STET US GIVE THANKS

PRAYER

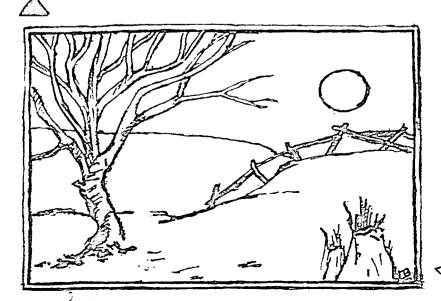
TO THE GIVER

Lord, I am glad for the great gift of living—
Glad for Thy days of sun and of rain;
Grateful for joy, with an endless thanksgiving,
Grateful for laughter—and grateful for pain.

Lord, I am glad for the young April's wonder,
Glad for the fullness of long summer days;
And now when the spring and my heart are asunder,
Lord, I give thanks for the dark autumn ways.

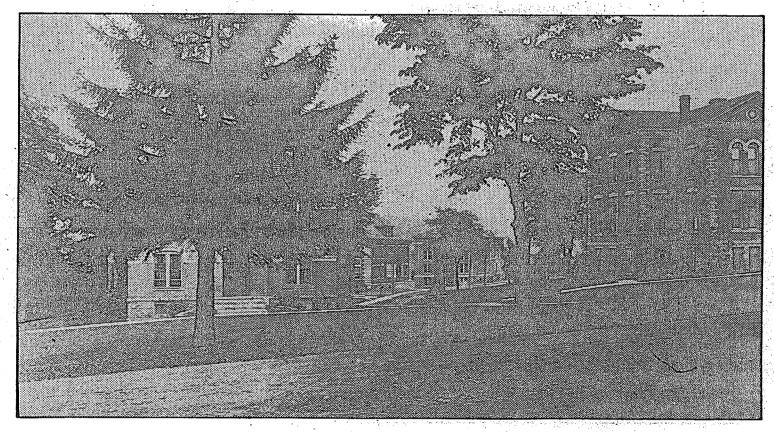
Sun, bloom, and blossom, O Lord, I remember;
The dream of the spring and its joy I recall;
But now in the silence and pain of November,
Lord, I give thanks to Thee, Giver of all!

Charles Hanson Towne



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Reconder



-Courtesy Alfred Sun

Campus Scene — Alfred University, Alfred, New York

IN PROMOTING the fullest personal development, the college seeks to cultivate through specific courses and general environment, the student's esthetic taste, intellectual enthusiasm, moral integrity, and religious insight. That is, it tries to encourage sensitiveness to beauty, awareness and understanding of one's environment, and adherence to one's own considered beliefs in morals and religion while respecting and, as far as possible, sympathizing with different beliefs held by other persons of good will.

-Alfred University Catalogue, College of Liberal Arts.

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TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

"The Negro is not a problem to be solved, but a fellow American to be understood and appreciated. . . . We have preached just about all the sermons we need on race relations; the time has come to put the plans of Christ into practice, and the place to begin is at the door of the church." So declares Rev. Ritchie Low, rural Vermont pastor of the Congregational Christian Church. For three summers now, under the guidance of Mr. Low, staid Vermont farm families have been entertaining Negro children, aged nine to twelve years, in their homes. The children are from the most congested areas of Haarlem, New York City, but the Vermonters have found them "just human kids." Mr. Low has now started a "Brotherhood in Action" movement, and churches in New Hampshire, Illinois, and Connecticut have joined the summer project. — W. W. Reid.

India seems to be close to independence. Its freedom involves tremendous risks. The rioting and human slaughter already made are but a hint of what will follow when a Hindu ruler tries to exercise authority over the Mohammedan district.

—Religious Telescope.

Dr. Ivan M. Gould, secretary of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches and the Pennsylvania Council of Christian Education, says that the coming year will be one of the greatest periods for Protestantism since the Reformation. Among the notable meetings scheduled are the World Council of Churches in 1948 and the second World Conference of Christian Youth, to be held next year. He insists that the Protestant churches launch a total abstinence movement.

Losses and thefts of goods sent to China have amounted to less than two per cent of the total sent by Church World Service to that country, states Arnold B. Vaught, executive secretary for China for Church World Service.

An intensive campaign against newspaper, magazine, and radio liquor advertising and drinking scenes in motion pictures was launched by the Northern Baptist Convention on October 27, it was announced at the denomination's headquarters in New York.

Present plans call for the use of specially prepared postcards and printed stickers as a means of protest to radio and film executives, newspaper editors, and publishers.

TRUE RELIGION

Religion is not a method; it is a life, a communion with God, a calm and deep enthusiasm, a love which radiates, a force which acts, a happiness which overflows. — H. F. Amiel.

EDITORIALS

ANOTHER DOORWAY TO SERVICE

Eleven pound packages may now be sent to individuals in the English and American zones of Germany. That opens the door to another field of Christian service for Seventh Day Baptists.

Members of our churches have done exceedingly well in maintaining our denomination's part in the total relief and rehabilitation program through interchurch agencies. Undoubtedly some of the general relief items have reached some of our people. But as conditions make it possible, we surely should add to our efforts in trying to help meet the world's needs—continuing as much support as possible through Church World Service, but making also contributions of food and clothing especially to our own needy people, wherever they are in the world.

Already a number of relief shipments have been made directly to Seventh Day Baptists in Holland and other places where regulations have permitted. What can we do now for our German brothers?

A recent letter from Heinrich Bruhn, who has undertaken to head up our work in Germany, reveals the desperate needs of people there. Mr. Bruhn has been in correspondence with a number of our leaders in this country, but it is a letter dated October 6 and sent to John G. Schmid, pastor of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church of Irvington, N. J., from which the information here was gleaned. Mr. Schmid and his people have been active for some time in gathering, packing, and sending packages. He felt sure that our people generally would be interested in having late word directly from church members in Germany and has provided the editor a translation of Mr. Bruhn's communication.

The letter expresses deep appreciation of the goods received from the Irvington group. Then the German leader reports having heard from 228 members still alive in the English and American zones. He says that he has heard very little from those in the Russian zone, but he is able to send one pound packages to needy individuals as he hears from them.

Mr. Bruhn indicates that he is in regular correspondence with members in the two zones, but not as extensively as he would like because writing paper is very scarce. He says it is impossible to print a publication of any kind; however, he has been writing and multiplying mission letters whenever possible in order to help keep the people together and to "strengthen" them. This helps, he says, but it does not take the place of oral proceedings to further the rebuilding of the churches. To visit members in another city is impossible, according to the recent report, not only because there are travel restrictions but also because the problems of lodging and food are too great at present.

Mr. Bruhn goes into some detail in describing the conditions under which our people have existed during the war years and are now living.

Since 1939 it has been impossible for us to buy things as we would have liked to. For example, we have not been able to buy a pair of shoes; it is the same with clothing. Our shoes are so tattered that it is hardly worth while wearing them. If we take them to the shoemaker to be repaired, we have to wait months to get them back. Then sometimes when we ask for them, he tells us that he has been robbed and all is gone. So we walk around in the old ones.

We haven't been able to buy whole milk—only skim milk. Now we get one pint of skim milk a week for one person. Eggs are scarce, too. We

received the last egg four months ago. They promise us one now, but as yet we haven't got it. The worst thing of all, though, is the sore need for shortening. One person gets fifty grams (1.6 oz.) a week, and we are unable to buy anything without stamps.

If we go to the farmers (and some don't have anything themselves) and are lucky enough to get something, it is usually taken away from us by the control official. Now you understand why every one of us has lost from thirty to forty pounds in weight. We are all suffering from undernourishment, and the mortality rate is exceedingly high.

Added to all our misfortunes, we have had such bad weather. The whole summer has been continuously wet and cold; never before have we lived through such a summer as this! And now we face our second hard winter, and we do not have any coal. Two hundred pounds per person has been promised us, but we cannot count on that since they promise so much and give so little. Few people have enough wood with which to cook food. Gas and electricity are very limited, and as yet cannot be had in all parts of the city. So you can understand that our home is cold and damp, and everything is covered with mildew.

Vegetables and fish are also hard to get. If one is not at the store in time waiting his turn many hours beforehand, he must wait again until the next distribution. All this takes so much of the time and interest of the people that they do not have the time they should have for the word of God and the spiritual life. We are really back in the time of the Thirty Years' War [1618-1648] without any hope for better times in the near future—and apparently no one seems to wish us to have a brighter future to which to look forward.

In closing his letter Mr Bruhn explains that he has told about the present circumstances under which they live because they are innermost in his heart. Without any question, we who do not have to face such conditions fail to realize fully their seriousness or their far-reaching ramifications.

To comprehend completely may be impossible, but to show a Christian spirit of brotherhood and understanding is imperative.

With the intention of unifying denominational effort along this line and helping to get relief supplies to Germany as soon as possible, a definite program of action is in the process of formation. Headed by the Conference Committee on Relief Appeals, this program will probably make use of the facilities and techniques already developed by the Irvington Church people. They have volunteered to assemble, and mail properly, relief items for Germany.

A representative group of denominational leaders, meeting in Plainfield to consider ways and means, felt that cash to purchase food

for immediate shipment is the most imperative need. In their judgment such a procedure would get needed relief to the people more rapidly than collecting and packing gifts in kind. That type of sharing can come later, for during the months ahead there should be a regular and steady flow of food, clothing, shoes, and other such items.

To get the program started without delay, several humanitarian minded laymen and ministers have financed the sending of night letters to a number of our home churches, telling them of the urgent need. The hope is that these churches will give generously right away and that other churches will follow the example as time goes by.

A place will be designated soon to which goods may be sent, so that the shipments may be distributed to all our people over there as equitably as known addresses will allow. Gifts of money for German relief can be sent through the treasurer of the denominational budget, L. Milton Van Horn, Milton, Wis.

In addition to material supplies, these needy people—and distressed people everywhere—deserve our prayers. Let us pray that justice may be done, that Christian ideals may be given a chance in actual practice, and that real and lasting peace may finally come.

MAKING HISTORY

The first monthly special issue of the Sabbath Recorder has been printed and distributed. It was a historic event, we sincerely hope, marking the beginning of increased service by the publication to the denomination and the inception of a period of growth for the denomination.

In spite of numerous threatened difficulties, the November 4 issue came nearer meeting desired specifications for color and content than we dared hope. Chances are that forthcoming specials will follow a similar general pattern, constantly improving as you, the readers, make helpful suggestions.

To fulfill their mission these specials must be distributed widely. They are designed to inspire people in living the Christian life and to interest outsiders in becoming Seventh Day Baptists. If outsiders are to be reached, every church member is going to have to help.

As a beginning we suggest that every subscriber agree to take at least one extra

copy of the monthly special issues—the next one will be published December 2—and see to it that some neighbor or friend outside of the denomination receives the magazine. A number of people may wish to contract for extra copies and sell them. The price per copy is ten cents.

Several standing orders for extras have already been received, including an order for ten and another for six specials each month. Won't you join with others throughout the denomination in this added effort to promote our interests?

Send your order immediately. Preferably, make your order for a year in advance. That will simplify our bookkeeping. Order as many as you feel you can profitably distribute each month. We will have to limit the number of copies printed to the orders on hand. The covers for the December issue will go to press within the next few days. So, if you want your extra copies of the specials to begin with the next issue, mail your request right away.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT SAYS:

It was a thrilling experience for the Conference president to sit down with the secretaries and representatives of denominational

AVED TO UERVE agencies—the men who will be contacting our churches this year—and to listen to one after another tell of the plans of these boards for the coming year. These men are young and full of enthusiasm, every one of them

loyal and consecrated. Those present at the specially called meeting in Alfred were Rev. David Clarke, Rev. Victor Skaggs, Rev. Leslie Greene, Rev. Harley Sutton, and Rev. Marion Van Horn.

After presenting proposals for field work and possible itineraries for visiting our churches, we went back over the plans to make sure there would be no conflicting dates or church fields that would be neglected.

Plans were drawn up for the printing of a desk calendar of coming events, dates, and projects of the boards. The calendar, it is expected, will help keep denominational activities in co-ordination. At the same time it will help our pastors and denominational leaders to be informed of the projected plans of the boards.

One of the most creative phases of this conference was a frank discussion of the work of each board and a sharing of ideas as to how our common task of presenting the gospel of our Lord can best be carried forward by each division of the total work as represented by our boards.

We were unanimous in commending the Commission for their foresight in suggesting this meeting, the wisdom of General Conference in approving it, and the assistance of the boards in making it possible. We recommended that such a meeting be held again next year, except that we hope the Conference president will call it earlier—thus the boards will have the information about tentative plans of other boards as they make their own plans in the early fall.

It was an inspiring experience to catch the total picture of all the work we are doing and hope to do. It was a humbling experience to realize that we do not work alone and that we are dependent upon each other as boards, churches, and Christian workers.

Everett T. Harris.

Ordination service held for rex zwiebel

On Sabbath day, October 26, at the Hebron Seventh Day Baptist church at Hebron, Pa., occurred the ordination of Rex Zwiebel, pastor of that church.

Rev. David S. Clarke led the opening devotionals. Dean A. J. C. Bond then took charge of the ordination council made up of representatives of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of the Western Association.

Pastor Rex Zwiebel presented a statement of his Christian experience and beliefs. These were found satisfactory to the council.

After a tureen lunch to which over two hundred people sat down, the ordination service was as follows: Prayer and invocation, Rev. Harley Sutton; ordination sermon, Rev. Albert N. Rogers; "The Lord's Prayer," sung by Clayton Stearns; charge to the candidate, Rev. Everett T. Harris; charge to the church, Rev. Charles Bond; prayer of dedication, Rev. Wayne Rood; welcome to the ministry, Rev. Ralph Coon; benediction, Rev. Rex Zwiebel.

Alfred Interestingly Described by Visitor

- Characterized as a Stronghold of Denomination

66 A LITTLE LATE for a trip to Alfred you may say: not at all—just the time to begin Lit by reading about that good old king who is honored over there where the Appalachians begin, and of all the things you may see some day on the way to hear a carillon concert at three on Sunday, or seven-thirty on the eve of the Sabbath, that is, Friday at sunset, as King Alfred would say." Thus wrote John B. MacHarg in the Alfred Sun about a year ago. Mr. MacHarg had recently attended the inauguration of a personal friend of his, Dr. J. Edward Walters, as eighth president of Alfred University. He described interestingly not only his journey from Rome, N. Y., to Alfred, but things of interest about the university and the village. After mentioning the various other departments of the school, he had this to say about the theological department:

Alfred University has also a School of Theology, housed in part in a dainty little building called the Gothic, a good example of that phase of architecture of the fickle '50's that is worth going a long way to see; and you should not miss the chaste Anglican chapel, occupying one of the twin wings of this snow-white home of faith, and suggesting the broad-mindedness and undenominational character of Alfred University. Founded and fostered by members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which the village of Alfred is a stronghold, the university now has less than 5% of its students of that denomination, and religious services are provided for Catholics, Jews,

and Gentiles, alike. Saturday is a holiday on the Hill, but a most carefully kept Sabbath for the town, with shops closed tight till sundown.

Of all the things to see in Alfred, the writer listed the Steinheim as particularly rewarding a visit.

The Allen Steinheim Museum at Alfred is one of the oldest and most unusually remarkable of all the small museums of America. It is like a castle of the Rhine, hidden away on the hillside, where it just grew, the lifework, and yet a small part of the lifework of Jonathan Allen, the second president of Alfred. It grew from the soil for more than eight thousand boulders, selected with wisdom from the glacial drift, are embedded in the outer walls and turrets. Within are eight hundred specimens of native woods, most oddly wrought into the panels and lacey decorations of the interior. And exhibits? Simply an amazing jumble of about everything God or man has produced on this earth, the unique, the rare, and the common-place, all packed in together! It is also an impressive mausoleum, for a Grecian urn enshrines

ALFRED UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT GOES OVER THIRTEEN HUNDRED

Total enrollment of Alfred University this year is a little more than 1,300. There are 456 students in the Liberal Arts College; 364 in the Ceramics College; 6 in the School of Theology; and 63 in evening extension classes. The rest are enrolled in the Agricultural Technical School.

Out of the total enrollment, 29 are Seventh Day Baptists. Other religious preferences listed include the following: Catholic, 156; Methodist, 109; Jewish, 89; Presbyterian, 80; Episcopalian, 66. There are 27 denominations represented in the entire student body. This includes 4 Hindus, 1 Sikh, and 1 Moslem. There are 457 veterans.

Of the students in the School of Theology, three are college graduates, and therefore are candidates for the advanced degree. Three are not college men, but are of mature age -around thirty-and are mature in mind. They will receive a certificate of graduation when they have completed their studies. One student is a Methodist.

"The quality of the students," says Dr. A. J. C. Bond, dean of the school, "is an encouraging feature of our school this year."

Seventh Day Baptist young people have organized and meet Friday evenings in the Gothic Chapel. Their officers come from New York, Rhode Island, and Alabama.

the ashes of marvelous old Jonathan and his faithful wife.

"Best of all at Alfred," says Mr. MacHarg, "is its carillon, the choicest in all the world." He goes on to explain how intricate an instrument the carillon is, describing its construction, and how difficult it is to play, being perhaps the most difficult and exacting of all musical instruments. Out of some forty such instruments, the writer selects three as most famous: those of Bruges in Belgium, the Bok Tower in Florida, and the Riverside Church in New York. However, it is pointed out that Alfred has the only ancient carillon of the New World, cast by master craftsmen in 1674.

The bells are works of art with more than interesting inscriptions and designs. Fortunately too, down there in the oil and gas country, an open tower of wood was built and the bells are completely exposed. Then too, unlike any other carillon of this country, the bells are hung, not on frames of steel, but on ancient beams of oak from Belgian forests.

The setting of the tower there on the hillside beside a chapel and the old Steinheim, is right, and the carillonneur, Dr. Ray W. Wingate, professor of music, is a master of the bells he loves. He is an athlete too, for the playing of a carillon in shorts and tennis shoes makes basketball seem a leisurely sort of exercise.

It is almost incredible to believe what a man can do with feet and fists at the clavier of a carillon. The hand notes are struck by the heavy callouses of the underside of the little fingers.

Constant tuning is necessary, for an hour or so before recitals, and between numbers so far as possible. Any use, and even slight changes in temperature, are likely to cause noticeable discords. A bell once perfectly made, remains forever true, but it has, at least, five tones dependent upon the position of the clapper and it is the mechanism of the console and the metal cables that must be continually adjusted.

The writer concludes by stating that although he has gone far and wide to listen to the "heavenly melodies, runs, and trills of the carillon," he is sure that the bells of Alfred are the most beautiful.

NEW SCHOOL ON ALFRED CAMPUS

Besides having a privately endowed Liberal Arts College, Alfred University is a part of the great educational system of the State of New York. The state maintains the New York State College of Ceramics of Alfred University and one of the institutes of applied arts and science—the Agricultural and Technical Institute. Blueprints for new buildings

"HIGHER" EDUCATION

Moral development is greatly needed in a democracy. I have often thought that the word "higher" in higher education should refer to something greater than our mortal level of education. Alfred University was chartered on a broad literary and religious foundation, with the help of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, to provide a liberal education. Many of the colleges of religious origin have lost much of their religious emphasis, and religion has become less a part of the student's life. We hope, however, that this situation does not and will not exist at Alfred. In this country we have freedom of religion, but it seems to me that once a student has freely chosen his religion, he has a responsibility to participate in that religion of his free choice, whether he be Protestant. Catholic, or Jew. . . .

Can we not emphasize in college the broad band of common belief and our common need of religious solitude, of church attendance, and the participation in the activities of our creed, including prayer and the reading of the Bible, and of the practice of other common religious precepts? This broad, religious life, it seems to me, should be made more genuinely a part of the students' existence. — Dr. J. Edward Walters, speaking at his inauguration as president of Alfred University.

in both of these departments have been drawn up and are now a part of the university's proposed building program.

During the past year a new school was brought to the Alfred campus. On July 1 arrangements were completed so that the School for American Craftsmen, formerly located at Dartmouth College, became associated with the Liberal Arts College as a part of the new Fine and Hand Arts Division.

REV. ERLO E. SUTTON BECOMES PASTOR AT BOULDER

After serving as pastor of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist church for nine and twothirds years, Rev. Erlo E. Sutton has become pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Boulder. Forty-two per cent of the present membership of the church have been added during this pastorate at Denver, and the losses have been few.

Pastor and Mrs. Sutton go to Boulder with the goodwill and best wishes of most of the people of the church and community, as was demonstrated by a meeting held in their honor in the auditorium of the church, with an excellent program, at the close of which they were presented with a liberal sum of money.

Their new address will be 1840 Grove St.

Alfred Young People Win Attendance Banner

Association Fellowship Rally Held at Nile

"Alfred Wins Attendance Banner." That might be one way of saying that the largest number of young people from any church came from Alfred to an Association Fellowship rally at Nile, N. Y.

Following out plans made by officers of the Association Fellowship and representatives of the churches, the rally was held at Nile Sunday afternoon and evening, October 20, with nearly sixty young people and leaders present. Many of them came from Hebron, Alfred Station, Alfred, Little Genesee, Nile, and Friendship.

At the afternoon session there were reports given by the Association Fellowship officers, and from the youth groups represented. Gordon Sanford of Little Genesee, who with his wife serves as counselor for the fellowship, urged the young people to make it their own meeting, and suggested some possible ideas for future programs.

It was voted to set up an executive committee composed of the officers and a representative from each church.

Plans for special gospel teams were discussed and a meeting of the executive committee was called to make more definite plans.

Stanley Harris and Willard Sutton, of Alfred, were co-toastmasters for the banquet. Talks were given by Clayton Stearns of Hebron, Rogger Baker of Nile, Jeanne Coon of Richburg, and Socrates Thompson, who had just that day arrived in Alfred from the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church of Jamaica, B. W. I. All these talks presented the need for Christian living in every phase of human endeavor.

The program closed with a worship service led by the young people of the Alfred Station Church. The service was based on a colored slide of the picture of Jesus sitting by the lake side. The theme was "Jesus Calls Us."

It was a good rally, and we who were there heartily recommend to other Associations the use of such a plan of youth fellowship, inspiration, and instruction.

REV. ALBERT N. ROGERS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COUNTY GROUP

Other Seventh Day Baptists Assume Positions of Leadership

At the annual meeting of the Allegany County Bible School Association held in Bolivar, N. Y., Sunday afternoon and evening, October 27, Rev. Albert N. Rogers of Alfred Station was elected president for the coming year. Rev. Charles Bond of Little Genesee was elected secretary; Dr. Ben R. Crandall of Alfred, chairman of adult work; and Mrs. Madge Sutton of Alfred Station, chairman of leadership training. Harley Sutton was named representative on the State Council, and Dean A. J. C. Bond, representative on the Social Action Committee of the State Council.

Rev. Charles Bond, Mrs. Leta DeGroff, Virginia Traver, and Victor Burdick, of Little Genesee, conducted the worship service in the evening. Sabbath school teachers and workers from Alfred and Alfred Station were present for the meetings.

This is another illustration of the type of leadership that is furnished by Seventh Day Baptists in worth-while interdenominational work.

It is very important to recognize that there are some things that can be accomplished more efficiently by an interdenominational program and that nothing is lost from the convictions of the separate denominations which join in the co-operative program.

H. S.

"THREE BIG NIGHTS"

ASHAWAY CHURCH OBSERVES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK

"Three Big Nights" was the heading on the Ashaway Church bulletin calling attention to special features of Religious Education Week observance.

The first was an evening of fun and fellowship. There were movies, music, and eats.

The second was a workers' meeting for the Sabbath school. Mrs. Elisabeth K. Austin was present and gave some thoughts relative to teaching. Rev. Richard Crystic of

One of the major tasks of religion today is to give vocational guidance in terms of eternal purpose. We need to push back the paper walls of time and let God's eternal purpose break through. — Charles W. Brashares.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORKERS ATTEND CONVENTION

Mrs. Herbert L. Polan, reporting for the Verona Church and Sabbath school, says that the workers in Sabbath school had a chance to attend the area convention of the New York State Council of Churches held in Rome. Among the speakers were the following: Rev. Bernard Clausen; a man who had been in Germany and knew the conditions there; and one from South America who, with an interpreter, told of outstanding bravery shown by Protestant missionaries there. Especially in one Catholic dominated country, it was reported, there was persecution and lack of opportunity for free participation in the life of the colony.

Mrs. George Davis and Mrs. Alva Warner, who are in charge of the primary depart-

Westerly also spoke about a Leadership Training School to be held in Westerly.

On Friday night, October 4, there was a special preaching service, with thirty-three people present. It was an outstanding meeting.

Sabbath school teachers were urged to visit in the homes of their pupils during the week. There was a consecration service for officers and teachers Sabbath morning, October 5.

Pastor Harmon Dickinson advertised this special week in previous church bulletins, urging everyone to co-operate in making a better Sabbath school. "The officers and teachers are working hard to make it better," the pastor pointed out, "but they cannot do the job alone. They need the help of each one of us. Both the young people's and the adult classes need students. Why not find your place in one of these two classes each Sabbath morning at 9:45?"

The Ashaway school is also boosting the Leadership Training School to be held five Monday nights.

It is important that pastors keep Sabbath school interests before their people in every way possible.

H. S.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

ment, were much impressed with the seminar for workers.

Millicent Williams and Mrs. Iris Maltby also attended the convention, and they, as well as the others who attended, gave reports at a dinner meeting.

The Sabbath school has voted \$25 for the purchase of worship aids such as a stand, candles, and other materials with which to build worship centers.

A number have been attending a Leadership Training School at Oneida, where study groups are being conducted for six Monday nights.

At the suggestion of one of the returned veterans and because of a feeling of need on the part of others, a special Bible study class has been started with Mrs Polan as leader. Three meetings have already been held and the interest is keen.

The sum of \$25 has been sent in for the Second Century Fund since Conference.

Plans are under way to send young people to the pre-Conference and General Conference program next summer.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CORNER

WHY I CHOSE CHRIST

By Eleanor Brooks

(Miss Brooks, of the Waterford, Conn., Church, is a high school student who wants to become a missionary.)

I chose Christ because I need someone who will lead me to that which is worth while in life.

The world needs something besides the atom bomb and rocket ships. It needs faith, honesty, and understanding. It needs to find Christ. He has shown us what it is to surrender one's self in love and service for others. Life holds no more satisfying joy than that found in serving Christ.

I chose Christ because I need someone who will forgive my sins. Many times the tempter paints sin as something very pretty, but we know it is so deadly. It brings much sorrow and heartache. We are all sinners until we are saved through the grace of Jesus Christ. Sin keeps us from being our best, and it

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robs us of that inner peace that comes only from God.

I chose Christ because it gives me joy to serve him. It is a lot more fun serving Christ than to go with the world. There is a great joy in following him. Too many people are not sufficiently consecrated to get a thrill out of serving Christ.

I chose Christ because he is the answer to the world's needs. Not until people of the world are willing to seek and to follow

Jesus will there be "liberty and justice for

I chose Christ because he needs me. Christ wants you too. He has promised his spirit to all those who will follow him and help him in saving the world. He needs my talents and your talents. Christ did not fail us. We must not fail him. Choose this day whether to serve Christ or Satan. In order that we all may receive his blessing, let us reply, "I choose Christ."

MEANS WAYS AND OF HELPING SHUT-INS

BRINGING CHEER

A Program Presented by the Shiloh Benevolent Society

Song—"He Keeps Me Singing."

Devotions-The twenty-third Psalm spoken If you wake up in the morning of a chill and in unison, repeating three times.

1. Ordinary way.

2. Emphasizing all the pronouns referring to yourself.

3. Emphasizing the words that refer to

Singing (three prayer songs)—"I Need Thee Every Hour," "If I Have Wounded Any Soul Today," and "Thank You, Lord, for Saving My Soul."

Trio—"The Garden of Prayer."

Poem—"Watch the Corners" (printed elsewhere on this page).

Reading—"Cheer to Shut-ins." About the work of Mrs. Vivian Kimball for shut-ins. (Found in Sabbath Recorder, September 16, 1946, page 212.)

Poem—"Just a Smile" (elsewhere on this page)

Discussion — Helping Shut-ins. Members were asked to call on shut-ins. It was decided to order twenty-five copies of "Victory to Shut-ins" to be given to the shutins. Extracts from the book were read. (See elsewhere on this page.)

A list of the names of nineteen shut-ins was read, and each member present volunteered to call on the one assigned to him.

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt. 25: 40

WOMAN'S WORK

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

WATCH THE CORNERS

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And feel inclined to grumble, pout, or frown, Just glance into your mirror and you will quickly see It's just because the corners of your mouth turn down.

Then take this simple rime, Remember it in time:

It's always dreary weather in countryside or town When you wake and find the corners of your mouth turned down.

If you wake up in the morning full of bright and happy thoughts,

And begin to count the blessings in your cup, Then glance into your mirror and you will quickly

It's all because the corners of your mouth turn up. Then take this simple rime,

Remember all the time: There's joy a-plenty in this world to fill life's cup If you'll only keep the corners of your mouth turned up.

-Sunshine Corner.

Victory for the Shut-in, by David M. Dawson. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids,

This book is to help some shut-ins "glory in their infirmities." 2 Cor. 12: 5.

God does not send suffering to his children, but he permits it, and uses it to produce most magnificent Christian characters.

Prayer is the greatest resource of any life; and shut-ins can especially enjoy its privileges.

Intercession gives us the privilege of taking our unsaved loved ones into the presence of Jesus Christ.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

WAR WROUGHT ENORMOUS CHANGES IN LIVING

By Mary Fowler

Although statistics are as yet too meager for a final determination, they seem to bear out the idea that woman's new role in the working world, enlarged by the war, has increased the crime rate among women, says a statement, "Is a Crime Wave Coming?" prepared by the American Historical Association. They explain: "Women commit only a small proportion of crimes in normal times. Murder is almost the only crime of violence in which they are likely to figure. There are almost no women robbers or burglars. The woman criminal depends on deceit, fraud, and the use of sex appeal as a rule, rather than on strength, skill, or agility. Students of criminology have always assumed that one reason for this state of affairs was the fact that woman's role as wife, mother, and housekeeper sheltered her from many of the con-

JUST A SMILE

The thing that goes the farthest toward making life worth while,

That costs the least and does the most, is just a pleasant smile.

The smile that bubbles from a heart that loves its Will drive away the clouds of gloom and coax

the sun again. It's full of worth and goodness, too, with manly

kindness blent; It's worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a

There is no room for sadness when we see a

It always has the same good luck, it's never out It nerves us on to try again, when failures make

The dimples of encouragement are good for me

It pays the higher interest, for 'tis always merely

It's worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a

A smile comes very easy, you can wrinkle up

A hundred times before you can squeeze out a

It ripples out, moreover, to the heartstrings that And always leaves an echo that is very like a hug.

So smile away. Folks understand what by a smile

It's worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a cent.

flicts and temptations that confront men But the war wrought enormous changes in women's lives." The Association believes that full employment, eradication of slums, and racial and religious tolerance will do much to combat crime.

Liberia is the scene of a gigantic struggle between the American-Liberian nominally Christian woman and the pagan woman of the native population, according to Bishop Willis J. King, American head of the Methodist Church in that land. He points out that each group is influencing the other, but that the pagan group, larger in numbers, is pulling the Christian women to a lower level of civilization. Both groups are relatively helpless in the face of the changing social order, the bishop says, due largely to lack of educational opportunity and economic insecurity. "The only hope for womanhood in Liberia is of lifting both groups to the complete level of the Christian conception of home and family," he adds. The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church is making a beginning in establishing a hostel for Christian girls in Monrovia. — Reid.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The quarterly church meeting was held recently. The moderator announced that Roy Lewis, W. T. Hutchins, and Pastor Ehret had been named the committee to see about getting some bulletin boards to place near the church for advertising purposes.

A large picture of the head of Christ is soon to be placed at the front of the church, it was announced. This project was started by the Homemakers Class in Sabbath school, which is taught by Mrs. Ehret.

It was voted to purchase a new carpet for the choir rostrum. It was also voted that the moderator, A. M. Stillman, the secretary, Mrs. R. O. Babcock, and the pastor be named a committee to investigate the possibility of having Conference here in 1948, this being the 75th anniversary of the founding of our Correspondent. church.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 23, 1946

Paul in Athens and Corinth Basic Scripture—Acts 17: 15-28a; 18; 1 Corinthians 1: 22-31; 3: 1-15; 15 Memory Selection—2 Peter 3: 18

"I hope that God . . . will lead in all of the work of our people that we may faithfully fulfill our mission as He has planned it."

Valuable Information Revealed About Mission in China

By Dr. Grace I. Crandall

ODAY I received a letter from Mr. Coon of the Bank of Milton in which he gave me some very happy news about the Conference. He told me about the number of delegates present and of the raising of the full budget for this year.

It has been many a day since I planned to write you, but I have been slow about carrying out my resolutions. When I wrote you last, I was planning to go to Liuho soon for an extended stay, hoping to open a small clinic there. I knew I was not well enough to take up out-call work and all the demands which come with it, but I thought I might be able to help quite a bit if I worked only at the church.

However, before the date came on which I had planned to go out, I was flat on my back in bed again. Same old trouble. Just as I was getting rather down and out, Dr. Esther came home not too well herself, but not sick enough but that she could begin on me immediately with intravenous vitamins, glucose, etc. Two days later, Dr. Lincoln Pan, who happened to be in town, came in, and they together gave me a pint of dried blood serum intravenously. I happened to have a supply on hand which a good friend had turned my way. In two or three days I was doing finely, and Dr. Esther was well and had been granted a two weeks' vacation, all of which she spent unselfishly helping me get on my feet again. Me-ling was also home and helped in caring for me. You see my "bread upon the waters' is coming back to me.

By the way, Dr. Lincoln Pan is on his way to America—maybe already there, since he started on September 3. You will probably see him if he gets as far east as Ashaway. He hopes to visit Alfred. The Baptists are sending him, and he will probably be gone

Dr. George Thorngate, IV (Briar), is now here with the Navy. I am afraid that his reintroduction to China hasn't been too fascinating. He came right in the midst of our terribly hot weather, which lasted about

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two months. The last few days the weather has been cooler, and I hope he will find it a grand relief. He was here a couple of days ago.

I understand that you had a full report from T. M. Chang, which I hope reached you in time for Conference. The drive for funds which was made here has already resulted in the receipt of CNC \$5,000,000 plus. That sounds like a lot of money, but it is not so much as it was when it was first received because exchange has gone up or down, depending upon which currency you are talking about. When the money first began to come in, CNC \$5,000,000 amounted to about U. S. \$2,475 at the bank rate of CNC \$2,020 per U. S. \$1. But now it is about U. S. \$1,562.50. It is in a bank drawing about 6% per month now, but I fear the interest will not keep up with the depreciation unless it is spent pretty soon. It will not buy much, anyhow. Dr. Palmborg gave me permission to use that Industrial Mission account, which has been in my hands, for repairs and needed expenses at Liuho. I have repaid all I borrowed from it. It seemed needful, if we were to keep possession of the church property, to build some bamboo fence about the back yard. There is already a long stretch of hedge at the back part. It is a thorny hedge and not easy to penetrate. So I built fence only where there was no hedge. Then the men who have been so faithfully caring for the property have had no wages for four or five years or more; so I felt I must pay them something.

Our old cook, who has been a servant of ours for twenty or twenty-five years, died just before the war ended. He had been in charge of the hospital property and had been unable to keep people from tearing it down. His widow is living, and I paid her some money once or twice. Then Mr. Dzau and

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Rev. William L. Burdick, Ashaway, R. I. Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer, Westerly, R. I.

his wife had to go out with me when we took back the church from the school which has been occupying it. That took traveling expenses. The money I exchanged for these things was at the old rate of CNC \$2,020 per U. S. \$1. I had to buy a few supplies for the house—window glass and a few other small things. The whole thing has cost to date U. S. \$243.12. The fence alone was about U. S. \$160. Things are terribly expensive. I shall have to spend some other sums out there as soon as I am able to go out, but I shall take the money from this same fund. I will give a more detailed report when I send in a financial report at the end of the year.

Work in Liuho

When it became evident that I could not go out to Liuho to take up any work there, I requested that someone should be appointed to go out and help in evangelistic work each Sabbath. The young people of the choir became quite interested, and some who went out started a little Bible school for the school children Sunday mornings. There has been a quite enthusiastic response from the children. Then the church decided that they would be responsible for someone to go out each Sabbath; sometimes it will be some of the church people and sometimes some of the choir. They will stay overnight and conduct both services. Of course, this entailed putting some furnishings in the house. None of us who have lived in Liuho have any furniture of any kind; so things had to be bought. They counted that between now and Christmas they would need about half a million dollars. That seemed like an extremely large sum to me—and it is, for it is U. S. \$150; but camping out does not appeal to people over here as it does to us, and they felt that they must have things more or less comfortable if they were to ask the church members to help supply services there. This money will come out of the money raised in this drive, I suppose. I am glad, anyway, that the services will be held.

The Bible woman has gone out twice, the pastor once, Me-ling and another choir member once, the Bible woman's son once (he is choir leader), Su Vung-kyoen (Helen Su) twice, and some others. I hope their enthusiasm will keep up until we can find someone who can pastor the church. The church members there are showing a good interest and there is quite a bunch of children who seem quite interested. I think also that it is a good thing for the church here to feel that they have an evangelistc center outside of their own group here.

I was glad to see the recommendations of Dr. Thorngate at the board meeting. I agree with him that repairs come first, but I am afraid that at the rate things have been going U. S. \$2,000 will not be nearly enough. Mr. Chang told me that they had already done U. S. \$6,000 on the school buildings and on the Burdick-West house. The job is not nearly done. Of course, the school will pay a good deal; but when it is divided up, I am afraid the appropriation will not cover it. You see we have not done regular repairs for years, and every bit of the woodwork was cracking and being worn down because the paint was all gone. As the Ningpo paint is as cheap as other paint now and is much better, we decided that it was a good time to Ningpo everything. It lasts much longer than other paint and in the long run will be much more economical. There is a big amount of work which has not yet been touched; so I have no idea how much it will cost in the end, but it seems absolutely necessary to preserve the wood.

I am very glad for the second item of the recommendation, for I feel that next to the medical department the evangelistic department is most in need of a general supervisor. The man who comes I think should be the official representative of the board and have a chance to know what is going on in all departments. Of course, he will need to be a man of tact with a good endowment of the Holy Spirit, for his position will not be an easy one. But I do hope and pray that a man of God may be found for this position.

Parsonage Needed

The parsonage is an immediate necessity; that is, as soon as it can possibly be arranged. And as to the city building, we feel here that one of our greatest needs is for some residences for workers in that building. Our Bible woman hasn't had a decent place to live all through the war, and she is, I think, our most faithful and truly unselfish worker, a real living testimony to the reality of God. We should have two Bible women for Mrs. Koo is overworked all the while. There is no other provision for their homes unless in the city building.

I am so glad that the people are coming to the rescue so wonderfully, and I hope all departments of our work may be pushed and that we more and more may rise to the great work that would be ours if we were willing to ask God's leading fully. There is no limit to the resources of God and He will provide for all that we are willing to do. May He raise up workers who shall be fitted by Him for the tasks that must be done.

About the medical work, if a clinic is to be opened at Liuho, a doctor will have to be found. I cannot do it. I am sure of that now. I am only trying to hold on until other workers come, and then I must take my retirement for I am not earning the salary which the board has so generously granted

me. I am sorry that I have not been able to do more work.

I have given up the English teaching I was doing. Some of it was work for some of the children of our own families, and they have finished their work, have passed the exams I was preparing them for, and are in regular school work. My two pay pupils, two college people, I stopped because I supposed I was going to Liuho. Now I shall not take on any more as long as I am working for the mission.

I hope that God will greatly bless all the work of the board and that He will lead in all of the work of our people that we may faithfully fulfill our mission as He has planned it.

A VISIT TO FAMOUS BLARNEY CASTLE IN IRELAND

By Venita Vincent (Continued)

BLARNEY CASTLE, County Cork. This castle, famous in song and story, is the third castle to be built here. The first was a hunting post of Dermont McCarthey, King of South Munster. The second was built A. D. 1200; and the third, A. D. 1400.

Blarney Castle was long the residence of the younger branch of the princely race of the McCartheys, Lords of Muskerry, Barons of Blarney, and Earls of Clancarthev. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth it was the strongest fortress in Munster. In 1696 it was treacherously taken, and the reigning King William demolished all the fortifications except the tower.

The castle now consists of the massive and imposing donjon tower one hundred twenty feet high and a lower portion which is less substantial. (A donion in an ancient castle is the most strongly fortified part, and it usually contained a prison or dungeon.) The castle was finally purchased in 1701 by Sir James Jeffries, who became Governor of Cork.

At what time the Blarney Stone obtained its reputation is hard to discover. Here are some of the many legends. Lord Clancarthey when a prisoner was required to surrender his castle, and though professing his willingness to do so, always evaded by some plausible excuse—hence the term, blarney, for a plausible tongue.

Another story is that Cormac McCarthey, a descendant of the Kings of Munster, chanced one day to save an old woman from drowning in the lake. She told him to keep and kiss a certain stone in the wall, and he would be endowed with a golden tongue, which would influence man or woman, friend or foe, as he pleased.

A third and pleasing legend is the one about Robert Bruce, King of Scotland, who sent the stone to Cormac McCarthey in return for assistance at the Battle of Bannockburn.

All Irish people claim that Jeremiah, the prophet, brought this "Jacob's Pillow" and set it up on Tara Hill. The "Blarney Stone" may indeed be said to be famous.

The present proprietor of Blarney Castle, Sir George Colthurst, is descended from Sir James Jeffries.

To visit a real castle of the middle ages and Blarney Castle of all castles! How wonderful! I shall return, according to Irish legend, with the eloquence and poise of a lady if I but kiss the Blarney Stone. This I am determined to do, little realizing how difficult the task is.

Entering the castle doorway, which was just a small arched opening, the guide led

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

us into a high-ceilinged room—bare, damp, dark, and dusty. Every bit of the place was made of stone; not an inch of wood did I see, except the main door. There were no doors to the rooms; evidently drapes of some kind were hung in the openings.

The guide took us up some circular, stone stairs fixed so that one huge stone would balance on another with no support underneath. This is considered a masterpiece of masonry, and it surely must be to have lasted for over three hundred years. Even looking at the stairs, it is quite a puzzle to understand how they were made. Rooms led off from the stairs at all sorts of angles. You entered one room and passed through it into another, usually going up or down two or three steps to get into the next room. Remember, all the rooms were joined together like a maze—dark, dusty, empty rooms —with no hallways or doors, just archways of stone.

Since it is a feudal castle, there were many small nitches in the walls by tiny windows, where those guarding the castle from the enemy could lie down and throw missiles from the windows.

When we had climbed the one hundred circular, stone steps, we at last emerged on the catwalk at the top of the castle. Around the catwalk, which overhangs the castle walls, is a high stone wall and at the base of the wall are holes through which missiles could be dropped on a besieging enemy. It was through one of these holes I had to drop, grasping iron bars and doing a back bend, the guide holding my heels, in order to kiss the Blarney Stone. Several have been killed attempting this feat. The stone was much like an enormous pillow, dented in the center where the head would lie, and it was dark from centuries of weathering.

From the roof we could look down into the inner courtyard and see two other catwalks at different levels of the castle's interior. We returned to the front courtyard by going down through another newer wing but very much like the one we had just seen

And so ends my castle adventure.

Dear Venita:

I feel as if I had been taking this castle adventure with you. When you spoke of dropping down to kiss the Blarney Stone, I

almost held my breath. I am afraid the guide would have had to hold more than my heels if I had been in your place.

Sincerely, Mizpah S. Greene.

Obituanies.

Coon. — Cordelia, the daughter of Ai and Miranda Van Horn, was born in Welton, Iowa, January 5, 1867, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Hemminger, of Gypsum, Colo., early Sabbath morning, August 24, 1946 — General Conference Sabbath.

On May 14, 1893, she was married to D. Burdett Coon. To them were born three daughters, two of whom survive her: Mrs. Tacy Brackett of Manhattan, Kan., and Mrs. Gladys Hemminger of Gypsum, Colo. Her youngest daughter, Mrs. Beulah Bevlin, died in 1944.

Mrs. Coon was a sister of Theodore J. and C. Columbus Van Horn, ministers in the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, as was also her husband. She and "D. B.," as he was lovingly called by many friends, were faithful workers among our churches and on mission fields, serving in the latter capacity a number of years in Jamaica, B. W. I., as well as on home fields. Her husband died in Boulder, Colo., some years ago, and since that time she has had one of the daughters with her in her own home, or has been with one of them. A good mother and wife, and a faithful Christian has gone to her reward.

As the Boulder Church had no pastor, and the pastor of our Denver Church was attending General Conference at Milton, Wis., at the time, the farewell services were conducted in Boulder by a long-time friend and Baptist minister, Rev. Fred. B. Palmer of Boulder, and the body was laid to rest beside that of her husband in the beautiful Green Mountain Cemetery in Boulder. E. E. S.

Warner. — Mrs. Lettie, was born in New London, Conn., February 7, 1865, and died at her home in New London on September 24, 1946, at the age of 81.

Mrs. Warner lived for many years in the Great Neck area near the Waterford Church, with which she united at an early age, and of which she has been a faithful member all of her life.

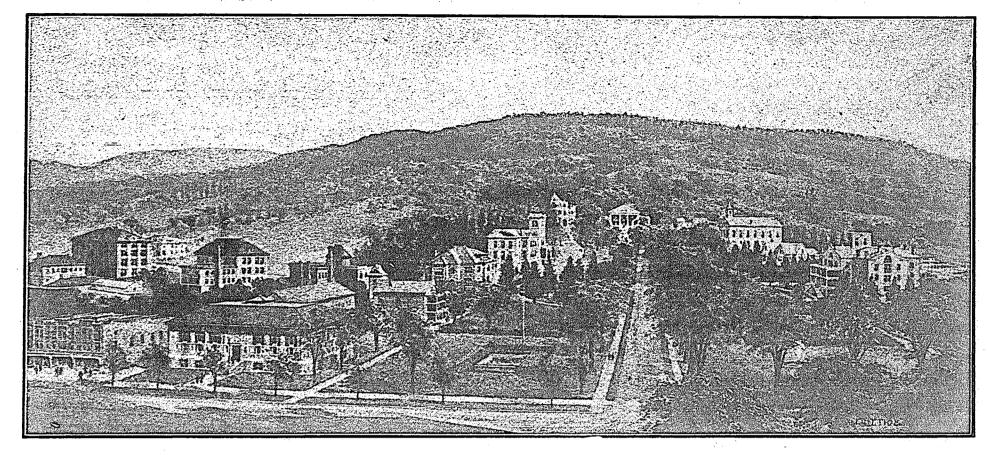
She is survived by one daughter, Miss Ethelyn Warner, also of New London.

The funeral was conducted by Pastor Wendell Stephan. Burial was in Cedar Grove Cemetery. E. W. S.

HELP WANTED AT ONCE

The Bible School Work and Mission at Franklin City, Va., urgently needs five hundred helpers—helpers who will send \$1 each to apply on THE BUILDING PROJECT. If the mission is not to lose its place of worship, \$500 must be raised at once. Ella Mae Davis, who is in charge of the work, says: "Please hurry your gift today, and God bless you for it." Address: Bible School Work, P.O. Box 66, Franklin City, Va.

eeALFRED—with Blue Hills Standing Guard 99



-Cut courtesy Alfred Sun.

With Eyes Half-Closed

[Don Vincent Gray, a Seventh Day Baptist gifted with an unusual ability in poetic expression, penned the following bit of meditation and description. It is reprinted here from a collection of Word Sketches, which takes its name from this selection. The author now lives in Milton, Wis.]

Oft in the friendly dark, when drip disconsolate The slow September rains— When far-off trains deride each other in the night-I am not here, but there, where other eaves Have dripped outside the panes.

Alfred, little town, nestled contented With your blue hills standing guard— Do the raindrops sing as they used to sing,
Strumming a lullaby on terra-cotta roof?
Do the leaf-clogged, rutted trails still lead afar
To flaming maple woods atop the rugged land?
Are the little streams as swift,
With gray and slippery limestone underneath? Or tell me, is the creeping myrtle there
Which garlanded the banks and bridges then?
What of the sentry pines on Steinheim hill,
Which gauntly pointed where they could not go?
Do the snowberries litter the walk In front of the Gothic now?

Does the clock in the village steeple

Strike the hours?

Foolish to ask, For some things never change— The way the grass smells In the spring, The way blue wood smoke curls From chimneys there, The way old Jericho slants upward Through the mist— Old Jericho, that mossy patriarch— How many eons has he been a hill? These are the simple, common, Priceless things—

The things that make monotony A charm. These are the treasures of The truly rich— The things that make a cloister of The heart.

THE TEST OF TRUE EDUCATION

CHICAGO PROFESSOR is reported to have given the following test to his pupils. He told them they were not really educated unless they could say "yes" to all these questions:

- Has your education given you sympathy with all good causes and made you espouse them?
 Has your education made you public spirited?
 Has your education made you a brother to the

- 4. Have you learned how to make friends and to keep them?
- Do you know what it is to be a friend yourself?
- Can you look an honest man or a pure woman straight in the eyes? Do you see anything to love in a little child?
- Will a lonely dog follow you down the street?
 Can you be high-minded and happy in the meager drudgeries of life?
 Do you think washing dishes and hoeing corn just as compatible with high thinking as piano playing or golf?
- 10. Are you good for anything to yourself? Can you be happy alone?

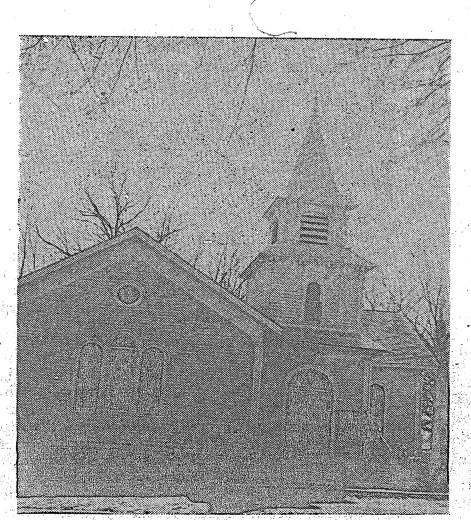
 11. Can you look out on the world and see any-
- thing but dollars and cents?
 Can you look into the sky at night and see beyond the stars?
- 13. Can your soul claim relationship with the Creator?

—The United Presbyterian.

The Sabbath

"Christ, the Church, Its Mission"

CEMIANNUAL MEETINGS of the Minnesota and northern Wisconsin churches convened at eight o'clock in the evening, November 1, in the Dodge Center church. An inspirational message by Rev. Orville Babcock introduced the theme, "Christ, the Church, Its Mission." He very effec-



Dodge Center, Minn., Church

tively pointed out that if the church should fail to function in the future in the same outward form as it exists today that there will still be a way to carry on the work of Christ. He warned of the danger of the church living within itself. The church not only must be ready to help pull to safety those who are struggling in the stream of sin, but should also go to the source to see why they are falling into the stream and to do what they can to remedy the cause.

On Sabbath morning the Dodge Center church was well filled for the worship service. Rev. Neal Mills brought the message on "The Power to Overcome." He especially emphasized the need for the in-

dividual to develop the power to overcome within his own life. This must be done by a looking in—an analysis—then, with the help of God, overcoming that which needs overcoming. "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory (Continued on page 364)