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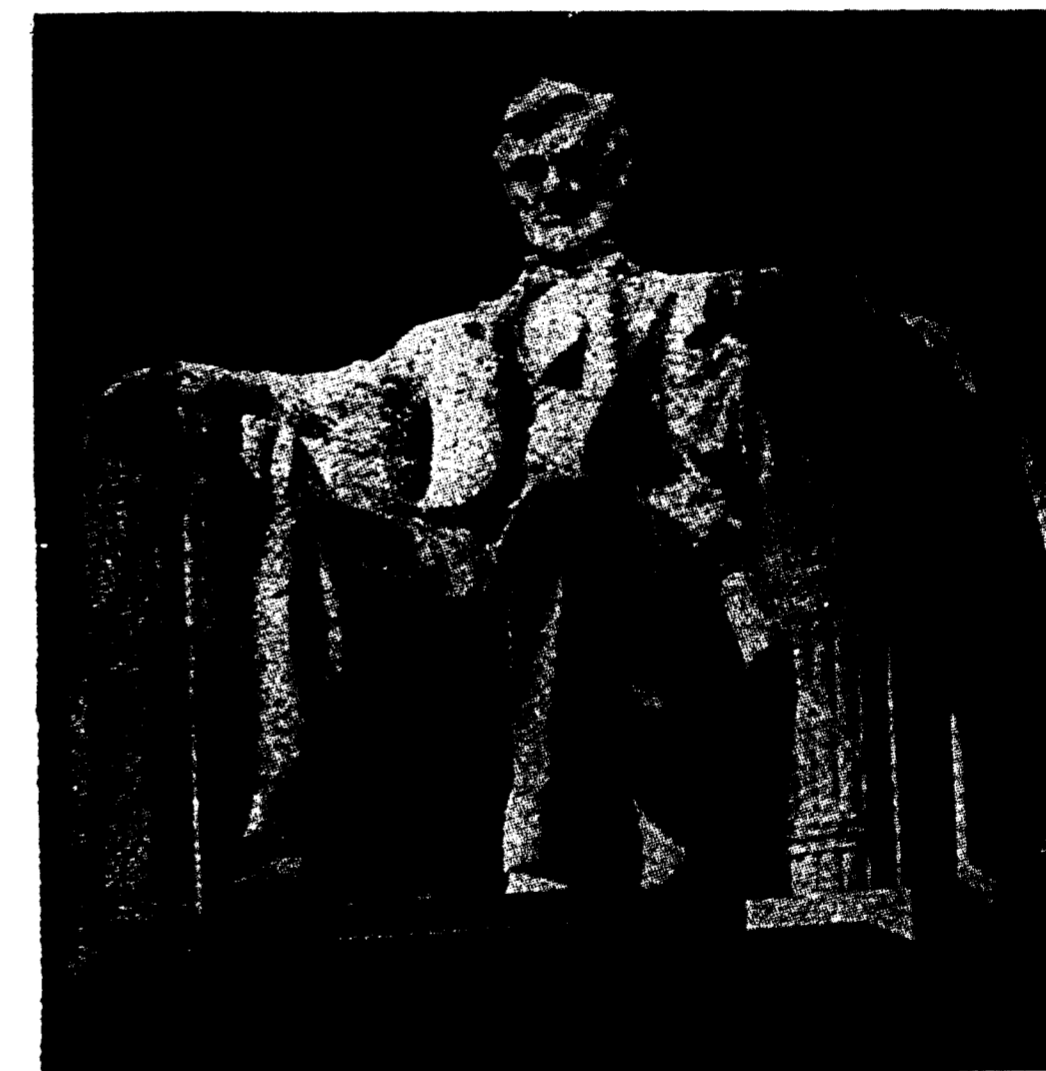
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HISTORIC SITE RESTORED IN PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania will have another historic restoration-when work on the Cloister, at Ephrata, is completed. Site of a colony of Seventh Day Baptists, headed by one Johann Conrad Beissel, in 1750, the community on the edge of this little town in the heart of farmlands between Lancaster and Reading was a hard-working, Utopian group. They lived co-operatively; self-denial and austerity were their guidance. This simple religious community contributed signally to the culture and artistic life of the era. The medieval art of illuminated manuscripts was revived, and its music school made Ephrata a center of religious music. The first Sunday school in Pennsylvania is said to have started here, and the Ephrata Printing Press was the first, outside of Philadelphia, in the province, the third in America.

During the Revolutionary War, after the Battle of Brandywine, many soldiers were quartered here. As the troops suffered from fever, some of the buildings were burned. Soon afterwards the colony declined and the society finally lost its charter in 1934. The property was acquired by the State in 1941. The restoration has so far encompassed the Saron House, or Sister House, and the Saal, or House of Prayer. A visit to Ephrata takes the traveler back into a way of life so remote from our modern world as to be almost unbelievable. Guides are available; hours are from 8:30 to 5:30 daily; admission fee is 25 cents. — Traveltime, November, 1947.

Note: This article was handed to the editor by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs who received it from Mrs. James A. Alexander, Ithaca, N. Y., who had clipped it from "Traveltime," November, 1947.

The rise and decline of the Ephrata Community forms an important and interesting history which is recorded in Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America, Volume II. According to Dr. Corliss F. Randolph, the writer of the history, fully forty years before Robert Raikes established his Sunday school in Gloucester, Eng., in 1780, the Sabbath school was introduced in the community by one, Ludwig Hocker, assisted by his daughter, Maria. "It appears that the Bible school was conducted on the seventh day of the week for the benefit of the children of the families observing the Sabbath, and on the first day

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EDITORIALS

Drastic Measures!

We believe that readers are interested in Sabbath Recorder matters. We believe also that readers are entitled to the facts when those facts affect the amount of material that they will receive in their Church paper during the remainder of the present budget year.

The Sabbath Recorder is determined to stay within its budget. Toward this end it is imperative that we take immediate and drastic action due to increased publishing costs which include higher wages, higher priced paper, higher editing expense, and higher cost of printing press machinery replacement.

The report of the treasurer of the American Sabbath Tract Society recently revealed that the total cost of the Sabbath Recorder for October, 1947, was \$1,079.22. Additional figures from the publishing house show that the total cost for November, 1947, was \$1,097.27; and for December, 1947, \$1,267.47. There were five issues of the Sabbath Recorder in December, while there were four issues each in October and November, which accounts for the higher total cost for December. Thus, the total cost of the Sabbath Recorder for October, November, and December, 1947, was \$3,443.96. With an operating budget of \$11,875 for the Sabbath Recorder for the year of October 1, 1947, to September 30, 1948, it is obvious that something must be done at once.

The Special Issues

The first place to cut is where the most is given for the money. Therefore, beginning with the special issue of February 2, 1948, four pages will be omitted from the special issues, including that of September 6, 1948. Thus, the special issues, February-September, 1948, will be 16-page instead of 20-page issues. This drastic measure will save about \$50 per issue. The covers in color will be continued.

We deeply regret the necessity of this move, especially since we should be extending rather than curtailing our mission for "Christ and the Sabbath" through the medium of the special issues. However, by condensing cer-

tain material to be published, we hope to maintain the high quality of the special numbers of the Sabbath Recorder.

Hand-set Type

Another attractive feature of the Sabbath Recorder that costs extra money is the hand-set heads. We are informed that the setting of the heads by hand costs approximately \$10 each issue. By having a few hand-set heads, and the rest set on the linotype, the saving will run from \$5 to \$8 per issue. Again, we regret very much the necessity of this drastic measure.

Paper Stock

By trimming one-eighth inch from either side of the Sabbath Recorder we can return to using English finish paper stock which is the regular Sabbath Recorder stock. The English finish paper costs less than the coated stock on which the Sabbath Recorder has been printed since the issue of August 18, 1947. L. H. North, business manager of the publishing house, informs us that this return to English finish paper stock will save about \$10 per issue. The present supply of coated paper stock will be reserved for the special issues. This measure will become effective with the issue of March 8, 1948.

Column Width

In order that the white space on either side of the outer type column may remain as at present, it has been decided to narrow the type column by one pica, one-sixth inch, at a nominal expense. This will comply with the principles of good printing and will maintain the present margin of white space at a slight sacrifice of reading material.

To Summarize

Drastic measures have become necessary in order that the publishing of the Sabbath Recorder may be kept within the amount of the operating budget of \$11,875 for the year, October 1, 1947—September 30, 1948, it being expected that \$3,050 of the budget will be received from Sabbath Recorder subscribers; \$2,000 from the Denominational Budget, if raised in full; and the remaining \$6,825 from endowment and other sources. Measures chosen are: the omitting of four

pages of material from the special issues, at a saving of about \$50 per special issue; the return to machine-set heads, except for a few hand-set ones, at a saving of from \$5 to \$8 per issue; and a return to an English finish paper stock at a saving of about \$10 each issue.

Appreciation, Conviction, and Confidence

The editor expresses his appreciation to Mr. North, to Courtland V. Davis, chairman of the Committee on the Sabbath Recorder, and to the craftsmen of the Recorder Press—all of whom are sympathetic toward the problem and are co-operative in trying to solve it.

In the last analysis, however, the decisions in this matter have rested with the editor. They have been reached, after much thought and prayer, with the clear-cut conviction that the Sabbath Recorder must stay within the prescribed budget. Otherwise, why have a budget?

The editor is confident that the readers of the Sabbath Recorder will understand the situation and accept these drastic measures as necessary in the light of the situation.

May it be so in the name of the Christ whom we would serve more faithfully and whose truth we would teach and preach more fully.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?

(A Rather Strong Statement from Dr. Aaron H. Rapking)

"What can we expect," asks Dr. Aaron H. Rapking, rural sociologist and clergyman of Hiawasse College, Tenn., "when the major business of our government seems to be to pay for past wars and make plans for future wars? What can we expect when at least half our children receive no religious instruction, and only a small percentage of the other half adequate religious instruction in their homes? What can we expect when to a large extent profits come first and personality is given a secondary consideration in conducting our business? What can we expect when practically all the knowledge given to our children in the public schools, colleges, and universities is without any reference to God and to what is right and wrong? What can we expect when more than half the members of the Church are only nominally Christian?" — W. W. Reid.

AS I RECALL LEONARDSVILLE AND THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH

By (Mrs.) Mira St. John Camp

Seeing in the Recorder some notes on the old Church, brought to my mind my earliest recollections of the place. My first impression was the band playing and men marching and the men going to war.

Elder James Summerbell was the pastor of the Church. He was our neighbor. I remember him as a genial man, loved by children.

It must have been a tense time as not all were in sympathy with the North. I remember the man who said he hoped the Lord would strike him dead if he ever entered that Church again.

Elder Summerbell baptized my parents. His wife, Rachel, must have been a resourceful woman. I gained this impression from my mother's experience as a guest of hers on a trip to association at De Ruyter. One story I recall. She was away from home. Elder Summerbell was anxious for her return. Someone said, "Have patience." He said, "I don't want Patience, I want Rachel."

It was during the pastorate of Elder L. C. Rogers that I took more notice of the Church—especially the choir, in the front gallery. Always the music had a prominent place. I remember that my aunt used to train the children at the old home.

Elder Rogers kept the Ten Commandments hanging near the pulpit, and I believe began the service with them. Though I was very young, I used to attend his Bible class, meeting at the homes during the week. I developed a love for Bible study that was a help through life. Elder Rogers was an eloquent speaker, as many living can recall, no doubt.

There were some real characters in the town, about whom good stories could be told. One especially was Deacon Clark, who had a voice that would echo up and down the valley.

Following Elder Rogers came Elder Stephen Burdick, a man for whom all had respect. During his pastorate I recall a revival led by Elder Charles Lewis. It was at that time that I was baptized. One thing that has helped me later in life was the training Pastor Burdick gave us in testifying. He had two young folks at his home, and we

THE YEAR OF AMSTERDAM

This is the Amsterdam year. All the longings for a linking together of the Churches which acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord and Master, all the hopes which have been awakened by the ecumenical movement of the past four decades, all the conferences and negotiations in which the road to unity has been opened and tentatively entered upon—all these have led up to the great moment which will occur in the Dutch city next August when more than 125 communions will declare the establishment of the World Council of Churches. At that declaration the doubt lurking within the phrase, "in process of formation," will finally be exorcised, and in a great act of faith and dedication a permanent agency to unify and guide the world mission of the Church will come into being.

Because of what is to take place at Amsterdam, 1948 is already a red-letter year in Christian history. An invisible host of mighty spirits will fill that room as the delegates cast the decisive ballot. Temple and Soderblom and Azariah and Brent and Paton and Brown and ten thousand others who, in their own way and to the limits of their own strength and influence, labored to bring to pass this consummation—they will all be there. Outside that chamber there will be a world-wide circle of watching eyes, men within and men without the fellowship of the Christian communions, looking to see whether it is true that, in this hour of humanity's terror, the followers of Christ can sink their differences in one common effort to hold back doom and point the way to salvation. — Reprinted by permission of the Christian Century from the issue of January 7, 1948.

The above is taken from an editorial in the "Christian Century" for January 7, 1948. It set going a train of thoughts in my mind, and rang bells in my heart. Four decades, is it? Yes, and I have been connected with the movement during almost all that time, representing Seventh Day Baptists. Always I have had a feeling of satisfaction that my denomination was interested in Christian co-operation for the salvation of the world. That roll of ecumenical-minded men brought before me familiar faces of leading churchmen of the world. Bishop Brent presided

just had to stand up and speak. He also performed my marriage ceremony.

I would pay tribute to the little country Church. The Church had a great part in our lives; there was no other organization. May it continue to live.

I recall a Conference when I was very young. The young ministers present were Elder A. H. Lewis, Elder L. C. Rogers, and Elder L. A. Platts.

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at Lausanne in 1927, and Archbishop Temple at Utrecht in 1938. It was Dr. Brown who insisted that I present to the assembly a matter which I had handed him to present. As we went out that afternoon it was President Stevenson of Princeton, co-chairman of the conference, who whispered, "America gave a good account of herself today."

Not only at Lausanne and Utrecht, but often in this country, I have met many of these men, and sometimes in sufficiently intimate association to discover their fine spirit, noble and humble. For I was a member of the Continuation Committee of Faith and Order for ten years, attending meetings of the American section often. How I came to be made a member of that committee at Lausanne recalls a pleasant personal experience. Many larger denominations were not represented on the committee. My Baptist friend told me he advocated my membership, and that he was supported by the Methodist bishop. I thought from what he said the bishop was a bit extravagant in what he had said about the Seventh Day Baptist delegate. Later I said to the bishop, "I understand you supported my membership on the Continuation Committee." He replied with a characteristic smile, "That wasn't any strain."

Other expressions of personal appreciation came back to me as I read the editorial. But in every representative capacity I have had less personal pride than humble gratitude that I could represent Seventh Day Baptists, and feel their interest and prayers.

This is written to express my extreme pleasure that again Seventh Day Baptists are to be represented at a world conference, especially now the one which will witness the culmination of the prayers and conferences of the past in the organization of the World Council of Churches. Through Seventh Day Baptists a Sabbathkeeping denomination will be represented.

As far as is possible, Dr. Seager, and fully in spirit, I gather up all the prayers and hopes and good wishes that have followed me as I have represented the denomination in this movement, and with my own prayers and good wishes added, pass them on to you.

Ahva J. C. Bond.

NEW CHINESE FLAG AND RED TILE ROOFS SIGNALIZE NEW MEDICAL MINISTRY

(Excerpts from observations written January 4, 1948, by Mrs. Helen MacFarland Thorngate, wife of Dr. "Briar" Thorngate. Briar and Helen are returning to America in February.)

The opening of the new Grace Hospital at Liuho was an event of such great importance to the Chinese people, and of such interest to the Seventh Day Baptists in the United States, that I wrote a short account of the proceedings as they appear to me. Although this is very sketchy, I hope it may convey a bit of feeling of pride which I felt on that day.

The morning of December 14 was rather dreary and chilly, but we were very comfortable, huddled under blankets in the jeep. The terrifically bumpy road didn't seem as long as usual, for after only an hour and a half we were thrilled to see a new Chinese flag flying merrily over red tile roofs—roofs blooming like new flowers popping their heads through overgrown, neglected fields where only a few months ago desolate war ruins had covered the ground.

When we arrived at the Church a happy group of Chinese and half a dozen foreigners were enjoying delicious Chinese "chow." Briar and I sat with a Shanghai businessman who had been a patient at Grace Hospital twenty years ago. He knew by experience the fine work this Liuho Hospital did, and his wishes for its future activity and support were heartily given.

After dinner we walked the short distance to the hospital. A bamboo fence enclosed the buildings, and above the gate were large, red, paper characters of congratulation. A neat pathway had been made through a former pile of rubble, and short though it was, I knew it meant that Sarah Becker had spent long hours supervising it. Sarah guided us through the rooms on which she and Dr. Pan and two Chinese nurses had concentrated all of their time and attention for the past few "rush" weeks. Each private room had a small rug by the bed, a handy bedside table with water containers, and other necessary implements, while the room was made cozy by a gay-colored bedspread. The reception room was simply glowing with pictures and good-luck banners from well-

wishers. The operating room looked as sinister as any in the world with sparkling white cases of wicked appearing instruments! On the storeroom shelves were supplies from UNRRA and CNRRA and in another room scales and even a dentist's chair!

Outside, people from all around had gathered to hear opening speeches by Dzau Sih-ding, who expended great amounts of time and energy in securing the promised materials from various organizations; Woo Tso Tse who was very influential in acquiring supplies and financial support; the superintendent of a neighboring hospital who had known the previous good work of Grace Hospital; and Dr. Thorngate on whose shoulders has been the bulk of the re-building responsibility. A ladies' quartet sang a Christmas song in Chinese which had been adapted from the tune, "Whispering Hope" . . . what more fitting a thought could have come and gave a day's work cleaning up the the support and success of this new hospital?

I could sense a feeling of satisfaction by those who had been most involved in the re-building project that the job seemed well done, and that the long months of work and worry were rewarded by words of congratulation from the people who had gone to Liuho for this grand opening, and will be rewarded more in the future by the grateful words and looks of patients.

The red roofs of the new Grace Hospital are more than covering for buildings. They are cheery symbols that this place is open, ready and eager to minister to the medical needs of any who might need it. The Seventh Day Baptists are once more active in Liuho, China.

DRINKING AND DIVORCE

Drinking in taverns is a factor in over 90 per cent of our divorce cases, and the increase in number of divorces is at such an alarming rate that the public must view it and treat it for what it is. . . . How many times we hear the cry, "If it weren't for his getting drunk, he'd be a fine husband." . . . In a recent test I made, I found that out of twenty-one cases the tavern was mentioned in twenty. That's not prejudice but fact. — Judge Chester H. Christiansen of Beloit (Wis.) Municipal Court, in Janesville Gazette, January 2, 1946. — Clippingsheet.

WORK PROGRESSING IN JAMAICA

(Extracts taken from a letter from Mrs. Wardner Fitz Randolph written to a friend telling of the combined efforts of the Kingston and seventeen other Churches giving a fair and bazaar toward the providing of dormitory facilities for the new school to be started in Jamaica.)

The Sunday before our bazaar, the men came and gave a day's work cleaning up the grounds after carpenters and masons who had been repairing the buildings.

The ladies cooked for them. The Alfred cooker was used, of course. The Sunday before that the C. E. cleaned the Church and we cooked dinner for them. The day before the fair, the ladies met and cleaned the schoolhouse, the men building booths and erecting an arbor of coconut palm leaves.

With the cooker on the charcoal burner we cooked many things for our sale. People from Bowenville, Waterford, Thornton, and Bath Churches hired two trucks and brought down produce to sell. Also Luna came down with supplies. You can realize there was much expense.

We hired a piano. Interested members and friends secured a radio and loud speaker and victrola for us free. The Church Girls' Club put on a program. Beryl Smellie, president of the club, has much talent along this line.

I was in charge of the needlework and handicraft. Miss Icilda Rennalls and others worked in the cottage and we in the larger room next to the Church. We ran a wire through the hem of sheets and pinned our runners, scarfs, aprons, and small things to sheets where they could be seen, pinning colored paper under the lace and crochet. We got many ideas, patterns, and goods to use from things sent from America. We had many favorable remarks on our display. Booths for uncooked foods and cane brooms were outside. Boards, firewood, and fowls were sold also. Mrs. Smellie and Wardner were everywhere.

The car was such a grand help. When I saw the money being spent, I was surprised to know we cleared £40. The suggestion by Dr. Ben of getting something from those you help, was invaluable. His visit to us did more good than he will ever know. This working together has awakened interest and we can see the work is growing.

Of course repairing an old building in a land of termites is a heartbreaking and dis-

DR. BEN CRANDALL HEADS FOR AMERICAN TROPICS

Traveling by train and airplane, Dr. Ben Crandall will start on a special mission to British Guiana, S. A., and Jamaica, B. W. I., February 14. He will contact leaders in Georgetown, British Guiana, and in Churches on both sides of the Essequibo estuary there. Among these will be included Rev. Francis I. Bunthorne, a former National Baptist leader who is seeking affiliation with Seventh Day Baptists; Rev. Alexander Trotman, who has been the leader sponsored by the English Seventh Day Baptist promotion; Mrs. Martha Pieters, Deacons Tyrell, Roach, Garraway, and Hollingsworth, and some of the leaders in the Churches. He will make plans for the future enlargement of our work there.

In Jamaica on the return trip to America, "Dr. Ben" will consult with Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph, head of the mission there, about the school to be opened in Kingston. They will look into problems of getting equipment at lowest rates, of living quarters for teachers and students, and of the curriculum and the opening date. Rev. Mr. Randolph has had a well-earned and much-needed month's vacation, January 9 to February 9.

Dr. Crandall's whole trip will take from four to six weeks, possibly more.

D. S. C.

couraging job. You are sure to run into something—a big timber to be replaced, etc., not really planned. You will be sure to find men loafing on the job, and it is hard yourself to speed in the hot sun.

When some of the women suggested, because of things left, we should put on another sale, I was so tired I could only stare; but it was best, and we did at Christmas time, making some £10 more. It is hard to raise money here. Greetings to all our friends.

(It is amazing what these people in Jamaica have done when we consider their extremely meager income. We asked what they needed most. They needed single cot sheets, towels, an organ and piano, sewing machines (Singer), typewriters, almost any equipment for a dormitory and a school. — Mrs. Ben R. Crandall.)

IS YOUR SABBATH SCHOOL GROWING?

An increase in Sabbath school enrollment won't just happen. The Board of Christian Education is promoting this denomination-wide campaign for increased enrollment in Sabbath school because there is so much need of encouragement from others in order to keep up our enthusiasm for good works. Let us be more willing to share our hopes and plans with others that our Sabbath schools may grow.

From Riverside, Calif., comes this word found in the Church bulletin of January 24: "Attendance is good. Progress is being made toward the goal of a 10 per cent increase in enrollment. Are you doing your part?"

From the Hebron, Pa., Churches comes word from Pastor Rex Zwiebel that these Churches will do their best to reach the goal.

Will you folks help keep this important campaign before the Sabbath schools, by talking to your friends about it, by having it in Church bulletins, and by other ways?

Superintendents—please remember that I have a quantity of helpful leaflets you could use in this campaign.

When you enroll new members let me know. It will help in this sharing process so much needed.

Remember that the Missionary Board is emphasizing the need for reaching the unreached and they suggest a goal of 5 per cent increase in Church membership. This is not a board program. We all realize it is kingdom work. It is our joyful privilege to take the "good news" to all of our neighbors.

H. S.

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for those of their neighbors observing Sunday." Thus, the first Sabbath school in Pennsylvania doubtless was started at Ephrata.

In the fall Mr. Perley B. Hurley, Riverside, Calif., sent an article, "To Restore a Cloister," by Ward Allan Howe of "The New York Times." Mr. Hurley pertinently asked, "Will we, too, have to die to be appreciated?"

Seventh Day Baptists have a unique opportunity to capitalize upon this Ephrata publicity for Christ and His Sabbath. Will we do it?

JANUARY MEETING OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rising living costs and increased costs of production demanded the attention of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education at its mid-winter meeting at Alfred, N. Y., January 18. Ben R. Crandall, treasurer, showed that the board's work is caught between diminished income from the Denominational Budget and the necessity for spending more than had been allocated for some work.

"Seventh Day Baptist Boys and Girls," the children's paper published by the board, is to be placed in the hands of an editorial board, according to the report given by Alfred E. Whitford, chairman of the Church Schools Committee. Heretofore the paper has been edited by Mrs. Ary T. Bottoms of Princeton, Ala., and more recently by the secretary, Rev. Harley Sutton. The personnel of the editorial board will be announced soon, he said.

Plans for the Pre-Conference Youth Retreat were outlined by Rev. Charles Bond for the Young People's Work Committee. Rev. Rex Zwiebel, chairman of that committee, was reported to be in the hospital. Karl G. Stillman, president of General Conference, has asked the board to arrange a recreational program for the night after Conference Sabbath.

Rev. Albert N. Rogers, president of the board, stated that inquiries were being received concerning the annual Ministers' Conference, but that it will be impossible to lay plans until the place for the conference is decided. Last May the ministers met at Battle Creek, but if it is necessary to return to Alfred where the conference was formerly held, that must be after commencement. A committee to arrange the program is being set up.

The executive secretary reported on his teaching at the Alfred School of Theology, office work and correspondence, and field work including attendance at two meetings called by the Conference president and the recent Conference on Christian Education and the Community, sponsored by the International Council of Religious Education. He said he visited a number of Seventh Day Baptists in Buffalo, N. Y., where a meeting was held with ten present. Also, he stated

that a Sabbath school has been organized in Rochester, N. Y., through the efforts of Rev. Everett T. Harris.

In recognition of the recent action of the Commission of General Conference suggesting cost-of-living bonuses to pastors, and in appreciation for Mr. Sutton's services, the board voted him a bonus of \$100. It was also voted to approve in principle the Conference president's plan for pooling the field work of board representatives on specific projects.

A. N. R.

EDITORIAL BOARD FOR "SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST BOYS AND GIRLS" PAPER

This board consists of three members who are located at Alfred: Miss Marion Carpenter, who is the chairman and who will receive the material contributed by you folks all over the denomination; Miss Miriam Shaw; and Miss Rubie Clarke, who is from the Alfred Station Church. The following are contributing members: Mrs. Ada Keith Bottoms, Princeton, Ala.; Mrs. Catherine Stillman, Houston, Tex.; and Miss Evalois St. John, Plainfield, N. J.

The local committee will meet once a month and plan for the paper.

Also, in reporting the board meeting, it should be noted that Miss Marion Carpenter was elected a director of the Board of Christian Education.

All you folks who are interested in boys and girls, help this editorial board by sending material—now!

H. S.

My Thoughts

(Written by Paul Sholtz, a young person who is a member of the Chicago Church. He wrote it at Milton during the Youth Fellowship Retreat in 1946.)

As I walk among the trees I think how wonderful is the way in which the tree starts its life. It grows from a tiny seed to maturity, at which time it scatters its own seeds in all directions.

I would be like a tree, starting as something small and growing to maturity, then to scatter the seeds of the Word of God in all directions—like a tree—from which might sprout new followers of the Lord.

It would be wonderful if more people would try to be like the tree of the Word and dedicate their lives to the spreading of it.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAN LEAD THE NATION

By Ronald Reagan
Hollywood Actor

In this day when man's inhumanity to man threatens the world with another, and I believe final, holocaust, there is but one final hope—our youth. Only in the Christian youth of our nation can we find the clear thinking, free of prejudice and bigotry, which can lead us from the jungle savagery of another war.

Our young people may lack experience, but they also lack the memory of failure. They may be impetuous, but they are optimistic. They may not have learned all the teachings of history, but they know it is their world and their future that will be burned away by atomic fission.

I for one say, let us turn to them, not with the patronage of superior knowledge but with the humility of those who have failed and now need the clear vision of their youth. — International Council Release.

WHAT'S NEW IN TEMPERANCE?

What is new in the alcohol problem? What can the Church do about it? What does science say? Is moderation the answer? Does liquor contribute to juvenile delinquency?*

These and many other pertinent questions will be answered in the third annual National Council on the New Approach to the Alcohol Problem to be held in the University of Chicago (Breasted Hall), Chicago, Ill., April 27-30, under the sponsorship of the National Temperance Movement, Inc., whose headquarters office is at 77 West Washington Street, Chicago.

According to Herbert H. Parish, the administrative director of the organization, there is being aroused a real new interest in this age-old problem. Many ministers and teachers are seeking the latest and most reliable information on this subject. Twenty nationally prominent lecturers will give timely discussions on the various phases of this topic in Chicago in April.

Registration opened January 1. The registration fee for the entire course is only \$5, payable in advance. Anyone interested from anywhere may register through the national headquarters according to Mr. Parish. — National Temperance Movement Release.

THE WOMAN'S AID SOCIETY, OF WESTERLY, R. I.

The first fall meeting of the Woman's Aid Society was held in the Church parlors on Tuesday, October 7. This was an all-day meeting, with a basket lunch at noon, when the women paused from their labors to enjoy a social hour.

The regular business meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Edgar P. Maxson, who read the "Traveler's Psalm" (121), and led in the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Harold R. Crandall was appointed secretary pro tem, in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Harry J. Nichols. The report of the last meeting was read and approved. The treasurer, Mrs. Elisha C. Burdick, gave a full report of receipts and expenditures from April 1 to October 4, 1947, which shows something of our interest in kingdom work through our giving.

A letter from the local chapter of the Red Cross was read, expressing appreciation for our help in the past and asking us to assist in finishing up sewing on hand at the Red Cross rooms. Voted that we help with this work.

It was voted to renew the four subscriptions to the Sabbath Recorder, and that they be sent to the same friends as last year.

The president spoke of the need of replenishing our treasury. She suggested that we serve luncheons for this purpose. After full discussion it was voted that a luncheon be served at the Church on Thursday, October 23, from 12 to 1:30 p.m., Mrs. Maxson to act as chairman of the committee, the price to be 85 cents.

Mrs. Selden M. Young was appointed to act as chairman of the refreshment committee for the family Church night on October 11.

It was voted that we serve, as usual, the "Harvest Supper" on Election night, November 4. This supper is to be planned by a committee consisting of the officers of the society, with Mrs. Merton E. Chapman, chairman. The price of the supper is to be \$1.75.

The president read a letter from the State Council of Church Women, inviting our society to become a member of the State Council. After discussion it was voted that for the present we keep our contacts with the United Council of Church Women

through our own Women's Board. This United Council has sent out an appeal for 500,000 "Boxes and Bundles" to be sent to children overseas. These packages are to be ready on "World Community Day," November 7, 1947. Mrs. Eli F. Loofboro was appointed chairman of a committee to provide a number of boxes to be sent by this society. Members present pledged articles necessary to make up these boxes. The United Council sent, in 1945, a million diapers and thousands of layettes; in 1946, a million "Kiddie Kits" for children under five years of age; and in 1947, they hope to send these 500,000 "Boxes and Bundles" for children from six to twelve years of age. We are glad to have even a small part in this work.

A letter from Edward V. Rickenbacker was read, asking for funds to be sent to the World's Sunday School Association, "to help restore thousands of Christian teachers and youth leaders to service in war-torn countries." Voted that this letter be tabled.

Mrs. Maxson reported that the following chairmen of committees had been appointed to act for the annual tea and sale to be held at the Church, Tuesday, December 2: utility, Mrs. Hobart B. Ayers; food, Mrs. Eli F. Loofboro; aprons, Mrs. Merton E. Chapman; "white elephant," Mrs. Edwin Gardiner; tea, Mrs. Alexander Ferguson.

The meeting adjourned to meet again on October 21.

Stella Bee Crandall,
Secretary pro tem.

(Sent by Mary V. Nichols, Secretary.)

HOME LIFE A WITNESS

If men talk about Christianity to their fellows and have religionless homes, or homes marked by unkindness, harshness, distrust, their talk is as sounding brass, and clanging cymbals. The home is the test of religion. And the best fountain and corroboration of religious testimony is the Christian home, where the family has its altar, and prays and worships as a family, openly and unitedly, before the Father after whom it is named. When all our homes are evidently filled with the Spirit of Christ, then the gospel will spread as it will never spread from Church or chapel. — Robert E. Speer, in The Presbyterian Tribune.

CRY "PEACE"

(Postlude to World Community Day)

By Julia Phillips Ruopp

We are the mothers.
Through our bodies pass all of mankind.
Our hearts should sing and chant,
"Praise to God for the share we have in his glorious creation."
But in this aftermath of war
With the three-headed monster of
Fear, Hunger, and Possessive Greed stalking the earth,
Looming so large that people have forgotten God
And the Joy of Creation,
A cloud has fallen upon us—
Our hearts are heavy
And we doubt the life within us.
For through us, who give birth to men,
Through us has come this falling away
From the purposes of God.

We are the mothers.
Our heads bow and our shoulders droop
From the burdens of our failures:
To teach the true meaning of compassion,
To impart pure love.
We have cared too much about our own pleasures
And the material things of earth;
Too little about the life of the Spirit—
Which we need to demonstrate and to teach our young.
They can learn love and its meaning only through us.
If we fail—all fail.

Now must we repent!
For without charity we have become mothers in name only,
But have lost the true meaning.
"We repent."
This is the first step toward peace.
We repent our failure to fulfill our destinies—
That as our bodies are channels for life
Our spirits must be channels for compassion and "Life."

We repent our vanity,
The pain we have caused to other mothers unaware—
Our indifference to democratic principles,
Our lassitude toward world events,
Our complacency to the fate of wistful, starving children,
Our smugness in time of plenty,
Our callousness in face of cruelty.
We have been impotent for good—
But now must we repent
And ask for peace for all children,
For all mothers and babies everywhere—
That we may have the opportunity to build a new race of men.
Only freedom from war and arms
Can give us this peace.
We cry "Peace"
And ask to be able
To help solve the world dilemma
Before it is too late.
We lift our voices in a united cry—

"Stop this divided madness—
Stop talking of the next war—
Taking it for granted—
Thinking, preparing, aiming at destruction (disguised as defense);
Stop!" we say.
Are we dolts, morons, imbeciles, merely mechanical geniuses,
That we cannot live, or work out ways of living together?
Is it easy to die together, do we think?
Can we look at Hiroshima and the Children who have not yet died
And think that dying is easy?
Have we lost all urge for loving our neighbor as ourselves?
Do we no longer see the unity of all peoples?
Is God no longer our Father?

We, the mothers of men,
Say it is still there to be reawakened.
We cry in one voice—
"Peace—it is possible.
Let us have Peace!"

—Prayer for "Mothers of Men" in
The Church Woman.

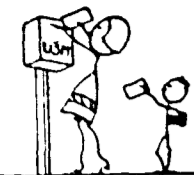
THE LENTEN CALL

In the announcements that Churches throughout America will co-operate again in the annual Lenten appeal, Dr. A. Livingston Warnshius, Church World Service executive vice-president, is quoted as saying: "The appeal presents Americans with an appropriate way in which to observe Lent. By denying ourselves certain luxuries and so-called 'necessities,' we can make a significant contribution through our Churches. Our gifts will go a long way in helping the Churches abroad to rise again to a great new stature of influence for peace and good will."

Both men and women can contribute to the \$24,000,000 fund to be raised. But it is largely up to the women to team up with workers from other co-operating Churches in our localities to put on an all-out drive for clothing, bedding, shoes. May we as Seventh Day Baptist women work co-operatively to get all the people in our communities giving and working for the Church program of overseas relief and reconstruction.

"Our morale can withstand the absence of new finery in Church at Easter time. But millions overseas cannot wait much longer for the physical, psychological, and spiritual help our gifts will bring them."

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs.



OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you feeling? We are all feeling quite well ourselves.

We have been having very cold weather. Last night was Sabbath eve and it was six below zero. During the day it was even colder. How is the weather there?

This is Sabbath day, and this afternoon after our regular services, we are going to have a young people's program. The Pearson boys from Amsterdam are going to play their instruments, and I am also going to take part. We have our children's program during our Sabbath school period, and we all enjoy it very much. Two Sabbaths ago we had the Lord's Supper.

We thank the Lord very much that He has shown us His wonderful gospel, and also for showing His holy Sabbath to us, and we also thank Him for creating the desire in our hearts to accept Him.

This will be all for now, and may God bless you and keep you always.

Your Recorder friend,
Esther N. Fatato.

Dear Esther:

You speak of your very cold weather, but we can enlarge on your six degrees below, for we had at least two days when we were over twenty degrees below. It is still very cold, as our thermometer registered eight above zero this morning, and our town looks as if it were buried in snow. Our back yard makes me think of a miniature Eskimo village. We have had a huge maple tree which we have been using for firewood. Some huge pieces are still uncut and are now buried in many feet of snow, so if you could see what I see you would agree with me.

It always does my heart good to hear about your frequent children's and young people's meetings, for you children and young people are to be the Christian workers of the future. Yes, the Lord depends on you to spread the Christian and Sabbath truth in the years to come. May you all be blessed in this blessed service.

I just glanced out of the window and there I saw a cute little brown dog being

led by his mistress by a stout halter and strap. Just as he was directly in front of the window, he turned to face it and stood on his hind legs; then he turned and took about four steps before he returned to all four feet again. He surely is a well-trained little dog. By the way, we are said to have 277 dogs in Andover.

Now I must close and add a short story, as there are no more letters this week.

Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Mary's Birthday Gift

It was after eight o'clock in the morning when little Mary came slowly down the long stairway with her little brother, Bobbie, close behind her. They could see directly into the dining room where Mother and Daddy, Aunt Mary and Uncle Tom, with Aunt Jane and Cousin Julia were at breakfast. Two chairs were vacant, the high chair for Bobbie and a beautiful new birthday chair for Mary. In Mary's chair were seated a beautiful doll and a real, live cocker spaniel puppy. Mary hurried down the last few steps, and running to her chair, took the cunning little puppy in her arms and with words of endearment cuddled him against her face, almost forgetting all about the new doll and chair.

Then suddenly she heard little Bobbie sobbing behind her, little Bobbie with his poor, lame leg. "Oh, I want a little puppy dog," sobbed the little boy.

Mary hugged the puppy closer, but looked at the sobbing little boy with tears in her eyes. Then suddenly she put the squirming doggy into her little brother's arms. "You can have the puppy, Bobbie. I have my chair and dolly to play with. Of course boys don't like to play with dolls."

Bobbie shouted with glee; then realizing how much Mary loved the puppy, too, he said softly, "Oh, Mary, he is your doggy and my doggy. It'll be fun to own him together."

"Why, of course," cried Mary, "that's the very best way. Of course the puppy belongs to both of us, and what fun we'll have with him."

Soon two happy children were seated at the breakfast table, while the puppy on the floor between them was noisily lapping a saucer of milk. —Mizpah S. Greene.

CHURCH NEWS

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — The annual meeting and dinner of the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church was held in the new social hall, immediately behind the Church, January 11, 1948. Beginning at 10 o'clock, it continued through all the middle part of the day. President Frank S. Jones presided. The pastor, treasurer, and other officers and committees presented reports full of evidence of good work done. The budget for the current year was adopted. The committee on the Caraway Mission Church reported certain recommendations which were adopted. The committee was continued and asked to put its recommendations into effect. One of these provided for Pastor Crofoot to speak in Caraway one Sabbath each month.

The Pastor's salary was increased \$100, and the pastoral year was set to end at the annual meeting in 1949, thus arranging that the pastoral year shall coincide with the Church year. Authority was given for the publication in the city papers each week of notices of the Church services indicating the time, place of meeting, sermon subject, and the Sabbath school hour.

The report of the nominating committee was presented and the following officers were elected: president, J. Nelson Norwood; vice-president, M. Josie Rogers; clerk, L. Emile Babcock; treasurer, Mrs. E. R. Gavitt; auditor, Waldo A. Titsworth. The board of trustees consists of the four chief officers with three other members, namely, Nathan Branch, Frank S. Jones, and W. K. Davis. Mr. Titsworth was added to the list for good measure. A meeting of the new board was held the same day and two or three forward-looking projects outlined for further consideration at a later meeting.

After the adjournment of the Church meeting the annual meeting of the Sabbath school convened, at which Daniel Boss was re-elected superintendent, L. E. Babcock elected assistant superintendent, Waldo A. Titsworth, secretary-treasurer, and M. Josie Rogers, assistant secretary-treasurer.

At a strategic moment in the midst of the Church meeting the busy committee of ladies announced the dinner was served—and what a dinner! There was turkey with all the expected fixings and more kinds of vegetables cooked in more kinds of ways than

this correspondent ever saw before at one meal. Then came pies and cakes and other sweet things, at least a dozen kinds. The near thirty members and friends present agreed that it had been a fine meal, and a busy business day in the work of the Lord. — J. N. Norwood, Correspondent.

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y. — This Church observed Christmas on Sabbath, December 20, with special music by the organist, Mrs. Mary Ellen Reed, and by the choir, led by Mrs. Sara B. Burnash. Pastor Bottoms had a Christmas story for the children and a fine seasonal sermon for all.

Sunday, December 21, the Sabbath school had a dinner in the Church parlors, followed by a tree and gifts for the children and an appropriate program.

A pretty wedding took place in the Adams Center Church the evening of December 27, when Gareth Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Greene, and Miss Patricia Yoggy of Binghamton, N. Y., were united in marriage by the bride's pastor, Rev. Mr. Dodds of Binghamton. The Church was decorated in green and silver, with candles in the windows and on the pulpit; many beautiful wedding selections were rendered on the organ by Mrs. Mary Ellen Reed. Mrs. Greene has served as head of the music department in Adams Center High School for the past year and a half, and is now employed as teacher of music in West Union, W. Va. The groom is a freshman in Salem College, Salem, W. Va., where the happy couple will reside. The Church gave Mr. and Mrs. Greene a reception the evening of January 1, at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Avery, at which time they received many lovely and useful gifts.

Mrs. E. H. Bottoms is making a good recovery from a recent operation, and will soon be able to return to her teaching at Belleville, N. Y.

A new branch of the W.C.T.U. was organized in the Church parlors, Tuesday afternoon, January 27, by a group of state and county officers. Mrs. E. H. Bottoms was elected president, with other offices filled by members of this Church, the first day Baptist Church, and the Honeyville Baptist Church. Interest in the temperance cause seems to be increasing, and it is good to know that this Church will again play

its part in so worthy an effort, as it did years ago. — Sadie K. Whitford, Correspondent.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — The holiday season was a pleasant one at the Riverside Church. Thanksgiving morning found eighty assembled for the morning worship service at ten o'clock. The special music was furnished by our choir and a male quartet from the Baptist Church. Special prayers by several laymen and an inspiring sermon by our pastor made a fitting beginning for the day. At least 125 partook of the delicious turkey dinner served in the social hall. Dora Hurley was toastmistress for the outstanding after-dinner program, consisting of piano and vocal solos, guitar duets, and readings. We truly thank God for such a day.

On December 20, our children gave their Christmas vesper program, which everyone enjoyed. There was a beautifully decorated tree for the children, on which there was a small gift and a bag of treats for each child. "White Gifts" were presented by individual classes. Those from the children were sent to twelve bedridden children at the County Hospital.

On December 22, a beautiful cantata, "The Story of Christmas," by H. Alexander Matthews, was given by our choir, under the direction of Maleta Curtis, with K. Duane Hurley as stage manager. We know many received a rich blessing from its message.

Our Sabbath school is trying to co-operate in the work recommended by Rev. Harley Sutton. A great need in our children's department has at last been met, and we have three new classrooms, making it possible for three classes of children to have rooms of their own. These rooms were fittingly dedicated November 15, with a simple service. Praise the Lord for this blessing!

Sadness has entered our hearts in the passing of our beloved sister, Ella B. Rood. Her life was such an inspiration to us! How we shall miss her, especially in our Ladies' Dorcas Society, in which she was deeply interested and ever ready with helpful suggestions in planning our program and work. Although shut in for years, suffering intensely yet smiling, her light never grew dim, but shone brightly for her Master to the end.

—Correspondent.

LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y. — Our junior choir of fifteen voices is a great help in the worship services, Sabbath mornings. They wear white capes; the senior choir wear black robes. We feel grateful to Mrs. Leta De Groff, who directs both choirs, giving generously of her time and talent.

The work on the new "Community Center," opposite the Church, is progressing, and the hardwood floor, recently purchased, has been laid by the men of the community.

December 3, the Sunshine Society held their annual harvest supper and bazaar, which was well attended not only by our community but by those coming from surrounding districts. This netted the society approximately \$120.

Every Monday night is "game night" for the younger boys of the community, with Pastor Charles Bond in charge. At Christmas time the younger people went for a hay ride, stopping to sing Christmas carols at homes of shut-ins.

A fellowship meeting of the "Men's Brotherhood" of the Western Association was held Sunday night, January 18, at the Little Genesee Community Center. After a light supper and business meeting, Dr. Watson of Alfred, the guest speaker, gave an interesting talk on the subject of "Bees."

A surprise was recently given Pastor Charles Bond and his wife by friends of the vicinity. They came bringing gifts to fill pantry shelves. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. — Mrs. M. R. Sanford, Correspondent.

RED CROSS SABBATH SET FOR FEBRUARY 28

President Basil O'Connor of the American Red Cross recently announced that February 29 has been set aside as Red Cross Sunday, and February 28, as Red Cross Sabbath.

Observance of the two special days in Churches and synagogues throughout the nation precedes the opening of the annual Red Cross Fund appeal which will be conducted from March 1 to 31.

This practice, Mr. O'Connor said, is a tradition among clergymen of all faiths to give spiritual meaping to the Red Cross appeal. In many communities Red Cross-uniformed volunteers will attend religious services en masse. — American Red Cross News Service.

Marriages

Lawton - Traver. — On November 27, 1947, Virginia Traver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Traver of Little Genesee, N. Y., and Norman R. Lawton of Buffalo, N. Y., were united in marriage at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond. The new home is at 435 Maston Ave., in Buffalo.

Henry - Sebring. — David W. Henry of Fontana and Rosalie Eileen Sebring of Uplands, Calif., were united in marriage December 29, 1947, at the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. Leon M. Maltby, officiating. The new home is at 2009 Emmerson, Berkeley, Calif., where David is continuing his university studies.

Soper - Monroe. — Ira Milford Soper, of Roggen, Colo., and Collet Ire Monroe, of Fouke, Ark., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage at Fouke, on the evening of November 19, 1947. Pastor Ralph Soper, who is pastor of the bride and father of the groom, officiated. The couple will be at home at Roggen, Colo.

Davis - Soper. — Glen Morton Davis of Fouke, Ark., and Margie Mabel Soper of Fouke, Ark., were united in marriage in the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, December 10, 1947. They were both members of the Fouke Church. The bride is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Ralph Soper. Pastor Ralph Soper officiated. The couple will make their home at Fouke, Ark.

Obituaries

Meldrim. — Frank Meldrim, born August 27, 1864, at Truxton, N. Y., died January 5, 1948, at De Ruyter, N. Y.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Zack H. White from the Smith Funeral Home, De Ruyter, on January 8, 1948. Interment was in Truxton Cemetery. Z. H. W.

Gates. — William Everett, son of William R. and Ida Davis Gates, was born March 10, 1892, in Taylor, N. Y., and passed from this life December 4, 1947, at the Chenango Memorial Hospital in Norwich.

He spent most of his life in Lincklean. At the age of twenty-two he was stricken with infantile paralysis and has been a cripple ever since that time, walking only with the aid of crutches; this, however, did not prove a handicap to the friendly outreach of his personality. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Miss Ruth Gates, Mrs. Ward Burrows, and Clair Gates, of Lincklean; Lloyd Gates, Cincinnati; Mrs. Bertha Mowers and Mrs. Lyman Coon, De Ruyter; and Mrs. Neal Mills of New Auburn, Wis.

Funeral services were held in the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church, Sunday, December

7, 1947, at 2 o'clock, with Rev. Zack H. White officiating. Burial was made in the family plot at the North Pitcher Cemetery. Z. H. W.

Rood. — Eleanor Babcock, daughter of John H. and Metta Platts Babcock, was born in the pioneer community of North Loup, Neb., November 14, 1878, and died January 6, 1948.

She was baptized as a girl and united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church and has been active in the Churches of Milton, Wis., and Riverside, Calif.

She is a sister of Mrs. Charles Thorngate, Dodge Center, Minn.; aunt of Mrs. Myra T. Barber, North Loup, Neb., Dr. George Thorngate, Shanghai, China, John and Mary Thorngate of Eau Claire, Wis., Mrs. Wesley Baldrige, Colfax, Wis., and Mrs. Marguerite Clapper, Dodge Center, Minn. She is the mother of Rev. Wayne R. Rood of the faculty of Alfred University School of Theology, Alfred, N. Y., who is now completing his doctorate at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif.

She was united in marriage to Warren Ray Rood at Milton, Wis., December 24, 1903, and they have worked together in educational, Church, and community service since that time. Although she has not been able to take active part in public work since she was stricken with arthritis a few years ago, she has maintained a keen interest in the better things of life. She was a woman of deep religious convictions and it was a great satisfaction to see her son render spiritual service to the armed forces during the war as army chaplain, and as a minister and teacher in a theological seminary. She has been a vital factor in the activities of her husband during their forty-four years of married life. She leaves the husband and son and a host of friends to cherish her memory.

Farewell services were conducted by Rev. E. S. Ballenger, assisted by the present pastor of the Church with interment at Olivewood Cemetery in Riverside, Sabbath afternoon, January 10. L. M. M.

Darling. — Harriet L., daughter of James and Esther Bronson Breed, was born on September 16, 1870, at Cuyler, N. Y.

More than fifty years previous to her death, she married Will Darling, who preceded her in death in 1931. She made her home in De Ruyter, N. Y. She was baptized March 27, 1943, and has lived a life of love and service in obedience to her Master. She was called to rest on August 28, 1947.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, assisted by Rev. Zack H. White, on August 31. Burial was in the Hillcrest Cemetery, De Ruyter. V. W. S.

Coon. — Lida Rose, daughter of Hills and Artimus Rose, was born in 1878, at Lincklean, N. Y., and died July 10, 1947.

She was married to Frank Phillips in 1906. To this union two children were born; one died in infancy, and a son, Stanley, survives.

December 18, 1940, she was married to Ruthford Coon. She was a member of the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church and Ladies' Benevolent Society. Surviving her are her husband, son, Stanley, brother, Oscar Rose, and Julia Harris who was brought up in the family. Z. H. W.

"DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM"

By Committee on Budget Promotion of the
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

MINISTERIAL RETIREMENT

One of the most important funds administered by the Memorial Board is the Ministerial Retirement Fund. From this fund retired Seventh Day Baptist ministers and the widows of former pastors receive monthly checks to help make comfortable their old age, when they are no longer in active service.

The present basis for these monthly payments is \$1 per month per year of service, up to the maximum of \$40. Widows receive one half these amounts.

As of December, 1947, thirteen men and nine women were on the beneficiary list, with monthly payments for the group totaling about \$600.

Endowment funds for ministerial retirement held by the Memorial Board as of May 31, 1947, were \$88,822.16 (see page 120, 1947 Year Book). The net income from these funds amounted to \$2,079.55 for the year closing on the same date.

Since expenditures for twelve months for the present beneficiaries is over \$7,000, more than \$5,000 for the current year must come from sources approximately as follows:

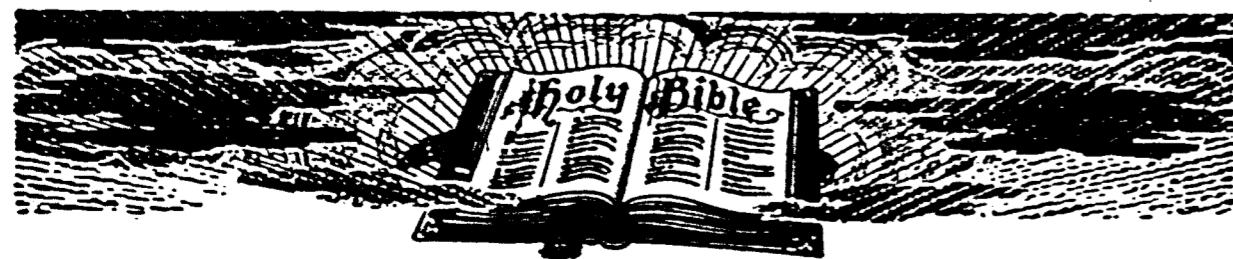
One half anticipated receipts from pastors and Churches	\$1,275.00
Discretionary funds, used for this purpose	545.00
Denominational Budget funds	3,416.00
Total to be raised outside income from endowment	\$5,236.00

By action of Conference several years ago, Churches are asked to pay annually into the funds for ministerial retirement (one half for current distribution, one half into permanent endowment) 4 per cent of the pastor's salary. Pastors are asked to contribute on a sliding scale, based on annual salary, amounting to 2 per cent in the \$1,500-\$1,599 group. Both Churches and pastors are to add 15 per cent to salaries before making computations if a parsonage is furnished.

Present endowment funds need to be increased at least threefold in order to make possible more adequate retiring allowances.

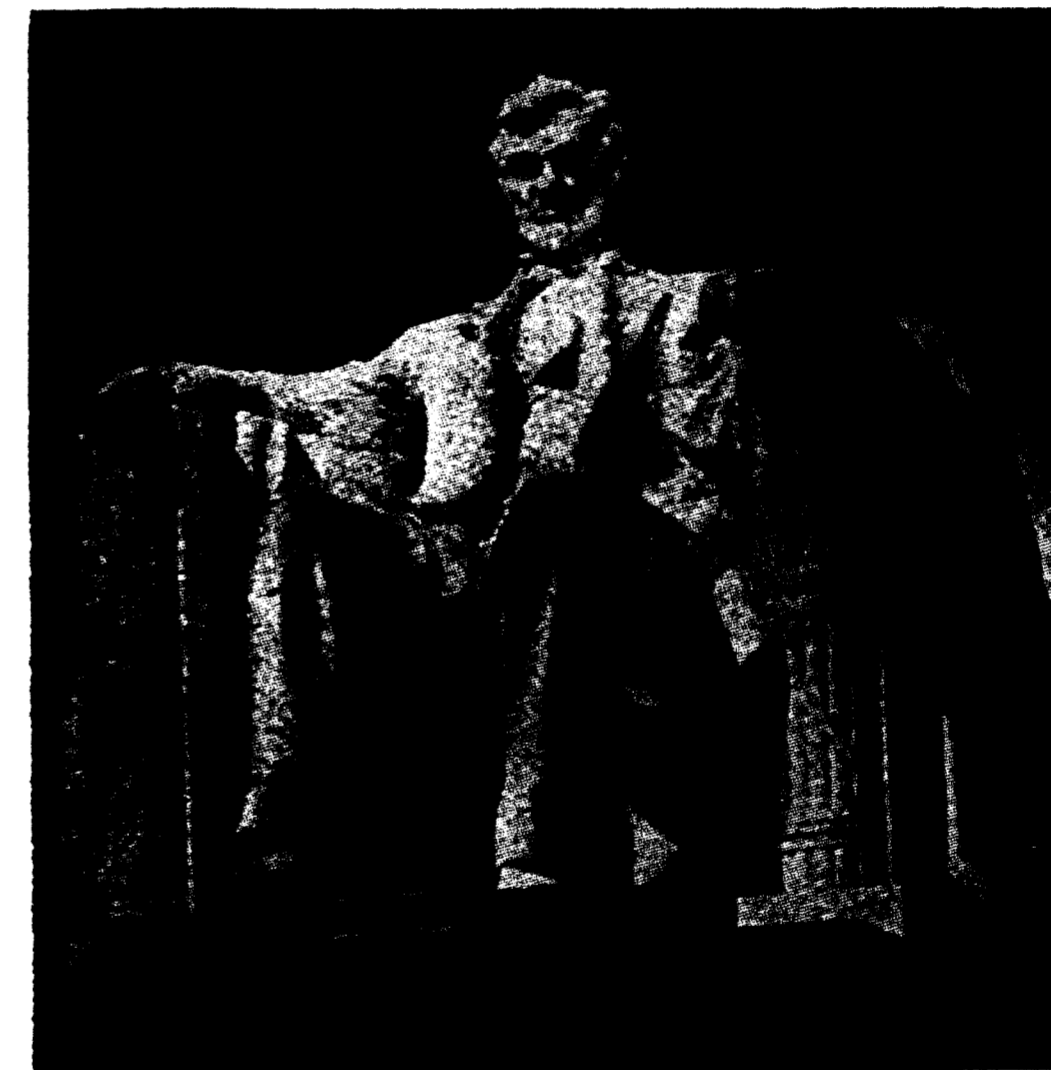
There can be no better way of bringing comfort and security to our pastors who have reached the retiring age than to support current needs by cash gifts for the Retirement Distribution Fund, and to provide for the future by making gifts and bequests to the Ministerial Retirement Endowment Fund.

Our ministry is entitled to our united support. — Copied from L. H. North's article, January 16, 1948.



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Man of the People

"That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." — Gettysburg Address, November 19, 1863.