

## NAKED WITHOUT A CHECKBOOK

By Elsie Thomas Culver

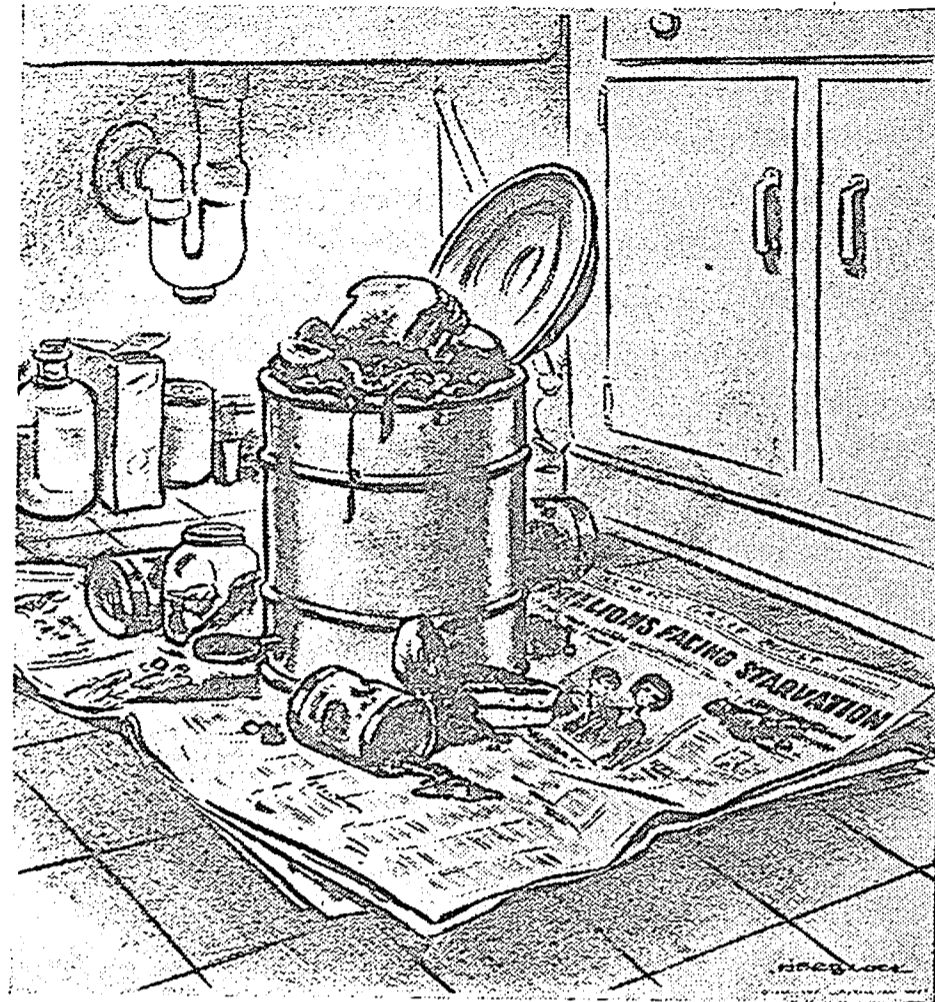
A recent issue of a popular picture magazine carried a story of a young woman's dream. What a glorious time she had "naked with a checkbook" in one of New York's exclusive stores where, for a paltry \$20,400, she got herself up in quite dazzling fashion!

I, too, have an oft-recurring dream of nakedness which needs clothing, but my dream is more of a nightmare. I am back again in a children's home in the north of Holland, which I visited one cold, wintry day last November. My nostrils cringe at the odor of the musty gruel that is the children's midday meal, and I see them dressed in their scanty little garments, filing into the dining room. Some have no shoes at all and their feet are red and raw from the cold floors, for there is no heat in the old building, and only thin isinglass for windows. Others have wooden soles tied to the bottom of their feet by string. Bits of paper are tucked in to protect their ankles where the strings have cut into them and left them raw and bleeding.

I visit the girls' dormitory where some of the girls are having their lunch in bed because they have loaned their clothes to a friend who is washing hers.

In another part of the building the littlest ones are being put down for their naps without benefit of night clothes. They sleep two to a rough bunk-bed—one head at each end of the bed, on burlap, straw-stuffed mattresses. There is one little fellow, his scrawny body wracked with spasms of coughing, with a single garment—a little knit sweater sent from America — between him and utter nakedness. I think that surely that child must be dead by now, and that another is wearing the sweater. One cannot stand on sentiment, for the living need garments worse than the dead.

Nor are these the only children who haunt my dreams. They pass before me in a crowding throng, with outstretched hands and pleading eyes—the children of France, of Czecho-



Still Life Drawing

slovakia, of Germany. They are the children I talked to as they played listlessly in the rubble-piled streets, or chased the rats away from the baby's bed in the makeshift shelter they called home, or waited outside the soldier's mess hall for bits of food.

The amount—\$20,400—which is what our friend pictured in the dream is worth as she stands, on the hoof—would buy:

Twenty tons of dried milk; each pound makes eighteen to twenty cups. (There is another dream remembering a little dead baby in Czechoslovakia, who just hadn't been able to survive on one-sixth of a litre of milk a day.)

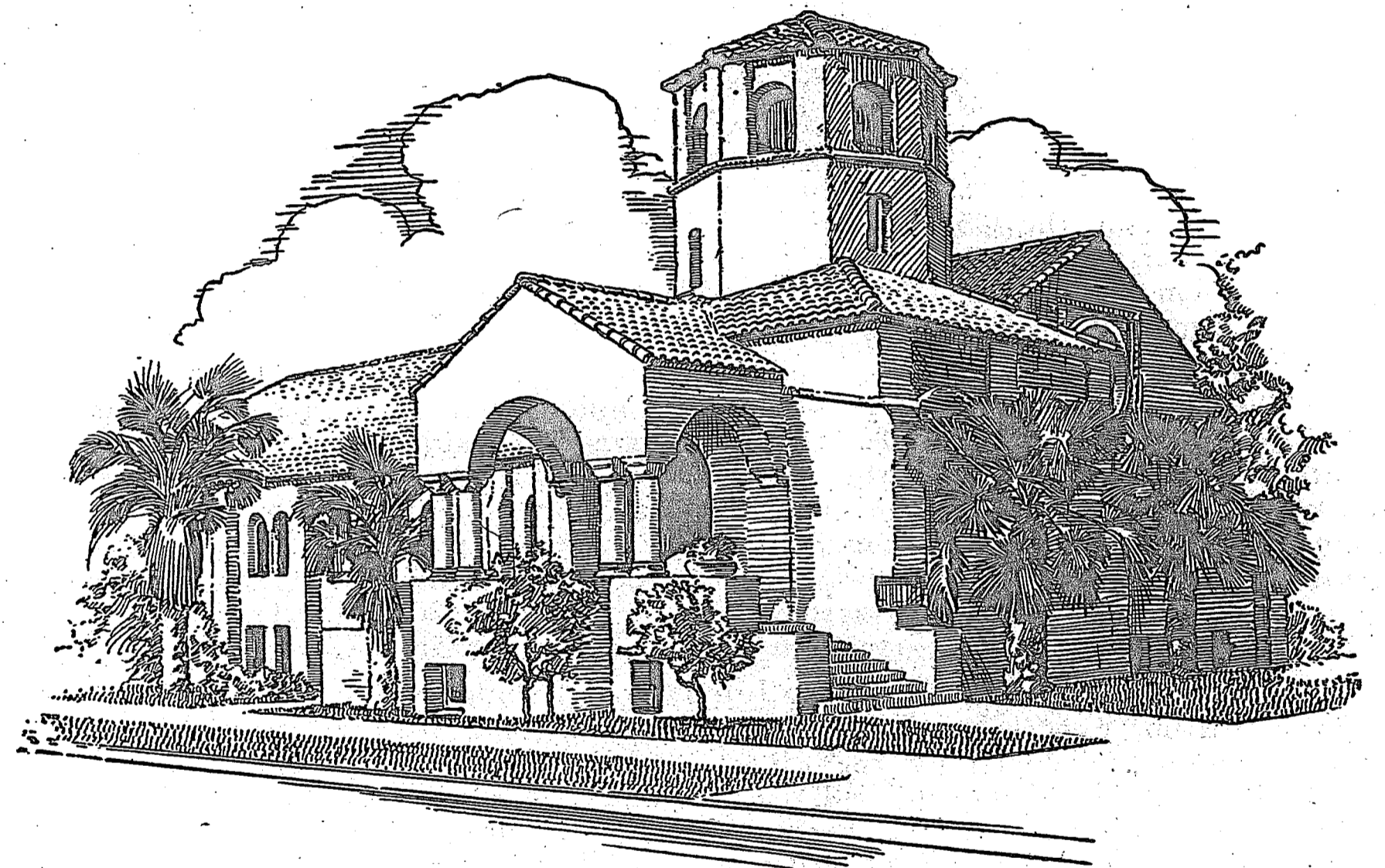
Or, \$20,400 would buy thirteen thousand pairs of shoes for children who cannot leave their homes, because they have no footwear.

Or, perhaps best of all, it would send 204,000 pounds of donated clothing overseas.

Anyone interested in clearing his conscience can send another check (even if it is for less than \$20,400) designated for overseas relief.

Money should be sent through the denominational committee on relief; material aid, through any United Church Service Center. Mark all contributions as coming from Seventh Day Baptists. For list of addresses, see the back cover of the Sabbath Recorder, May 13.

# The Sabbath Recorder



Riverside, Calif., Seventh Day Baptist Church

(This drawing was made before construction of the edifice in 1927; now the building debt has been paid. See back cover.)

"We want this church to be holy and consecrated to true worship of God and a fit temple and dwelling place for him; a place where friend or stranger may enter and find peace. . . . We want it to be a place where all may be brought closer to God."

# The Sabbath Recorder

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## Editorials

### TWO IMPORTANT MERGERS

Within the past few weeks, Christian forces have been consolidated in two major fields of endeavor—service to men and women in the armed forces and overseas relief.

Meeting in Washington, D. C., on April 24, the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains and the National Council of the Service Men's Christian League effected a merger, designed to facilitate peacetime service to people in uniform. Taking part in the activity were two Seventh Day Baptists: Rev. H. C. Van Horn, an executive member of the league, and your editor, an invited participant.

On May 8 was announced the consolidation of three great overseas service agencies of the American Protestant churches (the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, the Commission for World Council Service, and the Church Committee for Relief in Asia) in order to render swifter and more effective service during the present emergency. Active in the preliminary negotiations was Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, chairman of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference Committee on Relief Appeals in the Churches.

The continuing organization for Christian influence among military personnel will be designated for the present by the General Commission title with a by-line reading, "Continuing also the work of the Service Men's Christian League." With the cessation of hostilities of World War II, the activities and program of both the general commission and the national council of the league have passed from an emergency period into a more normal situation. It is undoubtedly true, as the committee considering merger felt, that united Protestantism can best be served in the peacetime period with the administration and program of both agencies merged and unified.

Some weeks will be required to bring about the complete change-over, but the assets of wartime experience of both groups will be conserved. A strong Christian education program, developed by the league, will be maintained. Such publications as the "Link" and the "Chaplain" will be continued in some form as an expression of united Protestantism to service personnel and chaplains. Certainly the one co-operative organization representing as nearly as possible all Protestantism will be more effective than overlapping or competitive agencies.

In the field of relief the merged organization will be known as Church World Service, and when the necessary steps can be taken, will be incorporated. Harper Sibley, who has served as chairman of both the Church Committee on Relief and Reconstruction and Church Committee for Relief in Asia, has been elected to serve as president, and other men experienced through service in the various church relief agencies will have positions in the new organization, thus keeping within the administration valuable knowledge and techniques already developed.

In general, the church relief organization will be divided into three divisions: service, promotion, and business. The various functions will be handled by specialists in these fields to study overseas needs for relief and interchurch aid which American churches ought to help meet; to administer to and distribute funds and materials entrusted to the organization; to serve the denominations as a clearing house so as to

avoid duplication and to secure the most effective use of total resources; to provide over-all promotion, and to facilitate in every way the handling of relief matters for the churches.

Constituting bodies for the new committee are the Federal Council of Churches, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and the American Committee for the World Council of Churches. Some fifty denominations are participating in the new committee.

Most Protestants look with favor upon these co-operative efforts. Not only do they result in savings both as to personnel and budget, but they also are indicative of the type of combined Protestant effort that will mean Christian progress. Except church people work together, in every area where unanimity is possible, Protestantism seems destined to dissipate itself in petty and divergent quibblings.

## GUEST EDITORIAL

### FOR THAT CHILD OF YOURS!

At a meeting of a certain men's organization some years ago, the chairman said he would welcome a statement from each man present as to what one thing he would do to make this a better country, if he had the power to put his will into effect. After most of those present had expressed views, I stated that I would prefer to institute family altars in every home in the United States, because from such would flow untold blessings, not only to those who participated therein, but to the entire nation. That was many years ago. It is my belief that it is more to be desired today, if possible, than it was then. Certainly, it is much more needed.

See how the forces are lined up against one another for the captivation of the interest of the child. On the one hand we have insinuatingly vile and filthy movies portrayed by the best talent available; the most engaging, the most interesting, and also the most salacious magazines and pictures that money and skill can produce; and legions of other instruments of evil which tend to draw the child away into the swirling maelstrom of worldliness and away from God.

On the other hand we have a Bible lesson taught for about one-half hour per week, and a sermon twice a week (not always on a Godly subject), plus some rather non-descript and unattractive child's literature from the church, and a sort of half-hearted young people's activity. Any normal child may be drawn away under these circumstances. This business of putting GOD into the heart of the child is a **full-time business**, if you want to get **results for God**.

Now add to this picture a family gathered in the home at the end of each day, when the father and mother read the Bible, have prayers, and all sing a soul-strengthening hymn, and you have put a foundation there in the young heart that will go a long way toward moulding that life for the Master. In times of temptation, the God-educated conscience will speak to his heart at a time when no human being could speak, because only the child would know what was turning over in his mind, with suggestive temptation from the enemy of God.

There has been a very noticeable trend in past years to try to leave to the Church the spiritual instruction of the children, when it should be done at mother's knee, before the child gets out in the path of temptation. One teacher with a class full of children once a week cannot do this work. Parents might as well face the facts, for some day they will have to face them when the books are opened and we give account to God for everything done in this body, whether it be good or evil. Will you be able to say that you did your best with the little, innocent life that was entrusted to your care and upbringing? It seems to me that there could be no grander calling. It will pay off here and hereafter. God says, "... for them that honour me I will honour ..." 1 Samuel 2: 30.

God wants strong, vigorous, determined, and consecrated men and women on his side in these days of stress and turmoil in the minds and hearts of men and nations. Any old fish, even a dead fish, can float along with the stream (crowd), but it takes a live vigorous fish to buck the current and go against the crowd. If you do not have family prayer in your home, try it out; begin now to gather daily and render thanks to God for his goodness, and set the example

for your children. God's blessings will be upon you and yours, if you do.

Begin building that strong Christian character in your child today, with God's help.

J. B. Conyers.

Atlanta, Ga.

### FIRST THINGS FIRST

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference  
Milton, Wis.

August 20 a.m. to August 25, 1946

Five of us from the Riverside Church drove approximately one hundred twenty-five miles "into the country" to visit nonresident church members. These folks had sent their tithe with a little message expressing loneliness. For more than two hours, words constantly filled the room. We had a little prayer service and departed feeling a profitable day had been spent.

In the course of the conversation, our host spoke of Conference and asked where it is to be held. After returning home I came to the conclusion that in my column I had been mentioning dates but had just assumed that everyone knew it is to be held at Milton.

Even though Conference is primarily a business meeting, I hope even that first session with its report receiving, committee appointing, and announcement giving will be inspiring. I hope not too many will look upon the first meeting as not very important. "We receive what we expect." We get out what we put in. I hope you will begin "putting in" at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 20. I hope you are already praying. I hope you will expect much and receive it because you attend with a spirit of making Conference a success. I have great hopes for Conference of 1946.

P. B. Hurley,  
Conference President.

### HEART OF FAITH

No longer can we hold to the specious logic that it does not matter what men believe. Further, the heart of the faith is so often lost sight of. When man allows himself to be natural, he senses a great transcendental power in the universe, an ineffable mystery with which he must be in harmony to be happy. Hence he reaches out and up for God. — Dr. Clark Kuebler, President, Ripon College.

## THUMBNAIL SKETCHES

About Seventh Day Baptists and Their Activities

With over two hundred religious denominations in the United States, it is no wonder that each generation needs to be told "who is who" among denominations. Many are inquiring about Seventh Day Baptists; for those of that group who happen to read the Sabbath Recorder, we will print each week in this column a few facts about Seventh Day Baptists.

### Education

Seventh Day Baptists have always been among leaders in education. They were prominent in the founding of Brown University in Providence, R. I., in 1764. In the first half of the nineteenth century, they established two colleges of their own. One was Alfred University at Alfred, N. Y., in 1836. The other was Milton College at Milton, Wis., in 1844. In 1888, they established Salem College at Salem, W. Va. They have sponsored all these colleges to this day. Before the modern public high school arose, Seventh Day Baptists established academies in nearly every state in which their churches were to be found. With the expansion of the public school system, of which Seventh Day Baptists were warm supporters from the beginning, the academies gave way to the high schools.

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

### SMOKE SAVINGS BUILD CHAPEL

At the conclusion of a sermon, during which Dr. Clarence K. Vliet of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church showed what could be accomplished for the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth by the amount of money spent for tobacco, the men in the Providence Avenue Methodist Church in Chester, Pa., who did not then smoke, or who were willing to give up the habit, formed a "No-Smokers' Missionary Club." They pledged themselves to give to a missionary project all the money thus saved. In less than a year the club members were able to forward to the board a check large enough to build a chapel for the Mapuchi Indians in Chile. — The Union Signal.

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## Church Press Holds Annual Meeting

### ~ Journalists Get Insight Into Current Affairs

MEMBERS of the Associated Church Press met in Washington, D. C., April 24-26, for the annual meeting of the organization. Nearly seventy-five editors of Protestant journals, their wives, staff assistants, and religious representatives of the secular press and radio participated in a busy three-day schedule of events. Seventh Day Baptist delegates were the former and present editors of the Sabbath Recorder, Rev. H. C. Van Horn and K. Duane Hurley.

The church journalists were given a keen insight into current, important national and international affairs, through speeches from several Senators and Congressmen, a member of the sub-cabinet, a top-flight general, and an admiral of equal rank, a number of Washington columnists and newsmen, representatives of labor and management, and other government officials; with reports from church leaders recently returned from extended trips to Europe and Asia; and by visits to various places throughout the Washington area, including Capitol Hill, the Navy and Pentagon buildings, and the White House. Indicative of the full and complete program was the fact that even mealtime was often devoted to reports, matters of business, or speeches.

### Breakfast Groups

While it would be next to impossible to pick out any one feature of such an extensive and outstanding program as being the most important, certainly one of the midday meal hours would be classed among the most inspiring. A group of Senators were hosts to the editors in the Senate Dining Room under the north wing of the Capitol. With Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin as master of ceremonies, an informal report was made concerning the activities of the Capitol Hill branch of the Breakfast Groups—an association of responsible laymen banded together for mutual study and comradeship to find through Christ "the better way" of everyday living and to promote for home, community, and nation a more effective Christian leadership.

A group of as many as forty-eight legislators with this common interest meet for breakfast every week. Matters of politics are dropped, and through prayer and Bible study

the men seek God's guidance and inspiration. A number of Senators—Hon. Ralph Gwinn, New York, Hon. Brooks Hays, Arkansas, Senator Raymond Willis, Washington, D. C., and others—all testified to the help to be received from an "unworn God."

The editors were outspoken in their praise of the Breakfast Group movement and were encouraged to know that so many of the nation's lawmakers believe that "fellowship with Christ means sound leadership for the nation."

### Underlying Christian Spirit

Senator Wiley, in addition to being co-host to the delegates at the luncheon meeting, appeared in public address before the group on the first morning's program. He was one of the favorites, personifying the underlying Christian spirit evident in Washington leadership. Distinguished for his service on the judiciary, rules, commerce, and other committees, he spoke of the importance of editorial work in preventing forces which set men against men. "Don't write or say any word," he urged, "that creates the poison of hatred."

Making frequent reference to the words of Jesus, the Senator asserted that more people today are seeking the Light ("I am the light of the world")—that Light by which man can break through the darkness of man's prejudices, man's distrust, man's suspicions, of man-made conditions and situations. "Not by legislation," he concluded, "but by spiritual rebirth, we will advance." To this end he admonished the editors "to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable."

General Dwight D. Eisenhower sounded much the same note as he spoke at a combined luncheon of the Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains and the Associated

Church Press. "Moral regeneration," he forcefully asserted, "is the only hope of saving us from disappearing in the dust of an atomic explosion."

#### Positive Leadership

In simple, but eloquent style he paid tribute to the chaplains of the war, indicating that the most of them showed a type of dynamic, positive leadership that Christianity needs. "Negative leadership which simply takes a stand against sin," he believes, "gets nowhere." Two qualities he cited as goals on the horizon toward which we should strive—tolerance and sympathy.

One of the Protestant editors has well expressed how the entire delegation felt about General "Ike":

Easily recognized as a great man in any audience, he won new admirers in the church group not only because of his clean-cut appearance and straightforward manner, but by his evidence of positiveness, humility, and moral fervor. His address lasted only five or six minutes, but offered a desirable keynote for the entire conference.

Admiral Chester Nimitz, speaking at the same banquet, also paid high tribute to the work of Army and Navy chaplains. He cited several incidents of outstanding heroism on the part of Navy chaplains, including the time when a chaplain willingly gave up his place on a life raft that a younger man might be saved to live out his life. The moral courage that such chaplains inspired in their men is one of the outstanding needs of men facing today's problems. "Man cannot live," the admiral insisted, "by bread and ritual alone."

#### Foreign Missions

The role of foreign missions in fostering international understanding was told by Assistant Secretary of State William Benton, son and grandson of Congregational missionaries, as he addressed the first meeting exclusively of the church press group on Wednesday evening.

"I think the relationship between foreign missions and the informational and cultural exchange program of the United States government can best be illustrated by the interesting history of the use of that immortal saying of Jesus, 'Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.'" The missionary enterprises of the Church, he feels, have done more toward international

understanding than any private, commercial, or governmental undertakings.

#### Resolutions

Among official resolutions adopted by the church editors was one encouraging the establishment of a Protestant public relations agency. Another recommended to theological seminaries the instigation of classes to train religious journalists, not only to provide better trained editors but to help the average pastor in writing for the public. The convention also went on record as urging the recall by President Harry S. Truman of Myron Taylor as special representative to the Vatican.

A further resolution congratulated the D.A.R. on its action in permitting the Tuskegee Institute choir to appear in Constitution Hall. The hope was expressed that the "white artists only" clause would be deleted permanently.

#### Former Editor Honored

A notable event in the business proceedings was the recognition of two retiring editors: ex-Editor Van Horn of the Sabbath Recorder, and Dr. John Van Schaick, Jr., editor emeritus of the Christian Leader, Boston, Mass. The presiding officer spoke warm words of appreciation of the outstanding service and exemplary conduct of these men, indicating the high esteem in which they are held among the religious editors.

T. Otto Nall of Chicago, editor of the Christian Advocate, is president of the press association and presided over the Washington proceedings.

#### Governmental "Beauty"

After hearing the various national leaders speak and after visiting numerous points of important activity in Washington, the editors came away with several strong impressions: that there is real hope for the nation and the world in Christian leadership and that despite the great divergencies of opinion (a healthful sign in a democracy) the great majority of the country's lawmakers are conscientiously striving to do what they consider to be best for the nation's welfare. The universal hope is that the inside workings of government may consistently have "beauty" equal to the magnificence of architecture and landscaping evident everywhere outside in the city of Washington.

## Christian Education

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

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

### MINISTERS PLAN MEETING TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS

#### Churches Urged to Help Pastors to Attend

Dean A. J. C. Bond announces that the Ministers' Conference is to be held at Alfred, N. Y., June 17-19, 1946. Pastors are urged to attend. Churches should help make it possible for their pastors to be there.

The following suggestions for the program which came to Dean Bond from pastors, at his invitation, indicate the interest pastors are showing in the conference, and the directions in which these suggestions are going:

#### Wide Interests Revealed

"My reaction to all our denominational procedure seems to differ with our leaders in that I feel we as a people and as a denomination pay all too little attention to our constant decline in church membership. My suggestion is, Why not resolve ourselves into a very frank and searching fact-finding committee of the whole and see if the evil be in us, and see if a remedy can be found for the situation."

#### Need for Ministers

"I would like to see some emphasis given to the need for more ministers and how we can encourage more young men to enter the field."

"If we ministers were to study afresh what the Bible teaches about man and God's program for him, I think it would stimulate our people as well as our own spiritual lives."

"It seems to me that at least a period of time might well be given to definite programs of evangelism for our churches this and next year. With the war over and with people buying cars and able to travel more, there is a certain challenge that we haven't had for a general revival and for the church through greater support of its members to go forth with renewed strength and zeal."

"The only suggestion that I might have would be along these lines: Rethinking our task—as individuals, as churches, as a denomination, and in terms of the world mission—and rededication to our task. Of course there would be the devotional features, too, without which a ministers' conference would

be incomplete. Attention might well be given to the necessity of our maintaining our devotional life as ministers; as well as ways and means by which to maintain the same."

"I am not sure that this would be a topic for the program, but it is a subject which I think we need to think about and to lead our people to think about. That is the support of the School of Theology, both in finances and in attendance by our students.

... I think it needs to be impressed that we cannot build up anything by pulling away. (A house divided against itself cannot stand.) Rather, we need to co-operate and then work co-operatively to eliminate the weaknesses of our school as it is. I feel that our school is improving year by year, but there are still many things that we need to do. They cannot be done if we send our students to some other school and build up in them an antagonism for the school, when they do not know from their own experience what the program of the School of Theology is, or what are its weaknesses, or wherein lies its strength. I think that such a subject should be advanced by someone who is definitely interested in the denomination and in the School of Theology."

#### Personal Commitment

"Regarding the program, I have been thinking along the lines of personal commitment to the world task. We need personal, vital religious experience in every life. The essence of evangelism in our day is not merely to be saved, but to be saved to something. I would suggest some or all of the following subjects: personal commitment to the New Testament faith; Seventh Day Baptists and the world task; and Christ our leader."

"I have the feeling that all the boards ought to get together on their recruitment plans, since there is the terrific demand right now, and will continue to be after this immediate shortage is eased. As secretaries

## MEANING OF CHRISTIAN FAITH IN MY COMMUNITY

(Concluding part of a winning essay.)

By Don Sanford

The second faith, that of faith in others, might also be called the faith of service. How better can we show faith in others than through service? The Christian should serve mankind through love and not with a Pharisaic service. Christ said in Matthew 5: 41:

And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

The joy of service comes when we go the second mile. The church must go the first mile in order to exist, but we find the growth and warmth of Christian love when we go the second mile in service to others. Many churches work hard on almost any scheme to raise money to keep the church alive. In most of these projects the church is on the receiving end. This is the first mile. If we have faith in others we shall not stop there but go on the second also, in giving, sharing, and serving.

It is a pathetic sight to drive through a run-down country community and see the tottering ruins of a once stately church now boarded up. Is the church run down because the community is in ruins? Perhaps, but more often the community is run down because the church is inactive. Where there is an active church, there also will be an active community.

The first duty of the church in a community is to bring the eternal truths of God to the people and add to their application to everyday life. Christ taught the true meaning of these truths. We must use them in our own lives in service to God and man. We can accomplish much more if we co-operate with other churches and other or-

and as dean of our School of Theology, we ought to be presenting a united 'field curriculum,' as someone has put it in a recent 'International Journal.' We ought to have a united program of presentation—not necessarily unified, but at least timed, planned, and presented in a co-ordinated way. I suspect that a good deal of this can be hashed out at the Ministers' Conference, and perhaps the secretaries will want to stay longer to talk things over with you."

ganizations which are working toward the same goal.

I like to think of the church as the captain of the community team. In basketball it takes five men playing together with good teamwork and co-operation to win the game. If one player tries to "hog the ball" the opponents are quick to push ahead and take the offensive. So it is in the community, the group trying to dominate the game of life will cause separations and give the opponents an opportunity to take the offensive.

We must develop more teamwork between our churches of different denominations. There is so much that we can agree on that we should be ashamed of quarreling over the smaller differences of interpretation and customs. The twelfth scout law is one that would be well for everyone to follow more closely.

**A Scout Is Reverent**

He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of customs and religion.

We need to develop more broad-mindedness among the Christian people, but broad-mindedness does not mean weak-mindedness. Sometimes when we seem broad-minded, it is just because we do not have strong enough convictions. We should be strong in our own convictions, yet tolerant of others. This tolerance and these strong convictions are needed very much on the world-wide front, both religiously and politically. We need to put the Christian principles into our peace program. If the church would co-operate on issues which work for the common good of humanity, its influence would be felt much more than it would if it said that unless a certain item be included in the peace treaty or constitution it would have nothing to do with it. We may disagree somewhat, but unless we give our co-operation, nothing will be gained.

In a rural community where Christ is the center, the spirit of Christian service is as communicable as any of our diseases. One person with Christ in his heart can change the whole community. The faith of service seems so much stronger when we become

acquainted with our neighbors. When we really know one another, we can overlook faults and see their good qualities. So it is with nations: when we know and understand, we can surmount the mountain of doubt and look over into the peaceful valley of love and service to others. Only through service to our fellow men can we serve God.

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. — Matthew 25: 40.

The third faith is faith in self. This is not an egotistical faith, but one of confidence. A runner who enters a race with the idea that he can't win the race, never does win. When we take the attitude that there have always been wars and always will be, we are doing our part to make it true. We are not placing any faith in our own ability to work with God and bring lasting peace.

If our automobile becomes stuck in the mud we cannot get it out by saying it can't be done. It is only when we say it can be done and then get behind it and push, that it comes out. In our community and world-wide projects we must first believe that we can do it, and then get behind and push.

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

—James 2: 14.

Little Genesee, N. Y.

**CORA TULULA GILBERT BOTTOMS**

Cora Tulula Gilbert Bottoms was born and grew up in Fayetteville, Ga. At an early age she was converted and united with the First Day Baptist Church.

She was married to Thomas Jefferson Bottoms of Jonesboro, Ga., in 1883. Here they made their home for a number of years. Learning of the Sabbath truth, more than fifty years ago, they began to observe it. Due to legal restrictions in regard to Sunday labor, they moved to Alabama where they enjoyed freedom to observe the Sabbath and labor six days.

This being a newly settled territory, there was no school for many miles around. She established and taught the first school in the community.

Her life was spent serving others. She did much work in various organizations for

the benefit of humanity. Her talented hands made many beautiful quilts which she gave to the Red Cross. She gave more to this organization than any other individual of the county in which she lived. She lodged



Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bottoms

strangers, took unfortunate people into her home and shared with them the temporal blessings.

She was a loyal companion, a true mother, and a friend to all. She was never too busy to lend a helping hand to the needy. It can truly be said of her, "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor;—yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy." Proverbs 31: 20.

Close survivors are her husband, two daughters: Mrs. R. L. Butler, Woodville, Ala., Miss Mollie Ruth, Edmond, Okla.; five sons: Rev. A. T. Bottoms, Gurley, Ala., Dr. R. R. Bottoms, Louisville, Ky., Rev. E. H. Bottoms, Leonardsville, N. Y., Burrell H. Bottoms, Athens, Ala., Gilbert A. Bottoms, Billingham, Wash.

The funeral service was conducted in the home on March 11, 1946, by Rev. Mr. Graves of Birmingham, Ala., assisted by Rev. Mr. Pitton of Florence, Ala. Interment was made in the family cemetery. N. G. B.

The preacher should be as much an ear listening to God as a tongue speaking to men.

—John Andrew Holmes.

## Missions

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

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

### The Situation and Its Challenge

There are very grave problems connected with missions. This is not the fault of Christian missions. It is because the nations of



W. L. Burdick

all the world are in commotion. There are forces at work testing and tearing at everything. Human institutions are riding a tempestuous sea that threatens to submerge them. The family itself, that institution that antedates sin, is pounding on the rocks. As Basil Matthews says, "There is sheer horror in the merciless impersonal violence of these titanic forces that beat upon humanity." This is true of our institutions as well as those in the nations of Europe and Asia. Christian missions face the gravest difficulties possible because of world conditions and the state of men's hearts, not because missions are a failure.

In considering these conditions it should be kept in mind that it is Christ and the principles taught by him that can stop the commotion, calm the troubled sea, purify human institutions, and make this earth a fit place for human beings to live. By virtue of modern means of communication all peoples are brought together. The selfish interests of all nations and races are contending in a deadly struggle, and the love and principles of Christ alone can save the situation. Without Christ, his principles, and his way of living, all human institutions will perish and humanity will be swallowed up in the vortex of its own selfishness.

Another fact to be noted in connection with the present status is that there are limitless opportunities for mission work and world-wide evangelism. Christ said to his disciples, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Never were these words truer than today. We state it tamely as well as tritely when we say the doors of all the world are now open to the herald of the Redeemer. The doors of the world are open, for down

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UP TO NEARLY FIFTEEN HUNDRED

Need Expressed for Full-time Teachers,  
Other Workers, in China

Dear Secretary Burdick:

We were much pleased to receive your letter of February 22. I surely did not mean to allow so much time to elapse before writing you again. We are glad to know that you are feeling better. We trust that the progress may continue. It is splendid that a young man like David Clarke can be your assistant. We feel that such a one or ones are needed here to help in directing and advising the evangelistic work in school and church, as well as someone to give full time to teaching. We trust that there are young people who may feel called to come to China in the very near future.

In addition to the visits of Dr. George Thorngate and his son Stephen, we have also enjoyed having Clayton Ormsby of Alfred Station with us a few times, twice at our Sabbath morning English service. We shall miss these people when they return to their homes, but we cannot wish them to be in the navy any longer than is absolutely necessary. We are sorry that more of the Seventh Day Baptist young men in the army and navy have not been able to find their way out here. Perhaps our telephone numbers should be put in the Sabbath Recorder so that visitors to this city can get in touch with us. Our mission house

deep in men's hearts, whether they know it or not, they have an insatiable longing, as they always have had, for that which the gospel brings them, the forgiveness of sin, a chance to start anew, the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and the fellowship of the Saviour.

The fact that there are very grave problems should be a challenge; the fact that there are unprecedented opportunities should steady, thrill, and enthuse us; and Christ's example should consume our selfishness, and lead us to a consecration which will bring victory.

W. L. B.

is 88007, and that of the principal of the school, T. M. Chang, is 81467.

Our school has grown to nearly fifteen hundred this term. Mr. Chang groaned over the large number, but there seemed to be no way but to take these extra people who were coming in from Chungking and who had some connection with the school. Next fall perhaps some students can be weeded out. There are about one hundred boarders, beside a large number of teachers, living in the school. The church is more than full on Sabbath mornings. Crowded to the limit with five hundred middle-school pupils, the lower section of the junior-one class has to meet with fifth and sixth grade people in the auditorium for the Sabbath service. The classrooms are taxed to the utmost, and so are the teachers who handle these large classes.

#### Student Church Organized

The Student Church was organized this last Sabbath. A similar organization was planned and partly carried out before the Pacific war. The students help plan and conduct the services. They are learning by doing. There was excellent Easter music under the leadership of our teacher, B. U. Chang. Beautiful flowers added to the service, which was also a memorial for those of our mission who have gone on. T. M. Chang spoke appreciatively of Mrs. Carpenter, Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Davis, Miss Burdick, Anna, and Lucretia Chu, the onetime principal of our Girls' School, who died in 1942, just after Anna. The speaker of the morning gave a very suitable Easter message.

The committee to head up the drive for funds for the rebuilding of the work here has been appointed, nine in all, three each from the church, the school, and the hospital. Probably the first step will be for the church to raise money for a residence for the pastor and Bible woman, who now are in the mission house. Many of the friends of the hospital and mission are eager to help in this drive for funds to rebuild at Liuho, and possibly start a T.B. sanitarium at Dzang Dzok, a city farther on than Liuho. Our doctors are hoping to visit the latter place before Doctor Thorngate returns to the United States. When Doctor Crandall and Mr. Dzau were at Liuho not long since, they found that the people there are eager

for them to return as soon as possible. Although Doctor Crandall is much improved in health, she cannot go out there alone to start up the work again. We must be patient until God opens up the way.

#### Cost of Living Soars

The cost of living here goes higher and higher. Even though many American goods can be found in the stores here, the price is many times the cost at home. Now the tram cars, the electricity, and telephone companies, as well as laborers, have raised their prices again, in some cases 30 per cent. We manage to get the food we need. Doctor Crandall and I have had more opportunities to teach English to private pupils than we have time for at present.

Friends at home have sent us clothes that we can make over or use as they are, and in some cases food has been sent. God has surely blessed us through our generous friends. We know that his work is not forgotten here in China and that you all are doing all you can to make it possible to carry on and enlarge the mission work in China.

#### Faith in Great Things

May we all be led to plan carefully, but with the view of not too narrowly. May we have faith that great things can be done. Nothing is too difficult with God on our side. If you could see the earnest church members crowding the church here and see also the young people who are trying to live strong Christian lives, you would feel, as we do, that God has been doing a great work in spite of war and suffering. Pray for us who are here that all shall be done to further his kingdom.

Yours sincerely,  
Mabel L. West.

#### EASTERN ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Association will convene with the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I., June 7-9, 1946. It is hoped many will plan to attend.

(Mrs.) Blanche J. Burdick,  
Corresponding Secretary.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR JUNE 8, 1946

Training for Service

Basic Scripture—Mark 6: 7-13; Luke 10: 1-20;  
14: 25-27

Memory Selection—Matthew 10: 38

## Woman's Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

### WORSHIP PROGRAM

By Alberta D. Batson

#### Spectators or Participators

Hymn: Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Scripture reading: James 2: 14-26

Hymn: Trust and Obey

In Luke 19: 1-10 we read the story of Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was a spectator as the story opens. Naturally he very much wanted to see Jesus. But even though he found a place up in a tree where he could see well, his greatest happiness came when he became a participator in the drama—when Jesus called him down from his spectator's seat, for Jesus was going to spend the night with Zacchaeus. Then arm in arm, no doubt, they went together to Zacchaeus's house. What joy—a participator with Jesus!

How often we are prone to sit on the sidelines and watch; we cheer the other fellow to be sure, but the real joy comes to the one who is actually doing rather than watching. Then, too, what would be the result if all of us were spectators? What would be accomplished? Yes, that the world may progress and that God's Word may be carried to all parts of the earth, we must have participators. Greatest of all happiness is the wonderful joy that comes to us when we participate with Jesus.

**Prayer:** Father, help us to be participators with thee. We thank thee that there is work for us to do. We thank thee that we know that thou art by our sides guiding us if we but seek thee. Keep us ever near thee. We ask it in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOLDS REGULAR SESSION

#### Approval Expressed for All Wheat-Conserving Measures

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met in regular session May 12, 1946, in the Salem church with the following members present: Mrs. M. C. Van Horn, Mrs. Ottis Swiger, Mrs. R. P. Seager, Miss Lotta Bond, Mrs. A. G. T. Brissey, Mrs. Edward Davis, Mrs. J. L. Vincent, and Miss Greta F. Randolph. Promoter L. O. Greene was present for a part of the time.

Mrs. Van Horn, vice-president, presided.

Mrs. J. L. Vincent led the devotions using a poem "One Hour a Week" and reading Hebrews 10: 25 and Acts 21: 28. Mrs. Vincent led in prayer.

Mrs. R. P. Seager gave the treasurer's report for Mrs. Bond showing the following balances in the different funds: General, \$199.66; Special, \$860.38; Helpers', \$366.61; Trailer, \$301.55; Total, \$1,728.20.

Mrs. M. C. Van Horn read the report for the Peace Committee. Her report was accepted and placed on file.

To the Board of Directors:

Your Committee on Peace and World Co-operation reports that in co-operation with the Foreign Missions Conference a letter was sent to the secretary of agriculture, Clinton Anderson, expressing our commendation and approval for measures being taken for the withholding of wheat from local consumption so that we may be able to fulfill our pledge for export. We also urged the enforcement of wheatless days, a further reduction of the use of grain for alcoholic beverages, and utilizing present government stock piles of food at various points in the Pacific area.

An article was furnished for the Recorder encouraging voluntary rationing among our families and the support of the government in further measures for relief of starving peoples.

Respectfully submitted,

Erma Van Horn,  
Chairman.

Mrs. Edward Davis read the report of Promoter L. O. Greene. Promoter Greene added verbally details about his work.

To the Board of Directors:

Our promoter of evangelism spent several weeks with our newly organized church in Washington, D. C., with very gratifying results. No series of

meetings were held due to the great distance for many to travel, but Thursday night prayer meetings were held and church services and Bible study on Sabbath days. Much interest was manifested and some members added to the church. Let us unite our prayers for the continued growth and interest of this church.

Some time was spent at Berea, W. Va., assisting Rev. John Randolph in his work.

Plans are being made for the work of our evangelist during the summer months.

The trailer has been equipped with tires and is now in use.

Lydia Stutler,  
Chairman.

Voted that Promoter Greene estimate the additional expense of operating the trailer and report to the board.

Mrs. Davis read the report of the Ways and Means Committee; the report was accepted and placed on file.

Miss Lotta Bond read a letter from headquarters of the church in Japan acknowledging the receipt of a letter of encourage-

ment from the board; she read one also from Baptist Woman's League in England.

Voted that the corresponding secretary, Miss Bond, write to the Baptist Woman's League a letter of Christian greeting.

Voted that \$5 be allowed Mrs. Skaggs on president's expense.

Voted \$10 to the American Bible Society.

Voted \$50 to the Jamaica School.

Miss Bond presented a suggested questionnaire to be used in getting annual reports from the women's societies.

Voted that Miss Bond have her questionnaire mimeographed.

These minutes were read and approved. Adjourned to meet the third Sunday in July at 2:30.

Mrs. M. C. Van Horn,  
Vice-President,  
Greta F. Randolph,  
Secretary.

Salem, W. Va.

### FOR THE SCRAPBOOK

#### GOOD NIGHT

[Written by Grace Babcock of Albion, Wis., 1912, while nearing her death from T.B. Recently T. J. Van Horn (then her pastor) found this copy and secured permission of her brother to publish it in the Recorder. Sent to H. C. Van Horn since T. J.'s death by Mrs. Van Horn.]

Good night loved friends, for now the day  
To night her golden sceptre yields  
And lengthened shadows fall across  
Hushed, honey-laden clover fields.  
The little birds I love so well,  
Now chant their sweetest vesper song;  
Could any music be more sweet  
But singing of an angel throng?

Now hark, as over field and wood  
It floats to us, now near, now far  
As if some notes had drifted down  
Through heaven's pearly gates afar.  
I always loved the twilight hours;  
The painting of the evening sky,  
Fresh from the Father's artist hand,  
Helps me to feel that he is nigh.

And then the slowly deep'ning gloom,  
From which the little stars peep out,  
Bright messengers that tell to me:  
There's light beyond without a doubt.  
In all life's hours, God's brighter stars  
Of faith and hope and endless love  
Will bring us cheer like these we see  
Now shining in the dome above.

And when at last a time shall come  
For some sweet final good night kiss  
I will not bid you not to weep  
For that loved presence you must miss.  
Then light from God's own promises  
Shall shine through your fast-falling tears  
And make a rainbow in the skies  
Where now the darkest cloud appears.

Then be of good cheer, weeping ones,  
For at the rainbow's end you'll find  
Not the old fabled pot of gold,  
From earth's dark dismal caverns mined;  
But looking through a city gate  
Mid walls of gems, a golden street  
No human hand or mind could plan  
A path for God's own children's feet.

As John, on lonely Patmos Isle,  
Was strengthened by that vision bright  
So every lonely soul may gain  
New strength to wait for morning light.  
Then after all is "good night" sad,  
Which just reveals to us the shore  
Where all shall meet, be known, and say:  
"Good morning," to our own once more?

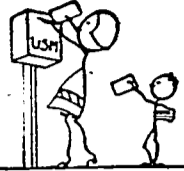
#### WORDS

Boys—flying kites,  
Haul in their white, winged birds;  
But you can't do that  
With flying words.  
Thoughts—unexpressed—  
May sometimes fall back, dead.  
But God himself  
Can't kill them when they're said.

—Selected.

# Children's Page

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.



## OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Just a line to let you know that I'm all right and hope you are the same.

I have some news for you. The building where we have been holding our meetings every Sabbath for the last ten years was sold to some concern, and we were told to move out because they needed the building for themselves. My daddy and Uncle Nick went all over the city to look for another place where we could hold our meetings. The Lord led them to a First Baptist Church, and the board of trustees voted to rent us that church for every Sabbath. We held our first meeting there yesterday, and every one of us was greatly pleased because it is a very beautiful church. Pastor Maxson was very happy over it. We thank our heavenly Father for being so good to us.

How is the weather there? We are having cloudy and windy days, and once in awhile we get some rain.

This will be all for now, and may God bless you and all your loved ones.

Truly yours,  
Esther Naomi Fatato.

550 Manhattan St.,  
Schenectady 8, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

We rejoice with you and all the rest who attend the Schenectady Seventh Day Baptist Mission. God has indeed been good to you. When I lived in Chicago and had to attend Sabbath services in a rented hall, I used to long for a real church building. I was very happy when I went to Alfred to live and could attend the beautiful church there, for somehow I felt nearer to God. I must make my letter short this time to make room for the following letter.

Your Christian friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene and the Children:

I am writing about another of my pets here in Daytona because after I go to Princeton, Mass., I may be too busy to write for awhile.

Last year I had a sweet potato vine for a pet, and this year I have another one growing. I learned how to take care of that kind of a pet from Mrs. Lena Crofoot who had one growing in a window where she could enjoy its graceful form even when she had to stay in bed because of illness. She is a shut-in in this same house where I have lived the past three winters. When I went upstairs to see her, I used to admire her pretty vine.

Towards spring when the leaves on her vine began to turn yellow she said, "Perhaps you had better carry that plant out now. It is not going to do well any more. I don't care what you do with it, as I am not able to look after it myself."

As I went down the stairs the thought came to me, Why don't I set it out beside the front steps where nothing else is growing and see what it will do.

I did so, watering it well and cutting away the branches and leaves that were dying. Soon it began to put out new leaves. Because it made such a pretty humble ornament all summer, I decided when I came back from New Orleans I would start another one in case this one did not live through the cold weather. I became very fond of the little new one because I learned by working with it which end of a sweet potato is the end that will sprout. I learned this here in the South where the warmth makes the sprouts come quickly.

After the end was cut off and put in a glass with a little water, it was interesting to watch the tiny sprouts grow, and the white threadlike roots, too, each day. At first there was hardly a bit of a change, but the more roots there were the faster the leaves grew. The tiny leaves were such a rich tint of red, and at a certain stage in their growth they looked like little children lifting up their hands in praise to God. I liked them for pets in my window; for I caught a deep feeling of praise; too.

It is truly wonderful what a little piece of potato, which I might eat boiled or baked, can grow into. What makes those richly tinted red and green leaves come out of that dry looking yellow end of a sweet potato, and those threadlike white roots at the same time?

They seem to say, "We do this by the power of God. Our family has had this gift hundreds of years, before you were born, and we love to grow to honor our Creator."

Now I have my pet vine set outside beside the step, and it smiles up at whoever enters, whether they notice or not, and whether they listen to its true sermon or not. I came South and got better acquainted with the lovely sweet potato.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. S. S. Powell.

### DECORATION DAY PRAYER

Lord of our fathers, hear our prayer  
For those who paid the price;  
Our stalwart youth, so brave and fair,  
Who made the sacrifice.

We pray that in the heart of man  
The flame of hate may die;  
That clouds of war no more shall span  
Our nation's peaceful sky.

Lord of our fathers, hear our prayer  
For youth now free and gay;  
We pray that you may ever spare  
Them from the awful fray.

—Arthur Roszelle Bemis, Jr.



In your Sabbath Rally issue of the Recorder you read many fine articles on our denominational efforts. Among them is one entitled "Our Generation Makes a 'Long-Ago.'" Truly, what we do in the closing two years of our first one hundred years of foreign missions will be a decisive series of facts for Seventh Day Baptists of 1990 A.D. to ponder upon.

If the Second Century Fund is oversubscribed, as it ought to be, the next generation will have set before it an example in awakening to stewardship. According to recent estimates, Seventh Day Baptists give only about \$15 per capita to church work. If that were all tithe money, the average income of Seventh Day Baptists would be about \$150 a year, and we would, as a whole, have an income of less than a million! Only one thousand \$1,000 incomes could produce that! And we are 6,386 strong!

If we top \$25,000 for the Fund by December, 1947, our per capita giving will be increased at least \$2. With local church projects on the increase, and enlarging denominational work, our stewardship will be significantly raised. Response to Fund appeals, to suggestions for local organization in raising local gifts indicates a healthy trend. God grant us continued courage.

David Clarke, Secretary,  
Second Century Fund.

21 Greenman Ave.,  
Westerly, R. I.

## Obituary

**Bottoms.** — Cora Tulula Gilbert, daughter of Judge and Mrs. John J. Gilbert, was born February 15, 1862, and passed away at her home in Athens, Ala., March 9, 1946. An extended obituary appears elsewhere.

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## RIVERSIDE CHURCH ENTERTAINS PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION CANCELLED MORTGAGE ON BUILDING RECEIVED

**“WATCHMAN, What of the Night?”** was the challenging theme of the Pacific Coast Association which met in Riverside, Calif., on April 12-14, 1946. Beginning with the Sabbath eve praise and prayer service led by Mrs. Ernestine Henry, interest and attendance were excellent and continued throughout until the closing service on Sunday afternoon. Those who came from Reedley and many who came from Los Angeles were able to drive over on Friday; others arrived early Sabbath morning.

Pastor G. D. Hargis of the Los Angeles Church brought the Sabbath morning sermon on the theme topic. Elder E. S. Ballenger of Riverside spoke Sabbath afternoon on “What Follows the Night of Despair?” and Pastor B. B. Friesen from the church in Reedley brought the Sunday morning sermon on the subject, “What of the Dawn?”

Interesting services were the Veteran and Servicemen’s Forum, the Sabbath vesper hour, and the young people’s service which developed the topic of “Work for the Night Cometh.” The Sabbath school hour was under the leadership of Superintendent W. R. Rood and interesting talks were given by three speakers.

Sunday morning a fellowship breakfast was held in Fairmont Park with a devotional period and sermonette by Chaplain Wayne Rood. Our annual business meeting was followed by a message from P. B. Hurley, president of General Conference. Addresses on “Brotherhood Begins at Home” and “Race Relations” opened a forum on Sunday afternoon which was planned by Albyn Mackintosh of Los Angeles. The group brought many expressions in regard to our responsibilities and opportunities as Christians in our relations to those of other races and creeds.

The music throughout the association meetings was especially fine. Instrumental and vocal numbers were used in all services and aided greatly in creating the atmosphere of worship and praise.

The Riverside ladies served dinner at noon on Sabbath day, lunch in the evening, and Sunday dinner in the social rooms of the church. The fellowship and hospitality were enjoyed by a large number and greatly appreciated by those attending.

Corresponding Secretary.

### PACIFIC PINES CAMP

Young people’s camp at Crestline, Calif., will begin June 23 and be followed by camps for children and adults.

### A Task Accomplished

Thanksgiving and praise fill our hearts. The church treasurer has received the cancelled mortgage on our church building from the Memorial Board. For many years we have looked forward to this time and have worked together to pay off the church debt.

It is a task accomplished. Some of our members have prayed to live to see the day when the debt would be paid. Those of the young people who would have been willing to shoulder some of the debt, now appreciate the fact that the older ones have worked so hard to finish paying it.

We are proud of our beautiful little, vine-covered church. We love the building because of the association of friends, yet we love it more because of the spiritual help we have received through worship here. We are thankful that God has blessed us with means to pay for such a church building.

Now that the debt is paid let us look forward to new work to do. Let us also add to our church things which will improve its efficiency and will add to the spirit of true worship.

We want this church to be holy and consecrated to true worship of our God and a fit temple and dwelling place for him; a place where friend or stranger may enter and find peace; where babes may learn to walk in the sunlit path and where children may be joyful in learning to know Christ as their Saviour; where young men may find strength for Christian service and young women may lift their hearts in purity to prayer; a place where the weary may come with slow steps to find rest. We want it to be a place where all may be brought closer to God.

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

May we all remember to thank him.

—Riverside Bulletin.

# The Sabbath Recorder

**“No more pencils, no more books!”**



But there will still be school—Vacation Bible School. This blessing to children of all ages will soon again lift them from aimless drifting to a happy, purposeful summer vacation. To the teachers who give so generously of time, patience, and skill goes the gratitude of all.