

## WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

NILE, N. Y. — On the evenings of November 15, 16, and 17 special evangelistic services were conducted in the Nile church by a gospel team from Houghton College. These young people furnished a variety of special music and gave their personal testimonies. Mr. Gallagher, member of the team and ex-serviceman, spoke each night and also on Sabbath morning. — Church Bulletin.

BEREA, W. VA. — On November 2 the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berea celebrated the completing of its drive to lift all indebtedness on the new church building with a Lord's Acre supper. The Lord's Acre project assumed \$200 of the sum to be raised.

Robert Bond, Ritchie County Agricultural Agent and a member of the Committee on Christian Rural Fellowship of the General Conference, was speaker. Rev. M. C. Van Horn, former pastor of the church and a Lord's Acre enthusiast, was also present and spoke briefly.

ASHAWAY, R. I. — More than sixty-five attended the New England Seventh Day Baptist Young People's Rally held in the parish house on the evening of November 9. Churches represented were Waterford, Westerly, Rockville, Second Hopkinton, and Ashaway.

A fellowship supper consisting of cold meat, scalloped potatoes, potato salad, pickles, cupcakes, and chocolate milk was served, after which a devotional service was held, the following taking part: Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, prayer; solo, "In the Garden," Jesse James; quartet, "Now the Day Is Over," Rockville group; Scripture, Westerly group; prayer, Rev. Paul S. Burdick; address by Pastor Wendell Stephan of Waterford. Miss Hilda Maine was the accompanist for hymn singing.

The evening was concluded with games, and a comedy radio skit by Stanley Burdick, Leroy Burdick, Edwin James, Charles James, and Robert James. — Westerly Sun.

SHILOH, N. J. — The third year of study in a Community Bible Class is under way. Under the leadership of Pastor Lester Osborn, a group from Shiloh, Roadstown, and Bridgeton are studying "Mountain Peaks of

Prophecy," a course from Moody Bible Institute. Upon completion of the examinations, the class members get a certificate from the Institute.

Our radio ministry over WSNJ was resumed on September 5. We are on the air every Thursday morning at 10:45, bringing a program of devotional studies and of discussions of the Bible school lessons.

This is one of the ways in which we are getting our message before people. WSNJ covers a good part of South Jersey.

—Bulletin Extra.

### PUTNAM COUNTY CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Putnam County, Fla., held a forward-looking business meeting at their church the evening after the Sabbath, November 2, 1946.

They called Rev. J. B. Nichols to be their pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Nichols became convinced of the Sabbath truth about ten months ago and united with the church at that time. He was formerly a Freewill Baptist minister and has lived in Putnam County for a number of years. He has conducted the services in the Putnam County church several times since becoming a member, always ready to help out in any emergency.

A beautiful outdoor baptismal service was held October 20. Three people were baptized and afterwards received into the fellowship of the church. They were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Parker and their son, Ludy Parker, who is 16 years of age.

The attendance at the church has greatly increased at the last few meetings, and a very fine Christian spirit is manifest.

The services are held Sabbath eve at 7.30; Sabbath afternoon at 3.00 o'clock, and Sunday evening at 7.30. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services, and a special invitation is extended to all Seventh Day Baptists who are touring the South.

Carraway is a small railroad station on Florida Highway 100, located ten miles northwest of Palatka. To find the church turn across the railroad track at Carraway, and

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## WHAT WHERE

### TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

Sponsored by Jewish educational, religious, and civic bodies from all parts of the United States, there is in the process of formation a secular but Jewish-directed university to be on a campus at Waltham, Mass. A foundation, known as the Albert Einstein Foundation for Higher Learning, has been established as the directing body of the proposed university. The head of the foundation is Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish Conciliation Board of America; other officers and directors include some of the most liberal and best-known Jews of the nation. Dr. Goldstein announces that both faculty and student body will be open to members of all races and religions. Dr. Einstein, approving the project, says it "will attract our best young people, and not less our young scientists and learned men in all fields." —W. W. Reid.

Aggrey, the great African Christian leader, once said: "You can play a tune of sorts on all black keys; but for harmony you must use black and white."

"These are momentous times in India, and significant social, political, and economic changes are taking place in the country," says Principal Marvin H. Harper, of Leonard Theological College, Jubbulpore, India. "The nature of the new national government, the production of food for some 400 million people, the industrialization of a country predominantly rural, the education of the masses—these are some of the tremendous problems confronting India's leaders. As a consequence, the Christian church faces opportunities unparalleled in her history in India. Her whole service is to help produce a leadership worthy of these great tasks, and to undergird the whole movement with the spirit of Christ. There is truly a race on in India between Christ and communism. Many of the acts of violence which have occurred recently in India can be traced to the influence of those who work under the banner of the hammer and sickle. It is the duty of the Christian church to challenge India's workers to adopt the banner of Christ as their insignia. We at Leonard Theological College are grateful for the privilege of training Christian leaders for the new India."

Eileen B. Beath, in the Presbyterian Survey, shared this episode with her readers: "During the first year of the Chinese-Japanese war, a boy of nine years, Chi Chen, was starting for bed when he said to his mother, 'Shall I pray for the Chinese soldiers tonight?' His mother thought for a moment and then replied, 'No, Chi, pray for the little Japanese children whose fathers are fighting and dying in China tonight.'"

"Many, many times I have heard Chinese Christians praying for the Japanese. Hate has never had a place in their hearts. If Christianity can do this for individuals, can it not do it for nations?"

—Maeanna Cheserton-Mangle.

## EDITORIALS

### CHRISTMAS TIME IN EUROPE, TOO

I am a citizen of the strongest, richest, fattest nation on earth, and seventeen days from today it will be Christmas. When I think of my condition, and of the approaching season and what it stands for, and of the position of Europe today, I have a feeling of guilt. I wonder how many others share that feeling?

Writing under the title, "It's Christmas Time in Europe, Too," Richard L. Strout expressed himself in the above words a year ago this time in a Christian Science Monitor article. Suffering across the ocean is just as great now—perhaps greater—than twelve months ago. Americans who celebrate the Saviour's birth with lavish attention to themselves and calloused disregard for others should still sense that feeling of guilt!

Christmas will be brighter and more hopeful for Seventh Day Baptists in Germany (and freer from guilty hearts among our people here), because church members in this country have responded warmly to the recent urgent appeals for help. Gifts of money, food, and clothing have been steadily reaching the Irvington Church group, which volunteered and was designated to handle relief to Germany for the denominational committee on relief appeals.

Monthly reports will be made on the progress of our German relief project. Frank Schober, member of the Irvington Church, who is acting as secretary-treasurer, sent the first statement November 25. While most of the denomination-wide contributions had not yet arrived, his report listed donations from individuals amounting to nearly \$50 and shipments of used clothing to well over 100 pounds. Word reaching the Recorder office indicates that much, much more—both money and gifts in kind—are on the

way and probably have arrived for repacking and mailing by this time.

This adventure in sharing should be continued steadily for the next several months, at least, until winter is past. Send all goods to the pastor of the church, John G. Schmid, 27 Otsego Road, Verona, N. J. He and his group will see that the material is properly packaged and marked, and forwarded right away. All money, now that a sufficient sum has been received to start the project adequately, should be sent through the treasurer of the denominational budget, L. Milton Van Horn, Milton, Wis.

Mr. Schmid is carefully surveying the needs in Germany and compiling data in an effort to make an effective and wide distribution of the relief packages. Heinrich Bruhn, in Hamburg, is administering activities there, with the interest of the whole church membership in mind. As rapidly as mail service permits completing the task, Mr. Schmid's file will list specific information about families and individuals in Germany. Then boxes mailed to the various addresses can be packed to contain clothing and shoes in approximately the right sizes, and items of food can be included to meet special dietary needs.

Groups or individuals who wish to assume responsibility for supplying the needs, or part of the needs, of a church or family in Germany may contact Mr. Schmid for information. His group will forward designated materials to specific addresses as directed, and translate into German any communications, so that the recipients over there can read the messages immediately on receipt. Of course, boxes (meeting government specifications) may be sent directly to addresses supplied by Mr. Schmid. In that

## PIN POINT EDITORIALS

"It is a human weakness to cling to a pleasant falsehood rather than accept an unpleasant truth."

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### Small Beginnings

A teakettle singing on the stove was the beginning of the steam engine.

A shirt waving on a clothesline was the beginning of the balloon, the forerunner of the Graf Zeppelin.

A spider web strung across a garden path suggested the suspension bridge.

A lantern swinging in a tower was the beginning of the pendulum.

An apple falling from a tree was the cause of discovering the law of gravitation.

If you think you can't do very much, and that the little you can do is of no value, think of these things. — Selected.

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"The church suffers because it loses too many week ends."

case, however, he would like to have a report of the amount and kind of relief goods sent. Then possible deficiencies can be made up from other sources. As an additional courtesy to their fellow Americans, the Irvington church people offer to translate letters from Germany. In fact, they are prepared to handle all details in connection with the German relief project. So contact Mr. Schmid for the answers to your questions.

"I have never known an appeal to America's generous heart to go unanswered," concluded Mr. Strout in his pre-Christmas article last year. If that generosity is motivated by true Christian love and means that selfishness is being supplanted by Christ's spirit of self-giving, then Christmas begins to have real meaning. Gold, frankincense, myrrh—food, clothing, brotherly and sympathetic understanding—all are worthy gifts for Christ, then and now!

## SPECIAL ISSUES

A few more copies of the December special issue of the Recorder are still available. They do not help spread the message of Seventh Day Baptists unless they are distributed. Won't you help the cause by ordering one or more extras to give to friends or neighbors? Ten cents per copy.

Of course, Recorder subscribers receive one copy of the special each month as a part of their regular subscriptions. However, \$1 in addition to the usual subscription price will bring an extra special issue each month for twelve months. Why not make your ministry of Recorder sharing a year-round undertaking!

## CONFERENCE PRESIDENT SAYS:

### IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH

Thus far, the Conference president has given his sermon, "Saved to Serve," in four places: Alfred, Rochester, Adams Center, and Shiloh. The burden of the message has always been the same—that the theme of salvation in Christ Jesus is great enough to unite all differences of opinion, factions, and groups among Seventh Day Baptists into one strong, forward-looking people.

SAVED  
TO  
SERVE

It is thought that some among us preach and teach the social implications of the gospel, neglecting the primacy of a deep, religious experience of salvation. It is thought that others stress the blood of Christ and salvation through his precious blood to the exclusion of a real, practical application of the Way of Life as preached in the Sermon on the Mount to the current evils of our day. There may be some truth in both points of view. All right, so it is the truth! What do we do about it? Is it not high time that we show some Christian grace and sense and realize that both points of view are supplementary? We are saved to serve. A religious experience is of no value to God or man unless it is expressed in changed living. Social gospel preaching is worse than futile unless it has within it the dynamic power of a personal religious experience.

Brethren, let us unite and face our common enemies: worldliness, unbelief, drunkenness, crimes of all kinds, intolerance, bigotry, selfishness that rides ruthlessly over others to gain its ends, skepticism on the part of youth who see folks like us wasting time and energy on each other when "the world's on fire." Can we blame them for being skeptical about the power of Christ to save to the uttermost when it hasn't seemed to be powerful enough to help us solve our own problems?

God grant us the fruits of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Seventh Day Baptists this year—such fruits as love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Against such there is no law! Galatians 5: 22, 23.

Everett T. Harris.

## Tract Board Considers Administrative Matters

### Need for Full-Time Worker in Indianapolis

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in regular session in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, November 10, 1946, with President Franklin A. Langworthy presiding, and the following members present: Rev. Hurley S. Warren, Mrs. Frank E. Lobaugh, George R. Crandall, Frederik J. Bakker, Frank R. Kellogg, Paul A. Whitford, K. Duane Hurley, and Lloyd Seager. Mr. Bakker acted as recording secretary.

Regular reports were heard, including the report of the corresponding secretary, the report of the treasurer, and a statement from the supervisory committee. Many items of business were discussed, but no binding vote could be taken because a quorum was not present.

Among other matters, the corresponding secretary reported having had information from the groups in Nyasaland, Africa, reporting sixty-six new converts. These people, it was indicated, show remarkable feeling of oneness with church members in this country.

Secretary Skaggs also wrote in from his field trip concerning his visit to Indianapolis. "It has been a thrill to meet with such sincere people who are earnestly trying to do the Lord's work here," he said, explaining that Leo L. Wright is continuing his activities looking toward the formation of a church. The imperative and immediate need for that field, according to the report, is for a full-time worker. Mr. and Mrs. Wright expect to meet with the board in January to discuss further the Indianapolis work and make plans for the publication of a book which Mr. Wright has written. Editor Hurley read the corresponding secretary's report.

The report from J. Leland Skaggs, treasurer, for the quarter ending September 30, 1946, showed a total on the debit side of \$19,038.35 from the general, maintenance, and permanent funds plus the cash on hand July 1. Cash paid out included \$3,131.27 for Sabbath Recorder expenses, \$735 for general printing and distribution of litera-

© Transfer approved of \$1,000 from publishing house profits to the society for use in religious work.

ture, \$600 for corresponding secretary's salary, and other miscellaneous items to a total of \$5,504.58 for general expenses. The maintenance fund took \$274.76; the permanent fund showed two entries: U. S. Treasury Bond, \$10,000 (the purchase was authorized at the September meeting), and transferred to savings account, \$851.12. Balance on hand September 30, 1946, in all accounts totaled \$2,407.89.

Speaking for the supervisory committee, L. Harrison North, manager of the publishing house, reported authorization of the purchase and installation of three Walton Industrial Humidifiers for the printing plant, together with automatic controls.

"With full control of the relative humidity," the report read, "the system is said to increase production in the pressroom and bindery during the heating season through the elimination of static electricity and the better conditioning of the paper. It adds to the comfort of employees by the elimination of colds and headaches caused by too dry air, and makes a saving in heat because lower temperatures are comfortable with a higher relative humidity."

The supervisory committee also approved the transfer of \$1,000 from the publishing

To hold forth the Word of God, using every printed means possible, is one of the main purposes of the American Sabbath Tract Society. That the world is hungry to hear the Word is symbolically portrayed in this week's cover picture, a Bible Society drawing to call attention to the Worldwide Bible Reading campaign in progress from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

The Tract Society of Seventh Day Baptists is trying more and more to meet its part of the obligation to present God's message. The work is going consistently forward, even though you may not hear about it constantly. Other boards have departments in the Recorder for reporting their activities; the whole magazine, in a way, is a reflection of Tract Society effort, but specific reports are often lacking.

In an effort to present glimpses of current Tract Society undertakings, a section of this week's Recorder is being devoted to reports of actual proceedings at society meetings, reviews of recent accomplishments, statements about activities now in progress, and expressions of hope for the future.

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Mr. Hurley orally presented his resignation as editor of the Sabbath Recorder, subject to the submission of a written statement. He informally explained that his inability to handle the job adequately because of continued eyestrain, and his strong desire to return to full-time service in education motivated his resignation; and that he was making his position known at this time so that ample time might be given to the selection of a successor. He indicated that he would like to be relieved of responsibility about May 15, 1947.

#### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY MAKES EXTENDED FIELD TRIP

Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, is spending two months on an extended field trip in the interests of Sabbath promotion. The trip began October 22 when the secretary went to Alfred, N. Y., for a meeting with representatives of other boards.

According to a report read at the Board of Trustees meeting November 10, 1946, Mr. Skaggs' itinerary included stops at Jackson Center, Indianapolis, Chicago, Walworth, Garwin, Marion, Welton, Cedar Rapids, Toledo, Des Moines (to meet with J. Marvin Juhl and to attend the National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country), Milton, Milton Junction, Albion, Berlin, (Wis.), White Cloud, Battle Creek, Adrian, Beaver Falls (Pa.), and Salemville. He expects to return to Plainfield on December 15.

In making plans for his trip, the secretary arranged a notebook of pictures of pastors, churches, schools, missions, boards, and lay leaders. He also prepared a sample notebook of tracts now available, and carried with him over five thousand tracts for distribution, as well as samples of most books, copies of the new song book, "We Glorify Thy Name," several Ten Commandment charts, and other Tract Society literature.

I have always believed in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, whereby they have become the expression to man of the Word and Will of God.  
—Warren G. Harding.

#### TRACTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED EXTENSIVELY IN SOUTH

##### Committee Plans for Immediate Construction of Tract Racks

A large number of tracts have been sent by the American Sabbath Tract Society to the pastor of a seventh-day church in Kentucky for distribution by him in the South. The action was authorized by the Tract Society's Committee on Distribution of Literature, meeting in Shiloh, N. J., November 17, to discuss a number of matters referred to the group by the Board of Trustees at their November 10 session.

Bert Van Cleve, the Kentucky minister, had inquired about the cost of a quantity order of four tracts particularly: "Facts," "Pro and Con," "The Sabbath in the Bible and History," and "Who Are These Seventh Day Baptists?" The committee recommended that five hundred each of these be sent to Mr. Van Cleve, at no expense to him, with the understanding that when these are distributed and reported on, the matter of payment for future quantities ordered be taken up with him by the board.

The Shiloh Church sent also five hundred copies of "By Grace Through Faith," this being a tract published at its expense.

Acting in the light of favorable response from the churches, the committee is soliciting bids for the construction of fifty tract racks, to be built as soon as possible. The cost, it was estimated, would probably be from \$2 to \$2.50 each. Since the letter from the corresponding secretary to the pastors about the matter said nothing about the cost to the churches, the committee recommended that when the orders are filled the churches be invited to pay if they are able; otherwise, the society is to furnish the racks free, especially since the main purpose of the project is to encourage wide distribution of literature.

The sending out of Bible Sabbath Association calendars to Lone Sabbath Keepers was discussed by the committee, and it was felt that good might be accomplished by doing so. The details of mailing were left to the discretion of the staff at headquarters, where the calendars are being printed for the association by the Recorder Press.

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#### Shanghai Schools Remained Open During War Years

(A report written by Principal T. M. Chang and condensed by George B. Utter)

PREVIOUS to the outbreak of war there were two Shanghai Seventh Day Baptist schools, boys and girls. The situation changed with Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, when the Japanese took over control of everything in Shanghai. Classes were temporarily suspended, but schools were allowed to open after a week, and our school was able to finish the first term as originally scheduled.

Officials decided that because of the occupation the work of giving proper education to the youth was most important and "should not be left to take care of itself, or in the hands of those who would be only too eager to fashion and control the thinking of growing youth in a way that would serve them best." It was decided to continue "our work in the usual way as long as possible. Our missionary friends had found it inadvisable to remain as members of the school boards," and a new school board was organized which took over the two schools under one administration.

David Sung became chairman and "at the first meeting I was asked to be the principal, and in that capacity have served up to the present."

The main policy during the war was to keep the schools in operation. For mutual assistance, the leaders kept in close touch with other mission schools on friendly terms—"with all parties with whom we had to deal."

After the reorganization, the school consisted of two departments, the high school and primary school with a kindergarten attached, both coeducational. In the high school were senior and junior highs, each with a course of three years. There were thirty or thirty-one sections in every term. There has been a faculty of fifty members and very little change in the personnel throughout the war.

The report goes into detail then as to those who were in charge of the different departments. There were no missionaries in the war-time faculty. "We were all very much grieved to see our missionary friends going to the camps."

#### MISSIONS

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

Each year during the war there was a large enrollment. The total enrollment in 1942-1943 averaged 1,259.5, and in 1943-1944 1,341.5. There was a drop in 1944-1945 to 1,184.5. For the present year, 1945-1946, the first term had 1,202; and the second, the highest record, 1,459.

"It is interesting to note here that those figures in a way quite accurately reflect the changing tide of the war and the corresponding local changes produced in Shanghai." For instance when war operations were pushed to the Mariana area, Shanghai was pleasantly startled, and we longingly but quietly watched for further progress. When war was brought to the Formosa and Okinawa regions, still closer to the China coast, Shanghai was jubilantly shocked and began to smell of gunpowder, and to get ready, of course in secret, for the long expected landing of Allied forces and for liberation. Air raids were becoming more and more frequent. More and more people left the city for places of greater safety in the country. Principal Chang explained:

There were more and more talks of dispersion of schools and children, and a few schools, mostly orphanages, actually moved away. That was, at least, a partial explanation for the smaller enrollment in the year of 1944-45. The returning of some of the classroom furniture which had been stored with us by other schools near by, and which we had been using, reduced our seating capacity to some extent. And after the wear and tear of all those years, some of our own furniture was getting into a condition beyond repair, and as the prices were too high and our financial resources too limited, we had no means to replace them, thus reducing our seating capacity still more. These facts also affected our enrollments. Anyway, in pursuance of our policy of keeping the buildings constantly used and fully occupied, we took in as many as facilities permitted, and had to make use of every piece of usable furniture, broken or borrowed, every term during the war period. Each term we had to turn away many applicants who would come if admitted. At the beginning of the last term, however, we did make about two hundred fifty sets of classroom furniture, making possible the highest enrollment just reported.

"The war-time curriculum was essentially the same as at peace time. The study of the Japanese language was added as required by the local powers." The school secured a professor from the Shanghai Baptist College and was not obliged to have a Japanese on the faculty as was required in many other schools.

Thousands of students were aided by relief which came from a number of Shanghai organizations and businesses. The buildings were posted as being "enemy property and as such nothing was to be removed from them without their permission."

On investigations "we made our stand quite clear: We would tell the truth when asked, and we would hold on to the property as long as possible. We insisted that the school was a Chinese school, long registered with the government and under Chinese management for many years. At last the property together with those of other missions was formally turned over by the Japanese to the Nanking regime and the same regime in turn handed it over to me as principal of the school for custody. Thus in comic fashion ended our long and protracted struggle for the property, but it ended only for a few months. In April, 1945, Japanese troops used three of the buildings and gave us three days notice to evacuate, and stayed there for 157 days." He continues:

Now as to the present conditions of the buildings, I would say that they are all in fairly good condition, but need extensive repairs. During the war period we had taken care of repairs as much as our financial conditions allowed, but that was very little when all necessary repairs are considered. Although the school closed last term with a deficit of about U.S. \$700, we have now already started on the repairs, thinking that for the sake of the buildings it is not advisable to wait any longer. The bill for the repairs this time will be a big one, totaling about U.S. \$6,000 and I hope that the Mission Board will help us out as much as possible in this matter. A special report shall be given on repairs in the near future when the work is finished.

In the line of equipment there is very little on hand that I can report, but there is much that we are in need of today. We have only five microscopes, when thirty are needed. We have only one laboratory, and a very dilapidated one, too, for biology, chemistry, and physics, when three separate laboratories, each larger and better equipped, are called for. We need a workshop, well equipped with modern appliances, for manual

training for the boys, and a "model home," a sort of home economics laboratory, for the girls. I shall not elaborate on our needs, but suffice it to say that our needs in equipment are indeed great. In the library we have fewer books than we used to have, for we had to burn and destroy many of them during the period of occupation for the sake of safety. Therefore, books are needed, books on all subjects, but especially on science.

Now we come to the important subject of war finance in the school. We received no subsidies of any kind from any source, but had to depend entirely on tuitions. As war progressed, the value of the local currency became less and less, and we had to charge higher and higher tuitions term after term. In fact, a revision every six months was totally inadequate to keep abreast in a race with the constantly rising cost of living which changed almost daily at an accelerating speed. We received more and more tuitions, our teachers got higher and higher salaries, but everybody was poorer and poorer and found the burden of living more and more unbearable. It is rather disappointing that since the conclusion of the war there has not been much improvement in this direction.

I must include here that toward the close of the first term of the last year, on account of the difficult conditions under which our teachers were struggling, we requested and received, through the kind service of Mr. John Barr of Medhurst College, the sum of CNC \$518,400 (equivalent to a little more than U.S. \$250) for teachers' relief. The school board also raised CNC \$500,000 for the same purpose. And not to be outdone by others, the student body got busy too, and by means of three performances of a drama, raised a sum of CNC \$400,000 for teachers' relief. And during the last term, we received from the Municipal Bureau of Education about CNC \$1,300,000, from the United Church Committee through the China Christian Educational Association CNC \$400,000, and from the Mission Board through Dr. Grace Crandall CNC \$240,000. From the above mentioned three sources, we received a total of CNC \$1,940,000, equivalent to about U.S. \$1,000, all for teachers' relief. I have also received from the Mission Board through Dr. Crandall CNC \$394,000 for the school, and CNC \$246,250 for myself.

This concludes my report for the school. Looking back through all those years, I feel that it seemed but a dream, a bad dream, a dream full of anguish and anxiety, of struggling and suffering. Many times we were discouraged. Many times we were despondent. But every time we heard that distant Voice calling and instructing us, "Why are ye fearful? O ye of little faith!" That Voice gave us strength and courage, and at last, enabled us to go through the ordeal. In profound gratitude and reverence, I wish here to thank God for his bounteous grace and loving care over us in the past, and I pray that our Lord will guide and lead us in all the days to come, to those greater tasks that are already awaiting us in the arduous work of building up a new nation, peaceful and strong, upon the ruins of a war-torn and devastated China.

"Will you pray . . . that we may be led wisely in guiding our children."

## Young Mothers in Lost Creek Organize Study Group

By Lucille Bond

IN THE EVENING on July 11, 1946, a small group of young mothers from the village of Lost Creek, W. Va., met at the Seventh Day Baptist church to study a course entitled "The Children We Teach." It was the intention of the instructor, Mrs. O. B. Bond, to approach this subject with the idea that the parents are the teachers and examples in the home, thus being co-workers with Bible school teachers and others who work with children.

We used two excellent books in our study: "Children Need Adults," by Ruth Davis Perry, and "Our Little Child Faces Life," by Mary Odell. Also used quite extensively were copies of the magazine, "The Christian Home," which became such a favorite among those who read it that there are now six homes subscribing to it regularly.

We had assigned readings from such helpful books as "The Home and Christian Living," "Through Children's Eyes," "Problems of the Christian Family Today," and "What Is Teaching."

Study of our course began with the poem, "Building a Temple"; each member of the class was given a typewritten copy for future reference. On the sheet was printed this quotation: "The home is the child's first pattern in love. So the home should widen with the years and become a part of the child's relation to other people."

The objectives for the class were decided upon as follows: (1) To help this group of mothers feel they have a definite part to play in helping their children grow religiously; (2) to help them understand how children form attitudes; (3) to help them acquire some definite ideas and help them to use these ideas in the home training of their children; (4) to help them realize how important it is to better equip themselves to be wise and helpful guides for their children; (5) to help them have an awareness of ways and means of helping their children grow through co-operation with teachers and other parents; (6) to help them feel the need of assisting in working out a church

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

program which will co-operate with the home in developing children according to God's plan for them.

We feel that our objectives were fairly well realized. However, many problems came up which were only partially solved, and there arose a desire for the continuation of study. So we have organized a Mother's Study Class, meeting the third Thursday night in each month.

At our first meeting we decided to use the "Study Course for Parents," in the Christian Home magazine, and the November meeting was devoted to a discussion about building a family library. Each member has decided to buy a good book for parents, to read it, and pass it around.

To date we have purchased the following books: "Bringing Up Ourselves," by Helen Gibson Hogue; "It's A Wise Parent," by Mollie and Russel Smart; "When Children Ask," by Marguerite Harmon; and "Children Have Their Reasons," by Ruth Wendell Washburn.\*

Our group is composed of six members at present, but we are hoping and planning to interest others. If it is impossible for young mothers to attend our meetings, we endeavor to help them by loaning our books and magazines to them, and by making home visits.

It was suggested by one young mother of three children that we try to interest young married women before they have a family. She herself would have been very happy to have known, before the problems came up in her home, some of the things she has learned in our class.

We would be very glad to get suggestions from other Mothers' Study Groups or other

\* Information about such books is found on page 30 in the October, 1946, issue of the Christian Home, published by the Methodist Publishing House, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tenn. This issue is also full of other very helpful information.

interested persons. Will you pray for us at Lost Creek that we may be led wisely in guiding our children in their Christian growth and living.

Mrs. Bond was surely a good teacher for this First Series course. There were three of the group who earned credit cards, which means completion of the required number of hours in class work and reading. Two of these people received their first Certificate of Progress this year and are now on the way toward the second certificate.

Too much cannot be said about the importance of churches conducting such classes for training Sabbath school teachers, parents, and other laymen for work in the church. H. S.

### IMPROVING SABBATH SCHOOLS IS DISCUSSION TOPIC

A good representation from the Brookfield and Leonardsville Sabbath schools met at Brookfield, Wednesday, November 20. The subject for discussion was, "How to Improve Our Sabbath Schools."

Secretary Harley Sutton led the discussion. A set of slides, "The Good Samaritan," was used in the opening worship. Another set, "Improve Your Teaching," was used to show the need for every teacher to become a better teacher. These two sets of slides may be rented from the New York State Council of Churches library, 75 State St., Albany, N. Y., for fifty cents per set.

Leslie Welch, superintendent of the Leonardsville Sabbath school, and others from that church were present. Francis Palmer is superintendent at Brookfield. Mrs. Herman J. Palmer is the children's teacher.

Mrs. Palmer has developed an interesting "finger painting" technique which can be used in Sabbath school work. She demonstrated it for me while I visited in her home.

It is always a stimulating experience to me when I have a chance to visit with Rev. and Mrs. Jay Crofoot; so the visit with them this time seemed all too short, since I was there just one night.

### BIBLE SHOULD BE CENTRAL IN FAMILY LIFE

By Emily Taft Douglas  
Representative-at-Large, Illinois

The dangers of war led tens of millions of Americans to find strength in the Bible, in prayer, and in the church. Now that the victory over external foes has been won and our loved ones have returned, we need continued strength to resist temptations toward selfishness, prejudice, and hate. We need help to transform the spiritual backwash which sets in after a war, into a creative force which will spread active good will.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE HELD AT FIRST HEBRON

A First Series Leadership Training Course has been given at the First Hebron Church. Class sessions were held Friday night, November 29, and Sabbath afternoon and evening, November 30. Rev. Harley Sutton was the instructor.

Some of the problems of the Sabbath school discussed were the following: reaching the unreached, holding those who come, variety in worship services, home and church cooperation, planning an all-year program, need for regular meetings of the church to discuss the Sabbath school and make plans, a Sabbath school library.

These meetings were appropriately held in the new parsonage, made so very homelike by the Rex Zwiebel family.

Carl Maxson, who is a student in the School of Theology at Alfred, gave the Sabbath morning sermon, using as his subject, "The Dimensions of Love." It was an inspiring message from the Word of God, illustrated from the speaker's own experience and his reading.

### FELLOWSHIP NEWS

**NILE.**—The Young People's Sabbath School Class of Nile is planning to pack boxes of clothing and other suitable articles for the needy in Holland and Germany. These will be sent to Seventh Day Baptist leaders in these countries. — Church Bulletin.

**RICHBURG.** — The Richburg Young People's Sabbath School Class is planning to hold a class party on the evening after the Sabbath, November 9, at the home of Miss Onnalee Saunders. — Church Bulletin.

I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without a Bible. — William Lyon Phelps.

I believe all of us should set aside definite times during each week when we read the Bible aloud in our family circle. We should also read some of the fine contemporary books which tell the Bible story. Nor should we allow the cares and anxieties of life to deter us from seeking corporate help from the churches.

These are not matters which we can relegate to the margins of our lives. They should be central; for unless they are, we and our children are likely at crucial moments to make wrong choices which will sully us as individuals and as a nation.

### Former Chaplain Begins California Pastorate

Had Assignments in Almost Every Branch of Service

Captain Leon M. Maltby, placed on terminal leave from the Army Chaplain Corps October 17, has become pastor of the Riverside, Calif., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The chaplain received his Army appointment on October 23, 1943, and reported for active duty November 5 of that year. Since that time he has had assignments in almost every branch of the service, including anti-aircraft, air force, infantry replacement, twice with armored forces, quartermaster corps, cavalry, a general hospital, a separation center, and the transportation corps. He estimates that during his military tenure some 40,000 men and women have looked to him as their assigned chaplain.

After graduation from chaplain school, Harvard University, Chaplain Maltby went to Camp Haan, near Riverside, Calif., headquarters for the 40th Antiaircraft Artillery Group. In February, 1944, he transferred with that unit to Santa Maria Army Air Field, also in California, remaining until July, when he was assigned to the 797th Antiaircraft Artillery (Airwarning) Battalion back at Camp Haan.

The last three months of 1944 were spent on special duty with the 1885th Service Command Unit, Camp Howie, Tex. From there he went to Fort Knox, Ky., serving with the 14th Armored Group until March, 1945.

After that he served ten months overseas in the South Pacific, first with the 194th Quartermaster Battalion, his last station being with the 526th Quartermaster Group in the Tokyo-Yokohama area.

Back in this country, the chaplain has had a number of periods of varied duty, the first for several weeks at Rhoads General Hospital at Utica, N. Y. Immediately after leaving New York State, he was given temporary duty at the separation center at Fort Dix, N. J. In eight days War Department orders sent him to the 2nd Armored Division at Camp Hood, Tex. There he was given work with special troops of the 4th Army attached to the armored division.

Chaplain Maltby's last military assignment was at San Francisco, Calif., where he was sent to help ease the shortage of chaplains

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Now pastor of the Riverside, Calif., Church, former chaplain, Captain Leon M. Maltby, is pictured here with a communion and altar service he made from shell cases while in service in the South Pacific. The photograph was taken while the chaplain was stationed at Rhoads General Hospital.



# Ignorance Concerning the Bible — A SERIOUS PROBLEM OF OUR TIMES

A FEW MONTHS AGO the head of a girls' school told a gathering of church women that a great many young people of today are facing the world without faith in God or religion because of the squeamishness of schools regarding the Bible. "There is an appalling religious illiteracy among young people of today," she said. "Religious skepticism among young people is due not to unbelief but to ignorance."

Neither religious leaders nor educators are happy about the situation. In many places they are working together to make a familiarity with the great teachings of the Bible a part of every child's education.

A number of schools and colleges are adding courses on the Bible to their curricula. There is widening interest in public Bible reading during opening and closing exercises. A number of states have passed laws and several others are considering legislation which permits children to be released from public schools and go to churches of their own choice for regular religious instruction.

Churches are also doing what they can to fill in the spiritual gap left in the public education of our children. They are constantly improving their Bible school and vacation school programs. They are taking great pains to train capable teachers. They study the findings of our child psychologists and employ eagerly the teaching methods advanced by our foremost American educators.

The children themselves have indicated in various ways that they, too, are aware of their spiritual undernourishment. Extracurricular Bible study classes have been organized in some places at the initiative of students much as ping-pong clubs and poetry clubs frequently are. In one small town in Ohio, the local Hi-Y club took upon itself last year the ambitious program of promoting Bible reading among Greenfield High School pupils.

An organization whose members are pledged to carry Testaments on their persons at all times reports that a sizeable crusade of child-to-child evangelism is abroad among high school students. The boys and girls are asking for Bibles, says this organi-

## WOMAN'S WORK

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

zation, and they are giving them to their friends to read.

College students, too, are worried by their Biblical illiteracy and want to do something about it. The most recent indication of this is in a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the National Intercollegiate Christian Council comprising students and staff members of YMCA's and YWCA's representative of seven hundred colleges in the United States.

"Bible study ought to have a more important place in our movement," the council voted in a resolution which directed its committee to develop suitable Bible study materials.

This year as last year many schools are joining in the observance of the worldwide Bible reading campaign of the American Bible Society to encourage daily Bible reading—further evidence that the great textbook of life, the Bible, will not always remain outside the walls of our American schools.

—American Bible Society.

### "HOW READEST THOU?"

[Alta Grieshaber is conducting a series of Bible studies for members and friends of the Riverside, Calif., Church. The following poem was used as an introduction to the course.]

It is one thing to read the Bible through,  
Another thing to read to learn and do.  
Some read it with design to learn to read,  
But to the subject pay but little heed.

Some read it as their duty once a week,  
But no instruction from the Bible seek;  
While others read it with but little care,  
With no regard to how they read, nor where.

Some read to bring themselves into repute,  
By showing others how they can dispute;  
While others read because their neighbors do,  
To see how long 'twill take to read it through.

Some read it for the wonders that are there—  
How David killed a lion and a bear;  
While others read it with uncommon care,  
Hoping to find some contradictions there.

Some read as if it did not speak to them,  
But to the people at Jerusalem.  
One reads with father's specs upon his head,  
And sees the thing just as his father said.

Some read to prove a preadopted creed,  
Hence understand but little that they read;  
For every passage in the book they bend  
To make it suit that all-important end.

Some people read, as I have often thought,  
To teach the book instead of being taught;  
And some there are who read it out of spite.  
I fear there are but few who read it right.

But read it prayerfully, and you will see,  
Although men contradict, God's words agree;  
For what the early Bible prophets wrote,  
We find that Christ and His apostles quote.

So trust no creed that trembles to recall  
What has been penned by one and verified by all.

—Author Unknown.

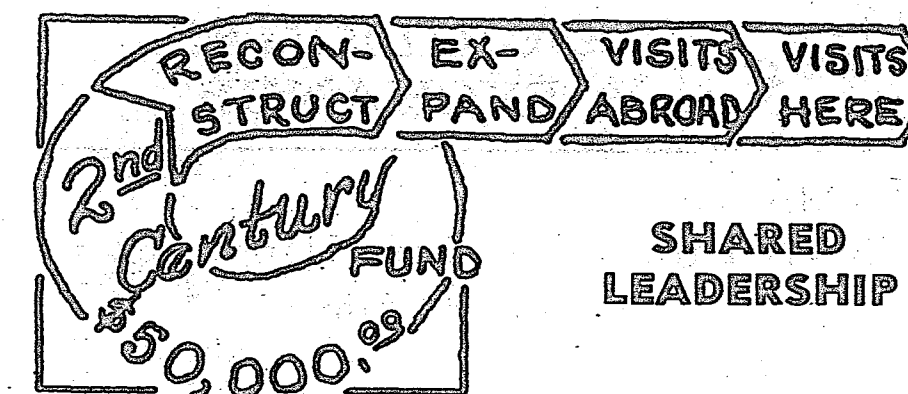
### BOOKS SUGGESTED FOR MISSION STUDY

(Revised List)

Behind Mud Walls .....	\$1.00
India at the Threshold, by L. Winifred Bryce (Out of print)	
With Silver Wings (play) .....	.25
Our Country Is India, by young Indians and their leaders (Compiled by Rebecca Wells Loeffler) .....	.75
Discussion and Program Suggestions, by Cannon .....	.25
Portrait of a Pilgrim, by Buell G. Gallagher (Out of print)	
Sense and Nonsense About Race, by Ethel J. Alpenfels .....	.25
Know—Then Act, by Margaret C. McCulloch .....	.25
Speaking of India, American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations .....	.25
Twentieth Century India, Institute of Pacific Relations .....	.40
Restless India, Foreign Policy Association .....	.35
Life of a Family in India (Pictures for Primary Groups) .....	.60
Map—Makers of U. S. A. ....	.25
Billy Bates, by Mabel G. Wagner (A story for Primary Groups) .....	.60
Wall Map—India .....	.25

The prices quoted are for paper covers. Orders will be filled by the Publishing House, 510 Wat-chung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

Material for the Woman's Page this week was supplied from the Recorder editor's files. The page editor is suffering from an eye infection. We all wish for her a speedy recovery.—K. D. H.



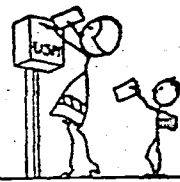
The Second Century Fund Committee has called three pastors to carry on field activity in 1947 in collaboration with the Missionary Society's field program of survey and progress. These three men—Rev. Earl Cruzan of Dodge Center, Minn.; Rev. Elmo F. Randolph of Milton, Wis.; and Rev. Rex Zwiebel of Coudersport, Pa.—came to Westerly November 19 and 20 for a Preparatory Institute.

During the two days, they met with board officers and dug deep for the real needs and opportunities in Seventh Day Baptist progress, and participated in a fellowship supper, and a discussion and slide presentation with the board's members. Our mission in America (which determines our mission to the world) was discussed in its spiritual, financial, statistical, strategic, and organizational phases—and more too!

"Crossing," the letter sent to all pastors and clerks, was a pastor's request for another minister of our denomination to come help him with a visitation evangelism campaign. We have answered his call. Three other churches have replied within the week with various favorable comments. Two of them want ministers to come help enlarge their church programs. Since the three field men are each available for three Sabbaths (with intervening time) in each of two churches, and since the society's assistant secretary is available at any time, there is yet opportunity for your church and community.

Talk over with your pastor what you think your church has opportunity to do, or needs to do to catch up. Perhaps the services of one of these men is just the help you seek in surveying and attacking your kingdom opportunities. The Missionary Society, through the Second Century Fund, is ready to send them to you without cost, and the men are dedicated to our cause.

David S. Clarke.



## OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is a true story about Happy.

### Happy's First Trip

Happy was a little gray and white kitten. She was named Happy because she was given to Miss Carpenter on her birthday.

One day Happy got a special Thanksgiving invitation to the home of Miss Carpenter's niece in Rochester. And what a happy little kitten Happy was when she found out that she was going on a trip with Miss Carpenter to Rochester.

And that is where little Happy is now, perhaps eating some turkey which was left over from Thanksgiving.

Lovingly yours,

Roberta and Eleanor Armstrong.

Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Roberta and Eleanor:

I like your true story very much and think Happy must be a very cute little kitten. Your story makes me think how happy our Joyce's little dog, Blackie, is when he is permitted to take a trip with Joyce. If he is left at home when all the members of the family go away, he is a very cross little dog; and when they get home, they find that (as an expression of his anger) he has brought gloves, stockings, slippers, rubbers, etc., into the living room and spread them all over the floor. Isn't he a funny little dog?

Lovingly yours,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you and all your loved ones feeling? We are feeling quite well ourselves and hope to hear the same from you.

I am sorry that I haven't written to you sooner, but you know that I like to write to you.

We are getting along very nicely in our mission. We are very happy that the Lord has led us to the light of the Sabbath.

We now have a big orchestra playing in our mission every Sabbath. Three of the Pearson boys play wind instruments. Two of them play slide trombones and the other plays a trumpet. My daddy and my brother Ralph both play guitars, and my sister Anna plays the piano. My cousin Eugene plays

the violin. He has just come back from service in Korea, but he is not able to play yet because he hurt his arm while working. We trust he will be able to play very soon.

I really wish that you could hear our orchestra. They all play only for the Lord.

We all enjoy our Pastor Maxson, and we thank our heavenly Father for taking care of Pastor Maxson's wife, Ruby, who has been very ill and has recovered. She now is able to attend our services again.

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

Your Recorder friend,  
Esther Naomi Fatato.

Dear Esther:

I am so glad that you and your loved ones are in such good health; I have the same report for all our family. I, too, wish that I could hear your fine orchestra that I hear so much about from different sources. I am always hoping and praying that some day I may be able to attend the services at your mission.

The Andover Church cannot have an orchestra as our church is very small, but all our young people sing in the choir and one of them is our organist. She also plays the violin and horn and is a leading member of the high school orchestra. We are very proud of her. Her name is Phyllis Burdick. Our other young people are Esther and Edith Drew (twins) and Nedra Burrows, all earnest Christian young people.

I was so glad to hear from you again, for I have missed your inspiring messages.

I am so glad to hear that Mrs. Maxson is able to be out again. We, too, are very fond of the Maxsons, and also of the fine young people and their wives whom Pastor Greene had the pleasure of teaching during the thirty-three years he taught in the theological school in Alfred. They are all serving the Lord with consecration and courage.

That God may bless you, too, and all you love is my wish.

Your loving friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

## TRACT DISTRIBUTION

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A number of manuscripts, contributed as possible tract material, were referred to Pastor Francis D. Saunders and Rev. Lester G. Osborn for reading and consideration, after which they will make recommendations to the committee.

The committee agreed with the board in favoring contributing \$5 weekly toward the support of the publication of the "Sabbath Observer" in London, England. The sum is to be appropriated from funds allocated for distribution work. The Missionary Society is contributing a like amount.

When the corresponding secretary is absent from headquarters for any length of time, the committee voted that the editor of the Sabbath Recorder be empowered to order limited printings of tracts that are out of print or low in stock.

Mr. Osborn was appointed secretary pro-tem for this special meeting. Prayer was offered by Mr. Saunders.

## EX-CHAPLAIN BEGINS PASTORATE

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at the port for transport duty. He was assigned to the Army Transport, David C. Shanks, spending two weeks on shipboard before his discharge. Now on inactive duty, his terminal leave will end December 12. The chaplain leaves the service with the rank of captain, having received the promotion July 1 this year.

A graduate of Milton College and of the Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Maltby was pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Shiloh, N. J., for eight years. He had been pastor of the church in White Cloud, Mich., for four years prior to entering the Army. He arrived with his family in Riverside the last week in November, ready to assume his new pastoral duties.

As off-duty time permitted while he was stationed at various military installations in California, the new Riverside pastor traveled extensively in the state becoming familiar with church work there. He contacted people in Berkeley, Walnut Grove, Napa, Fresno, Reedley, Dinuba, San Jose, Ventura, Long Beach, Los Angeles, and other places as well as Riverside, conducting church serv-

ices or preaching in many of these communities. During his last military assignment from September 4 to October 14 he covered an estimated four thousand miles by bus, private car, plane, and hitch-hiking.

## Marriages

**Staples - Ranker.** — Winfred S. Staples of Northfield, Vt., was married to Mrs. Belle (Boyd) Ranker of Salemville, Pa., at the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist parsonage on November 25, 1946, by the bride's pastor, Rev. T. R. Sutton. The couple and Mrs. Staples' three children are now residing at Northfield.

## Obituaries

**Ayars.** — Alice Annie, was born December 11, 1895, at Richburg, N. Y., daughter of Mrs. Florence Green Ayars and the late Emerson W. Ayars, M. D., and died at Cleveland, Ohio, October 20, 1946, of injuries received two days earlier when she was struck down in the street by an automobile.

Miss Ayars attended Alfred Academy and graduated from Alfred University with a degree in Ceramic Art in 1919. She was awarded an M.A. degree by Western Reserve University, Cleveland, June 11, 1941, and the same year was elected Fellow of the American Ceramic Society in recognition of her outstanding services to the Art Division of the society, and for her professional standing as a potter.

For twenty-four years Miss Ayars was in charge of the pottery of Cleveland Public Schools, and in addition her own creative work received wide acclaim. Her pottery was many times a prize winner at the annual May show of the Cleveland Museum of Art. Her work was exhibited in London, Stockholm, and at the Paris Exposition of 1937, as well as in galleries in America and at the New York World's Fair.

Alfred Howell, director of art for the Cleveland Board of Education, said of Miss Ayars, among other things: "The contribution that Alice Ayars has made to the artistic and cultural life of Cleveland will live in the memory of the thousands who were privileged to come under her influence. We trust that the splendid tradition she has established will be maintained by all who follow in her craft."

Surviving are her mother, and two brothers, Erling E. and Lister S., all of Miami, Fla. Alice was a member of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. Burial was in Miami, in the family plot at Flagler Memorial Park. E. E. A.

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR DECEMBER 28, 1946

Paul Claims the World for Christ

Basic Scripture—Acts 9: 15; 19: 21; 23: 11; 28: 28-31; Romans 1: 13-16; 10: 16-18; 15: 22-24

Memory Selection—Romans 1: 14



## UNUSUAL FEATURES MARK TRACT BOARD MEETING

Varying the usual procedure, the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met for their mid-September meeting in Shiloh, N. J. Regular meetings are usually held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield, but since several of the board members reside in South Jersey, the Shiloh Church issued a special invitation to the group for this session and entertained the visiting members with a dinner at noon on Sunday, September 15.

The meeting was marked by another unusual feature, since the board met without the presence but with the last report of Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn as corresponding secretary. In a note to Mr. Van Horn, the group said:

The board felt a lack. We missed your cheerful aggressiveness, your ready comment, your forward-looking vision, your experience and wisdom. We remembered with warm hearts the leadership of the past years and the good friend we, as individuals and as a board, still have though you no longer officially work with us. We thank God for you and for the years you have spent in his service with us.

A reply from the former secretary was presented at the November meeting. "Though not meriting it," Mr. Van Horn wrote in part, "I am pleased to have it [the official letter], and gratified. My years with the board were pleasant and enjoyable. I sometimes wonder if they were profitable—I am sure less so than they should have been."

In equally humble spirit, the new secretary assumed his responsibilities. Concluding his first report to the group, he said: "I undertake the task in a spirit of humility before its great responsibilities and after the able and consecrated way in which it has been administered. I sincerely seek for your best guidance and the guidance of Almighty God in my endeavors to serve Him."

### OUR WORK

Our work in general is similar to that of some other denominations. The one particular object for which we are striving is to bring to people the truth of the Bible Sabbath in such a convincing way that it shall be accepted and lived. That is our objective in the kingdom's task. . . . I believe, therefore, that the place of the Tract Society is the bringing of men to Christ, or evangelism, and helping them to a closer following of Christ through the keeping of the Bible Sabbath.

Franklin A. Langworthy, President,  
American Sabbath Tract Society.



The matter of proposed calendar revision legislation was referred to Dean Ahva J. C. Bond by vote of the September meeting.

It was also voted in September that since the present editor of the Sabbath Recorder is not eligible to a retirement allowance from the Ministerial Retirement Fund; and since, if he were so eligible, the society would be paying an amount equal to 4 per cent of his salary to that fund; that beginning September 1, 1946, the treasurer be authorized to pay such an amount to an insurance or other company as the editor directs for the purpose of assisting in the purchase of a retirement annuity.

An important concluding matter of business in September was the appointment, by the chairman, of the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

**Advisory Committee:** Frank R. Kellogg, chairman; Asa F' Randolph, Miss Lucy Whitford, Francis D. Saunders, K. Duane Hurley, William L. Burdick, and Hurley S. Warren.

**Committee on Distribution of Literature:** Charles F. Harris, chairman; Lester G. Osborn, Luther S. Davis, Francis D. Saunders, Bert B. Sheppard, William J. Ayars, Victor W. Skaggs, and Lloyd Seager.

**Supervisory Committee:** Nathan E. Lewis, chairman; Luther S. Davis, Courtland V. Davis, Mrs. Frank E. Lobaugh, and Hurley S. Warren.

**Committee on Files of Denominational Literature:** Corliss F. Randolph, chairman; Asa F' Randolph, Lavern C. Bassett.

**Investment Committee:** Paul A. Whitford, chairman; L. C. Bassett, George R. Crandall, Mrs. Wm. M. Stillman, Frederik J. Bakker, J. Leland Skaggs.

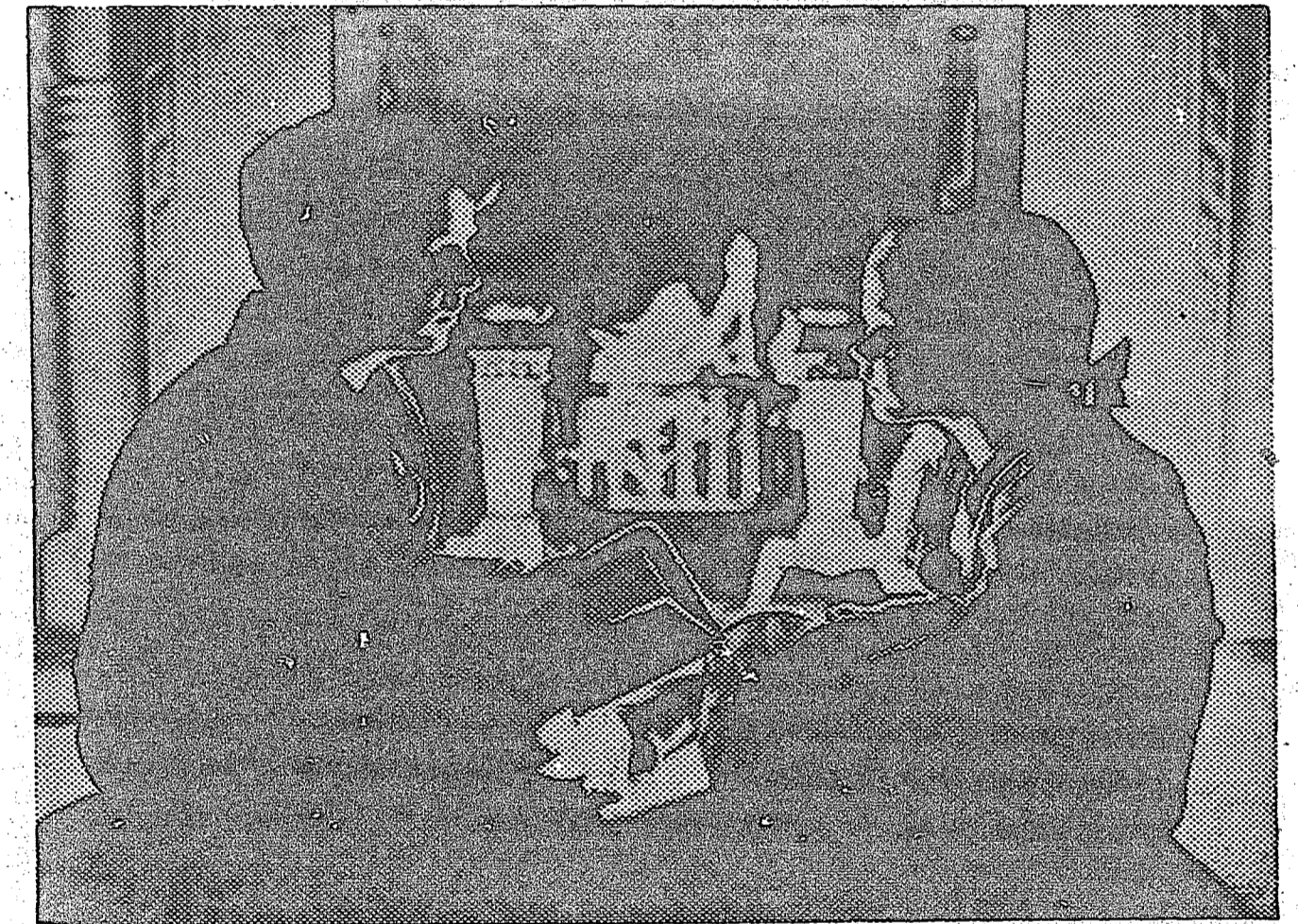
**Auditing Committee:** Asa F' Randolph, chairman; William J. Ayars, Courtland V. Davis.

**Budget Committee:** J. Leland Skaggs, chairman; Mrs. William M. Stillman, Frank R. Kellogg, Asa F' Randolph, Nathan E. Lewis, Lavern C. Bassett, Paul A. Whitford, Charles F. Harris.

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—American Bible Society.

CHRISTMAS, the birthday of the Son of God and the Son of man, is truly a time for family celebration. . . . If Jesus had not come, how would the world have known the sacredness of the home. . . . If he had not come, child life would never have come into its own.

(Read the Christmas sermon, page 449.)

"For of such is the kingdom of heaven"