

WHO AM I?

I AM YOUR BEST SERVANT

I carry the Gospel to the world,
I inspire the works of mercy,
I make possible Christian education.

I AM YOUR BEST FRIEND

I welcome all, irrespective of position in life;
I seek the fallen and cheer the sorrowing.
I am friendship, fellowship, and love.

I AM RICH IN MEMORIES

Memories of covenants made at the altar,
Memories of bridal processions,
Memories sanctified by tears!

I AM A BUILDER

I build men with character,
I build men strong in mind and body,
I build lives for time and eternity.

I AM YOUR CHURCH

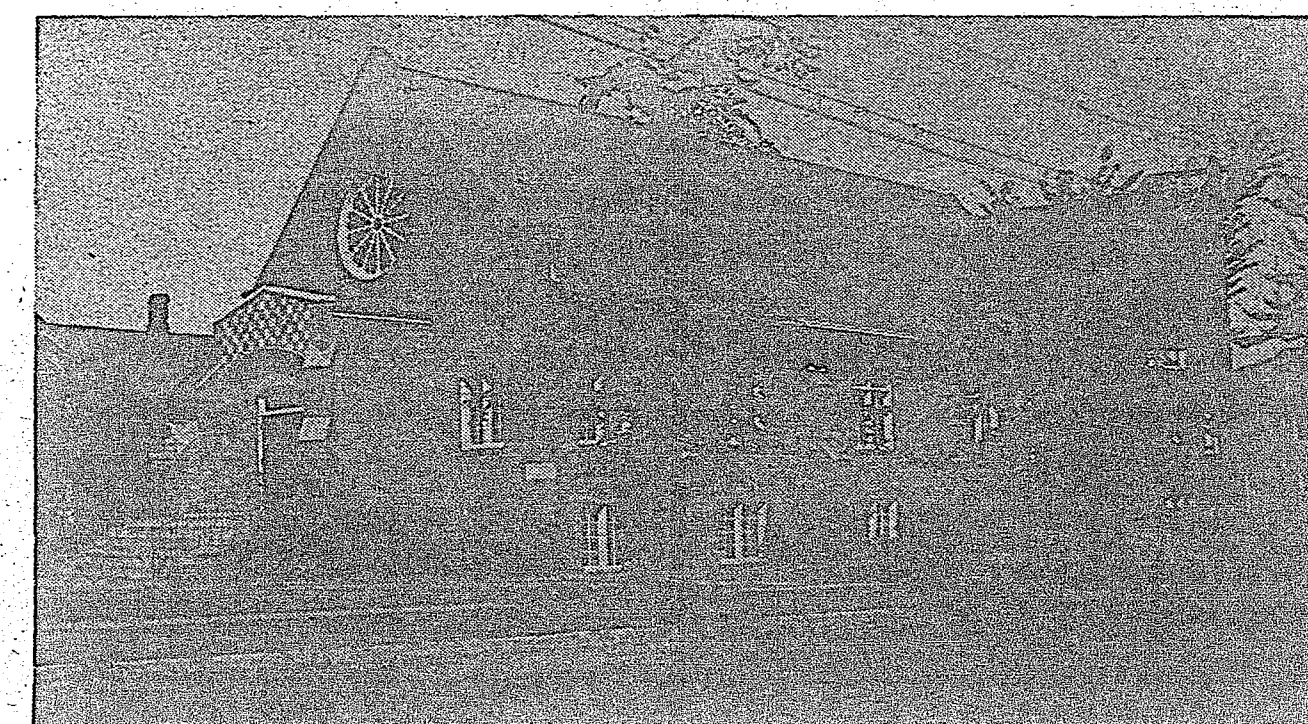
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WHAT WHERE

TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

The first contingent of American students, two men and two women, to go directly from the United States to study at the newly founded Ecumenical Institute at Celigny, Switzerland, left in January to take part in a theological course. Students and pastors up to thirty-eight years of age, selected by their respective church authorities throughout the world, are attending this course entitled, "The Renewal of the Church."

The institute is operated under the auspices of the World Council of Churches and was made possible by a generous donation from Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. It is located in the Chateau de Bossey, half an hour from Geneva. The students live as a community, taking part in the operating "chores" of the institute—looking after their own rooms, etc. The purpose of the institute is to train lay leadership for Christian evangelism and to give special training to younger pastors and maturer theological students in order to meet the peculiar problems of the contemporary situation. Students are carefully chosen in order to insure as wide a national and denominational a representation as possible. The curriculum itself is ecumenical and broadly Christian rather than denominational, but the students will have an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the basic teachings of the various families of Christian Churches, their history, and contribution to Christianity.

The trembling hand that clutches the cocktails in the nation's bars these days isn't a man's—it's a woman's; take it from Alcoholics Anonymous, a national co-operative organization for the persuasive cure of chronic drunkenness.

Robert Pritchard, national chairman, says there are more than 600,000 chronic female alcoholics in the United States today; also that one of every four confirmed drunks is a woman.

"This number is increasing," he warns. "The taking of corrective measures should not be postponed."

"In thirty-five years of attending conferences, I recall no conference that equals this convention in its power and possibilities," stated Dr. Robert C. McQuilkin, president, Columbia Bible College, at the close of the foreign missions convention of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship held at the University of Toronto, December 27 through January 2. Impressed by the intelligent, clear-cut determination evidenced by the more than two hundred fifty who expressed their purpose to preach the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, Dr. McQuilkin went on, "The note of completing Christ's Great Commission in this generation and making it central in the ministry of the Church was a thrilling thing, giving hope that a new revival era in missionary advance will be inaugurated."

The hunger of my children shall be the enemy of my thirst. — Victor Hugo.

EDITORIALS

SUNDAY RESURRECTION EXCUSE FOR SABBATH DESECRATION

A Guest Editorial by Leo L. Wright*

A number of persons have been contacted in the Indianapolis area in recent days during the special campaign that is now in progress. It seems a bit peculiar that most persons so contacted, who make an attempt to defend Sunday observance in lieu of the Sabbath of our Lord, do so by contending that Sunday, the first day of the week, should be accepted as a holy day in commemoration of the day on which the Resurrection occurred; and that the Sabbath should therefore be considered of no consequence to the Christian world. It is evident that such persons completely ignore Matthew 28: 1. This passage of Holy Scripture unmistakably establishes the Resurrection "in the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn (draw on or approach) toward the first day of the week."

Naturally, this fallacious opinion that the Resurrection occurred on Sunday, the first day of the week, cannot be dispelled in its entirety without a thorough study, which but few persons will carry through to a conclusion. Consequently, we can only conclude that this defense of Sunday observance is merely an excuse for utter disregard of the Sabbath.

In all such instances we have made it clear that the day on which the Resurrection occurred, no matter what day it may have been, has nothing to do with Sabbath observance or Sabbath desecration. For example, I was

* Mr. Wright's home is in New Augusta, Ind., and for several months he has been actively promoting Seventh Day Baptist interests in that area. As a consecrated layman, he is assisting Rev. Lester G. Osborn in the current Indianapolis campaign.

born on November 13 and I have always observed that particular day as my birthday. I am very certain that, if some outstanding or momentous event should occur in my life or at my death, my birthday would still be observed on November 13, and no substitute day would be accepted for it. To be more explicit, I am very certain that any outstanding or momentous event that might occur in my life or at my death would in no wise change the day to be observed as my birthday.

We have also made it clear in all such instances that we, the Seventh Day Baptists, who remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, glory in the Resurrection as much as do those who observe Sunday as a so-called holy day, but that we make no attempt to commemorate the particular day of the event, since the event itself and not the particular day it occurred is the true matter of importance. Surely the significance of the Resurrection, unlike the seventh day Sabbath, is of importance on every day alike.

It is very evident that Matthew 28: 1 is very disturbing to those who regard Sunday as a holy day to be observed in commemoration of the day on which the Resurrection occurred. This is indicated by the many and varied efforts put forth to explain away the true meaning of a few simple words. However, those few simple words are not at all disturbing to those who remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy; regardless of how those words may be distorted and regardless of the particular day on which the Resurrection occurred, since the Sabbath doctrine is not founded upon this event.

PIN POINT EDITORIALS

"Prayer accomplishes wonders, for it tightens the connections with the divine dynamo so that the power may flow freely and uninterruptedly through us to others."

Twelve Principles

The value of time.
The success of perseverance.
The pleasure of working.
The dignity of simplicity.
The work of character.
The power of kindness.
The influence of example.
The obligation of duty.
The wisdom of economy.
The virtue of patience.
The improvement of talent.
The joy of helping others.

"Little self-denials, little honesties, little words of sympathy, little nameless acts of kindness, little silent victories over favorite temptations—these are some of the things that go into building strong personalities."

Sunday observance has many defenders but no defense from God's holy Word. Nevertheless, there are many sincere and devout Christians that permit themselves to be lulled into complacency by traditions and prejudices and false teachings and therefore have no compunction about abandoning the God-ordained holy Sabbath regardless of the specific commandment of God which was so scrupulously observed by all those saintly men whose writings have been combined into the book we know as the Holy Bible, and regardless of the Sabbath-keeping example set by Christ.

Merely a casual study will reveal that Saturday is the seventh day of the week. It has come down to us through all the ages in an unbroken form, in that the weekly cycle has remained intact. This is fully substantiated by statisticians, historians, Jews, Christians, Mohammedans, and others. Merely a casual reading of the Holy Bible will reveal that the seventh day of the week, and none other, was the particular day that God blessed and sanctified as the holy Sabbath of rest and worship. Surely, then, we should accept it as such and strive to observe it as such, considering it essential to complete Christian living following salvation and following our new birth into the family of God through Jesus Christ, our Lord, regardless of the particular day on which the Resurrection may have occurred.

In God's own time and in his way, Sunday observance as a substitute for the Sabbath will be abandoned. For assurance we can turn to the highest authority known to man, the unalterable words of Christ: "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." Matthew 15: 13.

AN EXPLANATION

"Recently I mailed you a document. . . . I intended this for publishing, but have not seen it in print yet." "I sent an article to the Recorder office last fall. . . . Please let me know why this article was not published."

Queries of this sort have been common in recent weeks—in fact, so common that a general answer is appropriate. In the first place, Recorder space has been limited. Since last November each regular issue has consisted of only sixteen pages; monthly specials have contained just sixteen pages and cover. When the usual departments and regular features are printed, very, very few pages are left for special articles.

In addition to the space limitation has been a time limitation. Reading and preparation of the copy for publication has been entirely in the hands of the editor. There has been no office assistance since last September, except for help with some of the correspondence and typing. All but absolutely necessary letter writing has had to be left undone. Routine matters of reading copy, writing news items and editorials, arranging page make-up, and writing headlines have filled the time. Since each additional item which is published requires a considerable amount of careful editing, some manuscripts must necessarily remain in the files until opportunity comes for their careful perusal.

One other consideration somewhat regulates the use of material on hand. It has been the intention of the editor to make a definite and distinct emphasis in each issue of the publication and to integrate these various emphases into major channels of thought over longer periods of time. To do this and at the same time maintain an interesting and challenging variety of approaches has necessitated a wide selection of material from many sources. In fact, it has sometimes been necessary to request special articles, even though the files were full of stories. Sooner or later, however, almost every manuscript

o "Training to live what you believe starts with the small things."

Living What You Believe

— Fourth in a Series of Studies on Everyday Problems

By ALBYN MACKINTOSH

LET US NOW LOOK briefly at several elements in ourselves which have a definite bearing on whether we get and hold a job.

Physical Factors

The critical significance of age, physical, and health factors varies greatly from one occupation to another and handicaps in this regard will develop greater courage in the person who overcomes them. Clarence Hawkes had one leg amputated at ten and was blinded at the age of thirteen, yet he has made a living and won renown writing nature stories. Dr. Edward L. Trudeau, although haunted by tuberculosis all his life, said, "I would not exchange my suffering for the wealth of the Indies." Physical and health handicaps can be overcome by those who have their eyes on a goal and Jesus at their side.

Interests

Your interests and hobbies may be the key that unlocks the door to your place in life. The person who has no interests in life is already dying. Tragic is the story of the man who had a position with a public utility company installing gas meters. For twenty years he installed meters; then one day a much better position was open in the meter repair shop. His employers offered him the better position, but he answered, "I do not know anything about what is inside of a meter; I only know how to install them."

which comes to the editor's desk is just exactly right to serve some specific purpose.

It gives an editor a satisfying feeling of confidence to have an abundance of good material on hand from which to choose articles for publication. Thanks to everyone who has generously contributed. Keep the articles coming in; perhaps your thoughts are just what are needed at the moment, or will be needed at some appropriate time in the future. You can be sure that whatever you submit will get careful consideration and will be used as soon as possible.

Talents

Abilities and aptitudes are important in determining the type of work for which one is best suited. Many tests have been prepared to help in determining aptitudes, and a study of interests, hobbies, and work experience will help. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." All do not have the same talents, but for each there is at least one talent. It has been said that "common horse sense" is of all things most evenly distributed, for every man thinks that he has more than anybody else. If you question your ability, compare it to your "common horse sense" and then look at someone else who seems to have less but is making a success.

Training

Training is important. Solomon wrote, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding." You have heard the many reasons for training in preparing oneself for a vocation. It is very necessary, and no opportunity to learn and train in those things which are of value in better living the Christian life should ever be overlooked. However, I want to emphasize the need to train in living what you believe. Hans Lilje, who spent many years in a German concentration camp, has this to say:

"We Germans have to learn, as other nations may have to learn, that we are a people that are guilty of a great apostasy. The root of our national catastrophe is that we deserted God. Everybody ought to realize that. I don't say that because I am a pastor and stand in the pulpit. I would say it in the same manner if I were standing on one of the destroyed streets of Nuremberg. Our apostasy is the real reason all this suffering has come upon us.

That will become quite clear from examples from our spiritual history. I would like to remind you how it looked in the heads of the "educated" of our nation. Look at the average educated German of the recent past. What were his mental possessions? He didn't know anything of the Bible. He just didn't know anything; otherwise he would never have been able to believe all the nonsense that they told him about the Old Testament. . . . And how did it happen that the Word of God lost its meaning for the "educated"? Or what was the idea of the average educated person when it came to natural science?

What did the inside of the head of the "average educated person" look like when he contemplated the technical world? He thought the world of technology with its marvelous inventions, miracles, and progress had left no room for the "dear Lord"—we can ourselves make everything. Indeed we had progressed very far. But you had practically to force those so-called educated people to see this one simple fact. Man had taken everything into his hands. We had made inventions as never before. All the time we discovered new methods and machines. But one simple fact you had to force upon those "educated people"—in this new world we could destroy and annihilate as never before. And now before our eyes unfolds a world of ruins, and every stone exclaims: "This is the world where man thought he did not need God."

Bismarck said—and we have made his word a platitude: "We Germans fear God and nothing else in this world." Afterwards, we have turned this word around. We stopped fearing God and began to fear human lords with trembling and cowardice. A nation cannot live that way. And when we exchange for the fear of God the fear of men, freedom disappears. Servility then takes the place of freedom. If men out of servility are afraid to have an opinion against their superiors, if they do not dare to say what their conscience tells them, is that a nation of men? Above so many people hangs the cloud of a terrible fear. They say: "We could not talk! What would have happened to us?"

You men in this house of God, that is not a true view of what lies behind us. That was blind obedience instead of responsibility. People obeyed, and obeyed even when they knew that to obey was wrong. Men must act responsibly through the power of God.

Training to live what you believe starts with the small things. If one believes it is wrong to eat potatoes and then eats potatoes, he is definitely weakening his character. "If ye continue in my word . . . ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Personal Adjustments

Judgments with respect to personality and personal adjustments are among the most subjective of all the judgments made in the individual inventory. Because they are hard to make, they are frequently ignored or arrived at in a careless fashion. Often the pride and other emotions of the individual are so tied up with personality that it is hard to analyze but, it is of vital importance. If we are to live in the world and associate with people, our relationships and ability to get along with others are a determining factor in the position which we will occupy.

In development of personality it is well to remember that weakness is the mightiest thing on earth when it affords room for God

to work. No Christian can make himself spiritually great; he can inflate himself, but all true magnifying comes from God. O. S. Marden in his books on developing personality reminds us: "When we have a Partner who is the reality of wisdom, of love, of justice, a Partner who is the very source of all supply, we do not fear want, we do not fear poverty, we do not fear sickness or death. . . . Your mental attitudes will lead you into the light or hold you in darkness." You will get along better with your fellow man and he will enjoy you more when you begin seeing the good that is in him rather than the evil. We tend to become that which we see.

Social Prestige

We have mentioned family background as it refers to childhood training as an important influence on life. Since the majority of people obtain their jobs through their family connections and friends, social prestige must be mentioned. If you inherit your job under such circumstances, be thankful for your opportunity and set about proving yourself worthy. If you depend upon such connections to hold your job for you, then you will soon find that it affects your character in a detrimental way.

Stability of Purpose

When you meet your fellow men, do not be ashamed of your religion. Read Mark 8: 38. Tell your employer before you start work about any beliefs that you have that will affect your relationship with him and then live what you believe. Whether you get the job on such a basis or not matters little, for the thing that does matter is whether you keep the peace of God in your heart. If you are already employed, it is harder to change goals in life which affect your work; but if you have examined yourself and are sure of your belief, take a firm stand and carry through.

Paul says, "Be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. . . . As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

You may be asked the question that I was asked by a man of another faith when I

THE UNITED NATIONS — A Review of Significant Discussions

By Mabel Head

THE WEEKS since October 23 in meetings of the United Nations have been full of interest and significant discussion. After the introductory speeches, the presentation of business, and the adoption of the agenda for the Assembly, the work was done largely in six committees where representatives of each of the fifty-four countries met to discuss the problems and to prepare them for action by the Assembly.

Now Fifty-five Nations

One of the first actions taken in the Assembly was the election of the three new members: Sweden, Afghanistan, and Iceland. One could see an air of satisfaction and eager seriousness as these new delegates took their places. The Assembly urged the Security Council to review again the application of the other countries rejected in the summer. This was done and Siam was elected to membership at the last session of the Assembly.

Committee Elections

Several other elections were necessary as the term of office of three non-permanent members of the Security Council expires January 1. Colombia, Syria, and Belgium were chosen to replace Mexico, Egypt, and the Netherlands. Similarly, six members on the Economic and Social Council were elected: United States, Venezuela, New Zealand, Lebanon, Byelorussia, Netherlands, Turkey.

Meetings

The date for the regular annual session of the General Assembly has been fixed as the third Tuesday in September, 1947. Some members proposed to have the next meeting in Europe, but that was rejected. The Se-

was seeking a position. "Is your refusal to work on Saturday a life and death matter or is it like my eating fish on Friday, a thing to be done when convenient?" My answer was, "A life and death concern," and I got the position. What is your answer? Do you say you wish you could do this or that, and then sit like a frog waiting for a fly to come. Stability of purpose will be an asset to your getting and keeping a job.

(To be continued)

curity Council is in permanent session which is interpreted to mean that no more than two weeks can elapse between meetings. A long series of meetings of different committees and commissions is set for January and February at Lake Success and a few in other places.

Status of Women

The Assembly voted to urge member nations through the Secretary General to grant women the same political rights as men. Mrs. Bodil Begtrup of Denmark vigorously worked for a resolution making this a condition of membership in the United Nations but withdrew this because of much opposition. Many of us felt sorry that the resolution did not include more than the political rights.

Genocide

"The General Assembly affirms that genocide is a crime under international law which the civilized world condemns, and for the commission of which principals and accomplices, whether private individuals, public officials, or statesmen, and whether the crime is committed on religious, racial, political, or other grounds, are punishable." Genocide is defined as "a denial of the right of existence of entire human groups, as homicide is the denial of the right to life of individual beings."

India and South Africa

One of the most vigorous debates came when the delegation of India brought before the Assembly the treatment of Indians in the Union of South Africa. Mrs. Pandit, the only woman head of a delegation, eloquently presented the lack of educational facilities for Indian children, the lack of opportunity for skilled work, or entering the professions or Parliament, segregation, inability to own land, etc., which means that the Indians are becoming a landless peasantry. In argument she was able to hold her own with Jan Christian Smuts, the British Commissioner, and delegates of the United Kingdom. The action taken was as follows:

The General Assembly, having taken note of the application made by the Government of India regarding the treatment of Indians in the Union of South Africa, and having considered the matter:

1. States that, because of that treatment, friendly relations between the two member states have been impaired, and unless a satisfactory settlement is

reached, these relations are likely to be further impaired;

2. Is of the opinion that the treatment of Indians in the Union should be in conformity with the international obligations under the agreements concluded between the two governments, and the relevant provisions of the Charter;

3. Therefore, requests the two governments to report at the next session of the General Assembly the measures adopted to this effect.

This is an evidence of what may come out of open discussion which develops strong public opinion.

South West Africa

The Union of South Africa asked for the annexation of South West Africa, which it had administered as a mandate. This was not granted. The union reported that the wishes of the people had been consulted and found favorable. The Assembly vote indicated that such consultation should have been conducted under the United Nations or some neutral body. South Africa pledged to carry on the mandate fairly under the U. N.

Other Actions

Two other important actions called for the establishment of an International Children's Emergency Fund, and for the appointment of a group for the development and codification of international law. The first was ably presented by Mrs. Aase Lionares, delegate from Norway, secretary of the Women's Association of the Norwegian Labor Party, ably supported by Dr. Quo Qui-chi of China, saying "of all that is precious in any nation, the most precious is undoubtedly the children. We are acting in behalf of those who have suffered most and innocently. Let them grow up with the consciousness of international good will."

Trusteeship

There was much discussion of trust agreements that had been made by different countries. Approval of them made possible the setting up of the Trusteeship Council.

Disarmament

The first step was taken toward disarmament by instructing the Security Council to proceed with some definite proposals which are to be presented to a specially called meeting of the Assembly; also to set up the military staff committee and agreements with nations in reference to the forces that will be available to the U. N. No nation is willing to take serious steps to disarm until security measures are set up.

REACHING PEACE AIMS WILL TAKE TIME

To many Seventh Day Baptist women, Miss Mabel Head is familiar, since she appeared on our own General Conference program last August. The accompanying article comes to us directly from the United Nations Assembly, which adjourned on December 15. Miss Head was the official representative of the United Council of Church Women. More notes will appear later.

Let us all strive toward Goal 13 for this year: "Study peace literature and keep informed on the issues before your officials and representatives." We are entitled to a moment of rejoicing over the accomplishments of the recent Assembly of the United Nations. But we must realize that it will take months and years of hard painstaking work and planning to carry out the Assembly's decisions, especially on disarmament and security. We, therefore, as citizens, must redouble our work to see that the U. N. moves forward rapidly with the full support of the American government.

On January 27 the U. N. Commission on Human Rights will meet to consider for the first time a bill of rights for the world. Let us support those deliberations in our thoughts and prayers.

We call to your attention two very helpful radio programs. The American Association for the United Nations (in which your Peace Committee holds membership) is cooperating with N.B.C. in the preparation and presentation of "Your United Nations." It is heard as a feature of the N.B.C. University of the Air each Tuesday at 11:30 p.m. (E.S.T.). We regret that it is presented so late in the evening for those of us in the East, but we feel it is very worth while for any who can listen.

The other program is "Our Foreign Policy" each Sabbath evening at 7 p.m. (E.S.T.). This is a non-partisan series of discussions about the proposals, issues, and problems of world organization for lasting peace.

Erma B. Van Horn.

If you want to change a whole civilization over night, start with the children. If you want to plant a conviction indelibly into a society, plant it in the hearts of children—Dr. P. C. Payne.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CHRISTIAN WORKERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SEASON

By George Thorngate

WE HAVE JUST PASSED the Chinese New Year. This festival is not recognized as such by the Chinese government, but in actuality the people celebrate it in traditional fashion with feasting and fire-crackers. It is a holiday of several days from work and school. Christian workers always take advantage of the season to do many things, such as having church conferences, holding young people's meetings, and conducting special services. Our church has followed this practice this year.

Grace School is having vacation so that the usually teeming school grounds are nearly deserted. That will be changed next week.

Dr. Crandall has had a digestive disturbance the past week, but is feeling better again. Mrs. West and Mabel are well and active. Mabel has been working during vacation preparing entrance examinations and taking care of other school duties.

Repairs will soon be completed. But the repaired roof of the "Davis" house still lets the rain through. The contractor says the present tiles, which are thin and easily broken and moved by wind, must be replaced if we want to be water tight. If the material can be advantageously purchased, we shall have the work done.

In connection with the school, my wife, Helen, and my son's wife, Helen, are both scheduled to teach classes this coming term. This will greatly strengthen the English and also the Christian teaching in the school. Principal Chang is pleased with the arrangement.

Principal Chang is making his plans to come to America as soon as necessary papers can be obtained, probably early in the summer.

MISSIONARY FORESEES PROGRESS ON CHINA FIELD

Dear Mr. Burdick:

I received your letter of December 30 today. Thank you for your letter and the kind greetings.

As you may know, we arrived in Shanghai on December 31, 1946, and are well established in the "Davis" house on the mission compound. Perhaps you have received the preliminary report which I sent some days ago. Conditions, while discouraging, are by no means hopeless. In fact, our mission seems quite healthy in spite of abnormal and trying circumstances, and I foresee definite progress in the future.

As to the employment of Miss Sarah Becker of Riverside, Calif., by the board, for work in China, all of our mission workers here are of one mind in thinking she will be a great asset to the work, especially as the Liuho field opens up. I hope she may be sent out as early as possible, so that she can begin language study.

All members of the mission are quite well, although Dr. Crandall has not felt up to her former state of well being. All of us send greetings to you and the board.

Sincerely yours,
George Thorngate.

23 Route de Zikawei,
Shanghai, China,
January 19, 1947.

THEOLOGY STUDENTS HEAR NIEMOELLER SPEAK

Pastor Martin Niemoeller's last appearance in the United States during his tour of this country was attended Tuesday evening, February 25, by Ronald Hargis, Theodore Hibbard, Carl Maxson, and Professor Wayne Rood of the Alfred School of Theology.

The trip to Rochester to attend the great mass meeting in the famous Eastman Theater was made by the men at the invitation of Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastor of the church at Alfred Station. As a part of the congregation numbering nearly four thousand people, the men heard Pastor Niemoeller describe his experiences during eight years of imprisonment in German concentration camps during the war.

On the afternoon following these men met with Dean A. J. C. Bond and the rest of the seminary student body to discuss the address and relate the German pastor's wartime experiences to the current study of the ecumenical church which is being taught by Dean Bond.

BATTLE CREEK CHURCH CARRIES ON MANY PROJECTS

Evangelistic Work Planned for Reaching Out into "the Highways and Hedges"

(The following items are from the Friendly Guest, a church paper sent out by Pastor Alton Wheeler at Battle Creek.)

The church has authorized the pastor to go to Adrian once a month for evangelistic work and will allow him five cents per mile for his car and other additional expenses.

In the calling of the pastor at the annual meeting for another year, the vote was given for Pastor Wheeler without a dissenting vote.

The general superintendent of the Sabbath school is being asked to bring a report from all divisions of the Sabbath school to the quarterly business meetings.

MEMBERSHIP: Total, 284.

SABBATH SCHOOL: Officers, 9; teachers, 12; pupils, 125.

Sabbath school sessions continue to be held at Bellevue every other Sabbath afternoon in the various homes of the community. We rejoice in the rich fellowship and teaching ministry being shared with our friends there.

Andrew Classes

(Also in the current issue of the Friendly Guest there is much about the plans for evangelistic work. "Ambassadors for Christ" is the title of this section of the paper; members are urged to enlist to help in some way with this program of reaching out into the "highways and hedges."—H. S.)

A parish member recently said to the pastor, "I have often said that if I could not be a Peter, I could at least be an Andrew." If she could not be a natural born leader, she at least could bring others to the Lord. It was Andrew who brought his brother Peter to Jesus that he might know Him as Saviour and Lord. John 1: 40-42.

In the same way you can become an Andrew by joining us in "Andrew Classes" Sunday nights, February 9, and March 2.

Budget Promotion

(The Committee to Promote the Denominational Budget is located in Battle Creek, with William Millar as chairman; the committee is emphasizing tithing.—H. S.)

The Budget Committee is convinced that the acceptance of the challenge of the Lord in Malachi 3: 10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, 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," is the answer not only to raising the Denominational Budget but to expanding our local and our foreign missions!

One of the primary endeavors of the committee will be to bring about a revival of tithing in all of our Seventh Day Baptist churches. **Let's promote tithing in the Battle Creek Church! Start tithing this week!**

Accepts Call

Leland Davis has accepted a call to become assistant pastor for the summer months.

These items show something of the fine program of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. H. S.

LEADERSHIP CLASS WELL ATTENDED DESPITE STORM

A storm was raging as I came from White Cloud to Battle Creek on Thursday, February 6. The question was, "Will there be enough people out for a meeting?" When Pastor Wheeler and I found that there were seventeen of us to discuss the problems of teaching our children, we felt that it was a tribute to the fine quality of laymen to be found in the Battle Creek Church. Those who came were ready to share opinions and discuss questions about the problems which parents and Sabbath school teachers face. It was very profitable for me to get the contributions which these folks made.

On Friday evening, February 7, I had the opportunity to attend the Intermediate C. E. meeting and to share with them some of the plans for Seventh Day Baptist youth.

On Sabbath morning I visited the Sabbath school in session and then gave the morning sermon on the subject, "The Living Christ."

We profess to follow this living Christ. What does it mean to us in our daily living? If he was triumphant over death, then he surely can help us to live triumphantly. If he conquered evil, then we surely can live a more victorious life over sin if we live in him.

Harley Sutton.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MEETING STRESSES COMMON INTERESTS

Common points of emphasis and program, not differences, were stressed at the annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education in Grand Rapids. I was privileged to represent the denomination on the Committee of Church School Administration, which considered a number of important matters.

In the section for denominational executives, where I was registered, there was discussion of the work being done by the denominations in Christian Education. Our board was honored in my appointment as chairman of the nominating committee of this section.

The men who lead the program of Christian Education for the various denominations are surely high type individuals and have all been very helpful to me as they share plans and give advice and encouragement.

Rev. Alton Wheeler and Mrs. W. B. Lewis of Battle Creek attended the meetings one day especially to be present for the discussion of visual education by Mr. Towner of the Methodist denomination. Mrs. Lewis is superintendent of the Battle Creek Sabbath school.

Harley Sutton.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

(Continued from back cover)

LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y. — October 10 was observed as Men and Missions Sabbath. Two laymen, Victor Burdick and Mark Sanford, gave talks in keeping with the topic. Two weeks later, thirty-three from Little Genesee journeyed to Hebron, Pa., to attend the ordination of Rex Zwiebel.

Our Sunshine Society (Ladies' Aid) held a harvest supper and bazaar at our new Church Hall and Community Center, which netted \$180. The society will continue holding a supper each month until enough is raised to drill a well for use in this very modern and attractive kitchen.

At five Sunday night services prior to Christmas, screen-slide services were held, portraying famous paintings of the Bible. A short worship service preceded each. These services have been well attended by the community at large.

"The Belfry" staff continue to give us church and community news of latest happenings. Congratulations to the staff of young people.

Pastor Charles Bond and his wife, Mr. Ferris Whitford, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Sanford attended a supper meeting of the Allegany County Ministerial Association in Wellsville on January 13. The topic was "Visual Aids in the Church School."

On February 1 our Conference president, Rev. E. T. Harris of Alfred, N. Y., will bring the morning message using the theme, "Saved to Serve." This will be followed by a tureen dinner in our new Community Center, opposite the church. After dinner there will be a discussion of denominational activities. Correspondent.

VERONA, N. Y. — Youth Week was observed in the Seventh Day Baptist church by a special program on Sabbath afternoon with Joyce Sholtz as leader. Jean Sholtz read the Scripture, and Harley Soper offered prayer. Papers were given by Garth Warner, Rita Williams, and Leora Sholtz. Olin Davis reviewed the origin of the United Christian Youth Movement. This was followed by an appropriate skit broadcast from an adjoining room.

The pastor's family with several young people went to De Ruyter for the evening as guests of the youth group there.

The Young People's Social Club has invited the church and friends to its monthly meeting which will be held in the church parlors. Each lady is asked to bring a box lunch which will be put up for auction, the proceeds to go toward the organ fund.

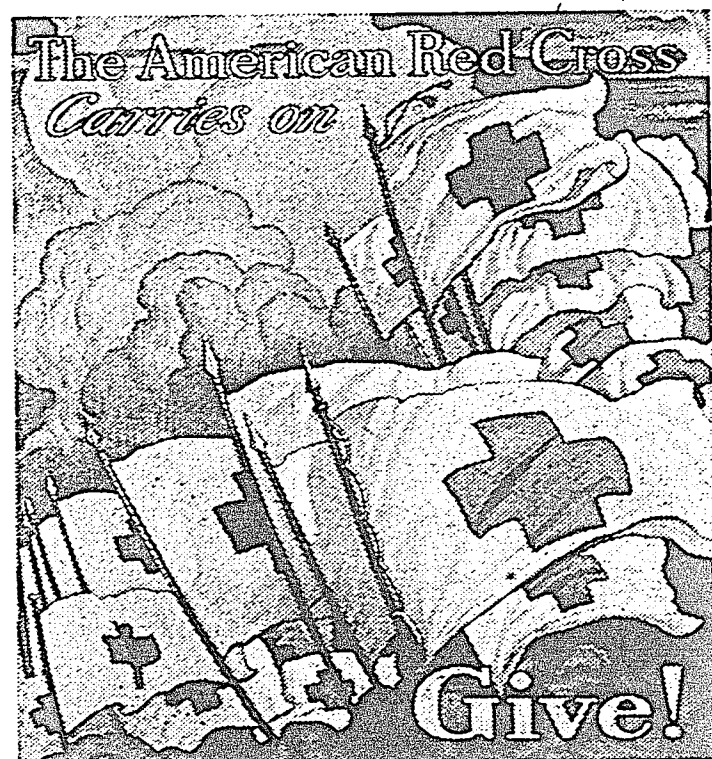
The Ladies' Benevolent Society held its February meeting with Mrs. Claude Sholtz. Mrs. Orville Hyde was in charge of devotions.

Mrs. G. Howard Davis accompanied her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis of Elmira, to Gainesville, Fla., because of the serious illness of their brother, Pearl Davis. Mrs. Davis will visit other relatives and friends in Florida.

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis of Palatka, Fla., are parents of a son. Walter, a discharged veteran, is the son of the late Clarence and Arlie Thorngate Davis, both former Seventh Day Baptist students at Milton, Wis.

Mrs. Stanley Warner and Mrs. Alva Warner are leaders in a Home Bureau family relations project, the topic being "What Makes for Proper Home Discipline."

—The Rome Sentinel.



Co-operating with the American Red Cross in its 1947 Fund Campaign, churches throughout the nation devoted a service to Red Cross interests on the weekend of February 21-23. Following the custom of previous years, the time was set by agreement between the Federal Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and the American Red Cross. As in the years since the outbreak of World War II, clergymen the country over called the attention of their parishioners to the humanitarian activities and services of the Red Cross throughout the world. In addition to recreation and social welfare services with the armed forces at home and overseas, the American Red Cross is conducting an expanding program on behalf of veterans.

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y. — A shower for Mr. and Mrs. William Burnash was given by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gilmore at their home Wednesday evening, January 22. They were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gilmore and Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Greene. Relatives of both parties and friends from the Seventh Day Baptist Church attended. The couple received many nice gifts. A program of music and readings was presented by Mrs. Nathan Whitford, assisted by Miss Patricia Yoggi. Dainty sandwiches and coffee were served with a wedding cake made by Mrs.

Albert Gilmore. Mrs. William Burnash was formerly Miss Sara Bottoms.

The Ladies' Aid of the church held a tureen luncheon Sunday, February 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DeChois Greene. February 2 being Mr. and Mrs. Greene's forty-third wedding anniversary, the group surprised them with a beautiful wedding cake made by their daughter, Mrs. Mary Ellen Reid, and a purse of money, which was presented by Rev. E. H. Bottoms with appropriate remarks. Their children and grandchildren also gave them a very fine desk lamp. There were about thirty-five present at this very enjoyable occasion.

Rev. E. H. Bottoms and G. F. Bakker recently attended the course for Church Leadership Training in Watertown. Plans are being made with other churches in the community to hold classes in leadership training in the near future in one of the churches here, and later on to co-operate in a Vacation Bible School.

The ladies of this church joined with those of other churches in the vicinity in the World Day of Prayer services on Friday afternoon, February 21. A guest speaker, Rev. Solomon Card, Methodist, of Black River, N. Y., gave an interesting summary of the objects and benefits of this worldwide service. — Correspondent.

ALBION, WIS. — The annual dinner and church business meeting of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church was well attended January 12, 1947, in the church basement. Reports from the auxiliary departments showed that a memorial fund for the beautification of church property had been started, that our teen-age youth of the town have been helped by the church or women's societies sponsoring the organizations of a Boy Scout troop and two Camp Fire groups, and that the church had participated in the World Day of Prayer. These reports also showed the near completion of the year's main project, the installation of a bathroom in the parsonage, and also the installation of a new kitchen cabinet sink.

Two of our young men, Charles Williams and Clair Slaggs, were named as candidates for the diaconate, and a committee was appointed to look into the matter and to make further arrangements for their ordination.

It was voted to have a committee investigate the advisability of purchasing an electric organ for the church.

The pastor was given a call for another year with a substantial increase in salary.

In his annual report, the pastor set up the following seven goals for us to work toward during 1947:

1. The reorganization of Sabbath school classes.
2. The reorganization of the Christian Endeavor society.
3. The organization of a Junior Christian Endeavor.
4. The holding of regular meetings of Sabbath school teachers and officers on a monthly basis to discuss better ways and means to propagate our Sabbath school.
5. The finding of a group of men and women willing to make sacrifice of time for the study, under some competent teacher, of the materials and study courses set up by the International Council of Religious Education.
6. The organization of a Lord's Acre group.
7. A more adequate use of our church building by the holding of a prayer or other midweek meeting.

We are indeed thankful to our heavenly Father for the many rich blessings of the past. May we go forward in the new year with consecrated effort. — Correspondent.

ASHAWAY, R. I. — The pastor's Sabbath school class of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, Ashaway, R. I., met for an evening of business and fellowship, Sunday, February 9, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Oats. The main item of business was a vote to transfer the organ fund of the class to the church to be used for the purchase of a new organ. This fund is large enough to buy the best organ of the electrical type. The class hopes that steps can be taken to procure an organ as soon as possible. As this class was organized eleven years ago this month for the purpose of raising money for an organ, it was felt best to disband with the completion of that project. It was voted to disband as an organized class. Following the business and social hour refreshments of coffee and cake were served.

The present pipe organ in the church is estimated to be over one hundred years old. Many will remember its sweet tones during its years of faithful service. Now it is worn out and cannot be adequately repaired.

—Westerly Sun.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The announcement was recently made that \$300 had been raised for the Second Century Fund.

The Juniors are planning to purchase a bed for the Liuho, China, Hospital and have been taking their collections for that purpose. They expect to have the program for the March all-church social, at which time a collection will be taken from the audience.

At the meeting of the Dr. Grace Missionary Society last Thursday, two comforters were tied to be sent to Europe. It was voted to help sponsor a permanent young people's camp to be built on the river. Dinner was served at this meeting, a nice group being present. It was also voted to give \$10 to the organ fund. — Correspondent.

MARLBORO, N. J. — Rex Burdick, a graduate of De Ruyter High School, who is attending Faith Theological Seminary in Wilmington, Del., has been called as pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Marlboro, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Burdick are now located in their new home at Marlboro.

—De Ruyter Gleaner.

Dodge Center, Minn.

A Junior society has been started; it meets at Mrs. Clappér's home at the Christian Endeavor hour. These youngsters enjoy the children's sermon every Sabbath morning very much.

We sent a box of clothing to Pastor John Schmid for our German Seventh Day Baptists, and are retiring the small debt on the parsonage by quarterly special collections.

We enjoy our new pastor. He has plenty of pep and ambition, and we are afraid he will put us to work!

Eva L. Payne.

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OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am twelve years old and have blonde hair and blue eyes. I am in the seventh grade. When I read the January Sabbath Recorder, I was very much interested in the letter from the girl in New Zealand. I was wondering if you would have an address of some foreign girl to whom I could write. I would like to write more today, but I must study for our mid-year examination next Monday.

Love,
Shirley Smith.

Westery, R. I.

Dear Shirley:

Just now the girl from New Zealand, Dorothy Johnson, is the only girl correspondent I have from a foreign country. Several used to write me from Jamaica, but they are quite grown-up now. I hope others from there will write later.

I wish you the best of success in your examination and feel confident your marks will be good.

Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you and all your loved ones feeling? We are feeling well ourselves. This is Sunday morning and although I wrote a letter to you about two days ago, I decided to write another one, because I love to write to you.

Yesterday, being Sabbath, we went to Berlin to attend the services and then came back and had our service at our mission in the afternoon. We all had a wonderful fellowship together. I had a lot of fun with Pastor Maxson's daughter, Eunice Jane. After we got through with our services, Pastor Maxson and his family spent the evening over at my Uncle Nick's house, and we went over also and spent the evening with them. Brother Delmar, from Berlin, attended our mission with the Maxsons, also.

That will be all for now and may God bless you.

Your Recorder friend,
Esther Naomi Fatato.

Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

Our page would not be complete without another of your good letters; so I am finishing with one, as you see. I still have two more of your letters which will have to wait for a later date, along with two other children's letters.

I am glad to know that your dear mother is "all better" again, as my little granddaughter used to say. She and Gretchen have been having the mumps. Gretchen is back in school, but Joyce says, "I'm still bumpy."

Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is my first letter to you. It is quite cool here today, but it certainly has been warm most of the winter.

About a week after Christmas our cow had twin calves. They are all black.

I am eight years old and in the second grade. I go to church and Sabbath school at Marlboro. As you know Mr. Saunders just left to go to Denver to preach. We are all going to miss him and his family. Now Mr. Rex Burdick is preaching for us.

I guess I'll close for now.
Sincerely,
Duane Cruzan.

Bridgeton, N. J.

Dear Duane:

I wonder if you know our son who is a doctor in Bridgeton. He and his family are making us a short visit, much too short to suit us. They reached here Sunday night, February 16, and must start for home tomorrow morning, February 19. The children, Karen and Kristie, have had great fun playing with Joyce and Gretchen, our grandchildren in Wellsville.

The twin calves came pretty near being a real Christmas present, and a very nice present they certainly made. Will you help to feed them? That used to be one of my tasks when as a small girl I lived on a farm.

I never met Mr. Saunders but am very fond of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Burdick. They are indeed true servants of God.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

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 mere controversy.

Dear Editor:

In October and November the Richburg Church conducted a gospel campaign through advertising in the local weekly paper. About the only comment was from people in the church, and that was all favorable. We do not have much of any method of measuring its effectiveness. A single half-hour radio program would not have cost much more. I think it would have covered a wider area, but I doubt if it would have covered the area in the neighborhood of the church so well.

We would be interested in hearing the results of other such experiments.

Sincerely yours,
Ralph H. Coon.

Richburg, N. Y.

"No race can afford to keep another race down because the progress of humanity depends upon every race developing those qualities and possibilities which God has given it," says Professor Rollin H. Walker of Delaware, Ohio. "The whites need all the Doctor Carvers the blacks can develop."

Marriages

Hansen - Crandall. — Edmar James Hansen of Milton Junction, Wis., and Wanda Mae Crandall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crandall of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony read in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist church on the night after the Sabbath, February 8, 1947. The bride's pastor, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, officiated. The Hansens are at home in Milton Junction.

Obituaries

Crandall. — Leslie Walter, was born August 20, 1914, and died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Elna Phillips of De Ruyter, N. Y., February 6, 1947. He was baptized and became a member of the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church September 28, 1935.

He is survived by his parents, his brothers, William and Glen, and his sister, Wanda.

Funeral services were conducted at the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. Zack H. White. Interment was in Hill Crest Cemetery. Z. H. W.

Maxon. — Mrs. Minnie, was born in Middleboro, Mass., March 9, 1863, and passed away in Chicago, Ill., February 17, 1947. She was the second of five children born to Rev. Alexander and Harriet Coffin McLearn, and the last surviving member of that family.

On January 1, 1884, she was married to Dwight Maxon of Walworth, Wis. To this union were born eight children.

Mrs. Maxon was a devout Christian, a good mother, and a loyal friend. She had been baptized by her father while a girl; and when Mr. McLearn became pastor of the Walworth Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1883, the daughter united with the church and maintained her membership in it till death. Although not always able to attend the church of her own faith she always observed the Sabbath, and with quiet trust awaited the Master's call.

She is survived by five children: Mrs. Stelle Carpenter, San Jose, Calif.; Dr. Earl D. Maxon, Western Springs, Ill.; Mrs. Rhue Osborn, Las Vegas, N. M.; Henry A. Maxon, Chicago Heights, Ill.; and Mrs. Marjorie Hoy, Chicago, Ill. There are also five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted at Walworth, Wis., February 20, 1947, by her pastor, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, and burial was in the Walworth Cemetery. L. F. H.

Stillman. — Edna Leola, daughter of Elmer E. and Daisy M. Sprague Stillman, was born May 3, 1899, in Alfalfa County, Okla., and passed away on January 29, 1947, at her home in Shiloh, N. J.

She was married to E. Rae Stillman in 1917. Surviving are the husband and three daughters, Mrs. Emerald Mae Mick, Mrs. Elizabeth Jeanne Welsh, and Mrs. Mildred Edna Lawrence, and a grandson, James Allen Welsh.

Since moving to New Jersey, Mrs. Stillman has been a faithful member and worker in the Marlboro Church. Her life was devoted to the service of the Lord through her service to her family and friends. Her witness for the Master during nearly four years of illness has been far reaching—even to foreign fields through her correspondence with native workers in Jamaica.

Funeral services were conducted in Bridgeton, N. J., by her pastor, Rex Burdick, with interment in the Marlboro Cemetery. R. B.

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"I can't git it thru my head yet why peepul don't git sense enuf to quit fightin' and grabbin' and do what Jesus told 'em to do. That'll sure work, if both sides uses it—but there ain't too many willin' to try it."

WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING (DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS HOLD FIRST SERVICE IN INDIANA

Indianapolis Fellowship Organized

February 22 was a historic day for our denomination in that it was the date of the first Sabbath worship service ever held in Indianapolis by Seventh Day Baptists.



Rev. L. G. Osborn

For that matter, as far as we know, it was the first in the state of Indiana. There were only eleven of us present, but there was an earnestness of spirit and a deep interest in the service and the message. In the informal discussion which followed the general feeling was that we should have a church.

We regret to report that our series of meetings did not meet our expectations. In spite of a most thorough and systematic plan of advertising, the people were not drawn in any number. Because of the small attendance we did not feel justified in continuing for another week as planned. Those who attended were for the most part people vitally interested in becoming affiliated with a Sabbath-keeping Baptist church. The cause of Christ, the Sabbath, and Seventh Day Baptists was presented, and we made several new contacts.

Apparently the Lord is showing us that our first method was wrong. We expected too much at the start. Our present plan is to hold worship services on Sabbath afternoon and evangelistic meetings on Saturday nights. We will continue our calling and personal work and give Bible studies in the homes. Several have already been given, and we have some definite results to encourage us.

We are enrolling the people into an "Indianapolis Fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists" to unify the group and to tie them to the denomination until such time as there are enough to form a church. Some have asked for baptism; some have come to a firm belief in the Sabbath; many are rejoicing in the fact that there is a Sabbath-keeping

Baptist denomination with which they can become affiliated. It is too early to predict the final outcome, but we feel certain that the church is not too far in the future.

Please continue to pray earnestly for this work. We do appreciate your interest and your faithfulness in prayer.

Sincerely your representatives,
Rev. and Mrs. Lester G. Osborn.

ASHAWAY, R. I. — The Senior and Intermediate Christian Endeavors conducted the Sabbath morning service on February 1 in connection with Christian Endeavor Week. Arthur Brayman, president of the Senior C. E., presided. Taking part in the various parts of the service were Helen Palmer, responsive reading; Gwen Crandall, offertory prayer; Ruth Collings, Scripture; and Barbara Anne Waite, Lois James, and Eileen Niles, prayers.

Arthur Brayman, Ruth Saretzki, Louis Savy, Gertrude Maine, and Jesse James gave short talks on "Experiences with Jesus," taken from the gospel of John.

The two Christian Endeavors rendered special music during the service under the direction of Mrs. Florence Wells.

Twelve young people gathered at the Parish House on Wednesday, January 22, for an evening of fun and fellowship. A devotional program arranged by Gertrude Maine was held. Games were played throughout the evening. Refreshments concluded the evening, under the direction of Miss Hilda Maine.—Corresponding Secretary.

COMING EVENTS

The Eastern Association will meet with the Berlin, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church June 6-8, 1947.

The Pacific Coast Association of Seventh Day Baptists will meet in Riverside, Calif., April 11, 12, and 13, 1947.

ALFRED, N. Y. — Several students at the School of Theology preached in near-by Seventh Day Baptist Churches, Sabbath morning. Don Hargis delivered the sermon at Nile; Socrates Thompson occupied the pulpit at Hebron, Pa.; and Theodore Hibbard and Carl Maxson conducted the services at Independence. — Alfred Sun.

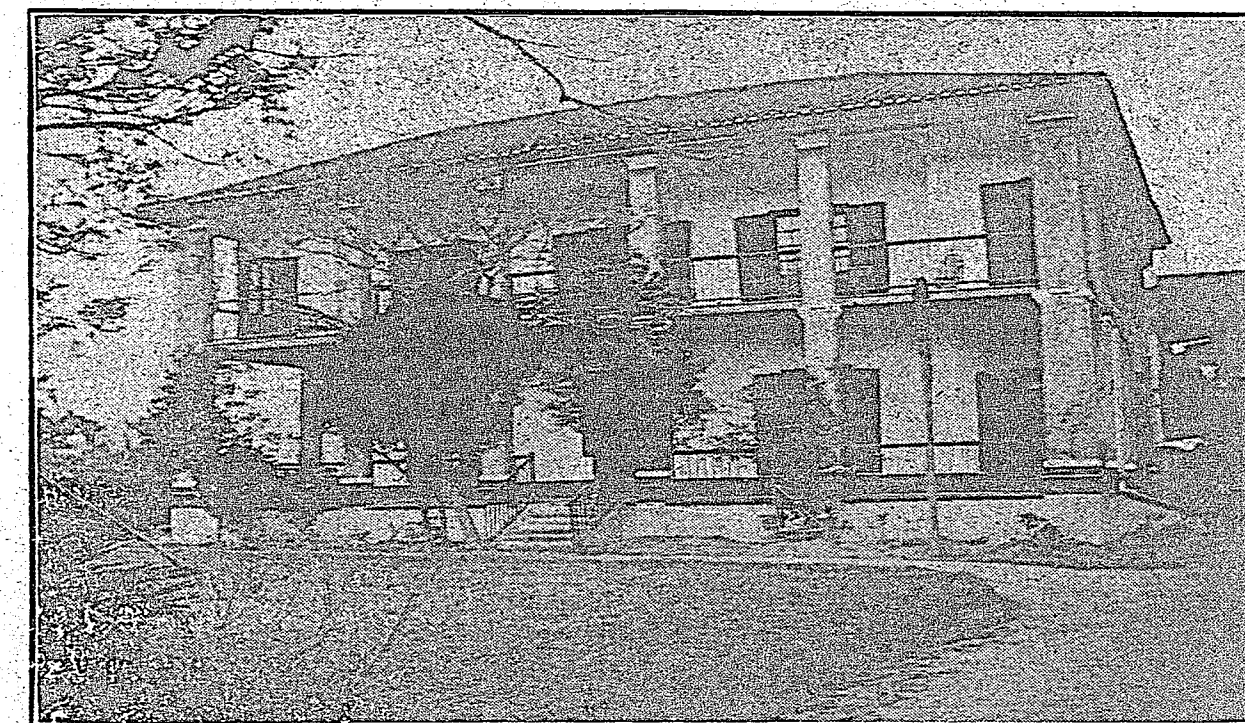
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The Sabbath

Recorder

Old Buildings — New Service



House built by Rev. D. H. Davis, Shanghai; now used for school purposes and being reconditioned together with other mission properties to meet enlarged needs.

"We of the China Mission wish to thank you all for the funds which made possible repairs and painting neglected during the war years." (See pages 178 and 183.)