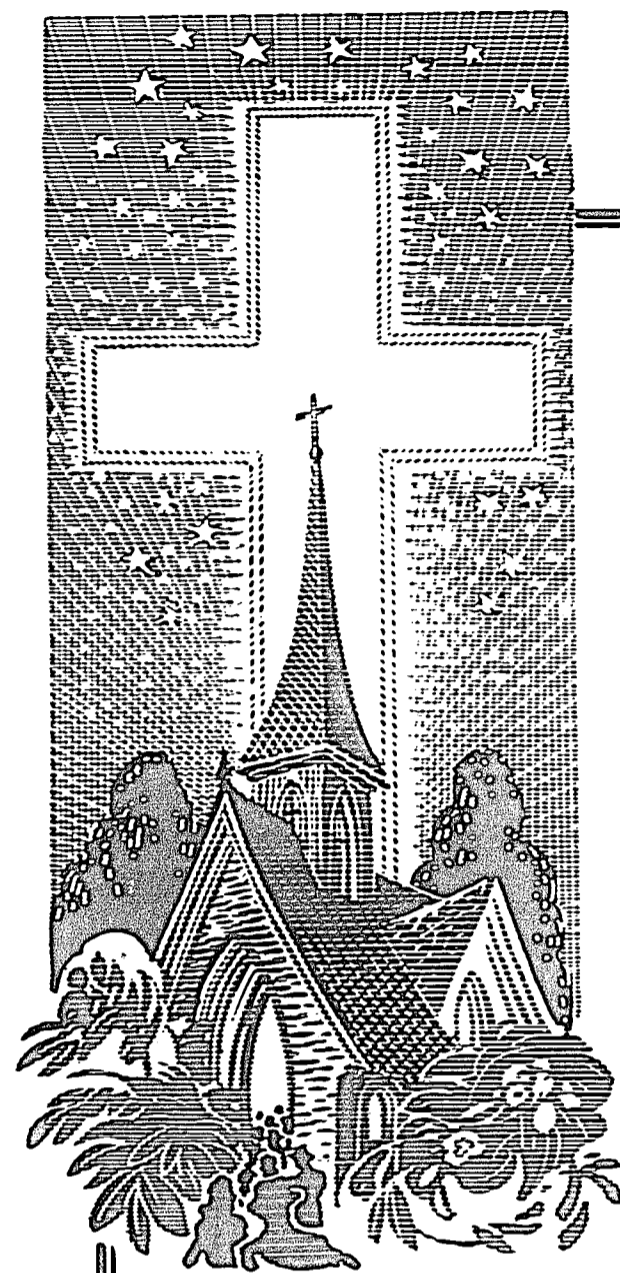


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## A FOREST — A CHURCH

By Doris E. Ford

The massive trees on the mountain slope appeared to be great pillars supporting the sky. . . . They looked so powerful, so strong, so immovable! Their roots were firmly fixed; their green branches entwined. This forest stood as one giant tree.

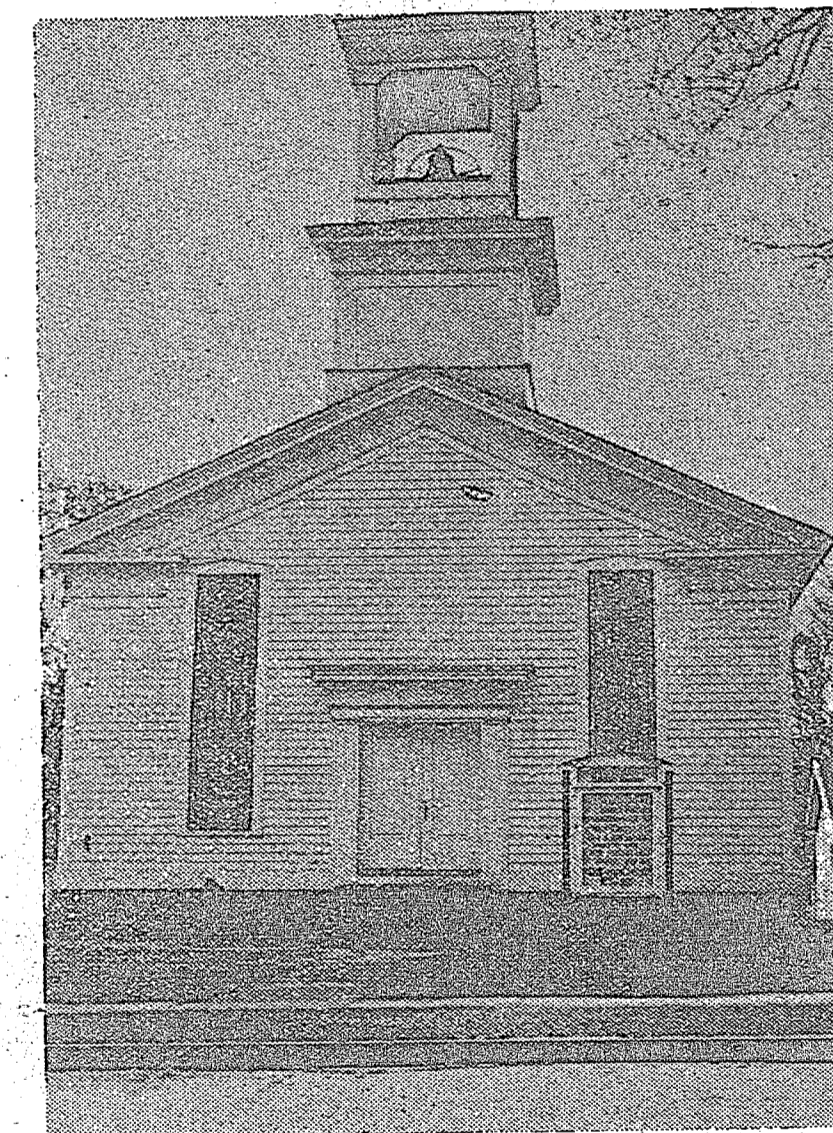
Birds flitted among the trees, and their lilting melody seemed to furnish the treble for the concerts played by the mountain stream. Squirrels ran about unafraid, chattering to their big brothers of the forest as they gathered food

or built new homes. The life of every creature was protected in this mountain home. The very heart of the forest burst with joy. All was happy and serene.

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The church was a house of worship, a place of prayer. It stood as the central figure in that community. The members were as one. . . . Their faith was firmly fixed in one God, and as they worshiped him in spirit and in truth, they were drawn together in unity and love. Happy voices of children blended with those of thankful parents as they sang praises to his name. The life of every creature was sheltered in this house of God. Their faith was deep-rooted, their power great. Love overshadowed them. Peace reigned supreme.

—Gospel Call to Youth.



*Nestled in  
the Allegheny  
Foothills*

Seventh Day  
Baptist Church,  
Richburg, N. Y.

"A glistening church spire rose with reposeful piety over all." (See page 383)

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## WHAT WHERE

TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

When Texas was struck twice within the same week by two major disasters, Rev. Frank Langham, secretary of the American Bible Society's office in Dallas, went immediately into action. He visited Texas City before the fires had burned out and met with the Ministerial Alliance there, left supplies of Scriptures and the assurance that future needs would be provided for.

Stopping in Dallas only long enough to pick up more Scriptures, Mr. Langham hurried on to the tornado disaster area in the Texas-Oklahoma Panhandle area. There he found a 125 mile strip of desolation. One or two small villages had been destroyed completely and one large city had 222 blocks demolished. There again Mr. Langham met with the ministers and began a thorough program of survey and supply. He reports that many more volumes of the Scriptures will be needed in the storm area than in Texas City because so many individual families and homes were affected.

"The tense situations affecting human rights do not exhaust the concerns of the churches in these trying days," says Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, of the International Missionary Council. "In the first instance, we should cast a critical eye upon our own policies and practices. In this country, we should register our Christian conviction on all matters that carry international significance. We cannot ignore the possibility of international repercussions from our insistence that certain Pacific Islands be assigned to us as strategic bases or from our projected aid to Greece and Turkey. We cannot lightly cast aside the fears of other countries as they contemplate our economic policies."

Hungary's first lady said here recently that she believes women must assume a greater role than men in creating a lasting peace.

Speaking at a luncheon given in her honor by Church World Service and the United Council of Church Women, Madame Zoltan Tildy, wife of the Hungarian President, declared that "women should be active everywhere, in every phase of life where work is going on to rebuild the world. They should be equally respected in the workshops, factories, fields, offices, in civic life, parliaments, and in the ranks of the intellectuals.

"But even that is not enough," she added. "Women must bring up their children in happy and wholesome homes, the kind of children who will grow up to become better men and women. I wish that all women could feel a common responsibility which the world has never asked from a man.

"We should love not only those who belong to us, but also those whom we do not know—the abandoned, the suffering, all who need our help. The world is indeed one world and cannot be divided and there could never be perfect harmony and happiness on one continent if misery and strife exist in another."

## EDITORIALS

### RECEIVING AND GIVING

#### GUEST EDITORIAL

By Rev. Eli F. Loofboro

"Give and it shall be given unto you." Luke 6: 38.

The life of Jesus gives these words a sacred and impressive meaning. Without him they would be dull and trifling. He gives a clearer understanding of the wise man's saying "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days."

Many conceal, hold back, hoard money and property and are prone to plead poverty, possessed by a feeling of insecurity without great resources. To cultivate thrift and practice economy are praiseworthy; but holding of possessions too often leads to covetousness which is a craving for more and more, usually at the expense of someone else.

"Give" meant much to Christ. He was then giving his best and all. That was an essential element of his life. Neglect that and life would become routine and meaningless. When he said "Give and it shall be given unto you," he was not presenting a fleeting fancy or dream. To him it was a reality. He was giving himself. He knew he was rewarded abundantly. When he gave, something of value came back to him. He was enriched, and made stronger to endure the stress and strain of living. Material reserves, power, and prestige were to him of little concern. He was familiar with the records of gains and losses, of the rise and fall of men and kingdoms. He would change the record of defeat and loss to one of victory and gain.

That must come about not only by him, but through the medium of those whose lives were being transformed by his life.

One may devoutly question what he can do in this confused world where love and hate abound; where rich and poor, wise and unwise, industrious and shiftless, courageous and timid, walk through the same street, buy or sell at the same counter, receive profits from the same enterprise. It may or may not enter the mind that the place to begin is in the school room, or office, at the lathe, or on the assembly line. One can say here are opportunities to give and he determines to give what he can, wherever he is, in the spirit of his Master.

There is a growing sense of interdependence. Someone is needing what you have and can give. You are in need of that which he has and can give. You cannot attain the best without him, nor can he attain the best without you. We are slow to appreciate the need of its universal application. We do need each other.

One cultivates the soil, sows the seed, and gathers in the harvest. But this is of exceedingly limited value if kept for himself alone. It is of inestimable value when distributed and consumed. The sturdy man of the soil should humbly and gratefully acknowledge that he can do much more than convert his produce into a bank account or feed his own family. He may glory more in the fact that he can help feed those who, but for him and others of his kind, would die for the want of food. Rightly viewed he will greatly rejoice in the fact that he has a possession of great worth, other than private gain.

Someone has aptly said, "Wealth is the conversion of available energy into useful forms." The power and energy of the tiller of the soil has at last been converted into food for the hungry neighbor across the



## PIN POINT EDITORIALS

People for whom most anything goes, will soon find most everything gone.

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### True Wisdom

Modern thought has a good deal to say about living creatively. It is generally recognized by those who see beneath the surface of things that the highest activities of which man is capable are the creative activities. But there is nothing new about this recognition of the value of the creative. Not only did Solomon know it, but he also saw that its ultimate course is in wisdom.

True wisdom is creative, for by it, Solomon said, the Lord founded the earth. It is not, however, enough to recognize the value of the creative and to see that wisdom lies behind it. One must know how to get wisdom. And once more the inspired king gives the answer, when he says elsewhere in Proverbs, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." — Presbyterian.

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Having the courage of your convictions means nothing unless you have worth while convictions.

sea. It is no less true of those who, by skilled labor helped produce shoes, clothing, furniture, electric bulbs, and hundreds of other essentials.

We give too little thought to the need of meeting the expectations of Christ in the common everyday affairs of life. The spirit and the aim of Christ may be overlooked under the pressure of many duties.

The urgent need is to keep in mind the unspeakable gift of God. God's nature is love. Out of love he gave his Son. That Son fulfilled God's purpose in giving his life to save others from sin, hatred, and death. Let us say again the purpose of Christ is being fulfilled when, in labors of love, we let our lives be consecrated to the Lord. Of some of the early followers of Christ it was said, "They first gave themselves." That is the number one claim of Christ. Another of the expectations of Christ may be to give the first dime of every dollar to promote the varied interests of the cause for which he gave his life. "Give of your best to the Master" we sing.

Human nature is revealed in the frequently used words, "What you have is mine and I will get it. What I have is mine and I shall keep it," but "What I have is yours; we will share it" embodies the spirit of the perfect Giver.

Long ago Christ said, "Give ye them to eat." America which possesses much is

## QUARTERLY REPORT OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY

By Rev. David S. Clarke  
(Missionary Society Field Worker)

**D**URING THE QUARTER of January 1 to March 31, your worker spent much time for the Second Century Fund Committee in corresponding with field workers, securing acceptances for work in 1947 and negotiating with pastors and workers for programs in churches. The seven new workers were secured during January and early February, and were trained by contact with one of the original three workers. A packet of materials was sent to each pastor who accepted our task. The response of both churches and pastors in accepting the work has been varied, but generally has shown keen interest in carrying on this work of making our churches efficient in evangelism. Especially gratifying is the acceptance of responsibility on the local level. But our churches, with Christ's church in general, have a long way to go in making our faith and our way of life effective in the world about us.

Typical of the response is this from one pastor's letter of acceptance: "I am in hearty agreement with the 'New Life in the Local Church' philosophy of our Missionary Board, and local observation convinces me that many of our lay people are waiting for such a movement within the denomination. The Second Century for us could take no more important first step than the step of 'strengthening within.'"

giving as no other nation ever has. We must share with others our abundance. Unfortunately some would withhold. Some would hoard. We must and we will give, and in many ways more will come back to us. We have fuel, clothing, food. We have great cities unharmed by enemies. We have fertile soil. We have churches and freedom to worship. Many elsewhere have lost all and are given over to despair. We must share. We need the vision and Spirit of Christ, that we may share with others the fruits of the gospel. Their value lies in their use. "Give and it shall be given unto you in good measure — running over." "Freely ye have received, freely give."

A good deal of time was spent in compiling and duplicating materials for this work among our churches. It is hoped that in quality and quantity missionary administrative and educational publications may be enlarged. Much help has come, and is further expected, from Sabbath school workers and other church workers including pastors. Materials compiled this quarter include:

Outlines for course on Missionary Character of Christianity

Missions Muddle—puzzle on Seventh Day Baptist missionaries

Outline for a Living Church—accompanies Marion Van Horn's booklet, "A Balanced Program for the Local Church," used by workers

"Susie Burdick Sets Her Face Toward China," by Mrs. Helen Thorngate

Cards for Enlistment in Church Tasks, Prayer Fellowship, Roll Call

Program Outline for Workers.

On the field, your worker has conducted the evangelism program in Westerly, January 4-18; in Salem, W. Va., February 14-March 1; in Lost Creek, W. Va., March 6-22 (flu and sinus and pastor's moving hindered greatly); and began in Ashaway the last part of the quarter, March 28. A brief follow-up of work in Berea last year was made March 3-5. Consultation in the West Virginia field indicates the need for a state leader of Seventh Day Baptists, a worker who could circulate among these churches, large and small, conducting a variety of services.

"The Missionary Reporter" was published twice during the quarter, February being omitted because there was not sufficient organization for that issue.

In contacts with pastors, teachers, doctors, merchants, a college president, your worker finds a concern for the Church of Jesus Christ in the local community and growing participation — in Christ's spirit — in the Church's working fellowship. Not that the church should be exalted above Christ as a first loyalty, but that the church should, by its conduct of its own affairs, and the conduct of its members, exemplify Christ in the community. The Missionary Society has a great work to accomplish in America in developing with pastors and laymen our proclamation of our message, so needed today.

## THERE IS NO STANDING STILL IN MISSIONS

A question which is always before churches, boards, and denominations is, "Shall we expand?" There are two other alternatives possible in theory, namely, stand still or retrench. To stand still for any length of time is impossible from the nature of things in this world. All recognize this. Therefore in the work of a church, mission, or denomination there is expansion or retrenchment—no standing still.

If the policy of any church or denomination is simply to keep things alive, great accomplishments cannot be expected. It requires planning for great things and the most courageous and persistent endeavors to build up churches and advance the cause of missions in this selfish and sin-polluted world.

This task is not hopeless, however, if men will plan wisely, make a sacrificial effort, and seek help from on high. We should plan great things and endeavor to accomplish them.

W. L. B.

## TWO LETTERS FROM SHANGHAI

Rev. W. L. Burdick,  
Ashaway, R. I.

Dear Secretary Burdick:

Your letter of March 6 came just when I was planning to write to you concerning a matter which I saw in the Sabbath Recorder.

The China Committee had asked about what salary the Lottie Baldwin Association was sending to me and had at that time no definite information on the matter. Officially this answer should go through Dr. Thorngate but with his approval I am writing to tell you and the China Committee that Mr. Coon sends me at the rate of \$50 a month. Before the Pacific War he sent \$25 a month or at that rate for he sends in three installments a year.

The Sabbath Recorder of February 24 brings the very interesting news of work reopened in Africa and of the preparation of the worker of South America. This is very good in that our work is growing. The reports from Jamaica are good and we rejoice with you all.



Here things are hopeful except that Dr. Crandall is even weaker than she was but perhaps now the doctors are on the right track. It will take time but we still hope that she can see work reopened in Liuho. At present she is confined entirely to her bed though she is slightly gaining in strength.

Dr. Chester Miao may be in America this summer. If either he or his daughter can visit Westerly and Ashaway, I shall ask them to do so. You can see for yourself a graduate of our school in Estelle and a member of our school board in Dr. Chester Miao. Dr. Miao is also a member of the China Christian Council.

We have had a beautiful Easter. Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,  
Mabel L. West.

23 Route de Zikawei,  
Shanghai 25, China,  
April 6, 1947.

Excerpts from a letter written March 16 by Mrs. Helen Shaw Thorngate, 23 Route de Zikawei, Shanghai, China:

"Charles Chow is working with David Sung in an oil retailing business . . . his father died recently. Not long ago we heard that Kenneth Wu is ill in Shanghai. Thorn went to see them today and found that his wife can live but a few days. . . I had not seen him since he was in college . . . he is unbelievably thin, gaunt, stooped man with a fine intellectual face."

(E-ling, wife of David Sung, Charles Chow, Theodore Chang, and Kenneth Wu, as well as Lincoln Pan were former Milton college students.)

"We are rapidly getting into the old groove in Shanghai, though we find things have suffered much in many ways. . . Helen (the former Helen MacFarland) and I find the pupils at Grace School fine, and receptive and thoughtful. Linda (daughter of Briar and Helen Thorngate) had her second birthday Friday, and Mabel and Aunt Nettie West came over . . . to look at pictures we took of Alfred and Milton. Aunt Nettie is quite deaf, and Mabel quite lame, but both are very active."

—Milton Telephone.

## 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 Friend:

One thing that has concerned me since the discovery of the Seventh Day Baptists is how, being a Christian organization, they could have been in existence so many years and not be better known. I remember at this moment one teaching in the Bible something like the following, "All these things you should do, neglecting not the others." In other words, I am convinced that the teaching of the Sabbath is important to the Christian, but the first and most important duty and privilege of the Christian is that of evangelism—going into all the world preaching and teaching whatsoever he has given us. It is also taught and can be easily observed that understanding does not precede acceptance; therefore the first and foremost challenge to all Christian organizations is to win men and women to accept Christianity. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, then all these things shall be added unto you."

The thing that the Seventh Day Baptists should do in my opinion then is to become evangelistic. Put on an extensive campaign to win men to Christ, teaching at the same time all of your doctrine, inviting all men to become members of your Church, but holding no man from Christianity because of your doctrine. As a result, the rest shall be added, for there has never been an extended evangelistic effort of any real Christian organization that has gone unnoticed or been without reward. As it is, you are "hiding your light under a bushel"; your religion is often referred to as self-satisfied Christianity; but what if Christ had thought thus, or Paul, Peter, Stephen, and the rest of the disciples and the first Christians? With salvation comes the obligation of enlightening the rest of the world. In studying the Bible it is the sins of omission, as not spreading the gospel, rather than the sins of commission that seem most emphasized in the New Testament.

It is my hope then that the Seventh Day Baptists, knowing the advantages of the ob-

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## Richburg, Past and Present

By MRS. JESSE BURDICK

NESTLED IN THE FOOTHILLS of the Allegheny Mountains, stands the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church. It is a white church with a spire and belfry. Shrubbery adorns the front and a bulletin board tells passersby the name of the pastor, the time of services, and proclaims a verse from God's Word.

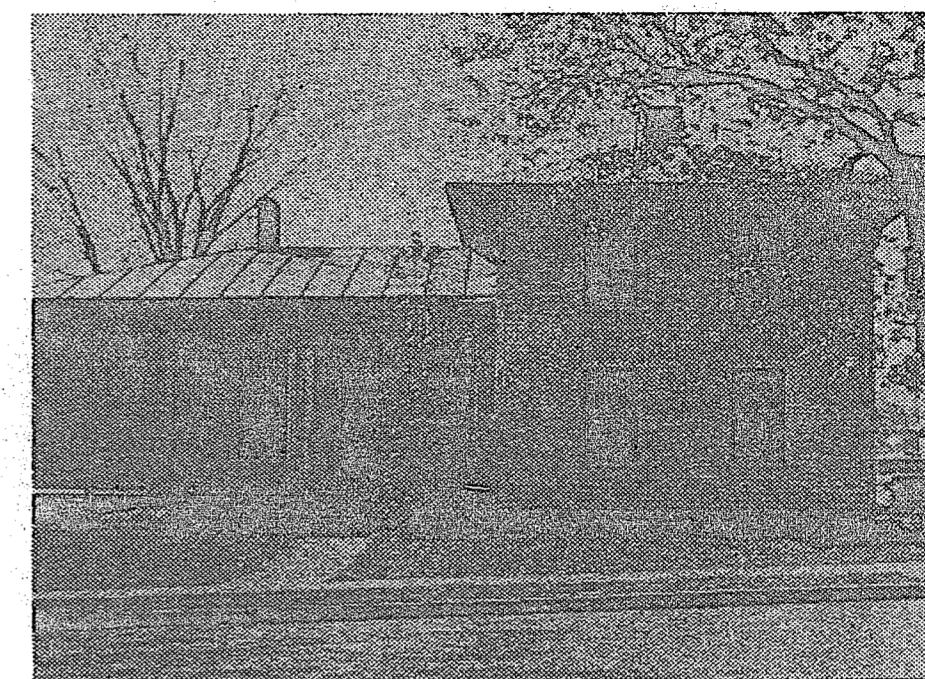
The surrounding hills have numerous oil wells which pump a very good grade of petroleum. Drilling rigs creak and groan for industry night and day; pressure plants dot the countryside, where water floods the oil into the wells. Bryon R. Newton, when writing about the oil excitement in Richburg said, "The quiet little hamlet of Richburg was suddenly transformed as if by magic. For several generations it had slumbered there among the hills; clean, pious, and undisturbed by the outside world. I have never known a community where the spirit of piety and religious zeal so completely dominated the lives of the inhabitants.

"Rows of beautiful maple trees shaded the tidy houses and well-kept lawns. A glistening church spire rose with reposeful piety over all. The inhabitants were Seventh Day Baptists and from sundown Friday until sundown Saturday the little town was literally steeped in the silence of reverent meditation. Activities of every nature, industrial and social, ceased and from sun to sun only the droning of the church organ and voice of the pastor disturbed the silence of the Sabbath day.

"Then, just before daybreak one morning the drill punctured the third sand in the Boyle well, an uncontrollable burst of gas and oil shot up through the derrick—and the tranquillity of Richburg was no more."

The excitement of that time is gone. We are still a small village with three churches. Each is trying to carry on the work of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Richburg Seventh Day Baptist church was constituted December 30, 1827, under the labors of Rev. John Green with eighteen members, and was named the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Bolivar. For fifteen years the meetings were held in individual



Parsonage, Richburg, N. Y.

homes or at the schoolhouse. At the first business meeting it was voted to buy a Communion Cup which cost thirty-one cents.

At a church meeting in 1843 Ransom Fuller was appointed to superintend the building of a meeting house. The frame was put up and for a year nothing more was done. When finished, the gallery over the entry was used for the choir and the pulpit was placed in the front end of the house. In latter years both the pulpit and choir have been placed at the rear of the church.

The first annual meeting held in the church was in 1846 and at a special meeting September 7, 1851, it was voted that the church name be changed from Bolivar to the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Richburg. Its first letter to the General Conference was in 1883.

The old Communion pitcher and goblet have been sent to the Historical Society in Plainfield, N. J.

Right now we are not so much concerned with the past as what we are building for the future. Today we have a membership of thirty-nine, with seven children. The average attendance is thirty-six. Our aim and prayer is to spread the gospel message of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Ralph Coon and his family who have been with us for over a year, have been a real inspiration. He has a good interest



awakened in the young people of the Nile and Richburg churches, which he serves. Evangelistic meetings have been held since he came and we are trying to plan for some more at a future date. Right now Friday night prayer meetings are held with the laymen leading. We are planning with the Nile church to send Pastor Coon and his family to Conference. A splendid interest is being shown in the Second Century Fund. We need the prayers of our sister churches that we may stand firm on the truths of God's Word and go forward in Christ's name, seeking to save the lost.

God of today, to thee we look!  
 Help us to study thy sacred Book.  
 That in these uncertain times,  
 We may live for thee, work for thee, and have  
 peace divine.

## The Meaning of Christian Faith in My Community

By Oscar Charles Burdick  
 Milton, Wis.

OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH has come down to us through a great number of years, and through many persecutions. Men have fought and died for it. The supreme example of all is Jesus Christ, who came to this imperfect earth, who lived and taught the living religion, and who died that we might secure everlasting life.

We are concerned with the history of the Christian faith as it may shed light on the present. Along with the story of Christ's death for our sins, the Bible has a good supply of examples concerning the Christian way of life, to be used to their fullest extent as guides to the handling of the present and the future.

We find good examples of right living not only in the Bible, but in the lives of many of the better Christians around us. This brings up the thought in Isaiah 53: 6:

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of all.

It is true that even the better Christians' lives are not always perfect; however, in them, we can find many good examples and applications of Christ's life and teachings.

As we are all prone to err, we must have faith in Christ's propitiation for our sins,

### "WORDS TO THE WISE"

By a Bystander

I wonder if I might have another word with you? Maybe I spend too much time being sorry, but I am sorry the budget is not more nearly raised. I am sorry the societies are again having to borrow to carry on their regular work. I am sorry for last year's Conference President if we do not raise this budget in full as we did last year. If we should fail this year, they can always say to him, "If you had not 'forced' us so much last year, we would have more nearly succeeded this year."



If—If—If we but remember there are scarcely three months more in which to do the job we can go to work and do it. I am sorry if anyone is satisfied to let our finances drag along in such a way.

I am sorry. You can make me happy.

faith in his help to right our lives, and in his spirit to guide our daily living. We cannot succeed on our own. We need the guidance of Christ and the Bible, fellowship with other Christians, and the inner peace which comes with the forgiveness of sin which only God can give to us through Christ.

One challenge to youth is to take a full part in the life of its church. The church program is built as a unit. If any part of the unit is not working, the whole Christian life does not function as well as it should.

The prayer meeting brings Christians together as a group communing with God. The church service is primarily for worship, and the church school for the learning of God's will. Youth fellowship helps youth meet the problems of life. All in all, a well-rounded service is offered by the church; and our duty is to use it and to help others use it.

We have just thought of personal faith and its applications. Now, let us consider the broader field, Christian service. It is the outgoing phase of the Christian's life. Without it one is only half-alive spiritually. However, we must make certain that there is a spiritual income, for there can be no effective outgoing of Christianity without it.

For young people especially, Christian service offers a great challenge to live so that others realize what a Christian life is. That is, we should not keep our Christian life entirely to ourselves, but should try to make our lives count as a testimony for Christianity. This thought is expressed by Christ in Matthew 5: 14-16:

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Another phase of service has manifested itself during the past months. We have seen the aid of Christians to those in Europe. Packages of food and clothing have been sent to them. With this thought, we remember Ecclesiastes 11: 1:

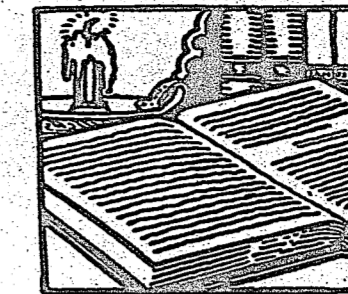
Cast your bread upon the surface of the water, for after many days you will find it.

Aside from the fact that this has been and is being done wholeheartedly and without thought of any personal or nationwide blessing, this work has an effect on the world. Surely the peoples aided are brought closer to America in thought, and we are brought to a closer fellowship with them. It is a part of the Christian faith that we aid the other peoples of the world. It strengthens both their meaning and our meaning of the Christian faith. When people in one section of the world are able to aid people in another section, it gives us both a feeling of unity in the faith and an understanding of the wisdom of God. This phase of service is helping a large number of people now, but in the future, even a wider field of world service may open before us.

As we view our local community, and the larger community known as the world, we see them as only partially Christianized. To us are given the opportunities to show Christ to others. Our success or failure affects our thoughts, our associates' lives, and perhaps our whole world's future.

As a summary of the Christian faith in my community, it would be well for us to remember the phrase, "To KNOW and to make KNOWN."

Don't be discouraged by failure or satisfied with success.



Moments  
 of  
 Meditation

### JESUS WENT UNTO THEM

Read—Mark 6: 45-56

And in the fourth watch of the night  
 Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.  
 —Matthew 14: 25.

Jesus, when on earth, claimed no power for himself beyond that which he received from his Father. He had to maintain an intimate and vital relationship with the Father. He had to keep open the channels of divine grace through which flowed into this earth-life the resources of heaven. Therefore he tarried behind when the disciples set sail for the other side of the sea, in order that he might go alone into the mountain to pray.

Down from the mountain of prayer Jesus came to the disciples who were in dire distress, bringing fresh from the throne of God all that was needed to still the hearts of those in fear. Through a fresh sense of divine companionship he sent them on their way, calm in spirit and with new confidence for the future.

Already you have seen in this event of the long ago and the far away a message for our time. The Christ who came down from the mountainside and walked to the disciples on the stormy sea is the one who today can come to us with power from God to meet every situation and to supply every need.

Behold, it is he, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who comes to us through the mist and in the darkness, and he speaks of peace.

#### Prayer

Our heavenly Father, who spoke the Word  
 In echoless darkness, by chaos heard,  
 Who ordered the universe by Thy plan,  
 In Thy holy likeness created man,  
 Now answer the need of our wilderness way,  
 Now scatter the darkness, call back the day.  
 Bring peace to our earth now sundered by strife;  
 To humanity, dying, give again—Life. Amen.

Ahva J. C. Bond, Dean, School of Theology,  
 Alfred, N. Y.

# The Changing Status of Women

## — Will Political and Social Equality for Women Throughout the World Increase the Hope of Peace?

**W**OMAN, AS A HUMAN BEING, entitled to the same privileges as man, was recognized by the United Nations from the very first, when Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts in San Francisco in September, 1945, proposed his preamble to the United Nations Charter:

“ . . . to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women of nations . . . ”

“Men, and women, and nations”—how Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Frances E. Willard would love to have rolled that phrase in their minds! All told, the UN Charter contains six references to equality “without distinction as to sex.”

The story of the evolution of the Commission on Status of Women is one which every woman should know:

At the first Assembly of the United Nations in January and February, 1946, the Economic and Social Council, which was given the task of setting up certain necessary committees, created the Commission on Human Rights. Then realizing that the Commission on Human Rights would require special advice on problems relating to status of women, the Council established the Sub-Commission on Status of Women.

### Women's Objectives Stated

This Sub-Commission, functioning as a separate entity, but under the framework of the Commission on Human Rights, was given authority to draw up recommendations to present to the Economic and Social Council. Members of the Sub-Commission, with Mrs. Bodil Begtrup of Denmark as chairman, met in Hunter College, New York City, during April and May, 1946, and prepared a report outlining the main objectives—political, civil, social, economic, and educational—which they considered fundamental to the progress of women in all countries.

There was no beating about the bush, or mincing matters. The women delegates to the Sub-Commission on Status of Women

had come too great a distance, and had waited too long for this opportunity to state their case. In firm, dignified terms, they pointed out women's social and political disabilities in different parts of the world, and called for revisions in the laws relating to marriage, guardianship, nationality, and property, which discriminate against women. They recommended that no disabilities be attached to women on the grounds of sex, in the exercise of social and labor duties, and asked for equal opportunity for women in education and in training for all specialized fields.

### Equal Political Rights Granted

Political rights came first in the minds of all members of the Sub-Commission on Status of Women, because no permanent progress could be achieved without them.

So impressive was the report of the Sub-Commission that the full Economic and Social Council meeting in New York City last June voted unanimously to elevate the Sub-Commission to full Commission stature.

One must realize that as a full Commission this group of women may submit reports to the UN Council for formulation into international treaties. Since the chief function of UN is to make and keep the peace in the world, the move giving women of the entire world a more direct voice in the UN Council is of utmost significance.

On this one phase of their objectives, Mrs. Bodil Begtrup, chairman of the Commission on Status of Women said, “Men for more than 2,000 years have shown that they are not able to build peace, but nobody knows what women can do in this respect, as they never have been where peace was built. . . . They are not in the foreign offices, not in the diplomatic service, and very few are in parliaments. They have one stronghold of influence, and that is the home. What the mother in the home feels and thinks of the world outside should be made stronger; for, after all, the influences of the home do not seem to have been strong enough so far to prevent human beings from making wars.”

## SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS AND CALENDAR REFORM

By Dr. Ahva J. C. Bond

As soon as the Eightieth Congress had had time to organize, the writer made inquiry concerning possible bills introduced in the interest of “calendar reform.” To be sure it would seem that Congress had enough important business to occupy its time without giving consideration to legislation which if passed could not possibly benefit mankind. Nevertheless always there can be found someone to introduce any kind of a bill, even though the one sponsoring it has little interest in its passage.

Sure enough, two bills have been introduced in the interest of calendar changes: one by Representative Farrington of Hawaii, and another by Representative John Kee of the Fifth District of West Virginia. This information was secured through Congressman Charles A. Eaton of Watchung, N. J. Mr. Eaton is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the present Congress, to which these bills are automatically referred. Mr. Eaton reports, “No action has yet been scheduled on these bills.”

At the time of my appearance at a hearing before this committee a number of years ago on a similar bill, Hon. Sol Bloom, an Orthodox Jew of New York City, was chairman of

The next milestone in progress for the Commission on Status of Women came in December, 1946, when the General Assembly of the UN unanimously approved a resolution that all member states which had not already done so, grant women the same political rights as men.

### State Definite Aims

With these evidences of tacit approval of their activities, the Commission on Status of Women met in Lake Success, New York, during February, 1947, and crystallized the objectives of their report of last year into definite aims for future work, as follows:

It is natural that women's first objectives should be political and social equality, and a desire to secure the peace of their own firesides and for their own children.

With these primary goals attained for women everywhere, is it not possible to envision a future when women, sitting in Parlia-

the committee, and Mr. Eaton was the ranking member. Mr. Eaton, being a member of the majority party at this time, becomes chairman, and Mr. Bloom is the ranking member. Of course Mr. Bloom is very much opposed to any change of the calendar that would interfere with the unbroken continuity of the regular seven-day week, which has been marked by the seventh day Sabbath from the beginning. More than once he has expressed his opposition to any calendar change which would make inevitable what he refers to as a “floating Sabbath.” In this matter, of course, he has strong religious convictions.

I have been reminded again of some of the experiences at the hearing mentioned above, which may be worth repeating, and which may be reassuring to all who are concerned. When I arose to speak on that occasion a certain congressman asked me how many people I represented there as a Seventh Day Baptist. When I told him the possible number, he seemed to think what I had to say would not be too significant. With a reassuring smile and sparkling eyes, Congressman Eaton spoke up, “Seventh Day Baptists weigh more than they count.” I straightened my shoulders and proceeded. We had a friend in court.

When I had finished what I had to say, a Virginia congressman had some questions to

ments and foreign offices, may help to shape the policies of government away from blood-letting as a means of settling differences of opinion between nations?

The status of woman, from homemaker to world peacemaker, even though at present her opportunities in the latter field may be at the stage of the opening-wedge, presents, nevertheless, a great step forward for both men and women—a true ray of hope for mankind. — Union Signal.

Women throughout the nation are making public affairs their affair. In the United States the last election brought 206 women to state legislatures; in China the new constitution grants women a quota in the National Assembly and the Legislative Yuan; in Japan one out of every four labor union members is a woman; in Chile a woman has been appointed a governor of Santiago; the first democratic governing group in Korea has four women. — Women's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor.



ask me. I soon saw that all his questions were to be answered in the affirmative and were leading up to a final and telling question. He asked if I didn't live near New York City. He wanted to know if there wasn't a good deal of business done around that metropolitan district, and other similar questions. Then he asked finally and somewhat dramatically if I had heard any complaint among business men that business was being slowed up on account of the irregularities of our present calendar. After the hearing was over, this congressman came to me and said, "I am going to do what I can to break up this foolishness."

I suppose it is well to keep in touch with this matter, but there seems to be little interest in a change of the calendar that would destroy the continuity of the week as at present, unbroken by a "year day" once a year and twice in a leap year thrust in to take up the slack.

Our purpose must be firm, whether it be through our missionaries or political or trade representatives, to establish a world kingdom in which men may have confidence in each other because they have faith in a common God. — Ralph W. Gwinn, Washington, D. C.

#### ONLY A DAD

By Edgar A. Guest

Only a dad with a tired face,  
Coming home from the daily race,  
Bringing little of gold or fame  
To show how well he has played the game;  
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice  
To see him come and hear his voice.

Only a dad with a brood of four,  
One of ten million men or more  
Plodding along in the daily strife,  
Bearing the whips and the scorn of life,  
With never a whisper of pain or hate,  
For the sake of those who at home await.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,  
Merely one of the surging crowd,  
Toiling, striving from day to day,  
Facing whatever may come his way,  
Silent whenever the harsh condemn,  
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad, but he gives his all  
To smooth the way for his children small,  
Doing with courage stern and grim  
The deeds that his father did for him.  
This is the line that for him I pen:  
Only a dad, but the best of men.

—Reprinted from the  
"Gospel Call to Youth."

## YOUR CHURCH PROGRAM FOR VACATION TIME

By Rev. Harley Sutton

One or two weeks of Vacation Church School, or Camp, is not enough for a full summer program for the children of your church!

Consider these suggestions:

1. After Vacation School would it be possible at least one day a week for the rest of the summer to have the children together for some kind of follow-up work of the Vacation School? This might be a type of junior church service using older children as leaders, and a chance to sing together and to have a recreation period after.

2. Could you get the children together at a park or some outdoor spot where there could be a combination picnic and teaching opportunity. This could be especially a nature study time, a sing time, an evening sunset service of worship, and a chance to teach playing together in a true Christian spirit.

3. A camp reunion of those who went to camp and their friends, who together discuss the lessons learned, plan to carry on some kind of tie-up of the camp work into the rest of the year's work in youth groups, Sabbath school, and the regular church service. Use the meditations written in camp in these services.

The thing I want all of the churches to do is to make some definite plans that best fit the local situation so that there is a more extensive use made of vacation time, when there are fewer demands made on the time of the children.

All the time which God allows us is just enough for the work which God allots us.

—Iowa Presbyterian.

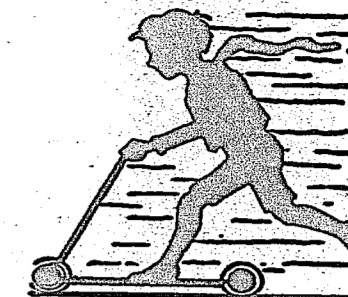
#### The Value of Youth

Someone has said: Suppose that Paul had been converted at 70 instead of 25. There would have been no Paul in history. There was a Matthew Henry because he was converted at 11 and not 70; a Dr. Isaac Watts because he was converted at 9 and not at 60; a Jonathan Edwards because he was converted at 8 and not at 80; a Richard Baxter because he was converted at 6 and not 60.



## OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

Address: Mizpah S. Greene  
Andover, N. Y.



Dear Mrs. Greene:

I haven't written to you in a long time and I wanted to write to you again.

I made a Mother's Day card in school for my mother. It has red, blue, and yellow tulips on the front. Here is the verse that is inside.

#### Greetings on Mother's Day

Nobody cares like Mother,  
Nobody's half so true,  
And nobody's half so dear to me  
Mother, my dear, as you.

My baby sister just had a birthday and she is one year old. She just got over the measles and she was very sick, but Wayne and I didn't get them.

We have eight baby rabbits and they just are big enough to have their eyes open and run around a little.

I like to roller skate and do it most every day after school. I am in kindergarten now and it sure is fun.

How are you?

Love,

Barbara Jean Cruzan.

Box 88, Dodge Center, Minn.

Dear Barbara:

I was very much pleased to have another nice letter from you and hope you'll not wait so long before writing to me again.

I, too, received Mother's Day greetings, the first from my son and the second from my daughter. Here they are:

This sunny little greeting  
Comes especially to say  
That many thoughts are there with you  
Because it's Mother's Day.

A message just to tell you  
And very proudly, too,  
"Of all the Mother's in the world  
The dearest one is you."

I'm glad your baby sister is all over the measles. She has one comfort, that she will not have to have them again when she is older, while they are sure to come to you and Wayne some day. The other day I passed a little two year old girl, and as I

hurried on she shouted, "I've just had the mumps." Then as I was almost out of hearing she called in her loudest voice, "My Mamma has the mumps now." I remember a little girl who was having a hard time with the measles saying, "Measles aren't much fun, but God will make me well soon."

Your loving friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you feeling? We are feeling quite well ourselves and hope to hear the same from you. This is Sunday morning and it is still cloudy out.

I wrote a letter to you yesterday morning and I decided to write this other letter this morning, because my daddy has given me a nice fountain pen as a gift, and I love to write letters with a fountain pen.

Our Pastor Maxson was feeling better so he was able to come to church yesterday and preach to us. Brother and Sister Pearson from Amsterdam did not come to church yesterday because they went to attend the services in the Verona Church, and they also held a supper there, and some day we all expect to go there some Sabbath and have fellowship with them.

This coming June we are having the yearly meeting in the Berlin church and we all expect to go.

I am still having a lot of fun with my roller skates that my daddy bought for me, and I am also having a lot of fun with our young kittens.

I wish that some day we will be able to meet you. This will be all for now and may God bless you richly.

Your Recorder friend,  
Esther Naomi Fatato.

Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

I still have two more of your good letters and will try to answer them all next week.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

## DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

(Continued from back cover)

Mr. Babcock, who graduated from Milton College in the class of 1933, spent a year in graduate work at Oberlin College, Ohio, and has taken further courses at the University of Wisconsin.

Milton Union a cappella choirs, under the direction of Mr. Babcock, have placed in the first division of class A for the past seven years.

Mr. Babcock is widely known as a vocal soloist, is also active in the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, and served as a member of the Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. — Courier.

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y. — Mother's Day was well observed by the Adams Center Church. Pastor E. H. Bottoms gave a fine sermon appropriate for the day, and there was special music by the choir.

The Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. Gilbert Horton, had a program of songs and recitations by the Sabbath school children, and she presented certificates of enrollment to seven babies—three of whom were her own grandchildren.

After these services a tureen luncheon was held in the church parlors. This was followed by a Mother's Day program, consisting of songs and recitations as planned by the pastor, each Sabbath school class being represented by at least two numbers on the program. Special mention should be made of Mrs. Nellie Barber's class of little girls, who so ably sang and recited for both the Cradle Roll and the afternoon programs.

A reception was held at the church Sabbath evening, April 5, for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bakker, who were married in the Salem church the evening of March 29. They spent their honeymoon and Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bakker, in Adams Center. They received many lovely and useful gifts from the membership and friends of the church. This fine young Seventh Day Baptist couple will graduate from Salem College in June.

The Adams Center church will celebrate its 125th anniversary early in June. A special program and homecoming is being planned for this occasion. — Correspondent.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — Most of our winter visitors are gone now, and we meet in one of Rev. Elizabeth Randolph's rooms to get closer together and so that some of our members who cannot get out to church can attend.

The leader of our prayer meeting May 3 was Mrs. L. E. Babcock. She had statements from more than thirty Seventh Day Baptist ministers, giving their reasons for keeping the Sabbath. She read several of these and called for discussion and similar statements from the members present.

One pastor said that Sabbath keeping develops character. The leader wanted to know how this could be true. It was suggested that keeping the Sabbath in a Sabbath-breaking world is conducive to character development.

Dr. Daland was quoted as saying that God seemed much nearer to him after he began keeping the Sabbath, and worship had a deeper significance.

Many other helpful suggestions were brought out during the meeting.

Mrs. Lena G. Crofoot was confined to her room and could not be present. She wrote out her appreciation of the Sabbath as follows:

The strongest influence of my life has been my home training, which began as far back as I can remember. We went to church always, came home, had dinner, and then we were not allowed to play till after sunset. Everything had to be quiet. The fourth commandment, of course, meant much to me, and also the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah, verses 13 and 14. When I see the disturbing things these days, especially on Sabbath day, it takes me back to my childhood and makes me wish for the quiet of the old days.

Mrs. S. S. Powell wrote out her answer to the question, thinking that she would not be able to attend; but since the meeting was held next to her apartment, she and Mr. Powell were both present. She gave her contribution as follows:

There is a threefold evidence, in line with the threefold harmonious nature of (1) minerals—solid, liquid, gas; (2) our own lives—body, soul, spirit; (3) God's presence—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and (4) Sabbath evidence—Old Testament: "The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God." Ex. 20: 10; New Testament: "I and my Father are one"; history: Catholicism, at the Council of Trent, held A. D., 1545-1563, chose to transfer the observance and worship to the first day instead of the seventh, calling it the Lord's Day, and nominal Protestantism follows in that choice, forsaking its Master and Lord. This transfer and substituting of the first day for the seventh

is irrefutable evidence that there is no Bible authority for it. It identifies a power that "thinks" to change times and laws. Dan. 7: 25. Jesus prayed that all his disciples might be one with him and his Father, John 17: 21. It is our mission to work for that oneness.

We had two unexpected Sunday-keeping visitors, thanks to our young theological student, Leland Davis, who has been letting his light shine. When he learned that the people in whose house he has an apartment were coming to bask in Daytona Beach sun and sand, he told them they must look us up. They came to keep their pledge. We gave them pretty strong Sabbath arguments. They were very pleasant about it, and we had a delightful visit with them after the meeting was over.

L. Emile Babcock.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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servance of the Sabbath, will start an evangelistic program in their organization, the principle aim of which would be to teach the "power of God unto salvation" along with other gospel messages. He has commanded us to teach.

Yours truly,

George Montgomery,  
(A Baptist Minister).

## Marriages

Stephan - Domer. — Wilmer Stephan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stephan of Nortonville, Kan., and Audrie Domer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Domer of Marion, Iowa, were united in marriage in the First Methodist Church, Marion, Iowa, at 3:30 p.m., April 29. Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, cousin of the bride, officiated.

## Obituaries

Moody. — Thomas J., the son of David and Marthy Moody, was born February 22, 1860, near Winchester, Ill., and died at the home of his daughter near Brighton, Ill., in his eighty-fourth year.

He was married in 1893 to Miss Grace Manley, and to this union nine children were born; seven of them survive him, as does his wife also.

He was by trade an exterior and interior decorator, and most of his long life was spent at Petersburg, Ill., where there were few homes where he had not worked.

He was a fine Bible student and lover of the Word of God. He took delight in evangelistic meetings and was always a worker when opportunity provided. He was a most liberal supporter of many kinds of religious work.

He was greatly handicapped in later years because he could not hear, and toward the end of his life through failing sight he was deprived of his joy in Bible reading.

It has been a privilege to have known this man, to have talked with him, and to hear him pray. The church at Farina will miss his friendly communications and his hopeful spirit.

He was buried in the family lot at Hettick, Ill., April 22, his funeral service being held in the Baptist church, Rev. Clarence Clark, pastor, officiating.  
C. L. H.

Brissey. — George Amos, son of George W. and Pamela Van Horn Brissey, was born in Roane County, W. Va., September 30, 1879, and died suddenly on his farm near Berea, W. Va., April 16, 1947.

On April 4, 1907, he was married to Jettie Ashburn of West Union, W. Va. To this union were born three daughters, who survive: Mrs. Forest Hardwick, Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. Lawrence Radcliffe of Smithville, W. Va.; and Miss Lois Brissey of Detroit, Mich. Five brothers and one sister also survive: Albert of Harrisville, W. Va.; John of Long Beach, Calif.; Reuben of Berea, W. Va.; Thurman of Salem, W. Va.; Grover of Laurel, Md.; and Mrs. Mae Robinson of Middlebourn, W. Va. There is one surviving aunt, Mrs. Sarah Van Horn Bonnell of Berea, W. Va.

Mr. Brissey was an active citizen of Ritchie County and widely known. He was retired from many years of service in Ritchie County schools, but was actively engaged in farming and was attendance officer of the county schools at the time of his death. He will be missed from his place in the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church as assistant superintendent of Sabbath school and chorister of both church and Sabbath school.

Farewell services were conducted at the Ritchie church April 19, 1947, Rev. John Fitz Randolph officiating. Interment was in Crystal Lake Cemetery, West Union, W. Va.  
J. F. R.

Gavitt. — Horace E., died at his home on the Potter Hill Road, Westerly, R. I., April 24, 1947, in the eighty-third year of his life.

Mr. Gavitt was born in Avondale (Westerly) July 17, 1863, the son of Russell and Frances (Crandall) Gavitt. He was employed at the plant of the C. B. Cottrell and Sons Co. for fifty years, retiring fourteen years ago. He was a loyal member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, faithful to its appointments, interested in the work of the denomination. He was a man of deep convictions and strong in his stand for the right. His wife, Olivia R. (Dickie) Gavitt, died about three years ago.

Mr. Gavitt leaves four sons: Munson E. and John W., of Westerly; Stanton W., of Portland, Me.; and Rev. Joseph L., of Hundred, W. Va.; two daughters: Mrs. Thelma Shafer of New York, and Mrs. Ruth Gavitt of Pawcatuck; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Raymond of Babylon, N. Y.; eleven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Buckler Funeral Home on Sabbath afternoon, and interment was in River Bend Cemetery. Pastor Harold R. Crandall officiated.  
H. R. C.



# WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

**BATTLE CREEK, MICH.** — Four persons received baptism recently, three of whom were from the Bellevue area where a Sabbath school is held every other week.

A "Back to the Home" emphasis was stressed during Family Week. Members were urged to entertain other families or groups in their homes.

Consecration of babies was inaugurated as an annual feature on Mother's Day. Six babies were presented and a charge was given to the congregation as well as the parents to bring them up to know and love the Lord. This was a very impressive service.

The Mothers' Council has "adopted" a twelve-year-old Finnish boy by giving eight dollars a month for his support. The council plans to carry on personal correspondence with the family in which there are six children all living in one room, and will send other aid.

Our Personal Evangelism Campaign is being continued and the pastor reports that a number are co-operating fully.

—Correspondent.

**WESTERLY, R. I.** — It was an especially enjoyable afternoon that the Westerly W.C. T.U. members spent on May 14, as guests of the Woman's Aid Society of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. The occasion was the "Light Line" meeting of the union which tells of the year's work in spreading temperance and missions throughout the world.

Mrs. Etta Whitford, president of the Union opened the meeting, and Rev. Harold R. Crandall led the devotionals. Mrs. Thomas Nichols, state President of the W.C. T.U. brought a very vivid picture of how the "Light Line" started; how Mrs. Mary Lavitte in 1873 had the urge to see the "Message of Light" of temperance and missions encircle the globe. She first visited Hawaii, then Australia, then on and on until after seven years she had completed the circle.

Now there are fifty-one nations linked together, and the first International W.C.T.U. Convention was held in Boston in 1891. This year, a second World Convention is being held at Asbury Park, N. J., in June. A delegate from each foreign nation to be

represented at this Convention was dramatized by a member of the Union in a pageant called "Wind the Ribbons Round the Nation." Bright costumes of Ireland, Sweden, Central America, Cuba, Hawaii, China, Ceylon, and others, together with their enthusiastic messages made the interest of other nations very real.

Then our society added to the program by bringing to the guests the story of our beloved Susie Burdick and her mission work in China, as told by Helen Shaw Thorngate in "Susie Burdick Sets Her Face Toward China." The setting for the story was a living room replete with choice pieces of old-fashioned furniture. The narrator was Mrs. Nathan Saunders, and the characters were: Rev. Eli Loofboro, as Susie's father; Mrs. Hobart Ayers, as Amanda, his wife; Mrs. Morris Young, as Susie; and Kenneth Smith, as Sherman Burdick. Costumes in the period, and perfect personalities for the parts left no doubt as to the earnestness of Susie to go to China to teach, and the attitude of the family at first to dissuade her. Her devotion as she carried the "Light" is still a living testimony of the worth of missions.

A social hour followed, with tea served by Mrs. Mary Chapman, Mrs. Mary Starr Maxson, and Mrs. Sarah Crandall.

—Correspondent.

## SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

The meetings of the Southeastern Association will be held at the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church at Lost Creek, W. Va., June 27, 28, and 29. Those planning to attend the association, please correspond for further information with Roy F. Randolph, New Milton, W. Va., or with Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, Lost Creek, W. Va.

**MILTON, WIS.** — Kenneth A. Babcock, director of music at Milton Union high school and of the state graded schools of Milton and Milton Junction has resigned to accept a professorship at Milton College beginning with the Summer School session.

Mr. Babcock will serve as manager for the college a cappella choir and will act as alumni representative for the college.

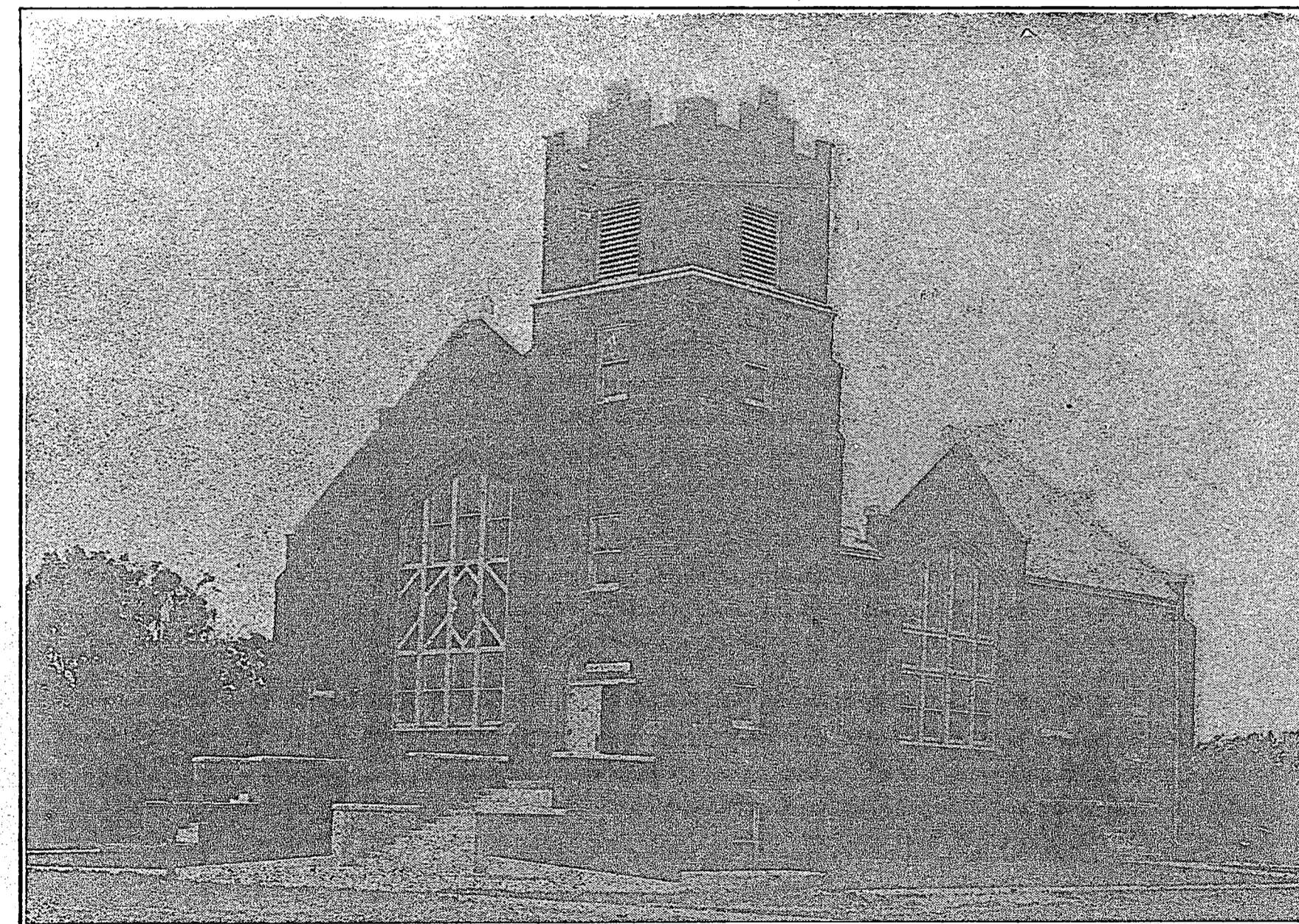
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The Sabbath

# Recorder

"NORTH LOUP . . . HIGHLY FAVORED"



Seventh Day Baptist Church of North Loup, Neb.

"In the Historical Room in the tower of the Church we have many valuable and interesting relics, pictures, and records." (See Page 397.)