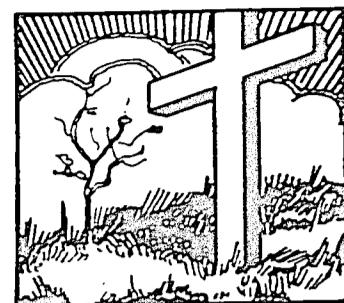


Recorder



The Light of God Is Falling

The light of God is falling
 Upon life's common way;
 The Master's voice still calling,
 "Come, walk with me today."
 No duty can seem lowly
 To him who lives with thee,
 And all of life grows holy,
 O Christ of Galilee.

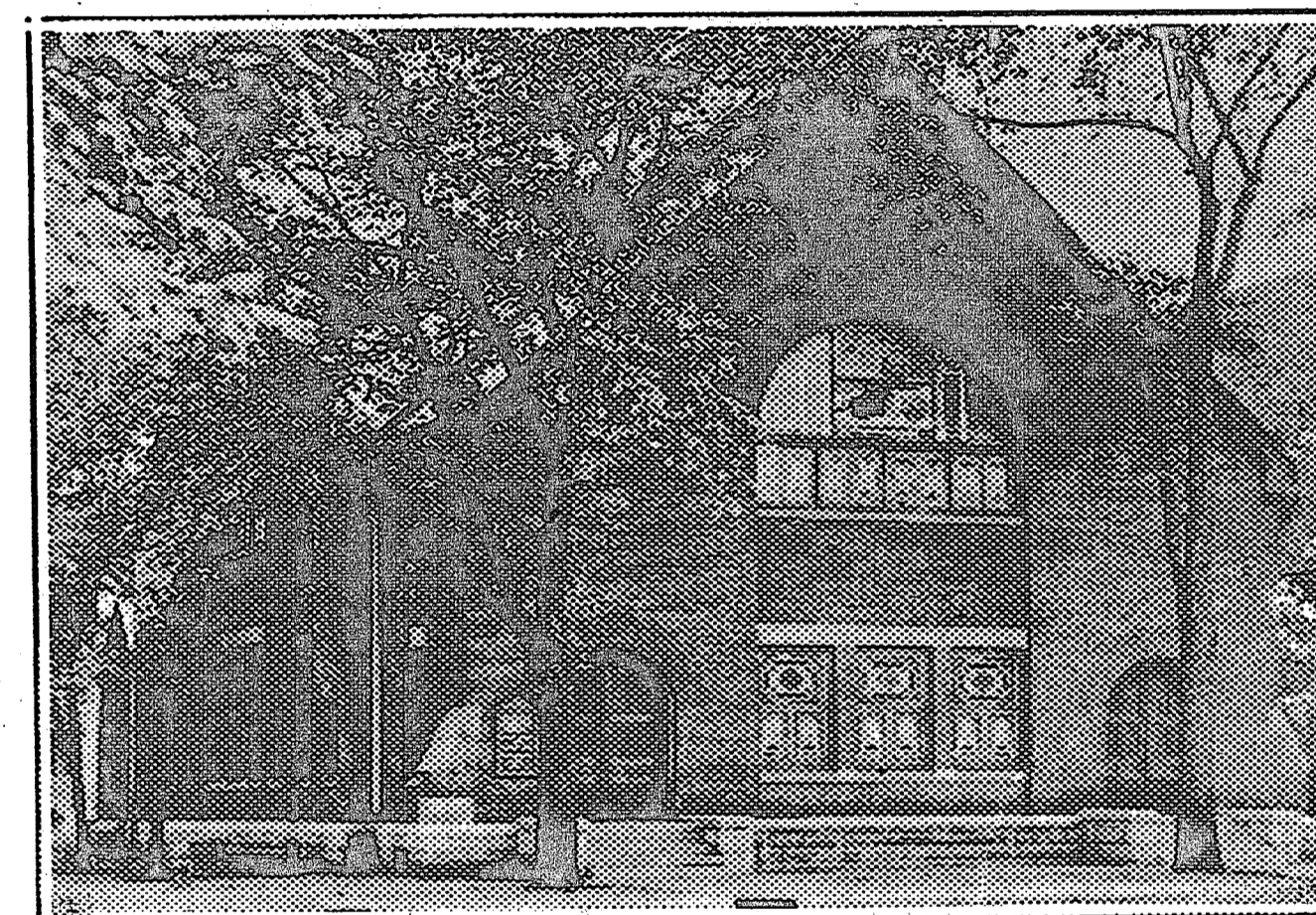
Who shares his life's pure pleasures,
 And walks the honest road,
 Who trades with heaping measures,
 And lifts his brother's load,
 Who turns the wrong down bluntly,
 And lends the right a hand;
 He dwells in God's own country,
 He tills the Holy Land.

Where human lives are thronging
 In toil and pain and sin,
 While cloistered hearts are longing
 To bring the Kingdom in,
 O Christ, the Elder Brother
 Of proud and beaten men,
 When they have found each other,
 Thy Kingdom will come then.

Thy ransomed host in glory,
 All souls that sin and pray,
 Turn toward the cross that bore thee;
 "Behold the man!" they say,
 And while thy Church is pleading
 For all who would do good,
 We hear thy true voice leading
 Our song of brotherhood.

Louis F. Benson

HEADQUARTERS FOR INDIANAPOLIS CAMPAIGN



Special meetings will be held in this
 church beginning Sunday, February 16

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WHAT WHERE TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

Chosen by 1,247 laymen and lay women of the United States and Canada, Thomas J. Watson of New York City, president, International Business Machines Corporation, has been named 1947 winner of the Russell Colgate Distinguished Service Citation, according to Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education.

Awarded for "his outstanding contributions to the advancement of Christian education through personal leadership and influence," the citation will be presented to Mr. Watson in the form of a hand-illuminated testimonial, as well as a watch-chain emblem, at an All-Council luncheon at Grand Rapids, Mich., February 12, during the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the International Council.

A world-wide crusade to revive the spiritual life of all peoples will be conducted by the Salvation Army under the banner, "Fighting Faith Crusade," as its main effort for 1947.

On January 21, which was known as "F. F. Day," this crusade was launched in ninety-seven countries and colonies all over the globe where the International Salvation Army operates. Participating were all of the 28,000 full-time officers and millions of lay officers and soldiers of the world's greatest army of peace.

Christian groups everywhere are expected to endorse the program heartily as a means of fostering the ideals and methods of world understanding and peace.

"The United Nations Charter spells out many practical implications of the moral law," says John Foster Dulles, international lawyer. "The charter establishes open processes which require the statesmen of the world to expose their plans and purposes to the moral judgment of mankind. These are achievements, the like of which men have never seen before. They create a new situation which now shifts to the peoples of the world a heavy responsibility for the next phase in the development of world order. They have become a jury before whom international statesmen present themselves for judgment. The verdicts of that jury, if clear and decisive, will become a kind of world common law. That will be the force which will translate the moral law into more tangible applications as international law, which creates the precedents and practices and the codifications which the United Nations needs to become a more adequate political organization."

A resolution calling upon President Truman to reduce drastically the quantity of grain permitted for the manufacture of intoxicants was adopted by the New Jersey Baptist Convention. This grain, the resolution declared, was desperately needed to feed millions of starving people overseas. — Gospel Messenger.

EDITORIALS

A PROGRESSIVE STEP

Clergymen are not overpaid in these United States. The ratio of salary for clergymen compared with other callings is low. In addition there are many gradations in ministerial salaries. More than one-half of the clergymen on full time duty receive less than \$100 per month. — William H. Leach, in Church Management.

Inflation is no respecter of persons. Farmers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, ministers, and all other people are subject to the high cost of living these days. Everyone is prone to complain; but the minister, and his family, suffer. Probably preachers are expected to give more time, do more work, be more generous, dress more fashionably, and go more places with less money than any other class of people. And it is far from fair or right!

Of course, times are abnormal. But the average minister was not well paid in normal times; for him, times have been "abnormal" for years. Grocery bills have had to go unpaid, making the family scrimp even more on the already scant amount of nourishing food coming into the household. Old clothes have been patched and repatched, until personalities have actually suffered because of the embarrassment caused by having to wear less than respectable attire. All members of the minister's family have had to go without things which would contribute to their spiritual, social, or professional advancement. Either there has been want—or the minister, or other members of the family, have had to seek outside means of augmenting the meager income provided by the church.

Writing in the January 27 issue of the Missionary Reporter, Missionary Society publication, Karl G. Stillman expresses the following opinion:

One of our grave concerns has been the low salary schedule effective throughout our denomination. We feel that it has been impossible for many of our pastors to do their best work in building up their churches because of the necessity of working at some other occupation to supplement meager incomes. . . .

We feel that we, as a denomination, have been very careless in our determination of proper salaries for our pastors. We want them to serve our spiritual needs night or day and to be self-respecting citizens in our communities, yet we make it difficult or impossible for them to live comfortably, educate their families, and continue their own studies to become better leaders and pastors.

Naturally, the individual pastor has not complained. He has been called of God to minister to people through the Church. Naturally, he has not asked the church for a raise. His service is not based on monetary considerations. However, life is based on monetary considerations, and the church stands condemned which does not provide for its pastor to the very limit of its ability.

Reports from the various annual meetings of Seventh Day Baptist churches reflect an encouraging trend. "The pastor's salary has been increased for next year," one report reads. Another indicates not only an increment, but also a bonus payment—not for special services rendered or planned, but just to help meet increased costs of living. Still another congregation rejoices in being able to support the pastor in a manner more nearly in keeping with salaries in other professions. It is gratifying to learn that the majority of the so-called missionary churches have voted salary increases to their pastors for 1947, and the Missionary Society has matched these increases up to \$100 (provided the combined income did not exceed \$1,300). One far-sighted (and fair-sighted) group has included in its total expense budget an item

PIN POINT EDITORIALS

"It is well to remember that open-mindedness is not the same as empty-mindedness."

* * *

It Is Hard

To forget
To forgive.
To apologize
To take advice
To admit error
To be unselfish
To save money
To be charitable
To be considerate
To avoid mistakes
To keep out of a rut
To make the best of little things
To shoulder the blame
To keep your temper at all times
To begin all over again
To maintain a high standard
To keep on keeping on
To think first and act afterwards, but

IT PAYS.

—Author unknown.

for incidental supplies for the pastor. The importance of this procedure is pointed out in the following quotation:

It is the ministers in the lower brackets who must assume the many items of professional expense. For example, the larger churches maintain offices. Typewriters, paper, duplicating machines, and telephone expense are charged in the church budget. The ministers in the lower salary brackets must assume the cost of these items. The better churches give their clergymen expense accounts which include automobile upkeep. Many pay for the automobile used in parish work. The ministers with the smaller salaries must buy their own cars and maintain them at their own expense. . . Not only is the laborer worthy of his hire, but he is worthy of the tools which are to be used in the work of the church.

The trend is in the right direction, to pay the pastor a living wage and help provide needed supplies for his work. But we have not yet come far enough. The highest salaries we pay are still pitifully below par. Why, the best paid ministers among us could make subject matter for jokes about the pastor's salary and the pastor's poverty—and the list of such jokes is voluminous for obvious reasons. Many a minister in our denomination could be the object of sympathy because of his meager salary. Cases have been observed where a church has held the preacher's salary down to the minimum, and then regarded him with something bordering on amused contempt because he accepted it and tried to live on it. Other

churches have forced a low salary on the pastor, and then regard his support as a matter of benevolence.

"It would be considered bad taste," suggests one writer, "if the preacher should offer a protest. And should he go on a strike—say, with a few other sufferers in the same income group—we wonder what would happen. It would be nothing less than a church scandal. . . . We are making most encouraging progress in the matter of temporal provision for the ministry, but we do well to remember that the church is requiring more and more of its ministry."

More education—this the minister is required to obtain for accreditation. More professional skill, he is expected to possess. More consecration, he must have to meet the demands of this "technical, electrified, high-pressure age." We desire greater results from our leadership. All right, let us be willing to give more wholeheartedly to the support of that leadership—in devotion, in encouragement, in prayer, in willing cooperation, and in finances.

Higher salaries. More vacation with pay. A greater amount of equipment with which to work. These, and the other highly desirable temporal things, should all be more adequately provided the ministers, and quickly in this hour of need. However, to provide them immediately is merely a matter of giving needed and deserved relief. We will probably not manage to lift the standard as high as it should be lifted. But if we can establish a satisfactory level now, and then maintain it through the years to come, even when purchasing power increases, then we will have done a real and lasting service to our ministry. Let us set a lofty goal, strive to reach it soon, then hold the line. That will be a progressive step!

Checking Up Expenditures

I bought gasoline, I went to the show;
I bought some new tubes for my old radio;
I bought candy and peanuts, nut bars, and ice cream,
While my salary lasted, life sure was a scream.
It takes careful planning to make money go 'round;
One's method of finance must always be sound.
With habits quite costly, it's real hard to save;
My wife spent "ten bucks" on a permanent wave.
The church came around begging. It sure made me sore!

If they'd let me alone, I'd give a lot more.
They have plenty of nerve; they forget all the past,
For I gave them a quarter the year before last!

—The Canton Christian.

° "Is it possible for a person to believe that he should keep the Sabbath and not do so?"

Living What You Believe

—First in a Series of Studies on Everyday Problems

By Albyn Macintosh

THE PROBLEM OF LIVING what you believe starts early in life, and it is in the young, formative years that life patterns are started. Rearing children is not one of my avocations, but I know how my parents set in our minds the things they felt were important that we know. There were school problems. For many years we lived in the North where the sun goes down early Friday afternoon. At one half hour before sundown we were proud to be able to face the teachers and students with our witness that it was time to go home—not because we were glad to get out of school, but because we were proud to witness for what we believed.

From the earliest time I can remember, we were taught that there was no compromise in our relationship with God. Often since then I have heard parents excuse their children for partaking in secular functions on the Sabbath, and in almost the same breath express the desire that their children would have more concern for religious things. And the Sabbath is only one item among the many we claim to believe. How many parents teach their children anything about God and spiritual living? The majority that I see send them to church to learn and then spend their own time moaning about going to church and how hard it is to understand the Word of God. I am reminded of Ezekiel 33: 30-32.

Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord.

And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.

And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

How can you expect children to live what they claim to believe when parents make only

a pretense at living? I would place the first responsibility at the door of parents and then turn our attention to older children. Robert Frost, the poet, said that it was some time during the teen age that a person got the glimpse of a light on the horizon that would guide him the rest of his life. I am not sure that he was right about the time element, but I am sure that when one sees and believes, it has an effect on the rest of his life.

The tremendous impact that the thing one believes has upon a person was indelibly imprinted on my mind when I was attending university. At the same rooming house where I was staying there was a young man twenty years old named Robert. About one year previously he had fallen and broken his arm, and it had been placed in a cast while the bones were healing. During this time, for an unknown reason, he came to believe that he would never be able to straighten the arm out or again use it in any way. After the cast was removed, the doctors tried to get Robert to exercise and use his arms, but he merely said that he couldn't.

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These studies have been prepared in an attempt to help young people find their places in life and older people to understand themselves and help others whom they meet. We are assuming that you recognize that God is over all; we are not particularly concerned in what you believe, but rather that you do believe. We are concerned for those people who have a desire to keep the Sabbath but seem unable to meet the problems involved in obtaining a living in a community which has no regard for the Sabbath. We are likewise concerned that people follow through in regard to all of their definite beliefs.

We have chosen for a topic, "Living What You Believe," with the certainty that what you believe is more closely tied to the way you live than most people are willing to admit. A question we should be thinking about in these studies is, "Is it possible for a person to believe that he should keep the Sabbath and not do so?" Perhaps the answer may be in what we mean by the word believe, but for the present let us just ask the question about each of our beliefs and leave it there to ponder.

"Christian Crusade"

Theme for Meetings
in Indianapolis

"A CHRISTIAN CRUSADE."
That is the theme chosen for the evangelistic campaign which opens in Indianapolis, Ind., on Sunday evening, February 16.

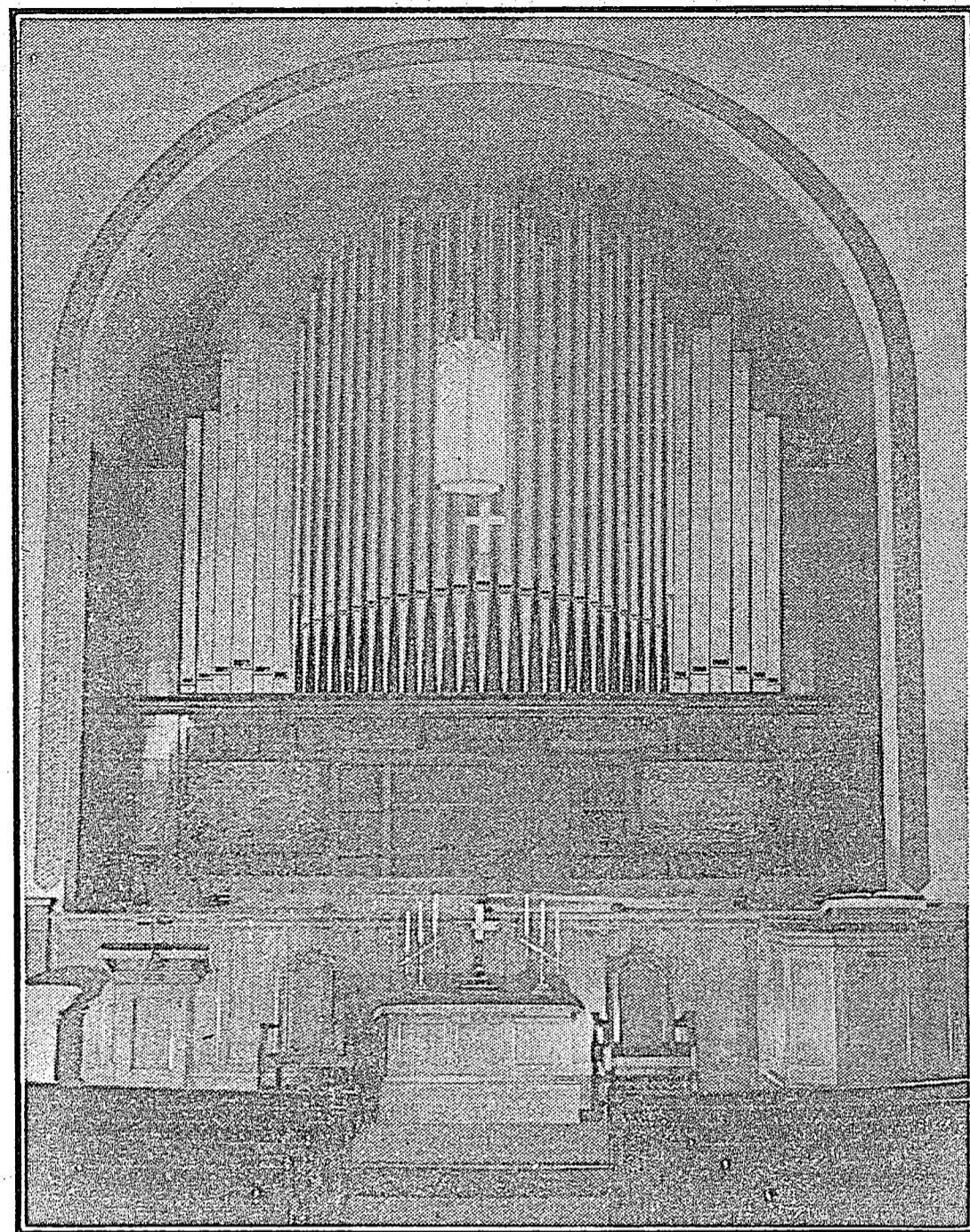
Extensive advertising is being carried on immediately in advance of the opening of the series of meetings, including large ads in seven newspapers. Handbills, postcards, posters, and other incidental items of printing have been prepared by the Recorder Press in Plainfield for shipment to and distribution in Indianapolis.

Using the title given to Rev. Lester G. Osborn, the evangelist, on his regular radio broadcasts from Bridgeton, N. J., the announcements invite the people of the Indianapolis area to hear the "Bible Gold-Miner." A threefold challenge is being extended: Tune up your life; Wake up your mind; and, Stir up your soul.

Advance invitations carry the titles of some of the "soul-searching" sermons planned for the series. They included these: "Seven Indianapolis Men Who Won't Get to Heaven"; "The Worst Sin in the World"; "Your Face in the Crowd"; "The Greatest Things of Life"; "Why Seventh Day Baptists?"; "Is the Sabbath in the Gospel?"; and, "How Important Does God Consider the Sabbath?"

Preliminary plans call for two weeks of meetings nightly in a church at Carrollton and Thirteenth, only a few blocks from the center of town. Worship services will also be held on the intervening Sabbaths. Further plans will be made on the basis of interest and needs as the special campaign progresses.

Evangelist and Mrs. Osborn will occupy the tenent house on property owned by L. L. Wright, who has promoted the Indianapolis



Interior of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church where Indianapolis meetings will be held.

work since its inception. The address is Route 1, Box 320, New Augusta, Ind.

A CALL TO PRAYER

Fellow Seventh Day Baptists:

Our Indianapolis campaign starts, officially, Sunday night, February 16, at 7:30, Central Standard Time. The ground work has been done thoroughly—advertising, personal contacts, and other preparation. The meetings have been carefully planned, sermon topics thoughtfully selected, details worked out with care. We are giving ourselves wholeheartedly to the presentation of the gospel and the Sabbath truth in the messages. The Tract Board is going "all out" in backing the campaign.

But the one absolutely essential thing, without which no campaign can be a success,

is prayer. Unless you hold this matter up before the Lord, we will fail. Please pray, individually and in groups, that God's will may be done, and that his Spirit may direct and work in the hearts of the people.

We are suggesting that at the time of the beginning of the meetings, we unite in prayer all across the land. Will you get together in your churches for special prayer meetings at that hour? Or will you gather a group together in your home? And if unable to meet with a group, will you not set aside this time for personal, individual prayer?

The hour of 7:30 Central Standard Time is 8:30 Eastern Time, 6:30 Mountain Time, and 5:30 Pacific Time. Think of the power of God which can be released if we all pray concertedly at this time!

And don't limit your praying to this one time. Remember every night for at least two weeks, perhaps three, we will be holding services. May God work mightily in Indianapolis and all over the denomination.

In His service,
Lester G. Osborn.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Dear Pastor:

Just a note to bring to your thinking a matter which seems to me vital.

The decision taken at the Tract Board meeting Sunday, January 12, to sponsor the sending of Pastor Lester G. Osborn to present Christ and his Sabbath to men and women in the city of Indianapolis calls, I believe, for special prayer on the part of groups and individuals the denomination over.

Mr. Wright of Indianapolis, a comparatively new addition to our Seventh Day Baptist Churches, has seen this as an open door and an unsown field. As I caught his vision, I felt to agree with him. It is a situation of seeing great numbers of people swelling the population of cities, unchurched and not ministered to. There is no reason why we should not consider our message the answer to their needs.

Pastor Osborn's church at Shiloh has responded to this vision by releasing him for a short time, assuming the responsibility of all his duties at Shiloh, continuing his salary

and entering into a prayer fellowship for him. The Tract Board has decided to sponsor the undertaking financially. Rev. Victor Skaggs, secretary of the society, has been over the field and considers it promising and worthy of our full support.

If this is to be a denominational project of the spiritual, surely it is reasonable and highly desirable that we all have a spiritual share in it. Prayer is our means of sharing—prayer is our weapon. If you have read Dr. Frank Laubach's book, "Prayer," you will know what is meant.

In our case probably the most important need from now on will be prayer, not only for those who hear Pastor Osborn's messages, but also that God can teach him and lead him, as only God himself can teach and prepare men who carry his message.

Will you co-operate please in commending this ministry of prayer to all groups of praying Christians, that our entire denomination may have a spiritual share in this effort at Indianapolis?

Sincerely yours,
A Christian Friend.

Note: I do highly commend this ministry of prayer to our people. Here is one way by which we can share with Pastor Osborn, Mr. Wright, the Shiloh Church, and the Tract Board the burden of this effort. It is our responsibility to pray as surely as it is theirs to plan and work. Only God can give the increase.

Everett T. Harris,
Conference President.

SHILOH CHURCH "LOANS" PASTOR TO INDIANAPOLIS CAMPAIGN

SHILOH, N. J. — Our Shiloh Church has loaned the pastor to the Tract Board to help in the Indianapolis campaign for three months. This leave of absence is with salary, which is our contribution to that work.

Leland E. Davis, our student in Faith Theological Seminary, has been appointed acting pastor, at a small honorarium, to conduct the services, administer communion, and officiate at any funerals or marriages which may be necessary. He will preach as often as his heavy schedule at the seminary permits, and will for this receive the regular guest preacher fee. At other times we will have supplies from neighboring churches.

A set of committees has been appointed to carry on the various parts of the work of the church. The officers, deacons, Sabbath school superintendent, and acting pastor are the advisory board. There is a committee on Sabbath morning services, another on Sabbath eve services, others for visitation evangelism, friendly visitation, sick and shut-in ministry, young people's activities, socials, Sabbath promotion, etc.

Shiloh is taking this as a challenge, and in voting to release the pastor, pledged herself to carry on at home, and to feel an added responsibility to the church and its work in the pastor's absence. — Correspondent.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A column wherein the readers may freely express their opinions, as long as they do not deal in personalities or mere controversy.

Dear Editor:

I am in position to help any of God's children who are learning the carpentering trade or any of the building trades. Possibly some Seventh Day Baptist young person was interrupted by the war and is starting again after being released from service. I am especially anxious to help Conscientious Objectors. There is plenty of work here, and I can provide rooming accommodations.

1226 Bank St.,
S. Pasadena, Calif.

Paul Mahoney.

Dear Editor:

If there happens to be, anywhere in the denomination, anyone who is blind and who reads Braille, I would be glad to have him or her write to me in regard to securing the Sabbath school lessons in Braille. The individual may write in Braille (grade 1½) or get some sighted person to write. There will be no obligation whatever incurred.

4858 Howard Ave.,
Riverside, Calif.

N. O. Moore.

Dear Editor:

I was glad to see that you were able to use my sermon in the December special issue of the Recorder, but am sorry that the poem at the close is marked "Selected." That poem was born September 11, 1881, the year before I entered the class in theology.

Adams Center, N. Y.

E. A. Witter.

INTER-SEMINARY LEADER VISITS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Richey W. Hogg, field secretary of the Inter-Seminary Movement, spent January 22 and 23 with the students and faculty of the School of Theology at Alfred University. Representing the only national organization of seminary students, Mr. Hogg was then completing a tour of forty-three of the strategic seminaries of the United States and Canada in a coast-to-coast program to interest theology students and faculty in the North American Inter-Seminary Conference to be held in Miami University of Ohio next June.

Mr. Hogg's purpose in visiting the nation's seminaries was three-fold, and he expressed enthusiasm in discovering that the three points of his program have been anticipated at Alfred. Each seminary was to be introduced to the recently published "Inter-Seminary Series" of four books dealing with the church and its world mission, encouraged to include a study of these volumes in its spring curriculum, and interested in sending a maximum of 25 per cent of its student body to the June convention. He discovered the Inter-Seminary Series already on the students' desks in the Gothic. A study of the books has been planned for a course to be offered during the second semester by Dean A. J. C. Bond under the title, "Ecumenics." Students at the School of Theology were disappointed to learn that only two of their number could attend the summer conference, an event on which each man has been planning since it was first announced at the school by a regional representative in his visit to Alfred last fall.

During his visit Mr. Hogg spoke to an evening gathering of the students, addressed a morning class hour, conducted the regular chapel period, and visited briefly in some classes.

The Bible

Study it carefully,
Think of it prayerfully,
Deep in thy heart let its precepts dwell;
Slight not its history,
Ponder its mystery,
None can e'er prize it too fondly or well.
—Bible Advocate.

SECRETS OF SUCCESS IN EVANGELISTIC WORK

"Many a special religious effort has failed because neither the leaders nor the people generally were willing to supply the effort and hard work required."

THE GREAT THINGS in evangelistic work are dependence upon the Holy Spirit for power with God and man; complete surrender to Christ that he may use us where, when, and how he chooses; faith in God that he is able to save and in man that he is worth saving; and united intercessory prayer.

But there are other things that are often necessary, and among them are hard work and persistency. Many a special religious effort has failed because neither the leaders nor the people generally were willing to supply the effort and hard work required. There is no such thing as an easy revival. Christians who are not willing to press into the work till, and long after, both body and mind are tired, are not going to accomplish much. When they want an easy road to a revival, when they want to stop whenever a little weary, when they want to stay home from the service because tired, and when they want no hard or disagreeable task to perform, they are looking for a road to Christ their Master never followed and one that leads only to failure. What we get out of anything depends upon what we put into it, and this is never truer than in connection with missionary and evangelistic effort. What God wants and the world needs is Christians who do things, not those who can explain why they do not do things.

Again, efforts often fail because there is not persistency. The writer has more than once been disappointed because the minister who was helping him in special meetings was not willing to continue till the desired results were achieved; and more than once, also; has he seen the pastor whom he was helping close the meetings when both he and others felt the harvest was only commenced. To be sure, it is not always easy to know just when to close a meeting, but beyond a doubt in many cases ten or one hundred fold more might have been accomplished had the effort been continued. There is too much at stake in missionary and evangelistic work for special efforts to be closed prematurely.

To our praying and surrendering let us add hard work and persistency! W. L. B.

MISSIONS

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

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Most Christian people have become familiar with what is called the Fellowship of Prayer, because the six weeks before Easter for many years have been marked for this purpose. Easter this year is April 6, and the Fellowship of Prayer will begin February 19.

The Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council is promoting the Fellowship of Prayer again this year. The plans are much as they have been in other years; namely, Christian people are asked to join in prayer for the six weeks, and to promote this, booklets are prepared which give the topics to be considered each day, together with helpful comments and a prayer. Several hundred thousand booklets were used last year, and this means that somewhere in the neighborhood of three-fourths of a million of people, for six weeks before Easter, united each day in meditation and prayer on the same subject.

Copies of the Fellowship of Prayer are being sent to the pastors and church leaders, and it is hoped many pastors will find it helpful in the development of the spiritual life of their churches. Copies of the Fellowship of Prayer may be had by ordering from the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Ave., New York City, at the rate of three cents per copy.

W. L. B.

PLANS AND ACTIVITIES IN GERMANY REVEALED

Dear Dr. Randolph:

We want to make a proposal that, in case you come to Germany in July next, you go back via Holland. For as usual in Haarlem there will be a conference in the month of August, and it would be very nice if we could accompany you there. Perhaps we can get a permit for Holland at that time.

Brother McGeachy, with whom we have long changed letters, surely would like to come there, too. Brother Bahlke can be at your service all the time during your stay in Germany as your interpreter. I am not yet able to say whether it will be possible to visit our churches in the Russian Zone. Perhaps it would be advisable to take regard to this in your request and to notify us as your companions.

I have the pleasure to tell you that we shall again have baptism, the first in a long time. A married couple and our Lorenz are ready for it. We have the baptism in the wash-room of our dwelling house in a big wash tub. On December 27, 28, and 29 the members of (the) Confederacy Board will come here. I also invited the elders of churches. I hope that all will be able to come. We then shall join in having the Lord's Supper.

Because of your extraordinary help, we are able to prepare a common dinner for all and to supply with meals all the members who have come from abroad during their time of staying here.

Surely that will be a great rejoicing and we hope that with God's help all things will run as intended.

Faithfully yours,
H. Bruhn.

Hamburg, Germany,
December 11, 1946.

RADIO PRAYER

In response to a request from Dr. Jesse M. Bader, secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches, the following prayer has been written for use on the "Minute of Prayer" broadcast, which is given daily over station WOR, New York, and the Mutual Network:

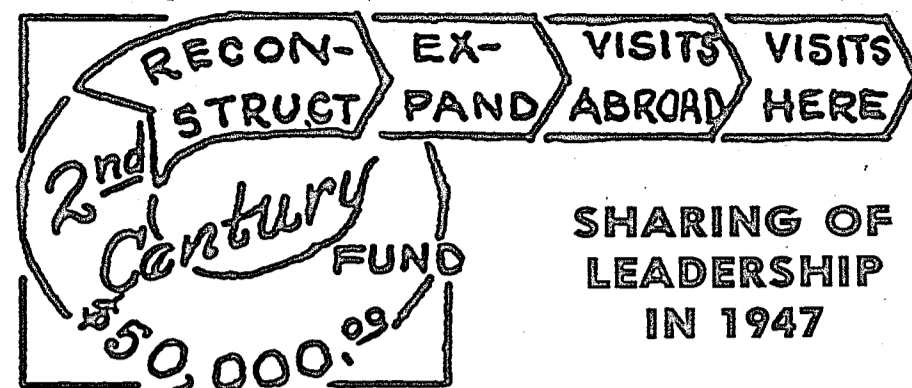
Our Father, help us now, surrounded as we are by a world in confusion, to look not too much at what is about us, but chiefly up to Thee.

Grant us a working faith in the ultimate accomplishment of the Divine purposes. Deliver us, we pray, from malice, bitterness, and suspicion. Today make us channels of Thy world-encircling love.

Help us, working with Thee, to do our share in bringing in Thy kingdom everywhere, Amen.

When used on the radio, the prayer will be announced as written by Dr. Jay W. Crofoot, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Brookfield, N. Y.

—Brookfield Courier.



For many of us humans it is not difficult to forget the real task that we face in bringing the world to Christ and to a daily life with God. Many of us at times conceive our problems in such an insurmountable way that we lose hope of ever seeing the kingdom of heaven on earth. Lost in a maze of details in our busy lives, we find it an easy matter to think of Christianizing our community in terms of bigger treasuries and better church buildings, longer church rolls and improved church societies. In the "bureaucracy" of the collective life we attach almost as much importance to names as we do to the aims and spirit of our agencies and organizations.

We of the Missionary Society believe that Seventh Day Baptists should recapture their ability—and their aim—for bringing all men to complete obedience to God through love. Organization, stewardship, church treasuries, church rolls, and other details are important means to the end of spreading the gospel. The Church must use modern and effective methods, for no other group will "work at" spreading the gospel, and modern man must be reached. But we must never forget, in prosecuting these important means, the end or aim of the Church—the elevation of Christ as Lord of all our life. Each church must be totally organized for and aimed at transmitting new life (the new life in Christ) into our present spheres of influence.

That is the aim of our recent moves in securing field workers from among our pastors to co-operate in a simultaneous sharing of leadership in 1947. May God use and guide us all as men are selected and as they go to work with other pastors. And may our laymen everywhere make themselves free for a larger work in the Church of Jesus Christ, and free for great thinking on their responsibilities to God and their fellows through that Church!

David Clarke.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSY PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

NO DOUBT you have been expecting the annual letter from the board by the Ways and Means Committee. We are aware we are later than usual with this report, and now we must move quickly that it may reach you early in this new year.

Your board members are very busy women; every woman, in these days, is apt to plead being busy when approached about taking some added responsibility.

Sixteen women make up the board of directors. We are somewhat scattered. Two are really nonresident yet render valuable help, one with reviewing Mission Study books, and the other with preparing the Worship Services each month in the Sabbath Recorder. Of the sixteen women, five are teachers, three are pastors' wives, eight others are busy homemakers and community workers. The home of one is in Plainfield, N. J., one in Parkersburg, W. Va., one in Berea, two near Middle Island, two in Lost Creek, and nine in Salem, W. Va.—a scattered, busy group, seeking to be faithful in their responsibility to the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Five of these women make up the Ways and Means Committee: Mrs. Edward Davis, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Miss Greta Randolph, Mrs. R. P. Seager, and Mrs. J. L. Skaggs. This committee looks to the planning and financing of the evangelistic project. In consultation with our promoter of evangelism and with a careful glance at the finance thermometer, we have planned work for several months ahead.

Reconditioning the trailer and adding new brakes with the necessary attachments and securing license and insurance has used beyond the trailer fund into the evangelistic project fund. However, the trailer was described as in "No. 1 condition" when it left Salem in mid-November on its way to Columbus, Miss. Promoter Greene's last report says, "We were fortunate to be able to locate our trailer on the dead-end street right in front of the church. This is on Fifth Avenue, North. There will be no parking charges here. We can use electricity from the church meter and get water at the

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Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

Wharton pump." So we hope our trailer will be a comfortable home for Mr. and Mrs. Greene while in Columbus, perhaps for several months.

Rev. Mr. Greene also reports: "This little church, built about two years ago, . . . is on the lot belonging to the Whartons. Between this building and the Wharton home is Mr. G. C. Wharton's motorcycle shop. He sells and repairs Harley-Davidson motorcycles, manufactured in Milwaukee, Wis. His youngest son, who is married and lives with the parents, is a partner in the business."

Mr. Greene says in making contacts they "have made friends with a number of fine young couples. They have attended services in the city and have learned something of the type of services these people are accustomed to." The Greene-Randolph trio are now working out an extensive campaign of visitation, in which the appeal will center around the improvement of the home. "We need the prayers of all members of the board and ask that others be invited to pray for the work here." Will not all the societies plan a moment of prayer at each meeting for this work in Columbus in addition to the daily prayers of our women?

Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph has been engaged to assist in this work in Columbus. She now has a room in another part of the city and telephone connections with the Greens. Her expenses must come from the Helpers' Fund, built up by the ten cents per month per member of each society. That is, if a society has fifteen names on its list of members, that society would aim to contribute eighteen dollars to the Helpers' Fund this year.

The January "Graphic Survey," ordered by the Christian Culture Committee for use in the study of race relations, has been received. Address Mrs. Ottis Swiger, Salem, W. Va.; price, 35 cents and postage.

We have voted two hundred dollars from this Helpers' Fund toward supporting Rev. John Byron Nichols, who has been called to serve this year as pastor of the growing church at Caraway, Fla. This leaves Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph free to help with other work. Calls from other places in Florida for holding religious meetings have come to our workers. May we not use Elizabeth, who has come to know this field so well, to help in this work with a generous Helpers' Fund to meet necessary expenses? If all of our societies make an effort to reach the maximum on this goal number five, the Board of Directors will plan with courage and less uncertainty for helpers when needed to assist in carrying on the evangelistic work.

(To be continued)

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

(Continued from back cover)

daughter, Lucille, and sons, Ronald and Allan. G. E. Osborn was master of ceremonies. Welcome speeches were given by the following persons: Elder E. S. Ballenger for our church, Mrs. R. C. Brewer for our ladies' Dorcas Society, Donald Richards for our young people, and Rev. G. D. Hargis for the Los Angeles Church. We welcomed some of the Los Angeles friends and are glad they could share the occasion with us.

The Dorcas Society held their yearly Christmas party December 18 at the home of Mrs. P. B. Hurley. Two enjoyable features were the reading of letters from absent members and the revealing of secret pals by an exchange of gifts.

December 21 at 4 p.m. was the time of our Christmas Vesper, consisting of a sacred musical program by the choir. The children's program featured "white gifts," and all classes of the Sabbath school participated. The children's gifts were donated to the Pan-American Fellowship in Los Angeles of which Mrs. Madeleine Robinson, a member of our church, is the founder and director. The young people presented a tableau of the Nativity scene, with appropriate music. A party for the children followed.

Christmas eve about twenty of our young people sang carols for the old people and shut-ins, after which they were invited to the parsonage for refreshments.

The month of December also brought sadness into our midst, with the passing of R. H. Houston, Laura R. Babcock, and Jessie K. Long. They will be greatly missed.

Our pastor brought us two fine Christmas sermons. Using the theme, "Wise Men Rejoice," (Matt. 2: 10), he asked the following questions: Are we rejoicing as we should over the birth of Christ? Are our hearts open to receive him? "When Christ is Ruler" (Is. 9: 6), was the subject for the second sermon which questioned whether or not Christ is ruler of our lives.

Let us take an inventory of our lives and see what our answers are to these questions.

Correspondent.

LIVING WHAT YOU BELIEVE

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When I first met him, the circle formed by my thumb and forefinger would reach around the upper part of his arm. Interesting myself in Robert, I sat at his bedside one evening after he had retired, persuading him to let me touch his arm. His uncle stopped in the doorway to tell him of an event which greatly interested him. While they were conversing, I leaned over Robert in such a manner that he could not see what I was doing and almost completely straightened the arm, and then bent it back while joining in their conversation.

I knew the problem was to change the young man's mind more than to work on his arm. The preacher might call it conversion. Then began a tedious six weeks in which every evening before retiring I would spend a half hour talking to Robert and massaging his arm, each time straightening it a slight amount. Then he met a girl, whom he liked very much. He became anxious to straighten his arm and was ready to believe he could. He did straighten and use his arm again.

Is there any connection between the story of this young man and the story we find in Matthew 8: 13, "Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee," or in Mark 11: 20-26, ". . . Have faith in God. . . . What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive and ye shall have them. . . ."

(To be continued.)

SECOND HOPKINTON HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT REVEALS PROGRESS MADE DURING YEAR

By Lewis F. Randolph
Corresponding Secretary

The annual supper of the Second Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Society convened at the congenial home of Deacon and Mrs. Walter D. Kenyon on Sunday evening, January 19. Previous to the supper, hymn singing was enjoyed by the young people and others, and instrumental music was furnished by Phyllis Kenyon at the piano and Lewis Randolph on the piano accordion. There were twenty-four present.

The business meeting opened at 8 p.m. with Mrs. Donna James, president, in charge. Jesse James sang a solo.

Officers for the year 1947 were elected as follows: president, Mrs. Donna James; clerk, Deacon Walter D. Kenyon; assistant clerk, Mrs. W. D. Kenyon; treasurer, Lewis F. Randolph; superintendent of Sabbath school, Lewis F. Randolph; assistant superintendent, Edwin James, Jr.; organist, Lewis F. Randolph; assistant organist, Miss Marguerite Kenyon; auditor, Arling Kenyon; ushers and collectors, Charles and Robert James.

On Sabbath day, January 18, the following Sabbath school officers were elected for the ensuing year: pianist, Miss Phyllis Kenyon; assistant, Miss Shirley Kenyon; recording secretary, Charles James; corresponding secretary, Lewis F. Randolph.

The Sabbath school has shown progress during the past year. Since experience is a great teacher in everyone's life and in any organization, we are hopeful from experiences during 1946 that far more progress will be made during the coming year. This can be brought about by sincere co-operation and a real desire on the part of the young people, teachers, pastor, and superintendent for the success and progress of our Sabbath school.

Prayer meetings are still active, but several have been unable to attend regularly because of illness. Meetings are held around the village in the various homes with good

attendance and interest. Rev. Paul S. Burdick, pastor, is in charge of the meetings.

Arrangements are being made for a homecoming program in the interests of the young people of the church and community. It is to be held sometime in February in place of the Sabbath school and regular church service.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CORNER

PAWCATUCK. — This society had its annual election of officers at the first meeting in January. The following were elected to serve for the year 1947: president, Denison D. Barber; vice-president, Harold R. Austin; secretary, Barbara L. Knowles; treasurer, Kenneth E. Smith; corresponding secretary, Donald A. Smith.

Our church observed the Universal Week of Prayer with four evening services. Rev. David S. Clarke, assistant to the corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society, preached each night and different people spoke on the theme of the evening and offered prayer. At the Friday evening service the Christian Endeavor Society led the singing, as a group, and offered prayers. The meetings were very helpful to us, giving us a new understanding of the nature and meaning of prayer. We hope that 1947, under the guidance of Jesus Christ, will be a prosperous year in Christian growth.—Donald A. Smith, corresponding secretary.

SECOND HOPKINTON. — On Sunday night, December 15, the ordinance of baptism was administered to three of our young people, the Misses Ruth, Shirley, and Phyllis Kenyon. The right hand of fellowship was extended to these young people on Sabbath afternoon, January 18. All of us rejoice with these nice young people for the

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

stand which they have taken in entering into the joys and fellowship of Christian work among us. Communion was also observed at this service. The church needs the young people and they need us. May the Lord bless and keep them faithful is our sincere prayer.—Lewis F. Randolph

LITTLE GENESEE. — On January 4, the Junior Christian Endeavor Society elected new officers as follows: president, Mary Charleen Smith; vice-president, Mimi Foster; secretary, Louise Lundy; treasurer, Kay Galbreath. — The Belfry, January, 1947.

SALEMVILLE. — Officers for the first six months of 1947 were: president, Denise Kagarise; vice-president, Orlo Kagarise; secretary, Lois Kagarise; assistant secretary, Shirley Boyd; treasurer, Barbara Robinette; assistant treasurer, Norma Jean Ebersole. — Directory for 1947.

MILLIONTH COPY OF TESTAMENT PRESENTED TO NIEMOELLER

In recognition of the essential unity of Christians throughout the world, the millionth copy of the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament will be presented to Pastor Martin Niemoeller of Germany at a popular mass meeting Sunday, February 9, at Grand Rapids, Mich., which will open the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education, according to Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the council.

Presentation will be made by Dr. Luther A. Weigle of Yale University Divinity School, chairman of the Standard Bible Committee who made the revision under the authorization of the International Council, Dr. Ross stated.

It was just a year ago, February 11, 1946, that the Revised Standard Version was released in a dramatic ceremony at Columbus, Ohio, with the Hon. Harold E. Stassen, president of the International Council, receiving the first copy. Since then the new version has received a tremendous reception, according to Dr. Ross.

Almost without exception denominational journals and other religious publications have written favorable criticisms of the Revised Standard Version, ranging from approval to great enthusiasm. Secular newspapers and magazines have devoted thousands of lines of copy to the new version.



OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you and all your loved ones feeling? We are feeling well except my mother who is very sick. She has been in bed for quite a while, and we are trusting in the Lord to take care of her.

Our mission received a great surprise yesterday in church, because ten young people came to our services from the Verona Church. We had a wonderful fellowship with them. After the services they all went to my Uncle Nick's house to hold a Christian Endeavor meeting. We surely would enjoy having them with us every Sabbath.

We are also glad that Pastor Maxson and his family have come back from West Virginia where they went to see his wife's mother. We missed them for three Sabbaths.

Our weather here has been very snowy, and we also had a few very cold days; but we are glad that it won't be long before we get our good old spring days again.

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

Your Recorder friend,

Esther Naomi Fatato.

Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

I was very sorry to hear of your mother's illness but was so glad to learn by your next letter that she is better. I hope and pray that she will soon be entirely well. It was nice to receive three such nice letters from you in so short a time. I'll plan to get them all in the Recorder, one at a time. I'll answer more fully next week.

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

[Venita Vincent, who returned to Salem, W. Va., recently from an interesting trip, has written more about her experiences in Ireland. The story of an especially exciting adventure was intended for this issue, but there was not room to print it. Watch for it in the next issue. — K: D. H.]

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

Marriages

Ross - Berry. — Starlin Ross, of Dearborn, Mich., was united in marriage to Miss Joy Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jule Berry of Boulder, Colo., September 5, 1946. The ceremony was performed by a Baptist minister, no Seventh Day Baptist minister being available. Mr. Ross was in the armed forces from 1941 to 1945. Their home is in Dearborn. E. E. S.

Obituaries

Hunting. — Ida Spicer, daughter of the late Deacon Joseph Dennison Spicer and Elizabeth Ross Spicer, was born October 29, 1866, and passed away at the home of her son in East Orange, N. J., January 5, 1947, after an illness of three weeks.

Plainfield has been her life-long home. She attended public schools and was graduated from Plainfield High School in 1884. Later she studied at the Art Students' League in New York City. Until her marriage she lived with her parents at the home built by her father at 125 West Fifth St.

On February 8, 1911, Miss Ida Spicer was married to Irving A. Hunting of Plainfield, a printing press designer and inventor. In this home of a father and three young children she fulfilled her "labor of love." Mr. Hunting joined the Church Invisible January 30, 1945.

Ida was baptized by Dr. A. H. Lewis and united with the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ on March 5, 1880. Thus she lacked just two months of completing sixty-seven years of faithful service in this church before her call to the Church Triumphant. During her service for Christ and the Church she was superintendent of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society, superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sabbath school, and later of the Home Department until her death. A member of the Home Department phoned to inquire if Mrs. Hunting were ill when she had not made her customary call with the Helping Hand for the quarter; this incident is a testimony to her faithfulness to her task. Mrs. Hunting was active in interdenominational women's work in Plainfield. She was much interested in the work of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, especially missions.

Last August Mrs. Hunting and her daughter made a two weeks' auto trip to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference at Milton, Wis., returning by way of Canada and the Thousand Islands.

She loved Christ and his Church; she loved God and his Word; she loved folks and sought ever to serve them. Truly, in her call to the Church Triumphant we glimpse the glory of Christ's kingdom in heaven. So may it come on earth.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter: Everett C., a ceramic engineer at the Westinghouse Lamp Division, Bloomfield, N. J., Leonard M., executive director of the Council of Social Agencies of Tacoma, Wash., and Miss Ruth V. of Plainfield, textbook editor for The Macmillan Company, New York City. Surviving her also

are seven grandchildren and several nephews and nieces.

Memorial services were held from the Seventh Day Baptist church, Central Avenue and West Fifth Street, at 2 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 1947, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, assisted by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, former acting pastor of the church. Interment was in the family plot, Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield. H. S. W.

Sheppard. — Sarah Florence Potter, daughter of Charles Potter, Jr., and Sarah Persetta Wilcox Potter, was born June 8, 1861, at Westerly, R. I., and passed away at her home in the Park Hotel, Plainfield, N. J., December 11, 1946.

She came with her family to Plainfield to live in the spring of 1870.

Miss Potter was united in marriage with Alexander Martin Ross of New York City, April 26, 1893. To this union was born one son, Alexander Martin, Jr., October 11, 1894, who now lives at Silver City, N. M.

Soon after the birth of their son Mr. Ross passed away.

June 12, 1900, Mrs. Ross was united in marriage with Albert Reeves Sheppard of Chicago, Ill., at Plainfield. She made her home in Chicago until Mr. Sheppard's death September 28, 1913, following which she returned to Plainfield to live.

She was baptized and joined the Plainfield, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, April 6, 1872. August 8, 1903, her membership was moved to the Chicago, Ill., Seventh Day Baptist Church. She rejoined the Plainfield Church the latter part of 1913.

Mrs. Sheppard's courage, cheerfulness, and patience through many years of suffering were a source of encouragement and strength to those who met and knew her. Her messages to the bimonthly covenant services of the church were an inspiration to many. She was a loyal member of the Home Department of the Plainfield Sabbath school. She had the appointments and activities of the church upon her mind and heart when she was no longer able to attend.

Besides her son, there survive three nieces, Mrs. Frank J. Hubbard, Mrs. William M. Stillman, and Miss Dorothy Potter Hubbard, all of Plainfield; two nephews, Roy Edward Titsworth of Plainfield, and Charles Potter Titsworth of New York City; one niece, Mrs. Harold Van Tine of Rumson, N. J.; and one cousin, Charles Potter Rogers of New York City.

Memorial services were conducted from the Runyon Home for Services, Plainfield, Friday afternoon, December 13, 1946, by her pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J. H. S. W.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 22, 1947

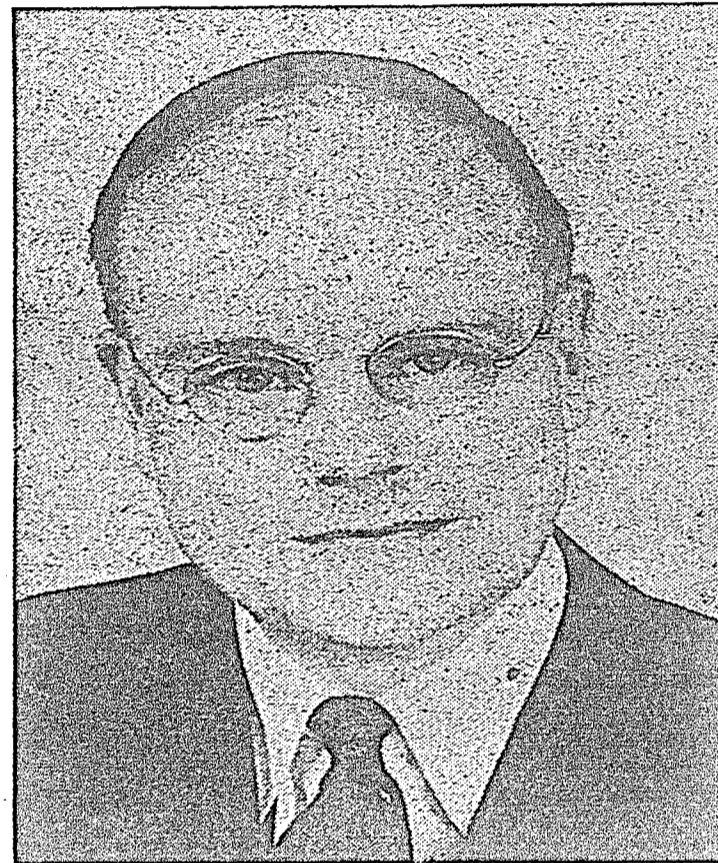
The Good Shepherd
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WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

NEW AUBURN, WIS.—The annual church dinner and business meeting was held at the Ivar Pederson home, January 5, 1947. A bountiful dinner was served to about forty people, including children.

At two o'clock the business meeting was called to order by the church president, C.



Neal D. Mills

B. Loofbourrow. The pastor's yearly report was given, followed by reports from the clerk and treasurer. Reports were given from the Ladies' Aid, Christian Endeavor, and the Sabbath school. The church and Sabbath school have a good balance on hand to start the year.

Election of officers resulted in the following being chosen: pastor, Neal D. Mills; president, C. B. Loofbourrow; vice-president, Mrs. Arthur North; clerk, Clara Loofboro; trustee for three years, Ivar Pederson; pianist, Mrs. Mills; chorister, Mrs. Robert Roth; ushers, Paul Pederson and Warren North.

The Ladies' Aid met at Mrs. Douglas North's home on January 8, and will meet at Mrs. Elmer Nelson's, February 12. The year's program for 1947 has been fully arranged by Mrs. Arthur North and Mrs. Elmer Nelson. Mrs. Mills was elected presi-

dent last July, and Mrs. Douglas North, secretary-treasurer.

The Christian Endeavor held a social at the parsonage January 18. The evening was spent playing games. Pop corn, apples, and peanuts were served at 10:30. The evening of Christian fellowship was closed with a worship service of songs, Scripture reading, and poems.

BROOKFIELD, N. Y. — Monthly church night socials have been held—a Halloween masquerade in October, a box social in November, and a Christmas program and tree in December.

The Ladies' Missionary Aid Society held a supper and sale December 5, which netted about \$80.

The choir and friends held a New Year's Eve party at the home of Mrs. Herman Palmer.

The young people, under the leadership of Mrs. Herman Palmer, conducted a very impressive morning worship service January 4 in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Jay W. Crofoot, who was attending the Conference Commission meeting. The theme for the New Year was "Opportunities for Everyone." —Correspondent.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — It has been said, "All things come to those who wait." Thus, after long waiting, the Riverside Church has a pastor. Praise the Lord!

We are very happy to welcome Rev. Leon M. Maltby and his family to our church fellowship. We are looking forward to their leadership and help in our service to our Master. Much work in the way of repairs, redecorating, and refurnishing has been done in the parsonage to make it comfortable for them.

Thanksgiving Day began with a service of thanksgiving and praise held in the church. Following the service one hundred thirty-four people gathered in the social hall for a turkey dinner. After dinner we all enjoyed a short musical program and fellowship together.

On the evening of November 30 a reception was held in the social hall of the church to welcome Pastor and Mrs. Maltby, their

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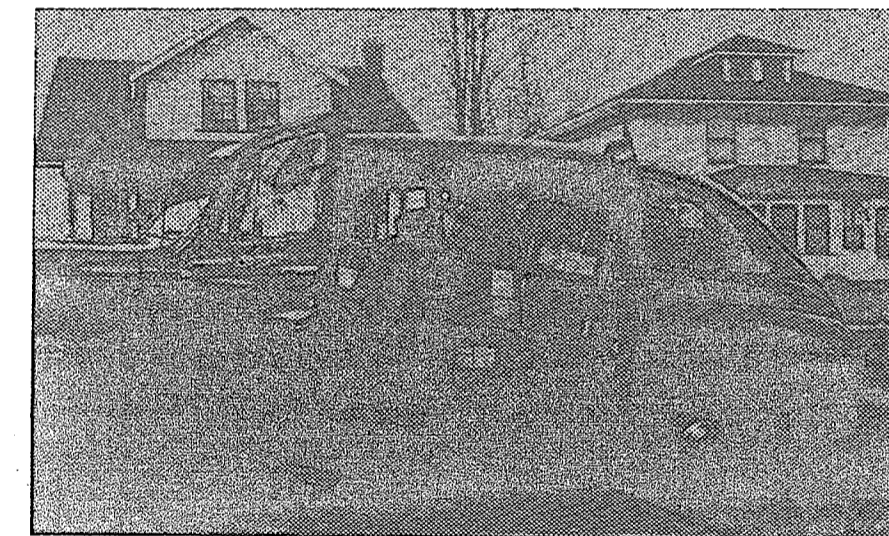
A Unique Warmth and Fellowship

AN EDITORIAL

DO THE GOODS GET THERE? Are they appreciated? These two are among the most popular questions asked about relief supplies sent through the churches and the interdenominational agency, Church World Service. The answers are emphatic. Church-collected clothing, food, and

money do reach their destination! The aid thus given is appreciated, more than mere words can express!

According to reliable figures losses of all relief agency shipments abroad are estimated at no more than 2 per cent. Church World Service losses to date are about 1/2 of 1 per cent. All CWS shipments are covered by Marine insurance and so far all claims have been adjusted 100 per cent. These are the facts from the united church setup.



Carload of eleven-pound relief parcels packed at Verona, N. J., "shipping center" ready for mailing overseas.

As accurately as can so far be determined, most packages sent directly to Seventh Day Baptists overseas have also been received in good order. Pastor John Schmid, whose Irvington church group is supervising shipments to Germany, asserts that packages are going through without delay, and many heart-warming replies are coming back. A number of parcels, it is reported from Hamburg, have been opened; notes from censors have been enclosed, but very few items have been missing from the boxes on arrival.

Recently received at the Recorder office was a bundle of letters from Germany forwarded by Frank Schober, who is (Continued on page 107)