deserve such kindly words.

In the first place, Seventh Day Baptists are just like regular Baptists except that they observe and keep the Sabbath of the Bible. Our Statement of Belief is clear and brief, and one of which any group of Christians might well be proud. It is in three parts: first, a general statement; then a statement of polity; and these two followed by eleven

articles of belief. Following are statements from each of these sections.

General Statement

Seventh Day Baptists cherish liberty of thought as an essential condition for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Therefore they have no binding creed to which members must subscribe. They hold, however, that certain beliefs and practices, having the support of Scripture and adhered to by followers of Christ through the centuries, are binding upon all Christians.

Polity

The Seventh Day Baptist denomination is historically, like other Baptists, congregational in polity, and desires that its churches and its members shall continue to enjoy freedom of conscience in all matters of religion. Therefore, the Statement of Belief here set forth is simply an exhibition of the views generally held by Seventh Day Baptists and is not adopted as having binding force in itself.

Articles of Belief

1. **God**—We believe in God, the one personal, perfect, and eternal Spirit, Creator, and Sustainer of the universe, our Father, who manifests a holy redeeming love toward all men.

2. **Jesus Christ**—We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our Saviour, Teacher, and Guide, who draws to himself all men who will come to him in love and trustful obedience.

3. **The Holy Spirit**—We believe in the Holy Spirit, the indwelling God, the Inspirer of Scripture, the Comforter, active in the hearts and minds and lives of men, who reproves of sin, instructs in righteousness, and empowers for witnessing and service.

4. **The Bible**—We believe that the Bible is the inspired record of God's will for man, of which Jesus Christ is the supreme interpreter; and that it is our final authority in matters of faith and conduct.

5. **Man**—We believe that man was made in the image of God in his spiritual nature and personality, and is therefore the noblest work of creation; that he has moral responsibility and was created for divine sonship and human fellowship,

but because of disobedience he is in need of a Saviour.

6. **Sin and Salvation**—We believe that sin is any want of conformity to the character and will of God, and that salvation from sin and death, through repentance and faith in Christ our Saviour, is the gift of God by redeeming love, centered in the atoning death of Christ on the Cross.

7. **Eternal Life**—We believe that Jesus rose from the dead and lives eternally with the Father, and that he will come in heavenly glory; and that because he lives, eternal life, with spiritual and glorified bodies, will be the reward of the redeemed.

8. **The Church**—We believe that the Church of God is the whole company of redeemed people gathered by the Holy Spirit into one body of which Christ is the head; and that the local church is a community of Christ's followers organized for fellowship and service, practicing and proclaiming common convictions.

9. **The Sacraments**—We believe that baptism of believers by immersion is a witness to the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and is a symbol of death to sin, a pledge to a new life in Christ. We believe that the Lord's Supper commemorates the suffering and death of the world's Redeemer, "Till he come," and is a symbol of Christian fellowship and a pledge of renewed allegiance to our risen Lord.

10. **Evangelism**—We believe that Jesus Christ by his life and ministry and his final command to the disciples, commissions us to promote evangelism, missions, and religious education, and that it is through these agencies that the church must promote Christianity throughout the whole world and in all human relationships.

11. **The Sabbath**—We believe that the Sabbath of the Bible, the seventh day of the week, is sacred time, antedating Moses and having the sanction of Jesus; that it should be faithfully kept by all Christians as a day of rest and worship, a symbol of God's presence in time, a pledge of eternal Sabbath rest.

Love Impels Obedience

Seventh Day Baptists have never taught that the Fourth Commandment is the key to heaven. We trust in Christ's sacrifice alone to save men. But, after one is saved, we believe that love for the Lord will impel obedience. Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words." And John wrote, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous." Keeping the Sabbath, then, is not a means of salvation, but an evidence of whether a child of God loves his Father. As such, it is essential to pure Christian living.

We believe that it does make a difference what day is kept as the Sabbath. It makes a difference in logic and reason. If one day out of every seven is to be kept as a day of rest and worship, why not let that day

be the one set apart by God and observed by Christ, rather than the one set apart by man without any Biblical authority?

It makes a difference, which day is kept when one considers the results in life. A speaker for one of our nation-wide reform organizations told me one Sabbath morning that he was well acquainted with Seventh Day Baptists, having spoken in many of our churches. Then he added, "Brother Hurley, it takes more backbone to keep the Sabbath than it does to keep Sunday. I think that is why you Seventh Day Baptists average higher than the rest of us." Please notice what this speaker **did not say**. He did not say, or imply, that any one of us was perfect, or that all of us were good. He only said, "You Seventh Day Baptists average higher than the rest of us."

Now whether he was correct or not, let those say who have lived among us; for I would not advance any such claim. But if he was correct, even in a small degree, whatever moral difference there may be must grow out of our keeping of the Sabbath; for that is the only place in which we differ from most of the Christian world. We are not crackpots or religious fanatics. We are just ordinary Bible Christians, just Baptists interested in doing the will of God which we understand includes the observance of the Sabbath which our great Example kept. God has blessed us richly in so doing.

Hence we deem it to be our duty to preach and teach the Sabbath. We are of the opinion that if prejudice can be broken down and the truth widely proclaimed, all Protestant denominations will eventually return to the holy Sabbath of the Lord.

Names of Days

If men would study the names of the days of the week, not only in modern languages, but in ancient ones, both living and dead, as well, they would learn that the week of seven days was not merely Hebrew, but well nigh universal. They would learn that the Sabbath is the name for the seventh day of the week in many languages not connected in any way with the Hebrew. The existence of the name of a given thing is proof that the thing existed as early, or earlier than the name. In dozens of languages, both ancient and modern, the name for the seventh day of the week is plain enough for anyone to understand. Listen to a few of them.

The Hebrew is shabbath; the Syriac is shab-ba-tho; the Arabic is as-sabt; the Abyssinian is san-bat; the Assyrian is sa-ba-tu; the Armenian is shapat; the Persian is shambih; the Turkish is yom-es-sabt; the Hungarian is szombat; the Greek is sabbaton; the Italian is sabato; the Spanish is sabado; the Polish



Seventh Day Baptist Headquarters in Plainfield, N. J., showing Denominational Building in front and print shop in the rear.

is sobota; etc. This is only a small part of the languages whose name for the seventh day of the week is plainly "Sabbath."

In studying the names of the days of the week men would learn that the seventh day was the chief or supporting day. All other days lean on it; all proceed toward it. Many languages merely number the first six days thus: One into the Sabbath; two into the Sabbath, or the second into the Sabbath; three, or the third, into the Sabbath; etc. The Sabbath is the chief day from which all others are named.

The names of the days of the week in many languages ancient and modern form a complete refutation of the claim that the Sabbath is merely Jewish and began with Moses. They overthrow the theory that "The Sabbath" and "A Sabbath" are equivalents, or that the Sabbath is any one day of the week which the choice of man may indicate. For these names show that "The Sabbath" is the definite proper name of a specific day of the week. Hence they hold us down to the truth of the ages, and of the Fourth Commandment: "The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God."

Seventh Day Baptists believe that each and every Christian, regardless of denomination, owes it to himself and to his God to

NOTORIOUS HOUSE BECOMES JAPANESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Army Commanding Officer Gives Protestant
Leader Choice of Buildings

By Chaplain Wayne R. Rood
105th U. S. Army Division

In the most notorious geisha house in Isumi-machi, a section of Yonezaua City in central Japan, hangs a placard done in white ink on black construction paper: "For the cause of Christ and the building of a moral Japan, ye shall fight a good fight as soldiers of the Lord, till he come." It is signed by an American army chaplain.

But the geisha house is no longer a house of prostitution, legalized and propagandized as a place of respectable entertainment by the Japanese government.

When the war was over and the Americans occupied the Fukushima Prefecture a little group of Christians which had been meeting in back rooms and private homes came into the light. The Holiness Church of Yonezaua City was organized, and before many weeks had passed the group was large enough to need a meeting place. It had been rumored that the American army favored the establishment of Christian churches, so the leader petitioned the commanding officer of the army unit in his town. He was told that he might choose any building in the city for a church building.

The Christians met and discussed the problem. There were several attractive buildings in town. There was one unused building on the city's central corner. But there was one building in town that beyond all others stood in direct contradiction of all their ideals as followers of Jesus.

The geisha house of Yonezaua City is now a Christian church.

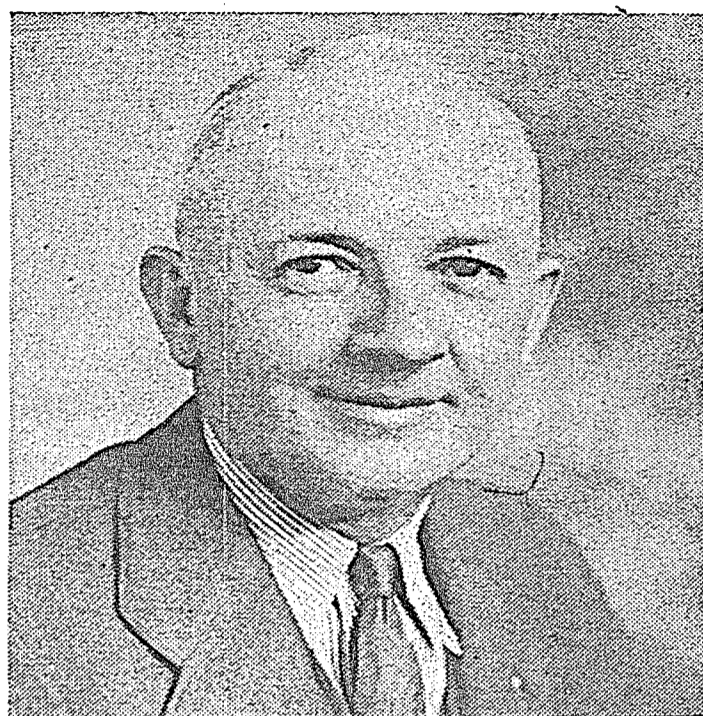
Sapporo (Hokkaido), Japan,
December 14, 1945.

"Alcohol is indispensable for at least six hundred uses, but drinking is not one of them."

investigate the Sabbath and its blessings, and to aid in the movement to restore the Sabbath to all Christendom.

And may God bless and guide you as you seek the truth!

PROMOTER



L. L. Wright, New Augusta, Ind.

**SECOND INDIANAPOLIS RADIO
PROGRAM HEARD JANUARY 12**
Extensive Advertising Invites Public to Listen

Printed in this issue of the Recorder is the complete text of the second Indianapolis radio address by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley. The transcribed talk about the Sabbath and Seventh Day Baptists, along with appropriate music and other features, was heard on Station WIRE, January 12, at 3:45 p.m.

To invite the public to listen to this and the first broadcast on January 5 Leo L. Wright—a member of the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church whose home is near Indianapolis and who has been sponsoring this work for the American Sabbath Tract Society—provided a number of full page newspaper advertisements, numerous news stories, and handbills. Each announcement carried the invitation to listen to “educational and inspiring lectures,” presented by one “who will startle you with truths and facts that all Christendom should know.” In many of the advertisements a complete and convincing statement of denominational history and belief was included.

Mr. Hurley prefaced each lecture with an expression of his sincere pleasure in speaking to the friends in radioland. “I deem it a real privilege,” he said, “to speak to you regarding the religious body of which I am a member.” Listeners were invited at the conclusion of the broadcasts to write in for

LEO L. WRIGHT

Leo L. Wright of New Augusta, Ind., through his own Bible study became convinced that the seventh day of the week (Saturday) was the true Sabbath of God and at once began to observe it, severing his thirty-five year membership with the Methodist church.

Early in 1945, getting in touch with the office of the American Sabbath Tract Society, he was supplied with its literature on the Sabbath and Seventh Day Baptists. A little later with his wife he visited the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Farina, Ill., where they were baptized by Pastor Claude L. Hill and became members of that Church.

From the very first Mr. Wright, who is a hardware broker, business man, and promoter, has been deeply concerned about getting the many unattached Sabbath keepers in the environs of Indianapolis together to form a Seventh Day Baptist Church. One who on seeing the truth at once accepts it, he believes there are many others who will do so, too. Hence he is promoting and backing the Sabbath evangelistic campaign in Indianapolis.

Mr. Hill, Loyal F. Hurley, and Leslie O. Greene have all had part with Mr. Wright in planning this program, but it is Mr. Wright who has the special vision, faith, and courage to undertake this program, with the backing and approval of the Tract Board.—H. C. V. H.

books, periodicals, tracts, and other literature elaborating upon the Sabbath “in all of its Biblical attractiveness.” Comments and views regarding the Sabbath were solicited.

LECTURER



Rev. L. F. Hurley, Chicago, Ill.

Woman's Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

CHURCH AT CARRAWAY HOLDS DEDICATION SERVICE
**CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING
BEGAN IN NOVEMBER, 1944**

By Elizabeth F. Randolph

An event which has been anticipated for a long time by the people of Carraway, Palatka, and Daytona Beach, Fla., as well as by the Tract Society, the Women's Board, and other interested friends of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination has now become a reality and a part of the history of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of God of Putnam County, Fla. The date was Sabbath day, December 15, 1945. The place was Carraway, Putnam County, Fla.

There was a heavy rain the night before. In Carraway it was a deluge. In Daytona Beach it was a gentle steady rain falling at 9 a.m. Sabbath morning, when a caravan of six cars with thirty-two people started out for the sixty-three mile drive to the new church in Carraway. But the rain ceased before twenty miles were traveled; and, even though the sun did not come out at all, it was a mild, pleasant day, just cool enough so most of the people wanted to stay inside after the dedication service to eat their dinner, which had been provided by one and all. Especial appreciation was due the people of Carraway for the roast meat which was a product of the community. Mr. Will Tillis donated it, and others in the community prepared and served it. There were fifty-four people in attendance.

Dedication Program

The program was as follows:

Welcome—Pastor Norman L. Chase who asked Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph to preside and to proceed with the rest of the program; congregational singing—“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” and “Blessed Assurance” with Philip Lewis leading and Mr. Clifford Branch accompanying with the accordion; prayer—Rev. Edward Holston; introduction of various groups, and individuals, and contributors to the church building fund—Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph; music—“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” by the congregation; Scripture lesson—Rev. Norman S.

Chase; dedication sermon—Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell; prayer—Mr. Will Tillis, president of the church; dedicatory prayer—Rev. Norman S. Chase; and Lord's Prayer—congregation.

Request Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Teuton requested membership in the church on statement of faith, though illness in their home prevented their attendance. It was voted that their request be granted.

While dinner was being served, Mrs. Lela Price, Mrs. George Price, and Mrs. Norman S. Chase rendered music.

For the blessing all joined in singing “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.”

Following the bountiful dinner and while the tables were being cleared, Mr. Clifford Branch played sacred music on the accordion; many joined in singing the songs.

Then the people of Putnam County were invited outside to have their pictures taken in front of the church. For a second picture, all the guests were invited to stand with them. We hope these pictures will be good enough to share with all the Recorder readers.

Before closing, everyone was invited to sign the clerk's book of the church. A male quartet composed of Murray and Philip Lewis, Daniel W. Boss, and Clifford Branch sang “The Church in the Wildwood.”

A Carraway ladies' quartet, Miss Estelle Price, Mrs. Effie Mae Chase, Mrs. Lela Price, and Mrs. George Price sang “Oh, That Will Be Wonderful.”

The congregation all joined in singing “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.”

The Construction of the Church

The actual work on the construction of this church was begun November 12, 1944, when the actual framework of the building 20 by 18 feet was erected, and the rafters were all put up and braced on that day. Though there is still much more to be desired before we can say the building is finished, such as the building front and backdoor steps, ceiling the inside, and con-

structing a chimney, the first service was held in the church on Sabbath day, November 25, 1944, and regular services have been held there nearly every Sabbath day since that time, with many special services at other times during the week.

The people are eager that such funds as are available shall be used to make it possible for the pastor to operate the car so as to hold more services in Carraway, as well as in Palatka, and in other communities. There is also a fixed desire that two other churches shall be built just as soon as possible. Services are being held several nights a week in various homes in and around Palatka, and it is believed that many more people would attend if we could rent a hall or build a church in Palatka. One thousand dollars would put up a very satisfactory building for the present in Palatka. At present housing is crowded in Palatka, just as it is in so many other sections of our country, and construction seems logical.

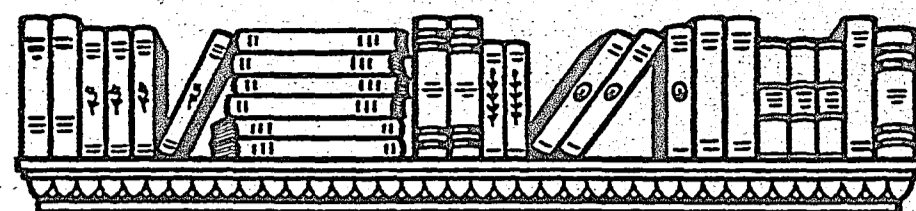
SELF OR CHRIST?

In New Zealand there is found a weed, which, in its early growth, develops long tendrils. If these tendrils are blown by the wind and touch a tree or larger plant, they lay hold of it and begin to twine about it. When secure they loosen from the ground and become parasites. If the tendrils can find nothing, they twine around themselves, and, as they grow stronger, they finally choke themselves to death. The many dead bushes blown about by the winds are mute witnesses of their self-destruction.

Jesus knew that it would be natural for us to attach ourselves to something. We would love someone or something so completely that we would loosen our roots from all else and live alone for that. He also knew that, failing to find such an object, we would grow back upon ourselves and by our supreme selfishness finally choke ourselves to death.

Christ is saying to us today, "I am the true vine; attach yourself to me, receive my strength, and bear much fruit as a result of the life which I will give to you." This life, as one of his living branches, is most satisfactory and victorious, and by it our Lord is glorified.

—Ada Marie Hillis.



ON THE BOOKSHELF

"THE GAUNTLET"

A novel from the pen of James Street, who started out to be a minister and ended up as a newspaper man, sets forth in a very readable style the trials of a young minister, as through the press of financial obligations and the approach of a family he finds it necessary to drop out of seminary into the reality of the life of a Baptist minister.

The faith of his wife, a minister's daughter, keeps him from leaving the field of service which he has chosen. The problems which confront him as he meets the prejudices of factional groups within the church, as he brings the wrath of the "defenders of the faith" down upon his head, as he brings order and enthusiasm into the life of the church, and as he discovers new talent and enthusiasm and puts them to work in the program of the church will at times bring a smile to your lips and again will bring tears to your eyes.

The way he gains the confidence of the youth, the subtlety he employs in getting a much needed hospital for the community, and the surprising way that a particularly large and problematic family clan rally to his support in the time of crisis bring to you the tragedy and comedy of human life.

He is in search of faith for himself, and as they throw down the gauntlet and he takes it up, that faith gradually grows within him. But the way in which his faith is finally established beyond all doubt will tear at your heartstrings.

"The Gauntlet" is a recent Literary Guild selection available at most book stores.

Earl Cruzan.

"PASTORAL WORK" AND "YOU AND YOUR MINISTRY"

Companion books on the relation of pastor and people have come to my desk recently: "Pastoral Work" by Andrew Blackwood, Westminster Press, Philadelphia, \$2.00; and "You and Your Minister" by Hampton Adams, Bethany Press, St. Louis, \$1.25.

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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.

DISCOURAGED PEOPLE WILL NOT ACCOMPLISH MUCH

In Proverbs 23: 7 we read, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Though the writer of these words was warning against being deceived by those who had evil purposes, he states a general truth. "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." It takes courage to perform difficult tasks. A discouraged man will not try.

Some time past, when the writer was discussing the prospects of a certain man, one of the man's friends said, "He has much ability naturally, but at home he was always made to think that he did not know much, that he could not accomplish anything, and that what he did was never quite right. Being told these things from a child up, he came to think he was an underling and could not fill any responsible place. Therefore he has no courage to attempt anything." To all appearances these statements were true and explained things often observed by those who did not know the circumstances.

The mental law that explained the attitude of this man toward life holds true in connection with churches and denominations in regard to missions. The church whose officers are constantly saying to the members, "We cannot raise the budget," will in time make the church think it cannot; the board whose members are continually saying, "We cannot enter these open doors," is a useless affair in the evangelization of the world; the denomination whose appointed leaders are in the habit of saying, "We cannot launch out any more," is very likely to lead the majority of the churches to feel the situation is hopeless.

Men, churches, and boards seldom advance till they get faith enough to think they can. "If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established," (Isaiah 7: 9) is the declaration of the prophet. On the other hand, only God himself knows what can be accomplished when a man, a church, or a denomination takes God at his word and goes forward in faith and consecration. W. L. B.



T. M. Chang, Grace High School, Shanghai, China

PRINCIPAL CHANG REPORTS ON AFFAIRS IN SHANGHAI

Dear Secretary Burdick:

I am glad to know that my previous letter had reached you all right, for I have had the opportunity of reading my report in the Recorder which Lt. Winthrop Davis brought out here some time ago. I hope that I will hear from you directly as early as possible.

Now I am writing to send you my sincere greetings for the season, and also to tell you something about the present situation of the school. Our school reopened for this term on September 1, but the classes did not start until September 17 for the primary department and September 24 for the high school, on account of local conditions which made it advisable to have that delay. Since then, the school has been in full operation. There are fourteen classes in the high school and seventeen classes in the primary, with a

total enrollment of 1,202 students. There are fifty-two members on our faculty, most of them have been with us for a number of years in the past. The work has been going on as well as we can expect in these postwar days except for finances. Because of currency devaluation and the soaring high cost of living, which are of course the natural consequences of a long war, we are much grieved to see the teachers literally struggling under sub-living wages. In terms of United States dollars according to the latest black rate of exchange, a full-time teacher in our primary department gets from \$3.85 to \$5.00 per month, and in our high school, from \$5.70 to \$6.00, including board. Now, for board alone at present the minimum is about \$4, United States currency, for each person. That leaves practically nothing for other necessities for even single persons, still less for those with families. You can see from this how serious this situation is getting to be, and under what trying conditions our teachers are working and struggling at the present time. In view of this emergency, a special meeting of the school board was called yesterday, and it was decided to start a campaign at once for teachers' relief. Together with other Christian schools in the city, we are also sending in requests for relief of teachers from other sources. I wonder if the Mission Board will do something for us, and will do it quickly and immediately.

This morning I am quite interested in reading a news item in the local paper, saying that a number of department stores in New York City are now selling houses by mail order at United States \$1,900 per house including a parlor, two bedrooms, and a kitchen, with modern conveniences. According to the dispatch, those houses are made of synthetic boards which are light, fireproof, and as durable as steel. When I read that, I could not help but start on day dreaming. I thought that if we could get half a dozen of our friends in America who would each give us a house of that kind by mail order as a Christmas present, then in three months' time we will see our Liuho Hospital in operation again, and we will also see a new social center for religious work set up on the ruined site of our city chapel. Of course, those would be only temporary structures, but they would give us the needed

THAT NEW WORLD

By David S. Clarke

Raymond Fosdick has challenged the public with the alternative of one world or none. In the light of new and extremely potent instruments, he sees put squarely into our hands either the integration or disintegration of our world. Drew Pearson, who broadcasts "I Predict" from Washington and claims over 80 per cent accuracy of prediction in 1945, prophesied on the eve of 1946 that this year would see either a new world war or the commencement of a new world integration. He stated further that the results are squarely up to us.

I doubt if most Christians would think of our responsibility in terms as self-sufficient as these men's. Our responsibility, particularly at present, is more "response" than "ability." Achieving peace is not something we can accomplish by ourselves, but by response to the Saviour of mankind. Not only in Christ's ideals, but in Christ's power, is peace found.

The new world will come, not by human effort, but by human response to Divine effort and purpose. That's just another way—perhaps controversial—of saying that the next steps in bringing about a new world are spiritual steps. The task is not so much "Building a New World" as so many youth groups have thought of it, but rather "Nurturing a New World, Cultivating a New World." I thank God we don't have to build a new world, but only nurture and cultivate the new and better world that Christ has already implanted in men's hearts. At home and abroad our Christian task is nourishing the good in men's hearts, bringing out and strengthening those Chinese and Japanese traits that make for peace, encour-

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time and encouragement to work for bigger, better, and permanent buildings. This was my day dream, and this is my prayer.

My greetings to you for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

T. M. Chang.

Grace High School,
23 Route de Zikawei,
Shanghai, China,
December 17, 1945.

Christian Education

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

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Victorious Living Broadcasts Appreciated

Mrs. Nellie P. Barber, Route 1, Black River, N. Y., wrote December 29, 1945, "I discovered this morning that I am able to get the Victorious Living program at 8:25 from Schenectady. I am glad you published the schedule in the Sabbath Recorder."



Harley Sutton

Rev. A. Clyde Ehret wrote that the North Loup, Neb., people are getting the program Victorious Living and think it worth while. He also said that he is helping two Methodist churches with services on Sunday.

Pastor John G. Schmid of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church of Irvington, N. J., says, "Thank you for your letter, dated December 7, in regard to parent-teacher co-operation. Since our group is so small, we have only one Sabbath school teacher who discusses the lesson with us each week. Also there are very few young people; so you see it will not be possible for us to follow the plan you have so kindly outlined, as much as we would like to."

Los Angeles Reports

Mr. Albyn Mackintosh of the Los Angeles Church says, "Your letters in regard to the Sabbath school are received and welcomed. Almost without exception everyone is now working in spirit if not in deed toward the growth of the Church, and consequently it is largely a problem of keeping energies directed. Our largest problem is the distance to be traveled by members in getting to church. It is quite true that to get any place in this city you travel ten miles through heavy traffic. We look forward to a year of interest."

Miss Pearl Rosser, director of radio education for the International Council of Religious Education, wrote, "I have read with extreme interest the write-up of Victorious Living in the Sabbath Recorder. This is fine support, and I want you to know that we appreciate it very much."

News from Other Churches

Conference President Hurley tells of two young people in California who are really working. One is a young mother who leaves the baby with her husband, brother, or others while she plays the violin or sings in the choir. She has been a regular attendant at prayer meeting, and just now is getting about fourteen young folks together for prayer meeting at the church. She is helping with a young folks choir of nearly twenty members for Sabbath school.

The other young lady is from the Los Angeles Church and is a member of the young women's chorus. During the week she works in the Mackintosh Brothers engineering establishment.

Another young lady in the Los Angeles group quit work where they asked her to work part of the day on Sabbaths and has now found a job where she can be off all day. Congratulations!

Illness has changed plans for classes at Lost Creek, W. Va. Mrs. Lucille Bond who was to teach a second series course will not be able to do so. For this we are all sorry.

Clifford Beebe and family are making plans to move to Gentry, Ark. They are very anxious for the Fouke Church to find a pastor. They have called five men without success. Mr. Beebe says that there has been some talk of having a young people's camp for that section, and that it would be wise to have such in connection with the association which is scheduled for August 1-4, 1946.

He reports that Miss Jeanette Fitz Randolph, daughter of Rev. Wardner Fitz Randolph, is back from Jamaica for college at Texarkana Junior College, and she is young people's secretary for the Fouke Church.

Pastor Paul Maxson reports having had the flu. He says meetings have been held with teachers for the making of plans to reorganize the Sabbath school classes and for discussion of the lessons. The Berlin, N. Y., Church has a get-together once a month with a covered dish supper. At that

YOUNG PEOPLE NEEDED IN YOUTH WEEK CONTEST

F. B. I. Director Warns That Too Few Young People Are Reached by Churches Today

Warning that at the present time too few of the youth of America are being reached by the churches, J. Edgar Hoover, director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, pointed out that this "failure to make contact with the citizens of tomorrow is producing a fertile field for future crimes." This was revealed in a statement to Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, endorsing the 1946 observance of Youth Week, January 27-February 3, sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement. "Youths too young to vote accounted for 21.4 per cent of the arrests last year, and unless a concerted effort is made through the media of the Church and the home these same delinquents may be the hardened criminals of tomorrow," stated Mr. Hoover.

John Foster Dulles, internationally-known lawyer and adviser to the state department at the United Nations Conference at San Francisco, in his statement of endorsement declared that "national security depends on world-wide fellowship."

More than three million young people are expected to participate in the observance of 1946 Youth Week, with programs planned both in individual churches and in inter-church sponsored events. Eight young people will receive college educations, with a total value of \$9,200 as winners of Parshad College Scholarships, awarded as part of the Youth Week observance. Other awards are also offered in the essay contest open to all Christian young people between sixteen and twenty-four who are at least seniors in high school and not more than freshmen in college.

Beginning more than thirty years ago in the celebration of the birthday of the Inter-

time he plans to emphasize the parent-teacher relationship in Sabbath school work.

Clifford Greene of the Berlin Church is planning to enter the gospel ministry and plans to start his college work at Salem College the second semester of this college year. May God's blessings be upon Clifford in his further preparation for the Lord's work.
H. S.

national Society of Christian Endeavor, various church groups in later years planned a Youth Sunday or Youth Week. With the growth since 1934 of the United Christian Youth Movement, administered through the International Council of Religious Education, into a continent-wide, interdenominational organization representing young people in the United States and Canada, need has arisen for a united observance.

—Philip C. Landers.

All who wish to enter the contest may make contact with me, and I will see that you get the proper blanks and instructions.

Be sure that your youth group plans something special for Youth Week, January 27-February 3. Remember Christian Endeavor is one of the organizations sponsoring Youth Week. Send me a report about your special program. Thank you.
H. S.

END OF A YEAR — AND A YOUNG LIFE

Was it the end? No—the values of the past will live on into the new and give it meaning and value.

On Friday, December 28, I was called to conduct the funeral of Wanda Hill for Pastor Charles Bond of Little Genesee who had been ill and could not conduct the service. Wanda was only eighteen. She came home from the hospital a few days before Christmas and on the next day after Christmas she slipped away from this life. This raises the question with me, Can life be measured as much by quantity as by quality? Perhaps some people live more in eighteen years than others in one hundred. Wanda's parents have not really lost her. No one who has truly had a beautiful and good daughter can ever have her taken away! During the coming years the parents of Wanda will realize how true this is. They will tell friends and loved ones about her and the things she did and how bravely she stood the weeks and weeks of illness, and what a fine daughter she always was.

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs.
He most lives
Who thinks most—feels the noblest—acts the best."

Children's Page

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have never written to you before, but after my baptism this summer I decided to write and tell you about it.

My grandfather, Rev. A. L. Davis, baptized me in North River, a river that flows into Belmont Lake, a small Canadian lake about two hundred fifty miles from East Aurora, N. Y.

It was a beautiful summer day, the eighteenth of August. We took a picnic lunch and left about noon. After we got there we went down to the river where Grandpa chose a deep pool at the foot of a waterfall and there he baptized me. My father took several pictures with his camera.

I wore one of my light flowered summer dresses. I had a corsage of wild flowers and wore water lilies in my hair.

I am going to join the church in Little Genesee where Grandma Burdick, Mother, and Daddy belong.

I am enclosing a prayer I wrote myself a few days ago. Sincerely yours,

Virginia Mary Burdick.

350 Sycamore St.,
East Aurora, N. Y.

TENDER SHEPHERD

Jesus, tender Shepherd, lead me
From this cruel world of sin.
Guide me, feed me, lead me
Into your world within.
Teach me how to go my way
In a Christian life each day.
Teach me how to softly pray,
Teach me how to gently play.
Show me how to share my love
Like you do in heaven above.
Show me where I may be of help,
To little-children like myself.
In your name I truly say,
Help me, guide me on my way.
Amen.

Dear Virginia:

How pleased I was to receive your letter. I haven't seen you in some time, but I remember you as a tiny tot. No doubt you know that both your parents and grandparents have been good friends of mine for quite a number of years. In fact, I knew

your father and mother when they were little tots, too. So don't you think you and I should be good friends, too? I do.

I am always happy to hear that another of my Recorder children is truly entering the service of Jesus by being baptized and joining the Church. Your beautiful prayer shows me how much it means to you. I was glad, too, to know of the manner in which you were baptized, and I am sure the memory of it will always remain with you.

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am an old woman, but I like to read the Children's Page. Just now I am wondering if the children are enjoying their winter sports any more than I enjoy my rambles through the swamp. I cannot walk far, but as I am near a swamp, I put on rubber boots, an old coat, hood, and thick gloves, take my field glass and go looking for birds.

What do you suppose I have seen? Evening grosbeaks, and they are beautiful birds; a pair of northern mockingbirds, very rare birds in the North at this season; pine siskins, white-throated sparrows, tree sparrows, a song sparrow, chickadee, rose-breasted nuthatch, white-breasted nuthatch, woodpeckers, a catbird, blue jays, and a sparrow hawk.

There is a feed station near the swamp. It is very interesting to watch the birds feed and chirp as though they were thanking God for the feed they find while all around them is ice and snow. I wonder if we cannot take a lesson from the birds. They are so cheerful even in adverse circumstances.

(Miss) Nellie M. Longfellow.

Hope Valley, R. I.

Dear Miss Longfellow:

Thank you for your letter. I am sure the children will enjoy hearing about the many birds you were so fortunate to meet, a number of which I have never seen. There was quite a swamp, in the wet season a pond, on the Wisconsin farm on which I lived as a child. It was called the Big Slough. There were many birds around it, but not all those you mention. I have always enjoyed watching the birds and looking for new kinds.

Mizpah S. Greene.

COUNCIL HEAD



Harold Stassen
Former Minnesota Governor

STASSEN RESUMES POSITION WITH COUNCIL OF EDUCATION

Harold Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, has resumed his duties as president of the International Council of Religious Education. For the past thirty months he has been on leave of absence from the council presidency while serving in the Navy.

During Stassen's absence James L. Kraft, Chicago industrialist and prominent Baptist layman, served as president of the council.

At the council's national headquarters in Chicago Stassen has conferred with Dr. Roy G. Ross, executive director of the council; the heads of the council's nineteen departments; and discussed plans for the council's quadrennial convention in 1947.

THE GREATEST DISCOVERY

The National Stewardship Institute reminds us that Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, known as the "world's foremost electrical engineer," and the General Electric's "wizard of inventions," in his last days left with us his forecast of the future in the following impressive words:

"I think the greatest discovery will be made along spiritual lines. Here is a force which history clearly teaches has been the greatest power in the development of men and history. Yet we have merely been playing with it and have never seriously studied it as we have the physical forces. Some day people will learn that material things do not bring happiness and are of little use in making men and women creative and powerful. Then the scientists of the world will turn their laboratories over to the study of God and prayer and spiritual forces which as yet have hardly been scratched. When this day comes, the world will see more advancement in one generation than it has seen in the last four."

THAT NEW WORLD

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aging German pride and honor into patriotism for the kingdom of God. At home our churches need nurture and stimulation in Christian witness and influence in community and national affairs.

This is our mission—our Second Century mission—to cultivate and nourish the new world into a strong, hopeful, noble Christian neighborhood group. Our mission as a denomination calls for surrendered, consecrated lives! It calls for surrendered monies! The year 1947 opens a new era, a new century for Seventh Day Baptists! It is our second century of evangelizing the world, our second century of nourishing the new world with Christ's gospel. Your life is needed in this cause.

You will be transported into a different world by the mere passage of time. Will you cultivate with your life the seedlings of the new and better world of Christ, or the seedlings of destruction, chaos, suicide, no world? Your life is needed to prevent the growth of the latter — your gifts to the Second Century Fund, possibly your vocation as a missionary or minister or relief worker, probably your leisure for church leadership, and certainly your self for Christian witness and example.

To be more specific, we have nurtured seeds of that new world which need more cultivation right now—education and clinical medicine in China; education—vocational and literary—in Jamaica; service men's contacts throughout the world; Sabbath reform in Germany, Holland, Africa, Java, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, South America, Canada, untouched parts of the United States. These all call for money, for men, for lives!

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Plainfield, N. J.

It is gratifying to note how well the attendance keeps up at our prayer meetings. Different members of the church lead these meetings, choosing their own topics. Thus a wide variety of interesting subjects is presented.

The missionary, tract, and social service committees of the Women's Society have been working hard on a collection of used clothing. There was a fine response to the appeal and a large quantity has been sent to the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction.

De Ruyter, N. Y.

A dramatic cantata, "Another Wise Man," was the Christmas program of the church on Sunday evening, December 23. This cantata was given by the choir and other young people of the Sabbath school and told the story of how an ordinary man showed the Christmas spirit.

Plans are under way for the redecorating of the church auditorium.

North Loup, Neb.

The annual church dinner of North Loup Seventh Day Baptists was held as usual in the church parlors on New Year's Day. The general committee on arrangements was made up of Mr. and Mrs. George Maxson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Barber, and Deacon and Mrs. George Clement. The tables were charmingly decorated by Mrs. W. G. Johnson and Mrs. Clara Clement Holmes, who used the rainbow as their theme, with pots of gold at each end of the tables. The birthday table was decorated with greens and candles. Colored lights and evergreens were festooned from the ceiling. The covered dish dinner which had been brought by the goodly company attending was prepared by members and served by the young people. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barber took care of the children, this being the fifteenth year that the Barbers had had this duty. Thirty children were cared for. Rev. and Mrs. Mitchell, pastor and wife of the local Methodist church with their daughter, Romona, were welcome guests.

After dinner the regular quarterly business meeting of the church was held, and the Missionary Circle also met briefly. Screens

for use by the Sabbath school were made by the men of the church during the day.

The December church social was well attended in spite of cold weather and the fact that many were ill with flu. Deacon and Mrs. Vernon Williams were in charge of the kitchen, with several helpers. The tables were decorated by Mrs. Geo. Maxson and daughter, Marion, and the Christmas theme was used. At this time the Sabbath school presented their Christmas program of songs, exercises, and plays.

The young people of the church with several from the Methodist church went out caroling for shut-ins the Sunday night before Christmas. Lunch was served in the church parlors afterward.

The Christian Endeavor Society is studying Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs.

The entire church is very sorry that two valued members, Mrs. G. L. Hutchins and Mrs. W. G. Hemphill, are very ill. All hope for their speedy recovery.

The choir presented the cantata, "The Song and the Star," directed by Dell Barber, the Sabbath before Christmas. Appropriate music was played by Mrs. W. G. Johnson, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Phyllis Babcock, and Neva Brannon. On Sunday night, December 30, the cantata was given by the choir in the Mira Valley Evangelical church, by invitation.

We rejoice that many of our boys are returning home, having received their discharge from the armed services. At this time of year, many students and others are also home and are greatly welcomed.

Mrs. W. G. Johnson has been appointed chairman of the used clothing drive and urges everyone to contribute as the need is very great.

The fund for the Dr. Hemphill memorial organ is growing steadily. Mrs. Harlon Brennick, the instigator of the plan, says that special efforts will be made this year to complete the project.

The church was beautifully decorated for the holiday season by Mrs. George Maxson. A color scheme of blue and silver was used with red bells, greens, colored lights, and candles.

—Myra T. Barber.

Dodge Center, Minn.

A very interesting Christmas musical play was presented the evening after the Sabbath, December 22, entitled "The Gift." The play was given by a reader, members of the primary classes, and the choir. There was a beautifully decorated tree, with treats for the youngsters.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne and Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lippincott met at the Thorngate home on a Sabbath evening recently to pack three boxes of donated articles to be sent to Rev. Bottoms, Gurley, Ala., and to the Jewish Refugee Relief via the Family Bible League, Chicago, Ill.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society met Wednesday, December 12. The following committee was appointed to have charge of and make arrangements for the annual business meeting and dinner: Mrs. Clare Greene, Mrs. Donald Payne, Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. Cora Bond, and Mrs. Lester Greene.

—Mrs. Charles W. Thorngate.

ON THE BOOKSHELF

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The former is just what it is called, "A source book for ministers." It discusses the work of the minister as shepherd of the flock, its difficulties, the "spiritual equipment" necessary, and methods. Part one Mr. Blackwood calls "Basic Forms of Pastoral Work" and takes up, among other things, the minister after the war, the making of a general plan, the place of the pastor's wife, the call in the home, the art of winning children, the ways of attracting men, ministering to the sick and shut-ins and the sorrowing. In part two the author takes up many and various kinds of pastoral work, with good practical suggestions on dealing with special cases. This book should be on the "must" list of every pastor and should be read often. It may challenge him by showing him how far short he falls of fulfilling his holy office.

The second book is "addressed to church men and women on their relationship to their minister." The author says, "In most cases where the minister is not permitted to give members of the church the benefit of his special training and his experience in dealing with their problems, the reason is not any unfriendliness toward their pastor but simply their lack of understanding about the pastoral office." He states that if mem-

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Recorder Readers:

Nineteen hundred forty-six is here. Do we want to let more people know of God's holy Sabbath and Seventh Day Baptists? Of course our utmost thought is for the unsaved to know about Christ our Saviour and Redeemer, that he alone is our Salvation.

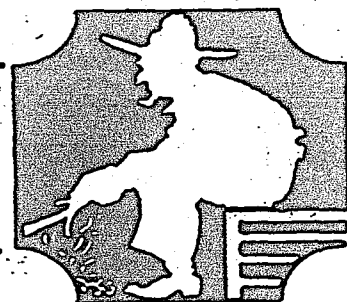
Until I conducted the radio program in 1943, 1944, and part of 1945, the people of this section of the United States of America did not know there were or ever had been any Seventh Day Baptists.

If you people want to do more to have the word sent out over the southland, earmark your offerings for the work in Columbus, Miss., and mail to L. Milton Van Horn, treasurer, Denominational Budget, Milton, Wis.

A worker for Christ and his holy Sabbath,
Mrs. Cecil Wharton.

Columbus, Miss.

OLD-TIMER SEZ . . .



"Some folks is just poor traders. Esau swapped off his birthright for a Mess of pottage. I've knowd other fellers to do that, too—and mess is the right word."

bers of a church are to let their pastor be their minister it means "that you will go to his study or call him to your home with a purpose as definite as that which prompts you to seek the services of a doctor of medicine." "Let him" is the burden of the plea: "Let him preach," "Let him counsel with you," "Let him visit you when you are sick," "Let him minister when death comes," "Let him share your happiness," "Let him be your children's minister," "Let him solemnize your marriage," "Let him care for the hundredth sheep," are a few of the chapter headings.

A careful study of these two books by pastor and people respectively would make for a more complete ministry by both pastor and church. Why not organize a study class, and ask your pastor to study "You and Your Minister" with you? Lester G. Osborn.

VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE WANTS TO ASSIST RETURNING VETERANS

By Ben R. Crandall

The able report of the Committee to Consider the Report of the Vocational Committee as it appears in the 1944 Year Book has been the ideal of the Vocational Committee this year. But like most ideals, the accomplishments are far behind the ideal.

We wish more of our young people would make use of the service offered in the way of aptitude tests and guidance placed at their disposal without expense to them.

The committee is especially anxious to be of service to our returning servicemen. Any one learning of possible openings for employment or the establishment of professional service in any of our Seventh Day Baptist communities will render a real service by notifying the committee.

One of the most gratifying accomplishments has been the establishment of young adult groups. These young people must in a very short time be carrying the burden of church and denominational affairs. They need encouragement as well as experience. Possibly some of us "oldsters" should pass them the ball and get out on the sidelines and cheer. These groups are a great place for action and should appeal to our servicemen when they return.

Your Vocational Committee especially urges that it be given the opportunity to serve as a clearing house for employer and employee. The government seems to be disposed to deal generously with the returned soldier from the financial standpoint both for further education and training and for starting business enterprises and building homes. One of the greatest services we can render is to make a special effort to inform them of opportunities for the continuance of their education in our Seventh Day Baptist institutions and desirable openings in Seventh Day Baptist localities.

Whoever builds a fence always fences out more than he fences in.—Emerson.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR JANUARY 19, 1946

The Laws of a People
Basic Scripture—Exodus 19—23
Memory Selection—Psalm 119: 47

Obituary

Crumb. — Carrie E. Barber, daughter of Erastus W. and Dorcas A. Stanton Barber, was born in Westerly, R. I., November 29, 1867, and died at her home in Westerly December 2, 1945.

Mrs. Crumb was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and of the Woman's Aid Society of that church. Her husband, Edward W. Crumb, preceded her in death several years ago.

Close survivors are two brothers, Joseph K. and Lear S., and a sister, Mrs. Daisy D. Daniels.

The funeral was held at the Avery Funeral Home. Interment was in First Hopkinton Cemetery.
H. R. C.

Loofboro. — Mertie A. Greene, daughter of William M. and Ellen F. West Greene, was born at Wasioja, Wis., July 18, 1869, and died at her home in Westerly, R. I., December 8, 1945.

Her first husband, Rev. Nathan M. Mills, died when he was pastor of the Marlboro, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Later she was united in marriage with Chase A. Loofboro, who died some years ago. Mrs. Loofboro was a member of the Milton, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was an active member of the Woman's Aid Society of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and of the Ocean View W. C. T. U.

Close survivors are two sons, LeRoy G. Mills and Arthur M. Mills, and two stepsons, Lloyd C. Loofboro and Donald F. Loofboro.

Funeral services were held at the Buckler Funeral Home with Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in the First Hopkinton Cemetery.
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What Church People Are Doing the World Around

(Items from Exchanges and News Services)

"An adventure in Christian worship and service across all racial and cultural lines" is the description given by the Federal Council to "The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples" in San Francisco, Calif. This seven-days-a-week church, now housed in a church building formerly used by a Japanese congregation, is composed of Negroes, Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, and several nationalities of Caucasians, all worshipping and living in harmony. There is a regularly organized church of one hundred thirty members, and a worshipping congregation that is much larger. According to the federation, this successful adventure is "a living challenge to church leaders for their past policies and practices." — News in the World of Religion.

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"We cannot possibly carry out world evangelization on the present scale of missionary work—the price of a daily paper once a week," says Dr. John W. Burton, president-general of the Methodist Church in Australia. "Missions are going to be far more expensive. If you treble present work or multiply it tenfold, you will still be touching and not solving the problem. We shall have to have a new strategy of Christian missions. We shall have to have hundreds of thousands of non-professional missionaries going to non-Christian lands, to live Christian lives and set Christian examples, and make their own living. The biggest obstacle to our Christian work today is the heathen lives of our own business people."—W. W. Reid.

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There is now one licensed retail liquor store, saloon, or beer parlor in the United States for about every one hundred families. The 1945 Internal Revenue records show 241,669 licensed liquor dealers and 118,815 beer retailers, not counting temporary licensees, other miscellaneous distillers, brewers, or wholesale liquor dealers. — Gospel Messenger.

Because conscientious objectors in civilian public service camps throughout the nation receive no compensation for their work, and it even costs them considerable to feed and clothe themselves, a large number of dependent wives and children have suffered severely, according to an investigation made by the Commission on World Peace of the Methodist Church. The Seventh Day Baptist Commission, at its recent Chicago meeting, voted to reimburse the National Service

Board for Religious Objectors for what it has advanced toward the maintenance of a Seventh Day Baptist objector. Many church organizations are asking President Truman to pardon all objectors now in prison; and it is urged that men be demobilized from the camps as rapidly as they are from the armed forces.

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Says David Lawrence, noted columnist: "No nation can win an absolute victory and be sure of peace there-

after. Some day the world will discover that peace without punishments that stir up a new spirit of revenge among the conquered peoples is the only way to bring reconciliation and an enduring friendship. Woodrow Wilson once called for 'peace without victory,' only to be scorned and shouted down. Evidently the wisdom contained in the philosophy of Jesus has been discarded today for the material concepts of an embittered age."

—Bible Advocate.

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General de Gaulle brought with him to America five hundred bottles of champagne and a portrait of Benjamin Franklin which was painted while he was ambassador of the American colonies to France. This portrait was for presentation to President Truman. There was distinct inconsistency in bringing the champagne and the portrait together. It must be remembered that Benjamin Franklin, describing a special occasion, says in his autobiography: "I drank only water." That was his customary drink.—Telescope.

JOHN WESLEY'S RULES

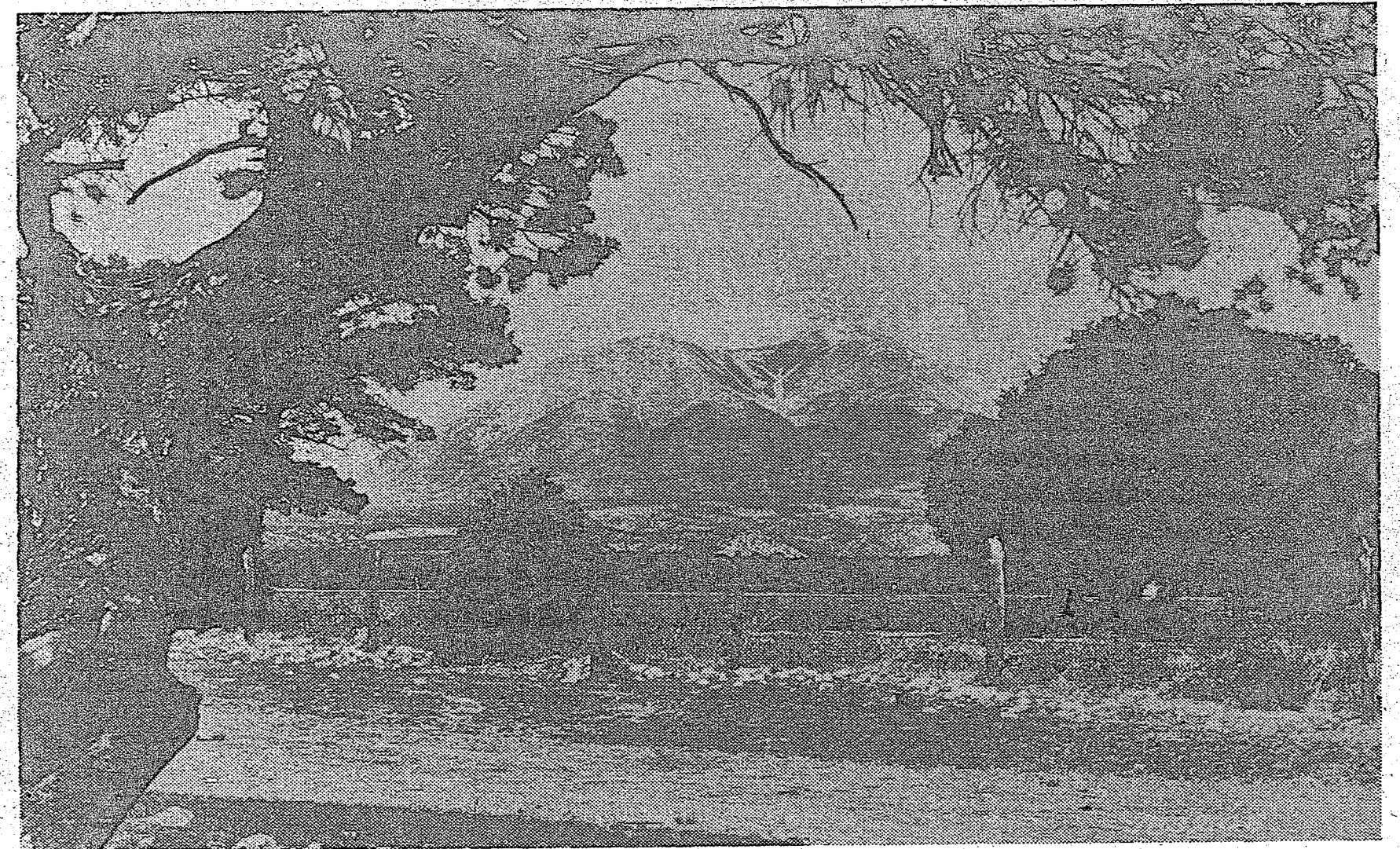
Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as you can.

Wesley also said:

Earn all you can,
Save all you can,
Give all you can!

—Civic Bulletin.

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—Photo by U. S. Forest Service.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

—Psalm 121: 1.