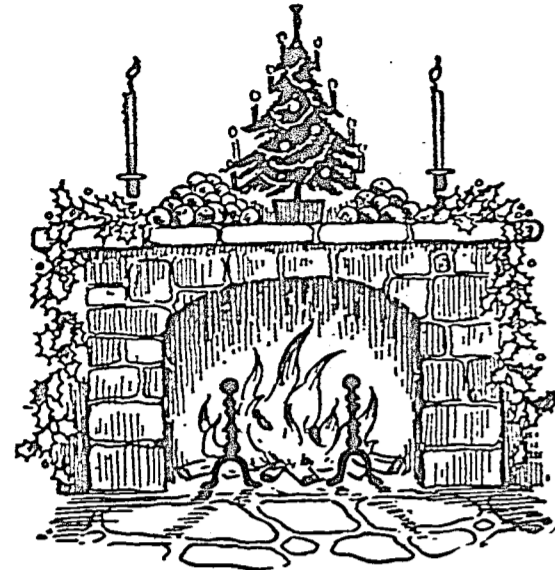


## The Joyous Season Is Here



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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## WHAT WHERE

TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

The initial shipment of supplies sent to Japan by America's Protestant churches through Church World Service has arrived in Yokohama and is now being distributed among the needy of that country, according to A. Henry Birkel, executive secretary for East and Southeast Asia of the interdenominational relief and reconstruction agency.

The CWS cargo included considerable quantities of such essentials as dehydrated soups, canned food, clothing, spaghetti, noodles, table salt, soap, vitamins, and shoes. The biggest single item was 136,000 pounds of powdered milk. A portion of this had been purchased with \$14,750 contributed by the Southern California Japanese-American Relief Committee. Another gift from Japanese-Americans in California was several tons of rice which had been processed into a thousand hundred-weight bags of rice flour, previous to shipment.

The evangelical churches in the cities of Brazil are growing so fast that church leaders are "embarrassed" in trying to furnish enough buildings for congregations, and enough pastors to minister to the people, according to Dr. Jalmar Bowen, of Sexton, Ark., Methodist missionary to Sao Paulo.

At least one thousand people in Warsaw are getting enough to eat this winter—enough at any rate to keep strength in their bodies and the fear of hunger out of their minds. Each day they get a plain-balanced meal; for most of them it's the first they've had in many long years. And these same life-giving meals have their origin in America, in the generosity of American church people.

The meals, one thousand daily, are served at a soup kitchen operated by the Polish ecumenical reconstruction committee in the Polish capital. Operating expenses are paid out of a \$10,000 grant made by the World Council of Churches at Geneva, from funds contributed by American churches through Church World Service. The grant was authorized in an effort to meet part of the needs of a city whose food ration is still in the danger zone. This sum is expected to keep the kitchen operating through the four bitter-cold months of winter.

Dr. Daniel Cederberg, World Council representative in Poland, heads the committee, which has a truly ecumenical composition. The church groups represented include Evangelical Christian, Reformed, Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, Anglican, and the foreign Protestant Bible societies; Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Old Catholic, National Catholic, and Mariawitz.—CWS News Bureau.

Two long-established Christian denominations in the United States—the United Brethren and the Evangelical Church—have united their forces into a church of some 700,000 members (including members in their mission fields), to be known as the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

—W. W. Reid.

## EDITORIALS

### MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. — Philippians 3: 13, 14.

Another twelve months have marched steadily by. Soon we will tear the last page from the calendar marked 1946, and many of us will be glad for this specific time when we will be prompted to forget "those things which are behind" and begin "reaching forth unto those things which are before."

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" is the theme chosen this season for the United Church Canvass, in which many communities across the nation participate. The first part of the canvass took place from November 17 to December 8, and the concluding days for canvassing will be from February 16 to March 9. It seems appropriate, especially since New Year's comes between these two periods of church emphasis, that the canvass theme be considered as a guidepost between the passing and the coming year and that the spirit of the canvass be extended into all the activities of the months to come. Certainly the world needs more—much more—thought and action motivated by faith.

The emphasis in the united campaigns is on the need for moral regeneration to meet individual as well as social problems of the hour. Now in its fifth year as a national movement, United Church Canvass is a plan whereby the churches of a community join to conduct their every-member canvasses simultaneously—each group holding its own campaign as usual, but uniting to place before the public a general presentation of the total religious program of the community.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

This year's poster, used as a cover picture this week, is a symbolic presentation of the present time. The wreckage of the ship indicates the destruction through which we have just come. Old theories and practices must be adapted to meet new requirements. This process of rebirth is suggested in the flowering shrub which is on its way toward covering the bones of the wreck with new life.

At the left of the painting the dark clouds signify the storm of war and hatred that has overshadowed the earth. And the man who survived the shipwreck has found his way to solid ground. Observe how confidently he walks into the future!

It is worthy of note that his path ahead does not appear to be too easy. The sandy beach suggests no immediate Utopia; but from the brightness of the sun which represents the new day to come, and from the courageous faith evident in the man's walk we know that he will find green hills.

"The discovery and accomplishment of this new world," concludes a statement from the organization which promotes the canvass, "will be the product of faith. America needs this faith. Her churches are the treasure house of this faith!"

### NEW YEAR THOUGHTS

To make new mistakes is human; to repeat old mistakes is stupid. "Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things that are before," we are, as did Paul, to let the memories of yesterday and the visions of tomorrow challenge us to be faithful to the divinely appointed meaning and mission of our lives.—George W. Truett.

I will remember the works of the Lord. — Psalm 77: 10.

We should serve in newness of spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. — Romans 7: 6.

## CONFERENCE PRESIDENT SAYS:

### A CALENDAR OF CO-ORDINATED DENOMINATIONAL ACTIVITIES

At this writing a desk calendar of co-ordinated denominational activities is in the hands—or soon will be—of our pastors, denominational leaders, and Sabbath school superintendents. The calendar was prepared as a result of the meeting of the secretaries and denominational representatives who will be contacting our people this year. These men met at Alfred October 22 at the call of the president of Conference.

It is hoped that the calendar will meet a need in clearing dates, reminding us of coming activities of the boards, and assisting pastors as they build a year-round program for their churches.

We do not claim that it is a finished product. It is sent out with the hope that it will serve a need and will be improved next year by the suggestions of those who use it in the meantime.

Because Rev. David Clarke and some others "who care" volunteered their services, the total cost of making and sending out the calendar was less than \$10. A good investment?

Everett T. Harris.

### PIN POINT EDITORIALS

"People are like elevators. They lift or lower others to the level they are on."

#### How to Express Christianity

In the home—by love and unselfishness.

In business—by honesty and diligence.

In society—by purity, courtesy, and humility.

Toward the unfortunate—by sympathy and mercy.

Toward the weak—by overcoming evil, without compromise.

Toward the strong—by trust and co-operation with good.

Toward non-Christians—by witnessing to Christ and his gospel.

Toward the penitent—by forgiveness and restoration.

Toward the fortunate—by rejoicing with them without envy.

Toward God—by reverence, love, and obedience.

—The War Cry.

"I have a right to do as I please, so long as I please to do what is right."—Sydney Smith

## OBSERVER SEES OPPORTUNITIES IN UNITED SERVICE

[Two Pacific Coast laymen represented Seventh Day Baptists at the Biennial Meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America—R. C. Brewer and P. B. Hurley. Mr. Hurley, immediate past president of Conference and still member of the Commission, has written briefly some of his impressions about the recent Seattle meeting of the council.]

### FIRST THINGS FIRST

If there be first a willing mind . . .  
—2 Cor. 8: 12.

I recognize that possibly I am snatching this Scripture from its real setting. Just now, however, I wish to direct our thinking to our attitudes of mind.

A comment heard at the Biennial Meeting was to the effect that men of a certain city religiously change their shirts each day, but change their minds only once in a generation—if at all.

It has been my privilege to change my mind about several people as well as some organizations. I still wish to keep a willing, open mind.

I went to my first Commission meeting fully persuaded we should withdraw from the Federal Council. Before I had opportunity to make my desire known, there were so many evidences of advantage to us as members, as well as opportunities, I never presented my proposition. Mr. Brewer and I went to Seattle filled with accusations: the council is Communistic, the council harbors and protects certain labor organizations, etc., etc. We entered the meetings full of suspicions; we sought and found seats near the speaker's desk, determined to lose none of the actions of the gathering.

"The Christian Faith in a Chaotic World," a message by Edwin Dahlberg, directed our minds to things spiritual at the first meeting. Regardless of much business, time was taken each day for a worship period before closing at noon.

The first afternoon Eugene C. Blake talked of the evangelization of America. He was bold and outspoken, not sparing any from criticism for apathy and indifference. He made many proposals for aggressive work.

Wilbur Simmons gave us a wonderful view of the possibilities of achieving great things through co-operation. Bishop Oxnam's mes-

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## A Session Permeated with

THE MOST IMPORTANT department of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is that of Evangelism. The December meeting of that department was held in New York on the tenth, just a few days after the close of the biennial meeting of the council in Seattle, Wash. The session was permeated by the spirit of enthusiasm and devotion engendered in the hearts of those who had been privileged to attend that gathering. Dr. Jesse M. Bader, himself a consecrated, farseeing, zealous evangelist, is the executive secretary of the department.

In the reorganization for the ensuing biennium Dr. E. G. Homrighausen was enthusiastically re-elected as chairman. He was spoken of as a man of "scholarship and a burning heart." Under the leadership of these able men the department is performing an invaluable service for the Protestant Church of America—yes, and of the world. The field secretary, Dr. H. H. McConnell, is busily engaged in conducting preaching missions, visitation evangelism campaigns, etc., from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Dr. Phil-

## CO-OPERATION DECLARED NOT ONLY POSSIBLE BUT NECESSARY

Calling together twice a year the secretaries of evangelism of its member denominations, the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches seeks to provide a medium for sharing the Protestant outreach work. Along with its help to the secretaries, the department itself gains many deep insights. The plans do not stay within the United States, for Canadians have attended both 1946 meetings, and Australia and Britain are asking for materials put out by this department.

And the department is not just a minor agency of the Federal Council. Its budget is the largest of any of the departments, amounting to \$59,000 in 1947—and that is exclusive of \$30,000 budgeted for publications!

### Co-operating with Other Agencies

From a study reported at the spring meeting, Dr. Reuben Mueller of the newly-formed Evangelical United Brethren union, Execu-

Echoes from Department of Evangelism Meeting

## Enthusiasm and Devotion

### MISSIONS

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

lips P. Moulton is the efficient director of University Christian Mission. The National Christian Teaching Mission has as its intrepid director, Dr. Harry C. Munro.

These men, with denominational secretaries of evangelism, are imbued with the idea of the increase and spread of the kingdom of God as our great task. They are convinced that the well-being of mankind and the peace of the world are entirely dependent upon the rule of the spirit of Christ. They believe that "the Church of Jesus Christ, with all its human faults and frailties, is the one and only international and interracial unity on earth today." The task of the Church is the task not only of the consecrated professional leader, but also of every individual member.

Rev. Harold R. Crandall,

Department member.

tive Secretary Jesse Bader, and Chairman E. G. Homrighausen met with representatives of Christian Endeavor, the International Council of Religious Education, and Youth for Christ, International, to discuss youth evangelism. The ten representatives had a worth-while conference and concluded that co-operation was not only possible but necessary, that the church is basic to all their work in converting youth.

### First Prison Church

The department conducted a mission in a New York State Prison and organized last year the first known Prison Church. The church has grown in work and numbers, and the prison warden and guards are alike grateful for better morale in the prison. Next year America's seminaries will be awakened to the need of stressing evangelism in all courses by a call of the department for representatives to meet with the secretaries of evangelism. Two delegates from the Inter-

denominational Evangelistic Association are to be invited to department meetings.

#### December Meetings

The department, meeting December 10 following the meeting of denominational secretaries December 9, was represented for Seventh Day Baptists by Rev. Harold R. Crandall and Rev. David Clarke. They adopted, as primary emphases for the work in 1947, lay evangelism and missions to ministers, along with work in church schools and on state university campuses. The usual work in promoting special days is included, of course. The urgent aim appears as promoting leadership within laity and clergy. Churchmanship needs implementing in a day when collective sins grow in enormity day by day. The Church must collect its forces to be effective bearers of the Gospel.

Mr. Crandall has summarized the work of the four departmental secretaries. Let us look a little closer at the work the department is doing—work that is related to the everyday task of evangelizing your community and mine, work that springs from the brief definition of evangelism used by the department: "The presentation of the Good News in Jesus Christ, so that men are brought, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to put their trust in God; accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour from the guilt and power of sin; follow and serve Him as their Lord in the fellowship of the Church and in the vocations of the common life."

#### SPECIAL SEASONS FOR EVERY CHURCH (Sponsored through Literature)

- Week of Prayer**—the first full week in January. Pamphlet by Margaret Applegarth this year.
- Fellowship of Prayer**—in pre-Easter season, with booklets by Gaius G. Atkins.
- Fellowship of the Spirit**—In Easter to Pentecost season, a new booklet having been prepared by Robert E. Speer for 1947.
- World Wide Communion**—in October.
- Church Attendance Crusade**—following World Wide Communion.

#### FIELD PROGRAMS (Under National Leadership)

**Missions to Ministers**—seminars within ministers' associations using well-known pastors as guest speakers. In 1947, possible contacts for Seventh Day Baptists are in Syracuse, January 13, where E. G. Homrighausen will speak; in Atlanta, Ga., February 10, with Oscar Blackwelder; and in Pittsburgh, March 3, with Paul Scherer. Other missions announced later may be near you.

**National Christian Teaching Missions**—a ten-day program of survey self-appraisal, fellowship cultivation, and enlargement of plans and work throughout the church under Dr. Harry S. Munro in co-operation with the International Council of Religious Education. Present plans for next year include a mission in Los Angeles in February. More and more missions will be going to rural fields. It is to be hoped that some Seventh Day Baptist workers and pastors may work with Dr. Munro in their own localities.

**University Christian Missions**—evangelistic campaigns chiefly on state university campuses, aimed at reaching non-Christian students and strengthening outreach of university Christian groups. Seventh Day Baptist students or members of near-by churches might co-operate in the mission at Ohio State University, January 18-24; at University of Wisconsin, February 15-21; and University of Kansas, February 22-28. Dr. Phillips Moulton is head of this growing work.

**Preaching Missions, Visitation Campaigns and Evangelistic Conferences**—promoted by Field Secretary McConnell. Dr. McConnell helped the Los Angeles County Crusade put on "the most ambitious interdenominational evangelistic program ever attempted." The Los Angeles experience this fall is being widely studied and adapted by many co-operative Protestant city councils. Its survey, visitation evangelism, central preaching mission, and two weeks' preaching missions in the individual churches are a coming pattern in united city (and rural, when adapted) evangelism. Dr. McConnell's 1947 schedule does not so far reveal his working in Seventh Day Baptist territory.

**Christian Missions**—preaching by E. Stanley Jones. When he is in America, he is employed by the department. He goes to India this January.

**Christian Ashrams**—conducted at four summer retreats each year. Some Seventh Day Baptists have already benefited by these disciplined group experiences.

#### Convictions

Out of its work the department is finding that churches can locate and use powerful resources in lay evangelists with a little help; that city churches can co-operate in evangelism, and that rural churches are not dead; that a grand strategy is emerging for the effective reaching of this generation with the gospel of Christ; and that the gospel itself challenges the Church with critical urgency to reach the world. "It is late," the department feels as it looks to the second half of this tragic century

David S. Clarke, representing  
Secretary William L. Burdick.

## Youth Were Once Neglected —

## Now Young Adults Are Most Overlooked

Once youth was considered the neglected group in the church. Today much is done. It is now the young adult (from ages twenty to thirty-five or forty years) which is the group most often overlooked. When young adults are given places of responsibility, it seems that older people direct their duties, methods, and plans—or criticize them when their own ideas and methods are used. Thus they often hesitate to give their efforts to the church, ladies' groups, or other religious activities. They are adults, yet without full freedom to assume responsibility.

Efforts are being made today to aid young adults who are too old for the young people's society. (Such societies have been wrecked by "hangers on.") By banding together in some group they give mutual aid through exchange of ideas and are encouraged to promote, within reason, their ideas and methods. This is done sometimes by utilizing already existing groups and other times by organizing special groups.

The nearest to a group of young adults in the Salemville Church is the "Live Branch" Sabbath school class. Whether this or some other organization best meets our need is a matter for us to study. — Rev. Trevah Sutton.

#### YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE PLANNED

Young adult groups in the Western Association will have the opportunity of attending the first Young Adult Conference sponsored by the Allegany County Bible School Association, to be held in Wellsville, N. Y., Sunday, February 2, 1947. Rev. LaMarr Rice, who is chairman of the committee of young adult work for New York State, will be the speaker.

These news items on young adult work show that this so-called neglected group is getting attention with a positive program which will do much good. H. S.

An evangelism to reach and hold youth of today must have mental virility. It must be grounded in great Christian convictions. It must have satisfying answers to the questions which youth ask concerning God, the personality of Jesus, the Bible, the Church, and the nature and destiny of man. . . . The Christian faith must be expressed in a living language with fresh meaning and power for youth today. — Oliver Cummings, Baptist Youth Fellowship.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

#### NINETEEN FORTY-SEVEN

As parents and Sabbath school teachers we very much need a new, clean page upon which may be written greater efforts toward helping our children to grow spiritually.

This growth is stimulated by parents and teachers who also are growing spiritually. Food for growth is essential. Bible study, good books on how to work with children, classes, and attendance at conventions all provide some of this food. Prayer and all the help that comes from private and public worship is an absolute essential.

During the New Year accept the challenge that children and youth present. Do more than in any previous year to become adequately prepared for your task. Live close to the Master Teacher, who promises to be with all who go out in his name to TEACH! H. S.

#### SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST BOOKSTORE DISTRIBUTES CATALOGS

A 1946-47 catalog just came to my desk from a Seventh Day Baptist bookstore operated by Gerald C. Bond. It is located at 111 King St., Madison 3, Wis.

Mr. Bond will be glad to send you a catalog. From his store you may purchase Bibles and books covering every phase of religious life. He carries religious fiction for youth and adults; he also has books especially for children. Boxes of cards for all occasions are stocked. Pictures of many sizes and prices by Sallman and other artists are listed. Sabbath school workers can find materials covering their work. Pastors can secure all the latest books they will need for their interests and work.

Success to Mr. Bond and this Seventh Day Baptist enterprise set up in the beautiful city of Madison, where the light of the Christ and the Sabbath are being shed abroad. H. S.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP BEGUN IN DODGE CENTER

On the evening of October 26 the young married folks of the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church met at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Earl Cruzan for a covered-dish supper and social evening. During the evening a permanent young people's group was organized. All young married couples were invited to join as were any others who were twenty-one years old or older. George Bonser was elected president; Wallace Greene, vice-president; and Lorna Austin, secretary. A program committee consisting of Bob Austin, as chairman, and Clare Greene and Joyce-Langworthy, as members, was elected. A meeting time of the second Sunday night of each month was selected.

At the second meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Austin in Rochester, Minn., the name of Young Adult Fellowship was selected. A group of twenty-two was present for the social evening. Rev. Marion Van Horn, who was in Dodge Center in the interest of the Seventh Day Baptist Christian Rural Fellowship, talked to the group about family worship.

The presentation of some topic of interest to young adults, especially to young married folk, will be a part of the program of each meeting of the fellowship.—Rev. Earl Cruzan.

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS GIVEN TO SECOND CENTURY FUND

In February of 1946 the workers' meeting of the Milton, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Sabbath school discussed the matter of making contributions to the Second Century Fund for denominational interest, and voted a resolution by which the Sabbath offering of the fifth Sabbath of each month which has five Sabbaths should be turned over to the church treasurer for that special purpose. The results for the year 1946 are as follows:

March 30 .....	\$ 48.80
June 29 .....	51.48
August 31 .....	42.66
November 30 .....	46.24
Total .....	\$189.18

The continuation of the plan is a matter for discussion at the annual meeting in December at the time when officers for the year 1947 are to be chosen. The reports

for 1946 of the officers will be made at the January meeting of the workers' group.—Dr. Edwin Ben Shaw.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

### YOUNG PEOPLE ACTIVE IN MANY PROJECTS

The Church Chimes, a mimeographed newsletter from the Riverside, Calif., church, carries the following news items:

#### Pacific Pines Camp

Each year we hear it said, "This has been our best camp." Again that was the report from the camps this summer. Three camps were held with a total of over a hundred registrations. Everyone who attended was spiritually blessed.

Rev. G. D. Hargis was religious supervisor. Other teachers and helpers were Alice Baker Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Albyn Macintosh, Beth Severe, Alma Bond, and Bill Darby, besides the very efficient cooks. The general camp committee, which worked out plans in advance and got the camp in shape and opened up, found workers and cooks, planned menus, etc., was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Gleason Curtis and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurley.

On three different evenings Rev. E. S. Ballenger gave talks on astronomy. It filled the listeners with humility, and they could ask with the psalmist, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

Pacific Pines Camp was used not only by our own Seventh Day Baptist group but was rented to others, and the rental fees are used to pay for improvements on the camp.

#### C. E. Reorganized

The return of some of our servicemen and the addition of some new members have given our young people's activities new life. In August of this year the Christian Endeavor was reorganized with Don Richards as president.

A group of around fifteen young people meet each Sabbath afternoon for their devotional meetings. As a special project they decided to redecorate the Christian Endeavor room. The walls, woodwork, and floor were cleaned and painted by the group. A piano was added by the church, and the room is now very attractive for their meetings.

Some of the young people are active in the County Christian Endeavor Union, Youth for Christ rallies, and the United Christian Youth Movement.

They are looking forward to the leadership of the new pastor and to more definite and special work for Christ.

#### Youth Help with Organ Fund

Late in 1945 the Christian Endeavor group voted to start an organ fund. They immediately started to raise money through special collections,

## 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 Editor:

The symposium entitled "What Can We Do to Hold Our Young People?" has so interested me that I have felt led to write this short treatise on the subject. May I speak frankly to all, not with animosity or self-interest, but with a sincere desire to see your small but fine Christian organization prosper.

First of all, I attribute the decline of young people's interest and love for the Sabbath day to the attitude of the grownups themselves toward this hallowed day of the Lord. May not a lot of this "delinquency" be traced to the manner in which we older people observe or do not observe? It is easy to point an accusing finger at the youth, but how about us who are the older element? Can we successfully and truthfully prove that we are blameless in this respect?

That there is a problem with youth in our whole nation, none can honestly deny. But can we not trace a great deal of the blame to the older citizens of our land? Has not their conduct been a large contributing factor toward fostering this unhealthful condition? The increase in the consumption of tobacco and alcohol, especially by the women—has this not tended to encourage a like conduct in the teen age group? The vulgar and profane conversation, the absenteeism from the House of God, the vicious and unwholesome gossip, the frequenting of corrupt and debasing motion pictures, the nauseating increase of divorce with its resulting destruc-

entertainments, and personal contributions until the fund grew to \$1,832. A committee was appointed from the church to investigate organs. At the October, 1946, quarterly business meeting it was voted to transfer \$1,000 from the general fund and to order a Wurlitzer organ with chimes. The company promised the installation for some time in March, 1947.

There are many things that young people can do and are doing to help with church work. The Verona, N. Y., young people are helping raise money for a new organ.

—H. S.

tion of the home—have these and sundry other evils practiced by "the elders" of America been an incentive to the youth to live nobly and idealistically? You know the answer. And I sincerely believe that this same "let down" in the older folks of the churches has been a large factor in the demoralization of our young people. Let the young hold a symposium of their own and publish their conclusions in the Sabbath Recorder. It would go a long way toward clarifying the situation and bring about a "revival" of an enduring nature.

The following poem has just come to my attention:

#### Example

It is all vain to preach of the truth  
To the eager ears of a trusting youth  
If, whenever the lad is standing by,  
He sees you cheat and he hears you lie.  
Fine words may grace the advice you give,  
But youth will learn from the way you live.

Honor's a word that a thief may use;  
High-sounding language the base may choose.  
Speech is empty and preaching vain,  
Though the truth shines clear and the lesson's plain.

If you play false, he will turn away,  
For your life must square to the things you say.

The longer you live you will find this true;  
As you would teach, you must also do.  
Rounded sentences, smooth and fair,  
Were better not said if your deeds aren't square.  
If you'd teach him to live his very best,  
You must live your life to the selfsame test.

—Selected.

It has been my pleasant experience to associate with many of the young people of the Eastern Association. True, the tares could be noted, but I saw so much of the "wheat" that I feel encouraged for your denomination. I have looked into the eyes and faces of these young folk, and have seen there the clean, noble, and consecrated look of regenerated children of God.

Yours for Seventh Day Baptist youth,  
William J. Kimshel,  
Pastor.

Pine Street Gospel Chapel,  
Middletown, Conn.

The poet's insight and the artist's vision are roads to reality, even though they cannot be surveyed with the measuring rod of science. "Poetry," says Shelley, "redeems from decay the visitations of Divinity in Man." — From "The Highway of God" by Ralph Stockman.

# Peace of World Depends on Understanding

LITERACY — MORE CHALLENGING THAN EVER

WITH THE PEACE of the world depending upon mutual understanding, the problems of literacy become more challenging than ever. The thoughts of the future must be global in scope; people must know how to read and interpret for themselves if they are not to be the prey of those who would exploit them. How can we ever hope to achieve this world consciousness if people cannot read of events and customs in other parts of the world?

## India Shall Be Literate

Of all countries, none has greater fundamental reasons for an immediate and effective development in the number of literates than India. The Indian churches are putting forth every effort to make India literate. The Central Adult Literacy Committee, of the National Christian Council of India, after a survey of literacy in the Christian Church in India, urges that "the creation of a fully literate church . . . be one of the primary aims of the Christian enterprise in India," and calls for prospective church members to be taught to read and write before baptism. It recommends that large churches appoint a full-time director who shall maintain close contact with the provincial adult literacy promoters. There are now six full-time literacy

## WOMAN'S WORK

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

directors among the provincial councils.

Literacy students in the Bhil area are so enthusiastic that they attend all night classes after which they return to work in the morning. Rev. J. W. Raslam, full-time literacy promoter of the Karela (Madras) area, writes that he has used magic lantern slides successfully in his region. At one demonstration "the lecture was over at twelve, midnight, and the crowd dispersed, but about fifty remained in their seats. They stayed to hear more. It was 2 a.m. before the meeting was over."—(India Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference.)

## Developments in Christian Literature

The readers of "Listen," the paper edited by Miss Margaret Wrong for the villages of Africa, have long desired that it reach them monthly instead of every second month. Beginning January, 1947, "Listen" becomes a monthly. An increase in the subsidy from the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields, Inc., has made this possible.

## WORSHIP PROGRAM

AS THE NEW YEAR APPROACHES

By Alberta D. Batson

Hymn: "Nearer My God to Thee."

Scripture: Psalm 4.

As the new year approaches let us renew our faith and determination as we repeat in concert:

"In thee will I put my trust."

"Teach me to pray."

"Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death."

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer."

"Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths."

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker." Psalm 95: 6.

"Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger; thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation."

"Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for praise is comely for the upright."

"O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him, all ye nations, for his merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord."

"Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee."

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever."

**Prayer:** Dear God and Father of us all, as the new year approaches make us truly thoughtful. We thank thee for all the many blessings of the year just passed, and we ask thy forgiveness for all our sins of com-

mission and omission. Guide us into the new year that we may approach it with confidence and determination to make this year better than the one just behind us. May we always be mindful of thy great love for us and help us to put our trust in thee at all times. These things we ask in thy dear name and for our sakes. Amen.

Hymn: "O Worship the King."

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

February 21, 1947

The program for the World Day of Prayer, February 21, 1947, has been sent by the Committee on Special Program and Funds, Foreign Missions Conference, to World Day of Prayer Committees and National Christian Councils or similar groups in over forty countries, and has been made available to foreign mission boards to send overseas to their mission stations. The program, which is entitled "Make Level in the Desert a Highway for Our God," was prepared this year by Mrs. Isabel Caleb, of Ewing Christian College, Allahabad, India.

The four-year nursing course now offered at Vellore Christian Medical College, India, one of the Christian colleges which receives a portion of the World Day of Prayer offerings, has been recognized by Madras University as of college grade. It is the only nursing course under Christian auspices in India leading to a degree.

Reporting on the food situation in India, which he observed with the American Food Mission, Dr. Henry Smith Leiper praised the work in nutrition being done at the Women's Christian College of Madras, another of the colleges receiving budgetary aid from the World Day of Prayer. He spoke of Dr. Eleanor Mason's use of white rats to show illiterate villagers vividly the effects of an all-rice or a better balanced diet.

## RESOLUTIONS

A little less impatient with those we deem too slow;  
A little less of arrogance because of all we know;  
A little more humility, seeing our worth is slight;  
We are such trivial candles compared to stars at night!

A little more forgiving, and swifter to be kind;  
A little more desirous the word of praise to find,  
The word of praise to utter and make a heart rejoice.  
A little bit more careful to speak with gentle voice;  
A little more true eagerness to understand each other;

A little more real striving to help a shipwrecked brother;  
A little more high courage to each that must be done;

These be our resolutions—and God help everyone!

—Bible Advocate.

## SYRACUSE CHURCH ACTIVE ON FINANCIAL PROJECTS

SYRACUSE, N. Y. — The Syracuse Church, although small in membership, has been more financially active in 1946 than for some time. We met our pledge of \$25 to the United Budget and then sent \$5 more for Conference Sabbath.

During early summer we sent \$5 plus a pledge to the Second Century Fund. Then we wondered what we could do to fulfill our pledge. Someone suggested a "white elephant contribution." Immediately we began a search through our homes for usable things which we could discard but which would be useful to someone else. Each week these items were taken to the church and placed on a table as our contribution to the Second Century Fund. Anyone wishing an article would exchange it for the value they wished to give. Furs, books, jewelry, aprons, baked goods, eggs, milk, butter, vases, dishes, hats, gloves, hankies, and many other things which could not be sent away but which could be exchanged for money, soon supplied our pledge.

Recently we sent \$25 for the building emergency at Franklin City, Va.

Our small children's class is saving money to send a calf to Europe. Last but not least we are taking a special collection each Sabbath to send some of our young people to Conference in 1947. These are our special activities of the year.

God has blessed us wonderfully in our efforts, and I would suggest that other churches try making white elephant contributions. You will be surprised to find how many things you can spare and someone else will be glad to use.

Since Conference at Milton, we have been blessed with a visit from four of Verona's young people, who very ably presented to us the highlights of the Conference as seen through their eyes. The report was most interesting and much appreciated. We are deeply impressed and inspired to learn of the devotion of our young people to the Master's work. Let us remember them daily in our prayers. — Correspondent.

# TITHING Instituted by God for Man's Good

By Rev. Harley Sutton

Jesus said, "The sabbath was made for man and not man for the sabbath." Tithing was instituted by God for the good of man and to finance the building of his kingdom in the earth as it is in heaven.

All law is of God and intended by God to guide man in the development of Godlike character. Life is based on following a definite plan. There are no planless seeds. If we plant corn, we harvest corn. If we sow unto righteousness, we reap Godlike character. "It is more blessed to give than to receive" is one of these laws which man recognizes as essential to life; yet, as is too often the case, it is practiced too rarely.

How is the tithe made for man? When the Sabbath is used by man, as God intended, all time becomes more sacred. When the tithe is used, as God intended, it makes all possessions more sacred. Many feel that one of the chief enemies of the Church today is "secularism." If men bring the FIRST tenth of income to God, they see more clearly that all material possessions are to be used in co-operation with God for the creation of spiritual values.

Someone has said, "The nine tenths with God's blessing goes farther than ten tenths without his blessing." Man soon finds that tithing teaches him to be more businesslike, and so the money he handles does go farther. One businessman had never kept a very accurate record of his business. When he accepted the challenge of the tithe, he employed a competent secretary to keep records of the business. At the end of the first year of tithing he found that he was doing much better in his business. The prophet Malachi said, "Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." That is the voice of God saying that the tithe was made for man.

Putting first things first is not easy. When man brings the FIRST tenth to God it helps the whole family to see that there is something very real about belief in God. Yes, the family that puts God at the top of the budget will be making a concrete expression of putting first things first.

The tithe is God's plan of insurance against selfishness. Putting self before God and others is sin. One man said that he always made it a practice whenever he felt that he was getting selfish to give away to something worth while at least ten dollars.

Everyone who thinks seriously about the need of money in building the kingdom of God on earth realizes that proportionate giving is the only real way. The tithe gives that idea something definite. If there must always be the argument as to how much should be given, there will always be the tendency to give less than should be given. For all who have tithed, it is a minimum. Some who started with the tithe have increased their giving to 50% or even 75% and more. Those who have

tithed for years will all bear testimony that it is the easiest way to be sure that a definite amount that is worthy of God is being given for his work.

What is the TITHE? Well, to me it is God's plan for the Christian to make a concrete expression of his belief in the supremacy of the spiritual over the material, of his belief in the reality of God, and the value of seeking first God and his righteousness. When man so practices this principle, all these things fit into their proper place in life. —H. S.

## DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, November 30, 1946

Receipts		Total for 5 months
	November	
Albion	\$ 25.50	\$ 219.99
Alfred, First	339.20	679.00
Alfred, Second	162.86	328.56
Associations and groups	42.03	1,731.69
Battle Creek	183.05	792.44
Berlin	25.00	46.75
Boulder		124.50
Brookfield, First		56.80
Brookfield, Second	12.50	86.68
Chicago	34.77	156.22
Daytona Beach	59.50	131.75
Denver	28.43	402.86
De Ruyter	28.00	141.35
Dinuba		106.11
Dodge Center	10.00	29.92
Edinburg	6.50	37.05
Farina	25.00	119.58
Friendship		72.95
Gentry	2.73	9.15
Hammond	15.05	25.05
Hebron Center		10.00
Hebron, First		7.46
Hopkinton, First		20.00
Hopkinton, Second	1.00	1.00
Independence	14.00	85.00
Individuals	243.50	2,515.57
Jackson Center		10.00
Little Genesee	37.80	168.08
Little Prairie		10.50
Los Angeles		138.00
Los Angeles, Christ's		5.00
Lost Creek	104.75	320.75
Marlboro	140.00	423.70
Middle Island	20.95	65.97
Milton	389.60	1,580.64
Milton Junction	54.79	305.09
New Auburn		97.65
North Loup	68.00	187.27
New York		422.78
Nortonville		63.22
Pawcatuck	690.65	1,193.92
Piscataway	21.50	69.50
Plainfield	211.74	1,008.64
Richburg	55.75	111.75
Ritchie	50.00	68.45
Riverside		1,348.82
Roanoke		15.00

Rockville	14.66	80.98
Salem	46.50	266.00
Salemville		5.50
Schenectady		20.00
Shiloh	453.74	868.03
Syracuse		15.00
Verona		138.35
Walworth		51.50
Washington, Evangelical		100.00
Washington, People's		23.00
Waterford	10.00	66.00
White Cloud		126.14

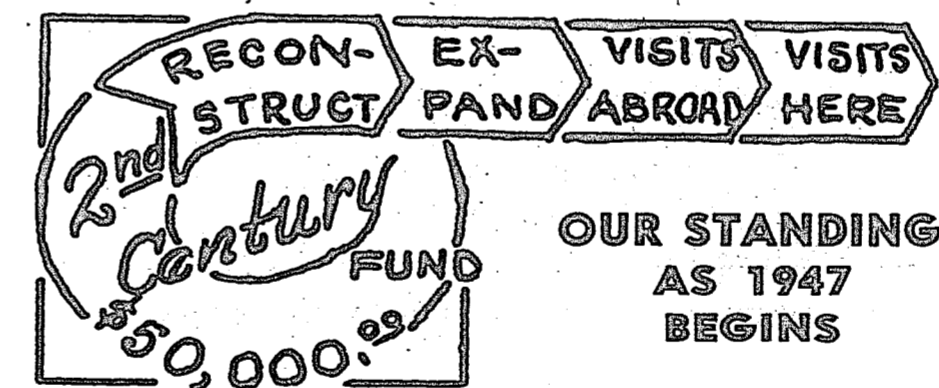
Disbursements		Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 818.57	\$ 368.90	
Tract Society	450.11	7.00	
Board of Christian Education	491.05	3.87	
Women's Society	16.33	28.40	
Historical Society	36.80		
Ministerial Retirement	204.70	120.55	
S. D. B. Building	61.41		
General Conference	184.23		
World Fellowship	36.80		
Conference Committee on Relief Appeals		*792.62	

\* Includes for German S. D. B. Relief \$765.62.

Comparative Figures		
	1946	1945
Receipts for November:		
Budget	\$2,307.71	\$1,355.18
Specials	1,321.34	1,082.15
Receipts for 5 months:		
Budget	11,808.23	8,208.47
Specials	5,404.43	4,463.52

L. M. Van Horn,  
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.



To know where you and I stand on the Second Century Fund before 1946 rolls out, here are the figures to about December 13:

	Oct. 15	Dec. 13
Balance brought forward	\$24,451.09	\$25,352.62
Adams Center	99.00	104.00
Albion	25.00	40.00
Alfred, First	1,749.34	1,873.84
Alfred, Second	147.50	239.50
Ashaway	555.00	600.00
Battle Creek	691.20	899.20
Berea	90.00	140.00
Berlin (and Schenectady Mission)	303.00	311.00
Brookfield, Second	276.00	282.00
Boulder	321.00	377.70
Chicago	5,604.50	5,613.50

Daytona Beach	272.05	272.05
Denver	280.65	435.15
De Ruyter	654.50	654.50
Dodge Center	63.50	73.50
Edinburg	97.16	110.16
Farina	228.35	228.35
Fouke	5.00	5.00
Friendship	115.85	115.85
Gentry	28.26	28.26
Hammond	100.00	110.00
Healdsburg-Ukiah	52.40	52.40
Hebron	80.70	80.70
Hebron Center	10.00	10.00
Hopkinton, Second	50.00	60.00
Independence*	357.00	348.00
Irvington	75.00	75.00
Jackson Center	190.00	190.00
Leonardsville	84.00	84.00
Little Genesee	71.90	79.89
Los Angeles, Christ's		5.00
Los Angeles	272.00	272.00
Lost Creek	10.00	10.00
Marlboro	288.16	362.00
Milton	820.28	920.44
Milton Junction	678.50	678.50
Nady	15.00	20.00
New Auburn*	199.00	199.00
New York City	582.00	622.00
North Loup	473.23	577.23
Nortonville	367.00	387.00
Oakdale	50.00	50.00
Pawcatuck	3,152.65	3,207.65
Piscataway	119.94	119.94
Plainfield*	1,515.55	1,367.55
Richburg	160.00	160.00
Riverside	443.80	642.96
Roanoke	20.00	20.00
Rochester Fellowship	32.00	32.00
Rockville	185.50	185.50
Salem	537.50	537.50
Salemville	51.85	51.85
Shiloh	318.51	457.20
Stonefort	35.00	35.00
Syracuse	25.00	25.00
Verona	124.75	185.75
Washington, People's	20.00	20.00
Washington, Evangelical	100.00	100.00
Waterford*	71.00	66.00
Walworth	21.50	21.50
White Cloud	135.00	135.00
Yonah Mountain	50.00	50.00
Associations, etc.	196.02	217.05
Miscellaneous	1,629.02	1,720.27

Totals \$25,352.62 \$26,954.44

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** for a happier New Year for Seventh Day Baptists! We are pleased to announce that we have one contributor who will give \$500 to the Second Century Fund every time \$2,000 is added by other donors. This is an extra opportunity for you to share in more rapidly reaching our \$50,000 goal.

\* Indicates duplications in recording, thus totals decreased by respective amounts.



## OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Recorder Children:

No doubt as I write (December 17) you are all looking forward to the Christmas season which is just around the corner. The Christmas lights on Andover's Main Street were turned on last night for the first time and shone down on the falling snowflakes making them sparkle like diamonds. Joyce and Gretchen with their father and mother were up and were anxiously watching the snowstorm, hoping the ground would be well snow-covered by morning. They had their wish granted, for not even one grass blade shows through as far as I can see and our garage roof is well covered. "Hurrah!" I can almost hear Gretchen shout. "I guess we'll have a white Christmas for Santa Claus after all."

As we have enjoyed the Christmas season, I hope we have not forgotten that Christmas means much more than the giving and receiving of Christmas gifts; that it is to honor the birth of our dear Lord Jesus, the Saviour of the world. Let us think of him as once a child like you, and try to be like him.

Did you ever think of the little donkey which carried the Baby Jesus to safety when King Herod wanted to take his life? Mrs. Nellie F. Daland of Milton, Wis., has sent us a beautiful poem about him and the Baby Jesus which I know you will enjoy as I have.

I trust when vacation is over I will have many letters from children telling why and how they have enjoyed Christmas. Hoping you have all had the best kind of Christmas, I remain

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

### LITTLE BEASTIE

By Nellie F. Daland

(Dedicated to my little grandson, David Daland, who is still too young to write a letter.)

When Joseph heard the angel say  
King Herod sought our Lord,  
The little Jesus Christ, he lay  
All snug and warm and very sweet  
With Mary in the fragrant hay,  
The sheep and cattle at their feet.  
They stood with patient, gentle mien  
At Heaven's behest to intervene.

Little beastie, strong of limb,  
Heart of oak, and foot so sure,  
Never failing—'tis of him  
I sing this simple lay.

Awakened on that chilly morn  
From a slumber deep and long,  
The angel whispered in its ear:  
"Awake! Awake! The dawn is near.  
We must hasten with all speed  
To hide the Babe from Herod's greed.  
A precious burden you must take.  
O gentle beast, awake, awake!"

The streets were dark. The morn was chill;  
And not a sound was heard  
Except the tinkling from the hill  
Of silvery bells of dreamy sheep,  
Who did not know that close at hand  
A baby boy thus fled the land—  
And the hurrying steps of donkey feet  
Going clippety-clop through the narrow street.

On through the town, up o'er the hill,  
Through briars, through thorn, and hurrying still.  
The way grew rough and steep and long;  
His sturdy legs grew tired and torn.  
Now hungry, thirsty, and forlorn;  
Still on and on through crunching sand—  
Now a sea-borne breeze—toward the land of Ra.  
Still on and on toward Amen and Ptah.

At last to the bosom of that strange land  
Of high stony crags, of low desert sand,  
Safely hid in a sheltered nest,  
They thanked their God for grateful rest.  
From weariness and joy, sweet Mary wept.  
Joseph prayed. The Baby slept.  
The weary beast could neither weep nor pray,  
So raised his raucous voice to bray.

Little beastie, strong of limb,  
Heart of oak, and foot so sure,  
Never failing—'tis of him  
I sing this simple lay.

### OPPORTUNITIES IN UNITED SERVICE

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sage was one of challenge to lay aside our petty differences and unite on a program of world-wide evangelism.

It was a thrilling experience just to be in the same room with, and listen to, such persons as Miss Hanna Schokking, of Holland, and Pastor and Mrs. Martin Niemoeller, of Germany. They told about their wartime experiences.

There was discussion of ways to improve the economic life in Germany, Japan, and other countries as an aid to reaching the people spiritually. We could see only advantages in such consideration about foreign countries. If it is good for Japan, why should

it not be good to talk of the relationship between the church and economic life in our own country?

And so again, I have changed my mind!  
P. B. Hurley.

### RITCHIE CHURCH

(Continued from back cover)

match to the paper, representing the youth of the church, which is its future.

Thus ended the indebtedness of the Ritchie Church, and began, we trust, an era of greater service.

### CHARLES EDWARD ROGERS

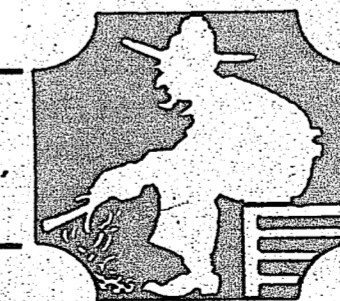
Charles E. Rogers spent most of his early life in Brookfield, N. Y. He moved with his family to the Dunellen-New Market Community, N. J., nearly sixty years ago where they have since lived, the home being at 520 Prospect Ave., Dunellen, the larger share of the time.

By trade Mr. Rogers was a machinist. At the time of his retirement he was one of the oldest employees of the Spicer Manufacturing Company, formerly located in South Plainfield, N. J. He was a member of Friendship Council, Junior OUAM, New Market.

He was baptized by Rev. Leander E. Livermore October 11, 1890, and united with the Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist Church at New Market. Mrs. Rogers joined the Piscataway Church at the same time having brought her letter from the Brookfield, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

On July 16, 1893, he was ordained a deacon of the Piscataway Church, which office he faithfully filled. He would always attend the covenant service of the church, even though sometimes he was hardly able to do

OLD-TIMER  
S E Z . . .



I've seen fellers that made as much fuss about sum good work as a rooster does about a hen layin' a egg—and had just about as much to do with it, too!

THE SABBATH RECORDER

so. He felt that the covenant service was an obligation even beyond some of the other appointments of the church. Mr. Rogers served as church clerk from 1907 to 1942. Also, he was teacher of the same Sabbath school class for about fifty years.

Truly, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116: 15.

## Marriages

**Crow - Fuller.** — Clyde Crow, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Crow, and Merle Fuller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuller, North Loup, Neb., were united in marriage in the sanctuary of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist church on August 31, 1946, following the morning worship service. Pastor Alton L. Wheeler officiated. Their residence is now at 134 Green St., Battle Creek, Mich.

## Obituaries

**Rogers.** — Charles Edward, son of Ethan C. and Catharine Bulkley Rogers, was born in Sangerfield, N. Y., July 17, 1860, and passed away in Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, N. J., November 25, 1946.

He was united in marriage with Miss Alice M. Satterlee of Brookfield, N. Y., at Norwich, N. Y., September 11, 1882, by Rev. Julius M. Todd. To this union were born three children: Ethan C. and Bernice E., both of whom have preceded him to the heavenly home, and Ethel C. who with his wife has faithfully and patiently cared for him during the major part of his illness of six months. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. William J. (Ida Rogers) Davis of Los Angeles, Calif., a number of nephews and nieces, and many friends.

Memorial services were held on Friday afternoon, November 29, from Runyon's Funeral Home, Dunellen, N. J., conducted by Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J. (An extended obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.)  
H. S. W.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JANUARY 11, 1947

The Authority of Jesus  
Basic Scripture—John, Chapter 2  
Memory Selection—John 2: 5

A man may read the figures on the sundial, but he cannot tell how the day goes unless the sun is shining on it; so we may read the Bible over, but we cannot learn to purpose till the spirit of God shines upon it and into our hearts.

—T. Watson.



# RITCHIE CHURCH LIQUIDATES PROPERTY INDEBTEDNESS

## Lord's Acre Projects Help Accomplish Goal

The evening after the Sabbath, November 2, the Lord's Acre projects of the Ritchie Church for 1946 were completed and reported at a banquet at the church. This is an annual affair and the proceeds, usually amounting to about \$200, have been applied to the debt on the church building.

But this year the occasion was something special. A plan had been under way to raise

the church with a nice balance to its credit. Plans were immediately suggested for improvements on the church, church grounds, and parsonage. Improvements on the parsonage were soon undertaken, and \$50 was voted at a later date for the Denominational Budget and a like amount for the Second Century Fund.

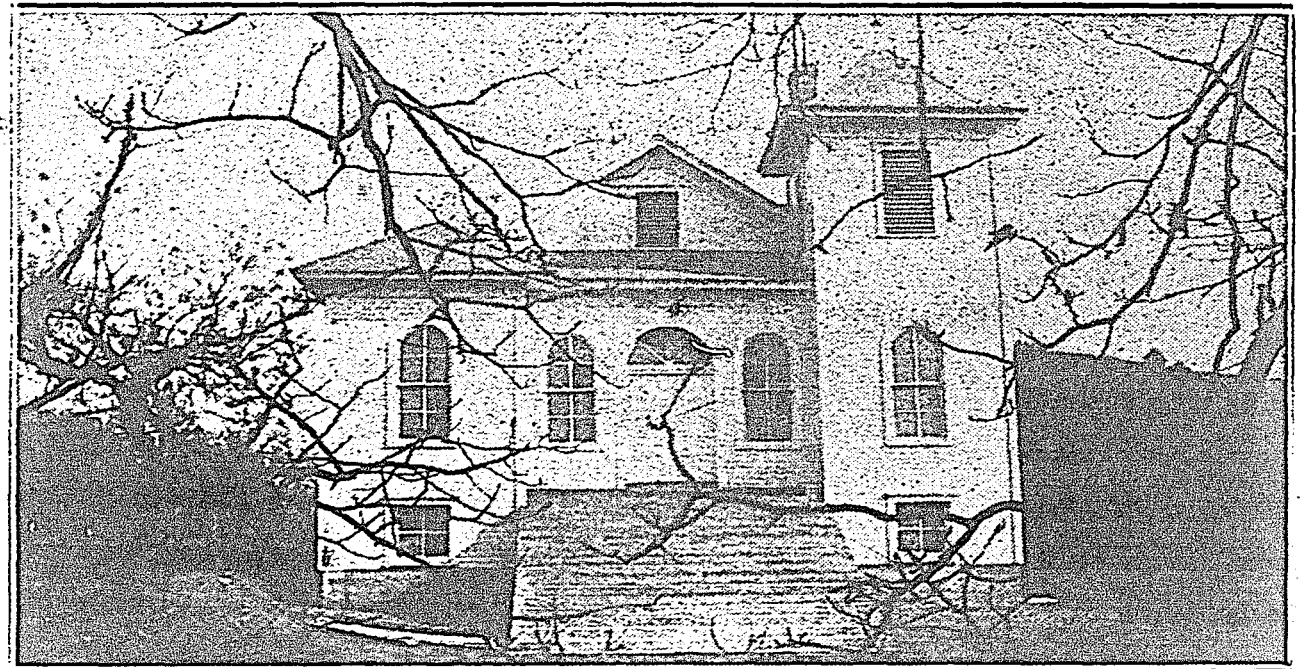
A second "red letter" day was in honor of Thanksgiving. Sabbath day, November 30,

## Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church

Berea, W. Va.

As it appeared soon after it was built in 1927.

Rev. John F. Randolph is now pastor.



enough to liquidate the debt of \$900 still remaining on the church property. This program was also to culminate at this gathering.

Robert Bond, Ritchie County farm agent and member of the Seventh Day Baptist Committee on Christian Rural Fellowship, was the speaker of the evening, discussing some of the problems of the rural community and the part of the church to meet these problems.

Rev. M. C. Van Horn showed some interesting slides on the Lord's Acre projects conducted at Lost Creek, Berea, and other places.

After the people had enjoyed a bountiful meal and an interesting program, financial interests "took the stage." It was found that the goal of \$200 from the Lord's Acre projects was more than accomplished; and paid subscriptions on the church debt almost covered the indebtedness of \$900 without the Lord's Acre funds. To cap the climax, the clerk of the church made the announcement that the Memorial Board, to whom we were indebted, had made a generous reduction on the debt. It is plain that this left

was devoted to Thanksgiving services. After the usual Sabbath school and a Thanksgiving sermon, the congregation enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner at the church. Appropriate readings were given at the table. The closing program was the burning of the mortgage on the church. The pastor read part of the Deed of Trust, showing the action of the church in assuming the debt to build a new church in 1927.

Julia Meathrell, clerk of the church, made some remarks on the recent successful efforts to raise the amount of the debt. Conza Meathrell, representing her father, one of the signers of the Deed of Trust, was called out to hold the paper. Thus was represented the older generation, those who showed their faith in the future of the church by assuming the load of debt. Deacon Corlis Sutton and Moderator Reuben Brissey came forward to represent the present officers of the church.

The youngest member of our church, Norma Jean Simmons, age 11, recently baptized and received into the church, touched the

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