

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, July 31, 1947

Comparative Figures

1947 1946

Budget receipts in July\$1,433.86 \$ 985.15
Special receipts in July 484.82 1,128.17

Receipts in ten months on the current budget have totaled \$18,878.94, which amounts to 67.2 per cent of the total budget. A year ago \$18,875.73 had been raised in ten months, but that amounted to 78.6 per cent of last year's smaller budget.

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

VENITA VINCENT'S LETTER

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near the funicular station and fed the tame ones pieces of candy we had along.

The next day we decided to visit the mountain we admired so from a distance and see what it was like up close. It was the strangest thing we had done so far in Switzerland. It was an all day tour up a steep mountain until we came to a tunnel about ten miles long, blasted out of solid rock. The train went what seemed to be straight up in the air, it was so steep. When we finally reached the top we were in a hotel on the side of Jungfrau mountain. All around us was snow, snow, and more snow, for we were now in the midst of Europe's largest glacier. Out on the porch of the hotel we could look down 200 feet to what seemed to be soft snow, but it is hard, solid ice that composes the glacier.

(To be continued.)

"Have you notified the Entertainment Committee of your plans to attend CONFERENCE?"

Receipts	
	July
Albion	\$ 90.00
Andover	5.00
Associations and groups	18.00
Boulder	67.72
Chicago	27.50
Denver	96.70
Edinburg	6.55
Farina	15.00
Fouke	7.68
Friendship	5.00
Hopkinton, Second	3.00
Independence	12.00
Individuals	13.00
Little Genesee	40.25
Little Prairie	8.50
Marlboro	80.00
Middle Island	10.33
Milton	457.19
Milton Junction	47.58
New York	164.84
Nortonville	19.00
Oakdale	10.00
Pawcatuck	368.98
Plainfield	187.89
Shiloh	114.00
Waterford	13.68
White Cloud	29.29

Disbursements		
	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 498.26	\$ 199.83
Tract Society	273.98	
Board of Christian Education	298.90	50.00
Women's Society	9.94	90.00
Historical Society	22.40	
Ministerial Retirement	124.60	69.48
S. D. B. Building	37.38	
General Conference	112.14	
World Fellowship and Service	22.40	
Conference Committee on Relief Appeals		75.51

GENERAL CONFERENCE — CAFETERIA ANNOUNCEMENT

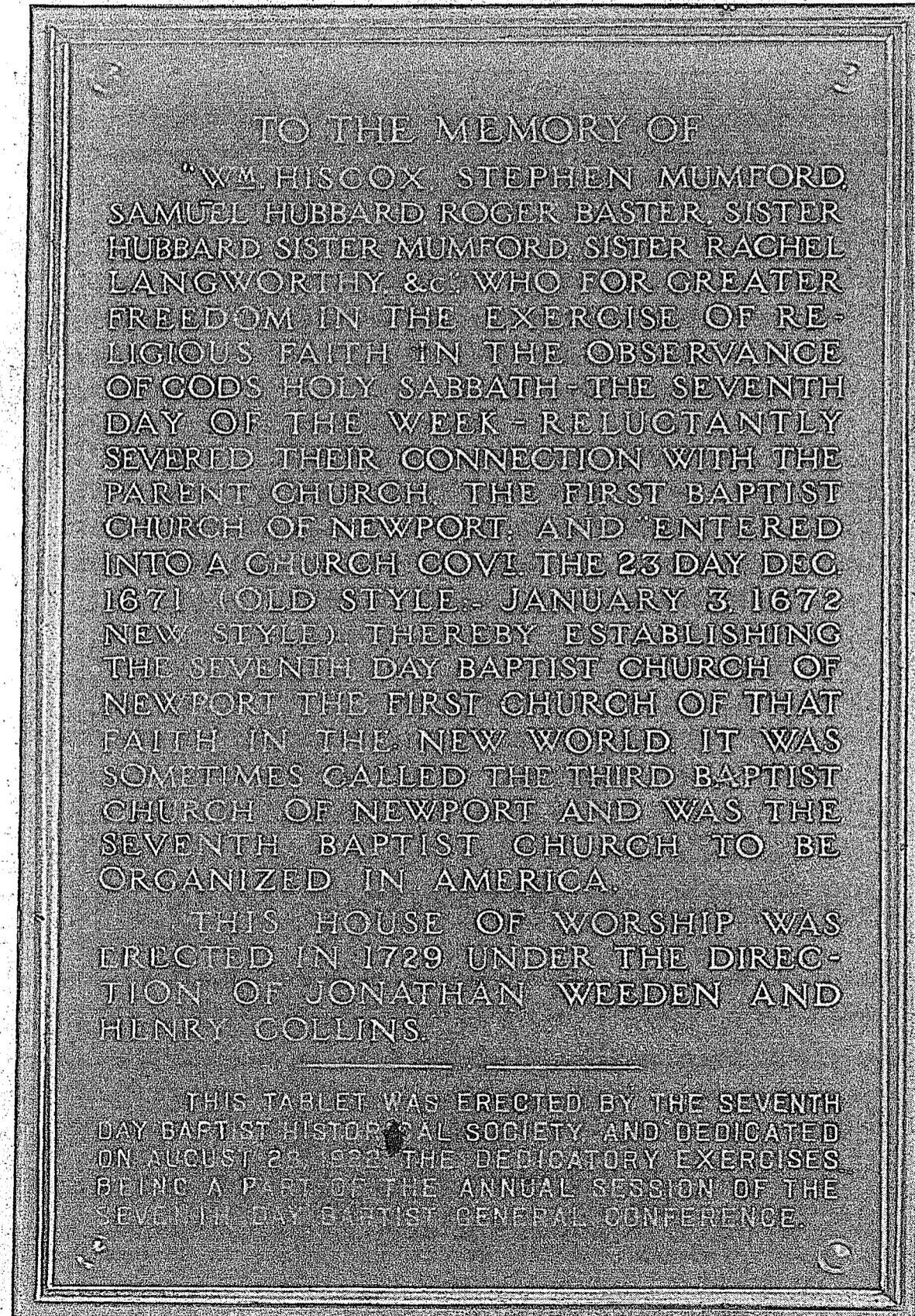
All who are planning to attend the General Conference in Westerly, R. I., August 19 - 24, will be pleased to hear that the Westerly Grange will prepare and serve the meals.

The Conference will be held in the Ward Senior High School and meals will be served in the school cafeteria. Rates for the meals will be 65 cents for lunch and \$1 for dinner at night. A fine turkey dinner awaits you after Church services on Sabbath day.

The local restaurants will undoubtedly be crowded at meal times; so it is hoped that all delegates will plan to use the dining facilities at the cafeteria.

Boys who would like to work for their meals either as dishwashers or bus boys, please write in advance to Charles W. Utter, c-o The Westerly Sun, Westerly, R. I., or apply at the Registration Desk on August 19.

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WHAT WHERE

TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

In a recent survey of Christian Churches in Japan, Dr. John H. Reisner, executive head of Agricultural Missions, Inc., and an internationally known rural authority, found that in the prewar days a great proportion of Protestant Christian missionary work was in Japan's cities, while only about 100 churches were in rural areas. He found also that converts to Christianity were usually one out of a family; while he insists that only as whole families are led into Christianity can the faith be rooted in any land. Dr. Reisner is proposing to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and to its component mission bodies, that 300 new missionaries be trained and sent to Japan in the next few years to work on rural and village and agricultural problems. They would work on the matter of livelihood from the land, the home, youth, religious education, and worship. "If we expect the Christian movement to provide any new leadership in solving these hard, tough, everyday problems of the village people, we must give our missionaries the kind of training with which they can grapple with these problems," he says. — W. W. Reid.

"The next three years in India may well be the most critical in the life of the Christian Church there; they may determine the conditions of the life of the Church for many years to come," says Dr. Rajah B. Manikam, secretary of the National Christian Council of India, now on a good-will visit to the Churches in the United States. There is the possibility that new nationalist governments may curtail some of the missionary activities of the minority Christians, but Dr. Manikam says: "Some doors may be closed. But the Christian forces could always increase the amount of Christian literature available to be read by the Indian people: first, for the upbuilding of the present Christians in India, and secondly, for giving the gospel to the non-Christians. Methods of work may change. One of them must be that the eternal message must be couched in the modern language intelligible to the modern man in India." — W. W. Reid.

EDITORIALS

We Mean Business - - for God

Some of us are growing up—thanks be to our God for His grace, and to our people for their patience.

In the unfolding process of life we are faced with definite demands upon our thought, upon our time, upon our talents, upon our means. The day is gone when everything was coming our way. As children, even before we realized it, we were called upon to share in the duties about the home. Some duties were done cheerfully. Other duties may have been put off. And there may have been pouting. As we grew older, more exacting duties and larger responsibilities became ours. We eventually realized that for the home of which we are a part to be a happy, Christian one, we must do our part willingly and well—we must mean business in this matter of homemaking.

By the same token, it would seem, the effectiveness and efficiency of our denominational life depends upon our meaning business—for God. As we grow in denominational activity and responsibility, we are confronted with increasing demands upon our thought, upon our time, upon our talents, upon our means. When these are completely consecrated to Christ and to the glory of God, we mean business. There is positively no place in the Kingdom task for half-thought, part-time, withheld talents, miserly means. We must be entirely, wholeheartedly His, or we cannot mean business for Him.

Lest we be misunderstood, we hasten to say that this does not mean that everybody should be a minister or missionary or other so-called full-time Christian worker. By no means. How, then, would the affairs of society be conducted?

However, we do mean that the profession or occupation into which the Holy Spirit has guided us should be an all-clear channel for God's grace, an all-out expression of Christ's forgiveness and love, and an all-inclusive evidence of "the energizing presence and power" of the Holy Spirit. Only when this is the case, do we mean business—for God.

There is a growing realization that Seventh Day Baptists, along with other Christians, mean business—for God. This attitude is becoming more and more evident. This spirit is increasingly manifest and felt in the choices and commitments of individual Christians, and in the plans and programs of groups. Especially is this apparent among Seventh Day Baptist boards, societies, and agencies.

We are bound to feel the impact of this determination at General Conference. We do mean business—for God.

Sometimes we may feel that because of our limited numbers we cannot be as effective in as many ways and places as we would like to be. Recently the following statement in The Moravian really startled us to attention: "What we must face most seriously of all is whether our smallness plagues us when it comes to our vision. If we cast aside this opportunity or that in the Master's Kingdom on earth, and say: 'We are too small to try it,' then our size is a liability. We deserve to live only as long as our plans and achievements are as big as the opportunities Providence places before us."

As Seventh Day Baptists, we certainly mean business—for God.

Commission Meets in New London, Conn.

Meeting in an upper room in the First Baptist Church of New London, Conn., under most favorable circumstances, with a cool New England breeze helping to make more comfortable and to clear the minds of the commissioners, the Pre-Conference Meeting of the Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference got off to a good start, Tuesday, August 12.

Those Present

Members present — the chairman of the Commission, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastor of the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y., and president of the General Conference, 1943-1944; Rev. Everett T. Harris, present president of the General Conference, and pastor of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y.; Mr. Perley B. Hurley, Riverside, Calif., president of General Conference, 1944-46; Mr. Kenneth A. Babcock, business manager of the Milton College Choir and executive director of the Milton College Alumni Association; Rev. Jay W. Crofoot, pastor of the Second Seventh Day Baptist Church of Brookfield, N. Y., and president of General Conference, 1933-34; Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Battle Creek, Mich.; and Mr. Courtland V. Davis, corresponding secretary of the General Conference and recording secretary of the Commission, also president of the General Conference, 1937-38; and by invitation, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, editor of the Sabbath Recorder, and president of the General Conference, 1942-43.

Miscellaneous Matters

These duly elected representative early came to grips with a number of matters, among which were: "The Closer Relationships of General Interdenominational Agencies."

The resignation of Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn as a member of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America because of reasons of health, was presented and after consideration the Commission recommends to the General Conference that Dr. Van Horn's resignation be accepted with appreciation of his faithful and continuous service for the several years

past, and that the matter of the denomination's appointments to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council be referred to the Nominating Committee of the General Conference.

The Commission further recommends to the General Conference that certain ministers ordained during the year be recognized and accredited by Conference.

Information was brought to the Commission that the former Northwestern Association has been subdivided to form three associations because of growth and the distances involved, and in the interest of closer fellowship.

Pursuant to the request that the Commission suggest names for the three newly-formed associations, the Commission would propose the following: The Northern Association, being comprised of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana; the Northwestern Association, retaining the name of the former association, being comprised of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois; and the Midwestern Association, being comprised of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado.

Over the signatures of Chief of Chaplains Luther D. Miller and Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, a certificate of commendation for the service rendered by Seventh Day Baptist chaplains during World War II was received and given recognition by the Commission.

Whether delving deeply into the necessity for and possibilities of an increased Ministerial Retirement Fund, squaring off to face the imperative of a realized Denominational Budget and Second Century Fund, or favorable comment upon Chairman Rogers' insistence on prompt and full schedule—the Commission's aim and purpose are to "accentuate the positive" and "eliminate the negative."

In this manner they seemed to be of one mind in stressing an onward-looking program for "Christ and the Sabbath."

The Second and Third Days

The Commission laid the foundation of a proposed Denominational Budget for the Conference fiscal year of 1947-48 which be-

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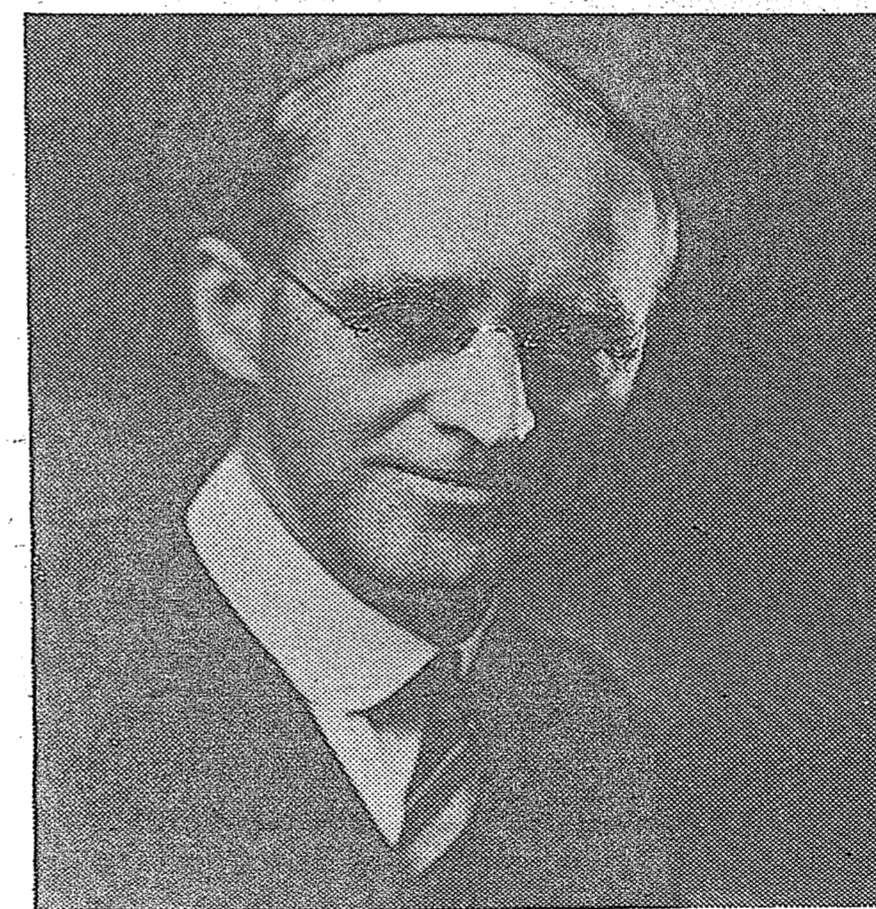
Twenty-first International Sunday School Convention

By DR. BEN R. CRANDALL

Alfred University
Alfred, N. Y.

Editor's Note: Dr. Crandall writes that, besides Mrs. Crandall and himself, Oscar Burdick of the Milton Junction, Wis., Church was the only other Seventh Day Baptist in attendance at the convention. Oscar will be a sophomore in Milton College, Milton, Wis., this coming fall.

It was a great opportunity and privilege to represent our denomination at the Twenty-first International Sunday School Convention at Des Moines, Iowa, July 23 to 27. This great gathering of some 7,000 Church



Dr. Ben R. Crandall

school teachers, superintendents, and Christian education leaders represented forty-eight states, eight other countries, and more than fifty denominations. The fact that some ten of these Protestant denominations were not members of the council was a fine compliment to the program offered.

From the opening address by Harold E. Stassen, who proved an excellent presiding officer, to the last strains of the Hallelujah Chorus sung by 1,000 voices in the concluding scene of the great pageant in Drake Uni-

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versity Stadium, the theme of the conference, "LIVE CHRIST — TEACH CHRIST," was ever before us.

It was an inspiring audience as many speakers testified. One forgot the differences of age, race, geography, and denominational lines. The consuming purpose of all was to bring Christ to Youth and Youth to Christ. In the words of Roy L. Smith, "Keep us from being organizationally-minded. Keep us even from being theologically-minded. Help us to be Christ-minded."

The wide diversity of denominations and speakers represented on the program brought about every phase of Christian education activity. Each day had its general topic: "The Church School and the North American Scene," "The Church School and the Homes," "The Church School and Its Leaders," "The Church School and Our Communities," "Teach Christ as World Redeemer." The beautiful worship pageant with costumes, flood lights, and scenery most fittingly impressed the general topic.

The greatest emphasis was placed on more whole-hearted and effective co-operation between the home, the Church school, and the community. "The American youth must be taught not so much what to know as what to believe. We can starve from lack of vitamins, sink from lack of faith. The solution of our problem is in religious education but it must be religious."

Sidelights

It was interesting upon inquiring of Miss Helen Spaulding of the council office if Don Sanford would be present at the young people's banquet to have her reply, "You are a Seventh Day Baptist, aren't you?" And almost before I could answer in the affirmative she added, "You have good reason to be proud of Don Sanford. He is such a clean-cut, fine young man."

"Special recognition was given Friday morning to thirty laymen and women who had been selected to represent their denominations, symbolizing the teaching ministry of the Church and lifting up the volunteer

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MORE ABOUT THE SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

The Hammond Church royally entertained the delegates and visitors of the fifty-seventh session of the Southwestern Association July 31 - August 3. It was not necessary to wait to hear the address of welcome by Mrs. Earl DeLand of the Hammond Church to feel welcome in the homes, the Church, and to the good meals served at the Church.

The devotionals at each meeting were inspirational including hymns, Scripture readings, prayers, solos, duets, instrumental numbers, and a special song on Sabbath morning by the associational choir. There were two impressive consecration services for a higher plane of living, and one candlelight service in which almost all of those present lighted a candle while repeating a favorite verse of Scripture. There were two impressive baptismal services at the Tangipahoe River where Arthur Ridgel, Jr., and Phillip Davis of Hammond, and Mrs. Addie Stillman of Biloxi, Miss., were buried with Christ in baptism.

The president's address by Pastor Clifford A. Beebe of Gentry was on the associational theme, "Christ in the Heart," with the text, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith" — Ephesians 3: 17. Pastor Beebe brought another message with Scripture Matthew 12: 43-45, and Ephesians 3: 19, concerning empty hearts that should be filled: "That ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."

Brother Harley Sutton represented the Eastern, Central, and Western Associations and the Board of Christian Education. Brother Sutton brought a message from the text, Proverbs 22: 6, on training parents to live with their children in Christian love, stressing the necessity of parents and Sabbath school teachers working together. The Sabbath morning sermon was preached by Brother Sutton on the theme, "Saved to Serve — The Hope of the World Is Christ Only." On the night after the Sabbath after showing slides of the Lord's Acre Plan, Seventh Day Baptist Youth Camps, and Seventh Day Baptist Churches, Brother Sutton spoke from the theme, "The Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph brought greetings from the Southeastern Association, told of the work in Florida, and gave a report of the Bible Sabbath Association. At the woman's hour Miss Randolph talked on evangelistic work with the theme, "Go tell the brethren that Christ is risen," and at one session she preached from the theme, "With Christ in us we may all be one." On Sabbath morning Miss Randolph and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler conducted a Church service at the parsonage for the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler came to the association from Florida where they have been working in religious education. In the response to the address of welcome Brother Wheeler said: "If we believe in Christ we will love one another," and "power lies in our love one for another." Brother Wheeler brought the message the first night of the association from the Scripture 1 John 4: 7-21 on the theme, "Christ in the heart as witnessed by Christian love." The devotionals Sabbath eve were led by Mrs. Edgar Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler conducted the testimony meeting in which everyone present participated.

The sermon Sabbath eve was brought by Pastor Ralph M. Soper of Fouke, Ark., from the text, Matthew 4: 17-19, with the theme, "Follow Thou Me," admonishing us to follow closely. Pastor Soper brought the closing message of the association from the theme, "Lay aside every weight, and be ready to meet God."

During the associational meetings word was received that Brother S. S. Powell, who had served for many years in this association, had died. A moment of silent prayer for the members of Brother Powell's family, and that his work could be carried on, was held Sunday afternoon at the time of his funeral in West Virginia.

The young people had charge of several praise services, reported the youth camp which was held in Arkansas just before association, worked on committees, and prepared the program for Sabbath afternoon.

Fourteen children sang, "Jesus loves me," "Little feet be careful," and prayed the Lord's Prayer.

The association adjourned to meet with the Little Prairie Church, Nady, Ark., on the

State of Religion in Southwestern Churches

By Mrs. Austa Coalwell

Corresponding Secretary, Southwestern Association

I am exceptionally happy to be able to report that the state of religion in the Southwestern Churches shows every evidence of a deep, spiritual growth in the past year.

In the Fouke, Edinburg, Gentry, and Little Prairie Churches, there have been additions in our membership of fifteen by letter, baptism, and testimony. There has been a decrease of six in the churches which still leaves a net increase of nine. It is a small number, but is encouraging.

Prayer meetings have been started again which had not been held for some time. Women's work has been showing growth again through a renewed interest in Ladies' Aids. Our children are receiving more attention in Sabbath school work and Junior C. E., as reports show that in some of our Churches there is a much larger attendance than for some time.

Our young people have been reaching out to witness, by promoting a youth rally among the Gentry Churches of several denominations, and by the young people's camp which was held in Boles, Ark. This camp, I believe, will be one of the most permanently influential factors touching the lives of those who attended, and also those with whom they will come in contact through the coming years.

Our association has also been consecrating its finances to God's work, both as an association, and as Churches and individuals. I have seen much evidence of that in the contributions made to our denominational work and Second Century Fund, much of which had to be given with sacrifice, and through personal contacts made by many of our members, which was all done at personal expense. I feel that God will use these contacts to further His work.

Many efforts have been made to "Give the cup of water unto the least of these" in contributions for relief among our friends

(fifth day morning Thursday) before the first Sabbath in August, 1948, with Pastor Ralph M. Soper as president.

Hazel Scouten,
Recording Secretary.

overseas—as we should call them friends—contributions of clothing and money. The realization of the great need, will, I believe, lead to even greater efforts.

I believe that we have done more than ever before to become a vital part of the denomination.

I do feel, however, that we, both as individuals and as an association, should be stronger witnesses for Christ and for our Sabbath, so that, when we come in contact with strangers, and make known that we are Seventh Day Baptists, they will have no reason to say in astonishment, "What's that? I've never heard of it!"

We have been stirred up during the past year, and it is my prayer that each of us will feel his responsibility so urgently that the Southwest will become the heart of an ever greater spreading of Christ's gospel.

There is much evidence that this responsibility is aroused in the mutual feeling of the need of a field missionary for this association, and a pastor for every Church.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

VERONA, N. Y. — We were happy to have Rev. Kenneth Van Horn with us for three weeks. Pastor Polan who was host made a special effort to call in each home. Mr. Van Horn occupied the pulpit three Sabbaths, spoke at the prayer meeting, "all day church" and Young People's Social Club meetings, and also in the Rome Baptist church. We trust that much good may result from this fellowship.

In the passing of Mrs. Flora Davis, the Verona church has suffered an irreparable loss. Her friendly smile and genial ways will long be remembered. — Correspondent.

On the evening of June 21, friends and relatives of Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Thorngate met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Davis to honor them on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The program consisted of a piano solo by Mrs. Fannie Hoffmire, vocal duet by Ella and Everett Keller, and vocal solo by Olin Davis. Ethel Filey and LaVerne Davis, who were their attendants, each gave an interesting account of events on the wedding day.

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WHAT AMERICA MUST DO FOR THE WORLD

(Continued from last week)

During the past few years, I have been touring the illiterate areas of the world in the interest of literacy, and I return to America tingling with optimism. My experience says that we can win the world's heart easily if we go after it! Every government I have approached has given an eager hearing, and their expressions of appreciation have touched me deeply.

What constantly surprises me is the amazing ease with which a little unselfish service conquers people's hearts if we discover what they most want and then give it to them humbly and unselfishly. One of the most urgent needs in the world is for the three fifths of the human race who are illiterate to learn to read. They feel like blind people, or like men in prison; and when we teach them to read, sitting down beside them like friends, and loving them and praying for them, they melt at once and are as grateful as a blind man when the cataracts are cut from his eyes.

Sam Higginbottom saw that the cows in India were eating the people out of house and home because the Hindus dare not kill a cow. By crossing their cows with the best breeds in America, he showed the Hindus how to make them give milk to feed the hungry people. The cows of India are now beginning to feed India instead of starving her. India said to Sam Higginbottom: "Go back to America and find a thousand missionaries with skill like yours and help us lift India to the level of the United States!"

That is what American Churches can do for the entire world—lift it to our level. All we need is enough Christlike love to be willing to do it. Upon that hangs the survival of our country. If we do it, every country will love America as the good Samaritan of this age. If we refuse, every country will hate us as the world's Shylock. We can have an America which everybody wants to destroy, or an America which has won the hearts of the world. — Frank Laubach, from "Together." Reprinted from The Clarksburg, W. Va., Baptist.

WORSHIP PROGRAM

By Alberta D. Batson

Faith and Understanding

The road winds up the hill to meet the heights,
Beyond the locust hedge it curves from sight—

And yet no man would foolishly contend
That where he sees it not, it makes an end.
—Emma Carleton.

God be in my head,
And in my understanding;
God be in my eyes,
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth,
And in my speaking;
God be in my heart,
And in my thinking;
God be at my end,
And at my departing.

—Sarum Primer, Salisbury, 1558.

Hymn: Faith of Our Fathers.

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2.

Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee.

Through Faith and Understanding

"Where science fails, and men should silent be,
God can reveal, His mighty hand we see.
He is not silent, let us listeners be—
'Through faith we understand.'

"No evolution will man's life explain,
No evolution can the earth sustain,
No evolution make us 'born again,'—
'Through faith we understand.'

"And so our life with ALL its riddles here,
Calls the believer to a reverent fear,
A loving confidence in God will cheer—
'Through faith we understand.'"

Prayer: Father in heaven, help us not to stumble over that which we cannot understand. Give us a broadening of vision, a firm faith, and trust in Thy great promises to us. We thank Thee for Thy patience, love, and care. May we ever have "a reverent fear and loving confidence" in Thee. Forgive our waywardness and keep us ever close to Thy side. We ask it in Thy dear name and for our sakes. Amen.

Hymn: My Hope Is Built.

An obstinate man does not hold opinions; they hold him. — Joseph Butler.

To Friends Interested in the Indianapolis Fellowship:

We were introduced to the members of the Indianapolis Fellowship on our first Sabbath, June 7. This fellowship is a preparatory step to Church organization which it is hoped may be realized some time this fall or winter. As a result of the efficient efforts of Pastor and Mrs. Lester Osborn, twenty-three members banded together subscribing to the beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists, and agreed to work to establish a Church as soon as enough members were found. We came here following the Ministers' Meeting at Battle Creek, Mich., and the Semiannual Meeting at Jackson Center, Ohio. We came expecting to find a trustworthy and sincere group of Christians, devoted to a new cause so far as they were concerned, and we have in no way been disappointed in their loyalty to a faith they had never known before.

The housing problem faced us with much uncertainty, unless it be that it looked doubtful if we would find a place. But we succeeded in locating a cabin camp, after going eight miles beyond the city limits and fourteen miles from the center of the city. This made long distances to travel and high rent, but we felt we must use every opportunity to make calls if we were to be of any value to the promotion of this field. By the use of a city map and telephone we set about contacting members and those on a long list of prospects. More than eighty people have been found, and in a number of cases we have made more than one trip to the same place. We have been to several places outside the city where we felt the interest warranted it.

The last five weeks of the ten spent here we have been living in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baxter in Drexel Gardens. They have been very generous in sharing their home with us. This will be greatly appreciated by the boards sponsoring this work. Traveling distances have been greatly reduced.

Our meetings have been held each Sabbath at 2:30 p.m. and at 7:30 at night. The evening meetings have had the smaller attendance. The hot summer weather of recent weeks has cut down all attendance. There has also been some sickness which has kept some away. Just recently the evening meet-

ing has been shifted to Friday night. All meetings, except one cottage meeting, have been held at 13th and Carrolton Ave. in the Evangelical and Reformed Church. A few weeks ago this building was sold to the Berean Baptist people, but to date we have been allowed to meet there. It is expected this arrangement will terminate before long. Some investigations have been made either for a temporary place or a permanent building. It is quite generally agreed that a Church should be bought or a new one built. A pastor's home will be needed, also. If special evangelistic services are held again this fall as seems quite possible, no doubt this will be followed by perfecting an organization, and getting a permanent building.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo L. Wright who have done much, along with others, to develop this work have recently sold their home in the country and have bought a home at 1253 Leonard St., Indianapolis. They will soon take a belated trip, with their new trailer, to Georgia and Texas, hoping later to go farther when there is more time. Their son and wife who now live in Columbus, Ohio, have joined the fellowship, making a total membership of twenty-five. There are at least a dozen prospects who should follow soon and others who are likely to be added if meetings are held.

Most of the fellowship members own their own homes and are established in good jobs which makes for permanence. One family has moved to Spencer, Ind., to live on a farm. With but few exceptions none of them find it hard to keep the Sabbath. It has taken some adjustment for them, but they seem happy in their new faith. They are trying to contact others and build up the attendance and membership. They are assuming responsibility as officers and committeemen, and are ready to promote an active program. Monthly business meetings furnish an opportunity to take care of many details of the work. Every member is made to feel that he is needed. The work no doubt will go slowly, but there is every evidence that it will go forward and succeed if proper leadership is furnished.

Leslie and Georgia Greene.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held Sunday afternoon, July 20, 1947, at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Eli F. Loofboro.

Members of the board present were: Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Dr. Edwin Whitford, George B. Utter, Karl G. Stillman, Mrs. Alexander P. Austin, Walter D. Kenyon, Elston H. Van Horn, Lloyd B. Langworthy, Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, Mrs. James G. Waite, Mrs. G. Carlton Irish, Mrs. Harold R. Crandall, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, Rev. David S. Clarke, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, Wendell Stephan.

Guests present were Mrs. John H. Austin and Rev. Victor W. Skaggs.

The monthly and quarterly reports of the treasurer, Karl G. Stillman, were presented and approved. The quarterly report and statement of condition as of June 30, 1947, were ordered recorded.

The annual report of the treasurer, July 1, 1946, to June 30, 1947, was received, approved (subject to audit by Loomis, Suffern & Fernald), and ordered printed with the annual reports.

The quarterly report of the corresponding secretary, Rev. W. L. Burdick, was presented, approved, and ordered recorded.

The quarterly report of the assistant secretary, Rev. David S. Clarke, was received, approved, and ordered recorded.

The annual report of the corresponding secretary was presented. It was received, approved, and ordered printed as the annual report of the board to the society and General Conference.

The annual report of the assistant corresponding secretary was approved and ordered printed with the annual report of the board.

The report of the Second Century Fund, presented by the secretary, Rev. David S. Clarke, was received, and its recommendations considered item by item.

Recommendation 1. Approval of an estimated \$800 maximum expense for the Evangelism Institutes, including materials, travel expenses of assistant secretary and others. Voted approved.

2. Aiding Leland E. Davis according to need for service to the Indianapolis, Ind.,

Fellowship from August 15 to September 15, 1947, and seeking further co-operation in promoting that work. Voted approved.

3. Negotiations with the Tract Society looking toward the furthering of work in New Zealand and Australia and possibly Africa. Voted approved.

4. Negotiations with the Women's Board to co-ordinate their promotion of evangelism with our special program, to seek thereby to care for needy fields, and aggressively enter new ones. Voted approved.

The report with its recommendations as separately approved, was voted approved and ordered recorded.

George B. Utter, chairman of the China Committee, reported on work in China.

The report was received, approved, and ordered recorded.

A letter was read from Miss Mabel West, in which she reported on conditions in China and on the activities of those connected with the mission in Shanghai.

Rev. David S. Clarke spoke briefly of the plans for the Missionary Society's part on the program of General Conference.

The report of the Ministerial Relief Committee was received, approved, with its recommendations, and ordered recorded.

The report of the Committee on Investments was received, approved, and ordered recorded.

Upon recommendation of the Federal Council of Churches the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution on Evangelism

Whereas, there is urgent need for evangelism in our nation at the present critical time; and

Whereas, our communion desires always to accept its full responsibility and do its full share in the evangelization of America; and

Whereas, the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches, after consultation with all the secretaries of evangelism of almost all the Protestant communions, has taken favorable action with reference to a united and simultaneous evangelistic advance from World Wide Communion Sunday (first Sunday in October), 1949, to December 31, 1950; and

Whereas, 1950 is the last year of the first half of this century which should be a time of

spiritual awakening, therefore be it recommended—

1. That our communion enter upon a special fifteen months' period of evangelism from October, 1949, through 1950, in co-operation with all other Protestant bodies.

2. That a special evangelistic program be formulated by our Commission on Evangelism, one part of which will have to do with our co-operation with all the other Protestant bodies in united evangelistic plans, and the other part will have to do with those things in evangelism which can best be done by us separately and simultaneously.

3. That we join with our sister communions in making the last fifteen months of this half century a time of moral renewal and spiritual revival throughout our land.

Voted, that \$50 per month be appropriated to assist the Edinburg, Tex., Church in the support of a pastor for the months of September, October, November, and December, 1947, and that this appropriation be paid out of the Second Century Fund with the understanding that the pastor be instructed in our visitation program so that he may carry it out on the Texas field.

A letter received from the Dinuba, Calif., Church, asking for an appropriation for the support of a permanent pastor, was referred, by vote, to the Budget Committee for consideration and recommendation.

Voted, the sum of \$25 to the International Missionary Council.

Voted, that Dr. Esther Pan be placed in the employ of the Missionary Society, to begin July 1, 1947, at a salary of \$100 per month, to replace Dr. Grace Crandall, retired.

Voted, that the corresponding secretary be instructed to investigate the status of Miss Mabel West as related to the mission and school in Shanghai.

Voted, that the tentative budget to be presented to Conference be referred to the Budget Committee with power to act.

The minutes were read and approved.

Prayer by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs closed the meeting.

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Elston H. Van Horn,
Assistant Recording Secretary.

ENLIST FOR CHRIST IN YOUR DAILY LIVING

By Ruth Ayars
Shiloh, N. J.

We should "enlist for Christ" to such an extent that we are willing to "live" daily for Him and may I emphasize the word, "live." Live means all of the time and not just from the time you enter Church on Sabbath morning until you leave after Church services, Sabbath school, or even Christian Endeavor. (Friends, I am afraid that is the way it is with some of us.) I dare say that all of us could improve. In living daily for Him we should put "first things first." In Hebrews 12: 1 we find Paul's saying, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." This is the race in which we must indeed lay aside every weight and the sin which does so easily beset us.

If we belong to Christ and regard Him as our King we should be good subjects to Him. A good subject will live to do homage to his Master and King all of the time and not only once a week at Church. Christ needs good, loyal followers from among the young people as well as older folks. Surely we are helping His cause when we set good examples for other young people to follow.

In our social life we should live daily for Him so that unbelievers will see our light that should be shining every moment of every day. Then they will see our good works and will want to know why we are always shining and glorifying God. Even though there are boys and girls sneering at us in our social and home life, they are really jealous of us as we have something they don't have, and they really want that something but don't know what it is or how to get it. So as Christian young people we shouldn't let those chances slip by. Even though it doesn't seem like many that jeer and sneer at you, just take the time to count them the next time and you will find that it is more than you expected it to be. Even if it is just five, or maybe ten, if you spoke to them about your Lord and Saviour, at least

they will have heard about Christ and will no doubt think about the matter. Just because you told them about Christ, don't believe that that is enough, because it isn't. Do not let those five or ten slip from your prayer list. Don't let them slip from your mind, but when other chances come, keep telling them about Christ until they know how and what it is to be saved.

A very good example of daily Christian living in school is the organization of the "High School Commandoes." This organization is a very worth-while one. The boys and girls of the Commandoes give up dancing, movies, and going to any place where it would weaken a Christian, and they carry their Bibles to school every day, but not underneath all their school books as most of us would carry it, but right on top so that they really have a chance to witness for Christ. Also, at school you must be careful in picking friends as it is easier for a non-Christian to drag a Christian down to his level than it is for a Christian to pull the non-Christian up to the Christian standards.

Our recreation should be clean and wholesome. A Christian young person can have more fun than the unbeliever who goes to roadhouses and cocktail lounges. Down at the "Youth for Christ" meeting in Bridgeton, N. J., one Sabbath night one of the members of the High School Commandoes gave a testimony and in it he said that some of his classmates would stay out on a school night until they were so drunk and would have the nerve to come to school the following day sick. It is hard to believe because it is bad enough to see an older person drunk let alone a young person. It really makes you feel sorry for them. When they get drunk or start smoking it makes them feel like they are grown up and they don't care about their bodies until the damage is done. It isn't only boys that smoke—it's the girls as well. We young people are as a whole mostly to blame and will be until we do our best to win them to Christ. "Never let a chance slip by" should be our theme and motto as young people.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

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services of thousands of workers in Christian Education." Each was presented with a beautiful, black morocco bound copy of the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. Your correspondent received this significant token from the International Council in behalf of our Seventh Day Baptist denomination with humility and grateful appreciation.

The personnel of a convention of this kind is always interesting, the speakers represented the leadership in religious education of numerous denominations from widely scattered areas and were people of ability and deep consecration. Among some of the laymen might be mentioned: James L. Kraft, president of the Kraft Food Co., treasurer and a vice-president of the Council; Thomas J. Watson, president, National Office Machine Co., a vice-president; Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, president of the International Council; Alfred H. Avery, industrialist and a vice-president, donor of \$9,200 for the scholarship awards and at present helping seventy young people to get a college training; H. J. Heinz of "57 Varieties," who seems interested in as many varieties of Christian education as he is in pickles; Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president, Howard University, the largest university for colored people in the U. S. These men and innumerable other laymen and women giving of their wealth, ability, time, and best of all themselves to the work of Christian education—an excellent example and source of encouragement.

Both Mrs. Crandall, who attended with me, and I will be forever grateful to our Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education and the First Alfred Sabbath School for material aid which made it possible for us to attend this great and inspiring convention of volunteer Christian teachers and leaders, all of whom, we believe, must have gone back to their homes with renewed determination to "Live Christ" and "Teach Christ."

Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm. — Robert Louis Stevenson.



OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

VENITA VINCENT'S EXPERIENCES IN SWITZERLAND

(Continued)

Returning after viewing Europe's largest glacier, we came in after taking a few moving pictures. An elevator took us up two flights higher in the mountain to where a big sign said, "Ice Palace." We paid a fee to get in and then walked down a long corridor made of solid ice. We were really inside the glacier now. It surely felt like it, too, it was so cold. Every little while we would find a room off the hallway where absolutely everything was of ice: beds, chairs, stoves, and everything except the electric lights. They even had a garage with a car cut out of ice. At the very end was a skating room. Skaters were flying all about skimming over the smooth surface. This room was lighted beautifully with colored lights, and they had pine trees scattered all around the edge making it look like an outdoor pond. There were also benches for people to watch the gay scene. But it wasn't long until Aunt Dorothy and I began to feel the altitude and started gasping for breath. They rushed us down to a lower level and then we were all right. Uncle Joe and some American soldiers began to kid us a little bit, but we soon got even for when they all went on a tour higher up in the observation tower none of them could take it. They all came back so green and near to fainting that we got the last laugh. You see old Jungfrau is about 13,000 feet high and it is no little altitude for anybody to take.

When we got back to our hotel in Interlaken we all agreed that the sight-seeing trip had been most unusual, inspiring, educational, and tiring, for it had taken us seven and one-half hours to complete the tour. But if you are ever in Switzerland make it a point to see the Jungfrau, the glacier, and the ice palace. You'll agree with me they are simply wonderful.

Two things that added fun and laughter to our stay in Interlaken at the hotel I think

you will enjoy. Uncle Joe's watch had stopped and he asked me to go into the hall and inquire of somebody what time it was. As most everybody spoke either French or German, he told me to say, "Quel heure est-t-il?" which in French means, "What time is it?" A little way down the corridor I saw a nice-looking gentleman and I said, "Quel heure est-t-il?" He pulled out his watch and replied in French. I was so surprised for I hadn't thought far enough to realize his reply would be in French. The next person I saw, by sign language I got him to show me the watch and I reported the time to Uncle Joe. This was one of the many incidents on my trip that made me resolve to study French this year.

Another laughable incident was Uncle Joe's insistence on walking down the hotel stairs instead of using the elevator as Aunt Dorothy, Timmy, and I did. He said it was not only strengthening but also quicker. He always beat us, because he would punch the button on the floor below us (we always gave him a little head start), and the elevator, being automatic, would stop there, and by the time we got the elevator door closed and started again, he would be at the bottom. Dirty trick, no?

In my next letter I will tell about Lucerne, one of the most historical Swiss cities.

Venita Vincent.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am visiting my grandparents in Westerly, R. I. When my Grandfather Loofboro returned from Milton where he went for his Fiftieth Commencement Anniversary, he stopped in Akron a few days and I came home with him. We have a lot of fun especially at the beach. Today is the day we were to have had our Sabbath school picnic, but it rained, so it was postponed until Thursday. We enjoy going to Sabbath school and Church here, the people are so friendly. I like the way they stop and chat after Church.

We have a dog, Scamp, and he is a scamp. Yesterday he tried to chew a piece of gum. It made me laugh to see how puzzled he looked because it wouldn't chew up.

Aunt Jean is taking us home some time next week. I am ten years old and my sister is six.

I didn't close my letter last week, as you see. This is the day we leave for home. I shall miss the good times here, but I shall be glad to see my family.

Sincerely yours,
Westerly, R. I. Judy Dawson.

COMMISSION MEETS

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gins October 1, 1947, and ends September 30, 1948.

There followed a thorough and sympathetic discussion of Sabbath Recorder interests. The Sabbath Recorder is "a Magazine for Christian Enlightenment and Inspiration" published by Seventh Day Baptists.

The Commission voted to recommend to the General Conference that one month of the year be designated as Sabbath Recorder month. It is felt that a wider circulation and use of the Sabbath Recorder are essential to denominational growth and progress as well as being essential to a larger and more effective contribution toward and co-operation in interchurch advance.

During Sabbath Recorder month, pastors and Churches will be asked to give special attention to increasing the circulation and use of the Sabbath Recorder. Also, to cooperate throughout the year in plans proposed to achieve this goal.

The special issues of the Sabbath Recorder, with their covers in color, their substantial stock, and their increased pages, have been favorably received. The Commission favors a consolidation of the weekly issues into a bi-weekly magazine as an experiment, each alternate issue being a special number.

High tribute was paid to Mr. K. Duane Hurley, Riverside, Calif., for his outstanding work in developing the new Sabbath Recorder during his editorship of nearly two years.

Definite steps were taken looking toward an increased Ministerial Retirement Fund, the findings and decisions being based upon a survey of the ministers during the year by a committee of the Commission.

"A Calendar of Co-ordinated Denominational Activities" was authorized as a means of effectiveness and efficiency in the field work of the different boards and agencies.

Mr. Karl G. Stillman, treasurer of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society and chairman of the Society's Second Century

Fund Committee, and Rev. David S. Clarke, assistant secretary of the society and secretary of the Second Century Fund Committee, both of Westerly, R. I., met with the Commission at its morning session, the third day.

An aggressive and far-reaching missionary enterprise is well under way. It remains for some of us to hear more about the plans and to gear accordingly. The Second Century Fund Committee will complete its campaign by the end of 1947.

In the afternoon, Dean Ahva J. C. Bond, School of Theology, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., was the guest of the Commission at its invitation. Dean Bond inspired us, and raised the level of our vision to new heights, as he related some of the achievements of the School of Theology, and shared with us his hopes and aspirations for a larger usefulness of the school and an increased loyalty to Christ.

At this point the editor of the Sabbath Recorder had to return to the office at Plainfield, N. J.

Friday

According to a clipping from The New London, Conn., Evening Day, which Chairman Albert N. Rogers thoughtfully sent to the editor, Friday's session of the Commission was largely given to formulating a proposed Denominational Budget which will be presented to the General Conference for consideration and action.

The Commission adjourned Friday afternoon to attend services in near-by Seventh Day Baptist Churches that night and Sabbath. Discussions were to have been resumed the night after the Sabbath.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

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Dr. A. L. Davis, who has known the bride and groom for many years made appropriate remarks recalling several times when he and Rev. Mr. Thorngate had been associated in their work.

Pastor Polan presented them with a silver tray and salad forks from the Church. Members of their family gave them a bouquet of flowers in a silver-colored vase which was decorated with streamers of ribbon. On the end of each was a silver half dollar.

Rev. Mr. Thorngate served the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church as pastor for several years. — The Rome Sentinel.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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

Dear Editor:

In the Sabbath Recorder of August 11, 1947, is an article from the pen of Mr. Charles A. Nelson, in answer to the question of Rev. Lester G. Osborn's question, "Will I be lost if I do not keep the seventh day of the week?" In addition to this article I should like to add my personal answer to that of Mr. Nelson.

I was born to a family of seven, and to a line of parentage who had been members of the first day Baptist Church as far back as could be traced. I was brought up as a student of the Bible, fighting, as Paul, for the tradition of my fathers, until careful searching and studying of the Scriptures led me to see that it was not what I thought to be true that is really true, but that which the Lord says is true. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

When I was just a little over sixteen, the Lord through His word, "the truth," spoke to me, revealing to my heart that His commandment standeth sure, and without His seal, I was not His. His word led me to see that without the law I had a law unto myself, which gave me a righteousness of my own. This, I realized, could not stand the test of the Lord. I tried to tell myself that the Sabbath was nailed to the cross, but the question presented itself to me whether or not I could steal, take the name of the Lord in vain, commit adultery, bear false witness, or break any of the rest of the Ten Words. I was taught in this Baptist home that to do these things would be sinning. I then turned to the words of God, where I found the fourth word forming an arch between the rest to keep them together. I also found that if I tried to take out the roof of this arch—the Sabbath—the rest of the building would fall to nothing. In my plight, I turned to Jesus for a solution to my question. His answer came to me from Matthew 5: 17-20; 15: 13. I tried to seek help from the prophets, but Isaiah told me that if I turn away my foot from doing my own pleasure or speaking my own words on the Sabbath, the Lord will cause me to ride upon the high

places of the earth. . . . Isaiah 58: 13. I sought shelter from Hebrews, but I was told that if Jesus (Joshua) had given those people to whom the word was first spoken, rest, He would afterward have spoken of another day. I was also told that if I must enter into His (God's) rest, I must cease from my work as God did from His—Hebrews 4: 10. With the two following verses, I was made to keep quiet, and was bound to come to the conclusion that if I am going to enter into God's rest, it is imperative that I cease from my work on the seventh day. This, in other words, is to say that unless I cease as He did, I cannot enter into His rest. It is now twelve years since I discovered these divine truths, but they seem more true to me as the days go by than they were then.

There are those who conclude that there are other things which are of more importance to the Lord to punish men for than for worshiping on the first day of the week instead of the seventh, but I fail to see how one jot or tittle of the eternal word can pass away with heaven and earth standing in their places. God demands men to keep the seventh day Sabbath along with the other nine written words, and if I do not keep it with them, I am quite sure that I will be lost.

If there is one person who can be saved by substituting what he thinks is right for what God knows to be His standard, then he will be saved, but as through injustice, and there is no injustice with God; therefore all worship outside of the ten words is vain worship, and the Lord abhors such. (Mark 7: 7; Matthew 15: 9.)

Socrates A. Thompson.

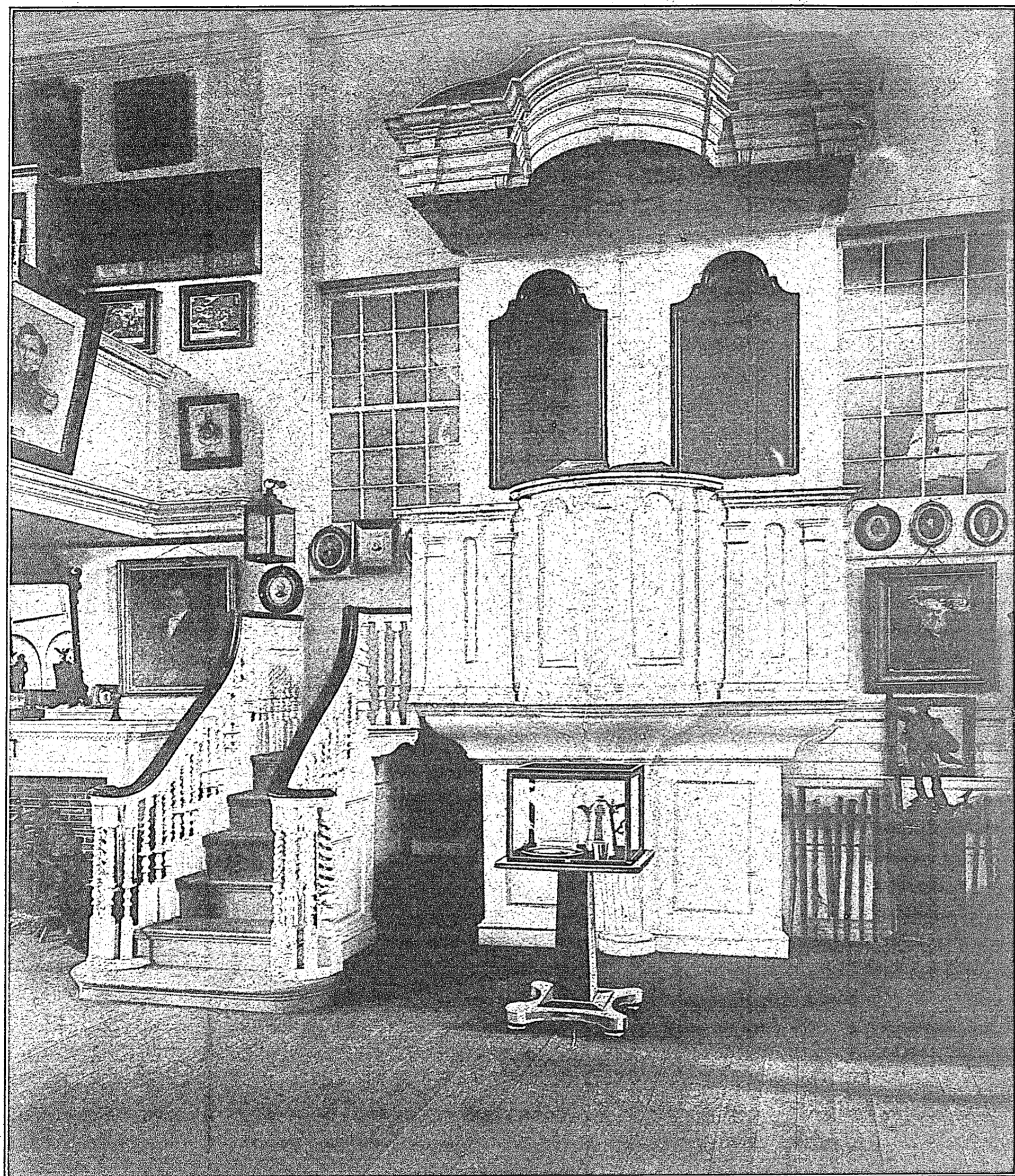
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Obituaries

Palmer. — William Edmon Palmer was born in Hopkinton, R. I., January 12, 1853, and died at Hope Valley, R. I., July 20, 1947, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mabel Gorton.

He was the son of Edmund and Phoebe Clarke Palmer. On October 4, 1873, he united with the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church, Rockville, R. I., while Rev. Charles M. Lewis was pastor.

Funeral services were held July 22, 1947, conducted by Rev. Ray Gillies of the Hope Valley, R. I., Baptist Church, and Rev. Paul S. Burdick of the Rockville, R. I., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Burial was in the Rockville Cemetery, Rockville, R. I. P. S. B.



The Pulpit in the Old Meeting House, Newport, R. I., where Service of
Worship will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 25, 1947.

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