

## A PLAN FOR GIVING TO CONFERENCE OFFERING

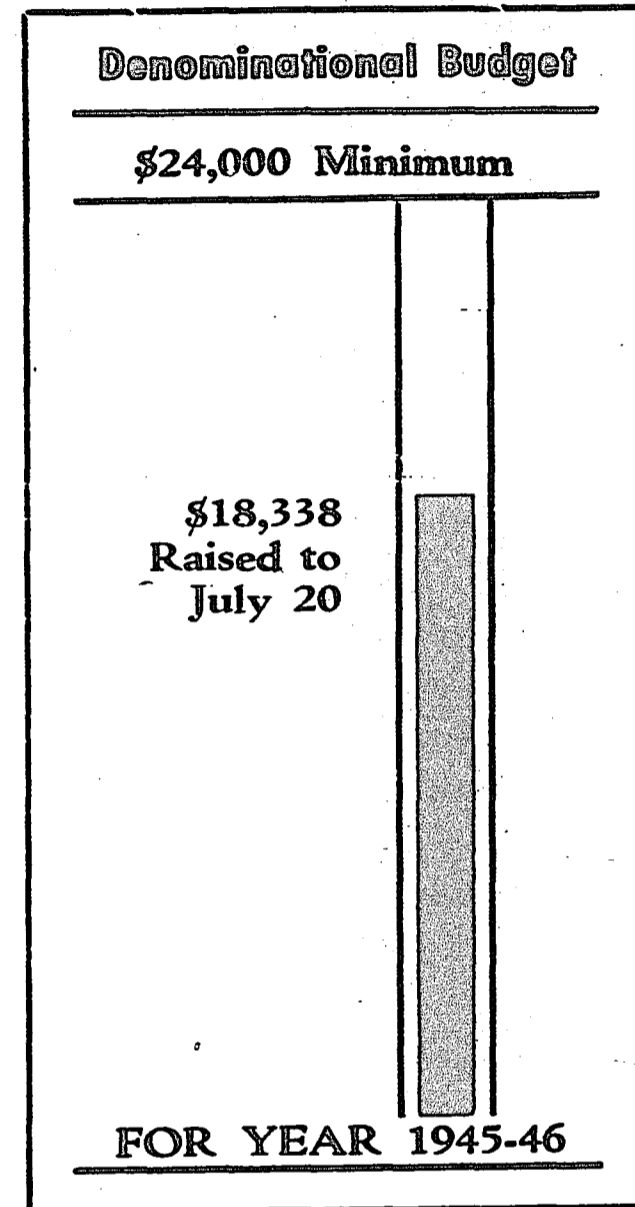
"All church members should have the privilege of contributing to the Conference Sabbath offering."

The Committee on Budget Promotion is suggesting a plan of contributing to the coming Conference Sabbath offering — a plan similar to one followed last year. Several times our Conference president has expressed the hope that we could completely raise this year's Budget of \$24,000 by the close of Conference. We of the Committee on Budget Promotion have been much impressed with our Conference president's excellent and persistent work and would be happy indeed to make it possible for him to announce such cheering news during our Conference.

We also feel that all church members should have the privilege of contributing to the Conference Sabbath offering, even though all cannot be present. Therefore, we suggest that a special Conference offering be made in each church on the Sabbath of August 17, the Sabbath immediately preceding Conference. The proceeds from these offerings could immediately be forwarded to the Seventh Day Baptist Conference President, Milton, Wis., and would be received in time to be reported with the regular Conference Sabbath offering. At one Conference such an offering amounted to \$1,000, with only those present contributing. At the same rate what a wonderful offering we shall have this year when we all are privileged to contribute. We suggest this as a tribute of appreciation for the untiring efforts of P. B. Hurley, Conference President.

Committee on Budget Promotion.

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR BEST?



Receipts during the week since the last report were as follows:

Budget .....	\$28.55
Specials .....	62.88

**PLAN TO ATTEND**

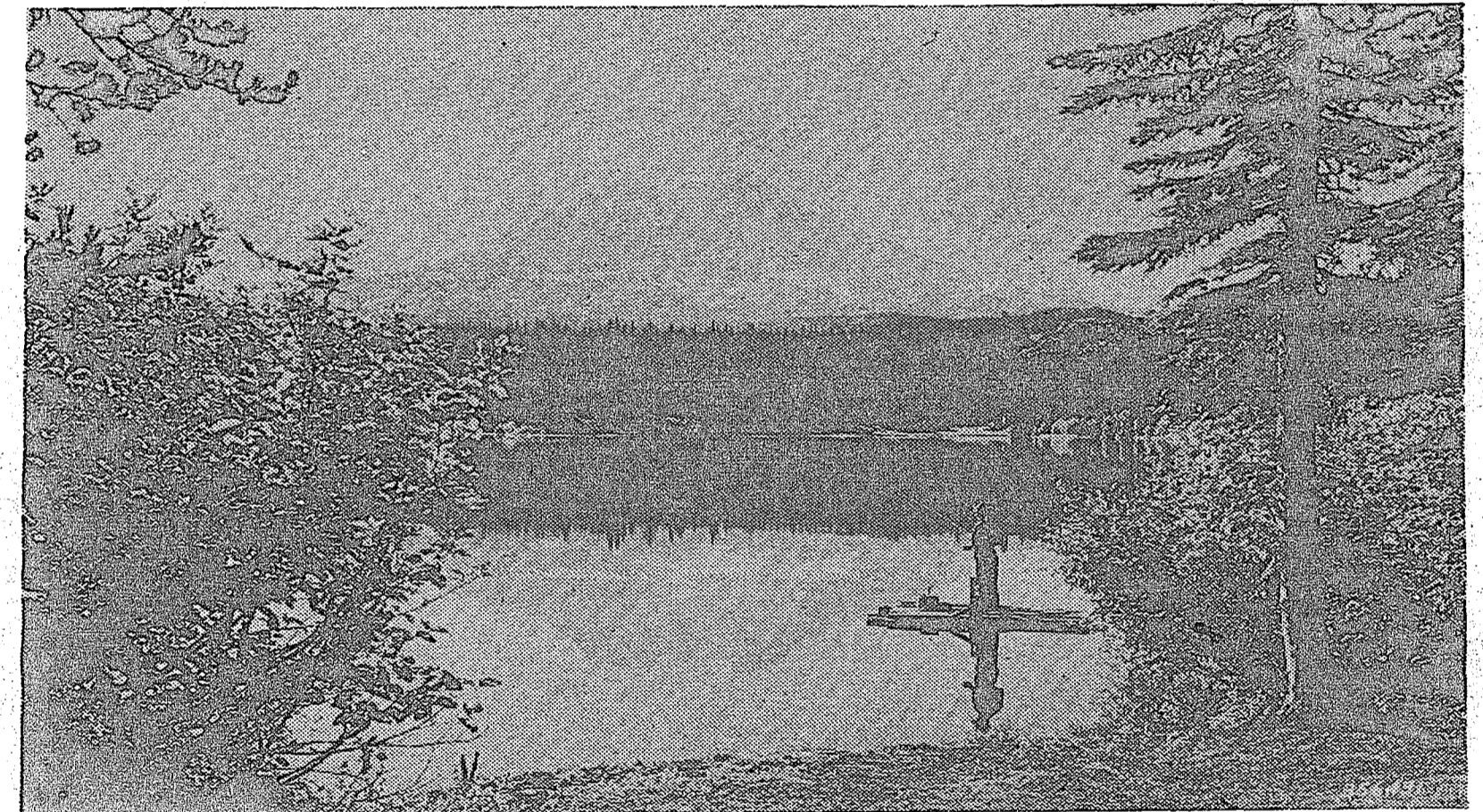
**GENERAL CONFERENCE**

**MILTON, WIS., AUGUST 20 TO 25, 1946**

**PRE-CONFERENCE YOUTH RETREAT — AUGUST 16 TO 20**

(for all young people who are graduates  
of the ninth grade or older)

# The Sabbath Recorder



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### A SUMMER CREED

I believe in the flowers and their glorious indifference to the changes of the morrow.  
 I believe in the birds and their implicit trust in the loving Providence that feeds them.  
 I believe in the prayer-chanting brooks, as they murmur a sweet hope of finding the far distant sea to which they patiently run.  
 I believe in the whispering winds, for they teach me to listen to the still voice within my feverish soul.  
 I believe in the vagrant clouds, as they remind me that life, like a summer day, must have some darkness to reveal its hidden meaning.

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## Editorials

### "MAKING THE MOST OF THE TIME"

"If I only had the time, I'd do thus and so." How often we hear such a lament from harried individuals who have ambitions to do tasks for which they never seem to find time. Fact is, honest confession might reveal that at least on occasion we ourselves are numbered among the lamenters.

We should be anxious about the proper use of time. That too many people are given to inordinate use of it was evident to the inspired writers of the Bible; over and over again are recorded such Scriptural injunctions as "the time is at hand," "the time is short." Down through the centuries since then countless millions of moments have been wasted, and yet the vast majority of the world's people continue to wail, "If only I had more time!"

Those who succeed consider well how the precious minutes are spent. A famous columnist, pointing out the fact that the person who says he has no time often actually has all the time in the world, recounts the stories of a number of busy individuals who found extra time to become famous by making outstanding contributions to society.

Abraham Lincoln, the columnist recalls, diligently studied borrowed books by the flickering light of a wood fire after long days of arduous labor. Others might have excused themselves from study by saying they were too tired. But Lincoln paved the way to his becoming president—in his spare time.

Alexander Graham Bell, we are reminded, spent many long and often discouraging hours of experimentation before he invented the telephone. That was a major contribution to humanity, but Bell did all of the work involved during after hours. His main job was that of professor in a school of oratory.

"Perhaps where most of us fall down is in the use of spare moments, the in-between-times, as it were," says A. Ritchie Low, pastor of the United Church, Johnson, Vt., writing in "Church Management." "Flying moments . . . are not something to keep in store, but something precious to invest in the Master's use."

Mr. Low quotes an outstanding scientist whose versatile attainments made him known to a wide public. When asked how he managed to do so much and how he found the time, the scientist replied:

There is one rule which I have found of great use. I commend it to you: that is, always to do small things, such as writing a letter, copying out some short piece, reading a review, reading a book, etc., in small portions of time, and to reserve a whole day of leisure for some long and important affair. Never use a rainy morning in doing a variety of little jobs, and think because you dispatch a great many that you have well bestowed your time; use small affairs for odd half-hours; use your uninterrupted morning for something that cannot be done in half-hours.

Each one of us from our own experience or reading can recall fascinating stories about people doing great things in spare moments. It is said, for instance, that E. Stanley Jones produced his famous volume, "Abundant Living," mostly in short periods between scheduled activities when others would have been snoozing in the shade or basking in the sunshine.

Snoozing and basking have their place and time, but the point is that human nature is such that the tendency is to spend all time in such a way. We need to be mindful of the truth revealed in Ecclesiastes 3, where the "Preacher" draws upon the wide experience of his past life and, looking out upon the disorders and calamities

## GUEST EDITORIAL

### IT WILL GET YOU IF —

It will get you if you don't watch out. What? This Summeritis. It is an epidemic which strikes the average church about the same time each year. It is seldom fatal, but is most disturbing while it lasts. The symptoms usually begin to be manifested about Friday evening and constantly get worse during the night, reaching a crisis about time to go to church.

The germs of this most common church disease are said to come from distant places, wafted in on the arm of summer breezes and intensified by the rays of the summer sun. Not many in the churches have yet built up an immunity to this dread disease.

The first signs of one being infected with this malady is a waning interest in the work of the church and the most modest conviction that his services are not essential to the work of the church anyway. It has been long known by all pastors and religious workers that the people who are generally willing to do their part of the church's work will, under the influence of Summeritis, most earnestly contend that they are being overworked and that some one else should take the responsibility.

The patient is hardly conscious of the malady at this stage, but soon the "itching feet" begin to be felt. The feet itch for new paths and mountain climbing and seaside sands. All the senses seem to be affected. The eyes ache for far away scenes, the ears crave the humming of the auto engine and the grinding of the wheels over new roads. The smell of the wild flowers and salt sea breezes are most pleasing to the nostrils. When one is suffering from this disease, nothing can tempt the taste as do coffee made in the open and meat fried over the camp fire.

Generally with the first cold days of autumn, or after the first cloudy and wet days of late summer, the patient begins to recover. The only thing which prevents Summeritis from being fatal in many cases is the fact that the season is rather short. One generally revives from the attack with the sense of considerable bodily weariness, a little ache in the realm of the conscience,

surrounding him, warns: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." That is the heart of the matter. Rest and relaxation, and all other worthy matters, have their place. Our concern should be to do what we do with PURPOSE.

Some fail in "redeeming time" because it is really hard work to do so. The easy—and pleasant—activity is often the one which seems to develop on the spur of the moment without previous effort or thought. Dividing time profitably among work, recreation, study, meditation, and the other necessary parts of daily life takes planning, plus a dogged determination to stay reasonably by the plan.

In the article which Mr. Low has written, the use of time is related specifically to church workers. The writer enumerates several outstandingly successful people, then makes this significant observation:

My experiences and contacts with these and other leaders of the church compel me to believe these men deserve success. They are workers, plodders, men who have learned how to make minutes not only count but also work for them. . . . Most of us do just about what we are expected to do whereas . . . others make every hour, every nerve and sinew give an account of themselves.

If we will first admit that God-given time is precious, then earnestly strive to use every moment with purpose, we will be happily on the way to heeding the Apostle Paul's admonition written during his first captivity in Rome (Ephesians 5: 15 and 16—Revised Standard Version): "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time. . . ."

### PIN POINT EDITORIALS

"Vows made in storms are soon forgotten in calms." \* \* \*

A world of frayed nerves, such as ours, needs to learn that there is a time when it is wise to quit trying and let the spirit of God direct one's way. Tension then will cease and new strength come. The makers of amber beads in Damascus give the bead a few rubs at a time and then lay it aside. If they continued to polish it, it would burst because of the inner strain due to the friction on the amber. Just so our natures are apt to erupt if in the noise and rush, the presence of tension, cruel sorrow, or trial we do not find the calming hand upon us.—Christian-Evangelist.

"Whole-hearted Christians invariably are whole-hearted church members."

and a considerable depletion of the spiritual nature.

Among the first signs of recovery is the realization that church attendance is surely falling off; often this is accompanied with doubt in the mind as to what is the matter with the preacher. Why can't he hold his congregation?

This is a wholesome sign for it is followed by a returning interest in the kingdom of God, and in increasing effort to regain what has been lost during the summer. Things begin to settle back to their regular order, and often the preacher gets another check. All are happy once more.

Prevention of this disease is easier than the cure. When once it has taken hold of a life, there is always less and less resistance to it. Increased devotions with large amounts of prayer all through the week will be most helpful in restoring to a natural state of resistance any one who feels the first symptoms.

Think about "Christ crucified for us." Then study the Ten Commandments, and on Sabbath morning, early, before breakfast, read "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." These are among the most effective preventives.

If it has already taken hold of you, the treatment is more severe. It will require Paul's prescription, "keeping the body under," and will have to be taken with considerable sacrifice and repentance. In stubborn cases Christ's "Take up your cross and follow me," or "They who would save their lives shall lose them," must be taken.

However, we advise beginning the treatment before it reaches the advanced stages.

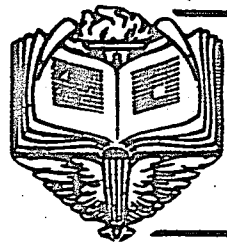
Rev. D. G. Decherd.

Pacific Grove, Calif.

#### CHINA COLLEGES TO CONSOLIDATE

The thirteen existing Christian colleges in China are to be consolidated into nine institutions to meet China's postwar needs, according to a plan adopted by the Associate Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

The plan, result of a three-year study, places the nine universities in seven key centers, and aims to end duplication of activities, raise academic standards, and lead to a fuller utilization of physical plants, teaching services, libraries, and scientific equipment.



## STUDY to show thysself approved UNTO GOD

### WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL

Thoughts from the first chapter of Philippians

By Rev. Ralph H. Coon

Paul makes clear in this chapter how much the gospel of Jesus Christ means to him. In life or death that gospel is uppermost, so nothing can disturb him in the stand he has taken.

He declares, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (v. 21.) His hope is "that Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death." (v. 20.)

In 1 Timothy 1: 11 he calls this gospel to which he has committed his life "the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust." Paul is thinking of such a gospel when he goes on to say, as Weymouth translates Philippians 1: 27, "Only let the lives you live be worthy of the gospel of Christ."

A defender of his country in receiving a special award is commended for deeds worthy of the best traditions of the service. May I hope some day to be commended for service to Christ "worthy of the gospel of Christ"? The King James version reads, "Only let your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ." From the world's point of view Christians are the garments in which the gospel is dressed. To a casual observer the clothes are said to make the man.

Our Scripture implies that we as Christians may be, by our living, actually becoming to this glorious gospel. This seems impossible, but we must remember that Paul says in this same letter, chapter 4, verse 19, "I can do all things through Christ."

The rest of this first chapter of Philippians tells how our lives may be worthy of the gospel. These verses are worthy of much study.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR AUGUST 17, 1946

Jesus and the Sacredness of Human Life

Basic Scripture—Exodus 20: 13; Proverbs 1: 10-19;  
3: 29-33; Isaiah 59: 1-9; Matthew 5: 21-24;  
10: 29-31; 18: 1-7, 10-14; Luke 9: 51-56;  
Ephesians 4: 32a

Memory Selection—Matthew 5: 22

o "He finds refuge in God's infinite strength and everlasting power."

## Lightning, Thunder Are God's Fireworks

— "THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD"

By Madge B. Conyers

LAST NIGHT—Sabbath night—we had a magnificent thunderstorm! It came as the climax of five or six days of unusually uncomfortable summer heat. I was awakened about midnight by the mighty rumble of the thunder and the flickering light of the sky. The rain, drenching the thirsty earth, beat down upon the roof and a gentle, cooling wind blew in at the window. As I looked out, I remembered another thunderstorm, years ago when I was a little girl. My father took me on the porch and pointed it out to me, saying, "See that, Darling? Don't ever be afraid of lightning and thunder. Those are God's fireworks!" His words captivated my imagination and I have never forgotten them.

While the heavens were filled with the glory of the display last night, I could not help comparing the splendor of it to that of the fireworks with which we celebrated the Fourth of July only a few days ago. The vast difference is, indeed, the measure of "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Our fireworks shot up only a few hundred feet into the air in one area of the sky, and although they were attractive, how insignificant they seem beside the celestial fireworks which fill the heavens from horizon to horizon and shake the earth with their reverberations! I remembered Milton's famous line: "And let the bass of heaven's deep organ blow."

At times the light was almost blinding in the intensity of its whiteness, while dagger-like darts flashed across the sky. As I watched, fascinated by such an impressive manifestation of God's power, my heart thrilled at the thought, "That is the God that I worship!"

Man, entangled in the mesh of satisfaction with his own achievements and speaking with concern of the destructive force of the atomic bomb, tends to forget the power of the Maker of heaven and earth who first linked the atoms together in their distinctive patterns; he does not remember the omnipotence of him who "plants his footsteps on the sea and rides upon the storm"; he fails to look upward, where "The heavens declare the glory of God." To the believer, these thoughts are precious. He finds refuge in

God's infinite strength and everlasting power; his confidence is anchored, in this world of uncertainty, in him who declares, "I am the Lord, I change not."

As I continued to watch last night, I thought of that fearless prophet of God, Elijah, who spoke of "a sound of abundance of rain" and who warned King Ahab "Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not." Was there a great thunderstorm then? The Bible says "that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain." How the children of Israel must have gazed with awe, and perhaps some anxiety, at that exhibition of the elements unleashed, after their sinfulness that day in worshiping Baal on Mount

#### THUNDERSTORM

Let the lightning flash!  
Let the thunder roar!  
I am the child of the King  
And those are my Father's fireworks!

Rhythm of the pounding rain  
Crash of the flashing cymbals  
Boom of the infinite bass  
Through the wind-swept night,  
For all the earth to see,  
Passing in review,  
Go the elements on parade!

I stand exultant, glorying in it all  
While Nature, expressive in magnificent display  
Speaks her praise triumphant  
And in far-flung sonorous echoes,  
For all the earth to hear,  
Ascribes omnipotence to the everlasting Creator,  
Whose child I am.

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Let the thunder roar!  
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And those are my Father's fireworks!

—M. B. C.



Carmel. How inspiring the scene must have been to Elijah! Did he, too, feel in his heart, "That is the God that I worship"?

I thought also of the people living at the time of the great flood. Did the lightning and thunder strike fear into their hearts as they remembered, too late, the warnings of Noah?

Then my thoughts turned to the second coming of Christ: "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." What a glorious spectacle it will be when "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat"—when every eye shall see the stately majesty of the King of kings, returning in all his glory!

While it is true that our God is a God of love and of mercy and compassion, I felt as I watched the sky last night that there is a tendency to forget and to **under-emphasize** his omnipotence, his omniscience, and his omnipresence. The limitless power of him who guides the planets in their appointed courses and of him who transcends space and eternity with the simple but deeply significant title "I AM THAT I AM" is impressed on the hearts of his children from time to time, and in various ways. Facing the fury of a storm at sea, the force of a hurricane, or the terror of a volcano, man is speechless; when in actual danger, he remembers the One who alone can control the elements.

But it is inexpressibly comforting to know that our God whose handiwork is shown in the grandeur of heavenly pyrotechnics, cares for his children. In the early days of history, he gave them a promise of his care and consideration for their weakness—his rainbow! During the war, the Army used flares of various color combinations as signals of identification and recognition between aircraft and ground forces. Just so, God uses his heavenly signs. He reminds us of his power in the lightning and thunder of his great fireworks in a thunderstorm; of his love and care, in the rainbow.

This reverie on the Sabbath day—the day God sanctified as a memorial, in time, of his creative power—was, indeed, a sermon at

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

### Parents and the Sabbath

A friend, received a letter from a returned soldier and passed it on to me with his comments. I wish to give it to you without any comment of my own.

The letter read:

When I was a boy, mother soon created for us an atmosphere for Sabbath keeping and reverence. Toys which were used during the week—for example, tops, balls, and strenuously used playthings—were put away in our toy box. On Sabbath day we were dressed better than during the week, shoes shone a little better, hair was combed more assiduously. We had a little better food and some special dessert. The games we played were with blocks or the use of crayons, walks were taken, and the "Sabbath Visitor" was read. In other words, mother soon instilled in us the feeling that the Sabbath was different and set apart for family and for worship. I know that no one ever thought of reading a newspaper on the Sabbath. I feel that there are sufficient hours outside the Sabbath to bombard one's brain with the sordidness of the world as one finds it in his daily newspaper. Even to this day I do not read the newspaper during the Sabbath. Doubtless many persons would not like such a program of Sabbath keeping. I do not want to prescribe to anyone how he should keep the Sabbath. The fact remains that our church leaders should be willing to remind us from time to time that we need to make a serious effort and study how best to spend the Sabbath day as God and Jesus intended that we should do. It is by such considerations that our denomination will grow stronger and more faithful in its beliefs.

My friend's comment was this:

My own early training was very similar, and the walks we had with mother on the Sabbath were so enjoyed as she helped us to realize that God was to be seen in all nature and the Sabbath was his day. Now in the evening of life [well past ninety] I am wondering if there is not to be found a help from the loss of Sabbath keepers by parents taking more pains to teach their little ones by precept and example that the Sabbath is God's holy day. Not that other time is not holy as far as service for God is concerned, but the Sabbath is holy for special remembrance of God and fitting ourselves for holiness in life. Deuteronomy 6: 3-9.

P. B. Hurley,  
Conference President.

midnight, an uplifting and inspiring experience.

"Heaven and earth are full of thee  
Heaven and earth are praising thee,  
O Lord, most high!"

Atlanta, Ga.

## Missions

Rev. William L. Burdick, D.D., Ashaway, R. I.

Correspondence should be addressed to Rev. William L. Burdick, Ashaway, R. I.  
Checks and money orders should be drawn to the order of Karl G. Stillman, Westerly, R. I.

## Are These the Alternatives?

(As seen by writers from here and there,  
and compiled by David S. Clarke.)

### POLITICS OR MISSIONS?

"Herbert Spencer said that there is no political alchemy by which you can get golden conduct out of leaden instincts," so quotes a recent "Christian Century" writer.

### GOSPEL OR SPIRITUAL VACUUM?

Referring to world missions in 1925, "We have aroused and given the heathen nations power and a desire for self-government and freedom; now we must give them the Gospel or they become the deadliest peril to us and civilization." Wm. L. Burdick.

### NEGATIVE LIBERTY OR POSITIVE MISSIONS AT HOME?

"Protestants, in addressing Roman Catholics on the subject of religious liberty, should begin by making two admissions. The first is that Protestantism (on the whole) did not believe in religious liberty until the eighteenth century. Protestants should also admit that there is no solution of the spiritual problem of a modern community in terms of the usual negative ideas of liberty. As protests against the control of the Church by the state, or of the state by the Church, the ideas of the religiously neutral state, and of the separation of Church and state, have validity, but they may create a spiritual vacuum.

"Protestants cannot expect Roman Catholics to give up their exclusive claims for the Church as the mediator of divine truth, but they can ask Roman Catholics if the time has not come to give assurance that they will renounce, in principle, the use of political authority to gain a position of preference or monopoly for the Church." J. C. Bennett in "Christianity and Crisis" (May).

### SECULAR SERVICE OR CHRISTIAN MISSIONS?

"Protestantism, Catholicism, and Secularism are all possessed of the missionary spirit. On its good side, Secularism expresses itself in many positive forms of ethical activity, in

social service and welfare work under humanistic motivation that operates in detachment from both Protestant and Catholic church organizations. This so-called 'Christianity outside the church' has, by and large, gained prestige chiefly at the expense of organized Protestantism.

"Only a strong (ecumenical) Protestantism can hope to penetrate the strongly entrenched citadels of Secularism and to match the aggressive advance of a highly integrated and powerful Catholicism.

"An ecumenical church can rest only upon the church's supreme loyalty. It must rest upon the Lordship of Christ, and upon this alone. His sovereign authority is the only ecumenical principle in Christianity. **Everything else—I say it sweepingly—everything else—Bible, creed, sacraments, tradition, 'ancient order of things'—is divisive, sectarian, hopeless, when it is held without being referred to Christ for his judgment upon it.**" Charles C. Morrison in series on Protestantism, "Christian Century."

### SPIRIT AND/OR STRUCTURE?

"Peace is more than a question of structure. It is at least as much a question of spirit. Behind the phenomenon of national sovereignty lies the greed and pride of man." Richard M. Fagley.

### FRUSTRATION OR CONSTRUCTIVE THINKING?

"Action (today) is deeply revolutionary; thinking about this action and its implications is far from revolutionary. . . . As a people, we are not very skilled in relating high objectives to the ways and means that match them. Greater than the need for more effective leaders is the need to find ways by which the growing sense of responsibility in the people at large can be mobilized and directed to the guidance of the nation.



"It is not only soldiers and sailors who have come home to a strange new world. We are all trying to find our footing on an unfamiliar terrain. Remarks overheard on commuting trains, angry tappings of hateful news columns in the morning papers show more frustration than constructive thinking." Rhoda E. McCulloch.

#### TO SEE OR NOT TO SEE?

"Robert Louis Stevenson once wrote a letter to a lady who had determined to become a missionary. 'You will like it in a way,' he said, 'but remember it is dreary long.' In order to emphasize the hardness of the work, he told her the story of an American tramp who was offered meals and a day's wage to chop with a very blunt axe on a fallen trunk. After working for a time the man said: 'I refuse to go on chopping when I can't see the chips fly.'" "World Dominion" (May-June).

#### SEEING OR BELIEVING?

"Supposing that Jesus should be accepted as the One Leader of mankind in this present chaotic time, where would he lead us? . . . No detailed answers to such questions can now be given, for the details of our itinerary emerge only step by step as we follow the Leader, and our generation has not yet seriously begun to follow him. But a general answer can already be given. . . . It is the intent of our Lord to lead us back to God for judgment, and then, after our minds have been renewed, to lead us forward into a new age, when the foundations of civilization will be freshly laid." Walter M. Horton.

#### ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE IS PERSONAL

Seen on a busy Detroit street in a church bulletin board:

#### Sermon: "Or Would You Rather Be a Mule?"

It is not known whether the pastor preached from Psalm 32: 9 on modern Christian mules, or not. But relative to that, when Rev. Lewis Davidson surveyed the needs of the Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, B. W. I., in 1945, he said: "As I traveled I saw more and more clearly that we ourselves needed a new birth. We can not hope to lead a movement towards social reconstruction until we ourselves are led and we ourselves are reconstructed."



"We are up to about \$15,500," said a happy voice over the telephone Sunday night, July 21. The voice was that of Karl Stillman, treasurer of the Missionary Society, and consequently the one who has enjoyed watching the incoming Second Century Fund firsthand. Of that total of \$15,500, almost two-thirds is cash. This has been the proportion of cash to pledges since the beginning of the drive.

Mr. Stillman also reports that **not one day** in the drive has passed but what some money and pledges have come to him from Seventh Day Baptists or friends. That is a record you can be proud of. For Christ's sake and for the sake of those who have not yet known him (shall we say, "those not yet reached for him"?), keep up the good work till we attain \$35,000 or more.

#### VERONA CHURCH STARTS FUND FOR ELECTRIC ORGAN

A campaign is under way to raise funds for an electric organ for the Verona, N. Y., church. With suppers and entertainments the Booster class has already raised over \$600.

A request is being made for contributions on Home Coming Day, August 3. Any friends of the church who are interested in having a part in this project are asked to mail their contributions to Rev. H. R. Polan, Verona, N. Y.

#### GOOD HOMES — GOOD CITIZENS

"Just as good homes give good citizens to society, broken homes frequently give society human derelicts and criminals," said Director J. Edgar Hoover, of the F.B.I., recently. "The love which binds the family together diffused throughout the world can bring to fulfillment the ideal of the brotherhood of man. The selfishness and lack of love which destroy the home spread desolation among mankind. Parental love and authority are prime forces toward good citizenship and we much cherish them."

## CHAPLAIN WAYNE R. ROOD JOINS TEACHING STAFF OF SEMINARY AFTER THREE YEARS IN SERVICE

On September 5 Chaplain (Major) Wayne R. Rood will have completed terminal leave after spending three years and one month in the service. Soon after that date he will enter a new field of endeavor as full-time instructor at the Seventh Day Baptist School of Theology, Alfred, N. Y.

Chaplain Rood was commissioned at Hartford, Conn., on July 12, 1943, and entered upon active duty in August by reporting to the Chaplain's School, Harvard University.

After graduation on September 25, the chaplain reported for duty with the 304th Infantry Regiment, 76th Division, at the A. P. Hill Military Reservation, Virginia. Early in October the group was moved to Camp McCoy, Wis.

On the first day of 1944 the chaplain was transferred to the 311th Infantry Regiment, 78th Division, reporting for duty at Camp Butner, N. C. He accompanied the division on three months of maneuvers in Tennessee and was moved with the division to Camp Pickett, Va., the first of April.

From that point he departed for shipment overseas, being stationed at Camp Beale, Calif., from April 15 to May 5, and sailing from San Francisco aboard the U.S.S. President Tyler May 8.

It was May 30 when Chaplain Rood arrived in New Caledonia and was assigned to duty with the 42nd Quartermaster Battalion with which he served until a transfer in October which took him to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides, for duty with the 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division.

That division left the New Hebrides island on March 9, 1945, with a naval convoy and entered the combat zone on March 15. Chaplain Rood was with the 3rd Battalion of the regiment when it formed the initial assault wave on the beach of Tsugen Shima, April 9, and four days later entered the battle lines on southern Okinawa Shima. During the month of May he accompanied the troops on a mop-up campaign of northern Okinawa.

Still with the 3rd Battalion on July 4, 1945, the chaplain landed on Iheya Shima. Until his return to Okinawa the middle of August, he was with the nearest land based troops to the Japanese homeland and heard

two of the last "shots" of the war. They occurred on August 17 when the battalion encampment was crash-bombed by two Kamikaze suicide pilots from Kyushu, flying in disregard of ease-fire orders.



Wayne R. Rood

The first week in September marked the beginning of nearly a half year of service in a number of places in Japan. Airborne to Japan, Chaplain Rood occupied Odawara, south of Tokyo, from September 7 to 27, with the first American troops in the Fuki-yama area. The first move on Japanese home territory was north to Fukushima.

Early in December the chaplain was transferred to the 77th Division located at Sapporo, Hokkaido Island; and on Christmas Day, 1945, to the 77th Division Artillery at Hakodate (Hokkaido). The next month brought service with both the 1129th Engineer Combat Group at Sendai (Honshu) and the 46th Engineer Construction Battalion, also at Sendai.



Arrival back in the United States was on March 30, 1946, at Seattle, Wash. From April 3 to May 19, the returned chaplain was given temporary duty for rest and recuperation at Riverside, Calif., and on June 7 entered upon terminal leave, having been processed for separation at Camp Beale.

When Chaplain Rood entered the service he was commissioned a first lieutenant. While serving on Espiritu Santo Island, he was promoted to captain; just before beginning terminal leave, he was made a major. He has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for shrapnel wounds received at Tsugen Shima, April 9, 1945; the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one battle star and one bronze arrowhead; the Japanese Occupation Ribbon; the American Theater Ribbon; the Victory Ribbon; and the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon with one oak-leaf cluster.

Since his return to this country, the chaplain has had opportunity to visit a number of Seventh Day Baptist communities, speaking at the Pacific Coast Association meeting, at the Ministers' Conference at Alfred, and at other places. At the present he is in Rhode Island taking care of a number of business matters preparatory to taking up residence in New York state.

#### CHAPLAIN JOINS BIBLE SOCIETY STAFF

Chaplain (Captain) James Vernon Claypool will join the staff of the American Bible Society in September as secretary of the society's newly organized department, "Use of the Bible." Chaplain Claypool will be responsible for the promotion of the Third Annual Worldwide Bible Reading Program from Thanksgiving to Christmas, and for developing and encouraging the wider use of the Scriptures.

Chaplain Claypool is on terminal leave after service with the U. S. Navy since February, 1941. He is a member of the New England Southern Conference of the Methodist Church.

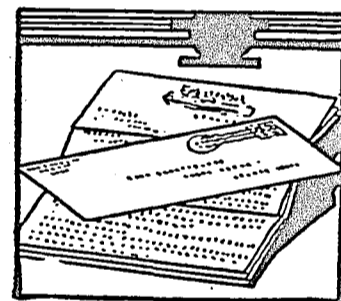
Chaplain Claypool is author of a number of books, "A Hitch in the U.S.M.C.," "Berkeley and Wesley," and a travel book on the United States and Caribbean.

#### CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SENDS RELIEF SHIPMENT EACH DAY

Quantities of food, clothes, and other supplies sufficient to load a train of twenty boxcars were sent to the needy abroad during June by Church World Service, the agency combining the overseas relief and reconstruction work of most United States Protestant churches, it has been announced.

The total shipment of 868,600 pounds, valued at \$328,000, was below the 1,487,000 pounds for May, Robertson Fort, acting secretary for material aid, pointed out in the month's report—noting the slowdown caused by summer. He said the agency still is averaging one outbound shipment a day, and a monthly total of more than one million pounds.

Largest quantity of food to a single country—seventy-one tons—went to Hungary, reported to be the European nation suffering most from famine. The cereal, dried milk, and other foodstuffs will help to supplement the Hungarians' meager daily diet of 800 or 900 calories a person.



#### LITTLE LETTERS TO LOVED ONES

By Pearle Halladay

Dearest:

Was it a lonesome day, my darling? These lonely days come to everyone. Are your dearest ones far away—as far as heaven? The Master said, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3: 2), and in Luke 17: 21 he said, "The kingdom of God is within you." Our Master knew whereof he spoke; so surely we can find the way to that place of peace and comfort.

If the kingdom is "at hand" and "within," it must be very, very near. We cannot reach out with our physical hand and open the gate, but if we will open our heart's door and let Him in, the gate to the kingdom will open wide and we can enter safely. When we have entered the gate, we will quickly find tasks we shall love to do, and in His presence our loneliness will vanish as mists before sunlight.

The surest gate—the one that always clears the way—is the Gate of Prayer, and so we ask of Him who knows the way.

"Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11: 1.

Lovingly,

## Woman's Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

### ALFRED EVANGELICAL SOCIETY HOLDS TEN MEETINGS DURING YEAR

By Mrs. Lynn Langworthy

The Evangelical Society of Alfred, N. Y., has held ten regular meetings this year and one special meeting in July at the time of the annual picnic. They have been well attended.

Our programs this year have had a missionary theme. They were as follows: In September Miss Edna Bliss gave a review of the Chautauqua addresses of Dr. E. Stanley Jones, thirty-eight years a missionary both to outcasts and aristocrats of India and in many countries of the world. Mr. Ben Crandall, who also attended Chautauqua, gave the outline of the proposed "Federal Union of the Churches of the World" as presented by Dr. Jones.

In October Rev. Elizabeth Randolph of Daytona Beach, Fla., spoke of her work with the people of Palatka and Carraway. Quilts as well as money were given these people.

At the November meeting Miss Edna Diehl, who has been for years a worker in South China Boat Mission, gave an interesting lecture which she illustrated with colored slides, making what she told about seem very real and near. We gave \$5 to help her with the work.

#### THE KEY TO A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

Our homeland is a garden, and such gardens are not made By singing: "Oh, how beautiful," and sitting in the shade While better men than we go out and start their working lives At grubbing weeds from gravel paths with broken dinner knives.

There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a head so thick, There's not a hand so weak and white, nor yet a heart so sick, But it can find some needful job that's crying to be done, For the glory of the garden glorifieth every one.

Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further orders, If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders; And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden, You will find yourself a partner in the glory of the garden.

Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees. So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray For the glory of the garden that it may not pass away!

And the glory of the garden it shall never pass away!

—Kipling.

In December Mrs. Harriet Crandall gave a review of the book, "Nurses on Horseback," by Ernest Poole. It is a dramatic story of the work and organization of the frontier nurses in the Kentucky mountains who on horseback, on call at all hours, day and night, ride the trails to lonely cabins to help in times of need. The interest aroused resulted in the sending of three boxes of "pretties" for the children at Caney Creek Center, Pippa Pass, Ky.

At the January meeting Mrs. Wm. de Ruiter of the Central Congo Methodist Mission, Lusambo, Belgian Congo, Africa, gave an inspiring address. She and her husband have been missionaries there for nineteen years. She told about their large mission school program consisting of four parts: the Church, the medical, the educational, and the industrial. Money was given to aid their mission.

At the meeting in February, held at the home of Miss Bertha Annas, Mrs. Harris, our pastor's wife, read an interesting paper prepared by Miss Marion Mason on the two following topics: "Education in Africa," and "A Brief Study of Missions in Africa."

On March 13 the speaker was Mrs. George Thorngate whose topic was "Missions in New Zealand." As she had been there, she gave us a clear picture of the country and of its people. There are two Seventh Day Baptist churches in New Zealand.

The speaker on April 10 was H. O. Burdick, who gave an intensely interesting lecture about his experiences in India. His talk was illustrated with slides showing scenes and natives in the Bengal Province in which Calcutta is located. Mr. Burdick was stationed near Calcutta when he was doing Red

Cross work. He was given \$10 for India. At the May meeting Dean A. J. C. Bond was the speaker. He talked about the Federal Churches of Christ in America with special emphasis on the topic, "The Churches and World Order." "As church members," he said, "we must demonstrate to the world that we are Christian and want to maintain our Christian ideals."

At the June meeting the speaker was Mrs. Bernice Johnson, executive secretary of the Southern Tier Association for the Blind. She also works under the New York Commission for the Blind.

As money-making events of the year, a few work meetings were held with Miss Annas, who generously opened her home to the society. Each time a covered dish luncheon was served. These were times of social intercourse, and they nurtured the beautiful spirit which always has seemed to prevail in this group of unselfish workers.

On November 2 the various groups of church women of Alfred united in a worship service at the Gothic, celebrating World Community Day. The general theme was "Together We Build." They again united for the World Day of Prayer meeting, March 8.

Helpful and uplifting worship services have been led by Mrs. Curtis Randolph, Miss Mary Lee Stillman, Mrs. George Shaw, Mrs. Edgar Van Horn, Mrs. Everett Harris, Miss Fucia Randolph, Mrs. H. O. Burdick, Mrs. Waldo Clare, Mrs. A. J. C. Bond, and Mrs. Edna Livermore.

"Religion in the News" continues to be a part of our programs.

The Gothic Committee has had charge of needed repairs at the School of Theology building. We paid for installing a refrigerator and bought a congoleum rug for the Gothic. We also made other repairs and painted several walls.

Washington's birthday tea and sale was a success. The net proceeds were \$257. Greetings and flowers were sent to the sick and shut-ins. The entire amount raised by the society this year was \$363.87.

The total membership, including one honorary member, is fifty-seven. Five new members have been added: Mrs. Bert Richmond, Mrs. Elwood Kenyon, Mrs. W. A. Thomas, Miss Bertha Coats, and Mrs. Robert Campbell. Some of our members have

moved away, and we mourn the loss of one beloved member, Mrs. E. P. Saunders.

The society wishes to thank the program committee, Mrs. A. E. Whitford, chairman, for the inspirational and worthwhile programs.

Artheda Langworthy,  
Secretary.

#### DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

(Continued from back cover)

talks, and Chaplain Leon Maltby also gave an interesting talk. Chaplain Maltby left for Fort Dix the following Sunday.

Our Vacation Bible School opened Monday, July 8, for a two-week period with a registration of one hundred twenty-eight. The daily classes were held in our church, the Lutheran church, and the Churchville school building. Mrs. Leon Maltby was supervisor. The other teachers and officers from our church were Pastor Polan, Lucile Maltby, and Muriel Sholtz.

A public demonstration was given Thursday night, and a picnic was held Friday.

The Young People's Social Club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hyde for their July meeting. After a patriotic program, light refreshments were served and games enjoyed.

The Adult Religious Council was held in the M. E. Church, New London, Tuesday evening, July 16. The young people had charge of the worship program. Rev. Mr. Southern, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Verona, gave the address.

The Boosters Sabbath school class was entertained at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Millicent Williams, on a recent Sunday evening.

Correspondent.

Adams Center, N. Y.

This church is carrying on its regular Sabbath morning services with Rev. Miles Hutchinson, of the Belleville M. E. church, very satisfactorily supplying the pulpit. Sabbath school and Ladies' Aid activities are being held regularly.

The church is co-operating with the Baptist churches of Adams Center and Honeyville in a three weeks' Vacation Bible School. There are three departments for different age groups, with a total enrollment of seventy-five.

Several members of the church attended Central Association at Leonardsville June 14 to 16.

Correspondent.

## Christian Education

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

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO PUBLISH PAPER FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

As recommended by the executive committee and approved by the board, a trial issue of a paper for boys and girls will be published by the Board of Christian Education. The purpose of this paper will be to teach the Sabbath and the Bible; to foster denominational fellowship between boys and girls of the churches; and to publicize other denominational interests such as missions. The paper will carry stories, suggestions for home worship, special features such as Bible puzzles, and items of news about boys and girls.

Mrs. Ada K. Bottoms, who was Miss Ada Keith, and now is the wife of Rev. A. T. Bottoms of Gurley, Ala., will be the editor. She worked with boys and girls in a Presbyterian church in Cincinnati, Ohio, for a number of years and has had much training for this kind of work. We welcome her to this opportunity of rendering service to our denomination. She said to me in the interview about taking up this work, "It will give me a chance to do something for

the denomination, a chance which has not come before."

This paper will be sent to the churches in rolls to be distributed at Sabbath school. If approved by General Conference, it will be published every month and the price will be determined by expenses of this trial publication.

After much consideration it was decided impractical to print material on the Sabbath school lessons and accomplish the other aims. We regret that this is so, but feel that the publication will be a valuable aid in Sabbath school work in that it will give the teacher material for use in teaching our denominational beliefs and interests.

When you have studied this trial issue, you are invited to make suggestions regarding the kind of items you would want to see included from time to time. Send comments to Mrs. Bottoms. The board is anxious to serve the churches in work with children through this paper and will be very glad to have these suggestions.

#### MILTON YOUTH CAMP CALLED "RIVERVIEW" THIS YEAR

As a tribute to the Rock River which flows by the camp site used for the Milton Youth Camp, the name "Riverview" was adopted for this year's camp by vote of the campers.

Those who were there would like to have had a chance to share with you the beautiful sunset on Friday night when Rev. Elmo Randolph, assisted by other staff members, conducted the outdoor sunset vesper service. Pastor Randolph told how the Jewish people always look for the first star as a real sign that the Sabbath is here. He then pointed to the first star just peeping from a beautiful cloud, and all knew that Sabbath day at camp had come. It was a marvelous sunset; and, with the worship service, it will be long remembered.

A Sabbath afternoon program was presented by the campers. They did a fine job. There was a large crowd of parents and

friends of the campers present for this program. An offering was received to go for the fund to bring a native worker on the Jamaica field to the General Conference. There was over \$40 received. This will surely mean that enough can be raised to make the project possible.

One of the fine young women in camp is seriously considering the call to be a missionary and wants to go to China. The need for dedication of life first to Christ, then to the Sabbath, then to a calling for which one is best fitted was stressed at camp. There will surely be a few who will give themselves to full-time Christian service as ministers and missionaries, but it is to be hoped that all of these young people (and, in fact, the youth of all our churches), will feel called to be Christian laymen who will carry the work of God as he assigns it to our denomination.



### INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM PLANNED FOR YOUTH RETREAT

Pastor Orville W. Babcock has made arrangements for "bed and board" for those who come to the pre-Conference retreat. The price set for these facilities is \$1.25 per day.

It is very important that you send your name at once to Rev. Orville W. Babcock at Milton Junction, Wis., if you plan to attend.

Those who attend are to promise that they will work hard. This is a meeting of leaders for training. Since the time is short, there will be a rather intensive program. There will be lots of fun, too—swimming, games, singing, etc. Rev. Elmo F. Randolph will be the leader for a "fun time" the night after the Sabbath and Rev. Kenneth Van Horn will be in charge of swimming and other types of recreation.

The age—those who have completed the first year of high school up to age twenty-five. See your pastor for other information you may need.

The class sessions will be based on a study of missions led by Rev. David Clarke; hymns of the Church, by Rev. Orville W. Babcock; and youth at work in the church by Rev. Harley Sutton.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS MAKE REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES

The first vacation school held, which has reported, was at Salemville, Pa. The Salemville English and German Seventh Day Baptist churches and the Salemville and Koontz churches of the Brethren co-operated in the school.

There were seventy children who attended three or more days.

An offering of \$18.21 was received for sending Bibles to children overseas through the American Bible Society. An offering was also received for expenses of the school.

Other schools have reported as follows:

**SALEM, W. VA.:** School held June 17-28 with forty-two enrolled. Mrs. R. P. Seager, Richard Bond, Stanley Allen, Kenneth Summers, and Miss Nellie Jo Bond were teachers. Offerings were received for overseas relief. The attendance was good and there was fine co-operation on the part of all.

**HEBRON, PA.:** School held June 24-28 with twenty-four enrolled. The theme for the school was "Love Never Faileth." Offerings were received every day for the Second Century Fund and the total amount was \$5. Mrs. Rachel Kenyon, Miss Lena Thompson, Mrs. Zwiebel, and Pastor Rex Zwiebel (who was also director) were teachers.

**SHILOH, N. J.:** June 17-July 3. There were one hundred twenty-two children enrolled. Leland Davis was the supervisor, and those teaching were Mrs. Norman Harris, Rev. Lester Osborn, Pastor Francis Saunders, and ten others.

Of the number enrolled, one hundred ten received certificates. There were sixty-seven who had perfect attendance. Six denominations were represented, and sixteen churches of the community.

There is much more of interest in the report sent in by Leland; as in all the schools, surely a good work for Christ and his Church has been done. H. S.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOLD REGULAR MEETING

Directors of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education met in regular session in July. It was not possible for me to attend this meeting, but I notice from the minutes that:

It was voted to express to the Rural Fellowship Committee the appreciation of the directors for the fine work done and that the matter of continued relationship between this committee and the board be referred to the Commission.

It was voted that the president and executive secretary be appointed to draft resolutions of appreciation for the board of the services of Dr. Walter L. Greene and of Dr. Edgar D. Van Horn as professors in the School of Theology.

More will be reported about the valuable services these men have rendered the denomination in later issues.

### School of Theology

From the report of the Committee on Higher Education comes this statement:

In view of the retirement of Dr. Van Horn and the probable early retirement of Dr. Greene, I recommend the employment of Rev. Wayne R. Rood at a salary agreed upon by

### SALEMVILLE CHURCH IS HOST TO SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

Report Continued from Last Week's Issue

Proceedings on Sunday began early in the morning with a fellowship breakfast arranged by Miss Kagarise. Both the physical and spiritual food was plentiful, and the location at the top of the mountain overlooking the valley was inspiring. Mr. Polan, leading the group in devotional thought, spoke of the wonders of nature and the many beauties of God's creation. "What think you of God?" he asked, illustrating the Creator's great goodness by reminding that if we stopped to see all of the beauty in life, we would not make progress because there is so much to be seen.

Continuing a characteristic of the association meetings, Miss Randolph, Florida home missionary, began the ten o'clock worship service at the church by asking questions: How would Jesus handle the problems of today? What do we seek in life? Can we win one thousand souls during the coming year? She concluded her remarks by indicating that we are free to choose in answering such questions; the final decision is ours.

Assisting Miss Randolph during the devotional period were Mr. Parkins and Grover Brissey, both of the new Washington, D. C., church. Mr. Parkins spoke of the great joy and satisfaction that come from talking to people about the gospel; Mr. Brissey's plea was that God would help us to share the truth.

him and the board. Mr. Rood was a chaplain in the United States Army and has been separated from the service with the privilege of a year's study at a school of his own selection with expenses paid. It is my suggestion that Mr. Rood be asked to serve on the faculty next year, and the following year take a leave of absence for study, when, of course, he will not be on salary. If the board takes the action suggested and Mr. Rood accepts, for the first time during my administration the School of Theology will have two full-time instructors. There will still be available next year, and the following year, I hope, to supplement the work of the regular teachers the able assistance of Rev. Everett T. Harris, pastor of the First Alfred Church, and Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastor of the Second Alfred Church, and Rev. Harley Sutton, executive secretary of the board.

A. J. C. Bond, Dean,  
School of Theology.

Following a business session during which letters from churches and associations were presented, Editor Hurley spoke of Tract Society interests. He indicated that people over a wide area and in increasing numbers are inquiring about Seventh Day Baptists; undoubtedly many others would also be interested if they knew about the denomination of Sabbath-keeping Baptists.

"One of our major needs," the editor asserted, "is to make ourselves known. The job cannot be done by the Tract Society alone, however. Each church must carry on a continuous and effective publicity campaign; every church member should be in the business of 'publishing glad tidings!'"

### "Winning Others"

Sunday afternoon's program was full. Janette F. Randolph, college student from Texarkana, Ark., and delegate from the Southwestern Association, led the devotional period, using as a theme, "Winning Others." During the business session which followed, a number of important matters were handled including the receiving of the request from the Putnam County, Fla., church for membership in the association; announcement of the next session of the association to be held at Lost Creek, W. Va.; and welcoming of members from the Washington, D. C., Church. Pastor Sutton, speaking for the Missionary Society, made a report on the Second Century Fund.

The representative of the Southwestern Association, Miss Randolph, who is the daughter of our Jamaica missionary, brought greetings from her association and spoke of the needs and opportunities in Jamaica.

Rev. James L. Skaggs, pastor at Salem, W. Va., preached the sermon of the afternoon on the topic, "Personal Investment in Christian Missions." His major concern was whether or not we are really Christians; he expressed the fear that some people are just playing with the idea.

"Professionalism in religion is not enough," he declared. "Every Christian is called upon to invest his life in a similar manner to Christ's investment, which means more than mere church membership."



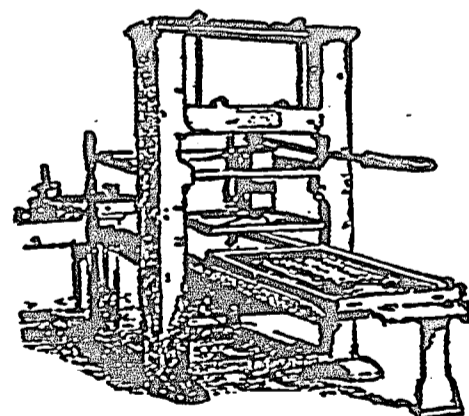
The closing session of the association on Sunday evening was marked by an unusually large attendance and was shared by leaders and members from the German Church. Lloyd King, Salemville farmer, led in the singing of rousing gospel songs, and Rev. Frank R. King, pastor of the church and New Enterprise printer, read the Scripture and conducted devotionals, wishing God-speed to all Seventh Day Baptists.

Pastor John F. Randolph of the Ritchie Church brought the concluding message, pointing out the urgent need for evangelism.

"How will we decide whether we are in his steps, today?" the speaker asked, referring to the association theme. He assured that if we meet no opposition, we usually are not walking with Christ. Christ, he explained, was popular in feeding the thousands and in being the Good Shepherd; but when he dared to put new interpretations on old laws, he got into trouble with the authorities.

"The Church," it was concluded, "should be dangerous to forces that oppose the Christian life and influence."

An interesting sidelight for many at the association was a visit to Mr. King's printing establishment where he has one of the historically famous Ephrata printing presses dating back to 1740, on which the Declaration



EPHRATA HAND PRESS.

of Independence was printed. In his collection of old publications, the printer and pastor has a number of books, pictures of Sabbath school reward cards, and other items printed on the old hand press.

Meals, prepared by the women of the community and served cafeteria plan from a tent in the church yard, were outstanding in quality, quantity, and variety of foods.

### FIRES STARTED IN PAWCATUCK CHURCH DURING SERVICES

Gremlins may have been active in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist church Sabbath morning, July 20, while services were being held in the auditorium above. The Gremlin this time was a fire-bug.

It set little fires at several places. Members of the congregation smelled smoke but believed it was blown in the windows from rubbish fires in the neighborhood. But when the service was ended, the work done by the Gremlins was discovered.

Curtains that covered a vestry window at the southwest corner were burned. The paint was blistered, and the floor scorched where curtains were smouldering. It looked as if the light white cotton curtains had burned with a flash, setting fire to the top of the heavier draperies. The tops burning away, they fell to the window shelf where they burned until the unburned portion again fell to the floor. There it smouldered.

An investigation found a couple of matches which were partly burned. In the kitchen matches were found spilled on the floor where they had been removed from a container.

The telephone book, hanging near the telephone, was partly burned. The fringe of a paper towel which protruded from a metal container had been afire. An attempt was also made to burn the towels in a waste basket. But here, as in the case of other items set on fire, inflammable materials refused to burn with any particular energy.

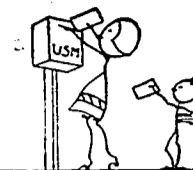
This was the work of the Gremlins—or somebody—during the service upstairs in the church. No one was the wiser to the danger. — Westerly Sun.

There was no set price for the meals, but a collection box was at hand for contributions to help defray expenses.

Miss Janette Randolph, in her presentation of Southwestern and Jamaican interests, made the assertion that in our young people is the hope for the future. Many who attended the Salemville meetings considered that one of the most significant statements made, and observing the large number of young people and children present, took courage for the future.

## Children's Page

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.



### OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you feeling? We are all feeling well except that my sister Anna just got over the chicken pox. I'm awfully sorry that I didn't write sooner.

I received a letter from Mrs. Lena Crofoot who is down in Florida. She said that she enjoys my letters in the Sabbath Recorder. I was very much pleased to receive her letter. We know her because she used to live in Berlin.

This Sabbath Pastor Maxson will not be able to come to Schenectady to preach to us because he and his family left for West Virginia to visit his wife's mother who isn't feeling very well.

This morning we received a letter from my brother Ralph in Korea, and he told us that he was given a medal of honor for the great work he is doing among the patients who have been infected with the cholera epidemic that is sweeping through Korea.

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

Your Recorder friend,

Esther Naomi Fatato.

Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

As usual your letter came just when it was most needed. Pastor Greene and I are enjoying our usual good health; that is also true of all the various members of our family. Today we are having a steady downpour of rain which our gardens needed but which isn't so welcome to the haymakers who are in a hurry to get in a heavy growth of hay—which is equaled only by an unusually heavy growth of tree foliage.

No doubt you know that Mrs. Crofoot and her husband once served the Independence Church; of which my husband was pastor for nearly thirty years. She is still remembered and loved by the Independence people; as well as all who know her, including myself. It made me homesick when driving through Independence one day last week

to see that the parsonage where we lived for ten happy years, and which was once Mrs. Crofoot's home, had been torn down. Pastor and Mrs. Rex Burdick have an apartment in the Parish House.

You must be very happy that your brother Ralph is able to serve the people of Korea so well. Do you know how long he is to remain in Korea? We were happy, too, that our doctor son was able to serve in the Pacific area for two and a half years but were glad when he received his honorable discharge from the service.

May God bless you, too, and all the members of your family.

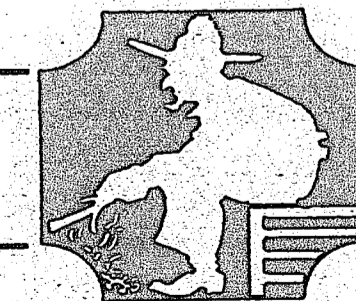
Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

### JESUS, OUR EXAMPLE

If you listen, little children,  
I will tell a story true  
Of a loving little baby  
Who up to manhood grew.  
All the little children loved him,  
Many grown-up people, too,  
For he always helped and blessed them  
In all the ways he knew.  
Now you know, dear little children,  
Though we try with all our might,  
Our hands aren't always loving  
Nor our faces always bright.  
But his hands are always helping,  
And his face is always kind,  
And he never was too busy  
To help the sick and blind.  
His life was spent in service;  
He died to set us free  
From every sin and sorrow  
That comes to you and me.  
He rose and lives forever  
That we might live above  
With him, our loving Jesus,  
In that home of peace and love.

M. S. G.

OLD-TIMER  
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"I found out lots of times the Lord works through what we call hunches. Be careful not to laugh the good ones off."

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, June 30, 1946

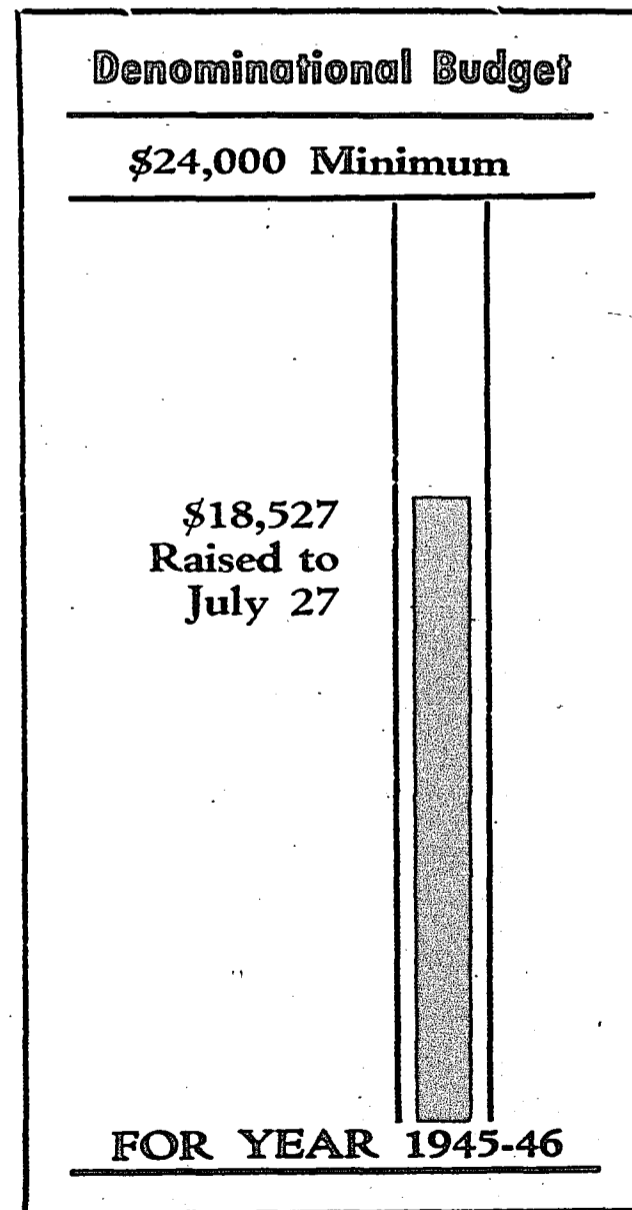
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June	12 months	
Adams Center	\$ 109.00	\$ 269.50
Albion		191.07
Alfred, First	259.94	3,189.58
Alfred, Second	167.31	914.12
Andover		35.00
Associations and groups	111.86	370.29
Battle Creek	415.40	2,179.70
Berlin	9.30	120.20
Boulder		374.95
Brookfield, First	32.00	242.70
Brookfield, Second	18.50	273.21
Chicago	116.68	526.93
Daytona Beach	17.25	298.88
Denver	74.10	575.10
De Ruyter		318.06
Dinuba		50.00
Dodge Center		63.01
Edinburg	18.00	130.00
Farina	15.00	398.35
Fouke	25.00	105.90
Friendship	8.85	117.60
Gentry	3.00	63.50
Hammond		75.00
Healdsburg-Ukiah		11.25
Hebron, First	61.40	120.68
Hebron, Second		5.25
Hopkinton, First	190.10	508.34
Hopkinton, Second	5.25	22.30
Independence	13.00	193.00
Individuals	1,274.00	3,923.90
Irvington		320.00
Jackson Center		30.90
Little Genesee		253.05
Little Prairie		34.13
Los Angeles	155.00	319.00
Los Angeles, Christ's	5.00	22.00
Lost Creek		398.80
Marlboro	160.00	827.55
Middle Island		82.91
Milton	236.70	2,626.37
Milton Junction	92.73	800.48
New Auburn		169.00
New York	25.93	634.48
North Loup	113.05	755.73
Nortonville	87.07	326.62
Pawcatuck	758.67	3,262.34
Piscataway	7.00	257.57
Plainfield	153.70	2,381.29
Putnam County, Fla.		10.00
Richburg	65.00	231.60
Riverside	441.25	2,913.17
Roanoke		32.00
Rockville	22.38	118.03
Salem	267.50	960.08
Salemville		48.37
Shiloh	226.47	1,874.69
Stone Fort	15.00	25.00
Syracuse	15.00	15.00
Verona		353.64
Walworth		155.00

Waterford	10.00	153.85
White Cloud	15.79	259.87

Disbursements	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$1,081.82	\$1,001.87
Tract Society	461.60	20.36
Board of Christian Education	758.57	16.00
Women's Society	26.28	69.00
Historical Society	72.50	1,203.68
Ministerial Retirement	329.89	150.14
S. D. B. Building	85.80	11.00
General Conference	274.81	16.00
World Fellowship	74.72	35.00
Conference Committee on Relief Appeals		200.80

Comparative Figures		
Budget receipts:	1945-46	1944-45
For June	\$3,094.33	\$3,117.11
For 12 months	22,169.56	21,753.54
Special receipts:		
For June	2,723.85	651.76
For 12 months	14,148.33	5,541.79

L. M. Van Horn,  
Milton, Wis. Treasurer.



Receipts for the week:	
Budget	\$189.35
Specials	182.50

Will the mercury reach the top?

Marriages

**Isaacs - Munro.** — John Richard Isaacs and Alice Munro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Munro, were united in marriage in the chapel of the Figueroa Christian Church on May 9, 1946, by her pastor, Rev. Gerald D. Hargis.

**Muzik - Unzicker.** — John Muzik, Jr., of Painesville, Ohio, and Ora Unzicker of Siloam Springs, Ark., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Unzicker, were united in marriage at the Gentry Seventh Day Baptist church on June 18, 1946, by the bride's pastor, C. A. Beebe.

Obituaries

**Dunham.** — Elizabeth Giles, daughter of Samuel R. and Kathrine Van Nest Giles, was born September 2, 1853, in Piscataway Township, N. J., and died July 7, 1946, in South Plainfield, N. J.

She had resided in New Market and other parts of Piscataway Township before settling in South Plainfield late in 1945. She had been failing in health for five years.

In 1875 she married James R. Dunham. He preceded her in death by thirteen years. At the time of her marriage she joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Piscataway and has continued a faithful member and loyal worker until now.

Close survivors are a son, Herbert L., with whom she has made her home; two grandchildren, George Roger and Herbert Gillette; and one great-grandson, Roger William.

Services were held at the Runyon Funeral Home in Dunellen, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs. Burial was at the South Plainfield Cemetery. V. W. S.

**Ormsby.** — Bertha E., widow of Walter G. Ormsby, died July 1, 1946, following a lingering illness. She was 77 years old.

She was born in Alfred, N. Y., and was for 50 years a member of the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was active in the Berea Bible Class and Ladies' Industrial Society.

She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Ivanna O. Lewis of Alfred Station and Miss Elizabeth Ormsby of Bayport, L. I.; four sons: Elwood W. of Almond, Robert W. and Roland K. of Alfred Station, and Walter M. of Bayport; sixteen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist church with Rev. A. N. Rogers officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. A. L. R.

**Tripone.** — Jennie Harrison was born February 22, 1861, at Warsaw, Minn., and died June 15, 1946, at her home in Dodge Center, Minn.

She was the last of the family of John and Mary Harrison who lived at Trenton, Freeborn, and New Richland before moving to Dodge Center.

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She was baptized and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Trenton. She was good help in the Ladies' Aid at Dodge Center many years. To know her was to love her.

She is survived by her husband, Frank, one son Leo, and many nieces and nephews.



# WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

## Waterford, Conn.

On July 10 a reception and pound party was held as a welcome to our new pastor, Wendell Stephan, and his family. About forty folk enjoyed a very pleasant evening getting acquainted with them in their new home.

On July 14 the advisory board met at the parsonage to discuss and plan for future activities of our church. Pastor Stephan presided.

Pastor Harris and family of Alfred, N. Y., were visiting in Waterford for two weeks in July. They stayed in the Paul Burdick cottage. We count it a blessing to have had such good friends with us again, and it is our hope that God will permit them to visit here again.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvan Clarke of Battle Creek and Daytona Beach were weekend guests of Pastor and Mrs. Stephan. The Clarkes were making a tour of the East Coast, visiting the interesting historical spots and Seventh Day Baptist churches in New England. Mr. Clarke took pictures and will make them into slides for future use. — Mary Brook.

## Riverside, Calif.

Delegates from the Pacific Coast to General Conference are contemplating traveling in a private car. Circulars explaining the plan have been distributed.

According to the information from the railroad company, eighteen or more tickets will entitle the party to a Tourist Pullman. The train tentatively scheduled leaves Los Angeles and Riverside on Sabbath night, August 17, and arrives at Milton Junction at noon on the first day of Conference.

"This will make you miss the first session of Conference," says Conference President P. B. Hurley, "but think of the two days and evenings of close fellowship, with songs of praise on the way."

## Alfred, N. Y.

Lt. Comdr. George Thorngate, who recently returned from Shanghai, joined his family at Camp Loba at Rockville, R. I., on July 6. Sunday, the Thorngates and Miss Miriam Shaw returned to Alfred. Lt. Comdr. Thorngate, who had been on shore leave, went back to New York, Thursday night. — Alfred Sun.

## Verona, N. Y.

Children's Day was observed in our church on the Sabbath of June 29. The children did themselves credit in songs, recitations, and a dramatization of the "Good Samaritan."

The program was directed by the efficient committee of teachers of the primary department.

Jeanette Babcock of Milton, Wis., was present and played a piano solo very nicely. Virginia Babcock sang in the children's chorus.

The consecration service for the babies and small children of the church was very impressive. Pastor and Mrs. Herbert L. Polan could not be present, as they were attending the association at Salemville, Pa.

An all-day service was held July 6. Pastor Polan delivered the morning sermon, and Kenneth Babcock of Milton, Wis., was guest soloist.

Following the dinner Mr. and Mrs. Elvan Clarke of Battle Creek, Mich., gave short

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## A SUMMER CREED

(Continued from front cover)

I believe in the soft-speaking rains accented with warm tears, telling me that nothing will grow save as it is fertilized with tears.

I believe in the golden hush of the sunsets, reflecting a momentary glory of that great world beyond my little horizon.

I believe in the soft-falling dew, revealing the infinite spring of living waters for everything parched and withered.

I believe in the holiness of twilight, as it gives me the sense of the presence of God, and I know I am not alone.

And whatever else I believe is enshrined in those abiding feelings that lie too deep for words. — W. W. Argow in North Carolina Christian Advocate.

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## MY CHURCH

"This is the church for which I strive; the church of the warm heart, of the open mind, of the adventurous spirit; the church that cares, that heals hurt lives; that comforts old people; that challenges youth; that knows no division of culture or class, no frontiers geographical or social; the church of the people high, high as the ideals of Jesus, low as the humblest human; a working church, a worshiping church, a church that interprets truth in terms of truth; that inspires courage for this life and assurance for the life to come — the church of the living God!"—Battle Creek Church Bulletin.