

General Conference

North Loup, Neb.



August 17-22, 1948

Design selected by Karl G. Stillman
President, Seventh Day Baptist General
Conference, Westerly, R. I.

President Stillman writes, "I would like
to encourage all our Churches to reproduce
this design on their Church bulletins
from now until Conference, at least."

QUARTERLY MEETING AT WALWORTH, WIS.

The Southern Wisconsin and Chicago
Quarterly Meeting services will be held
at Walworth, Wis., July 9 and 10, 1948.

Lillian Campbell,
Secretary.

CAMP OUACHITA

Midway Park, Y City, Ark.

July 28 - August 4 — Age limit, 11-20

(On August 4 "the whole camp is to move to
Little Prairie for the Association.")

—Southwestern News Letter, Gentry, Ark.

ANY BOOK REVIEWED OR advertised
in this or other religious
journals, or recommended by your local pastor
for spiritual enrichment, can be secured quickly
and conveniently from us. Large stock of up-
to-the-minute religious books, centrally located.
We pay postage on orders for \$1 or more when
cash accompanies order.



THE SOWER BOOKSTORE

25 East Main Street
MADISON 3, WISCONSIN

Gerald C. Bond, Proprietor

The Sabbath

JULY 19, 1948

Recorder

General Conference

North Loup, Neb.

ON TO CONFERENCE

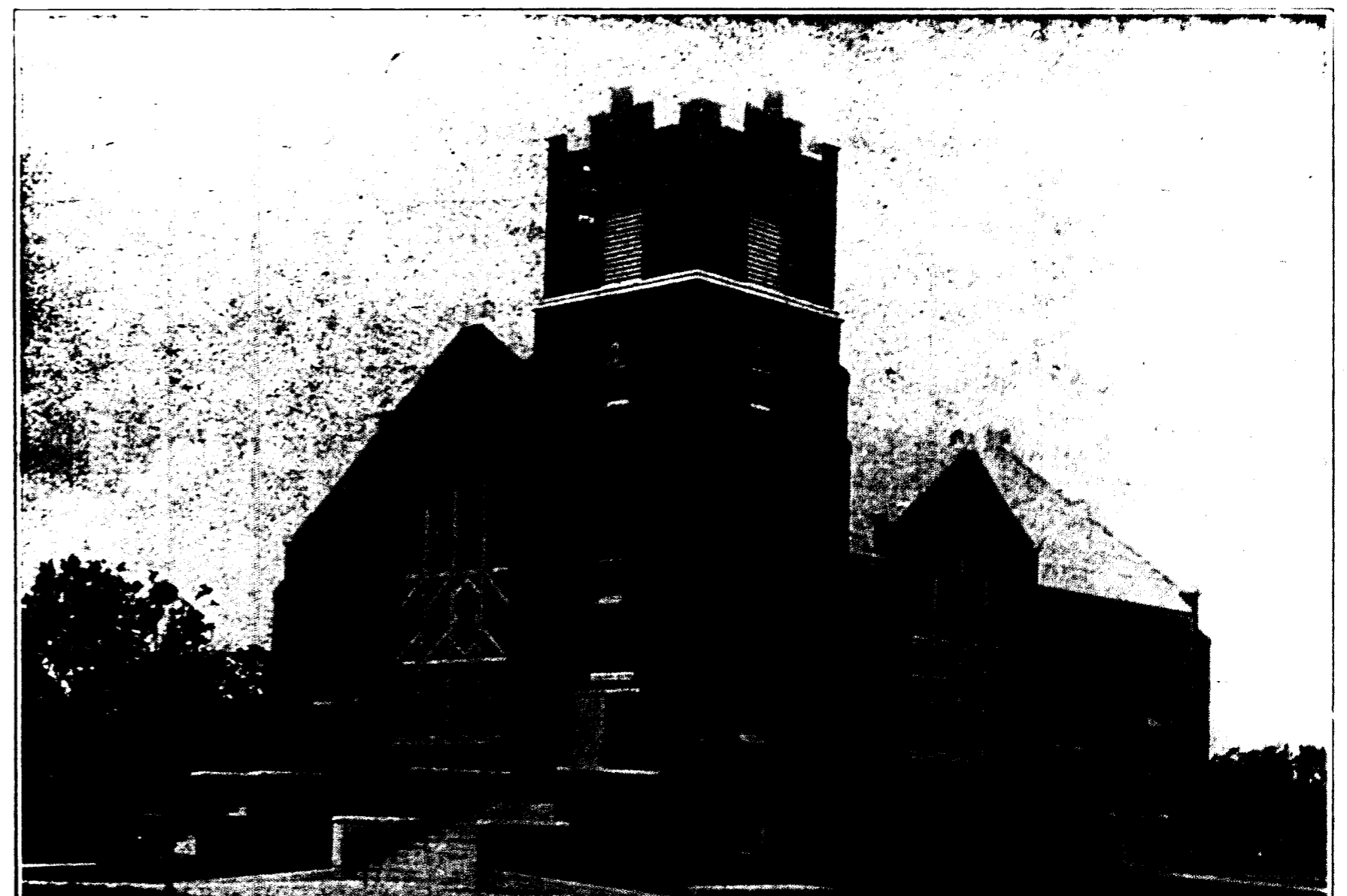
BY CAR — BY PLANE

BY BUS — BY TRAIN

See Conference Information Section
Page 25.

August 17-22, 1948

Seventh Day Baptist Church, North Loup, Neb.



The Sabbath Recorder

First Issue June 13, 1844
A Magazine for Christian Enlightenment and Inspiration

HURLEY S. WARREN, D.D., Editor
L. H. NORTH, Manager of the Publishing House

Contributing Editors:

DAVID S. CLARKE Missions
WILLIAM L. BURDICK, D.D., Emeritus
(MRS.) FRANCES DAVIS Woman's Work
(MRS.) HETTIE W. SKAGGS, Acting
HARLEY SUTTON Christian Education
(MRS.) MIZPAH S. GREENE Children's Page

Our Policy

The Sabbath Recorder does not necessarily endorse signed articles. For information about Seventh Day Baptist polity and beliefs write the American Sabbath Tract Society, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Terms of Subscription

Per Year \$2.50 Six months \$1.25
Student rate \$1.00 per college year
Monthly Special Issues 10 cents per copy
(The first issue of each month)
Regular Issues 5 cents per copy
Postage to Canada and foreign countries 50 cents per year additional. Subscriptions will be discontinued at date of expiration when so requested. All subscriptions will be discontinued one year after date to which payment is made unless expressly renewed.

Published weekly (except July and August, 1948, when it is published biweekly) by the American Sabbath Tract Society and printed by the Recorder Press, publishing house for Seventh Day Baptists, Plainfield, N. J. Entered at the post office in Plainfield, N. J., as second class matter.

All communications, whether on business or for publication, should be addressed to the Sabbath Recorder, Plainfield, N. J.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., JULY 19, 1948
Vol. 145, No. 2 Whole No. 5,302

IN THIS ISSUE

Editorial Paragraphs	18
Features: The Tyranny of a New Thing	19
Summarized Reports.—"From Coast to Coast."—Did You Know That—	24
Conference Information Section	25
A Right Start	27
Seventh Day Baptist Mission.—Science and Religion	28
Missions: Evangelist Goes to Liuho	29
World Communion Day Materials	30
Christian Education: Children's Day in the Churches	30
First Vacation School Report.—First Sabbath School Report.—Our Best Is Required by Our Families	31
Children's Page: Our Letter Exchange	32
Church News	33
Directory of Seventh Day Baptist Churches	35
Accessions. — Marriages. — Obituary	36

Editorial Paragraphs

THEIR PART AND OURS

Planning for and entertaining General Conference is a major undertaking under the most favorable circumstances. Many of our Churches, large and small, rural and urban, have entertained Conference with comfort to delegates and visitors, credit to themselves, and honor to our Lord Christ. Few projects draw the Church together in co-operation and sacrificial love as does this one.

That the North Loup Church is making careful preparations for August 17-22, 1948, is in growing evidence. Careful plans have been made already. The committees of the entertaining Church deserve our full co-operation in order that their plans may be realized, that we may be made comfortable and happy, and that the Lord's work through Seventh Day Baptists may expand and become more effective.

May it be thus!

ARE WE PRAYING?

For the Conference President,

For the Commission of the General Conference as it meets in Denver, Colo., at 11 o'clock, Wednesday morning, August 11,

For the entertaining Church as its committees plan and work for the welfare of our annual gathering,

For the Churches as they appoint their delegates and make their yearly reports to Conference,

For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at North Loup in August?

A delay in the mails prevented our including the following permission to reprint in the special issue of the Sabbath Recorder of July 5, 1948:

The Stranger at the Peace Table by Esther Baldwin York — "Reprinted by special permission of The Saturday Evening Post. Copyright 1945 by The Curtis Publishing Company." (See "Speaking and Listening," by Mrs. William M. Stillman, pages 4, 5.)

The Tyranny of a New Thing

By Rev. Carroll L. Hill
President of Milton College, Milton, Wis.
(Baccalaureate sermon preached at Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., June 6, 1948)

No age has ever been so tyrannized by its own creative genius as ours. Whatever we may say or believe about our time, no one will seriously deny our preoccupation with things. Newsprint, radio, and movie keep them ever before us. They are the means of both comfort and war—electric light and atomic power.

The secrets that are unlocked in the discovery of principles and truths that lie back of our many new things are a part of the great universal system. They are in no sense wrong—they do nothing of themselves without implementation, the "know how," if you will, and we are surrounded by myriad new things that would seem strange even to our grandparents. "Time makes ancient good uncouth." We insist on being up to date. This insistence demands its price.

If our time differs from others in this matter, it is in degree. We have more opportunity to be tyrannized by our creatures, for we live a little farther along the time stream. The seeds of this tyranny have been cultivated for a long time.

In the city of Athens, many years ago, there arrived an early Christian missionary traveler. A certain group of men, learning of his presence, led him to the Areopagus that he might speak his doctrine to them. The incident is treated with some care in the Scripture, and depicts a gathering of curious-minded men having their curiosity satisfied. The spirit of the group is described exactly in Acts 17: 21, "For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or hear some new thing." Paul, whose home town was the university city of Tarsus in Cilicia, found it easy to speak to the men of Athens, presumably in the spirit of the university club.

That he dealt in what was to them a new religious philosophy does not dim our picture of their preoccupation with

new things, even though they be things of the mind. This obeisance to newness we have always with us.

It is but a giant's stride from Athens across the mouth of the Aegean Sea to the island at Patmos, to which John of Ephesus was banished for his insistence on freedom to worship as a Christian rather than as a subject of Domitian. In his book called "The Revelation," he made use of a peculiar literary form (apocalypse) which is strange to us. While his predictions were never fulfilled in the manner he believed imminent, there is a verse we have chosen for its validity in human experience. Men and women of varying ages and experiences have testified that an honest allegiance to the Master has led them often to sense a power other than their own, that makes for righteousness, saying unto them, "Behold, I make all things new." Revelation 21: 5a.

This sense of renewal is not the blurred and imperfect imagining of an addict to stimulants. It is the sober experience of upright, outright, forthright men and women. It is a possibility to all who would seek it.

Between Arcopagus and Patmos there is the Aegean Sea and a world of difference, yet a certain relationship. On the one hand there is the never-ending search for some new thing, on the other hand is the perennial experience of renewal. The former makes demands upon men that are exacting to the point of tyranny. The latter reduces the tyranny of a new thing until that which had us in bondage to itself has become a servant of men, our servant, because there is a power that makes all things new. By themselves, mere things become a hard master. The renewed mind becomes the master of things.

Two Alternatives

Tonight, at your baccalaureate, let these two alternatives be in your mind: Preoccupation with new things on the one hand; on the other, a life sustained and enriched by the One who makes all things new.

There are many tests of education, official and unofficial, and one of them will be the manner in which you work out your own approach to these alternatives. In these two lie two different motivations—two different directions.

Nothing Has Been Finished

Ours is an age of material wealth. The president of International Business Machines Corporation, Thomas J. Watson, Jr., wrote this, published in the NEA News last February:

Nothing has been finished.

In the past fifty years American homes have had the advantage of 20 million electric washing machines, 18 million vacuum cleaners, and 21 million mechanical refrigerators. There are 28 million automobiles registered and 29 million telephones in use today.

Fifty years ago we had about 400 thousand homes with central heating plants. Today we have nearly 18 million. We had then about 800 thousand homes with bathtubs; today (thank goodness) we have nearly 26 million.

Medical research has lengthened life and reduced disease immeasurably. Since the twentieth century opened, infant mortality has been reduced from 100 to 37 per 1,000 births. In the same period, the average life of man has increased about seventeen years.

The increased value placed on human relation has brought about social security in ways never dreamed of by the leaders of the nineteenth century. The advantage of public education is open to all. In 1900, 15½ million students were enrolled in elementary and secondary schools, and in 1947, 28½ million were enrolled in these grades. More than 2½ millions are registered in the colleges and universities today, whereas only 257 thousand were enrolled in 1900.

Great developments have taken place in the past, but nothing has been finished. Today, we face greater opportunities in all fields of endeavor for people who have faith in their country and themselves.

Mr. Watson has pointed a saving grace in his reference to faith in country and self.

Whence Cometh Security?

These accomplishments are impressive. They have served to lighten the burden of living; they have delivered millions of people from the drudgery of physical bondage. We would not be without them. Even so, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, mechanical refrigerators, automobiles, telephones, central heating, and bathtubs have not saved us from world crises.

While we increase the life expectancy of man, we lower the age of retirement. To our campuses have come veterans, many of them bringing wives and families, changing the aspect of education in many regards, but as parents they flinch as surely as anyone who faces the question, "Will my boy grow up to be the target for enemy guns? Will my family live in dread of bombs?"

To what purpose is our terrible preoccupation with new things? They are tyrannous in their rule over us; we are almost helpless in the face of some of the monsters we create—as witness the anxiety over the future of atomic power. Security does not lie in new things alone. By themselves they stimulate a universal greed.

Imre Kovacs, writing in the winter number of the magazine "Talent," says: "There is a book which could start a revolution in the Soviet within a month," as I quoted President Roosevelt last spring in Georgia.

"Would it be the Constitution of the United States?" someone asked.

"No. They have a constitution."

"The Bible?"

"No. They have Bibles. But people don't read them there either."

"What book could it be then?"

"The Sears Roebuck catalog."

There is undoubtedly truth in the statement. It could start a revolution over things. Seeking some new thing would be popular, revolutionary. But it would be a revolution over things.

Looking through the NEA Journal of April, I was attracted by a cartoon. In it was represented a movie theater with an attendance of boys and girls. The movie was showing a barren and denuded hilltop on which cowboys and Indians were battling to the death. One of the boys watching the show had turned to the one next to him and said, "Critical situation, isn't it? Notice how erosion has eaten away the best topsoil."

The punch line on that cartoon sets one thinking. Not just about the silly waste of the natural resources of topsoil in our nation, but the erosion that is eating away some of the best of our minds, our spirits.

In a world that has battled to the death, this erosion has gone on. We have told ourselves for several years that there would be a nation-wide backwash of moral letdown following the war, and we have been right. Even so, we were not really prepared for the magnitude of it.

We are concerned with the delinquency of youth, but in the last analysis they have merely carried to a logical conclusion the attitudes and assumptions of their elders. You and I can see in them the dramatic reality of the erosion of our ideals, habits, attitudes. Whether we like it or not, there is a degree to which our souls have been denuded to create a dust bowl of moral problems. Magnify it sufficiently and you have national and international problems. The Christian traveler, to whom we referred at the beginning of this sermon, wrote a letter to the people in Rome in which he said, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12: 2.

The Ultimate Source of Renewal

Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind—there it is—the problem we are working at. This is the stuff of which newness of life is created. To pull away from the tyranny of new things one must renew his mind. Constant fellowship with the great spirit of love that broods over the universe, that makes all things new—this is the ultimate source of renewal.

Now at the close of your college work you look forward to opportunity—to each, his own. In your respective field of endeavor, which indeed may be an honest search for some new thing, you will face the problem of the renewal of your mind, your spirit. I make bold to suggest a few brief pointers. I do not know that it was ever recorded that a graduating class took seriously what was said at the baccalaureate service, but we're going to suggest and leave the rest to you.

1. Trust Good People

It will be helpful in the constant renewal of your minds if you will trust the goodness of good men and women.

Some years ago a friend taught me a verse jingle that has stayed with me since. It came from a newspaper column originally, I believe. The Department of English might not accept it as poetry, nor the School of Theology accept it as theology.

You have no faith in Man you say?
No faith in Man? My eye!
I saw you board a plane with ten
And sail across the sky.

You have no faith in God you say?
No faith in God? Indeed!
Then why did you break up the rod
And scatter flower seed?

Every hour we live by virtue of our trust in others. When we ride in a car, we are forced to trust the driver with our very life. Mounting costs of automobile insurance prove it. When we enter a man's house, it is in mutual trust. When we put money in the bank, when we call a doctor or hire a teacher, we exhibit trust in our fellow men. When you enrolled in Alfred University, you demonstrated trust in her faculty, her student body. This trust in men and women is a very real and sustaining matter.

To trust the goodness of good men and women will lead us a long way toward trust in the Eternal Spirit in which all things become new.

2. Trust Truth

Again, it will help in the renewing of your mind if you will trust truth. Never be afraid of truth. Long ago it was said that it is a weary way to truth, but it is a far wearier one to a half-truth.

Remember the debasement of truth that made Hitler. Let's not forget the sinister influence of his statement that the bigger the lie the more readily people will believe it. To face truth in terms of oneself is education. Munger put it, "All truth is an achievement. If you would have truth at its full value, go win it." Trust it to be worth the winning.

Seton says, "Manhood, not scholarship, is the first aim of education." There may be danger even in quotations, and we hasten to add that there is not necessarily any conflict between manhood and scholarship. Neither one is acceptable if it makes light of the other.

There are many competent minds that have been prejudiced by unfortunate attitudes on the part of well-meaning friends. Minds have been closed to religion, to forms of religion, including worship and prayer, because of fantastic claims and demands that have been made in religion's name. The Christ has become an unemployed carpenter without benefit of unemployment insurance. This is not only unfortunate, it is tragic. All truth is of God Himself—whether it be in reference to atomic fission or to the renewing of a mind and soul bowed down by the weight of circumstances. If one cannot find and trust truth, he is ill-prepared for the next important suggestion.

3. Trust God

Trust God. "Closer is He than breathing and nearer than hands and feet." "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4: 24.

We wakened this morning with an assurance that the day would go forward. If the sun didn't shine for us, it would at least be in the heavens. It would set. Day after day follows. We do not doubt it. We look out at moon and stars. With the telescope we see others—other worlds, until we discover that our sun is only one of a larger system. Out into the Milky Way we march with our telescope till we can see no farther, only to realize that we are only in the suburbs—we haven't reached the main city. Yet through it all, run universal laws. Except that we can trust God Himself, His truth is easily prostituted to selfish purposes. It has been said that, astronomically, man is an insignificant speck on a minor planet. It has been answered that, astronomically, man is the astronomer.

Suppose you were figuring your income tax only to find that this year two plus two equals four, but next year it equals five.

Suppose you had reached your baccalaureate, only to find that now all that you have learned and been assured of has suddenly been nullified. No, we do not live in that kind of world. "This is my Father's world and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres."

You do not live outside this wonderful world—you are as native to it as earth and sky—as air and water. Trust it for what it is. Trust its Creator and Sustainer. Trust God.

4. Trust Yourself

You have a personality that is peculiarly your own. It reflects you. You may be naturally beautiful or not—you may be by nature fashioned as a Greek god or a little less imposing. What nature gave you in endowment is not your achievement. Trust yourself enough to improve it. Jean Francois Millet said, "Beauty does not lie in the face. It lies in the harmony between man and his industry. Beauty is an expression. When I paint a mother I try to render her beautiful by the mere look she gives her child."

As you give yourself to your work, you will not only work out your own salvation in fear and trembling, you will be showing your most distinctive character to the world. To try to be beautiful or imposing otherwise will eventually lose for you a precious portion of your very soul. Losing the soul or even a portion of it is a serious matter, either for man or nation. Perhaps you remember what Mr. Van Loon wrote about old Hellas in his *Story of Mankind*. You will remember also that we selected one Scriptural incident from Athens. The Greeks were a people of peculiar talent in art. They developed a high artistic level. But in the fourth century before our era, the Greek city states lost their individuality in the larger order of Alexander of Macedonia. Says Mr. Van Loon, "The day the little city states of old Hellas lost their independence and were forced to become a part of a big nation, the old Greek spirit died. And it has been dead ever since."

This quotation was not given to try to undermine the uniting of nations in the effort to establish a world order. Certainly there will be no lasting peace until each of the sovereign member states recognizes the peculiar value in every member, and builds the over-all order upon that recognition. Conversely, there can be no lasting peace until each member brings to the peace table the very best of itself,

unstintingly, unselfishly, and with mutual regard.

But—we digressed to speak of a nation while trying to draw a pattern for a man, although it is equally true for both. "To thine own self be true and it must follow as the night the day—thou canst not then be false to any man."

Trust yourself to bring your best self to the world's personality market. It was the late President Taft who said that the greatest menace to democracy is not in the impulses but in the indolence of the masses.

5. Make Wise Choices

For the sake of renewal of mind, make your choices as wisely as possible. There are men who say that we are the result of only two forces—heredity and environment. They take the sum of hereditary characteristics bequeathed in the blended blood stream of all of our ancestors, add to it the forces at work about us, and say that this simple problem in addition will give us ourselves. They omit one very important factor, namely, our ability to choose. In one of the recent translations of the Scripture is a verse that everyone should know, "The spiritual man is alive to all true values."

Few of us have difficulty in choosing between something wholly right and something wholly wrong. Our perplexities develop when the picture is not so clearly cut. When we must consider matters of degree of difference, we long for that spiritual grace that is alive to all true values, that would help us in our choice.

There are some very apparent matters of choice that tell a great deal about us. What do you most enjoy spending your money for? What do you do with your spare time? What would you most like to be?

Not long ago there appeared in one of the popular magazines a parlor game that has in it the seeds of real interest. Participants were asked, "If you had five minutes to talk to anyone you wished in the whole world, who would it be?" I wonder if the conversation would renew your mind, your zest for life.

Some of the most important choices that one can make, you have already made. There are others that you will make from time to time. Make them as wisely as you can. You know what happens to your picture when the camera is out of focus, it is blurred. You know what happens to the music when your radio is not properly tuned, it is indistinct, or distorted, or disturbed by static. Your choices are equally important to you. Whether you're voting for a president or making or receiving a proposal of marriage, make your choice as wisely as possible.

These five suggestions I leave with you: Trust the goodness of good men and women; trust truth; trust God; trust yourself; make your choices as wisely as you can. This is not the whole of life, but an important segment.

Alfred, the Mother of Men

To everyone who has ever attended Alfred there is an appeal and a challenge in the words:

Nestled away 'mid the Empire State hills,
'Neath the watch care of sentinel pines,
Where the murmuring song of the brook hums
along,
And the favoring sun ever shines,
In a valley so fair, where the forest trees share,
Dominion o'er hillside and glen,
Stands the pioneer college of Western New
York,
Alfred, the mother of men.

We like the inference of the words—"Alfred, the mother of men." It will hold many a man and woman true to self. As you go out from Alfred University into your chosen field of service, you will be challenged again and again by some new thing. You will be in need of spiritual renewal as often. You will surely find it if you trust good people, truth, God, and yourself, make your choices wisely, and remember your Alma Mater — "the mother of men."

Seek Christ

You may well search for new things, for they are there to be found. Certain it is that some of you will continue the long search, but with your searching, seek also Him who gave meaning to the words of John, "Behold, I make all things new."

SUMMARIZED REPORTS OF GERMAN RELIEF WORK

Receipts	
April, 1948	
From Churches	\$ 97.31
From individuals	158.60
	\$ 255.91
May, 1948	
From Churches	\$209.97
From individuals	54.00
	263.97
June, 1948	
From Churches	\$247.11
From individuals	23.00
	270.11
Paid by the Irvington Church	125.32
Total	\$ 915.31
Disbursements	
Parcel post fee for 85 packages at 22 lbs.	\$ 318.56
Freight on 1,400 lbs. of food	19.85
1 used typewriter for Elder Milz, Berlin	25.75
Stamps for air-mail letter for return answer	7.80
1,800 lbs. of flour	183.15
180 lbs. powdered milk	97.20
100 pieces of soap	8.00
860 lbs. of sugar	70.50
176 lbs. margarine	72.00
30 gallons of salad oil	82.50
Shoe repair for used shoes	30.00
Total	\$ 915.31

Total shipment of food, clothing, and shoes by parcel post and freight, from April to June, 1948

5,100 lbs.

July 9, 1948. Frank Schober, Clerk,
Irvington Church.

DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Courtland V. Davis has started something again? He wrote out enough paragraphs in a short while recently to supply the Sabbath Recorder with fillers for several issues. He deserves this recognition. Further, the point of this paragraph is to invite readers to send in their observations in pertinent paragraph form for the "filler file." And, many thanks!

DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Allie L. Jones, Jr., of Newton, Ala., proposes "Martha Gifts" by which the Conference budget would be raised in full by the close of the budget year? It can be done, if we take more seriously the claims of Christ upon our money.

"FROM COAST TO COAST — CAMPING TIME IS HERE"

We might say that camp is a "place." We would covet for every camper green woods, lakes, bird calls, quiet sunsets—that his young heart may be warmly aware of a Creator who has made "all things beautiful in their time." But camp is more than a place. . . .

We might say that camp is a "plan." We would covet for every camper a program which is thoroughly intermediate at every step, which is not too crowded for comfort, yet which abounds in opportunities for zestful endeavor all through each day. Yet camp is more than a plan. . . .

Camp is what happens to campers—what they take home with them in their memories, in their new purposes, in their improved or newly acquired skills, in their friendships, in their appreciations, in their awareness of God and of His way for the world.

That's what camp is. — Don Hargis, in the Seventh Day Baptist Beacon, May, 1948.

DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Between October 1, 1914, and September 1, 1929, Rev. Willard D. Burdick, whose death was recently reported in these columns, served the Seventh Day Baptist denomination in several capacities? He was full-time field worker for the Missionary and Tract Societies, 3½ years; pastor of the Piscataway Church at New Market, N. J., and field worker for the Tract Society, 4 years, 5 months; corresponding secretary of the Tract Society, 2 years; corresponding secretary of the Tract Society and general secretary of the Onward Movement, 4 years; and full-time general secretary of the Onward Movement, 1 year.

DID YOU KNOW THAT —

The collected poems of Dean Ahva J. C. Bond are to be published by the Recorder Press this month? If you want a copy, send your order with a check for \$2.50 to Manager L. H. North, Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION SECTION ENTERTAINMENT

The Entertainment Committee, consisting of Mrs. W. J. Hemphill, Erlow Babcock, Mary Davis, Gladys Christensen, and Mildred Ehret, chairman, is making plans for entertaining a large delegation of Conference guests in the homes of the North Loup, Neb., people, August 17-22. Soon a questionnaire will reach the clerk of each Church, so that the names of those expecting to attend may be listed.

Besides entertainment in the homes of the North Loup people, there are available, for those who desire to pay for their lodging, rooms at the "Ord Hotel," twelve miles away. Rates are \$4 a night per room when there are two to four persons in a room. Single rooms are \$2.50 a person a night. Also in North Loup "Ward's Rooming House" can accommodate a number of paying guests if rooms are reserved in advance. Rates are \$1.50 a room accommodating two persons. Trailer camp accommodations are available for those bringing trailers.

Will all lone Sabbathkeepers planning to attend Conference please write the chairman of the committee of your plans as soon as possible. We want to know: how you plan to arrive (by bus, train, auto, or trailer); the number in your party (children, teen-age young people, older young people, and adults). Tell us when you expect to arrive and whether you prefer lodging in private homes or prefer to stay in the hotel or rooming house, so that we can make reservations in advance of your arrival.

(Mrs. A. Clyde) Mildred Ehret,
Chairman.

North Loup, Neb.

COMMISSARY

The Commissary Committee, consisting of Nina and Jim Johnson, Merle Davis, Edgar and Mary Davis, and Leona Babcock, chairman, is arranging the serving of meals at the schoolhouse cafeteria under the Portis Cafe management. Breakfast will be served at 7 - 8:30 at a cost of 30 to 65 cents depending on the food ordered. Dinner will be served at 12 - 1:30 p.m. at a cost ranging from 85 cents to \$1.15 depending on the meat ordered. Lunch will be served at 6 - 7:30 p.m. at a cost of 60 cents plus 5 cents extra for milk.

(Mrs. Rolla O.) Leona Babcock,
Chairman.

North Loup, Neb.

GENERAL CONFERENCE NORTH LOUP, NEB. AUGUST 17-22, 1948

PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT
(Leadership Training)
Near North Loup, Neb.
August 12-16, 1948

WILL YOU BE THERE?

TRAVEL BUS FARES

(Federal tax 15% additional. Consult local bus stations for schedules.)
To Grand Island, Neb.

From	One Way	Round Trip
Clarksburg, W. Va.	\$17.80	\$32.05
Daytona Beach, Fla.	24.35	43.85
New Orleans, La.	19.70	35.50
Los Angeles, Calif.	27.45	49.45
Portland, Ore.	29.70	53.50
Denver, Colo.	7.45	13.45
Chicago, Ill.	11.15	20.10
New York, N. Y., or Newark, N. J.	22.10	39.80

—Courtesy of Greyhound Lines.

TRAIN FARES

(Federal tax 15% additional. Consult local railroad stations for schedules.)

To Grand Island, Neb.

From New York — one way for ticket good in coaches only, \$38.82; three-month limit round trip, \$63.60; and for ticket good in Pullman accommodations, upon payment of the Pullman charges, one way, \$54.28; three-month limit round trip, \$93.80. Upper berth rate in each direction, \$10.50; lower, \$13.75.

From Clarksburg — one way for ticket good in coaches only, \$29.20; three-month limit round trip, \$49.25; and for ticket good in Pullman accommodations, upon payment of the Pullman charges, one way, \$40.64; three-month limit round trip, \$71.45. Upper berth rate in each direction, \$8.45; lower, \$11.05.

From Chicago — one way for ticket good in coaches only, \$16.07; three-month limit round trip, \$28.95; and for ticket good in Pullman accommodations, upon payment of the Pullman charges, one way, \$22.48; three-month limit round trip, \$37.50. Upper berth rate in each direction, \$4.60; lower, \$6.00.

—Courtesy of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

From Daytona Beach — one way for ticket good in coaches only, \$40.40; three-month limit round trip, \$72.75; and for ticket good in Pullman accommodations, upon payment of the Pullman charges, one way, \$56.54; three-month limit round trip, \$96.95. Upper berth rate in each direction, \$12.70; lower, \$16.65.

—Courtesy of Florida East Coast Railway.

From Los Angeles — one way for ticket good in coaches only, \$45.86; three-month limit round trip, \$82.55; and for ticket good in Pullman accommodations, upon payment of the Pullman charges, one way, \$57.05; three-month limit round trip, \$95.10. Upper berth rate in each direction, \$11; lower, \$14.45.

From Portland — one way for ticket good in coaches only, \$40.83; three-month limit round trip, \$73.50; and for ticket good in Pullman accommodations, upon payment of the Pullman charges, one way, \$57.16; three-month limit round trip, \$95.30. Upper berth rate in each direction, \$11; lower, \$14.45.

From Denver — one way for ticket good in coaches only, \$10.01; three-month limit round trip, \$18.05; and for ticket good in Pullman accommodations, upon payment of the Pullman charges, one way, \$14; three-month limit round trip, \$23.35. Upper berth rate in each direction, \$3.10; lower, \$4.10.

—Courtesy of the Union Pacific Railroad.

From New Orleans — Due to the unavailability of tariff rates between New Orleans and Grand Island at the present writing, we regret that we cannot quote train fares between these two points. All who expect to go to Conference by train from the vicinity of New Orleans should consult their local ticket agents.

OUR AIM

Our aim in carefully assembling travel information is to make available to readers of the Sabbath Recorder the cost of travel from certain sections of the United States to Grand Island, Neb., the nearest bus, train, and plane point to North Loup, Neb., where General Conference is to be held, the Lord willing, August 17-22, 1948. All who use these means of travel should consult their local ticket offices. From many points there are other railroads and bus lines than those mentioned. With the exception of special fare features, the rates are about the same on all the lines.

TRAVEL BY AUTO

Up-to-date road maps are available at most gas stations. Many people who travel by auto secure from an oil company a series of road maps, assembled in booklet form, on which the routes are marked by the travel information department of the company.

CONFERENCE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

R. Clare Clement of the North Loup Church is chairman of the Conference Transportation Committee. He advises all who go to North Loup by auto from the East or from the West to go to Grand Island in case of wet weather, take route 281 from Grand Island to St. Paul, and route 11 from St. Paul to North Loup. In case of dry weather, Mr. Clement advises autoists upon entering Nebraska to secure a road map and select a route suited to their situation.

All who reach Grand Island by bus, train, or plane should plan to proceed to North Loup by bus. Busses are scheduled to leave Grand Island at 11 a.m., 2:25 p.m., and 7 p.m. The bus trip from Grand Island to North Loup requires about two hours which allows for local stops. Mr. Clement writes that he will arrange

for a special bus from Grand Island to North Loup if there are as many as fifteen passengers to leave Grand Island at one time. So, if all who expect to go to Conference by bus, train, and plane will write R. Clare Clement, Ord, Neb., he will be in position to arrange for a special bus. Then, upon reaching Grand Island, delegates and visitors will do well to inquire at the bus station about a special bus to North Loup.

Further, the chairman of the Conference Transportation Committee advises all who travel by train to buy their tickets to Grand Island since it has come to his attention that some railroads will sell a ticket to North Loup while the only train service to North Loup at the present time is freight service every other day.

PLANE FARES

Those who plan to reach Grand Island, or any intermediate point by plane, will do well to consult the nearest air lines ticket office as early as possible.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO SERVICE

Mr. W. T. Ruddy, District Representative, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, 125 Broad Street, Elizabeth 4, N. J., writes: "Should you find that we can serve any of your members attending your convention from the East and you will have them communicate with this office, we will make all the necessary arrangements for their transportation and see that it is delivered to them."

IMPORTANT TRAVEL POINTERS

1. Consult local ticket offices.
2. Make reservations at once, if possible, if not already made.
3. Buy bus, train, and plane tickets to Grand Island. Proceed from Grand Island to North Loup by special or regular bus. Inform R. Clare Clement, chairman, Conference Transportation Committee, Ord, Neb., as soon as you know the probable time of your arrival at Grand Island. This

CAMP HOLSTON

Battle Creek, Mich.

July 12 (one day only) — Primary Camp

July 18-25 — Intermediate Camp

July 25-30 — Junior Camp

—Alton L. Wheeler, Pastor.

A RIGHT START

It is an accepted truth that right thinking leads to right doing.

The Bible says, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." What is shaping the thoughts of our children today?

Even in the best of homes, the influences are not altogether wholesome. What of the movies and the comics? Some parents think that if they send their children to the best schools, that will be all that is necessary, but education that makes a boy smart without making him good may not be an asset.

Early training and right living are necessary foundations for a good character.

In these days, when we hear so much about crime and its causes, it is well to consider when the first tendencies originated. It calls for careful supervision on the part of the parent, correcting the first little deceptions and irregularities which, if unnoticed, may lead to bad habits.

Someone has said:

Sow a thought, reap an act;
Sow an act, reap a habit;
Sow a habit, reap a character;
Sow a character, reap a destiny.

Cora June Sheppard

Shiloh, N. J.

will enable him to arrange for a special bus from Grand Island to North Loup. Upon arrival at Grand Island inquire at the bus station concerning a special bus to North Loup. If there is no special bus, proceed by regular bus.

4. Bus and train ticket rates quoted are subject to change without notice. Recent news indicates that the Interstate Commerce Commission has granted railroads an appreciable increase in rail rates. Federal tax of 15% should be added to all rates quoted in this Conference Information Section.

5. All who travel by auto should go by way of Grand Island in case of wet weather. In case of dry weather, they should determine routes and road conditions upon entering Nebraska.

ON TO CONFERENCE
AT NORTH LOUP, NEB.,
AUGUST 17-22, 1948!

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSION**Thanks Church World Service**

The American Advisory Committee,
316 Thibet Road,
Shanghai.

Dear Friends:

We wish to thank you for the meats in small tins and the flour which you recently assigned to us. We foreigners and some Chinese are enjoying the cheese. The flour, which we were to divide with Bridgman (Woman's Missionary Society), was turned over to us for distribution to poor families of our Church, and to a group of refugees which our Church people are giving Christian teaching and helping as they can. We have also given some tins of string beans, some spinach, and some bean soup powder to these refugees.

We are also giving out the men's shirts to needy people. The talcum powder will be used by us, some of the teachers, and at our Liuho Hospital. In these days when teachers' salaries are so low, it is fine to have something to give out from time to time to cheer them up. Writing paper, and two tins of each of the kinds of food sent last, made a good present for Easter and the week following. Toilet paper will be issued again soon.

Dr. Thorngate suggested that you might like to know how we are disposing of and sharing the things you have sent us from time to time within the last two years.

I close with sincere thanks from us who enjoy helping, and from the poor who are delighted at the food and clothing that go their way.

Yours truly,
Mabel L. West.

23 Zikawei Road,
Shanghai,
April 20, 1948.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Remember — the regular issues of the Sabbath Recorder of July 12, 26, and August 9, 23, 1948, are to be omitted by vote of the Tract Board.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION

The greatest thing in the world is religion. But many people think that science is all important and religion is outmoded. Now, the whole universe and everything in it is run scientifically. God is the Author and Director of it all. So how can there be anything but complete harmony between science and religion? God is the Master Scientist and the Bible is His Word. Just because some of our present-day scientists are unable to harmonize the wording of the Bible with some of their theories is no proof that the Bible is not true. Even some ministers of the gospel seem to have difficulty in believing the story of the virgin birth and the divinity of Christ. But the greater the advancement of science, the nearer we find it is in harmony with the Bible. If for the time being a person cannot understand some things in the Bible and cannot prove them scientifically, he should take them in faith. There are many things, happenings in everyday life and in science, that we are unable to prove or understand, but we do not doubt them. Many have doubted that the earth can be destroyed in the twinkling of an eye. And then the atom bomb comes. If a million times more atoms were released than when the Japanese cities were bombed, it is easy to understand how the whole earth could be changed into dust and gas.

No man has ever made one seed of a plant or tree and put life into it. Science never saved a soul, and it has not that purpose. It has helped to make us more comfortable physically but has not quieted our souls nor given us peace of mind or brought us fellowship with God. — H. N. Wheeler.

2121 Virginia Ave., N.W.,
Washington 7, D. C.

(Mr. Wheeler has been a lecturer on forest conservation in the Department of Agriculture.)

—The Lutheran Witness.

CAMP OUACHITA

Midway Park, Y City, Ark.

July 28 - August 4 — Age limit, 11-20

(On August 4 "the whole camp is to move to Little Prairie for the Association.")

—Southwestern News Letter, Gentry, Ark.

EVANGELIST GOES TO LIUHO**Mabel West Reports Recuperating in Letter**

Rev. David Clarke, Secretary,
Missionary Board,
Westerly, R. I.

Dear Friend and, through you,
to all friends:

One month, of the six I must stay quiet, has gone since my operation when they pinned the broken parts of the head of the femur bone together. Many pleasures have come to me through the mail from the U. S. A. and the interest of friends and students here. We have had flowers, fruit, and eggs, as well as other gifts nearly every day.

Although Mother is not so strong as she was a few years ago, she has been able to care for me with the help of others. Jean Yeu and her mother get me ready for the day and for bed at night. Helen and George drop in and do much for us. Nurse friends from our neighboring hospital, the Margaret Williamson, stand ready to help. Teachers are doing extra work for me in school.

I came home June 9, where I found all in readiness. It is much better to be here for I have been able to help with the "exams" for my two graduating classes. I am even teaching some. That, I enjoy. It is much better to be doing something useful.

Helen and Sarah went to Mokanshan last Thursday by truck. Since all of the furniture had been taken from our house up there, they took up some furnishings, food, and other necessities. Philip went with them, as he will spend the summer with Sarah and be her right-hand man. Since the truck broke down, they did not get to the foot of the mountain until Friday. I hope that Helen will stay for a few days.

Really, the best news is that we have a fine evangelist at Liuho. Mary Woo Chang was graduated from here, and later taught in our school. She and her husband were earnest Bible students and have taken every advantage to improve themselves. Peter died of tuberculosis, but not before they had decided to go to Liuho

where Mary could do evangelistic work. Now she is settled in one of the hospital rooms, but later is to have two rooms at the Church after the nurses' home, now under construction, is finished. Sabbath morning, she talked to forty people who stayed through the service. She is talking with the patients, and already they are asking questions and showing interest.

The Shanghai Church will help finance the Liuho work. Four had been taking turns going out once a week. Now to have someone who can visit the people in their homes will be so much better, especially when the person is Mrs. Chang.

Our school will close in about two weeks. Typhoid is quite common this summer. One of our graduates-to-be has been sick a month. Others of the students have been reported sick with the same illness.

I do want to thank you, and all who have been so kind to write to me. It helped to be remembered, especially at a time like this.

I do not know what we would do without the Thorngates and the Yeu family, who give us such good care and bring our noon meals to us. God has indeed blessed us greatly. I pray that I may be able to do much more here in this mission.

Yours sincerely,
Mabel L. West.

23 Zikawei Road,
Shanghai, China,
June 21, 1948.

From a letter from Helen Thorngate, additional facts are gleaned:

About Mary Woo Chang as Evangelist: The necessary money for building the nurses' dormitory was gathered from several sources including a gift from Madame Chiang Kai-shek. The China Relief Mission has been asked for help. If adequate funds do not come in, the electricity and plumbing will have to wait. "At the time we are having a little building made for various utility purposes, such as bath, laundry, X-ray dark room. So you see, we go on apace, although the war clouds begin to hang in a very threatening manner."

About Transportation: "We have actually been given an old truck by the American Advisory Committee. It is now undergoing extensive repairs, and we still have our fingers carefully crossed. We hope to get it running in time to take a load of household stuff to Mokanshan (or rather the foot of the hill), when Sarah and Phil are ready to go."

About Birthday Party for Mrs. West: "A very nice occasion recently was a birthday party given by Chinese friends for Aunt Nettie West. About a hundred gathered with flowers and gifts for a program and 'birthday noodles,' with two big birthday cakes in addition. According to Chinese reckoning, in which one is counted one year old at birth, it was her ninetieth anniversary, and a very big event. Mrs. West responded to the speeches with a very gracious speech of thanks to her friends and to God who had given her such a long and happy life. The only flaw in the day was the absence of Mabel." D. S. C.

WORLD COMMUNION DAY MATERIALS

Observance of World Wide Communion Day in October, 1948, is being promoted by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council, and they announce a sample folder of the fourteen different World Communion pamphlets, stationery, cards, and posters. With printing difficulties as great as they are, it is extremely important to order early for your World Communion publicity. You may receive these sample folders without charge by writing to the Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Seventh Day Baptists join hands with each other and all Christians in this great witness to the unity of Christ's Church throughout the world. D. S. C.

LEWIS CAMP Ashaway, R. I.

July 27 - August 4
Auspices, Eastern Association

CAMP JOY at Camp Caesar Webster Springs, W. Va.

August 2-8 — Age limit, 10 and above
(Children's, Young People's, and Adult Camp.)

CHILDREN'S DAY IN THE CHURCHES

ALFRED. — Sabbath morning, June 12, was Children's Day at Alfred. Pastor Harris was in charge of the service. Three intermediate girls sang a response to the prayer of invocation. The primary department presented a play, "Carlos Proves the Rule," adapted from the story by Margaret Niemeyer. The intermediate department presented Psalm 46 and 1 Corinthians 13 as a choric reading. An offering of \$5 was given for mission work in Mexico by the primary department.

Pastor Harris took charge of the dedication service of cradle roll members. There were five young couples, each with a baby, who came to the front for this service. Each baby received a yellow rose which symbolized the fact that our children are our greatest wealth.

Stanley Harris, son of Pastor Harris, sang for the offertory "The Lord Is the Light of My Life."

ALFRED STATION. — "The Greatest Thing in the World" was the theme of the Children's Day service on Sabbath morning, June 26. Robert Whitford, a college student, took the part of a young man in search of the greatest thing in the world. Members of the Sabbath school classes from the primary through the intermediate had part in the program.

A corsage of roses was given to mothers of children in the cradle roll by the superintendent of the cradle roll department.

INDEPENDENCE. — Sixteen children were dedicated at the Children's Day services, June 12. This is the first dedication service held at this Church, consequently a number of the children were older than is usual for this type of service.

Mrs. Milford Crandall and Mrs. Robert Clarke gave a detailed report of their work in the weekday Christian education program in the Andover Central School. The report was made more interesting by a demonstration of the use made of the flannelgraph in the school.

The children sang several choruses and one song, "The Bible." The service brought in a number of people who do not usually attend. The sermon theme was "Do Not Sin Against the Child."

It brought out the fact that we sin against our children by denying them good parents, by not making the community a fit place in which to bring up a child of God, and by not giving them Christian instruction.

RIVERSIDE. — The observance of Children's Day was during the Church service, Sabbath day, June 12. Pastor Maltby conducted the service of dedication for cradle roll members.

A pageant, "The Golden Chain," was presented by children and youth of the Sabbath school. The synopsis is as follows: Two children are sent into the garden by their mother to study some Bible verses. They are unwilling to help each other, and disagree. Truth calls on Imagination to tell them about the golden chain of love which is found in the Book of Life. They are brought to realize that, when people forget God's great love and the teachings of Jesus and forget to follow His example, the beautiful chain is broken, and hate and evil get into the world. When the children understand that every follower of Jesus has a part in mending and making the chain perfect, the evangels of Love and Peace bring the golden chain to encircle the nations of the world. H. S.

THE FIRST VACATION SCHOOL REPORT

Rev. Rex Zwiebel has sent the first report of a Vacation Bible School for 1948. The school was held at the First Hebron Church with thirty-three children enrolled. It was sponsored by the Sabbath school. Plans were made by the director, Pastor Zwiebel, and the teachers. The theme was "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth." An offering was received each day for the Jamaica school which totaled \$6.40 at the end of the school. The dates for the school were June 14 to 25. A parent-sharing program was held at the Church, Friday night, June 25. Certificates of attendance were awarded at this time, and the classes demonstrated work done during the school. H. S.

THE FIRST SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

Richburg Sabbath school has the honor of being the first to send in its annual report for 1948.

During the year the Sabbath school has had an enrollment of thirty-one. The primary department presented a special Christmas program. The young people's group had charge of the Sabbath Rally Day services.

It is very important that all the Sabbath schools send in an annual report. Much use is made of information found in these reports, including Sabbath Recorder articles prepared from some of the items. H. S.

OUR BEST IS REQUIRED BY OUR FAMILIES

(Given at the commencement program of Waukegan, Ill., High School, by Paul Sholtz, a senior in the school and a member of the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church.)

Today, more than ever before, our best is required by our families. We have a great obligation to our parents. To them, and to ourselves, we owe the debt of keeping harmony within the family. The personality of an individual will not be fully developed in an unhappy family.

In many ways our best is required by our future families. Our preparation for the future is important. Even more important, however, is our responsibility for holding the family group together. This group is the basic unit of our society. If the family is weak, our society will be weak. Criminal tendencies very often develop in the poor environment of a broken family. Divorcement of parents greatly reduces the possibility of successful marriage for the children.

Several other factors have contributed to the deterioration of this unit of society. Although we do not realize it, a great many of the fundamental functions of the family have gradually been removed from the home. This has greatly weakened the structure of this group. Such vital functions as religion, recreation, and even education were once the heart of the stable family. Today, these functions are nearly unknown in the majority of our homes. Divorce and inadequate preparation for

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I would like to tell you a little about Myrtle. She came to our home when one and a half years old, her mamma being sick, and at intervals from that time until her own mamma passed on. She called me Mamma Barber for years, and before she was of school age she came to stay permanently. I often find among her papers that have been stored, since she was called away, very good evidence of her Christian life. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Sabbath school, and J.Y.P.S.C.E. She was fourteen when she went, or did she?

Unchangeable Memory

The little girl who is no more,
For whom among the years
We've mourned, still smiling at the door
On many a day appears.
And still her silver voice rings out
In childhood's lovely way,
And still in play she romps about,
But we are worn and gray.
Her playmates of the long ago
Are men and women grown,
And some the marks of suffering show,
And some have suffering known;

marriage have contributed greatly to this weakening process. It seems to me that the responsibility for solving this problem falls squarely on the shoulders of our generation.

What is the solution? There are several answers to this problem. Adequate preparation for marriage is certainly very necessary. Revision of our marriage and divorce laws would help. Even more necessary, however, is a change in our attitude toward marriage and toward divorce. They are the basis of this problem, and we must treat them seriously if we are to strengthen the family.

A strong family is very necessary for a strong democracy. If we are to maintain democracy as our way of life, we will have to begin by practicing it in the home. We will have to eliminate all the things which contribute to an unstable relationship. We must keep the family strong. The world is so disrupted that we owe it to ourselves, our families, and our country to maintain a strong democracy, and above all, a strong family.

But she has stayed through all the years
A happy hearted child,
Unchanged by time, untouched by tears,
Unsoiled and undefiled.

Some mourn their little ones long lost
Who still on earth remain;
But cling to life and count the cost
In bitterness and pain;
But day by day her voice we hear,
We often smile to see
Our radiant little girl appear
Just as she used to be.

'Tis strange (so bitterly we weep)
How time can change our views.
We find we lose the ones we keep
And keep the ones we lose.
Though we are worn by care and woe
And wrinkled now and gray,
Our little girl of long ago
Is still a child at play. —E. A. G.

I found a little book she had made and in it she had drawn a log house with jack-o-lanterns in the windows, and written a story, I think for school, when Miss Alta Van Horn was her teacher. I am sending a copy of it, and if you think best to use it sometime on your page, I will be glad.

I often finish my letters with,
Mizpah, lovingly,
(Mrs. Chas. W.) Louisa Barber.

The Indians and the Jack-o-lanterns

It happened in a long ago time, there were two little girls, named Prudence and Endurance. One day their parents left them at home while they went to the village some miles away.

"We will try to get back before night," said their folks as they went, "but if we don't, you must be brave and take care of yourselves."

"Oh, we will," said the children. "There is the house to make tidy, and the pumpkins to bring in from the field. That will keep us busy." The little girls set to work; they were very proud to be entrusted with the care of the home.

The father and mother rode away. "I do hope," said the mother, "that no harm will befall them. It is rather dangerous to leave them alone while the savages are around us."

"Have no fear," said her husband, "God is with them."

After the morning's work was done in the house, they went out and picked up

CHURCH NEWS

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Children's Day was observed Sabbath morning in place of the regular worship. The young folks of the primary and intermediate departments presented a little play based on the hymn, "Yes, Jesus Loves Me," under the direction of Mrs. Menzo Fuller and Mrs. Harlan Brennick. The prelude and processional were played by Donna Babcock and Beverly Goodrich, and the offertory was played by Ulaliah Davis. Several children took part in the play and sang the songs. Katharine Severance, as a realistic Chinese girl, sang the song in the Chinese language. The offering was sent to the Nebraska Children's Home.

Lucile Ann Swanson of Ericson, who was baptized several months ago, was welcomed into the Church Sabbath morning. She had not been able to attend services since she was baptized.

Plans are going forward among the members of the Church for the entertainment of the General Conference. The occasion will also be a celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Church in this valley. Seventy-five years ago, a group of pioneers coming from Wisconsin, among whom were Roods, Babcocks, and other well-known names in the denomination and valley, gathered on the bank of the North Loup River, east of the village of North Loup, and there held the first service of the Church which was to be in existence through all these years. A tablet marks the place of this first service.

It is expected that about four hundred delegates will be present from all over the United States. These delegates will be entertained in homes in the village with a central place for meals.

Services will be held every day and evening during the week of the Conference. A special commemoration service in honor of the seventh-fifth anniversary will be presented at one of the sessions.

Previous to the opening of the meetings, the young people of the denomination will meet in a Pre-Conference Retreat to be held at Ericson, August 12-16. This camp is in charge of Marcia Rood of this Church, and studies will be conducted

all the pumpkins and put them in the pit.

"Let's make some jack-o-lanterns," suggested Endurance.

"Yes! Yes!" said her little sister, and they went at the fun in great glee.

It was not long before they finished. Then they carried the goblins into the house, and ran and got some candles to make the pumpkins' faces look more frightful. It was beginning to get dark.

"I wonder when Father and Mother will get home," said Prudence.

"Not before morning perhaps," returned Endurance. "They had much to do. But be of good cheer, little sister, we shall be safe."

She went to the door and stood and looked out. What she saw made her heart almost stop. Two Indians were stealing toward the house. Endurance flung the door shut and quickly bolted it.

"What is it?" cried Prudence wildly. "What is it?"

"Indians," whispered Endurance. "Be quiet child, be quiet, God help us."

They crawled down into the corner to keep out of sight. The Indians peered in at the window. On the floor were the grinning lanterns, their big eyes blazing with the candlelight.

"Ugh! Ugh!" exclaimed the savages. Then with a terrified yell they turned and fled to the woods.

The frightened little girls heard and understood. They clasped each other in their arms and sobbed a prayer to God to thank Him for having saved them. No more Indians ever came to that house. "Ugh! Ugh!" they would mutter whenever they would happen to pass that place. "Fire spirit! Fire spirit!"

Myrtle Resseguie (Barber).

Dear Mrs. Barber:

Thank you for your letter, the beautiful poem, and the interesting story. The story shows so plainly how God watches over and protects those who trust in Him in every time of need and who try earnestly to give Him their true and willing service.

Thank you for mentioning that Rev. E. Adelbert Witter's ninety-fifth birthday was June 28. He is my husband's cousin.

Lovingly yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

by leaders from many states. This camp is open to young people above the ninth grade.

Music on the newly dedicated electric organ will be a feature of the services. The local Church choir, under the direction of Dell Barber, will furnish anthems and assist in the general singing.—M. T. B.

HAMMOND, LA. — Baptismal services were held on May 15. Four candidates were baptized and received into Church membership: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Russell of Columbus, Miss., and Floyd and Ledell Coalwell of Metairie, La. Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph, promoter of evangelism, participated in the services. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are interested in home missionary work.

Contacts with the Negroes in New Orleans are quite encouraging. Results appear to be forthcoming. — R. G. L.

On Sabbath, June 26, the members from Metairie and New Orleans, and those from Hammond, met together at the Hammond Church. At this service, four were received into membership; one was a Sabbath convert and three transferred membership from other Seventh Day Baptist Churches.

The work in this vicinity is prospering, and the outlook for the future is quite encouraging.

New officers were recently elected, including two deacons, and one deaconess. The deacons elected were Gerald and Purcell Coalwell; the deaconess elected was Mrs. Phoebe Mills. — Pastor.

METAIRIE, LA. — Sabbath services are being held at 10 a.m. in Metairie, and at 3 p.m. in Hammond. Because of the large number of members living in Metairie, and the interest shown there, it seems advisable to have regular Sabbath morning services there, as well as the afternoon services in Hammond.

Interest in the Seventh Day Baptist denomination is evident among the Negro population of New Orleans. We feel certain that interest will continue to grow until a Negro congregation may be organized there.

We ask for your prayers and interest in the work in this locality. — Pastor.

PLAINFIELD, N. J. — On June 10, Pastor and Mrs. E. Wendell Stephan became the parents of a second child, Patricia Lee. She experienced her first Church service June 26.

On June 19, Pastor Stephan dedicated the following babies, Wanda Jean Guyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Axthle Guyer (Mrs. Guyer before her marriage was Miss Carol Kagarise of Salemville, Pa.); Joanne Poulin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Poulin (Mrs. Poulin was formerly Miss Gladys Wooden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Wooden, Lambertville, N. J.); Courtland V. Davis, III, and Peggy Leigh Davis, children of Mr. and Mrs. Courtland V. Davis, Jr.

On the evening of June 22, Rev. and Mrs. Victor W. Skaggs held a reception in their home for Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills and daughter, Miriam, who are now in Jamaica, B. W. I., to take up the duties of teaching in the Caribbean High School in Kingston, and to assist our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Wardner T. F. Randolph.

On the evening of June 23, the Plainfield Church was nearly filled with friends and fellow Church members of the bride and groom, Mary E. Whitford (daughter of Mrs. O. B. Whitford and the late Dr. O. B. Whitford, formerly a trustee of the American Sabbath Tract Society and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund) and Paul E. Lassen, who were united in marriage by Pastor Stephan. A reception followed in the Church parlors.

Frederik J. Bakker,
Correspondent.

FARINA, ILL. — On June 2, 1948, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, on the twenty-second anniversary of the marriage of the parents of the bride, Rev. C. L. Hill, pastor of the Church, officiating upon both occasions, Mr. Wayne Marshall of La-Clede, Ill., and Patricia Ann Crosley, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crosley of Farina, Ill., were united in marriage.

Following the marriage ceremony the wedding party moved to the parish house where a shower was given for the young people and where they received many beautiful and useful gifts. A luncheon of ice cream and cake was served the guests.

The young people left for Springfield, Ill., where the new home is to be established, and as they go the well wishes of friends and neighbors will attend them, and we pray that God may shower His blessings upon them.

Rev. Claude L. Hill.

WHITE CLOUD, MICH. — The Semi-annual Meeting of the Northern Association of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches was held at White Cloud, Mich., June 11-13, using as the theme "Think on These Things."

A musical program opened the meetings on Sabbath eve. The new electric organ was dedicated in memory of Robert Branch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wells Branch of this town. Robert gave his life for his country in the recent war.

About thirty members from Battle Creek, Mich., and several from Jackson Center, Ohio, attended the meetings.

Splendid sermons were delivered at each service. Rev. Alton L. Wheeler of Battle Creek spoke at the regular service Sabbath morning, while Rev. Leslie O. Greene conducted the period of devotions and Rev. Orville W. Babcock of White Cloud delivered the message entitled, "Let This Mind Be in You," at the evening service.

The young people had charge of services at 3 p.m. The program consisted of a quartet, "I Love My Savior Dear," by the Battle Creek young people, followed by a solo by Norma Johnson of White Cloud, and a duet, "Search Me, O God," by Dr. and Mrs. Le Roy De Land of Battle Creek. The program closed with a pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross."

The entire service was soul-inspiring and many felt the spiritual uplift created by this meeting.

A fellowship breakfast was served on Sunday at 8 a.m., in the Church.

Rev. and Mrs. Orville W. Babcock and Son

Rev. and Mrs. Orville W. Babcock with their son of Milton Junction, Wis., arrived June 2, to take over the pastorate of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of White Cloud. A reception of welcome was held in the Church parlors on the evening of

June 5. More than seventy-five members and friends of the Church were present. Entertainment consisted of music and visiting. A delicious lunch was served.



Rev. Orville W. Babcock

Vacation Bible School opened June 14 at White Cloud, and will continue for two weeks. Rev. Orville W. Babcock is the superintendent. — (Mrs.) Zoe Branch, Corresponding Secretary.

DIRECTORY OF SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCHES

Little Prairie, three-fourths mile east of Nady, Ark., post office. Parsonage adjoining. Services: Sabbath school 10:30 a.m. Praise and testimony service 2 p.m. Evangelistic service 8 p.m. Rev. Clifford A. Beebe, acting pastor. Mr. J. H. McKay lives in the parsonage.

Marlboro, six miles west of Bridgeton, N. J., and ten miles east of Salem, N. J., on Route 49. Services at 10:30 every Sabbath morning. Pastor, Rev. Rex Burdick, R. D. 1, Bridgeton. Phone 2654-J-1.

Philadelphia Fellowship, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilson and daughter, 118 Ryers Ave., Cheltenham, Pa. Services held regularly on Sabbath afternoons at 3:30. Interested parties in the vicinity of Philadelphia, Pa., may contact Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd D. Scager, 18 Briar Road, Oreland, Pa. Phone Ogontz 4969-R.

Southwestern Association — with the Little Prairie Church at Nady, Ark., August 5-8.

Accessions

Little Prairie, Ark.

Testimony:

Mrs. Amanda Froman was received into the Church May 22, 1948.
Marvin Godsey,
Mrs. Marvin Godsey, and
Roy Moseley were received into the Church June 26, 1948.

White Cloud, Mich.

Letter:

Rev. and Mrs. Orville W. Babcock joined the Church by letter from Milton Junction.

Milton Junction, Wis.

Letter:

Orville Hurley joined by letter from the Welton Church.

Testimony:

Mrs. Lucy D. Gray joined the Church by testimony.

Salemville, Pa. (English)

Baptism:

Mary Jean Robinette, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Dimond Robinette;
Melvin Mellott, son of Ellis and Mary Kagarrise Mellott;
Joe Boyd, son of Jerome K. and Eva Stiffler Boyd; and
Harry Robinette, son of Mrs. Mae Dimond Robinette, were baptized by Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, June 5, 1948, and received into the Church June 12, 1948.

Marriages

Campbell - Newcomb. — Walter Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Campbell of Marlboro, N. J., and Cleora Newcomb of Bridgeton, N. J., were united in marriage at the Beracha Chapel, Bridgeton, N. J., October 15, 1947, by the bride's pastor, Rev. Joseph Muggleworth. Pastor Rex Burdick assisted in the ceremony. The home is at 50 New St., Bridgeton, N. J.

Moulder - Campbell. — Charles Moulder of Philadelphia, Pa., and Irene Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Campbell of Marlboro, N. J., were united in marriage at the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church by Rev. Howard Shoemaker, uncle of the bride, on June 13, 1948. The couple will reside at R. D. 4, Norristown, Pa.

Marshall - Crosley. — On June 2, 1948, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Farina, Ill., occurred the marriage of Wayne Marshall of La Clede, Ill., and Patricia Ann Crosley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crosley of Farina. Rev. Claude L. Hill officiated.

Nelson - Bond. — On June 9, 1948, Miss Beulah Bond of Dodge Center and Richard Nelson of Blooming Prairie were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Dodge Center, Minn., with Rev. Earl Cruzan officiating. Their new home will be on a farm near Blooming Prairie, Minn.

Obituaries

Clarke. — Lucy Mary, daughter of Daniel W. and Irene (Handel) Clarke, was born in Hopkinton, R. I., February 11, 1865, and died in Providence, R. I., June 16, 1948.

She had always lived in this vicinity, making her home with her brother at 259 Canal Street, Westerly, since declining health came upon her. She was a devoted member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, never missing a service of the Church as long as she was able to attend. Her pastor, in his boyhood, was a member of the Sabbath school class which she taught in Ashaway. She was a loyal member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Although of a quiet and retiring disposition, she stood firmly for what she believed to be right. She is survived by her brother, Clarence L. Clarke; a stepsister, Mrs. Winnie Johnson; five nieces and a nephew.

Funeral services were held at the Buckler Funeral Home on Sunday afternoon, and interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway. Her pastor, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, officiated.
H. R. C.

ANY BOOK REVIEWED OR advertised in this or other religious journals, or recommended by your local pastor for spiritual enrichment, can be secured quickly and conveniently from us. Large stock of up-to-the-minute religious books, centrally located. We pay postage on orders for \$1 or more when cash accompanies order.



THE SOWER BOOKSTORE

25 East Main Street
MADISON 3, WISCONSIN
Gerald C. Bond, Proprietor

"UNVEILING THE FUTURE" — Send 25 cents for ten mimeographed lessons on Revelation with supplementary diagrams and outlines. Rev. Lester G. Osborn, Shiloh, N. J. 1t

— 1949 — BEAUTIFUL CALENDARS "SABBATHS IN RED"

PLEASE ORDER NOW!

Singles: 25¢ Each
Lots of 10: \$2.00
All Over 10: 15¢ Each
TEN PER CENT DISCOUNT
On Orders Received Before
September 1, 1948

THE BIBLE SABBATH ASSOCIATION
(Non-sectarian)

Pomona Park Florida

CAMP POTATO Near Coudersport, Pa.
July 18-25 — Junior Camp
July 25 - August 1 — Senior Camp
—"The Belfry," June, 1948,
Little Genesee, N. Y.

The Sabbath Recorder

