

## MEETING OF THE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

By Rev. Harley Sutton  
Executive Secretary,  
Board of Christian Education

The second meeting of this council was held at my home in Alfred Station, N. Y., Wednesday and Thursday, October 27 and 28. Conference President Loyal F. Hurley was in charge of the meeting. Rev. David S. Clarke, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, and I were present for both days. Dr. Ben R. Crandall, representing the Vocational Committee, and Mrs. A. J. C. Bond, representing the Woman's Board, were present on Wednesday afternoon.

Material for a Co-ordinating Calendar was arranged and will be duplicated by Rev. David Clarke on the Missionary Board machine. This calendar gives outstanding dates of the Church year, important dates for the denominational program, and important emphases of the major boards.

The Budget Committee is preparing material for a leaflet which will be distributed in the Churches and will explain the budget needs of the boards and societies.

The Budget Committee is also preparing material which will be recorded on wire and discs for use in the Churches.

The young people of the denomination are being challenged to pledge the amount necessary, at \$95 a day, to finance the budget for Youth Week.

A letter from this committee will be sent to pastors giving suggestions for budget promotion.

Plans for a special project for next summer, which was proposed at the first meeting of the council, was discussed further at this meeting. This plan includes the sending of a team of workers to one or more places for the conducting of a Vacation Church School, tract distribution, special evening evangelistic services, and personal visitation. This plan is being sponsored by the major boards as a program of co-ordinated effort.

There was time at this meeting for that spirit of fellowship which can be found where two or three Seventh Day Baptists are gathered together. Evidence of co-ordination among the major boards could be seen in many ways at this

## GERMAN RELIEF WORK CONTINUES

Interested folks throughout the denomination have been asking if food, clothing, and funds are still needed for the relief of our German brethren. The answer is definitely, "Yes."

Our friends of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church of Irvington, N. J., assure us that a real need exists, and that they continue to make shipments of food and clothing for distribution among the needy ones in the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Germany.

The cost of shipping food and clothing to Germany has been cut somewhat by the lifting of the ban on freight shipments to certain sections of that country. Thus, a part of the funds formerly used in paying parcel post charges, can now be used for buying food.

The time is short! Winter is close by in Germany!

Therefore, let us send clothing and money in any negotiable form to Pastor John G. Schmid, Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church, 27 Otsego Road, Verona, N. J., right away.

meeting. Secretaries of the various boards checked their field trips with each other so that there will not be overlapping of effort. Plans for work of the various boards were shared. If there is any doubt in the mind of anyone that the boards of our denomination are actually following a co-ordinated program, he should attend one of these meetings.

The next meeting of the council will be held in Plainfield, N. J., after the mid-year meeting of the Commission.

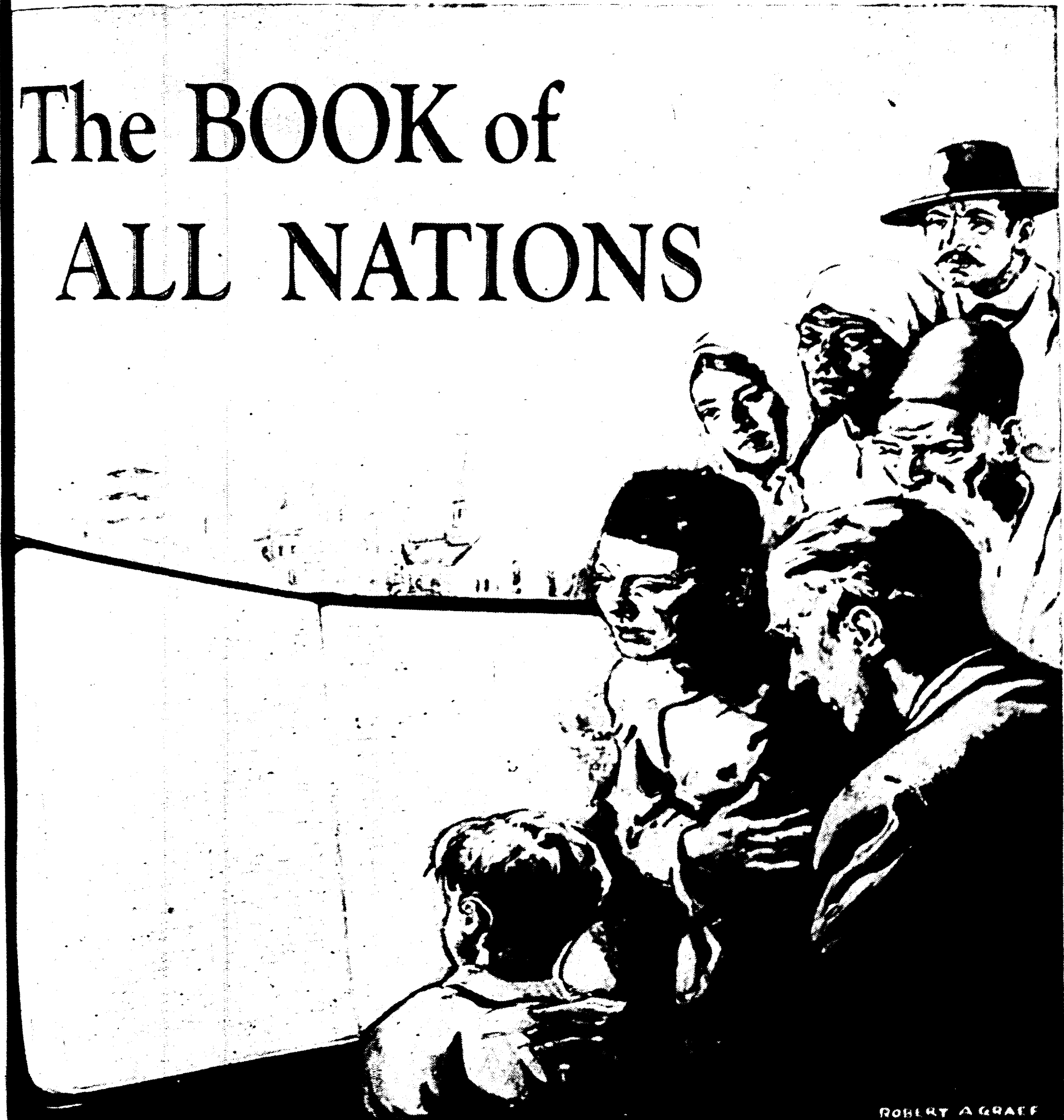
### We WANT to Do It

Inflation determines that we HAVE to pay higher prices for everything. It is a happy thought that when it comes to increased cost of denominational work, we WANT to pay more because of our love for the Master and our willingness to serve Him better.

The Budget Committee of General Conference would like to stress the urgency of increased giving for the Denominational Budget on the part of every individual and Church so that the work of our denomination may go forward.

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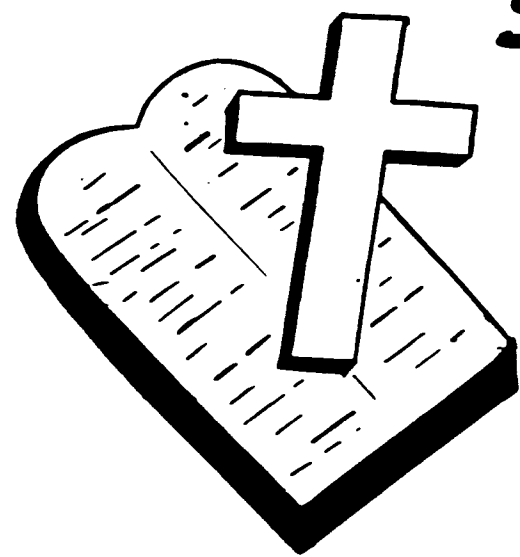
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# 100 Sabbaths of Service



FOR  
CHRIST  
AND FOR  
HIS  
SABBATH

FROM THE FIRST HOPKINTON CHURCH  
ASHAWAY, R. I.

As a program of advance for the next two years, the American Sabbath Tract Society presents "One Hundred Sabbaths of Service."

The purpose of the plan is to make known the gospel of Christ and God's Holy Sabbath to those who have not heard of these blessed gifts. The need throughout the world is so great that the message of Seventh Day Baptists must be spread with greater zeal.

"One Hundred Sabbaths of Service" aims to distribute 1,000 copies of special issue Sabbath Recorders per month and 1,000 tracts per week during the two years' program. An enlarged and beautified Sabbath Recorder and the printing of new tracts are some of the goals.

Yes, it takes money to print and distribute tracts and Recorders. A total of \$10,000 per year for two years is the budget for this program.

What can YOU do? (1) Contribute your share. Money should be sent to Mrs. Maxwell A. Tift, Treasurer, American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J. (2) Distribute your share of tracts. (3) PRAY EARNESTLY for the success of this program of aggression and faith. — The Ashaway Messenger, October, 1948.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

—Psalm 107: 8.

## THANKSGIVING, 1948

Will the sum total of Thanksgiving this year be a holiday, turkey and the trimmings, and a football game? If so, it will truly be a far cry from the original spirit and purpose of this typically American religious festival.

Thanksgiving Day is a legal holiday, so declared by the President of the United States and by the governors of the several states. It is one of the few observances on which national and state governments are quite in harmony. Primarily the purpose of the day is to provide opportunity for people throughout the land to gather in their respective places of worship for the purpose of giving thanks to Almighty God for His abundant provision for our physical needs and for our spiritual blessings. All of which reminds us of the Psalmist's exclamation: "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the chil-

"Will it be dinner as usual?" Let us share our Thanksgiving.

dren of men!" Psalm 107: 8. Certainly, there is definite place for gathering in public worship for thanksgiving to God, irrespective of how appropriately the remainder of the day is spent. Otherwise, the Thanksgiving Proclamation becomes a mere scrap of paper.

So, as we gather across the length and breadth of this land to express our gratitude to God for His goodness toward us, His children, we need to remind ourselves that He is the giver of every good and perfect gift; that to disregard the privilege of public thanksgiving is to flout this grand, old, American custom and tradition. Of course, many folks do not intend to treat with contempt the Thanksgiving service of the local Church or community. Yet, their absence is evidence that they consider something else of greater importance or they simply follow the line of least resistance. It goes without saying that there are many — the ill, the shut-in, and those who are engaged in certain necessary work — who will not find it possible to attend Thanksgiving services. But think of the millions who ought to be there! And those who can-

## THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

Text: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." Psalm 107: 1.

This text is a clarion call to all to give thanks to God.

At the time of the psalm, people had reason for thanksgiving. They had been redeemed. They had been in a foreign land, in the country of an enemy. They had been scattered and separated one from another. But now they had been returned to their own land. They had been brought together again. What a grand reunion!

These people had great cause for giving thanks to God. And the Psalmist called them to this high privilege.

How like our own day! Unknown millions, victims of persecution and purge during the last decade, cry out from their unmarked graves against their persecutors. The revolting, ghastly treatment dealt out during persecution and purge in a supposedly civilized age should ban race hatred for a thousand years to come.

Many of those who escaped the concentration camps became wanderers upon the face of the land. Others sought refuge in many places to escape persecution and the exigencies of war. Those who survived this ordeal are known as displaced persons. They, truly, are among those who join in thanksgiving to God for temporal deliverance from their distress as they return to their homeland or find homes in a new land.

If these, the displaced persons of the world, have occasion for thanksgiving, how much more have we!

Some of us who have never experienced displacement take too much for granted our placement. In this respect, there is no lonelier feeling than that of being homeless. There is no greater feeling of security than that of having a home.

not join in public service of thanksgiving, can certainly give thanks to Almighty God wherever they are at the appointed time of the service that they would attend if they were free to do so.

Let us make Thanksgiving, 1948, a season of genuine gratitude giving.

This writer knows! Thank God for those kindhearted folks who open their homes to those who have none.

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever."

Again, at the time of the psalm, the 107th, there may have been those who were not moved to thanksgiving because of deliverance out of distress or from some calamity. Nevertheless, they were called to join in giving thanks to God. Surely, the matchless goodness of God is sufficient cause for thanksgiving.

And, again, how like our own day! Some folks appear to live blissfully day after day, being untouched by the hardships, distresses, and calamities of mankind. Yet, many of these folks have so triumphed in their spiritual experiences that their lives are serene and their sacrificial deeds of love and mercy go unannounced.

Whatever our condition, whatever our circumstance — let us all "give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever."

Who of us has not been blessed by His goodness? And comforted by His mercy?

#### SUMMARIZED REPORTS OF GERMAN RELIEF WORK

##### Receipts

<b>August, 1948</b>	
From Churches and individuals .....	\$159.13
<b>September, 1948</b>	
From Churches and individuals .....	126.20
<b>October, 1948</b>	
From Churches and individuals .....	127.06
	<u>\$412.39</u>
Paid by Irvington Church .....	150.47
Total .....	<u>\$562.86</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Postage for 14 packages .....	\$ 40.48
Postage for 50 packages .....	139.58
Express fee .....	3.50
Repair of 1 Bible .....	3.50
200 cans sardines .....	18.00
320 lbs. margarine .....	152.00
120 lbs. coffee .....	73.00
500 lbs. sugar .....	95.00
Shipment fee .....	37.80
Total .....	<u>\$562.86</u>

Frank Schober, Clerk,  
Irvington Church.

November 10, 1948.

#### BULLETIN CHINA CHAOS

Newspaper headlines like "U. S. Nationals Put on Alert in Shanghai" have renewed the fervor of our prayers for our China missionaries and Chinese workers Seventh Day Baptists — and others — need our prayers — for safety, peace and stability, and opportunities to be about the Father's business, if violence should come to kill.

Tuesday's papers (November 16) carried the advice of the Shanghai American Consulate: "... all Americans in the Shanghai Consular district who are not prepared to remain under hazardous conditions in areas where they now reside should plan at once to move to places of safety." Our Missionary Board, with other American boards, has maintained the policy of leaving to the missionaries on the field and their native helpers the decision as to evacuation. Our board has guaranteed to the American government repatriation expenses so that our missionaries will be as able to move as any in case of violence and necessity.

"Food is coming back into the market places here (in Shanghai)," continues Tuesday's dispatch, "in increasing quantities and at somewhat lower prices as the result of well-publicized arrangements for rice shipments from Hongkong and Southeast Asia. The first big shipload is expected within the next few days."

Letters written late in October by the Thorngates and Miss West showed that conditions were growing "hazardous ... short supply of food, and medicines, controls by Economic Police, rumors of communist advance, and chaos over the gold Yuan currency stabilization." Christ's messengers do not live by counsels of fear and hazard, but we know that our China missionaries are realistic enough to decide when they cannot serve in the face of violence. D. S. C.

Did you ever see a hungry child? There are millions of them in war-torn countries. Share your Thanksgiving. Contribute your money, and time, to the approved appeals of the Church of which you are a member.

#### SCATTERED VOICES

It was a thrilling experience for me and for some six hundred others, who ventured out through a glazed evening of freezing, sleety rain, to listen to an a cappella choir of some fifty Milton College students present a program of sacred music.

If one of the highest possible achievements of the vocal art is a cappella singing, then the youthful Milton group gave an inspiring demonstration of such achievement, for no finished organist ever sat at his console with more complete control of his instrument than that maintained by Director Westlund over his singing group.

more. Of the others, that they compose from their hearts out. Combined, they provided a sumptuous feast of sacred melody.

On the wholly physical side the director intrigued with his deft artistry, and no less did the choir with its total concentration on even the slightest innuendo of the leader's hand or head. I had never seen such complete rapport between a group and an individual. But therein, and therein alone, rather than from outstanding individual voices, lay the supremely inspired silence that fell heavy over the auditorium following the "Amen" after the closing number, a lovely arrangement of



Milton College Choir, Milton, Wis., 1948

The program was perfect in its choice of anthem, choral, and motet, for it drew upon noted composers of yesterday as well as those of today and provided the choir with rich variety of theme and movement for inspiring display of its versatility.

Russia was represented by several composers. So were Scandinavia and Germany. Italy was there, and the United States. No lines were drawn on the basis of composer nationality or creed any more than in choir personnel. It was a cosmopolitan group with a cosmopolitan program. Of the singers, it was asked that they sing from their hearts out, nothing

"The Church's One Foundation." It was a benediction in truth for the crowd which worshiped that night, in music, as it too rarely does in word, or deed.

And as I stood there with hundreds of others, moved to the depths of me, I glimpsed at great distance and but for a fleeting split moment, a chorus of countless voices pouring forth its glad soul in perfect harmony, under the gentle hand of the Master Director. Then it was gone, and I was again in the world of reality.

What a melodic harmony would there have been, regardless of the ability of the





Pilgrims Going to Church

### NOVEMBER 25, THANKSGIVING DAY

As early as 1621, Governor William Bradford of the Plymouth Colony called the people together for a service of thanksgiving. After the Revolutionary War, President Washington issued a proclamation naming Thursday, November 26, as a day of thanksgiving. This proclamation was for that special occasion, and it was not until 1815 that the United States had another national thanksgiving day. At that time, in gratitude for the conclusion of the War of 1812, President Madison issued a proclamation calling for a day of thanksgiving.

President Lincoln in 1863 issued a proclamation calling upon the people to gather for the purpose of giving thanks to God on the last Thursday in November of that year. This day in November became the accepted time for Thanksgiving Day until 1939 when President Roosevelt, for the purpose of creating a wider time-spread between Thanksgiving and Christmas, moved the Thanksgiving Day observance to the previous week. Many states refused

director, had that choir broken up into independent division and subdivision, with some of the sopranos and a few odd basses off in one corner of that packed Church auditorium, some tenors and three or four altos before the altar, half of the second bass and the rest of the altos in the Church vestibule, and the rest of the choristers scattered from the belfry to the boiler room?

No, don't laugh. It isn't funny. It is pathetic, insufferably pathetic, especially when one permits himself thought of denominational disunity, disharmony, counter purpose, and individualism.

to observe this change and continued in the traditional date despite the presidential proclamations of 1939, 1940, and 1941. On December 26, 1941, the President approved the joint resolution of Congress designating the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day, and this time of observance again became nationwide.

It is obvious to all of us that we have much to be thankful for. This year's harvest has been a rich one. And, in addition to the bounty of the earth, we have enjoyed widespread employment and an increase in production. Let us not forget, however, the bumper crop gathered in the field of human rights. There has been an astonishing revival of interest in the processes of democracy, a marked trend toward a fuller realization and sharing of our God-given and constitutional rights. When we thank God for all of the good things of this life, we are especially grateful that we are Americans. — Circular Letter, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, November 1, 1948.

What couldn't our Protestantism achieve, had it even a suggestion of the unity of purpose, the wisdom of uniting all voices, the willingness to sing, and rapport with its Master Director, that the Milton Choir knows, and which lifted the huge audience nearer its God?

(Signed) Joseph M. Ramsey.

(Editor's Note: The above article by Dr. Joseph M. Ramsey, and used by his permission, appeared in the Expositor of April, 1948, and was submitted by President Carroll L. Hill, who informs us that Dr. Ramsey heard the Milton College Choir at East Aurora, N. Y.)

## Fall Meetings of Our Churches

NEW JERSEY AND  
EASTERN NEW YORK CHURCHES

PLAINFIELD, N. J.  
OCTOBER 22-23, 1948

The Yearly Meeting of the New Jersey and Eastern New York Churches was held with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, Plainfield, N. J., Friday evening and all day Sabbath, October 22 and 23, 1948. Representatives were present from the following Churches and Fellowship: Piscataway at New Market, Plainfield, Shiloh, Marlboro, German Church of Irvington, all of New Jersey; New York City, Berlin, both of New York; Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia, Pa.

The theme of the meeting was "God's Work and Ours," the earlier sessions emphasizing "God's Work" and the later, "Our Work," although it is not possible to separate the two in practical Christianity.

Miss Esther Burdick led the praise service on Sabbath eve, reading from Isaiah 40 and Psalm 139 and considering the wisdom and majesty and all-seeing providence of God. Miss Burdick then offered prayer.

Pastor E. Wendell Stephan of the Plainfield Church welcomed the guests to a glorious time of Christian fellowship not primarily for spiritual self-improvement but that we might more fully come "to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever," to whom be "blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might," forever and forever. Amen.

Following the singing of the theme hymn, "Christ for the World We Sing," Leland E. Davis, student in Faith Seminary at Wilmington, Del., preached the sermon. He reminded us that before we can think of our work for God, we must think of ourselves; we must think of man who is by nature sinful. After showing us God's picture of ourselves, the preacher pointed us to Christ who is God's remedy for sin. He declared that if we are to be ambassadors and successful witnesses for Christ, our hearts must be right.

Miss Janet Whitford, of Plainfield, sang "The Prayer Perfect" with Mrs. Hurley S. Warren at the organ.

Rev. C. Rex Burdick, pastor of the Marlboro Church, conducted the service of witness. This was a season of precious fellowship in the Lord in which many witnessed to the tender mercy and loving forgiveness of God through Christ.

A pleasant surprise to those coming from a distance on Sabbath morning was coffee and doughnuts and social fellowship before the Sabbath morning worship.

The morning service was conducted by Pastor Stephan of the host Church with a full choir and Dr. Howard S. Savage, organist and choir director of the Plainfield Church, at the organ. Two anthems were sung by the choir: "The Lord Is My Light" by Parker, and "Send Out Thy Light" by Gounod.

Pastor Stephan gave the children's story after which the children gathered in the Church parlors for a service in charge of Miss Lucy Whitford and her assistants.

Rev. Lester G. Osborn preached the morning sermon using as the subject: "Faith That Honors God," and the text: "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11: 6.

Pastor Osborn stated that faith is taking God at His word. By means of examples and incidents from the Bible and from experience, he clearly set forth the faith that honors God.

More than two hundred attended this service. Well over one hundred were served dinner, in the Sabbath school room, which was planned by Miss Janet Whitford, Mrs. Courtland V. Davis, and Henry A. Poulin. The same committee had charge of the supper at which above sixty were served.

Two services were held on Sabbath afternoon, namely: the Children's Hour in charge of Miss Ethel Wilson of the Philadelphia Fellowship and the Laymen's Hour in charge of Courtland V. Davis.

Mrs. David Sheppard of the Marlboro Church conducted the devotional service of the Laymen's Hour. She read Ecclesiastes 12: 13, 14; James 1: 19-25; and

Romans 13: 8-14. After making brief remarks, Mrs. Sheppard offered prayer.

Courtland V. Davis spoke on the subject of "And Ours," affirming that no separation is intended in speaking of God's work and ours. Our work must be God's — His work is all-inclusive; ours is but a segment. The genius of Seventh Day Baptists springs from the fact that there has been no great leader save Christ; there has been no center save the Bible.

Dr. Lloyd D. Seager, Seventh Day Baptist delegate to the World Council of Churches meeting held in Amsterdam, Holland, August 22 - September 4, 1948, spoke of "Our Work in the World." His report of that meeting began in last week's issue of the Sabbath Recorder. God was not without a witness to the Sabbath truth at Amsterdam! Dr. Seager also spoke most interestingly of visiting some of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Holland and the Mill Yard Church of London, England.

The choir sang the anthem, "Gloria" (Twelfth Mass) by Mozart under the direction of Dr. Savage.

A discussion period ensued in charge of Mr. Davis with questions being asked of Dr. Seager.

"Jesus My Saviour Is All in All" was sung by the quartet consisting of Janet Whitford, Carol Guyer, Mary Alice Butler, and Esther Burdick.

In the absence of Pastor John G. Schmid of the Irvington Church who was ill, Rev. Paul L. Maxson of the Berlin Church pronounced the benediction.

A brief business session was held the night after the Sabbath with Pastor Stephan serving as moderator.

The treasurer's report was presented by L. H. North. It was voted that fifty per cent of the treasury balance be sent to the Denominational Budget. It was also voted to allow five cents per mile, plus any toll charges paid, to visiting ministers who drive their cars to Yearly Meeting. (The former rate was three cents per mile, plus tolls.)

An expression of appreciation for the hospitality of the entertaining Church was made, the local Hospitality Committee being: Mrs. Alexander W. Vars, chairman,

Mrs. E. Wendell Stephan, and Mrs. Henry A. Poulin.

Upon invitation the Yearly Meeting voted to convene with the Marlboro, N. J. Church next fall.

The Vesper Hour was conducted by the Shiloh young people who are members of the Christ-Teen Troopers Class of which Mrs. Ella K. Sheppard is the teacher. Leroy Rainear presided and Hannah Scull was at the piano. Others of this class who took part were: Ruth Ayars, Marilyn Osborn, Harold Fogg, Mark Sheppard, Howard Scull, and Owen Probasco. Centered about the theme of "Gardens," through Scripture reading, poetry, prose, special music, comment, and prayer this vesper was inspiringly and helpfully presented. Those participating in the season of prayer led by Marilyn Osborn were: Barbara Spicer of Dunellen, Miriam Seager of Philadelphia, and Esther Burdick of Plainfield.

Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastor of the Second Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred at Alfred Station, N. Y., and president of the Board of Christian Education, presented a message from Rev. Harley Sutton, executive secretary of the board, and preached the closing sermon of the Yearly Meeting. (Mr. Rogers did visitation evangelism work for the New York City Church during October.)

Secretary Sutton's message was brought by means of wire recordings and needs to be heard to be fully appreciated. The first part of his message stressed that "Even One Is Worth It." The latter part of his message set forth the goals of endeavor for Sabbath schools during the present Conference year. They are: (1) Each Sabbath school is urged to strive for a ten per cent increase in enrollment; and (2) Each Sabbath school is urged to conduct or to co-operate in conducting a Leadership Training School. Let us pray, plan, and work together, the secretary further urged.

In referring to the four-year Sabbath School Enrollment Campaign, Mr. Sutton called on everyone to go out and do the best he can to win others to Christ and to bring them in. This is the work of the Son of man who came to seek and to save that which was lost.

### MABEL WEST WRITES OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

#### Light of Their Christian Experience Shines Brightly and Far

A graduate of the class of 1947 who is at the Woman's Christian College — Ginling — at Nanking, writes: "Every day I spend two hours studying in the garden. When I have finished I always shut my eyes and thank God who gave me such a good school in which to study"; and later on: "Now I realize that if one reads the Sermon on the Mount every day she shall find something definitely beneficial entering her life." Then she tells how the article by Fosdick, "On Being a Real Person" set her to thinking and has made her realize that it is up to her to make her life what it should be in spite of environment. "We must get our power through God." Could you see the environment she comes from — a one-room apartment in an overcrowded house, you would appreciate the more what this means.

Our 1948 girls write from Soochow: "Alice and I are going to join the Bible class held on Sunday morning." (Alice is the second daughter of Principal T. M. Chang.) From papers written by the class to graduate this year: "We like to go to Church on Sabbath morning. The sacred music, the solemn atmosphere, and the

Mr. Rogers began the sermon by quoting Isaiah 40: 3-5. He related the call that Isaiah sounded forth to the need of our day to prepare the way of the Lord. Worship and prayer, witnessing and evangelism are the four parts of Christian Education, he promulgated.

"Use us, or lose us," arrested our minds as the speaker voiced the sentiment of young folks who must be used in the Sabbath school and the Church, or be lost.

"So what? Well, that's what!" concluded Mr. Rogers.

The theme hymn and the benediction brought the Yearly Meeting to a close.

Oh that men would praise the Lord  
for his goodness, and for his wonderful  
works to the children of men!

—Psalm 107: 15.

talks all help us to find how to live the better life."

(Ginling's president, Wu-I-fang, was one of China's representatives at the organization of the UNO in San Francisco.)

#### Christian Work of Staff Members and Graduates

Two widows who have worked in our school for some time have recently been baptized and joined the Church — the son of one and the daughter of the other, with their mothers. One widow came to Anna's (West) notice several years ago when first her husband was ill and later she needed help. He died of tuberculosis. She has had a hard time but has been brave and has tried to support her family until the boys could help her.

Miss Pan, a former nurse who studied under Dr. Crandall and Miriam Shaw, has gone recently to help Sarah Becker at Liuho. We hope that she will be able to stay on. Miss Becker, Miss Pan, and Mary Woo Chang are the committee in charge of plans for religious work at the hospital. Mrs. Chang holds services every morning with the patients in their rooms.

Our neighbor, Margaret Williamson Hospital, has formally reopened after the war years — also celebrated its sixty-third birthday. One of our girls is on the staff — a very valuable nurse. Another is taking the course. She also enjoys the religious life there.

As for us, we are well. I am teaching as planned . . . I sit in my wheel chair to teach and later get into it for awhile.

(Dr. George Thorngate writes that Mabel's "fractured hip has not healed as rapidly as we had hoped and it is probable that some further surgical procedure will have to be undergone. Nevertheless she is carrying some classes and is treasurer of the school. Aunt Nettie is bright and active as usual.")

#### 1,410 Pupils Crowd Schools on Eve of Sixtieth Anniversary of Boys' School

The schools in Shanghai are carrying on with crowded classrooms and playgrounds — 1,410 pupils. Many were turned away. Plans are being made for the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the opening of the Boys' School. (The Girls' School was opened in 1885.) We



rejoice with our sister school — Caribbean High (now Crandall although Miss West has no such information) and pray for the growth of Christian young people in Jamaica. We hope that sufficient equipment can be obtained to carry on the work as planned.

We do not need atabrine here. (The Missionary Society had offered to send atabrine, malaria preventive, donated through the Foreign Missions Conference by War Assets Administration.) Medicines are brought in at a very high tax. Duty is high on everything unless it be books. By the way, some simple picture books and colored pencils for the Chang children at Liuho would be nice. If sent, better send here to Helen Thorngate (23 Zikawei Road, Shanghai 25). (Dr. Thorngate writes that the hospital received a supply of atabrine through UNRRA sufficient for several years and that the mission in Shanghai has sufficient for its needs.)

More than half of the graduates of this year (June, 1948) are doing advanced work. Some could not get into their chosen fields. Nursing and medicine were in the majority this year.

#### Shaky Money and Food Situations Reviewed

(Conditions in China — with communist advances, inflationary upsets — make our missionaries and Chinese Seventh Day Baptists the object of intercession. One of our prayers ought to be for stronger home Churches, too. For, strong home Churches mean loyal stewards giving toward needs of staff and equipment in our China mission, and strong home Churches mean a more Christian America with a more Christian foreign policy. Think of the confusion created by a supposedly Christian nation offering economic aid to European nations if they'd keep the communists out of their governments while holding off military or economic aid from China unless she would take the communists into her government! At this writing, no evacuation has been necessitated for our missionaries, but we stand ready to help. Our missionaries there will have to use their own judgment under God.)

Right now (October 20, 1948), food is very hard to get. I hope that the papers at home are not picturing us as suffering. We have enough and the situation will straighten out soon. They plan to ration. We hear that in one night — really in four hours — they hope to take a complete census of the five million people in Shanghai. Students will be enlisted to help the Pau Kya and other officers. If they succeed it will be something great accomplished. Just to think of it is appalling. It is necessary, though, if the rationing is to be fairly and easily done.

D. S. C.

#### WIRE RECORDERS PURCHASED

Soon after the Second Century Fund Committee secured a wire recorder and the machine had been given some trials, word came from China that our mission head, Dr. George Thorngate, had secured a wire recorder in Hongkong. He writes "(we) hope to send a spool to you soon of mission sound effects which may be of interest. You can use it a few times and then record a worship service or whatever you like to send back to us."

You may be sure that we will make the most of these sound effects sent from China. Probably parts of them will be put on discs for reproduction in connection with showing of the China slide series. Disc recording is more expensive but at present is the best way to allow a large number of people to hear, since wire recorders are not too generally distributed. We feel very happy that a means of actual sound reproduction is now available to us in exchanging "news and views" with China.

D. S. C.

#### A DAY AT CRANDALL HIGH SCHOOL

Every day at Crandall High School is a busy one. At 8:15 each morning the students and faculty gather and hold a devotional service. This is led by members of the faculty and student body, taking turns. Then the classes start. A full Cambridge course is being given consisting of English, literature, Latin, religious knowledge, geography, history, hygiene, arithmetic, algebra, and geometry.

To be sure that the very important subject of English language and literature is properly taught, it, with geometry, arithmetic, and Latin, was given to our native teacher, Mr. Claude Van Whervin, who is very competent, willing, intelligent, and co-operative. Pastor Randolph presents history and geography in an interesting manner, while Mr. Mills teaches a course in the life of Christ, also algebra and hygiene, and leads the chorus singing. Quite different from the American system, the students carry all the required subjects through the entire time in secondary school, and thus have a class every period. So they make slow progress with each subject, but keep them all refreshed in their minds in readiness for the time when they sit for the Cambridge examinations. There is a half-hour recess at eleven o'clock for lunch and rest, and school is dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Mills has a class of preparatory students in an upstairs room. They are taking a course corresponding to our sixth to eighth grades in the States and keep the same hours as the secondary classes.

The organ sent by the Alfred Church is filling a great need. Besides being used for chapel exercises and chorus singing, it is busy nearly every afternoon as it is available for practice by the students taking music lessons of Mrs. Mills.

Each day, at the close of the school session, the office is a busy place, for in there are the bookshelves containing the books, about fifty of them, sent by the Alfred Sabbath school, and sixty or more loaned by Mr. Mills. About one third of the books seem to be "out" most of the time. It is a great treat to have books available to read.

Soon after 4:30 the commercial students begin to gather, and from 5 to 7 o'clock the clicking of typewriters and voices dictating for shorthand can be heard while the students are hard at work under the capable supervision of another native teacher, Miss Edna Anglin. Bookkeeping is also taught.

On Mondays and Thursdays a small group of girls come to learn sewing from Miss Icilda Rennals. They have a nice sewing room equipped with cutting table,

stool, two sewing machines (from the Northwestern Association), blackboard, and desks.

On Thursday evening a large, live, and active Youth Club meets in our school building for a devotional and business meeting. When we first came here they were doing basket work, but now they are practicing a religious play. They spend much time in the schoolyard using a ping-pong set which the club bought and made under the supervision of Rev. Mr. Hargis.

Some of the people connected with our Church have formed a Co-operative Association and have a small store in a nook of the schoolhouse which is open about two nights a week. Sometimes they hold a business meeting or a study class in the schoolhouse.

On Sabbath days the school is open for Christian Endeavor meetings and Bible study classes. On Sunday some of the students return to give the building a general cleaning up. So you can see that Crandall High School is a beehive of activities from the start to the finish of each week. Though it has an enrollment of only thirty-four now, and some of these are duplicates, we feel we have made a good start with the help of the good brethren in America. By God's grace we are hoping to make great strides in the future.

Martha Mills.

#### KINDNESS

By Irene Post Hulett

I was asked to write of "Kindness,"  
But I questioned what to write,  
So I asked the Holy Spirit  
To bestow the "Inward Light."

Flashed, then, into my consciousness  
These helpful, burning words—  
"Remind them of the Golden Rule;  
Let them by that be stirred."

So I repeat this rule of Christ,  
And you will find it true,  
"Do unto others as ye would  
That they should do to you."

If we but did to others  
As we would have them do,  
How could it then be otherwise  
That kindness would ensue?

Then would we be good neighbors;  
War's terrors soon would cease,  
And families live happily  
Enjoying God's great peace.

(Written by request)

### THAT DEAD SEA

I looked upon a sea, and lo, 'twas dead,  
Although by Hermon's snows and Jordan fed.  
How come a fate so dire? The tale's soon told.  
All that it got, it kept and fast did hold.  
All tributary streams found here their grave,  
Because the sea received and never gave.  
O sea that's dead, teach me to know and feel  
That selfish grasp and greed my doom will seal.  
And help me, Lord, my best, myself to give,  
That I may others bless—and like Thee live.

—Author Unknown, in  
Clarksburg Baptist.

### ARE WE TRULY THANKFUL?

Two angels started out from heaven one morning to gather the prayers of men. As they neared the earth they were impressed with the great beauty all about them. There were great orchards laden with fruit, fields golden with yellow grain, green pastures and peace and plenty everywhere.

"Let us divide the work today," said one of the angels. "See, my bag is bigger than yours. I shall gather the prayers only of praise and thanksgiving. You, with your smaller bag, may gather complaints and requests."

"Very well," replied the other angel, "and when I am through perhaps I shall have time to help you."

So they separated and each went about his work. At sunset they met again.

"Oh," exclaimed the one with the smaller bag, "such a day as I have had. This small bag did not begin to hold the complaints and requests. I have had to make three trips. Who would think that men could think of so much to want?"

"And I," said the other sadly, "found this bag far too big. I have sought all day long where people seemed to have all that heart could desire, and see, I have only this one little **Thank you.**"

When they appeared before the King each gave his offering in sorrowful silence.

"Be comforted," said the King, tenderly; "One of my loved ones has given thanks," and the King received the one **Thank you.**

—Selected.

**Oh that men would praise the Lord  
for his goodness, and for his wonderful  
works to the children of men!**

—Psalm 107: 21.

### LETTER FROM THE WOMEN'S BOARD

To the Women's Societies of the  
Seventh Day Baptist  
General Conference.

Dear Friends:

Another Conference year is getting under way. Those of you who attended Conference are back in your home society with enthusiasm quickened, eager to help plan the year's work for your group. Those of us who were not so fortunate are catching the spirit of enthusiasm from the reports of the expanding work of the denomination. Each year we are becoming more unified, more co-operative in a larger program for promoting the work of the kingdom. The Tract Society's "One Hundred Sabbaths of Service," our women's project of evangelism, the work of missions and education go forward. Our Conference president, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, says \$95 per day will take care of the entire work of the denomination as represented by the budget. Add to that \$10 per day and the women's plans for the evangelist and helpers would be realized. We urge that each society increase its contribution to the Denominational Budget. We also urge that each society make direct gifts to the Women's Board to continue the program of evangelism sponsored by the women of the denomination. We hope that you will find it possible for each society member to increase her gift to the Helpers' Fund to 25 cents per month. That would make that gift \$3 per year for each member.

We are recommending some definite ways to use the mission study books this year. We hope that each society will send to the board three or more summaries of books, as suggested in the goals. We believe that these reports will be helpful to other societies when released to them by the board. We believe that many lone Sabbathkeepers would like to join with us in these studies and could be very helpful to others with their reports.

Helps especially good for lone Sabbathkeepers with children are listed below:

1. Mengo of the Merry-go-round, by Alice Geer Kelsey.

2. Wishes Come True, by Jeanette Perkins Brown.

3. Chinese Life Panel Posters.

4. My Alaska Picture Story Book, by Edith J. Agnew.

5. Around the World Drawings - to color.

6. Rainbow Packet Series III and IV - Children's Friendship Frontiers.

In communities where there are other societies of Church women using mission study courses we believe that it will promote good will and Christian fellowship to meet with them, perhaps once a quarter, for the exchange of ideas on missions and peace.

I am sorry that I cannot tell you definitely about the plan of work for the evangelist and who will be the helper or helpers. But I can assure you that the board is striving earnestly to secure the service of those who will be worthy representatives of the work and ideals of Seventh Day Baptists. When the plans are complete you will be hearing from the Ways and Means Committee.

We are anxious for your suggestions and will welcome any constructive criticism. Let us hear from you. We shall be looking for your mission study book resumes. Please don't disappoint us. We must have your prayers and your dollars if the project of evangelism goes forward.

Yours in Christian service,

Lotta M. Bond,

Corresponding Secretary.

October, 1948.

### GOALS FOR 1948-1949

#### I. Spiritual

1. Encourage family devotions in every home by making available devotional helps such as "The Upper Room," "The Secret Place," and others.

2. Strive to use the mission study books in the following ways:

a. Set aside a definite time each month for study.

b. Study at least three books during the year.

c. Send to the Women's Board a synopsis of one mission study book every three months beginning with January, 1949.

The board in turn will release to the societies a brief summary so that other interested societies may benefit from your studies.

d. Invite lone Sabbathkeepers to join in the mission study and send in reports.

e. Where expedient, join with women's societies that are studying missions, perhaps once a quarter, for exchange of ideas on missions and peace.

#### II. Service

1. Study world conditions and emphasize universal brotherhood by giving for relief through such agencies as the Irvington Church and Church World Service.

2. Keep a record of all such giving not only from your society but from all your Church; the amount of money and the pounds of "goods."

3. Observe World Community Day, November 5, 1948, including Pack-a-Towel as described in the September 6, 1948, Sabbath Recorder, page 95.

4. Observe World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 4, 1949.

5. Co-operate with your pastor in the use of special issues of the Sabbath Recorder.

6. Continue to sponsor a young mothers' group and groups for teen-age girls in your Church and community.

7. Contact your nonresident members regularly.

8. Ally your society definitely with a temperance movement.

#### III. Financial

1. Practice tithing or some other form of proportionate giving.

2. Increase your contributions to the Denominational Budget.

3. Make direct gifts to the Women's Board to carry on your project of evangelism.

4. Endeavor to give 25 cents per month per member to the Helpers' Fund to supplement the project of evangelism.

5. Pay the Conference expenses of a representative from your society.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Milton College, Milton, Wis., opened the college year with an enrollment of 375 students, which is practically the same as last year's enrollment?



**RALLY DAY AT FIRST HEBRON, PA.**

The annual Rally Day program of the First Hebron Sabbath School was held Sabbath morning, October 9. There were forty-two people present.

The following program was presented:  
 Reading — by the superintendent  
 Pantomime of Youth Characters from the Bible  
 Girls' trio  
 Reading  
 Saxophone duet — Patty Pepperman and David Stearns  
 Song — by beginners and primary classes.  
 H. S.

**ATTENDANCE PINS AWARDED AT LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y.**

It was just one year ago, the first Sabbath in October, that the announcement was made that pins would be awarded to those having perfect attendance in Sabbath school. This was done to encourage the attendance of the youth of the community. They cannot learn from the lesson if they are not present. We congratulate the following:

One-year pins — Dale Bentley, Adelbert and Roxanna Wardner.

Nine-month pin — Ronnie Bond.

Six-month pin — Jimmy Grantier.

Three-month pins — Carla Ayers, Kay Foster, Blanche, Irene, and Theda Wedge.

These pins were awarded at Sabbath school on October 2. — The Belfry.

Better attendance at Sabbath school is encouraged by recognition such as the Little Genesee Sabbath School is giving.

Attention should also be paid to the pupils who miss Sabbath school quite often. Visits by the teacher and pastor are effective in bringing these pupils into the habit of faithful attendance.  
 H. S.

**UNIFORM DIVORCE LEGISLATION**

Arthur Capper of Kansas has for some time sponsored an amendment to the Constitution of the United States. In the 80th Congress, the text was embodied in S. J. Resolution 28 and read in full as follows:

**Joint Resolution**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to marriage and divorce laws.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

**Article**

The Congress shall have power to make laws, which shall be uniform throughout the United States, on marriage and divorce, the legitimation of children, and the care and custody of children affected by annulment of marriage or by divorce.

During each session of the 80th Congress, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Alexander Wiley, Wis., chairman, voted to postpone indefinitely any action on the amendment.  
 H. S.

**TEMPERANCE SABBATH AT ASHAWAY, R. I.**

Sabbath morning, October 30, was Temperance Sabbath at Ashaway. The pastor's sermon subject was "The Drinking Was According to Law." The text was Esther 1: 8. The bulletin cover showed a picture of a large bottle, the drink habit, crushing a house. Above the picture was this caption, "No Home Can Stand This for Long." Home, Church, and community must co-operate in the fight to keep the drink habit from entering the home.

The following item which appeared in the Ashaway bulletin for October 30 was taken from the "Shiloh Bulletin Extra."

**Who said "Prohibition Failed"?**

1. The Eighteenth Amendment closed every brewery, distillery, and winery in the nation.
2. It closed the doors of 177,790 saloons in the nation.
3. It brought an end to all liquor advertisements through all avenues.
4. It stopped the shipment of "booze."
5. It made the liquor business an outlaw like the kidnaper, the thief, and the murderer.
6. It eliminated the need of the Keeley cure institutions for drunkards.
7. It greatly reduced crime — many jails were empty during this period.
8. It reduced highway accidents.
9. Insanity was greatly reduced.
10. It lifted the moral standard of living.
11. It brought comfort to thousands of homes which had been cursed by "booze."
12. It greatly reduced drunkenness among all classes.

13. It threw a wall of protection around our homes.
14. It drove the "bootleggers" to their hiding places.
15. It lifted this nation in the good esteem of the best people of other nations.
16. It cut down the list of dependent people in our country.
17. It saved the drinkers of the nation a three billion dollar (\$3,000,000,000) liquor bill.
18. Who said "Prohibition failed"?

H. S.

**COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT SHILOH, N. J.**

By Mrs. Martie H. Hitchner

The Vacation Bible School was held from June 21 to July 2, from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m., with an enrollment of 128. There were 78 with perfect attendance and 113 received certificates. There were 7 denominations represented, with 17 on the staff which included Rev. Rex Burdick as supervisor.

The worship services were led by Pastors Prather, Osborn, and Burdick with object talks, flannelgraph lessons, and colored slides especially prepared for presenting the gospel to children.

Closing exercises were held on July 1, with each class having a part on the program. Memorizations, songs, and skits were presented by the boys and girls to a splendid gathering of interested parents.

**PROTESTANT FILM COMMISSION**

Protestant Film Commission's third motion picture will be ready for previewing next month, it was announced by Paul Heard, executive secretary. Twenty-five other films are in various stages of script writing and production.

The dramatic, feature-length film called "Prejudice" is now being completed in Hollywood. The picture is a psychological and spiritual study of a man who discovers he has a prejudice and how it is overcome through a religious experience.

The Protestant Film Commission, which is the official film production agency of nineteen Protestant denominations and organizations, has made motion picture history in the last year with the dramatic feature, "Beyond Our Own," and the documentary "My Name Is Han."

Mr. Heard announces that with the cooperation of foreign mission boards and the Missionary Education Movement the commission hopes to release one film on overseas missionary work each year for use in the Protestant missionary study program. "My Name Is Han," a story of mission work in China, is the current film of this type.

In the planning stage are motion pictures and film strips on international relations and world peace, family life, cooperation for a Christian America, Bible stories, and interdenominational Bible school lessons.

Mr. Heard says that the U. S. Army is using the evangelism film, "Beyond Our Own," in occupied Europe, that the University of Florida is going to use the film in its required personality adjustment course, that one denomination is using the film with success in high schools, and that the film is being shown to employees of some business organizations.

Several human interest stories of what various persons had done as a result of seeing the film are told by Mr. Heard. For instance, one man of a non-member denomination flew to his Church's national headquarters and gave \$20,000 to support a missionary. At another showing, thirty-four young people dedicated their lives to full-time work in the Church. — International Council of Religious Education Release.

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Psalm 107: 31.



# WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING

## THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS

November 25 - December 25, 1948

THEME: "THE BOOK OF ALL NATIONS"

Thanksgiving, Nov. 25 .....	Psalm 103	Bible Sabbath, Dec. 11 .....	John 14
Friday .....	Psalm 90	Sunday .....	Matthew 13
Sabbath, Nov. 27 .....	Psalm 91	Monday .....	Luke 14
Sunday .....	Psalm 23	Tuesday .....	Luke 15
Monday .....	Ephesians 6	Wednesday .....	Luke 16
Tuesday .....	Philippians 4	Thursday .....	1 Corinthians 13
Wednesday .....	John 17	Friday .....	Isaiah 55
Thursday .....	Revelation 21	Sabbath, Dec. 18 .....	John 1
Friday .....	Psalm 121	Sunday .....	Mark 4
Sabbath, Dec. 4 .....	Psalm 27	Monday .....	Matthew 5
Sunday .....	Acts 17	Tuesday .....	Matthew 6
Monday .....	John 15	Wednesday .....	Matthew 7
Tuesday .....	Hebrews 11	Thursday .....	Isaiah 2: 1-5; 9: 1-7
Wednesday .....	Romans 12	Friday .....	Isaiah 11: 1-9; 40: 1-11
Thursday .....	John 3	Christmas, Sabbath, Dec. 25 .....	Matthew 2
Friday .....	Romans 8		—American Bible Society, Adapted.

# The Sabbath

NOVEMBER 29, 1948

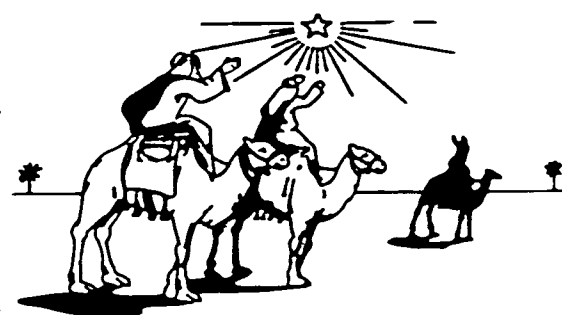
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