

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.

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

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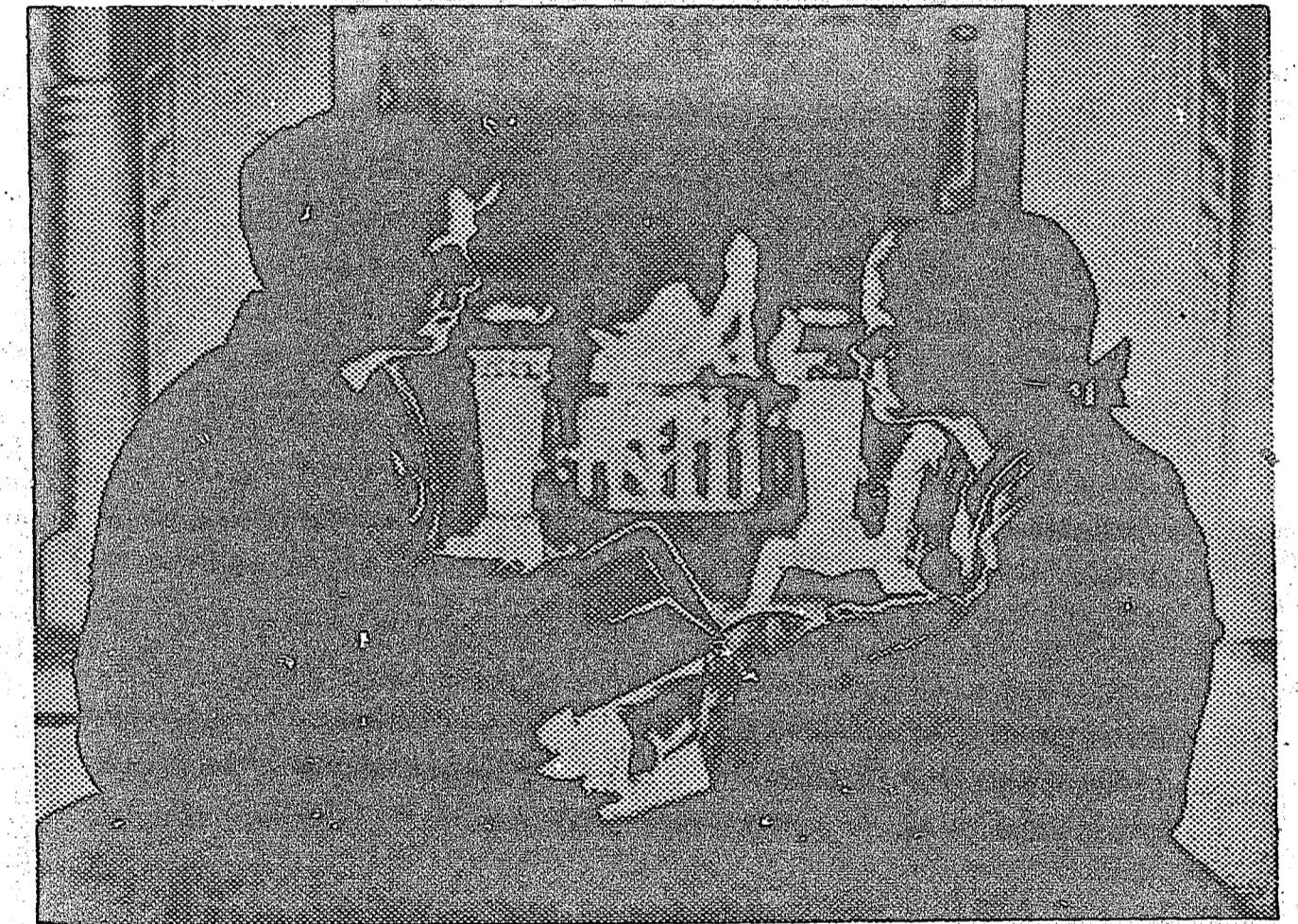
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WHAT WHERE

TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

Increased difficulties facing the chaplains with the occupying forces in the European Theatre of Operations and in the Pacific were described in reports at a meeting of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains recently by two church leaders who have just returned from visits to these areas.

The difficulties under which the chaplains now work are primarily caused by the lowered morale of the occupying troops, the extreme youth and immaturity of the replacement forces, both men pointed out.

"The present fact of plenty of leisure in a place where the steadying influences of the home community are far away has terribly accentuated the problems of drunkenness and sexual immorality," the church observers declared. "The venereal disease rate is shocking, having reached the highest point in the Army's history. The fact that this happens at a time when the Army has been giving increasing attention to medical prophylaxis is a striking indication of the inadequacy of medical measures in dealing with a moral issue. The chaplain represents, most clearly and positively, the forces that stand for moral character. If it was important for the churches to stand behind him during the war it is even more essential now."

However, it was pointed out that in spite of all the demoralizing influences, the attendance at worship services conducted by the chaplains compares favorably with church attendance at home.

An institute for the training of teachers in religious education in both day schools and Sabbath schools has been established by Temple University, Philadelphia.

The movies, a Federal Grand Jury believes, have too many drinking scenes, and urges the motion picture industry to correct the situation.

The jurors sent a letter to Eric A. Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, and said they were "impressed with the large number of criminal cases in which intoxicating drink plays a large part."

"Multitudes of young people and children who attend the motion pictures are faced with the portrayal of drinking scenes in almost every picture," the letter said, and this "exerts a tremendous influence in their accepting and adopting drinking habits, which in many cases lead to crime."

—An Associated Press release.

The Department of Agriculture discloses that the smoking of cigarettes by Americans has increased 50 per cent since the beginning of the war. Considering this fact together with the report of the National Safety Council that smoking has become one of the biggest national fire hazards, and the word of health officials that an increasing number of human ills can be attributed directly or indirectly to smoking, many people feel that the time has come to take drastic steps to combat the practice.

EDITORIALS

THROUGH THE YEARS THE SAME

"Let us go even now unto Bethlehem."

Through the years the Christmas wish of Christian people has been the same—that the Light which came into the world at the time of the Nativity might be given opportunity to shine more brightly and more universally throughout the world.

Random glances at back December issues of the Sabbath Recorder, for example, reveal a striking unanimity of thought on the part of editors and contributors from year to year.

1879—The believer's peace is like a river for continuance. Look at it, rising as a little brook among the mosses of the lone green hill; by-and-by it leaps as a rugged cataract; anon it flows along a fair valley. . . . And even thus, come night, come day, come sickness, come health, come what will, the peace of God which passeth all understanding will keep the Christian's heart and mind, through Jesus Christ. — Spurgeon.

1894—We cannot approach the day set apart to commemorate our Saviour's nativity without having our hearts stirred with a profound sense of God's love as revealed in the grand work inaugurated on that eventful night when angelic hosts proclaimed to the astonished shepherds that Christ was born in Bethlehem, when they tuned their harps to the matchless song of "Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth, good will to men." It is the event we celebrate, the fact of the incarnation and its meaning to this sin-darkened world. And what a dark world it would be were there no Christ, no Saviour from sin; but how luminous since this day-star from on high has dawned upon it.—Mrs. C. M. Lewis.

1902—No one fact is more important in the history of Christianity than that Christ came into the world as a human child. . . . Around the cradle of the Babe of Bethlehem the world is not only one, but in a large sense existence is one, and God's presence in human life is the one abiding fact, and heaven and earth are made more nearly one than at other times.—A. H. Lewis.

1907—As Christmas day approaches, all eyes turn toward Bethlehem. . . . Jesus was born in this town, and the greatest heroes of Bible story lived and labored here. This is enough. With all these we are satisfied, and so long as life shall last, the memory of these will help us to make real

the Bible lessons connected therewith.—Theodore L. Gardiner.

1917—When the Wise Men of old saw the Christ-star, their hearts overflowed with joy, and the gifts they made to the Christ child were real expressions of love and devotion. . . . If Christmas is regarded as merely a day when one receives gifts and feels bound to give in return it is robbed of the real spirit that brings blessing. But if something of the Christ-spirit fills the heart, if the gift of God suggested by the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem is remembered with gratitude, then even icy hearts will be softened, the spirit of love revived, souls will be more generous, and the ties that bind hearts to one another and to Christ will be strengthened.—Gardiner.

1933—What's that! "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour." The soul of Christmas is here in the announcement of the angel of heaven to the shepherds of Bethlehem—not the joy in the birth of an earthly prince; not the force of an ideal or the encouragement of an example—but a Saviour! . . . Shall Christmas not take its meaning from the heart of him who came because he "so loved"? He laid upon the altar of man's deepest need his richest gift—his own love and life.—H. C. Van Horn.

These voices from the past could all appropriately speak for today. As eyes are again focused on Bethlehem, we at headquarters are well aware of the world's condition. It still needs more of the spirit of Christ.

We comprehend, at least in part, the suffering to which some of the world's population is now subjected; we know that dark thoughts still fill the minds of too many people, and lamentable deeds are the chief conduct of an overwhelming number. Millions have not yet heard the Christmas story with all of its glorious ramifications, and therefore have no basis for better conduct now or greater certainty for the future. And we realize, too, that some of us who know and believe often times fall far short of the ultimate in action and attitude.

So, the Recorder staff would like humbly but sincerely to add their voices to the mes-

sages of hope that have been ringing down through the years, with a personal wish for each of you—and us—that the love, and peace, and generosity, and joy, and confidence, and Christ-mindedness of Christmas will fill all future days.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT SAYS:

The birthday of our King is an appropriate time to make an appeal to boys and girls, young and old, to give their hearts to Christ—an evangelistic challenge for definite, all out commitment of our souls to His keeping.

SAVED
TO
SERVE

"O come to my heart
Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart
for Thee."

And Christmas is an appropriate time for Christians to express their love for Christ by giving to the less fortunate people of the earth. One of our churches is to be commended for shipping a heifer to North China to missionaries under the auspices of the Northern Baptist Convention. Many churches are sending clothing to Mr. John Schmid, 27 Otsego Road, Verona, N. J., for reshipment to our German Seventh Day Baptist brethren.

○ the joy of knowing a Saviour at Christmas time!
○ the joy of giving in His name!

Everett T. Harris.

PIN POINT EDITORIALS

It is more blessed to give than to receive.
—Acts 20: 35.

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The Gift

'Tis not the size of the Christmas prize
Its cost or wrapping, is it?
But the love that lies in the Giver's eyes,
That makes the gift exquisite.

O may your heart swing wide apart
As gates to gardens do,
That God, Who gave the Christmas gift
May give Himself to you.

—Thornton B. Penfield, Jr.

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The gift, to be true, must be the flowing of the giver unto me, correspondent to my flowing unto him.
—Emerson.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY RECEIVES VALUABLE "GIFT"

Entire Library Reorganized,
Reclassified, and Catalogued

A gift valued at more than \$300 has just been made to the library of the School of Theology at Alfred University. This is a dollars-and-cents estimate in terms of man-hours of skilled and technical labor devoted to the huge task of organizing, reclassifying, and cataloguing the three thousand volumes in the seminary library by Rev. David S. Clarke of Westerly, R. I., Prof. Wayne R. Rood of the seminary faculty, and Ronald Hargis, Theodore Hibbard, Allie Jones, Carl Maxson, Charles Roberts, and Socrates Thompson, students at the School of Theology. The significance of the accomplishment in terms of increased efficiency of study is beyond measurement.

Since the middle of September each one of the three thousand volumes has been assigned a designation in a new classification system, placed on the shelves in order with other books of the same group, given its new classification number, equipped with a pocket and check-out card. In addition, a title and subject card has been prepared for each book and placed in a convenient file for quick reference.

This important task has been accomplished without expense to the School of Theology. The significance of the undertaking received official recognition from the Missionary Society in the assistance of Mr. Clarke for two weeks in November. Under his supervision, teams of seminary students devoted an aggregate of 128 hours to the technical task of classifying books and typing catalogue cards. Previously Professor Rood had spent three weeks in reorganizing the books themselves by subject and author. It is estimated that a total of more than three hundred hours of work is represented by the project.

Even a casual inspection of the library will reveal some important results of the undertaking. Shelves are conspicuously labeled so that it is easy to discover in which portion of the library are the books on theology, the Bible, history, etc. Prominent among the sections is the Seventh Day Baptist Shelf, the almost complete set of Seventh

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Text: "The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." 1 John 4: 1.

God's Supreme Revelation

A CHRISTMAS SERMON by Rev. Leslie O. Greene

ONCE AGAIN we are approaching the delightful season when the family gathers about the evening fire, while father or mother reads the familiar story of the birth of the Babe, Jesus, and plans are made for celebrating this important event. There is no other birth so unique as that one in Bethlehem, centuries ago, when the birth of an infant child was heralded by angelic songs, and when a guiding star brought leaders of other nations from afar to worship him. A life which was to be superhuman on earth had to have a superhuman beginning that heaven and earth might rejoice and worship together.

Christmas, the birthday of the Son of God and the Son of Man, is truly a time for family celebration. It has done more than anything else to cement family ties and impress upon all Christendom what Christ can do in the home to make a happy and united family. Neither children nor adults ever tire of the story of the hurried and anxious trip of Joseph and Mary from their home in Nazareth to Bethlehem; of the inn which could furnish only a stable as a bed chamber for the new-born child; of the shepherds who listened half frightened, out on the hillside at night, to the songs of the angels which told what was taking place in the near-by village; of the wise men who rode their camels a long journey, guided by a mysterious star, to bring costly gifts to an infant who was to become the great spiritual leader of all men in every-land in years to come.

If Jesus Had Not Come

Suppose Jesus had not come to reveal to the world the eternal and infinite Father whose love must draw all men, if they are to be saved from the terrible consequences of sin. Men had been looking to the sun, the moon, the stars, the sea, and the mountains for their help and had felt the presence of a great power of some kind which was able to give some assurance of protection. They had heard God speak through the earthquake, and the fire, and the still small voice, and they knew he was near in unusual and

important moments. They had even seen the angel of the Lord come to impress them with the seriousness of rejection. Often an unseen hand directed them to the way of safety without which guidance they might have been lead to cruel destruction. But none of these experiences was sufficient to satisfy the longing of the human heart. A person was needed whom men could see and to whom they could talk. And God decided to send his Son, and "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

If Jesus had not come, how would the world ever have known the sacredness of the home which he so strongly emphasized in his teachings concerning parents, home, and children? If he had not come, child life would never have come into its own. Children in olden times who were slain for sacrificial purposes or thrown into the river to make appeasement for sin knew nothing of the tenderness of a Christ who took the little ones of his day upon his knees and caressed them. Parents who had never heard of Christ must be taught a deeper sense of appreciation for childhood. And not until this child was born in Bethlehem and grown to manhood, was the admonition, "Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God," ever known.

If Jesus had not come, womanhood would never have reached its present state of emancipation and exaltation. But Christ in men's hearts has given woman in many lands opportunities for self-assertion in social, political, and religious circles. If Jesus had not come to lift her to her rightful place, the home would be void of much that Christmas now gives in loving and joyful fellowship.

If Jesus had not come, countless multitudes would not know the Saviour. The

WOMAN'S WORK

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

world would be without much of the Bible, and without the church and preachers of the gospel. There would have been no resurrection and, consequently, no hope and no assurance of heaven. If Jesus had not come, there would be none to be called "the children of God," because "as many as received him, to them gave he the right to be called the children of God." Without his coming no one would have ever known his glory, "the glory of the only begotten from the Father." Without him there would not have been the voice crying in the wilderness, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." Without him, no one would have ever beheld God in the flesh, for "the only begotten Son hath declared him." This is why the Saviour came to earth.

Christ the Supreme Revelation of God

The disciples soon learned that Jesus was no mere messenger as they had known Isaiah or Amos to be. He was the Son of God, the fullest gift of the Father, the final effort of God to make himself known to men who were subject unto him. Some religions had portrayed him in forms which kept him far beyond any real place where men might meet him. Philosophers and metaphysicians in attempting to picture God had succeeded only in giving fragmentary images. Then when Jesus came, they learned that God was both Father to Jesus and to all who would accept him as such. To see Christ they would know what God was like, not so much in physical form, though he bore something strange and supremely divine, but "he spake as never man spake," making clear many things which before had been obscure, for he "taught them as one having authority." As they realized he was God incarnate they learned to put confidence in his words. He was a "teacher sent from God."

So perfectly has God made it possible for Christ to live in men's hearts that those who follow him, year by year, constantly become more aware of his personality. Father and Son have a like personality just as any earthly father and son bear resemblances. So closely may one resemble the other that were it not for the difference in age, the son might easily be mistaken for the father. God's outstanding characteristic, love, was so thoroughly implanted in the Son that when we accept him, his love overflows in us.

Jesus bears witness to God's love which was so great that he gave his only Son to save every sinner who was willing to repent. Non-Christians may tell us that science is able to teach all there is to know about God, and they sneer at those who have to pray to God for sustaining help; yet, when grave danger comes to them and they see the fallacy of trusting alone in nature, they too turn to God and cry unto him as a personality in whom they may find refuge.

Harmony with the Father

Jesus was able to reveal the true heart of God by keeping in tune with his Father. He admitted that "I and the Father are one" and that he "came to do the will of the Father." But to keep in tune with men was not so easy. It was possible only when he was able to impress upon them the seriousness of doing God's will. His loyalty to the Father must be their pattern for devotion to God. There would be no real joy nor meaning in the birth of Jesus so long as they were not in perfect harmony also with the Father. When the world is out of harmony with God there is bound to be much sorrow and disappointment. Musicians sometimes feel like shutting their ears to discord, but Christ seeks to teach his followers to correct their mistakes so that harmony and peace may obtain. From the beginning, Christ practiced obedience that he might better instill into men's hearts what obedience would do for them if they would completely comply with God's will in every way.

What a Birthday Should Do for Us

Since God sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world, Jesus declared that it was his mission to bring a "more abundant life." He had to declare this purpose before men would believe it. Life had not been easy for the disciples, and it had little purpose for them if it was to terminate on earth. They must know that "in him was life and his life was the light to all men." There must be an activating force in their lives to awaken them to its real significance. Their bodies must become "the temples of the living God." To lie in a dormant state would never bring growth. Jesus must prove God's purpose to extend life beyond the borders of the earth by giving his Son in a sacrificial death that he might bring eternal life to those who be-

Prominent Layman Elected President of United Church Group

Charles P. Taft, Cincinnati lawyer and prominent civic leader, has been elected the fourteenth president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America—the first layman to hold the office. He succeeds Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church who has served as president for the last two years.

The action was taken at the Biennial Meeting of the Federal Council held in Seattle, Wash., December 4-6. The four hundred delegates representing twenty-five Protestant and Orthodox denominations also elected Bishop John S. Stamm of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa., as vice-president succeeding Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. Representing Seventh Day Baptists at the meeting were P. B. Hurley, immediate past president of General Conference, and R. C. Brewer, president of the Pacific Coast Association.

The election of Taft—an active Episcopal layman, Phi Beta Kappa, and former Yale athlete—is seen as having special significance because it is the first time the Federal Council has chosen a president from the ranks of laymen instead of from among the professional religious leadership. This is interpreted as a desire to magnify further the role of laymen in directing the program of the council.

Mr. Taft held two important government positions during the war; first, as director of the United States Community War Serv-

ices in the Federal Security Agency, and secondly, as director of the Office of War-time Economic Affairs in the Department of State.



CHARLES P. TAFT

He has been conspicuously identified with the community chest movement, having served as chairman of the National Committee for Community Mobilization for Human Needs in 1937-39. His interest in the field of social work is indicated by the fact that

lieve on his name. Therefore his birth nearly two thousand years ago has meaning for us today.

A birthday usually prompts one to measure his growth since the last anniversary. Right-thinking people sum up the progress of spiritual development on succeeding birthdays. Each year one should have a little more tolerance, a little more self-control, a little less insistence upon having one's own way, a little less ambition to receive more than one gives. A birthday should mean a fresh prompting to be a better person than last year. And what is true with our own birthdays should be doubly so with the birthday of our Saviour. Each year should find us growing more like our Master until his image is so indelibly marked upon us that there

is no possibility that we shall ever forsake him, nor that he will even want to disown us. Each year as we recall the birthday of our Christ and note how through the greatest of opposition he rose higher and higher to power and influence, his gospel message should inspire us with new courage to give over all to him and to find in his example and teaching more and more of the love of a great and Good Father; one who does everything he can to help us accept in the fullest measure the provision for a glorious salvation. God is constantly revealing himself to the world through the Saviour of men; it is for us this Christmas season to rejoice that Christ ever lives and points us to everlasting joy through the provision of his glorious message.

he is at present chairman of the National Social Welfare Assembly.

Mr. Taft is a member of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and is chairman of the Friends of the World Council which worked throughout the war toward the establishment of the World Council of Churches.

He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1897, son of the twenty-seventh President of the United States. He was graduated from Yale University in 1918, was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1922, and holds honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from four educational institutions. He enlisted in the Army May 23, 1917, and served in France from January 5 to December 27, 1918, becoming a first lieutenant on October 30 of that year.

One of his earliest achievements as a civic leader was his leadership of a campaign for municipal reform in Cincinnati and for the establishment of a charter form of government.

Other Officers

The council re-elected its treasurer and recording secretary for another two-year period. The treasurer is Harper Sibley, Rochester, N. Y., former president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A., and first president of the National U.S.O. The recording secretary is Rev. Glenn Roberts, general secretary of the Connecticut Council of Churches, Hartford, member of the Society of Friends (Quaker).

Bishop Stamm, the new vice-president of the Federal Council, was an outstanding leader in the recent merger of two denominations, the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, which was accomplished in November of this year. Bishop Stamm was head of the group representing the Evangelical Church which conducted negotiations over a period of several years. He was elected bishop in 1926 and for several years has served as president of the Board of Bishops. Previously he was a pastor in Missouri and Illinois, and from 1919 to 1926 was Professor of Systematic Theology in the seminary of the Evangelical Church at Naperville, Ill. Bishop Stamm is a former president of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches.

The Biennial Meeting is the regular business session of the full membership of the council, at which policy for the coming two years is formulated. Among the questions discussed were these: the future role of the churches in overseas relief; the merger of national interdenominational agencies; and opportunities ahead in race relations, in evangelism, and in the building of a world peace.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALLED ON CHURCH, ECONOMIC LIFE

In view of the "severity of existing tensions within the economic order, and a widespread confusion over the direction which economic life should take," the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has called a National Conference on the Church and Economic Life to be held February 18-20, 1947, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Issued by the council's president, the call to the conference declares that not only national but world-wide economic stability and well-being is at stake in the outcome of the present economic conflicts.

The delegates to the meeting, which is the first national church study conference on economic issues ever to be held in this country, will be predominantly laymen drawn from the ranks of agriculture, labor, management, and the general public. They will be appointed by the twenty-five denominations belonging to the Federal Council of Churches, and other religious bodies.

A Promise

By Pearle Halladay

Come, walk with me while the day is young,
And you are young with the day;
There are hidden flowers and cooling springs
I'll show you along life's way.
And I'll be your Rock in a weary land,
A sure safe road o'er the desert sand.

I'll show you a road that leads straight home,
Out of storms of wind and sleet—
A road that will bring to you happiness
In spite of the sun's great heat.
I'll give you refreshing food and drink,
More than ever you ask or think.

The way may be steep, the pathway rough,
Or it may be fair with flowers;
In every life there is bound to be
Both sodden and sunny hours.
If you follow this Guide wherever you roam,
You'll find at last He has led you Home.

Thorngates Delayed on Way to China

Dear Mr. Burdick:

I received your letter enclosing the certificate as to our status as missionaries. Thank you. The other certificate was acceptable to the State Department, but I used these to present to the Chinese consul-general in applying for a visa. They were proper for that, and it was very fortunate I had them; otherwise the visa would have been held up.

Perhaps you have heard that the sailing date of the Marine Lynx was postponed again. It is now indefinite but some time in December. We arrived in San Francisco in time to have sailed on November 20, if the ship had sailed then; so now we are cooling our heels. One big problem is still unsolved; namely, the taking of our car to China. The Chinese consul gave me some information as to the proper procedure, and I have written a request to the Chinese customs officials in Shanghai for an "import license." Transportation of automobiles is nearly ten times as expensive as before the war.

I received the check for our travel in the United States from Mr. Stillman. It is very welcome for use while we are waiting.

THE BISHOP'S LAST SERMON

AT THE COMMUNION SERVICE in the little chapel on Christmas Day, when the children were also present, Bishop Azariah preached the sermon that was to be his last. To the congregation of village people he spoke on the second lesson for the day, of joy that we share because of Christmas. The reasons for this joy? Christ came, and with him forgiveness of sins. Christ came, and he helps us to be brave in times of trouble, poverty, sickness. He reminded the people of the time when a serious cholera epidemic broke out in their own village. The Mohammedan "moulvi," who had recently won away one hundred of the Christians from their faith, ran away and left them but the Christian missionary stayed and cared for the people, helping many back to health, even when he himself was stricken. As a result of his faithfulness the deserters had all come back to the Church. This is the way Christ gives courage. He cited a Christian couple who had lost their two sons, grown young men, of typhoid, whose uncomplaining courage and faith were an inspiration to all. This is the way Christ helps people to be brave. Thirdly, we have joy because of the promise of future life, of life eternal, with him. — Eleanor Mason, Women's Christian College of Madras.

MISSIONS

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

A letter from Dr. Crandall a day or so ago seems to indicate that she is much better. They are doing very well in the matter of repairs in Shanghai. But she writes that they must have some money from the Missionary Board if they go on with the program.

Our warm greetings to you and all members of the board.

Sincerely yours,
George Thorngate.

Oakland, Calif.,
November 25, 1946.

AID TO CHURCHES

(Taken from Rules and By-Laws of the Missionary Society)

1. Churches should use every exertion, either alone or by union with one or more neighboring churches, to support themselves, before asking for aid; and every church should steadily aim to become self-supporting as soon as possible.
2. When desiring aid they should make a full statement of the facts in their condition, prospects for growth and permanency, and needs which justify an application for help.
3. The following particulars are also to be given: Name and address of the church; preaching stations, if any, of resident church members; average of congregation; attendance at Bible school; number of families in church and society; character, condition, and prospects of business in the community; name and address of the minister; statements as to whether he is to be pastor or supply, whether he has any other calling, and whether he is to have the use of a parsonage; amount of salary proposed; amount to be raised by the people, and in what way; and the least amount needed from this society.
4. Each church is aided on the condition that it will take up at least monthly collections for the society.
5. With the foregoing facts and particulars before them, the board will make such appropriations as, in their judgment, the field may require, and the state of the treasury will justify, for a period of time not exceeding one year.
6. Applications for renewal of aid should be made before the expiration of existing appropriations, and to be accompanied with a statement of the officers or minister as to whether the church has fulfilled the above conditions and its pledges.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

For three or four generations Christian churches over the world have observed the first full week in the new year as the Week of Prayer for the Churches. This year the Week of Prayer will be observed throughout the world January 5-11.

The world is in a terrible condition and the churches of Christ are the hope of humanity. Christ said, "Ask and ye shall receive." The power of the church is in prayer, and there is no more appropriate way for it to begin the new year than by special prayer.

Booklets with suggestions and outlines for each day may be had by sending to the Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Ave., New York City. W. L. B.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A column wherein the readers may freely express their opinions, as long as they do not deal in personalities or pure controversy.

Dear Friends:

"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."

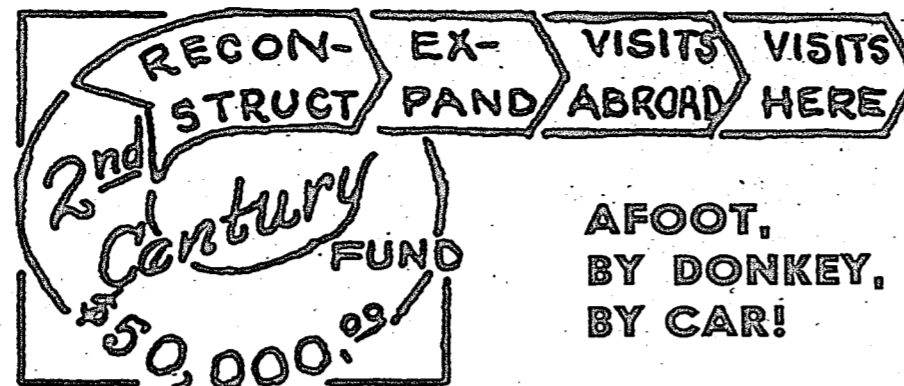
At this time I should like to express my gratitude to all of you for your prompt and overwhelming response to the plea for help for the relief of our needy Seventh Day Baptist members in Germany.

You have sacrificed many hours to pack and send these packages to us plus contributing generous money gifts. You are also to be commended for the special care that was taken in making up these packages, and one can see that they were packed with loving care. I know, too, it has been a sacrifice on the part of many of you to donate the things which have been sent in.

Your spirit of good will and Christian love towards our fellow members will do much to rekindle the flame of hope within their hearts once more.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks on behalf of our needy friends in Germany, and may God bless you all abundantly. The Irvington Church extends to each of you its best wishes for a most blessed and happy holiday season.

Yours in Christian service,
John G. Schmid.



Christ's first missionaries started out afoot, but as the years have come and gone, missions have adjusted to man's frontiers. The speediest method of travel has carried messengers of the Good News to each generation's needy peoples.

In Jamaica, B. W. I., where Seventh Day Baptists have not worked for a quarter century yet, roads are narrow and winding, though mostly paved. Mrs. Smikle, a native worker in eastern Jamaica, travels by "tall donkey." Her recently acquired mount was paid for by Seventh Day Baptists of our South Jersey churches.



When Rev. Warner Randolph took up the leadership in Jamaica, neither he nor the Missionary Society were in a position to secure a car for his work. But now, through your generosity and help, the Second Century Fund has provided a 1946 Chevrolet for the use of the Jamaica mission. Dr. Ben Crandall expects to take the car this December when he goes to help lay plans for the Jamaica school. Dr. Ben will also carry a 35 mm. color camera for securing slides of our work and workers there. This also is a Second Century Fund project.

Now Christ's messengers will go by donkey and afoot to inaccessible places, and a car will speed them on their way throughout our British neighbor island.

Have you made your pledge or gift (or both) to the fund that made these advances possible?

David S. Clarke.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED CHRISTIAN YOUTH

Eight college scholarships are offered youth of America as part of the annual observance of Youth Week, January 26-February 2, 1947, through the Parshad Youth Week Awards, according to Dr. Isaac K. Beckes, executive secretary of the United Christian Youth Movement and director of young people's work of the International Council of Religious Education. These awards are based on evidence of Christian character and service and an essay of fifteen hundred words, he stated.

Two top awards of a four-year college scholarship, valued at \$1,600, in the college of the winner's choice, will be given to the boy and the girl winners in the national finals. Top winner in each of six regions of the United States and Canada will be awarded four-year college scholarships valued at \$1,000. These winners will also receive full scholarships to summer Regional Conferences of the United Christian Youth Movement. Further awards will include full and half scholarships to the summer conferences.

The awards are made possible through a Christian layman, Alfred H. Avery, of Malden, Mass.

Write to me for application blanks for entering the Youth Week contest. Last year there were only five entries. Let's do better this year. H. S.

TWO ELEMENTS IN CHRISTMAS

Near Christmas there appeared in the New York World two advertisements next to each other. They were: "Wanted—a man to impersonate Santa Claus"; and, "Wanted—a man for a blood transfusion." These advertisements represent two elements in Christmas. At Christmas time we like the romance and sentiment of Santa Claus. Indeed we are all anxious to play his role. Thank God for the number of Santa Clauses that have brought and will bring cheer to many a downcast person and many a bare home.

The world stands in need of something more fundamental than a Christmas dinner and a Christmas stocking. This world of ours is ill—desperately ill. More than anything else it needs a blood transfusion from the vigorous life of the Man of Nazareth, particularly after it has been trying to commit suicide with wars and ill regulated, wasteful commercial strife, and racial conflicts and social struggles. — Frederick M. Meek in Christian Century.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

BLESSINGS at Christmas come from giving. God so loved that he gave. One man said that the quality of mercy is such that he who is merciful is twice blessed. Giving brings three blessings, those receiving the gift, the giver, and the Christ who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

What a wonderful opportunity to teach Christian Stewardship is offered parents and Sabbath school teachers at Christmas. Plans can be made by the family to prepare gifts for others. H. S.

There was a joyous hostler
Who knelt on Christmas morn
Beside that radiant manger
Wherein the Lord was born.
His heart was full of laughter,
His soul was full of bliss,
When Jesus on His mother's lap
Gave him His hand to kiss.

Unbar your heart this evening
And keep no stranger out;
Take from your soul's great portal
The barrier of doubt.
To humble folk and weary
Give hearty welcoming;
Your breast shall be tomorrow
The cradle of a king.

—Joyce Kilmer.

PAPER FOR S. D. B. BOYS AND GIRLS DESIGNED TO ACCOMPLISH MUCH

When you receive this issue of the Recorder, the Christmas issue of Seventh Day Baptist Boys and Girls will be in your hands. It will be necessary for you to help your boys and girls use it. There are suggestions for Christmas observance which will mean much in the lives of your children if you help them. This is being stressed because the Board of Christian Education is very

anxious to have the paper accomplish much for boys and girls.

If you have not received a copy, see your pastor or write to me. If you are a lone Sabbath keeper and have not been getting the paper and would like to have it come to your home each month, just let me know how many copies you can use. The price is five cents per copy. If your Sabbath school has not ordered copies, please urge your school to do so!

The January issue will be prepared by the Missionary Board and will recognize the beginning of the second century of missionary work by our denomination. H. S.

FROM THE FOUR CORNERS

BATTLE CREEK. — It was voted that the church accept the recommendation of the Sabbath school proposing abbreviated reports from their officers. (This means that the church recognizes the importance of reports from the Sabbath school as a vital part of the church program.)

Throughout the next year we plan to emphasize evangelism:

Through Periodicals: distribution of tracts, weekly bulletins, Friendly Guests, pastoral letters, Ed and Co-Ed Letters to our college young people, and worship leaflets for non-residents, invalids, and shut-ins.

Through Personal Work: study of Soul Winners' Class Series; emphasis upon personal witnessing; co-operating with the pastor; attendance at biweekly Sabbath school sessions in homes of Bellevue area; promoting Junior and Intermediate camps; supporting Berean Bible Hour studies; and forming prayer bands, possibly during the pre-Easter season. — Church Bulletin.

MARLBORO: The Marlboro Church was host to the County Christian Endeavor Rally on November 22. Young people from Shiloh Church were among those who attended.

SALEMVILLE: "Young People's Night" is a heading in "The Church Echo" for November. Three Friday night services have been sponsored recently by the young people. Colored pictures of Camp Caesar were shown on September 13; Conference trip pictures were featured on October 11; and a filmstrip version of the story, "In His Steps," by Charles Sheldon, was presented November 8. "All, young and older, are invited to all our



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CORNER

To Know Him and Make Him Known

Miss Mayola Williams, Verona, N. Y.
(Written at Pre-Conference Retreat, 1946)

Come into my heart
O Lord whom I love;
Fill me with thy Spirit
Coming down from above.

Show me thy pathway
That I might possess
The wisdom to help others
That they might confess.

And them, O my Saviour,
Guide them, I pray,
That they may enlighten others
To the Christlike way.

MY IDEAL

Miss Marian Coon, Richburg, N. Y.
(Written at Pre-Conference Retreat, 1946)

My ideal is not one who has a great name in history or who seems to be, in the eyes of the world, one who cannot be any better. My ideal is not one who calls himself a Christian and yet cannot pull himself away from doing worldly things. My ideal is not one who tries to make over her face and hands in bright colors. There are many great people who seem to have done very well in life and who, because it is in style and fashion, take in such places as dance halls, theaters, and saloons. But still they are not my ideals.

My ideal is **Jesus Christ**, who set the perfect example, and my friends are those who have taken this Christ into their hearts and are following his example, consecrating their whole lives and service to him. Romans 12: 1, 2.

prayer meetings," states the Echo. "Help us develop this Christian experience, both in our church and our lives."

ALFRED STATION: Young people from the Nile-Richburg Fellowship came to Alfred Station Sabbath afternoon, November 30, and presented a program for the youth there. After the program refreshments were served by the local group, and there was a period of games following.



OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am writing you for the Seventh Day Baptist Mission which I attend. Our primary class consists of about five members, and our teacher is Miss Alice Fatato.

The Mission has a small orchestra of six pieces which is expected to enlarge. My two brothers and I play our horns—trumpet and two trombones. It has been said that there will be a larger orchestra than congregation.

This last summer Pastor Maxson and family, the Fatatos, Janet Bullock, who is now in Salem College, Dad, and we boys traveled to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. On the trip we had a swell time.

I am ten years old and am in the fifth grade in school.

Sincerely yours,
Harold K. Pearson, Jr.

Amsterdam, N. Y.

Dear Harold:

Esther Fatato has been telling me about your orchestra, and I do wish I could have the pleasure of hearing it, for I always enjoy hearing a good orchestra. However, even though it is nice to have a large orchestra, I do hope yours will not outnumber the congregation. One Sabbath our Andover choir outnumbered the congregation, but that was on a very stormy day and many of our members are elderly people. You see, when we get older we do not get the pleasure out of cold and snowstorms that you young people do.

I'm so glad you were able to attend Conference and only sorry that I could not be there, too, for we usually go. This time we were afraid our car might give out on the trip, especially the tires. When I was a little older than you, I attended school in Milton Junction and have a number of relatives and many friends in Milton.

Do write again and often.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am now in Sabbath school writing a few lines. In our Sabbath school we have two boys who are visiting us. In our regular Sabbath school class we have Eunice Maxson, Esther Fatato, my brother Harold Pearson, and me. Our Sabbath school teacher is Miss Alice Fatato.

In our class we are making a scrapbook all about God.

We are all in the best of health and hope to hear the same from you. Today we had our first big snow storm. It isn't very cold outside today.

I was just twelve November 6, and am in the seventh grade. We have been reading a few letters and poems in the Sabbath Recorder. Sabbath school is over, so I will close. May God bless you and your dear ones.

Your Christian friend,
Carl Pearson.

Dear Carl:

I am so glad to add two more to my list of Recorder correspondents from the Schenectady Mission. Eugene Fatato was my first correspondent and Esther now is one of the most faithful. I hope you, too, will write often.

A number of years ago when our son and daughter were much younger than they are now, Pastor Greene and I took them on a camping trip by auto for two weeks, spending one Sabbath in Berlin and one in Brookfield. We drove through Schenectady on this trip and thought it seemed an interesting city, though we only passed through. However, a country town is a pleasanter place in which to live than a city, though I spent many of my early years in the city of Chicago and was happy there. I see your home is in Amsterdam. Just how far is Amsterdam from Schenectady? I hope not very far since you enjoy attending the church there and are such a help to the services.

We, too, have had one good snow storm, though most of our weather this fall has been unusually warm. Unless the weather

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

changes soon we are not likely to have a white Christmas.

Your Sabbath school class is just the size of the one I teach, but mine are all girls whose ages are from fourteen to eighteen.

Remember, I hope to hear from you again soon.

Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY LIBRARY

(Continued from page 448)

Day Baptist Year Books, and the shelves on Sabbath History, the Sabbath and Sunday, and Baptist Beliefs and History. The entire section of books, reaching from ceiling to floor, devoted to theology includes such sub-headings as Biblical Theology, History of Doctrines, General Works, Theology (proper), Cosmology, Christology, Soteriology, Eschatology, as well as several others. Two sections are filled with commentaries on the Scriptures, and in these sections the volumes are grouped according to the books of the Bible for easy reference. There is a rather complete collection of volumes under the title "History of the Kingdom," including an extensive group of important source materials for the study of the early Church. In addition to the twenty-six standard classifications, a shelf is devoted to each subject currently being offered by the school. These "reference shelves" are set up at the beginning of the semester by the faculty, and furnish the students with a choice of the most important reference materials for each subject.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

(Continued from back cover)

MILTON, WIS. — The fall series of forums began November 2, with an interesting talk by Dean Daland on "The Spirit of Worship in the Medieval Church." Included in that talk he gave a literal translation of Rossini's Stabat Mater which the Choral Union is singing in Latin this year under the direction of Prof. Bernhardt Westlund. The Choral Union also sings a part of Bach's Christmas Oratorio.

More than one hundred voices augmented by a fine quartet from Chicago and a large

orchestra promises to make the evening of November 26 one long to be remembered. After many years of successful leadership, Prof. Lehman Stringer has retired from the directorship of the Choral Union. All singers from Milton and surrounding towns and country are eligible for membership in the Choral Union and it is not uncommon to see sons and daughters and then fathers and mothers singing together in the same concert.

The second forum program was given by Gladys Sutton Randolph at the organ, playing modern descriptive organ music and selections descriptive of scenes from the life of Christ. Don Vincent Gray read original poems on the same themes. Rev. Victor Skaggs spoke at the third forum on the work of the Tract Society.

We have had eleven "sacrifice dinners" at the church this summer and fall which have netted about \$550 for the starving Europeans. The proceeds of the last meal are to go to help our German Seventh Day Baptists. We plan to have one sacrificial meal each month for an indefinite period. We were delighted to have with us at the last dinner, Dr. George Thorngate and family, en route to China. Our sacrifice meal, he told us, was such a dinner as they dreamed of in concentration camp.

Last summer the church purchased the old Jackson house and lot, the second house west of the church and hope sometime to buy the one next to the church on the west. These are old houses and the plan is to tear them down when the housing shortage is relieved. — Correspondent.

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — There have been five new babies added to the Nortonville Cradle Roll the past year. They are Irene Fay Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bond; Russel Glen Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson; Phillip Eugene Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Wheeler; Charles Samuel Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler; and Joe Leon McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McCoy.

The women of the Missionary Society held a bazaar and food sale in the church basement the day before Thanksgiving. The bazaar sales amounted to \$160.39, and the food sale brought in \$65.—Correspondent.

A LAYMAN'S JOB

The Seventh Day Baptist Vocational Committee is neither dead nor sleeping, even if some work-weary member does occasionally lose himself momentarily during a prolonged committee meeting. We have been meeting quite regularly since Conference.

While the employment agency is perhaps the most obvious and the first step in our work (and you are urged to make use of the committee at any time), we find from the experience of former committees that opportunities so far outweigh the number of applicants that this fact opens up a vast field of endeavor on the part of the committee and the denomination as a whole.

We feel that more encouragement should be given our young people to find their proper niche in life and to train themselves for the work.

There are many opportunities in our own Seventh Day Baptist communities for trained help, but how many of our young people are training themselves to fill the jobs?

This work is largely a layman's job, but a job for all of us. Are you willing to help? Have you any suggestions?

Yours in His service,
C. M. Todd,
Chairman.

Milton, Wis.

Marriages

Van Dyke - Thorngate. — On October 24, 1946, Jerome Gerald Van Dyke and Geraldine Grace Thorngate, both of Denver, Colo., were married at the bride's home, 34 Fox Street, Denver. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thorngate, Mrs. Thorngate being a deaconess of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mrs. Van Dyke is a graduate of West High School, Denver, and is gifted in music. They will reside in Denver, where he is employed. The double ring marriage ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. Erlo E. Sutton.

Obituaries

Brissey. — Captain Edwin Neil, son of Thurmon and Goldie Davis Brissey, was born at Harrisville, W. Va., November 8, 1919, and died July 4, 1945, while flying the India-Burma "hump," in the service of his country.

The family moved to Salem, W. Va., where Edwin Neil grew to manhood. He was a graduate of Salem High School and Salem College. At the age of twelve he became a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist church, and at the time of his enlistment he was a member of the choir and was active in young people's work.

He enlisted December 21, 1941 as a volunteer in the flying service of the United States Army. He made rapid advancement. He served in the

transportation service in the United States and across the Atlantic to Europe and the Near East. In December, 1944, he was stationed in India and participated in the transport service over the "hump" into China. He also served as an instructor in the handling of the largest and heaviest transport planes.

He was married December 21, 1943, to Miss Lynette Irene Vaughan, of Parkersburg, W. Va. To this union was born a daughter, Lynette Marie, on October 19, 1944.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, his father and mother, and by two brothers: Howell Eugene and Richard.

A memorial service was held in the Salem church on Sabbath morning, November 9, 1946, with a college classmate, George Edwards Davis, presiding. Another college classmate, Rev. William E. Bird, delivered the memorial address. President S. O. Bond and Pastor James L. Skaggs also had parts in the service. Professor Harley D. Bond, acting in behalf of Captain Brissey's wife and daughter, his father and mother, and his brothers, presented a memorial pulpit Bible for use in the church.
J. L. S.

Stillman. — Mary Marcella, daughter of Edwin and Frances Greene Crandall, was born March 27, 1858, near Utica, Wis. She was called to her eternal home on November 4, 1946.

On March 12, 1878, she was united in marriage to Mazzini G. Stillman, who became a Seventh Day Baptist minister, and together they won their way into the hearts of a great company of people in the churches and communities in which they served. As a pastor's wife Mrs. Stillman worked side by side with her husband in parishes at Utica and Walworth, Wis.; Lost Creek, W. Va.; Richburg, N. Y., and small churches and groups associated with these churches.

Mrs. Stillman's long and active life was devoted to her family, to her church, and to her community and friends. She was especially active in woman's work, temperance, and music. President Carroll L. Hill, for many years her pastor and friend during her declining years spent in Milton, Wis., spoke thus of her in farewell services conducted in the Milton church: "Her life was full of responsibility, work, love, and humor. Her strength was extraordinary, and it was dedicated to her Master and his Church and people."

Those who survive her are her two children, Harold and Lelia, both of Pueblo, Colo., in whose home she spent her last days. Four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and several nephews and nieces hold her in loving remembrance.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, assisted by President Carroll L. Hill. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery.
E. F. R.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

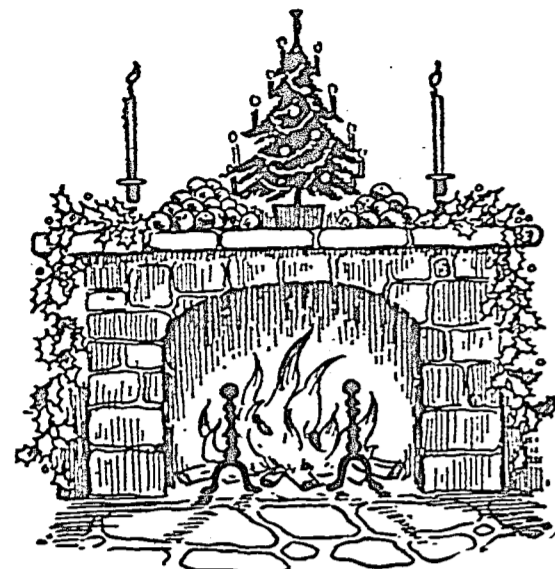
FOR JANUARY 4, 1947

The Word Made Flesh

Basic Scripture—John, Chapter 1

Memory Selection—John 1: 18

The Joyous Season Is Here



Give ear to those who cry for crumbs—and heap their homely larders high, for lo! the joyous season's here—and Christmas comes.

Give Thoughts to what you best can do to cheer the heart and soothe the mind and make the world seem good and kind to those less fortunate than you.

Give Smiles to all whose weary load brings gloom and pain and gray despair, and bends them low o'er life's steep road, for smiles with them are rare.

Give Courage to the fearing band that needs the clasp of friendly hand and cheering smile and all good will; give courage, then, to such as they this day.

Give Heed to others and their need. They know, they feel, they have desire; nor is it what you think is best, but rather what they must require that you should give and do and say on Christmas Day.

Give Heart—the heart that beats for all upon this day; the heart that greets the lowly and the high; the heart that grows with sympathy and knows but love for those who pass you by.

Give Praise to Him that you have many things, good friends, a home, and health—and life's long span. Give praise to Him for all these things, and best of all the brotherhood of man.

And giving these, you will have given that which neither pomp nor power nor highest influence can command—

You will have given that which gold, nor favor, nor fear can buy—

You will have given that which He was ever giving to the lowly and the poor, comfort and strength, and hope and rest, and courage and faith—for of these are the perfect Christmas gifts made.

—Lewis Allen, in NEA Journal.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

ALBION, WIS. — The year 1946 has been a busy one for our church people. The societies have been earning money for use in building a bathroom on the parsonage. One project was an auction with all members and friends contributing articles for sale. One hundred fifty dollars was realized from the sale. Quarterly meeting was held at our church in October and over two hundred attended, enjoying a very interesting meeting.

Our pastor, Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, recently attended an interdenominational convention on rural fellowship at Des Moines, Iowa. A Pic Social in early summer and a

church dinner were great successes and put many dollars in the till to go toward the new improvements of the parsonage and toward church expenses. Although our weekly attendance is small, interest is greater than ever and all are ever willing to help at all times.

Many of our members are away to school or working away, but still remember their home church with their contributions.

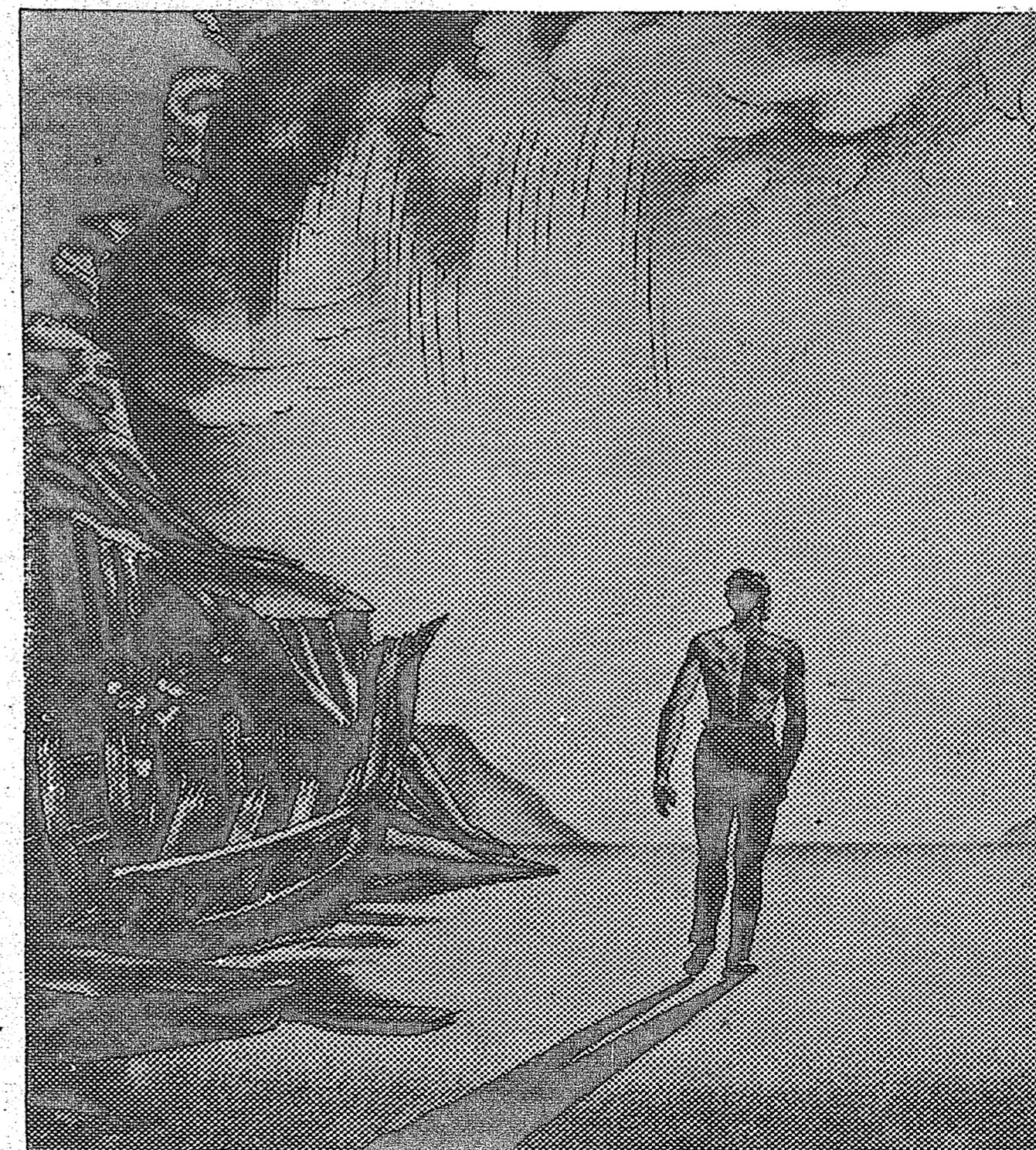
Pvt. Robert Babcock, a member, is in service and recently spent a short furlough at his home here. All other boys who were in service are discharged.

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