

*Clean Pages --
All Unspoiled*

I am the New Year.

I am the one unspoiled bit of Beauty in God's Universe.
I am Romance, and Glitter, and High Resolution, and—
Dreams.

My only handicap is the dead weight of old habits and
hard-set ways of doing things that I must carry over from
the past into my new ministry to your heart.

My one fear is that some day you also will settle down
to the conviction that the new is always an illusion.

My single hope lies in your chance **FAITH:**

Faith that what has been proved impossible by long
experience can at last be attained;

Faith that failure is but an incident and not the end
of the journey;

Faith that, some day, mankind will be free from the
shackles of his own forging, childhood will have its chance,
and Love will achieve its Godlike destiny;

Faith that he who said, "Behold, I make all things new,"
had somehow grasped the secret for making his own dream
come true.

Faith that those who share with him the adventure of
his self-commitment shall find the secret of overflowing life.

I am God's plan for girding the loins of his intrepid
co-workers in the long, but joyous march to the goal of his
Beneficent Purpose.

I am the New Year.

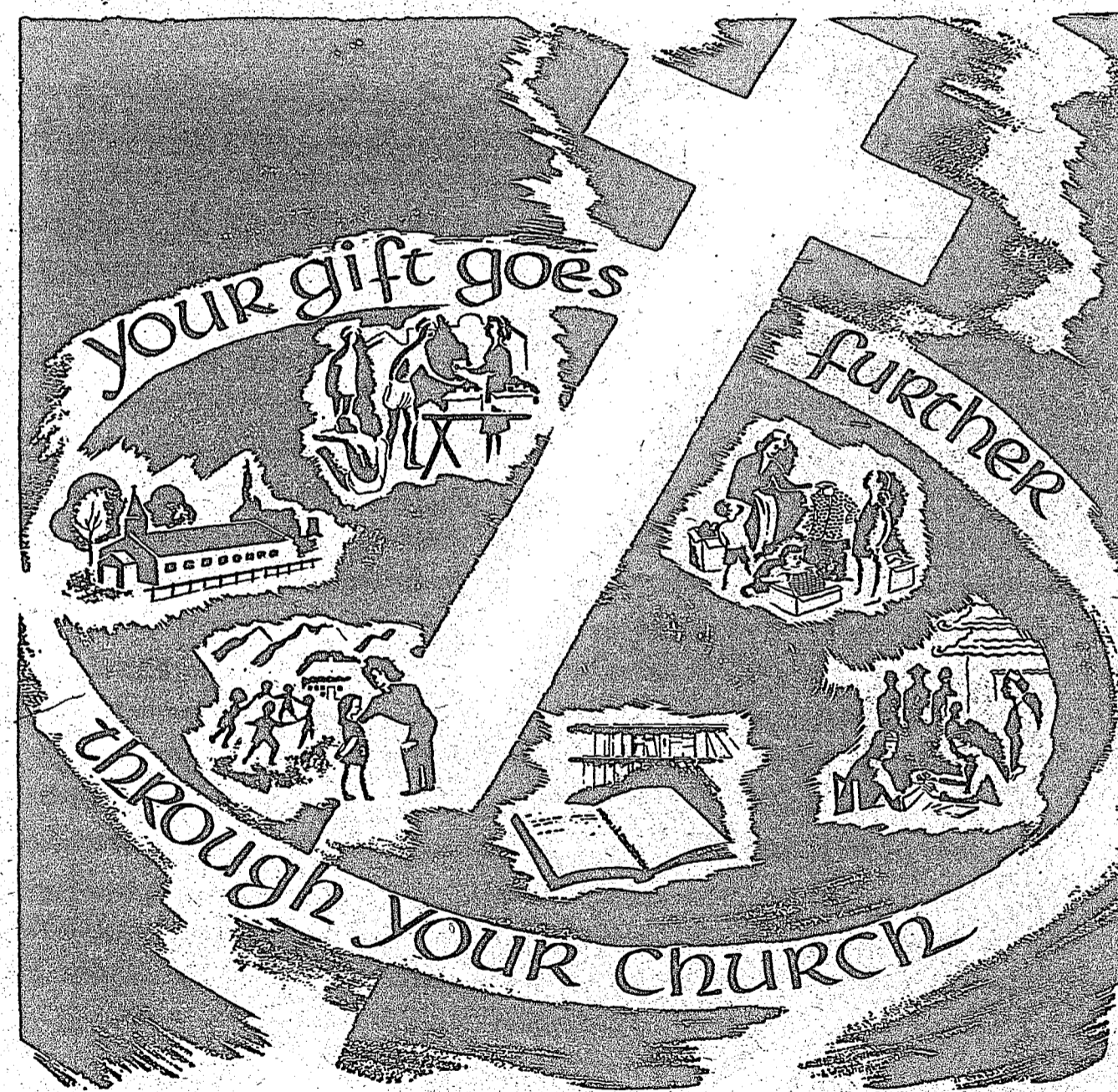
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O Lord, behold my affliction: for the enemy has magnified
himself. . . . Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?

—Lamentations.

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WHAT WHERE TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

The Agricultural Department has announced that the distilling industry will be granted 16 per cent more grain for making whisky. Brewers are also granted 6 per cent more grain and restrictions are lifted, but the grain for food is being more severely restricted. Who runs this country anyhow? — United Presbyterian.

For the first time in the history of the University of Georgia, courses in religion are being offered under a newly established Department of Religion, Arts, and Sciences.

The Exposition Press of New York announces the forthcoming spring publication of "Exaltation," an anthology of contemporary religious verse to which poets everywhere are invited to contribute. A need for poetry of this kind is apparent today, and this book will be designed to fill that need. The reactions of a shifting world, its dismay at the loss of faith, but its confidence that this breach will be closed, should be presented to the public, and poetry can well serve that purpose. It is hoped that "Exaltation" will lead its readers to new understanding and give fresh voice to the Bible. Poems of faith revealing man's eternal oneness with God, poems which in essence are spiritual—these are wanted to make this anthology essential reading for those who seek moral evaluation. Poets should submit their work, accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of unacceptable material, directly to Religious Editor, The Exposition Press, 1 Spruce St., New York 7.

More than 90 per cent of the members of Iowa rural churches attend church, as compared to 50 per cent of city church members, a survey sponsored by the Iowa Christian Rural Fellowship revealed. — Gospel Messenger.

Dr. John R. Mott, the eighty-one-year-old co-winner of the 1946 Nobel Peace Prize, has for more than half a century been active in the advancement of Christianity across the world, both through the Young Men's Christian Association and through missionary agencies. Interestingly enough, he is a Methodist layman though all his life has been spent in executive places in religious bodies. He is an organizer on a world-wide scale. Among the bodies he helped organize are: the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., the World's Council of Y.M.C.A., the Student Volunteer Movement, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the International Missionary Council, the Institute of Social and Religious Research, and the World Council of Churches—the last after his eightieth birthday. During World War I, he organized and headed the National War Work Council of the Y.M.C.A., and the "Y's" work among the allied armies and among the prisoners of war; during the second war he counselled with "Y" and mission services overseas and among prisoners of all nations. The Nobel Award is made on the basis of his long service for international understanding. — W. W. Reid.

EDITORIALS

GREAT THINGS TOGETHER

Now there was a certain rich nation, whose people were clothed in nylon and linen, faring sumptuously every day; and certain beggar nations were laid low over the world, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich nation's table. . . .

Someone had adapted Luke 16: 19 in the above provocative way; and how full of implications the paraphrase is! Many observers are inclined to be alarmed as they observe the apparent thoughtless, selfish conduct of the masses of our nation's people today. The dismay is undoubtedly justified by such conditions as the appalling crime bill, the rising divorce rate, the trend toward licentious living, the extravagant amount spent for luxuries, and the disregard, in some quarters, of religious matters. But the picture is not all black as 1947 begins. There are many encouraging facts—not the least of which is the marvelous way Seventh Day Baptists have responded to meet the needs of suffering brethren in Germany.

A report dated January 2 from Frank Schober, who has the job of keeping records of the relief activities handled by the Irvington, N. J., Church, reveals the fact that 1,800 pounds of clothing and shoes have already been received from the churches and forwarded to those in need. A total of 289 eleven pound packages has been processed for shipment. The parcel post fee for each one has been \$1.54, or a total of \$445.06. An almost equal amount—\$446.93—has been expended for food products and other needed items such as matches and household medical supplies to include with the shipments of wearing apparel. These two items of expenditure amount to \$891.99.

To the date of the report, money received from the various churches and individuals

in the denomination totaled only \$675.98 (other contributions are on the way); Irvington people have advanced the remaining \$216.01 from their own funds. In addition to making up this deficit, the Irvington Church has given, as their own contribution to the project, \$553.08 for gift parcels purchased between July and the end of November.

To witness the loving devotion and generous self-sacrifice of the Irvington people as they handle this tremendous task is to have one's faith in humanity strengthened—if not restored! Pastor Schmid, his wife, and his daughter have cheerfully turned their home in Verona, N. J., into a relief center, and all of them take an active part in the actual labor involved. Incoming packages are stacked on the glass-enclosed front porch of the house. The basement has been converted into a sorting and packing center. Two rooms at the rear of the first floor are reserved for addressing packages and storing parcels ready for mailing.

Through his place of employment, Mr. Schmid has secured sturdy cardboard packing cases just the right size for the eleven pound shipments. Expeditiously and prudently he has purchased needed equipment—a tin can sealing device, for example, which makes it possible to pack innumerable items safely and in small quantities. Many merchants have given him the courtesy of buying needed goods in quantity at substantial reductions in price. The postal authorities have made it possible for Mr. Schmid and his helpers to deliver packages directly to the loading platforms at the post office and accept quantity shipments without the time-consuming formality of weighing each individual item. It is gratifying to note that

the cost per pound for shipping is only a few cents higher than the cost incurred by the infinitely larger interdenominational warehouses. And, of course, the over-all expense is much less because all labor is donated. The set-up is an efficient and smoothly-operating concern.

Several days each week members of the church come to the Schmid home to work at sorting and packing. The needs are being carefully surveyed, and the packages are made to contain just those items of food, clothing, and miscellaneous materials most needed by the persons to receive them. Many of the shipments have been directed to Heinrich Bruhn in Hamburg for distribution by him to areas of greatest need. Other addresses are gradually becoming available, however, and special needs are being met by special shipments. Those who are packing the boxes are constantly aware of changing conditions in Germany, sending items now which are most needed during the cold winter months and holding back those things which will be desperately needed later on. While a good many packages are sent each week, a few ready for shipment are always kept in reserve so that the flow of relief will be constant rather than spasmodic.

The editor, and others, who have been privileged to visit the "Seventh Day Baptist Relief Center," have come away with one predominant impression: see what we can do when we unite in a common task! It is lamentable—it is sinful!—that in some areas of our denominational life we hopelessly dissipate our energies in petty, trivial, inconsequential arguing and bickering. Such considerations are allowed to grow in our thinking to proportions all out of balance and reason. In Verona, N. J., is evidence that we can do great things TOGETHER. One day recently boxes stacked high on Mr. Schmid's front porch bore labels from every corner of the denomination—Farina, Boulder, Riverside, Alfred, Rockville, Edinburg, Westerly, and on down the list through almost every church. Why can't we list our names together in all important enterprises of the church? The hour is late; it is soon or never!

Another admirable feature of the German relief project is the fact that, while we are

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"No Christian is spiritually alive who is not growing in grace."

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A Day of Rest and Worship

The misuse of a day of rest and worship is the crowning American sin and the root of much, if not most, of our troubles in every department. Christians first of all must awake to the seriousness of our defection in the matter of keeping one day as holy unto the Lord. We have so generally substituted pleasure for ourselves in place of reverence to the Lord that we are reaping a terrible harvest and will one day reap worse. We welcome anything that will bring back the Sabbath, such as our fathers knew. "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day: and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable: and thou shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord: and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, . . . for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

—The Presbyterian.

* * *

"The trouble with some people is that they cannot defend their faith without fighting someone else equally faithful."

bending unusual energies toward the one goal, we are not losing sight as a people of the larger field of ecumenical Christian service. The Committee on Relief Appeals is still receiving funds for the over-all Protestant relief effort, and the united relief centers still report goods received from our church people. To be sure we need to take care of our own—not only in Germany, but in Holland, China, and other places. But in addition, as part of a great Christian witness, we need to do our part in the wider undertakings.

"A new and terrible catastrophe threatens millions of starving people in the war-stricken countries," declares Dr. A. Livingstone Warnshuis, Church World Service executive vice-president.

Realizing that any fellow man who suffers is our brother, and knowing that it is part of the Christian plan for each of us to be a Good Samaritan, we should let the infinite Giver of Gifts move our hearts to put into the hands of the world's needy the wherewithal to perform a miracle of human love and understanding.

BASIC PRINCIPLES IN UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR

"BEHAVIOR is always a symptom of something beneath the surface. Too often the leader reacts to the symptoms instead of finding the cause. The cause is generally multiple—not simple; emotional problems are caused by whole patterns of causes."

Does the above statement mean that there is danger of parents and Sabbath school teachers deciding too quickly why children act as they do?

Ordinary behavior is generally emotional behavior and not intellectual. We are creatures of emotion. We do the things we want to do. Sometimes the main use of our intellect is to justify our emotional behavior. We act as we feel!

This statement surely means that we cannot be sure that a child has really learned a Bible verse if he can recite it from memory. He must FEEL its meaning for his life and the life of all men.

It is characteristic of children to react to attitudes and feelings, rather than to words. Children pay little attention to what you say—more to how you feel! It is supremely important for the teacher to really love the children with whom she works.

The above statement should be repeated over and over until parents and teachers have truly put love into practice.

Behavior is always a result of need. A child who acts in a certain way, has to act that way—there is a drive within him to fulfill certain demands. These demands are the desire to be loved, wanted, recognized, to have friends, and to have self-esteem. If satisfaction of need is not secured in one way it will be secured in another. The child who wants affection and cannot get it by model behavior, secures it by extraordinarily bad behavior.

The child's concept of himself grows out of what he hears and sees concerning himself. For example, label a boy as bad, and he cannot think of himself otherwise. This concept of self distorts everything that happens—for we interpret all experience by our concept of ourselves.

The above quotations are from a discussion on the subject, "Basic Principles in Understanding Children's Behavior," led by Dr. Arthur W. Combs. The report was sent out from the New York State Council of Churches. Surely there are some important ideas here for consideration by parents and Sabbath school teachers. It would be

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

worth while to discuss these at a meeting of parents and Sabbath school teachers. Every church should have a meeting every quarter for the parents and Sabbath school teachers to study the children they teach. H. S.

VALUE IN MONTHLY CONFERENCES

Where two or three are gathered together there is always the possibility of creative work. In meetings of Sabbath school teachers and workers there have been new ideas conceived which when carried out brought great improvement in the program.

No matter how small the Sabbath school, there is great value in a monthly meeting which can do the following:

1. Provide time for teachers and workers to study together worth-while books on teaching.
2. Build long-time plans for the Sabbath school, and check on the development of these plans.
3. Bring in parents to study child training and the problems common to parents and teachers.
4. Make possible work-shop meetings for preparing and filing such materials as pictures, stories, and handwork materials.
5. Give opportunity for social times when there is wholesome fun and fellowship.
6. Stimulate prayer and Bible study which feeds the soul and helps develop that most essential qualification of a teacher—a rich spiritual life.

Yes, it is vitally important that all of the Sabbath schools of the denomination seriously consider the need of meeting every month to work for—pray for—a better Sabbath school.

Are you satisfied with the way the churches have been losing young people? Has everything been done that could be done to make a better record? Don't say yes, until your whole church has become vitally interested in its teaching work and is conducting a monthly meeting to plan and do a better job in the future! H. S.

YOUTH WEEK - January 26 to February 2

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!
ENTER THE YOUTH WEEK
AWARD CONTEST

Young people sixteen to twenty-five years of age who are seniors in high school, freshmen in college, or employed young people who are high school graduates and leaders in local church, denominational, or interdenominational work, are urged to send at once for application blanks to enter the Parshad Youth Week Award contest. If there is a community or city council of churches contest, the essays must be in the hands of the proper person by January 29. If you are sending your essay and blank to denominational youth headquarters, it should be sent to Rev. Harley Sutton before February 1.

The top ranking boy and girl in the national award will each receive \$400 per year for four years as scholarships in the college of their choice. To the winner in each of six regions of the United States and Canada an award valued at \$250 per year for four years will be paid to the college of the winner's choice. Another prize is a scholarship each summer covering board, room, and registration fee to the conference within the region sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement or other religious organization acceptable to the donor. There are other regional awards including expenses to regional conferences.

Last year there were five Seventh Day Baptist young people in the contest. Don Sanford of Little Genesee, N. Y., won second place for boys in New York State.

Will you enter this contest if you are eligible? If you know of young people who should be in it, will you please urge them to act at once? We have winners in our Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship, and they should be in the contest.

The importance of Youth Week is emphasized by people of national fame.

After all, the Bible must be its own argument and defense. The power of it can never be proved unless it is felt. The authority of it can never be supported unless it is manifest. The light of it can never be demonstrated unless it shines.

—H. J. van Dyke.

RELIGION INVALUABLE IN PREPARING YOUTH FOR FUTURE

By Amory Houghton
President, Boy Scouts of America

As one of the agencies related to the United Christian Youth Movement, the Boy Scouts of America is deeply interested in the success of plans for the observance of Youth Week. There is great need for fortifying the youth of our day.

The twelfth Scout Law reads:

"A Scout is reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion."

Religion is a moral and spiritual force that is invaluable in preparing our young folks for the future and is a vital factor in preserving our democratic heritage. There is no better guarantee for tomorrow than the cultivation of the spiritual life of our youth today.

PROTESTANT CHURCH AIDS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

By G. Bromley Oxnam
Bishop of the Methodist Church, New York Area,
and Past President, Federal Council of the
Churches of Christ in America

There is no greater contribution to American citizenship than that made by the Protestant churches in their youth program and by such character-forming agencies as the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A., the Boy Scouts, and the Camp Fire Girls. Activities designed to draw forth creative talent and to give that talent co-operatively, to enrich common life, lay foundations for national security. This youth program is founded in our Christian faith and manifests itself in democratic service.

National Youth Week should have the full support of thoughtful and farseeing citizens. No finer body of young people has lived than present-day youth. The problem of juvenile delinquency is primarily a problem of the delinquent community. The community that gives to youth a wholesome youth program will have reduced delinquency to an insignificant minimum.

[These statements were written at the request of the International Council of Religious Education, Chicago, endorsing the continent-wide observance of Youth Week, January 26-February 2, 1947, in the United States and Canada. Seventh Day Baptists and thirty-nine other Protestant denominations as well as 173 state, city, and provincial interdenominational councils of churches and religious education are co-operating in this observance.]



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CORNER

LITTLE GENESEE. — Young people here help the pastor and his wife with a very important part of the church program—the publishing every month of a mimeographed paper called "The Belfry." Many copies are mailed to nonresident members. Young people in military service have received copies when they were overseas. There have appeared in "The Belfry" letters from these people expressing deep appreciation for this news from home and the home church. The art editor is Mrs. Jean Day, a young adult, the wife of one of the veterans. Virginia Traver, Laura Burdick, and Joyce Hawkes are young people on the staff. Gordon and Wilma Sanford, also young adults, are always on hand to help.

DODGE CENTER. — Pastor Earl Cruzan reports: "A Junior Christian Endeavor was recently organized in Dodge Center. The group is meeting at the home of Mrs. Marguerite Clapper at the same hour as the senior group meets at the church. Mrs. Mabel Cruzan is the superintendent, with Mrs. Clapper as assistant. The group is divided into two classes with Mrs. Cruzan teaching the older group and Mrs. Clapper, the younger children. It is hoped that another class of still younger children may be added in the near future."

LOST CREEK. — The Youth Fellowship has been organized with the following officers: president, Thomas C. Bond; vice-president, S. Thomas Bond; secretary-treasurer, Lenora Williams. The following committees have been appointed: program, Dorothea Bond, chairman, Ann Bond and Edna Randolph; social, Lou Bond, chairman, Sylvia Bond and May Randolph; activities, Dave Curry, chairman, Gene Conley and Alois Randolph.

There are to be meetings on Sabbath afternoons. For the program there will be Bible study, business, and Youth Chorus singing. Pastor and Mrs. Van Horn and Miss Velma Davis are the adult leaders.

ALFRED. — Plans are under way to entertain the Western Association Youth Fellowship here January 26. There will be a supper served by the Alfred ladies and a program with the officers of the fellowship in charge.

MISSIONARY SENT TO AFRICA FOR DENOMINATION

Seventh Day Baptists are again represented by a missionary in Africa. In November a newly-ordained minister, Rev. Ronald Barrar, sailed from New Zealand for Nyasaland.

A letter in December from Rev. Francis S. Johnson, pastor of the Auckland Church, reveals some of the details. He wrote, in part:

We have taken the matter into our own hands and have sent a young worker, Ronald Barrar, over to Pastor Makwanga in Nyasaland. Our two small churches raised, by the grace of God, \$1,000 for fare and equipment.

The Auckland Church called Brother Barrar to ordination. We had a wonderful service, blessed with the spirit of God. The following Wednesday after his ordination, he left for his new field of service. I have instructed him to get all the statistics and material necessary for the recognition by General Conference of the African churches.

We can no longer say that we have no mission in Africa, for we have a real, live missionary on his way there now. Should any of the churches wish to help the work in Africa, it will be greatly appreciated by Brother Barrar.

ORDINATION SERVICE HELD FOR RONALD BARRAR

On Sabbath morning, November 16, 1946, the Auckland Seventh Day Baptist Church of New Zealand called Ronald Barrar of Christchurch to ordination.

The ordination service opened with the singing of the hymn, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God." Then Pastor Francis Johnson led in prayer. The Scripture reading was taken from Matt. 28: 18-20.

After the candidate made his statement of belief, the ordination sermon was preached by Pastor Johnson, followed by a vocal duet, "Out of the Ivory Palaces." Using Tim. 3: 1-7 as the background for his remarks, Pastor Edward Barrar of Christchurch gave the charge to the candidate. The congregation sang together the hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be," and Pastor O. G. Russell gave the dedicatory prayer. Pastor Johnson extended the right hand of fellowship to the gospel ministry, after Deacon E. Mason had given a welcome on behalf of the church.

The candidate, Ronald Barrar, pronounced the benediction.

o "When our churches have become stronger . . . , our next step will be to launch forth into new fields."

Program for Advancement Offered Churches

SECOND CENTURY FUND TO HELP PROVIDE TRAINED WORKERS

By KARL G. STILLMAN, Treasurer

ALL SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS have been concerned about the failure of our denomination to increase in numbers and in strength in recent years. Denominational representatives have worked on the field conscientiously and diligently, but it is our opinion that there has been no well conceived plan of action based on a long-term program for all to follow. As was bound to be the case, results have been obtained solely on a "hit or miss" basis.

The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society now offers a plan and a program for all Seventh Day Baptist churches. The goal which we expect confidently to reach during the present generation is an increase in our membership to a total at least double our present number of members.

The first step upon which all future steps must be based is the strengthening of all our churches, not just our missionary churches but all of our churches. We recognize that the strength of our denomination is dependent on the strength of each of its constituent churches. We believe there is no church in our denomination, no matter how strong it may be now, which is as strong as it can be. Strong churches should be stronger and weak churches should be stronger! No church should be allowed to become weaker!

Our plan is to supply trained workers to those churches which wish to expand their usefulness and which indicate such a desire to us. These workers will be assigned, one to go to each church at a mutually convenient time in 1947. It is not planned to conduct old-time evangelistic meetings with special services nightly; instead, the worker will organize with the pastor a plan of visita-

tion, calling with him on all resident members during a period of two weeks which will include three Sabbaths. Efforts will be made to stimulate greater attendance of these members and more regular attendance at all services of the church. On the third Sabbath there will be a homecoming service for both resident and nonresident members. Special attention will be paid to departments of the church which need help and stimulation. Interesting programs will be arranged for all church services which will stress our goal, and inspirational messages will be delivered. In all these things the worker will build up the pastor in his work with all credit going to the pastor and not to the worker for any measure of success obtained. It is not intended that a worker shall be a financial burden to the church to which he is assigned, and for that reason the Missionary Society expects to pay his expenses while

START WHERE YOU STAND

By Barton Braley

START WHERE YOU STAND and never mind the past;
The past won't help you in beginning anew.
If you have left it all behind at last,
Why, that's enough; you're done with it, you're through!
This is another chapter in the book;
This is another race that you have planned.
Don't give the vanished days a backward look;
Start where you stand!

THE WORLD WON'T CARE about your old defeats
If you can start anew and win success;
The future is your time and time is fleet,
And there is much of work and strain and stress;
Forget the buried woes and dead despairs.
Here is a brand-new trial right at hand;
The future is for him who does, and dares.
Start where you stand!

OLD FAILURES will not halt, old triumphs aid;
Today's the thing; tomorrow soon will be.
Get in the fight and face it unafraid,
And leave the past to ancient history.
What has been has been; yesterday is dead,
And by it you are neither blessed nor banned.
Take courage, man; be brave and drive ahead.
Start where you stand!

on the field. However, it has been the experience of Rev. David S. Clarke, who has been doing this same work for the past year among our missionary churches, that the people and he both have enjoyed great blessings from a plan under which he was entertained at the parsonage for his nights' lodgings and breakfasts to the expense of which he contributed, and for his dinners and suppers at the homes of various church members, who each entertained him at one meal during his two weeks' stay.

There is bound to be developed a stronger interest in one's home church and in the denomination as a whole, when a personal interest and responsibility such as this is aroused.

We are grateful to all our churches which have invited Rev. David S. Clarke to speak to their congregations on missionary interests, but such invitations must not be confused with this present program. One sermon or address cannot be compared with two weeks of practical personal work.

In the Bible we are told of the "seventy others" who went out to do missionary work in "twos," and our plan contemplates a similar procedure, the church pastor being one and the worker the other.

When our churches have become stronger, as we are certain they will under a well-directed, concerted effort such as is now under way, our next step will be to launch forth into new fields both at home and abroad, feeling sure that adequate support for them will be assured.

During recent years, particularly during the war, one frequently heard the words, "It is later than you think." We believe this quotation should echo and re-echo in every Seventh Day Baptist's ears, for our denomination has reached a crisis in its existence, and is even on the downward path although we seem oblivious of the fact. Now is the time to call a halt, reverse the trend, and attain a position of greater prominence in the advancement of God's kingdom on earth!

Can we help you and your church in 1947?

MISSIONS

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

CHURCHES IN GERMANY TO HOLD GENERAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Corliss F. Randolph,
Maplewood, N. J.

Dear Brother Randolph:

We have the intention to hold a meeting like a conference on the 27th and 28th of December. We have invited the members of the German Conference Committee and the elders of the churches. It will be the first meeting since 1942. Also we hope that Sister Anna Sass will be present.

By your kindness and the help of the church in Irvington, we are able to supply our guests with the necessary food. It is only the lodging that worries us still a bit, but we think we can manage that too. So we are very glad that we shall see one another again after such a long time. We all have missed these annual meetings. It has not been possible, because of all the troubles in our country, to hold a general meeting.

With brotherly love,
Heinrich Bruhn.

Alsterdorferstrasse 345,
(24) Hamburg 39, Germany,
November 21, 1946.

THE CALL OF THE NEW YEAR

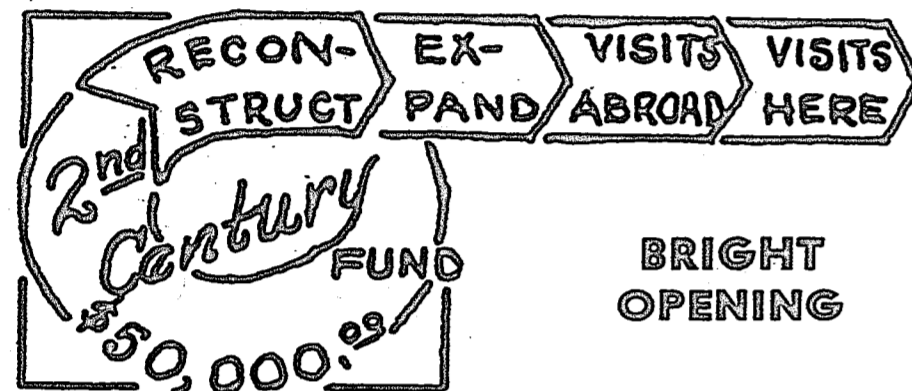
As Christians, churches, and a denomination, the new year summons us to great things. Different ones would state it in different terms. To the contributing editor of this department there are three great things to be sought, as well as many lesser ones. These three are: (1) leading those who know not Christ to a saving knowledge of him; (2) leading those who profess to be followers of the meek and lowly Christ into closer fellowship with him; and (3) the exalting of the Christ of heaven and earth above self and all kings and potentates. To induce those who never knew Christ to yield themselves in complete abandon to him; to help those who are professed followers to draw nearer, ever nearer to him in love, fellowship, and glad service; and to make Christ and his holy will all in all—these are the great things to be accomplished in the family and church as well as in missions and evangelism.

There are millions of people who must be led to Christ, and God is expecting us, his followers, to lead them. There are millions more who, while professing to be Christians, are leading very cold and indifferent lives; these must be quickened and brought

very close to God and their lives become towers of strength in the brotherhood of man.

What is needed is the entire dedication of all to Christ. The result of this will be not only boundless joy but also great usefulness. Just as sure as we abandon all to Christ and enter with zeal into his service so sure will men be brought to Christ and his Sabbath and our churches built up. If we do not yield our all to the Father, no amount of planning and educating and working will avail much.

W. L. B.



The Second Century Fund Committee has received so many requests for field workers in this new year, we don't know what to do! That is, we don't know how to express our gratitude for the response of churches and pastors! We do have some ideas, though, in evangelism and expansion! In this generation we plan to work with you to reach the world for Christ and the Sabbath as never before!

The Church of Christ, in God's providence, now has the tools at its disposal for evangelizing the world. Surrendering together to his Spirit and Will, we can use these tools for saving the world. We have been "saved to serve." With modern methods of communication, travel, and life at a peak of efficiency, evangelism in its myriad forms has a golden opportunity. The church can work with speed and efficiency not known in apostolic days or since, to bring all the world to "an encounter with Christ of absolute decisiveness." Our field program desired by thirty-five churches aims at meeting this opportunity.

From action taken by various churches come remarks such as these (and not all of them from churches that have asked for field workers):

We are deeply grateful for this plan and shall be praying for the success of the movement. . . . My specific need is in advertising or selling my church and my denomination—what have you got to offer? . . . In short, I personally am keen to have the help. . . . Our church feels that your committee's plans in aiding us all in church efficiency and evangelism is splendid. . . . The church feels that you are sending good men into the field and is praying for the success of their work and for the further success of the work of the Missionary Society.

The following comment was taken from a letter that "crossed" our mailing of November 22, which inaugurated our program for expansion:

For some time I have heard quite a little about "Visitation Evangelism" . . . and I have heard about it among our own churches, but do not know if there is a plan by which one could get some help for his church. I feel that we as a people should plan for such and work together in such a way that any church at any time could get needed help.

SABBATH TRACTS DISTRIBUTED AT BAPTIST CONVENTIONS

["This note of Sabbath promotion activity may be of interest to others," wrote J. B. Conyers, Atlanta, Ga., attorney, regarding the following paragraphs. The letter was dated November 16.]

Last week I went to the city of Savannah, Ga., where the State Baptist Convention was being held. With the assistance of three teams of two boys each, "borrowed" from the junior high school, I distributed approximately nine hundred tracts, "Baptist Consistency on the Sabbath," by Henry B. Maurer, to the visitors and delegates who came for the opening session. These tracts of about twenty-five pages each we had had newly printed here and had received them the day before the convention.

Then I went to another part of the city where the State Negro Baptist Convention was being held (their 75th anniversary) and with the assistance of one Negro helper, distributed about eight hundred of the same pamphlets.

That makes seventeen hundred very potent Sabbath pamphlets placed in the hands of first day Baptists in one day. These pamphlets present the Sabbath question in a very scholarly manner and cannot help but leave a profound impression. They were written by a first day Baptist minister.

Faith Without Works Is Dead — James 2:26

"Of course I'll proselyte! . . . I am constantly reminded that someone proselyted me from the devil."

By J. B. Conyers

"Faith without works is dead . . ." Why shouldn't we take this literally? It certainly may be so taken! Someone has said, "What you do speaks so loud, I cannot hear what you say." How true that is. We may profess and profess all of our lives; but if we do nothing about it, our profession is in vain; it seems to me.

Do you want the great judgment day to find you empty handed like the man with one talent who buried his talent pending his master's return? Maybe you think you have no talent, but you can surely pass out tracts to others.

I have no patience with those who speak of being afraid of being accused of proselyting. Of course I'll proselyte! Must I see my neighbor go through life in open rebellion against God because I would not speak to him? I am constantly reminded that someone proselyted me from the devil.

No church or pastor need have fear that his members will be proselyted if he is following the Bible and the commandments of God. The line is fine and a person is on one side or the other; there is no neutral ground.

Begin, yourself, to show your faith by your works. You cannot afford to be passive in this fight. Christ, himself, said that he did not come to send peace on earth but a sword. (Read Matt. 10: 34, et seq.) These are not peaceful, hands-folding, easy-going words. They come from our Commanding Officer, who knows better than we that we are in a fight with a wily, wicked, and dangerous foe who is constantly seeking whom he may devour.

Will you join the fight or will you stand on the side lines and say, "I can't"?

In each community where there is a Seventh Day Baptist church, it will surprise you what can be accomplished if you will ORGANIZE a small group meeting once a week and make a written report of what has been done the past week, as follows:



J. B. Conyers

- Tracts Given Out
- Sick Visited
- Non-Christians Spoken to about Christ
- Invited to Our Church
- Invited to Our Sabbath School
- Brought to Church or Sabbath School
- Food or Clothing Given to the Needy
- (Add Others of Local Interest)

These individual slips should be compiled to show the enormous total of Christian work done in the community. Each person's report encourages others. That is real evangelism and practical evangelism. Keep tracts in your pocket, in your office, or store, or place of business. Plant the seed! Leave the harvest to our Master.

CONYERS GETS PROMOTION IN FIELD ARTILLERY

The War Department has announced the promotion of J. B. Conyers, reserve officer in the U. S. Army and attorney at law in Georgia, to the rank of Colonel, Field Artillery.

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Evangelist L. O. Greene writes about the experiences he and his wife have had on their way to a new field of service.

GOSPEL TRAILER IN MISSISSIPPI

AFTER A LONG DELAY in order to get brakes for the trailer, we left Salem on November 12 for Columbus, Miss., where we have planned for some time to spend a few months with Mrs. Cecil Wharton and her daughter.

We are now on the field and have our trailer located near the little chapel which has been built for the group of Seventh Day Baptists living here. Mr. and Mrs. Russell and two little children are living in the building at present. Miss Elizabeth Randolph, who has come from Daytona Beach, Fla., to assist us in the work, will stay with the Russells. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wharton, with their married son, Bill, and his wife, Polly, have a home near by, and Mr. Wharton has a motorcycle shop between their

A Call to Prayer

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You are invited to join in a fellowship of prayer the world around on the

World Day of Prayer

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1947

The World Day of Prayer will be observed first in the Fiji Islands and New Zealand, since Friday dawns there while we are sleeping Thursday night. As the sun moves eastward, new groups in many countries will join in the same universal service of worship—dusky women from distant coral strands and steaming jungle trails; peasant women from the fields; East Indian believers in picturesque saris; veiled sisters from harems; Chinese in blue trousers; Japanese in kimonos; Germans, Norwegians, Hollanders now joining publicly instead of secretly; until late at night when the final reverent observance will be held by fur-clad Eskimos on little St. Lawrence Island off the coast of Alaska, thirty miles from the Arctic Circle—the whole family of the whole Church in the whole world remembering one another with love; interracially! internationally! interdenominationally!

Send for material to United Council of Church Women, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

WOMAN'S WORK

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

home and the chapel. The father and son take care of a good business in selling and repairing Harley-Davidson motorcycles. A granddaughter, Joyce Stockman, lives with the family and attends the public school.

We made several stops on the way to Mississippi, and this message to our friends of the Recorder is to tell of that trip of one thousand miles. We have a son, Harold, who is married and has a daughter, Joan, whom we had not seen for some time. The family lives at Oak Ridge, Tenn. Since this was on our way, we stopped at the "Atomic City" for a few days to visit them. We were not allowed to visit the plant, but learned much about the work there from Harold. Most of this information he has not been permitted to tell until recently. We also saw the Norris Dam, which is not far away.

We next went to Madison College, Tenn., near Nashville, where we found Dr. and Mrs. Walter Hancock and two children, Patsy and Walter Ed. We were given a room at the guest house on the campus and ate most of our meals at the college cafeteria as guests of Dr. Hancock. Mrs. Hancock is not well, and this seemed the best arrangement. We attended some of the Seventh Day Adventist services on the Sabbath and met a number of the faculty and students during our stay. I was invited to speak to a large number of girls in their dormitory at one of their evening services. Many other friendly courtesies were extended to us.

Dr. Hancock explained to us the very interesting and unique plan of operation of the college. We visited the large sanitarium, the food factory, and the farm which are all a part of the institution and furnish opportunity for students to help support themselves. Each is required to work at least three hours a day. The college, not under

the control of the denomination, is self-supporting. Very strict discipline is maintained, and a highly spiritual atmosphere is manifested among the students. This gives us food for thought as to possibilities for Seventh Day Baptist schools.

The next part of our journey brought us to Athens, Ala., where we found Mr. and Mrs. Burley Bottoms, their daughter Mary, and the aged grandfather. Not far from them lives Orland Sutton and his family of five children. He came from Berea, W. Va. His wife is the daughter of Rev. Ary Bottoms. Our trailer was left at Athens while we went to Woodville to see the Robert Butler family and to Trenton to visit Rev. and Mrs. Ary Bottoms. Both of the latter teach school. Mrs. Bottoms is also editing our new children's paper.

From Thanksgiving Day until the Sunday following, we visited in the Butler home. The oldest son, James Edward, was reported missing in action in the recent war; Nancy Lou Burdick lives in Little Genesee, N. Y.; Ruth Potts lives in Florence, Ala.; Robert, Jr., and his wife are living with the family; Thomas attends school at Auburn, Ala.; Mary attends Alfred University; Dan is in school at Florence, Ala.; and Betty is in high school at home.

In the Ary Bottom family we saw only the youngest daughter, Almira Jane, who is teaching in Georgia. Mr. Bottoms' other children are Edna Sutton and Lillian Bee, of West Virginia; Katherine in Illinois; Estelle in West Virginia; Thomas of Boulder, Colo.; David in Germany.

Sabbath school is being held in the homes each week for those near by. It was my privilege to speak to the group on the Sabbath and to a group of neighbors and friends in a near-by community church on two occasions.

From Athens we proceeded on our way to Birmingham to see Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Smith. We had learned of these people through Rev. Harold Snide of Washington, D. C. Mr. Smith invited us to stop at his place near Powderly, a suburb of Birmingham. We spent three nights with them. They were anxious for us to meet their neighbors, many of whom call him "Dad"; so he planned two evening services at which I preached, one in his home and another in

a near-by home. We were pleased that so many came to listen to the message. We received a very happy welcome from many, and a request to come back for more meetings.

Mr. Smith says he is a Seventh Day Baptist. He is telling many about our denomination. Both the family and one of the neighbors handed us Christmas gifts as we left and urged us to stop as we came back in the spring. This is the pleasant way strangers treated us.

And we went on our way to Columbus to begin our work. You will hear more about this next time.

The Presence of God

The presence of God has no relation to this place or that. Wherever duty or devotion calls we shall find God at hand. If we are right with Him we may be just as conscious and just as sure of His presence in the little cottage kitchen as in a great assembly of the saints.

The place is nothing to Him; the person He comes to meet and live with is everything.

—Bramwell Booth.

DAILY PRAYER FOR 1947

ETERNAL GOD, WHO committest to us the swift and solemn trust of life; since we know not what a day may bring forth, but only that the hour of serving Thee is always present; may we wake to the instant claims of Thy holy will, not waiting for tomorrow, but yielding today.

CONSECRATE with Thy presence the way our feet may go, and the humblest work will shine, and the roughest places be made plain.

LIFT US ABOVE unrighteous anger and mistrust, into faith, and hope, and charity, by a simple and steadfast reliance on Thy sure will.

IN ALL THINGS DRAW US to the mind of Christ, that Thy lost image may be traced again, and that Thou mayest own us at one with Him and Thee, to the glory of Thy great Name. AMEN.



OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am Carley Barber. I am in the third grade. My little sister, Bonnie Barber, is two and one-half years old. I am eight and one-half. I have one more little sister, Dixie Barber. She was one year old Thanksgiving Day.

Mamma is at the bazaar at the church tonight.

Theron, my brother, is going to write for the boys. He will send his letter with the one I am writing tonight.

I will be looking for this letter in the Sabbath Recorder.

Love from your friend,
Carley Barber.

North Loup, Neb.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Carley wrote this letter while her mother was at the bazaar, and we did not tell her. Theron seems not to have the urge to write. He is a fine elder brother to the sisters and younger brother Charles, four years old. I like to stay with the children so their mother can work with the Dr. Grace Missionary Society and get away at times. She can do so much more than I. Maybe the Barbers can write again.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hugh Whitford.

North Loup, Neb.

Dear Carley:

I am very grateful to you and Mrs. Whitford for your letter and hers, but I'm disappointed that Theron did not write also. I'll be looking for a letter from him soon. Please thank Mrs. Whitford for me, as I must leave room for other letters.

I don't have to ask if you had a merry Christmas, for with five children in the home you were sure to have one. Pastor Greene and I spent Christmas at our daughter's in Wellsville, and it was fun to see Joyce and Gretchen enjoy their presents; and of course we were happy over our presents, too, all received under a beautiful Christmas tree. Each of the girls gave us presents, selected by themselves and purchased with their own money. Joyce gave

me stockings and Pastor Greene socks, and Gretchen selected a nice bath towel for me and a box of candy for her grandfather.

I hope now that you have begun that you will write often.

Lovingly yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

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

I am glad that you enjoyed my last letter, and I also enjoyed your letter which I read in the Sabbath Recorder.

I was glad to read in your letter that you would like to come to our mission to hear our orchestra, and I hope that the Lord will some day open the way for you and your family to come. We would be very much pleased to see you all.

My daddy sings with a choir every Sunday afternoon at 4:45 on station WGY. The radio program is for the benefit of those that are shut in with sickness in hospitals, sanitariums, and in the homes.

Today is our last day of school because our Christmas and New Year's vacation will start this coming Sabbath.

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

Your Recorder friend,
Esther Naomi Fatato.

Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

It so happens that I have been away from the house on the Sunday afternoons since your letter was written, so I haven't yet listened to the choir over WGY, but next Sunday I hope to hear it. How I wish I could pick out your daddy's voice. What part does he sing, bass or tenor?

I am sure you, too, must have spent a very pleasant Christmas, both at home and at the church. The members of our Sabbath school, both young and old, met at the parsonage the Sunday evening before Christmas for supper, the singing of carols, and the exchange of gifts under a brightly lighted and prettily decorated Christmas tree. All

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

declared they had an unusually pleasant time, and it was suggested that we follow the same program another year.

I think I have just room enough to mention some of my gifts this year. They included a pretty, dark blue, silk dress; two pairs of stockings; \$25 in money; window curtains; a nice bath towel; an apron; note paper; and a dainty handkerchief. I am anxious to hear all about your Christmas.

Yours in love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

CONYERS GETS PROMOTION

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lery. Coming in that branch of service, military experts observe, the promotion is an unusually high honor.

Mr. Conyers, in addition to other activities, is serving with the Veterans' Administration as legal member of a rating board for veterans' claims. In that field of endeavor he has also received a promotion recently from P-4 to P-5, Civil Service rating.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

(Continued from back cover)

a great deal of help and inspiration from the study of God's plan of redemption, carried on throughout the whole of time, culminating in the death of Christ on Calvary.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Burdick, of Wilmington, Del., have been a great help to the church in their occasional visits with us. Mr. Burdick was the morning speaker on December 7.

On October 29 Pastor Francis Saunders presented to the church his resignation, to take effect on February 1. He has accepted a call as pastor of the Denver, Colo., Church, and will take up his duties there at that time. — Correspondent.

ROCKVILLE, R. I. — At the country-wide observance of Temperance Sabbath, on December 7, the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church was host to Mrs. Jennie Nichols of Westerly, the state president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. Nichols is an interesting speaker, and a well-known figure in the state temperance work.

—Westerly Sun.

Marriages

Cunningham - Burdick. — At the home of Deacon and Mrs. Arthur Burdick in Farina, Ill., at 12 o'clock noon, November 28, 1946, their daughter Margaret and Mr. William Cunningham of Chicago, Ill., were united in marriage by the pastor of the bride, Rev. C. L. Hill. The young couple will be at home at 644 Surf St., Chicago, Ill.

Obituaries

Thomas. — Walter Davis, was born July 1, 1855, in Shiloh, N. J. He died in the Rock County Hospital, Janesville, Wis., on Sabbath, December 7, 1946, at the age of 93 years.

After spending his early life in New Jersey, Professor Thomas came to Milton, Wis., where he graduated from the college in 1884. In the fall of that same year he became professor of Greek and Latin of Milton College, serving faithfully and well in that capacity until his retirement. Only two years ago Prof. Tommy, as he was affectionately known by his host of students and friends, received national attention through Robert Ripley's "Believe It or Not" for his record of attending sixty-five consecutive commencement exercises of Milton College.

In 1889 Professor Thomas was married to Miss Belle Oviatt and they made their home on Larch Street in Milton until her death in 1933. Though in failing health during his later life, Professor Thomas continued to maintain his home and garden and took pride and satisfaction in being independent almost to the end of his long life.

He became a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1885 and remained faithful and active in that relationship through the years.

Surviving him are one son, Clifford, Junior High School principal at LaCrosse, Wis., and four grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist church by Dr. Edwin Ben Shaw, assisted by Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, pastor. Burial was in the Milton Junction Cemetery.

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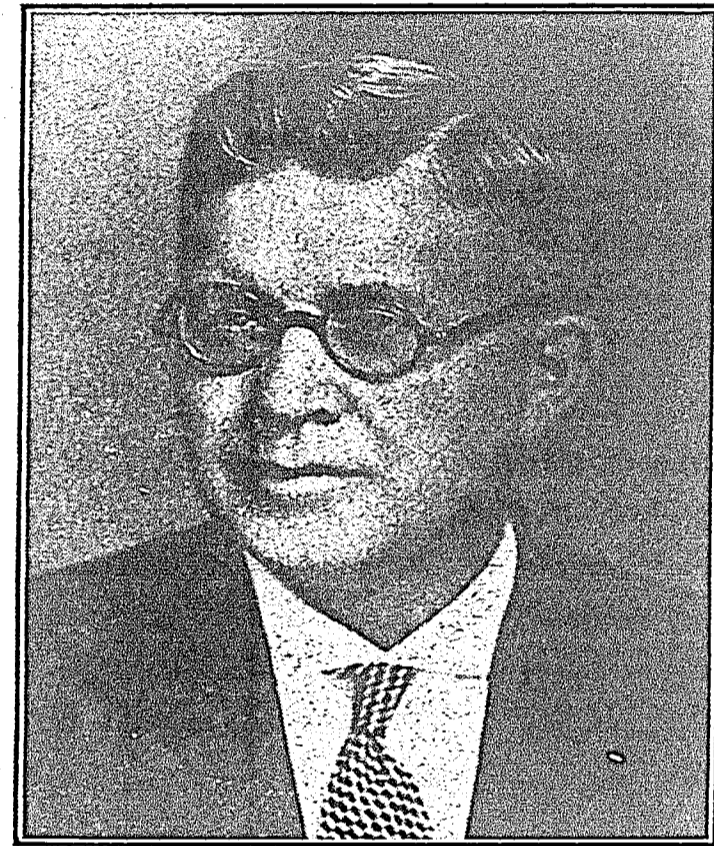
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WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

FARINA, ILL. — The Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church closed the year with a Christmas program at the church, with gifts for the children and young people.

The annual dinner and church business meeting was held at the Parish House December 29, 1946, and reports were received



Rev. Claude L. Hill

Called for twenty-first time to be pastor of Farina, Ill., Church

from the auxiliary departments. These reports, with the report of the pastor, showed activities in the Union Week of Prayer, the Union Daily Vacation Bible School, and the Union Thanksgiving Service held this year at the Evangelical Church. Two contributions were made to the Second Century Fund. Clothing was sent to Pastor John Schmid and money was appropriated to help send the goods to Germany.

The church voted to participate in the Ministerial Retirement Plan and voted an order be drawn to pay the full yearly sum. The pastor was called unanimously for the twenty-first time to serve another year.

The God's Acre project netted the church about \$50. We enjoyed visits during the year from Rev. Carroll Hill, president of Milton College, and Rev. Marion Van Horn of Lost Creek, W. Va.

We lost during the year two members by death and received into membership two by baptism and one by letter. The treasurer's report pleased us in that church finances in all departments showed a balance and a disposition by the members to carry on.

At this business meeting \$100 was voted toward the Second Century Fund. Absent members received quarterly letters during the year and in these letters a little booklet, "The Upper Room," was included. Ten from the church attended the Conference at Milton.

We have been greatly interested in the work attempted in Indianapolis by Brother L. L. Wright, and we feel that the opportunity there warrants more interest and attention than now seems to be given it.

We are thankful to our heavenly Father for his blessings in the past, and we look into the future with increased faith and "a hope that maketh not ashamed."

—Correspondent.

MARLBORO, N. J. — During the last quarter the Marlboro young people and Sabbath school have bought a slide and filmstrip projector to use in visual education in the church work. The Junior C. E. Society has been studying the Bible by means of projected Bible stories, as suggested by Rev. Alton Wheeler at Conference. This experiment has paid dividends in much new and vital interest on the part of the children. The children have adopted the powdered milk plan as their project for the Christmas gift from the society, and with the money they collected, turned over enough to the church treasurer to buy nearly five hundred "glasses of milk."

Other organizations have sent clothing and money for aid to our German churches, helped to redeem the building so badly needed in Franklin City, Va., and have sent donations to the Jamaica field for mission work there.

The Friday evening prayer and study groups have been following a study of God's seven great covenants. We are receiving

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