

**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.

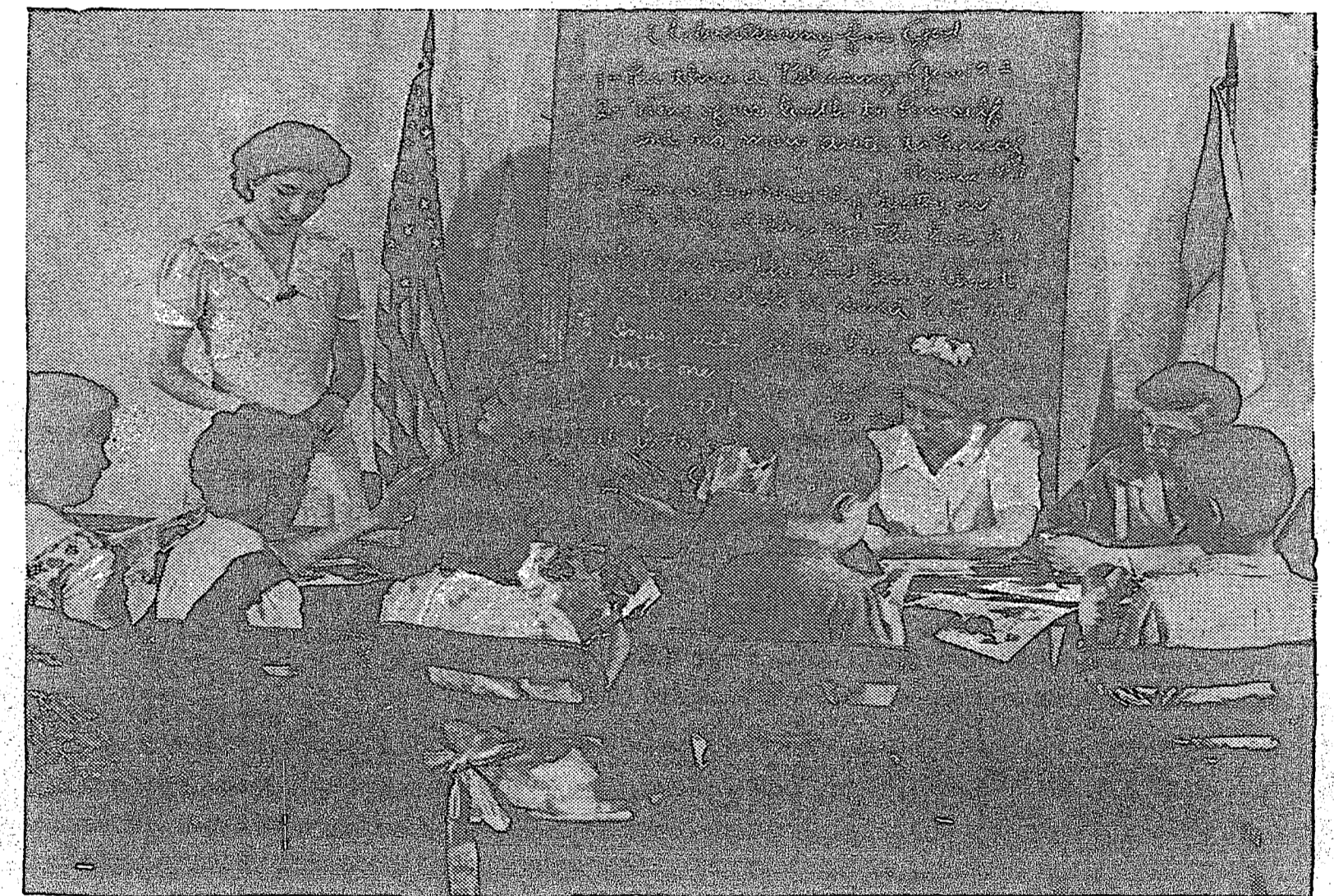
“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

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.

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THE END AND A BEGINNING

At this season of the year thousands of young people are experiencing the thrill of completing another school year. Superficially, they express great satisfaction on simply being released from the classroom. Inner thoughts and emotions run much deeper, however.

The grade school youngster glows with pride to have completed another year and is eager for the next exciting adventure in learning to begin. The high school graduate breathes a sigh of relief when final exams are successfully completed but immediately is vibrantly excited with the myriads of plans for the future—plans unleashed at commencement time. The one who has completed the prescribed course of college study stands soberly scanning the horizon, diploma in hand, wondering which path to follow toward success.

With what confidence can a young person step from a confused today into a tomorrow full of questions and doubts? To help in the answering of that question, this issue of the Sabbath Recorder is dedicated.

On the cover is a display designed to indicate a course of immediate action for children. Many of our churches are providing daily vacation Bible schools, a place where summer days can be spent with profit and pleasure. Other groups sponsor camps annually, where earnest young campers may learn "to make their faith a way of life." Certainly we cannot afford to miss any opportunity to have our children learn the ageless laws of God and practice the matchless ways of Jesus. Only upon the sure foundation of Scriptural truths can a peaceful, pleasing world order be built.

Feature articles included on these pages hint at ways and means to release great amounts of "youthpower" for constructive use in society. For young people interested in furthering their education during the summer months, explanatory material is included about summer school work offered at our institutions of higher learning. College graduates, prepared to teach, will find listed chances for employment in Seventh Day Baptist communities. Other vocational and professional opportunities are and will be listed with the Vocational Committee, Alfred, N. Y.

By way of editorial comment, one idea might be added: Make each day a miniature career in education. If we begin the day with an open mind, willing to learn the lessons presented and profit by the inevitable mistakes which occur; if we keep uppermost in mind the spirit of challenge, anxious to succeed no matter what the odds; if we are content to fill the day full of profitable endeavor, realizing that progress is made a little at a time and that not everything can be done at once; if we determine to learn from a teacher whose wisdom is greater than our own, admitting the omnipotence of the Infinite; then we will come to the close of every day with the satisfaction and thrill of a graduation—graduation which rewards for deeds well done, but reminds of tasks yet to be done. Graduation is not only an end, but a beginning. It is commencement.

Thine to work as well as pray,
Clearing thorny wrongs away;
Plucking up the weeds of sin,
Letting heaven's warm sunshine in.
—Whittier.

HAVE YOU, YET—?

During the past weeks a number of important projects have been suggested through the pages of the Sabbath Recorder. In various ways groups and individuals have been asked to co-operate. Have you, as yet, done your part?

Church Beautification

Take this matter of church beautification, for example. Many churches undoubtedly have initiated a program of springtime planting and painting designed to make the House of Worship more attractive, but very few reports have come to Sabbath Recorder headquarters about the matter. A contest was proposed to see which church could improve the appearance of its building the most. Refer to the editorial in the February 25 issue. The prizes are still offered, and whether or not your church enters the contest, we are very anxious to have a recent photograph of your church. Right now, while flowers are in bloom and trees and shrubs are in full foliage, is a good time to take a picture.

New Subscriptions

As a committee of one to get new subscriptions for the Recorder, how many names have you helped to add to the mailing list? Several individuals are to be congratulated highly for their efforts along this line. Slowly—too slowly at the moment—the mailing list is getting longer. A few weeks ago the print shop had more than usual difficulty with the poor paper stock that has to be used these days. Many sheets of paper were ruined by fouling up in the presses and being damaged. It was thought, however, that at least enough copies were left to complete the week's mailing. Gratifyingly, from one point of view, the subscription list was enough longer than previously to necessitate putting the forms back on the machines and making an extra run. Now two hundred more copies than formerly are printed each week. But we are still a long way from our

immediate goal of nine hundred fifty new, paid subscribers. You can help. Won't you?

Recently a bona fide offer was made to send free of charge to any who request it an attractive poster displaying the Ten Commandments. The only stipulation was that the card be placed in some prominent location in the church or some Sabbath school room, as a constant reminder of our obligation to God. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." How many are interested—but just haven't got around to doing anything about it yet? We are waiting to print the Ten Commandment cards until we have some indication as to the demand.

Job Clearing House

The Vocational Committee is desperately anxious to be of real service to the denomination as a clearing house for jobs. But such a service cannot possibly be rendered without the full knowledge of employment conditions. You undoubtedly know of some vocational or professional opportunity; it may not seem very important to you. But it might develop into something exceedingly profitable for someone in the denomination. Be sure to pass any information you have along to Ben R. Crandall, chairman of that committee, Alfred, N. Y.

The list of things to be done could be extended almost endlessly, but to do so would have a tendency to make their attainment seem more impossible. So, with a simple additional reminder that the Second Century

PIN POINT EDITORIALS

"An obstinate man does not hold an opinion—it holds him."

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THE REAL STRENGTH

The strength of a nation lies in the moral character of its citizens rather than in the magnificence of its public works. Grandeur and power without leaders who constantly follow God's guidance never will lead to permanent national strength, for while wealth can make a nation powerful, only character can make it great.

Let no one be deceived by surface evidences of prosperity, culture, power, and advancement which have confused many. America's strength today is not in her marvelous public buildings in Washington nor in the enormous gold reserves guarded at Fort Knox, but in the character of her citizens.
—Samuel W. Shane.

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"It takes a baby two years to learn how to talk, and it takes a man forty years to learn how to keep his mouth shut."

Fund deserves your support and that it would be a crime not to raise the budget 100 per cent BEFORE Conference time, we will leave you to enumerate your specific responsibilities and check the items off one at a time as you complete them.

EDITORIAL FROM THE PAST

WILLING TO SHOVEL

[The anecdote which follows first appeared in the Sabbath Recorder at commencement time over fifty years ago. Although conditions are very different now in many respects, the same basic truths exist. There are good bits of advice inferred here, even for the graduates of today. "The labour of the righteous tendeth to life." Proverbs 10: 16.]

Fifteen years ago a young man of good education went from the East to one of the far Western states to seek his fortune, or rather to make it. He found himself in a strange city without friends or acquaintances, and with not much money. He applied to one of the leading business men for employment. The gentleman asked him a few questions, then told him that he knew of no vacancy where he could turn his education to advantage.

"But if you are willing to shovel," said he, "you can work out my road tax for me, and I will pay you a dollar."

The offer was accepted, and the next day the young man went out on the public highway and worked side by side with day laborers. At night he presented himself to his employer, and the latter handed him a silver dollar, then said to him, "I have a logging camp up in the mountains; if you choose to go up there and work with the men getting out logs, I will pay you good wages."

This offer was promptly accepted also, and for several weeks this young man, fresh from college, worked with the choppers and shared their rude campfire. At the end of that time the owner called to look after his employees and see how work was progressing.

Just before mounting his horse to return, he said to his young friend, "There is to be a competitive examination next week among the applicants for the place of head teacher in our city schools. You might come down and stand your chance."

This hint was not lost on him. When the examination opened he was on hand. Though the competition was long and severe, he won. The next Monday school opened, and he assumed his duties with the energy and thoroughness which had heretofore characterized him.

At the same time he began the study of law, and continued it until he was admitted to the bar. During the years that have passed since then he has risen step by step in his profession until now he has a practice amounting to thousands of dollars a year, and fills a high place of public honor and trust.

He still retains the silver dollar which he received for working on the road, and is proud of the memento of the time when he was willing to shovel.

—Selected.

May 22, 1890.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

More Scripture

But go ye now unto my place which was at Shiloh, where I set my name at the **first** and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people. For because ye did it not at the **first**, the Lord our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not. And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been . . . unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the **first**: and there Abram called on the name of the Lord.

For if there be **first** a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath. The **first** of the **firstfruits** of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not delay to offer the **first** of thy ripe fruits; the **firstborn** of thy sons shalt thou give unto me. For if the **firstfruit** be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange . . . the **firstfruits** of the land: for it is holy unto the Lord. Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the **firstfruits** of all thine increase. The **first** of the **firstfruits** of



P. B. Hurley

thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord.

And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the **firstfruit** of corn, and oil, and honey, and of all the increases of the field: and the tithe of all things brought they in abundance.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and **PROVE ME** now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

P. B. Hurley,
Conference President.

OBSERVATIONS

Patience Needed

By Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn

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One dictionary definition of patience is "the power to wait calmly." The word "power" is an important word in the definition, for it does require will power to be patient when things should be done and obstacles are steadily placed in the way of their achievement. We are often encouraged by the examples of patience achieved by those who have suffered long from illness or are overtaken by dire misfortune. The apostle Paul declares that "tribulation worketh patience," while James urges that the trying of one's faith worketh patience. "Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be entire, wanting nothing."

Perhaps as ministers have preached patience, sometimes, more than we have practiced it. It is so easy to want things accomplished at once and to become disheartened when achievement has not been attained. Disillusionment has often wrecked or near spoiled the young minister's pastorate, when his plans and program have not been adopted by his people. Sometimes young ministers have been advised to "get all you can during your first year, as it will become more difficult in succeeding years." Many congregations have suffered various losses because their first enthusiasm for their pastor's plans cooled off before they crystallized. It is when the cooling off stage arrives that the pastor must use the "power to wait calmly," and

work discreetly and understandingly for the achievement of his aims. Failure here results in pastorates so often too short. It may take years, if he remains in the same charge, to accomplish his desires, provided they are proper ones and within the means of his people.

We have read of the accomplishment of a minister thirty-five years in a pastorate, who must have had "the power to wait calmly"; who worked discreetly and quietly in the face of honest opposition on the part of his people. A young minister went to this wise pastor to learn the secret of his successful ministry. His reply may be timely for our younger ministers, and perhaps not too late for some who are older. It ran something like this: "You see this letter I am about to send my people? You also may have noticed that the large panels in the church windows are filled with opal glass. I have in mind beautiful stained glass with figures or scenes in those spaces. When the church was built I knew the costliness of such windows would meet the people's disapproval, if advocated by me at the time."

The pastor went on to say that now he was preparing the way to propose the installation of the desired windows. The letter to be sent out was "a plough" to prepare the ground for seed which he would sow. It invited the member to attend the next Sunday night's service in which an illustrated lecture would be given on some of the great cathedrals of Europe. No reference would be made to windows. His plan included another lecture a month later, on the cathedral churches of America, showing pictures of their windows. Then as he visited his people, if anyone brought up the subject of the windows, he "planted seed" with the hope of its sprouting, and taking root.

Said he, as he continued his talk with the young minister: "I shall continue to plant seed until there is a good crop growing, and when it is ripe the people will want beautiful windows, and then I will harvest the crop by showing them the kind of windows I want." The sequel was new windows such as the pastor wanted.

The advice given the young minister was good: "You must have patience in your

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Church Seeks Youthpower to Serve Christ

—Concerted Action Possible with Right Leadership

By Dr. Raymond M. Veh

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THE CHURCH in every community is seeking youthpower today, that it may serve Christ and the Church on the home front. Note the various movements seeking to utilize youthpower: "Youth for Christ," "Youth United for Christ," "Youth Marches—for Christ and the Church." What is your church doing to capture and utilize youthpower in your community? Youths are ready to give their power and loyalties to something!

There is as yet no general youth movement, for good or for evil, in America. Any one at all familiar with the thwarted ambitions, delayed hopes, and wrecked ideals knows that there is enough discontent to bring about concerted action if a leader should appear. What sort of leader appears may determine the direction youthpower will take. Positive ambitions, hopes, and ideals are awaiting a leader also.

It may be that soon leaders will appear who will capture the imagination and loyalty of our young people and sweep them into a great movement. How important it is that both the leaders and the youth at the center of such a movement should be motivated by Christian ideals and purposes!

In every one of our churches there is a group of boys and girls with the divine discontent that characterizes youth, the dreams of a better day, and the desire to do something worth while which might be made the center of the thinking and the planning of the whole Church.

Perhaps a younger generation that does not have to defend things as they have been and are—that is not "sick unto death with information"—can rethink, reorganize, and revitalize the whole program of the church. There is a need in your community for Christian youth to gird itself to new adventures in the name of that Youth who prayed, taught, lived, and died that the Father's kingdom might come and his will be done throughout the nations of the earth as it is in heaven.

Try to look at your community as though you were a stranger coming into it for the first time. Is it well kept as far as roads, sidewalks, and rubbish are concerned? Is it attractive? What adds to its attractiveness

or takes away from it? Are all parts of it equally attractive, or are some sections uglier than others? What opportunities does it offer to youth, for employment, for worship? Are housing conditions good? Are health conditions good?

Look carefully at the community, trying to decide what important things, good and bad, are happening in it, who the real leaders of the community life are, what groups or organizations in the community have the greatest influence on it.

Other questions to ask yourself are:

What do the young people here do for pleasure? What kinds of sports do they engage in?

How many read books? What kind of books? Where do they get their books?

What magazines are the most popular among young people?

What radio programs are most popular among the young people?

Do people stay in the community for most of their good times, or do they go somewhere else?

What equipment or places does the community provide for good times? Do all groups of young

THE SOUL OF A CHILD

The soul of a child is the loveliest flower
That grows in the garden of God.
Its climb is from weakness to knowledge and power,
To the sky from the clay and the clod.
To beauty and sweetness it grows under care;
Neglected, 'tis ragged and wild.
'Tis a plant that is tender, but wondrously rare,
The sweet, wistful soul of a child.

Be tender, O Gardener, and give it its share
Of moisture, of warmth, and of light;
And let it not lack for the painstaking care
To protect it from frost and from blight.
A glad day will come when its bloom shall unfold,
It shall seem that an angel has smiled,
Reflecting a beauty and a sweetness untold,
In the sunshine soul of a child.

—Selected.

SCHOOLS OFFER VARIED SUMMER SESSION COURSES

SALEM COLLEGE

Summer session at Salem College, Salem, W. Va., will begin on June 3, with courses offered in all departments. The first term will end July 12; the second, August 23.

To maintain high standards, nearly the entire regular faculty is being retained for the session. Courses are offered in art, biological sciences, chemistry, English, education, mathematics, music, psychology, industrial arts, history, political science and other social sciences, business administration, and secretarial arts, and others.—Salem Herald.

ALFRED UNIVERSITY

The Alfred University summer school this year will cover the period from June 11 to August 30. There will be an inter-session from June 11 to June 28, the regular session from July 1 to August 9, and a post-session from August 12 to August 30. The combination of these sessions provides a period of twelve weeks during which it may be possible to earn from 12 to 16 hours of college credit. The total amount of credit which can be earned will depend upon how far it is possible to teach the courses desired. Summer school work in most departments is on the basis of demand and before a course can be taught, a minimum of five must enroll.

It is expected that most of the courses offered this summer will be taught during the regular session of six weeks from July 1 to August 9. A principal feature of the regular session will be the work in pottery. Each summer a considerable number of artists and teachers of art come to Alfred to study the various aspects of pottery production. Facilities in this department are limited and already the number of applications for the course in pottery greatly exceed the quota which has been set. Courses in sculpture and painting are also attractive. An unusually attractive program of graduate courses in education leading to the Master's Degree in education has been planned for this summer. These

people have an equal chance to use these? If not, what is the reason?

What kinds of good times do the schools sponsor for boys and girls? What kinds of good times are sponsored by the church group?

courses will be taught by members of the regular Alfred faculty with the addition of several experts brought in from the public school field. Of special interest this year will be a workshop in general science for high school science teachers.—Alfred Sun.

MILTON COLLEGE

Milton College, Milton, Wis., anticipates the largest enrollment in its history next fall. Between two hundred twenty-five and two hundred fifty students will be studying in the halls of the century-old school.

To accommodate the large enrollment, four new members to the faculty will be added, one each in the English, social science, and physics departments. The other addition is Elmer R. Fenton, a high-caliber coach who has been signed to take over the athletic department and greatly strengthen it. The usual large selection of courses will be offered, with several which were dropped during war years back again on the list.

On May 1 there were more applications for admission than were received by July in any prewar year. High school graduates of 1946 are not able to register until June, but seventy-five applications of which two-thirds are veterans are already in.

Summer school this year will offer a good and varied selection of courses and from forty to fifty students will enroll.

Remodeling and improvement work will be done this summer to get Milton College ready for a bigger and better school next fall.

—Milton College Review.

AS BIG AS THE WORLD

A GRADUATE CONSIDERS HIS EMPLOYMENT

By Daniel A. Poling

President, International Society of Christian Endeavor

A young man from a college in the state of Washington found employment in the banking district of Lower Manhattan. His chief, when giving him final instructions, said, "And now, have you any questions or any request? I want you to be perfectly happy here, and I believe that you are going to make good."

TEACHING JOBS OFFERED IN CHURCH COMMUNITY

Teachers seeking employment in Seventh Day Baptist communities should have no difficulty in finding a school, according to the latest word from the Vocational Committee.

Several positions, which should be investigated immediately, are open in an attractive New Jersey city. Teachers with one or two years of experience are preferred. The salary offered is above average, and the scale of increments and other benefits are attractive.

"It is desirable if the candidate has better than average college records," says one school official. "However, credentials from many states are recognized without question." An A.B. degree is not enough, it is understood, but in most cases ordinary teacher training work in addition to the degree will meet the requirements.

Those interested are requested to contact Ben R. Crandall, chairman, Vocational Committee, Alfred, N. Y. The necessity for immediate action is emphasized.

COMPLETE SCRIPTURES TO BE FILMED IN SOUND AND COLOR

Many people will soon be able to see and hear as well as read the Bible due to the establishment of the Charles Anson Bond Memorial Trust Fund, the American Bible Society has announced. With the monies made available through this fund, financial arrangements have been made to complete the first in a series of productions in which the complete Scriptures of the Bible will be narrated in sound and acted out in color motion pictures. It is expected that production will be started on the first three of twenty-six feature pictures within the next few weeks.

Because of the great length of the text of the Bible, each picture will cover a specific episode or a small series of chapters. In all, it is estimated that one hundred fifty feature pictures will be required to present both the Old and New Testaments.

No spoken continuity will be used other than the exact text of the King James version assuring absolute accuracy in the transfer of the Scripture from printed pages to sound and film.

The new worker hesitated for just a moment, and then replied, "Could I have a map of the world?"

Surprised and smiling, the senior nodded assent. The next day he found a map of the world under the glass top of the new employee's desk.

In reply to his question, "What's the idea?" the man from the state of Washington replied, "That's the way I feel about this job. To me it is as big as that!"

"The field is the world," said Jesus to the little company of his intimates. "We live here in a small country, we speak to the underprivileged of a despised race, but presently our message is universal, for it is Truth. Its field is the world."

These words became the forward march in service and sacrifice that swept beyond the last frontiers and that has moved through all the generations of life since the command itself was first spoken.

Empires have risen and crashed since the Galilean spoke, but what he said is still command, and from that command issue the major conflicts and achievements of the race. They are the words to which adventurers in every field give attention. They are the high command to the explorer, the scientist, and the missionary, challenging the soul to high endeavor. "The field is the world."

The field of the World's Christian Endeavor Union is the world! There is to be an expanded World's Union, in which the North American societies of Christian Endeavor share through the International Society of Christian Endeavor and in which is caught up the spirit and wisdom of the Endeavorers of the other countries around the globe. Conferences and conventions will bring together Christian youth forces around the world for the further progress and effectiveness of the Christian Endeavor movement and the aims in which it serves "for Christ and the Church."

For Christian Endeavor, 65 years young, "the field is the world."

The atomic age requires that education give first place to making a life rather than making a living. — Dr. Erwin L. Shaver, Director of Weekday Religious Education, International Council.

Christian Education

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

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DENOMINATIONS HELP PLAN BETTER CHURCH STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION

Enlistment for Christian Service Is Challenge of Year

Over thirty Protestant denominations cooperate through the United Stewardship Council to plan better church programs of Christian stewardship education.

Enlistment for Christian service is the challenge of "Stewardship Enlistment Year," 1946-47, which is being sponsored by this council.

Columbus Conference

Members of the council met in Columbus, Ohio, April 27-29, to share plans for this special year and to hear outstanding leaders speak on Christian stewardship.

By vote of the board I attended the conference while on a trip to Jackson Center and to Cincinnati to see Miss Ada Keith about work for the board.

"How to Increase Church Income" was the topic chosen by Rev. Mr. Crossland of Rochester for his message to the group. He gave the following trends which present problems: (1) the trend away from very wealthy families, leaving fewer large givers; (2) smaller net incomes because inflation reduces the purchasing power of the dollar; (3) keener competition between philanthropic agencies and the church for the givers' money; and (4) the temporary nature of the present wave of prosperity.

Encouraging Trends

The following trends the speaker listed as encouraging: (1) the emphasis on both preaching and practicing Christian stewardship; (2) the supplementing of the tithing emphasis with encouragement of proportionate giving; (3) a broadening financial base, so that all members share; (4) more small pledges; (5) the changing of the financial year to begin October 1, because this is the best time of year for the canvass; (6) the holding of "Loyalty Sabbath" for consecrating pledges; (7) better campaigns to "sell" (in a good sense) the Church to members; and (8) the building up of endowments (funds used for special purposes not for current expenses).

In speaking a special word of advice to the canvassers, Rev. Mr. Crossland said:

Remember that you are talking about the Gospel of God; that it pays to advertise the Church; that by positive presentation of the Church the excuses for not giving can be dissolved. People give to the Church because of a sense of Christian stewardship, because of duty, because of what the Church is doing, because of interest in community welfare, because of interest in their children, because of self-interest, because of interest in missions, and because of the spirit of altruism.

Dr. Vickerey, the conference speaker with the statistics, showed graphically how the churches are doing in this matter of giving. He said that incomes for Americans have doubled during the past few years, but giving is not increasing. Twenty times as much money is spent by Americans for luxuries as for the Church.

He emphasized the importance of having the Church appeal to all citizens on the basis of government exemption from taxes of 15 per cent for giving to worthy causes.

"The Cow that Went to Sea"

The member of the council representing the Church of the Brethren played a recording of the story of a "relief" heifer sent overseas; the story revealed the fine work this group is doing to aid the starving in Puerto Rico and in Europe. It must be a real thrill to the church group that sends a heifer to know that lives are thus saved.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL ASKED TO SPONSOR FILM

The United Stewardship Council is the first interdenominational group to be asked by the Protestant Film Commission to sponsor the production of a religious film.

The matter was fully discussed and now remains with the denominations as to whether the film will be produced or not.

If produced, it would be based on the teaching of Jesus that he who would save his life must lose it for His sake and the

Gospel's. The proposed film is to be a 16mm sound picture produced by those who have expert ability both in script writing and producing. The ambition is to make it as technically perfect as anything produced in Hollywood.

It will be interesting to see what the denominations decide about the backing of this project.

CHALLENGING STATEMENTS

Heard at Columbus Stewardship Meeting

Many significant statements were made by the various speakers at the recent Columbus meeting of the United Stewardship Council. Given below are some of the challenging ideas presented.

REV. MR. BINGHAM from Canada

Many people look on religion as a mental and spiritual force, and many use it as such.

Many want to be saved by the Cross but do not live by its principles. Christ must possess us. A beautiful garden owned by a rich man was just next door to his home. He said, "I possess that garden because I thoroughly enjoy it." Yet the rich man whisks away each morning without ever looking at it.

Time must not be wasted by mere "fussiness." Someone said to the owner of a mustard producing company that he could never get rich from the sale of mustard. He replied that he could make a large income just from the mustard left on people's plates.

Talents must not be wasted. So many people underestimate their ability; others misjudge what people can do. As a result there is much waste of talents.

A truly Christian life means that a person accepts the challenge of the stewardship of ALL of life!

Stewardship of possessions is the real test of the Christian life. God waits for this support for his kingdom. God's people are not poor; so support should come. Now-and-then giving is not God's way. Tithing is the most wonderful way of expressing the stewardship of possessions.

MRS. ALEXANDER from Nashville

Evangelism must be followed by stewardship. What use is it to bring people into the Church, then do nothing to use them—to train them?

Would you want your church to be well known in the surrounding community **only** as the church that serves such good suppers? A church with the true spirit and an adequate program of stewardship can do away with the schemes of raising money.

Challenge all the young people of your church with the need of leadership.

DR. MARK DAWBER from the Home Missions Council

Better support of home missions depends on a dynamic sense of Christian stewardship. Better support, financially, for men on home mission fields is a **social obligation!** New challenges of the home field must be met interdenominationally.

We need to emphasize the stewardship of **getting** our possessions. Are American business men who own thousands of acres in Puerto Rico responsible for the poverty stricken "landless" people there? Solve the problem of the "landless" and you will solve many other problems at the same time.

Such projects as sending cows to the needy fields of the world are very important. The living standards of a people can be measured by the number of cows per thousand people.

FIRST RURAL FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN PUBLISHED

The Seventh Day Baptist Rural Fellowship has adopted the accompanying acrostic as its slogan. The general aim is "to promote Christian ideals by the use of rural life activities; to magnify and dignify the rural church; and, to provide a pattern for fellowship and co-operation among rural agencies."

The first quarterly bulletin which was sent out in May emphasized the Lord's Acre; Rural Life Sabbath, May 25; origins of the movement; service to be rendered to individuals and homes, to pastors and churches, to denominational agencies; and activities which will be directed toward the promotion of home practices which will enrich individual and family spiritual life. Lord's Acre work especially was pointed out as a means to develop and promote church practices which will enrich group fellowship and spiritual unity among the people and increase their

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effectiveness in community and in world relationships.

People may become members of the fellowship by paying \$1 per year. Membership privileges will include the receiving of a quarterly bulletin published by the fellowship and ten bulletins a year from the International Christian Rural Fellowship. Program helps will also be furnished for days in the Christian year when rural life is emphasized. The subscription money will be divided equally between the denominational and international fellowships.

Memberships are welcomed at any time; a special drive will be made after General Conference.

The executive committee members are the following: Marion C. Van Horn, chairman; Roswell Seager, secretary; Orville Bond, treasurer. On the advisory council are Carroll Bond, Reuben Brissey, L. Main Bond, S. Curtis Groves, Harley Bond, Sherman Kagarise, Robert Bond, Roy F. Randolph, and Ernest F. Bond. Most of these officials are located in West Virginia, the administrative center of the organization.

These men are doing a splendid job of organization and promotion in the field of rural life. It is hoped that all of the churches will give them wholehearted support. H. S.

ORGANIZATION OF PROTESTANT PUBLICITY COUNCIL CONSIDERED

Formation of a Protestant Publicity Council to deal with news material of interdenominational interest was the subject of a resolution passed at the regular annual meeting of the Religious Publicity Council meeting in New York City early in May.

The resolution, which was designed to improve Protestant journalism and publicity, was the outgrowth of a need which has been expressed urgently by religious publicists. A second resolution recommended conferring with leaders of theological seminaries and foundations for journalism about standards and training for the ministry of the written word.

Kinsey N. Merritt, Public Relations Director of the American Railway Express and lay leader of the Newark Conference of Methodist Churches, told the church publicity people at a dinner meeting that the

most telling criticism now being leveled at the Church is that it is "not alive in the world today."

"A business man who finds the public apathetic about his product," he asserted, "will first make sure the product itself is all that it claims to be. Then he will advertise to build confidence in the product or institution. He will assure himself that personnel are trained to deal with the public in an efficient, friendly manner. Finally, he will try to get people to saying good things. When people begin recommending a product, it goes over. Some of the things people are saying about the Church today are a carry-over from the other-worldliness of the church they attended as children."

WORLD-WIDE FELLOWSHIP IS CALLED TODAY'S "NEW FACT"

Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, of the Federal Council of Churches, who has been in Geneva for six months to help with the permanent organization of the World Council of Churches, says he has returned to America with "greatly deepened faith in the ecumenical movement and the world-wide Christian fellowship," which he describes as "the great new fact of our time."

Doctor Cavert says that he has also been confronted with "the sobered and chastened realization of the terrible responsibilities which face such an organization as the World Council of Churches, in the light of the desperate state in which Europe finds herself, and the stupendous task of knitting together racial, confessional, and geographical differences."

"We must think of this task in terms of no less than a generation," he declares. "It is like the growth of a tree, rather than like a structure built by human hands. Its roots must go deep so that the World Council of Churches will be a sure basis for the Christian life of the churches of the world, and will avoid the danger of its branches becoming top-heavy with activity."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON JUNE 15, 1946

Learning About the Kingdom

Basic Scripture—Matthew 6: 9-13; Luke 9: 18-27, 46-48, 57-62; 11: 1-4; 12: 1-12; 17: 20, 21

Memory Selection—Matthew 6: 10

REV. HURLEY S. WARREN RETURNS TO PLAINFIELD PASTORATE

Rev. Hurley S. Warren is now back in Plainfield, N. J., released May 16, after serving in the Army Chaplain Corps since July, 1944.

The former chaplain will resume his duties as pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ in Plainfield, having been re-elected for a two year period at the annual



Hurley S. Warren

church business meeting in April. He was on leave of absence during his military service, the family remaining in Plainfield.

Mr. Warren was commissioned a first lieutenant when ordered to active duty in 1944 and received orientation training for chaplaincy work at Harvard University. He next went to Camp Ellis, Ill., for activation with the 77th Field Hospital Unit, and later went with the unit to Fort Bragg, N. C., for further training. He went overseas from Camp Kilmer.

Going first to England, the chaplain served in that country three months, after which he went to France with the 77th Field Hospital, an independent unit. With his unit, he was on his way to the front lines in Germany when victory in Europe came, and instead the unit settled at Camp Lucky Strike near Le Havre to care for repatriated war prisoners from Germany. During his period of overseas service he was made a captain.

Overseas for a year, his latest service was with an anti-aircraft gun battalion doing military police work. While in England Mr. Warren made contact with several members of the Mill Yard Church in London and will soon make an extended report of work there.

When he returns to his pulpit, Mr. Warren will begin his eleventh year with the Plainfield Church, having been installed as pastor in March, ten years ago. During that period he has been active in city-wide church affairs, serving at one time as vice-president of the Ministers' Association of the Plainfields and vicinity.

In Mr. Warren's absence, Rev. Victor Skaggs of the Piscataway Church acted as supply pastor.

PASTOR, ACTING PASTOR HONORED AT CHURCH GATHERING

A reception was held in the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist church parlors the night after the Sabbath on May 18 to honor Rev. Hurley S. Warren and Rev. Victor W. Skaggs. The church welcomed Pastor Warren on his return to his church duties after a leave of absence while in service as a chaplain. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Skaggs and the Piscataway Church for their co-operation in making it possible for Plainfield to share Mr. Skaggs as acting pastor during Mr. Warren's absence.

Following a community sing led by the toastmaster, K. Duane Hurley, brief messages of welcome and appreciation were brought by representatives of the various church groups: children from the primary department, Charles H. North, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, and Nathan E. Lewis. Appropriate impromptu talks were given by the following out-of-town guests: Rev. James L. Skaggs, Dean A. J. C. Bond, and Dr. J. Nelson Norwood. Rev. Roland Bahnsen, president of the Plainfield Ministerial Association, fittingly represented that group.

Special musical numbers were rendered by Miss Jean Bailey, Mrs. K. Duane Hurley, and Melvin G. Nida. Following the program, light refreshments were served while the reception for the two ministers continued in an informal manner.

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, Westerly, R. I.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

MISSIONARY BOARD REVIEWS PURPOSES, OBJECTIVES

People are inquiring regarding the policies of the Missionary Board concerning home and foreign work. In 1929 the board adopted a statement covering this subject. The policy has not changed, and to answer the questions which are being raised the statement follows:

Purpose of the Missionary Society

The purpose of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society is to spread the knowledge of the gospel of Christ throughout this world; to preach Jesus, the Saviour from sin; to introduce his life, teachings, and example, as plainly set forth in God's Word. With sectarian proselytism we have absolutely nothing to do. Our object is the salvation of lost ones, bringing them into the kingdom of God's Son.

We would, in ways most practicable, aid newly formed churches in developing strong, healthy organizations, in the hope that, as soon as may be, they, too, shall become self-sustaining and help-giving. This should be emphasized whenever temporary financial aid is had from this society by any church, whether near or far away.

Some Policies Governing Work

1. **NEW FIELDS.** During the last few years so many new fields have opened to the board that there has been no little confusion in the minds of our people as to what should be done, some appearing to think that all new open doors should be entered, and others that we should put all our energy on the work already attempted and close our ears to new calls.

Inasmuch as we believe that Seventh Day Baptists have a distinct work to accomplish over all the world, your committee would recommend that it shall be the announced policy of this board to enter as many new fields as possible, but that no new work shall be undertaken in home or foreign lands until a thorough investigation has been made to determine whether said fields, under the

help of the Holy Spirit, give promise of being fruitful. In following this policy, if investigation is to be made, it should be undertaken without undue delay.

2. **THE HOME BASE.** Inasmuch as all the work, home and foreign, will ultimately fail unless the home base is efficiently maintained and strengthened, and inasmuch as it has come to pass that successful home missionary work is very difficult, your committee would recommend: (a) that this board maintain the policy of especially emphasizing the work on the home field and of doing all in its power to extend said work to new sections of the country; and (b) while not holding itself, owing to our church polity, responsible for the success or failure of any church, that this board do all it consistently can to aid the churches throughout the denomination, particularly the small churches.

3. **SUPERVISION OF WORK.** Inasmuch as all work, religious as well as secular, must be faithfully supervised if successful, your committee would recommend that this board adopt and follow a policy of diligent supervision of all work, foreign as well as home.

4. **NATIVE EMPLOYMENT AND SUPERVISION.** It has always been the policy of this board in the homeland to direct the men whom it employs, but not to interfere in the affairs of any church. The peoples of other lands are now insisting that this policy be followed with them, and that they shall be allowed to conduct their own churches.

Therefore, your committee would recommend that it shall be the policy of this board in foreign countries that native church members shall be encouraged to assume the responsibility of leadership as fast as they are able; that they shall be employed for Christian work when they give evidence of having been called to such work, provided other things are favorable; and that foreign workers shall be released for other fields as fast as their positions can be filled by native workers.

In this connection your committee would further recommend: (a) that the attitude of our missionaries, as far as possible, shall be that of advisers rather than dictators, to the end that native leadership may be brought out and a sense of responsibility created; (b) that it shall be made clear at all times that this board while soliciting suggestions must retain the full responsibility of directing the work and workers which it supports.

5. RELATIONS TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR LAWS. While it is the policy of this board and its missionaries not to meddle with the affairs of foreign governments, your committee would recommend that this board reiterate the position already taken regarding its property and schools in foreign lands, namely, (a) that any demand that the control of property shall be delivered over to others is unjust, and that foreign governments and their subjects should be taught by word and every transaction the sacredness of private property; and (b) that the principles of religious liberty demand that those supporting private schools shall determine whether religious instruction shall be compulsory or not.

6. AVOIDING DEBTS. Owing to the fact that the contributions from the people are much smaller some parts of the year than others, and that the workers must be paid regularly, it seems impossible not to have a deficit certain portions of the year; but inasmuch as a debt increasing and hanging over from year to year can only menace the work, your committee would recommend that this board shall hold strictly to its former policy of not creating an appreciable indebtedness except under extraordinary pressure, such as evangelization of new and needy fields.

In carrying out this policy, your committee would recommend that when this board finds itself unable to secure contributions sufficient to meet the expenses of the work for a series of months, a policy of retrenchment shall be adopted without delay.

7. A LIVING WAGE. Inasmuch as one of our greatest needs as a denomination is to secure a sufficient number of ministers of the gospel; and inasmuch as it is generally admitted that one prime cause of the lack of ministers is the failure on the part of the

churches and denominational interests to give the ministry a living wage, especially in the homeland; therefore, your committee would recommend that this board announce as its policy the paying of a living wage to those employed on the home field as well as to those engaged in foreign work.

8. RELATION TO GENERAL CONFERENCE AND CHURCHES. From the legal standpoint the Missionary Society is responsible to no one save the commonwealth from whom it receives its charter, but it was organized by Seventh Day Baptist churches through the General Conference, and to this board the churches have committed the conducting of their missionary work and given to it their contributions. Therefore, it is morally responsible, to a certain extent, to the churches.

The General Conference is the one organization which best represents the churches, and through which they can best express their wishes. These things being true, your committee would recommend that it shall be the policy of this board, in the future as in the past, to solicit at all times the advice of the General Conference and individual churches; but being thus advised or otherwise, it shall act upon its own best judgment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

9. RELATION TO OTHER BOARDS AND INTERESTS. The work of this board and that of other denominational boards are parts of one great whole, and your committee would recommend that in all consistent ways this board shall continue to co-operate with other denominational boards for the promotion of our common cause.

FAITH

Faith is dead to doubts,
Dumb to discouragements,
Blind to impossibilities.
Faith makes the uplook good,
The outlook bright,
The future glorious.
"He stands best who kneels most."

—The Christian Digest.

"Loquacity inevitably leads to saying unwise, or unpleasant, or unprofitable things."

Woman's Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

JAPANESE CHURCH LEADER SENDS MESSAGE

(This letter was written on January 22, 1946, and addressed to the Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.)

Dear Christian Friends:

We greatly regret that many days have elapsed since we received with deep emotion your greetings, your sympathy, and your love at this our hour of suffering—a time the like of which Japan has never before experienced. We Christians are believing that our land will be uplifted on this cross and that we will be given new vision, power, and love for all those who suffer in like manner.

But this cannot be brought about unless many thousands more come to know Christ as their Saviour. The bringing in of the kingdom of God here and all over the world is the great task in which we can all join hands and work and pray together. This is our only hope for a lasting peace. Because we have been brought to repentance, we will be blessed if we endure.

THREE BEAUTIFUL KIMONOS AND AN OBI — The Story They Tell

All eyes focus on those kimonos and the sash or obi when they are on display. The mingled bright hues, the soft folds of shining silk, the wisteria and butterflies and trailing vines so artistically woven or painted on them—these show at once what unusual and precious objects they are. The obi, a broad band of shimmering gold, the brighter for the bamboo pattern sketched on it in black, is a handsome, glittering thing.

One visualizes the dainty Japanese women who have worn these garments, going out to visit the cherry blossoms, perhaps to hang brief, graceful poems of appreciation on the luxuriant branches.

The story told by these kimonos goes deeper than the eye. It is of a beauty not merely skin, or satin, deep—the grace of an inward spirit that matches the external beauty. The gift of these charming Japanese garments was the outward expression of inward beauty.

We are looking forward to the time when again we can be brought together through a free exchange of Christian workers, letters, etc. At this present hour in Japan, we need your earnest prayers for the spiritual and material support of our pastors who are now suffering intensely for the want of even the very necessities of life, so that the Church of Christ may once more be resurrected into new power and life, both spiritually and materially. Also, we need those who are called by God and who will understand our needs and work with us to root out those things that hamper and will encourage the things that strengthen and bring about his kingdom.

You ask for our prayers. We will indeed join hands and pray for each other. Pardon this unavoidable delay and our inability to tell you how your wonderful letter brought us encouragement, hope, and joy!

Yours in his service,
Miturn Tomita, Superintendent,
Church of Christ in Japan.

The deputation of four Christian leaders from America who formed the first civilian, first Christian group to enter Japan after V-J day, was meeting with some twenty Christian Japanese women. Miss Michi Kawai was there, the famous educator, head of a girls' school, who even in wartime managed to raise funds for an agricultural college for women. And Miss Fujita, active in organizing women for the part in political life which they have just been given the opportunity to assume, and Mrs. Yasuko Iwamura, head of the Kindergarten Association of Japan, and Mrs. Uemura, head of the Women's Department of the United Church of Japan, who it is expected will visit the United States shortly.

They were discussing the needs of Japan, particularly the food shortages which they could see looming up before them, the threat of starvation for many. "We want to help, not just be helped," they said, and

Mrs. Sekiya, wife of the former vice chancellor of the imperial household, broached a plan. "We shall each give some prized and cherished possession, and we shall get individuals and groups each to give some household treasure. We will send them on to America; you can sell them and return the proceeds to us in the form of food for our hungry."

Gently the deputation dissuaded them; shipping on a grand scale was not yet possible. But the idea, the spirit of the givers, could be carried to America, and there it would tell the desire of Japanese hearts, to help, to heal, to sacrifice for brothers and sisters in need.

So each of the four Americans brought home a shining token, a gesture of love and sacrifice. And that is the story told by the three beautiful kimonos and Mrs. Sekiya's gold obi—that in Christ there is no East or West, but at the sight of human need, Christian hearts everywhere are touched to compassion and self-giving.

The Japan Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America has requested the Committee on Special Program and Funds, FMC, in collaboration with the United Council of Church Women, to make this story known.

CHURCH AID URGED IN SOLVING RELOCATION PROBLEMS

The aid of church groups in solving two important problems related to the evacuation of Japanese Americans from the West Coast in 1942—establishment of a means of compensation for real and personal property losses, and easing of immigration laws to permit Asiatic aliens to obtain citizenship—has been urged by Dillon S. Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority. "These two problems need the same kind of serious study and constructive effort from church groups as that given to the relocation program," says Mr. Myer. "We must continue to combat the forces of racial discrimination wherever they appear if we expect to achieve the true meaning of democracy and international harmony."—W. W. Reid.

PASTOR DEDICATES SALARY TO SECOND CENTURY FUND

Contrary to the present-day theory of less work and higher pay, Rev. Paul S. Burdick of the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church, Rockville, R. I., announced at the Sabbath morning service a few weeks ago that he was going to take less money and do as much work as he has done in the past.

If he is going to ask the people of his parish to give more to world relief and to the Second Century Fund which is being raised in America for rehabilitation of the missionary work of the denomination, he as pastor must also give more. Mr. Burdick, besides being paid as pastor, also is paid as sexton of the Rockville church.

It is his salary as sexton he is going to turn directly to the world relief and the church contributions to the Second Century Fund. — Westerly Sun.

NEWPORT BAPTIST CHURCHES VOTE TO UNITE

The two Baptist churches of Newport, R. I., the First and Second, are to unite. The former was organized three hundred eight years ago, and the latter two hundred nineteen years ago.

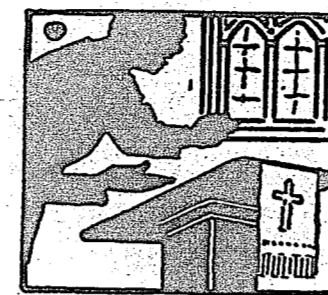
It was out of the First Baptist Church that a Sabbatarian group was organized and later separated and formed the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Newport, whose members migrated to Westerly and New Jersey late in 1600.

Both Newport Baptist churches voted to merge into one church at their respective annual meetings. The new church will be named the United Baptist—John Clark Memorial, after the founder and first pastor of the First Baptist Church organized in 1638. This church is said to be the oldest Baptist organization in the country.

Both congregations met in the Second Baptist church for supper, and then separated. On the vote for the merger, it was understood both churches gave "almost unanimous approval."

It is the first time in two hundred ninety years the two churches have been together. In 1656 the First Baptist congregation withdrew on differences over theological questions.

—Westerly Sun.



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

What Shall I Say About Relief and Reconstruction?

By Leslie Bates Moss

Director, Division on Promotion,
Church World Service

All those who are leaders of the church in this land have a momentous responsibility today. With half the world a shambles beyond the ability of most Americans to comprehend, only a pagan insensibility would render us unresponsive. Evidences increase on every hand that America wants to pour out of its possessions in generous measure. We are conscious of our wealth, our almost vulgar affluence in the face of destitution immeasurable. Homes have been turned into receiving centers for clothing and food. Devoted mothers, fathers, and children are working after regular hours to prepare and pack the treasured possessions of a multitude of homes. Money is being given to hurry these things to the steamer side which will take them abroad. With very little promotion the churches have given more than three million pounds of clothing, bedding, linens, shoes, wheat, Christmas packages and so on in five months of our material aid program. Altogether as of April 9 probably \$125,000,000 is being raised by church people of this country and at least \$75,000,000 of this will be sent overseas to relieve the suffering and to start the processes of rebuilding. Realizing that these first goals were adopted before our knowledge of the vast devastation was complete, church leaders have proposed that an additional \$50,000,000 should be raised in the next few years to make possible a more adequate Christian ministry to those in need.

It is all too evident that blanket campaigns for funds leave many givers cold. They respond to the warm and urgent appeal for physical misery. Their giving to their denominational funds is too often accomplished by campaign efforts which lack the spontaneity of giving motivated by heart throbs.

It becomes then the minister's responsibility to be the tender conscience of his flock.

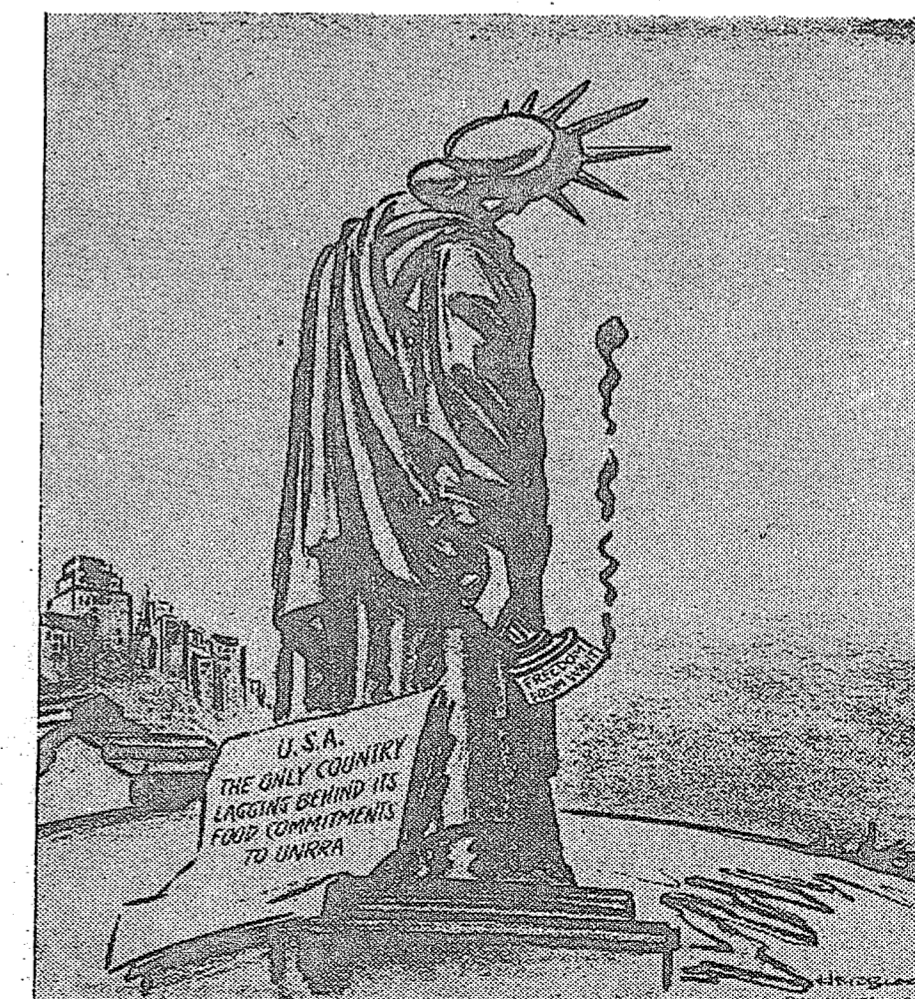
Perhaps half of the Protestant Christians in the world have lost their dwelling places during the years of struggle. Certainly of those outside the United States and Canada a major part have seen the dearest institution of the human race crumble before their eyes.

Protestants Starve

Perhaps half of the Protestant Christians outside of the United States and Canada are starving, or are ridden with disease and illness due to malnutrition. From the farmers of China and Japan to the strictly rationed people of Britain the war's aftermath is worse than the keyed-up tensions of the fighting days and nights.

The children of these families have been deprived of schooling, of reputable clothes, of medical care, of spiritual nurture during the hard and vicious combat of the war years. For many of them an orphanage is all that remains to take the place of vanished parents. The culture of soul so essential for tender years has been replaced by tragedy and spiritual turmoil.

The Protestants have not suffered worse than others. But in many lands their minority position has rendered them vulnerable



THE LAND OF PLENTY

to the acids of modern propaganda and persecution for religious and political reasons. War is the greatest despoiler of human character that has yet been invented. It is the master artisan of hell. Its quality degrades and its practice grinds character to powder. It atomizes the tendrils of childish trust and forming habits.

It is peculiarly appropriate for Christians to undertake a ministry to such as these. Is it not in the Christian faith that the home is given its central importance? Is it not Christ's tender association of the members of the family in relation to each other that has glorified our conception of brotherhood? Does not the Christian family give us the strongest cohesive unit of care and spiritual nurture that has yet been devised?

Solidarity of Faith

We can begin to weave the tender web of loving care which is so characteristic of the family life for those who have lost all outward evidence of home and family. By our ministry to those in need we can once more begin to exalt the solidarity of faith. With Christian persistence in searching out the remotest cases of need we can light across every land the candle of hope for those whose light has died.

It is not an easy task. It is one in which the callousness of mass approach may betray us into stereotyped giving. We must have large sums of money. We may forget that every individual's heart is torn with personal grief, and every child's young soul is smirched with hideous sights and sounds too awful to be reproduced except in the vivid memory of youth. It is easy to allow ourselves to covet peace and forgetfulness of the awfulness of war, instead of opening our imagination to the ills that goad men's minds to hate.

Goods and clothing may necessarily be made in bulk shipments. Masses of supplies are urgent. But every mouthful of food is an individual affair. Every garment carries a healing touch for a personal hurt. And the spirit that makes the contact with the person in need must be one of love.

To every minister of the Word this is a time when his efforts become a sacrament of personal dedication. To lead his people that they may share not only intelligently but generously, even sacrificially is a duty

which he may easily covet or equally readily shrink from according to his nature. But in such a world as this the triumphant witness of the Christian spirit must inevitably be a sharing witness. What have we to share? Goods? Yes. Devotion? Yes. Spiritual insight? Who shall be bold enough to answer that? The answer in fact will only be given as our ministers succeed in opening the truth of God's grace so that in one of the blackest moments of human history a fresh light may reach the farthest limits of that darkness. Whether we give money, or our usable clothing, we are giving to help re-establish companionship on earth. We are attempting to express confidence in those whose faith has failed. We are perhaps reaching to them a hand in helpfulness at the crucial moment when courage may be about to give way in despair. It is the kind of insight that makes it possible for the minister to guide his people in their giving. It is the kindling of that priceless determination to help lift; that is the minister's reason for being. How choice an experience may be his! How surcharged with spiritual insight in his ministry if he can open the eyes of his flock to those realities. So, in such a world, the minister's life itself can become a sacrament of personal dedication which will exemplify to his people the purposes of God and the riches of his truth.

These are hours when all should give, should share their personal possessions. To do so is to enter into the fabric of God's love and truth in a measure which brings life and courageous faith to those who need it most—to those whom we need as brothers in the struggle for peace and justice that is ahead.

FOR THE PASTOR'S BULLETIN

An electric current works best when the circuit is well grounded. Just so the current of God's love flows best when our "circuits" are well "grounded" in love for our fellow men.

—Union Signal.

LIQUOR STRIKE SUGGESTED

I suggest now that there is an epidemic of strikes that employees of the liquor and beer industries join the turmoil. A six-month strike of this nature would be a benefit to the nation. There would be fewer headaches as well as heartaches.—Max Ehlert, in the Kansas City Star.

Children's Page

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.



OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am eight years old today.

We have seven white ducks and we will soon have little ducks.

We moved here from Farina, Ill., January 1.

I am in the second grade in school.

Dale R. Green.

Milton, Wis.

Dear Dale:

I am ever so glad to add you to my fine band of Recorder children, and I hope that now you have made a beginning you will write often. What do you think? We have a boy living near Andover whose name is Dale Green. He is about twelve, I think.



Mizpah Greene

Last night after supper we went with our daughter and family for a ride out in the country, so that our son-in-law could try out his new (second hand) car. Among other things in which our granddaughters were interested I'll mention three: two tiny red and white calves frisking gaily around their mother; they were twins and just exactly alike in size and coloring; a dignified white duck sedately crossing a meadow; and several cunning little white pigs.

I have just been watching the two boys next door, Ronald and Norman Ellis, aged twelve and thirteen years respectively, at what has been their favorite pastime for some time. High in a large tree they have attached a long chain, with a board fastened on the lower end. With the board clutched firmly in their hands, they climb to the top of a high stepladder, sit down on the board, hold tightly to the chain and swing off. As you can imagine, they have quite a swing. Many other boys little and big join in the sport. Ronald even got one of his

sisters to try it. It is a game of which they never seem to tire and so far no one has been hurt. They used a rope instead of a chain at first but after the rope had broken twice they used the chain.

Don't forget to write again soon and tell me about some of the games you enjoy playing.

Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

A TRUE STORY

As two women of Ulen, Minn., walked along the road to the first farm house, the older woman told me this story:

It has been a long time since I walked this road. When I was eleven years old I came with my father to get a load of wood. My sister worked for Mrs. Evans, so my father said I could stay with her while he did business in town, but to be at the store at 4 p.m.

One of Mrs. Evans' ewes had three lambs and would not own the brown one, so Mrs. Evans asked if I wanted it. I was delighted. I would not have given up the cute baby lamb for a thousand dollars, I thought.

I wrapped up my lamb and my sister and I started in plenty of time, but we must have walked too slow, for Father had gone when we reached the store. I thought I could catch up with him, but I didn't. The little lamb began to feel heavy. It got dark. The lamb cried and I cried. It was in late spring, so I walked in snow and water. I was afraid I was lost and asked God to help me find my home.

Pretty soon I met a man, a neighbor of ours. When I told him I had walked from the Evans Farm he said, "That is seven miles from your house. You must stay at our house tonight."

When I asked him where his house was he told me to just keep on going and I would see a light. I kept on going a long time I thought, for the light did not shine very far through the small window of a dugout. But I saw it at last. The wife gave the lamb some milk and me my supper. Then I slept on the floor with my lamb.

In the morning I went on home. Father was very sorry. He thought I would go back with my sister. I had not thought of that, but God sent the man or I would not have gone to his house and would have been out all night, for I was getting pretty tired. God does help when we are in need.

I asked permission of the narrator to write this story for the Children's Page of my church paper and she said, "Yes, if you want to use it."

Ulen, Minn.

Mrs. L. L. Coalwell.

Dear Mrs. Coalwell:

Thank you for sending this pleasing true story.

Sincerely yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

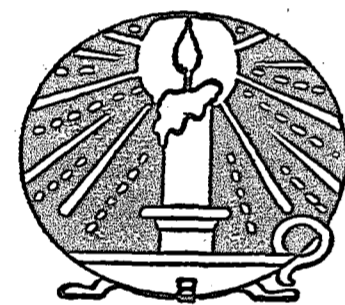
A Little Sermon for Little Folks

By Rev. L. F. Hurley

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."—Matthew 5: 14.

In New York we sometimes had a storm that disrupted the electric light system for a while. Then we had to hunt a lamp or a candle, unless we wanted to be left in the dark—and it was usually a candle. Just a candle dispelled the darkness nicely.

Now, the candle never sulked and said, "You wouldn't use me when you had electricity, and now I won't shine." It did its



"The candle shone whenever it was lighted."

best when it was needed. Some folks won't work at all unless they can always be first. They won't shine at all unless they can be the biggest light. But the candle shone whenever it was lighted.

It didn't try to be anything but a candle. It didn't imitate the electric light bulb. It just gave its one candle power of light, and blessed us with that.

Again, all the light it had to give was borrowed. Sometime you will learn that the light and heat of all the oil and gas and coal in the world has come from the sun. And the candle got its light from the same great light of our world. It used borrowed light.

Last, it couldn't give its light without giving itself. As it burned to light the room with its soft, mellow glow, it had to surrender the very wax or tallow out of which it was made.

Jesus told his followers that they were to be the light of the world. I think he meant that they were to be candles of the Lord. They were to shine whether they

were big lights or little ones. They were not to try to be something bigger than they were—just themselves! All the light they could give must be borrowed from him who is the Light—the SUNLIGHT of the world. And if they gave out that borrowed light, it would be necessary to give up their own very life in doing it. Will you be a candle for the Lord?

Take four candles, all of different lengths. One will represent a child, one a young man, one a father, and the other one will represent a grandfather.

Which one represents the child? **The long one!** Why? Because that one can shine longest for Jesus.

You young folks have all of life before you. How happy you will be, and how happy the Lord will be, if you shine all your life for him.

Let Jesus touch you with the fire of his love until you burn. And let your light shine where it will be seen for his glory.

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

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.

In Scholarship

The very founders of the first known Seventh Day Baptist Church in London, in 1617, were people of scholarship and culture.

The basis of Dr. Samuel Johnson's famous dictionary was the work of an English Seventh Day Baptist lexicographer. Indeed the great modern dictionaries—Webster's "New International," the "New Standard," the great "Century Dictionary" of but a few decades ago, and the colossal "Oxford Dictionary" more recently published—all trace their lineage back to the very work upon which Johnson based his dictionary.

The foundation of the modern practice of obstetrics was developed by a Seventh

OBSERVATIONS

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work, young man. Your people are not unwilling to follow you in some important work, but you must remember that, as a rule, they do not see as you see, or understand as you understand. But if you are patient and discreet and set about ploughing the ground and sowing the seed, which means a gradual training and education of your people to see things in a different light and thoroughly understand the worthwhileness of your plans, you will get what you want. I have found that considerable opposition to a pastor's plans comes, not through stubbornness or backwardness on the part of his people, but through lack of adequate education and enlightenment concerning the pastor's plans."

The reporter of this interview goes on to say that the young minister profited by the counsel and remained in his pastorate for twenty-five years.

It may not be out of place to observe that many perplexing problems, differences of opinion, slowness to follow the pastor's lead may be resolved to the ultimate satisfaction of all by his working on, discreetly and lovingly, in the face of indifference and opposition, allowing "the power to wait calmly" to have "her perfect work."

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

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Easter Sabbath morning at breakfast. Following the breakfast a special program telling the story of Easter and the resurrection was presented by members of the class.

Easter was appropriately observed by the North Loup Church. The choir, under the leadership of Dell Barber, presented Wilson's cantata, "Our Living Lord," as a special feature.

Our baptistry was used one recent Sabbath evening by Rev. Mr. Mitchell of the local Methodist Church. Four persons were baptized.

Rockville, R. I.

The May turkey supper sponsored by the men of Rockville in the parish house of the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist church, drew four hundred twenty-one members of this community and others, making the occasion the most successful ever held.

Day Baptist physician who practiced in London during the reign of the Stuarts.

The secret of the synthetic production of ordinary table food was discovered by a Seventh Day Baptist chemist in the laboratory of one of the leading scientific institutions of America.

In the second half of the nineteenth century, the research of a Seventh Day Baptist scientist placed the Astronomical Observatory of Harvard University in the van of all the great astronomical observatories of the world.

Seventh Day Baptist geologists have been among leaders in discovering and developing the natural resources of these United States.

Henry Ford's achievement in mass production of automobiles, and also the general mass production of modern implements of warfare on a gigantic scale, have been made possible by the research of a Seventh Day Baptist physicist who developed the science of micrometry. The first noteworthy exploit of this scientist was to rule 25,000 parallel lines on a piece of glass one inch square.

An early patron of native art in America was a wealthy Seventh Day Baptist of Newport, R. I., who assembled a noteworthy gallery of paintings in the eighteenth century, at least a part of which is the highly prized possession of one of his family's descendants of the present generation.

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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE

One of many contributions to science and to human welfare made by religious objectors to military service who are housed in Civilian Public Service camps is reported from Coleville, Calif. During spare time, a group of CO's built their own observatory and climatological station; a lensmaker furnished lenses at cost, funds being supplied by families and friends. Under the leadership of a trained astronomer who is also a CO, Albert Shatzel, the Coleville Observatory is providing its observations on the courses of variable stars, sun spots, earth tremors, and weather conditions to the U. S. Weather Bureau, Mt. Wilson and Harvard Observatories, and to astronomical publications. — W. W. Reid.

With supper being served from 5 to 8 p.m., the congestion became so great that those attending were forced to eat in shifts, the parish house being too small to seat the entire group at one time. Supper guests started to arrive as early as 3 o'clock for the function. . . .

The supper was prepared and served by the men of Rockville, who will be given a special dinner in appreciation of their efforts. The men were so busy serving the food that they were unable to participate in the supper. Three hundred tickets were sold before the supper and one hundred twenty-one additional at the door. Proceeds will be used to help pay for a new staging in the church belfry.

Howard Woodmansee was chairman of the dining room, Carlton Irish of the kitchen, and Rev. Paul S. Burdick was in charge of the tickets.—Westerly Sun.

EDWARD EVERETT WHITFORD

Edward Everett Whitford was born in Brookfield, N. Y., January 31, 1865, one of twin sons of Calvin and Emeline Burch Whitford. He was graduated from Brookfield Academy, and from Colgate University (then Madison University) in 1886. He later received the Master of Arts degree from Colgate University. He was married in 1890 to Lilla York. Mrs. Whitford died in 1943.

Mr. Whitford taught mathematics and related subjects in Colby Academy; Keystone Academy, Factoryville, Pa.; and other schools before becoming a member of the College of the City of New York. He returned to Brookfield for three years, 1898-1901, during which time he was cashier of the Whitford Bank and principal of the Brookfield High School.

His service in the City College from 1906 to the time of his retirement in 1935 was unbroken save for the year 1918 during which he served in Great Britain and France as an overseas Y.M.C.A. secretary and a member of the A.E.F. University at Beaune.

He received the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Columbia University in 1912. In the same year he published his dissertation, a history of the Pellian equation. He con-

Westerly, R. I.

At its annual supper meeting, the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church voted to invite the General Conference of the denomination to meet in Westerly in August, 1947.

Repairs to the walks and driveways, recommended by the trustees, were approved as well as redecorating of the auditorium.

The church made a special collection for the organ fund of the Pleasant Street Baptist Church.

Karl G. Stillman was re-elected president. Other officers are Carroll W. Hoxsie, clerk; Elston H. Van Horn, treasurer; Wilfred B. Utter, collector; Norman F. Loofboro, auditor; Miss Bernice Whipple, historian; Howard M. Barber and George B. Utter, trustees.

Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor, gave his annual report of activities. After adjournment of the meeting, Rev. David S. Clarke, assistant to the secretary of the Missionary Society, addressed the gathering.

—Westerly Sun.

tributed articles to various periodicals on mathematical and general subjects. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and the American Mathematical Association. At the time of his death he was professor emeritus of mathematics in the College of the City of New York.

He was always active in church work in the Second Seventh Day Baptist Church of Brookfield during his early years and whenever he was home in later years, in the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of New York City when he resided there, and in Daytona Beach, Fla., during the winters since his retirement. His Biblical scholarship was sound and thorough, and, being a gifted teacher, he was called upon to take charge of adult Bible classes in Brookfield, New York City, and Daytona Beach. He was for many years an ordained deacon, always gracious in his service. He was a valued member of the Memorial Board. He was deeply interested in all the activities of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination but especially in the missionary work, for he was a world citizen with interest in and love for people of many different nationalities and races.

Just to enumerate these achievements and a few of the many activities in which he par-

icipated, exalts him as a Christian gentleman, a beloved brother, a profound scholar, a gifted teacher, a devoted husband, a noble father who was the pal of his son, a wise counselor, and a sincere friend so highly esteemed and loved by all who knew him that any words of praise seem shallow indeed compared with the greatness of his personality.

He met his untimely and tragic death instantly when he was struck by a truck as he was walking home from the prayer meeting service at Daytona Beach, May 3, 1946.

He is survived by his son Robert Calvin and four granddaughters: Mary Streit, Ann, Cynthia, and Sarah, all at present residing in Greater New York.

The funeral service was held at the Seventh Day Baptist church of Daytona Beach, Fla., with Rev. Elizabeth Fitz Randolph officiating, assisted by Rev. H. Eugene Davis and Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell. Music was furnished by Mrs. Clarence Rogers, Miss Geraldine Thorngate, Mrs. Frances Spencer, and Mrs. Harriett Gilson. Interment will be in the Brookfield Cemetery, Brookfield, N. Y.

E. F. R.

Marriages

Bond - McKinney. — Leland Warren Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville B. Bond of Lost Creek, W. Va., and Lettie Loraine McKinney, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bell of Kincheloe, W. Va., were united in marriage in the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist church, on April 12, 1946. Rev. Marion C. Van Horn officiated, assisted by Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond.

Williams - Barnes. — Ransel Lee Williams, son of Mrs. Susie Williams of Lost Creek, W. Va., and Dorothy Alice Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barnes of Mannington, W. Va., were united in marriage April 18, 1946, at the bride's home. Rev. Marion C. Van Horn officiated.

Obituary

Courtwright. — Mary Elizabeth Bond, daughter of Levi and Susan Lightburn Bond, was born May 2, 1862, at Lost Creek, W. Va., and died February 10, 1946, at her home in Lost Creek.

She was married in 1884 to Howard D. Courtwright, who died about three years later, leaving her with a young son, William L. Courtwright. He is her only close surviving relative.

Through the years she was a loyal Seventh Day Baptist and member of the Lost Creek Church. Though an invalid during the last fourteen years of her life, her spirit was one of calm patience and trust.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn and burial was in the Old Frame Church Cemetery at Lost Creek.

M. C. V. H.

Davis. — William Ernest, son of Milton S. and Mary Ford Davis, was born in Doddridge County, W. Va., on March 9, 1866, and died in Lost Creek, W. Va., April 9, 1946.

He was a loyal member of the Lost Creek Church throughout his life, except for a few years during which his membership was with the church at Alfred. He was married to Gertrude Gardiner on January 1, 1891, by President Allen of Alfred.

His close survivors are his wife; two sons, Max H., and T. Edward; one daughter, Dora Gardiner Davis; and one brother, Albert G. Davis.

The funeral service was in charge of his pastor and burial was in the Lost Creek Church Cemetery.

M. C. V. H.

Whitford. — Edward Everett, son of Calvin and Emeline Burch Whitford, was born January 31, 1865, and died May 3, 1946. An extended obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

On the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty are inscribed the words of Emma Lazarus:

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me.
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

Dr. Maeanna Cheserton-Mangle.

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DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Lost Creek, W. Va.

Lost Creek Church is this year carrying out an experiment in what we have called Scripture-Prayer. It is a Bible practice designed to help strengthen the habit of prayer in daily life. A schedule of verses was chosen for each month in the year. Each Sabbath in the month the verses for that month are used as the Call to Worship in the Morning Service. Many of the people memorize the verses and use them in family devotions. The various groups in the church use them as the opening of their devotions at their regular meetings. We feel that their use has increased the spiritual unity of our people.

Two of our church groups, the Pastor's Advisory Council and the Tither's Storehouse Association have carried on studies in the accredited courses of leadership training. These studies have been made at the regular monthly meetings. One course was "The Program of My Church" and another was "Christian Stewardship." A third course given for a general group was "How the Bible Came to Be." Twenty-seven course credit cards were awarded recently at the Sabbath school hour to those receiving credit in the studies.

The two groups are continuing studies on church program and stewardship in accredited courses and other groups are planning studies along helpful lines.

Washington, D. C.

Chaplain Luther W. Crichlow is at his home on terminal leave and goes to inactive duty status as of June 6. Having been called to be pastor by the People's Seventh Day Baptist Church, he began his new work on June 1.

Plainfield, N. J.

Sabbath morning worship at Plainfield is again starting at 10:30 a.m. After Pastor Hurley S. Warren left for his duties as chaplain, church was held at another hour in order to make it possible for Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, pastor of the Piscataway Church, to serve at both services on Sabbath mornings.

At the annual church meeting in April it was voted to grant Melvin G. Nida—a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ of Plainfield who is preparing for

the gospel ministry—a "license to exercise his 'gifts' in preaching and otherwise as God gives him the opportunity."

A series of sunset vespers is being held at the church the first Sabbath evenings in June, July, and August. Following the worship period an informal get-together will be held in the social room.

THE CHURCH

**Persecution has not crushed it,
power has not beaten it back,
time has not abated its force, and,
what is most wonderful of all, the
abuses and treasons of its friends
have not shaken its stability.**

—Horace Bushnell.

The committee in charge of arrangements is Mrs. Hurley S. Warren, Ruth V. Hunting, and K. Duane Hurley.

Rev. A. J. C. Bond of Alfred, N. Y., delivered the Sabbath Rally Day message to the Plainfield congregation during their morning worship on May 18.

North Loup, Neb.

Practice for Children's Day has started. Mrs. Harlon Brennick, chairman, plans to have the program the second Sabbath in June.

It is gratifying to see the large number of babies and little folks in the congregation. In the Sabbath school a new class has been formed for the tiny ones. Mrs. Edgar Davis is teacher.

The members of the Sabbath school class taught by Mrs. J. A. Barber were her guests

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Boulder, Colo., Seventh Day Baptist Church

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My church is where the Word of God is preached, the power of God is felt, the Spirit of God is manifested, the love of God revealed, and the unity of God is perceived. It is the home of my soul, the altar of my devotions, the hearth of my faith, the center of my affections, and the foretaste of heaven. I have united with it in solemn covenant, pledging myself to attend its services, to pray for its members, to give to its support, and to obey its laws. It claims the first place in my heart, the highest place in my mind, the principal place in my activities, and its unity, peace, and progress are ever my concern. — Selected.