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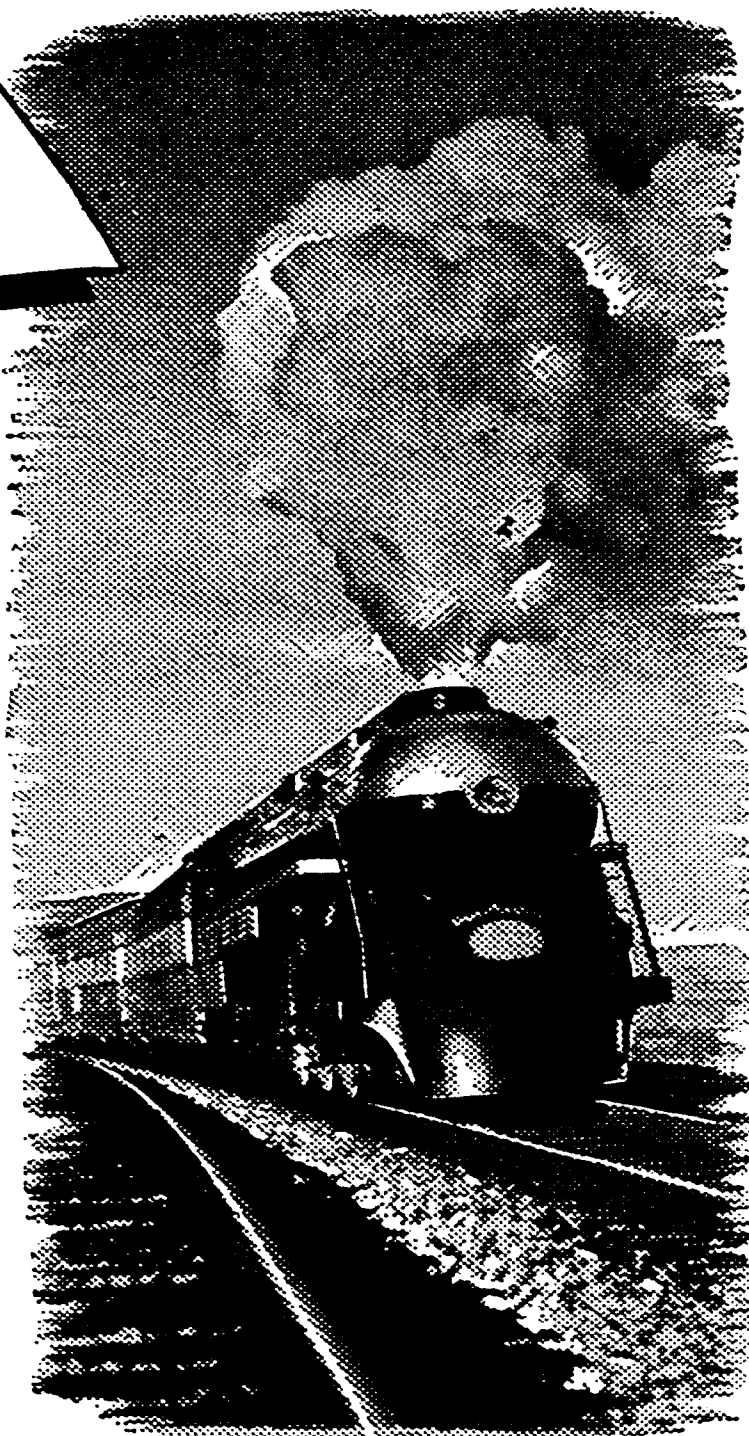
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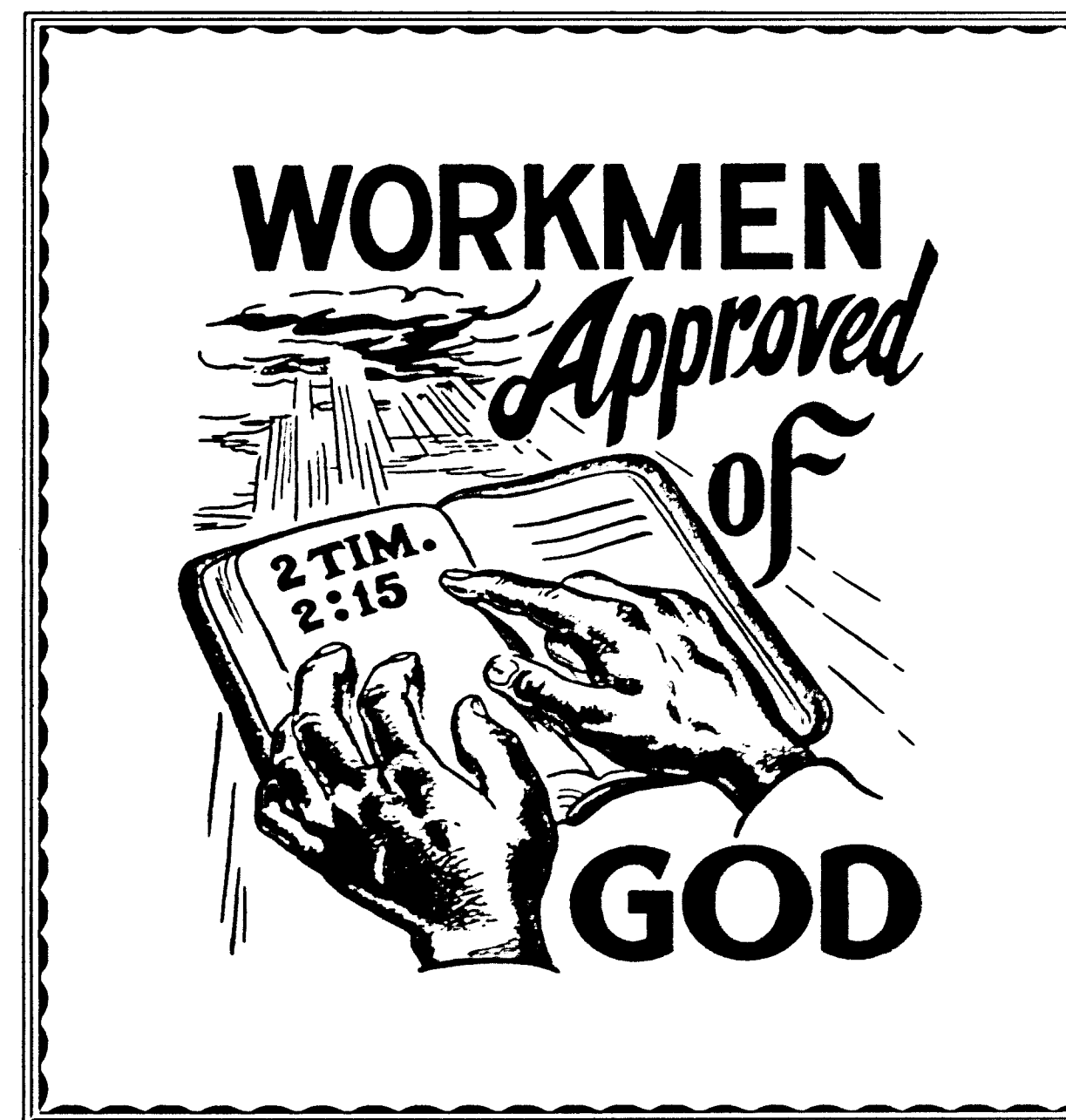
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Slogan chosen by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, President, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Salem, W. Va. Art work by Stanley Burdick, junior at Salem College, Salem, W. Va.

Conference President's Corner

"WORKMEN APPROVED OF GOD" (Message No. 3)

"Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2: 15 (ASV).

"Workmen Approved of God in Sharing the Word." What does the Missionary Board mean by its "Efficiency for Evangelism" program? It means to share the Word. What is the Tract Board aiming at in its "Hundred Sabbaths of Service"? It aims at sharing the Word. What does the Board of Christian Education try to accomplish when it sponsors Bible Schools and Vacation Schools? It tries to share the Word. Our task as Christians is not alone to "Know the Word" and "Live the Word," but also to "Share the Word."

If we Seventh Day Baptists have received in Christ what we ought to have received, then each of us has at least five rich blessings which we should be able and willing to share. Let us think of them.

A vital Christian experience begins with the sense of Forgiveness. One knows that whatever may have been between his heart and God is now gone. It is not so much that a penalty is removed as that a relationship is now established. You now **know** that God is your Father.

Then there comes a new sense of Power, especially over sin. God enables one to be and to do what was impossible before. That doesn't mean that one is sinlessly perfect, but that moral and spiritual Power has come.

There is a new sense of Peace. Not peace that grows out of freedom from burden or trial or suffering, but the peace of a quiet heart. Peace in the midst of trouble; the "peace that passeth understanding."

And Joy comes into the Christian heart, a glad, singing joy that comes in spite of disappointment or pain. "He giveth songs in the night."

Last of all, there is a new Love in the heart, an out-going love even for those

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CONFERENCE, 1949

Have you been saving your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars, and dollars for that trip to Riverside, Calif., next August? Yes, it will require several five, ten, and twenty dollar bills also, depending on, of course, where you live and how many will make the trip.

Don't you hear "Riverside Calling"? We do. Whether we arrive there or not, is truly another matter. Yet, as P. B. Hurley has been sending in items for the Publicity Committee of the Riverside Church, it makes us feel that we'd like to start tomorrow — the Riverside call is so genuine, the fellowship at Conference promises to be so rich, and there is so much to see and do.

But, let us be patient. The Riverside and Los Angeles folks need a little more time to get ready for us, the work of the present Conference year has only well begun, the Conference president needs time to formulate the program for the sessions of General Conference, the Commission expects to hold a midyear and a pre-Conference meeting before then, and very few of us are ready to go, anyway.

So, as we bide our time, being diligently about our Father's business, let us pray and plan for Riverside in 1949.

"Oh, you expect to go to California sometime, but not next year?"

If you are reading the publicity pieces that Mr. Hurley is providing for publication in the Sabbath Recorder, well — you might change your mind.

Remember, Conference at Riverside, August 16-21, 1949. Will we be seeing you?

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSION IN JAMAICA, B. W. I.

This issue of the Sabbath Recorder is dedicated to the Jamaica Mission.

Greetings in Christ to all Seventh Day Baptists throughout the Island of Jamaica on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Seventh Day Baptist missions there, which is being celebrated beginning December 19, 1948, and continuing through January 10, 1949. (See article on page 321 of this issue.)

RIVERSIDE CALLING

We are hoping for a large attendance at Conference next summer. We, selfishly perhaps, want it that we may meet more people of the denomination. We want it, too, that more people may see something of the beauty of our country and our town. We want it most of all that all may receive the inspiration and spiritual uplift which we are sure to get. We want ministers and laity, one and all.

Just now we are thinking of and entreating you for your pastor. Have you told him that you are sending him and his wife to Conference at Riverside? If you have not already attended to this, will you please do so at the next Church business meeting. It is not good to keep the pastor waiting until the last minute. He will serve you better now and after Conference, too, if you plan together all year for the trip.

Possibly, too, the Conference president may want your pastor on the program. How much better for the pastor to be able to say at once, "Thank you, I will do it. Our Church has already said that we are to go."

P. B. Hurley, for the
Publicity Committee.

4751 Park Avenue,
Riverside, Calif.

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who insult or mistreat us. Even though we may not be able to do so, we **would like** to help people whether they are kind to us or not — "Because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts."

Have we Seventh Day Baptists studied the Word until we have learned that Christ offers us just such blessings as these? And have we found for ourselves this Forgiveness and Power, this Peace and Joy and Love? If we have, then we have learned the secret of living — just what the world is hungry for. Let us not depend on our boards to do all the sharing. Let us find the joy of doing some sharing ourselves. Let us all be "Workmen Approved of God in Sharing the Word."

Loyal F. Hurley,
Conference President.

ONE HUNDRED SABBATHS OF SERVICE

How much are we interested in the spread of the Sabbath truth through tract distribution and an improved Sabbath Recorder?

Tract Distribution

The program of tract distribution is getting into full swing. Individuals and Churches are ordering tracts by the tens, hundreds, and thousands. We are informed that for the period of July 9 to November 9, 14,700 tracts were sent out by the publishing house for the office of the corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society. For the period of November 10 to December 6, 13,554 tracts have been sent out, which is only 1,146 tracts fewer sent out during less than a month than were sent out during the previous four-month period.

Without question, the seed is being sown for a bountiful harvest of quickened and redeemed lives for Christ and the Sabbath. But seed costs money in these times of inflated prices.

The Sabbath Recorder

Concerning the Sabbath Recorder, it is encouraging to report that interest in it is growing and subscriptions to it are steadily increasing. We are deeply appreciative of this situation and would constantly strive for a better denominational paper under the guidance of God.

The number of copies of the special issues of the Sabbath Recorder, being sent out under the One Hundred Sabbaths of Service Program for free distribution, has almost reached the 1,200 mark. Such interest is most commendable. This phase

SUPPORT THE DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

David Livingstone said, "I will place no value on anything I possess save in its relation to the kingdom of God. If anything will advance the kingdom of God it shall be given away or kept, only as by the giving of it or the keeping of it I shall promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes in time and eternity."

—From the Budget Committee.

of the program is the only one that the Sabbath Recorder has believed to be justifiable, as its part of the expanded program, in the light of contributions in hand or in sight.

If the program is to be developed as proposed, improvements in the Sabbath Recorder should be made right away. These will be made as funds for the purpose are available.

In Faith

The One Hundred Sabbaths of Service Program was conceived and launched in faith. Our faith in it has not weakened in the least. Nor is our faith in the interest and support of our people any less.

Nevertheless, if the program succeeds, more money is needed immediately. The treasurer of the American Sabbath Tract Society has furnished the following information:

Number of contributions—91

Range of contributions—36c to \$143.32

Total amount of contributions—\$946.43

Number of pledges—10

Total amount of pledges—\$145.00

Let us have 500 contributions by April 1, 1949. Let us raise the range of contributions. Let us have the first \$10,000 (of the \$20,000 program — \$10,000 each year for two years) paid or pledged by April 1, 1949.

It can be done with the help of God! Then, let us do it!

Please send contributions and pledges to:

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510 Watchung Avenue
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CHURCH NEWS

FIRST HEBRON (Coudersport, Pa.) — An encouraging note for our Church is the comparison of our giving to the Denominational Budget this year with that of last year: 1947, \$83.12; 1948, \$137.28.

Hebron Center is to be commended on its increased giving to the budget: 1946, \$5.25; 1947, \$10; 1948, \$41.

May the Lord bless our efforts.

—Church Bulletin.

"WHO IS MY BROTHER?"

By Socrates Thompson
 Alfred, N. Y.

Scripture: Genesis 4: 1-10; Luke 10: 25-37.

In the closing years of the nineteenth century, America had fought a very short war with Spain and had been victorious. In the peace conference at Paris the American minister was faced with a very difficult situation.

Shortly before the signing of the armistice, Admiral Dewey had conquered Manila, and Cuba was won. The Spanish government found herself too weak to rule her empire, so at the peace conference she ceded Cuba to the protectorate of the government of the United States. The Island of Guam was offered as war indemnity, and the American minister accepted; but when it came to the question of the Philippines, they reached an impasse. When President McKinley got news that he should have charge of these Pacific islands, he was in a great plight. He had not even heard of them before, and the minds of the American people were not fixed on annexing them. Finally, he is said to have reported to his Methodist brethren in the following words:

"When word came that we should take over these yellow brethren, I did not know what course to take. I am not ashamed to say I did not know in what part of the world they were. I had not heard of the Philippines before, and had to look them up. Then when I found them, I was more embarrassed, so I spent sleepless nights in the White House with God, praying for guidance as to what course to take in dealing with the situation. Finally it was revealed to me that the only humane thing to do was to take 'these yellow brethren' under the wings of the United States, and give them brotherly care."

I refer to this instance because of the presumptuous answer made to God by Cain in the account we have just read. When asked for his brother whom he had slain, he made the bombastic answer, "I know not. Am I my brother's keeper?"

I want us for a brief moment to think of these words in the light of the situa-

tion in which President McKinley found himself. He could have asked the other nations if he was his yellow brothers' keeper, but instead, he saw the need for them of an elder brother's care, and decided to extend a brother's hand.

This was quite the opposite of what Cain said of his brother, whom he had murdered because of jealousy.

I am wondering, this morning, if there are not many Christians who have sidestepped the responsibility for others, and are asking the same question Cain asked. This is also pictured in the account we have in the parable of the young lawyer who wanted to corner Jesus. His question was, "And who is my neighbor?" When he was made to tell who was his neighbor, he was stuck. How many of us ask these questions — "Am I my brother's keeper?" and "Who is my neighbor?" Then when we realize who are our brothers and neighbors, what is our duty to them? How do we carry out these duties? Do we, like Cain, ask if we are our brother's keeper, or do we, like McKinley, extend to them the hand of friendship, love, and care?

The story is told of the Japanese nation in days gone by. There were rivers in Japan that were constantly carrying away the people. There were emperors who rose to power, but each of them when he got into power simply filled his coffers and planned to build a more beautiful palace. Finally there was one who said that God had given him power over his brethren, and he was going to use his power for the protection of their lives, so he began to build dykes along the banks of the rivers. This, it has been said, was the end to that great menace to the people's lives.

I believe that when a man has been called out from the world he is called out for the purpose of bringing souls to the kingdom of God. We are made kings and priests in the kingdom work of the Lord. Our job is to give ourselves unselfishly to the cause of finding our brothers. A fine picture is given in Andrew who, when he found the Lord, went out and found his own brother. Do we

still ask these questions as did Cain, and that proud young lawyer?

The theme of Seventh Day Baptists for last year was "Go Work Today." It did not say go work *where*. This throws the field wide open to us to go work for the establishment of the kingdom of God in the lives of men.

It was the sense of the brotherhood of God's people that moved in the heart of people like David Livingstone, Albert Schweitzer, Susie Burdick, and in our own day, Sarah Becker. If we look at the account we have of Livingstone, we find that he was in a job at a factory in the city of London, and was steadily progressing toward a finer job. Maybe he would some day become the head man of the firm, but with a deep urge for the lives of his brothers in other parts of the world, he set out, not knowing where he was going. The record we have of his life shows how terrible it was for him, not to speak of those things of which we have no record. Yet he set out to find his brothers, and he found them and kept them, too.

As we go out from here, let us, each one, be determined to find our brothers and keep them. Let us give our all for the establishment of the kingdom of God in the lives of others, so that when He comes we will not ask ourselves the question, "Must I go empty-handed, must I meet my Saviour so; not one soul with whom to greet Him: Must I empty-handed go?" May we labor to bring souls to Him, so that when He comes, we may each greet Him with a glorious throng for Jesus' sake.

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Seventh Day Baptist pins are available at 75 cents each to individuals, and at 60 cents each, regardless of quantity, to young people's groups for resale at 75 cents each. These pins are of good quality and are the screw-fastener type.

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Moments of Meditation

SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD

By Mrs. Hannah O. Berry
Alfred, N. Y.

(A talk given recently at a School of Theology chapel service.)

Read Acts 10: 1-17.

I shall try to engage your attention for a few minutes on the lesson I have just read, which I know we all are acquainted with. In this lesson we have two wonderful characters, one a centurion and the other a disciple of Jesus Christ. The centurion was not a Jew, but he had the consciousness of God. He was trying to serve God in his own way. God saw that he was earnest, so He directed him in the way that he should take.

Peter was a preacher and a Jew. He might not have gone to Cornelius if he had not had the vision and divine instruction, because he thought that salvation was for the Jews only and other nations were to be looked upon as dogs. But the voice of God told Peter, "What I have cleansed call not thou unclean." Peter learned a lesson then; that salvation is for the whole world. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel, teach and baptize in my name."

We who are preparing for the gospel work should not center our thought on particular people. The good news is for every nation. Nor are we to keep it to ourselves. Let us remember the woman at Sychar's well. She was not a selfish convert, but she was convinced that the Man who had told her her life story was the Christ. The Man who said, "God must be worshiped everywhere and is to be worshiped in spirit and in truth" — this Man is the Water of Life. She believed that He was the promised Messiah. She ran into the city and called the men saying, "Come, see a man who told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ?" The woman shouldered her re-

"READING THE BIBLE AS A BOOK OF RELIGION"

By Benjamin O. Berry
Alfred, N. Y.

The Holy Bible is a compilation of books into one large volume. It has two main divisions, the Old and the New Testaments. The Old Testament deals with the history of the most primitive peoples, and it is the hinge on which the New Testament hangs. It is the primary source for the authority of God as Creator, the creation, and religion.

That the Bible has withstood the most meticulous examinations to find out its trustworthiness as a book of life is indisputable. But amidst all these examinations, coupled with unconstructive criticism, revisions, and new translations, the cardinal truth of the Bible has not been reduced or lost. Rather, all investigations have brought to light that the Bible is superior to any other literature, because of its demands upon the moral and ethical standards of people backed by the authority, God. All other kinds of literature fail to offer the highest consummation apart from their using the literary ingredients found in the sacred writings of the Bible.

The strength and importance of poetical writings cannot be overlooked, nor can there be any literary style better than poetry. The Bible challenges every other book for literary quality; in fact, it claims priority over other styles because poetry was the first form of writing by literary art found in our Bible. It is no wonder such books as Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Songs, and Isaiah appeal to most young people. Inasmuch as they stumble over the import of these books, young people, especially students, find them very romantic and therefore read them more than the other books of the Bible.

sponsibility promptly. At that very moment she shared her experience with the people of the city, and caused many people to believe on Christ. Are we preparing to share the love of God with all men?

A Dr. Munro defines religion in these words: "Religion," said he, "is a deep sense of reverence for a higher power, which sense is expressed by profession of faith and worship." By scrutiny, this sense of which Dr. Munro speaks is a hereditary transmission or an emulation. The religion we have today was founded on that of the primitive Israelites, and the only way we can understand its importance is by reading the Bible which contains their history and the keystone of this great heritage, religion.

The Founder of the Christian religion, which religion is the religion of the Jews, from which its Judaistic elements were stripped, sanctioned the unlimited use of the Bible, when He said, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life." John 5: 39. Jesus Himself made use of the writings of the Bible when He combated the devil. He quoted from Deuteronomy 8: 3 in defense of the perfection for which He strove. Surely Jesus could not make such a quotation had He not read His Bible.

The Bible is a book of life; it is romantic, inspiring, self-explaining, dependable — its applications can fit every situation in life. But very often the Bible is misused, misapplied, and therefore its readers suffer loss. The Bible has everything teachable and conducive to proper education; it offers its readers high ideals by their reading its contents. Then, why is it that many people do not read the Bible, and if they read it at all they do not understand it? The only satisfactory answer I can give, from the many contacts I have had with people, is that some people read the Bible with preconceived ideas, and therefore fail to find what the Book elicits. On the other hand, many readers of the Bible do not put sufficient importance upon the words found therein, and the place of the Book in the home. For the student in high school or college, whose parents are perfunctory in Christian standards of living, the Bible is considered antiquated, a book without meaning. Such a student, as the one under treatment, will rate his textbooks more important than the Bible, and most naturally would not read it. But even for the student of good parentage, having high Christian

ideals, the Bible, if read, is not understood because he does not co-ordinate his secular education with the implications of the things read in the Bible.

The way to understand the Bible is very easy and simple, yet demands strict attention and careful study. The Bible must be considered a book that is more than history, fiction, narratives, and parables; it must be considered as an inspired book with God as its authority; then and only then would it be found desirable to guide its readers in the way of life. When the Bible is held sacred and essential to life, it will be read prayerfully, reverently, and with the hope of finding inspiration, and not for the sake of examining its validity as a book of religion. Yet, the Bible is a dependable book, and can stand the acid test if put in the crucible, if only the examiners will have open minds as did the people in Berea. These people, when they heard the words of the Scripture, as intelligent people, examined them with open minds and found life. Acts 17: 10-12.

The writer of this article, who is a native of British Guiana, South America, can testify to what gain has been his by the reading of the Bible. From the time his father was known to him, the Bible always had a central place in the home. The writer was made to read the Bible, first as a duty. As part of his education, he had to memorize "the Creation Story" found in Genesis; the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes (Matthew 5), Psalms 1, 103, and 23. Afterwards the Bible was read for pleasure, which enjoyment is now bearing fruit. His father having read the Bible steadily and with open mind, although not a graduate of any school, was able to carry the gospel to hundreds of souls in his country; he witnessed for the Lord for forty years, and died leaving the product of his love for the Bible, his son, who is now studying this wonderful book. The Bible must be studied for wisdom, guidance, strength, and morals. The Bible must be read for pleasure, curiosity, and knowledge.

The Sabbath Recorder in every home.

THE LORD'S ACRE AT ALFRED STATION

By Nina Davis
1948 Chairman

In the year 1943, under the guidance of Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, and with the assistance of Dr. Doumont Clarke, we decided it advisable to engage in a Lord's Acre project. This was entered into heartily so that in the fall we reaped a nice profit from the sales of our produce. It was decided we would continue to have these sales each year.

Since that time we have had a Lord's Acre each year with a dedication service at the beginning of each project. The sales have proved very remunerative as well as beneficial to those who share in the work. This year it was thought best to go on a little larger scale and, by Elmer A. Willard's giving the use of five acres of land, it was decided to raise peas. The Birds-Eye Snider Division of General Foods Corporation donated the seed.

When the peas were ready to cut, the men met to harvest them. While they worked, some of the ladies were busy picking up the fallen peas. Others prepared a wonderful picnic dinner. After eating, some took the gleanings to the canning center at Alfred-Almond Central School. The sixty cans resulting from the gleanings were readily sold.

Different divisions of the Church planned different projects. The Women's Society had for their project the serving of three chicken dinners which netted them over \$500, and also a fancy work booth at the sale. The president, Calla Cook, turned over \$112.50 from this.

One of the Sabbath School classes presented a play under the direction of Bertha Willard. In this way the young people added \$22.20 to our Lord's Acre fund. Other projects were fresh vegetables, stuffed toys, canned goods, and a white elephant sale. At the sale, candy and popcorn were sold, while a refreshment booth served ice cream, sandwiches, and suppers. Another group took orders for Christmas cards. Mrs. Mildred Kolstad had a display of secondhand children's clothing and toys. She gave a percentage

JAMAICANS TO CELEBRATE QUARTER CENTURY MARK

A quarter of a century ago, at this season of the year, the Tract and Missionary Societies united in sending two representatives to the island of Jamaica, B. W. I., where a group of Free Adventists had appealed through Rev. Robert B. St. Clair for aid in developing an independent Church work.

After a visit of a month and a half, Rev. William L. Burdick and Rev. Carl A. Hansen had helped establish ten Seventh Day Baptist Churches with the effective help of the Free Adventist leader, Rev. H. Louie Mignott. Seventh Day Baptist beliefs and polity were explained in the many places visited.

Since that Christmas week in 1923, when Hansen and Burdick returned to the U. S., Elder Louie Mignott, the D. Burdett Coons, Gerald D. Hargises, Luther W. Critchlows have successively served our Jamaican field, and the Wardner Randolphs and Neal Millses now serve as our missionaries.

Groups have developed there till we have a total of thirty some Churches and groups with over 600 members, and with native leaders and houses of worship. The Second Century Fund school begins a new phase of evangelism there, and has drawn native teachers as well as our American teachers, the Millses, into active service. There is much of challenge in the expanding work of this quarter century in Jamaica as Christians face a world-wide task of extreme urgency.

The twenty-fifth anniversary will be celebrated in Jamaica beginning December 19, and lasting through January 10. It "will include thanksgiving services, a birthday party, fund raising for a special

of the sales to the Lord's Acre, returning the balance to the original owners.

It was voted by the Church that the Lord's Acre money this year be used for beautifying the Church. From these different projects we were able to turn over to the Church treasurer the sum of \$1,300. Surely God has blessed us in our efforts this past year.

project, evangelistic services, a musical concert, etc."

Nothing would please the Jamaicans more than having a representative from America who could personally receive their thanks for the work done through the auspices of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society. If, in the absence of funds for this purpose in the society treasury, some Seventh Day Baptist vacationing in Florida or the Gulf Coast region could visit Kingston during the celebration, we would be only too glad to give our moral support to their representing American missionary interests.

D. S. C.

RICE AND POLITICS IN CHINA

Excerpt from Letter of George Thorngate
Dated November 12, 1948

"I presume you have seen accounts in the news of the possibility of some Americans leaving China. So far this has been mostly confined to Army and Navy dependents. We hope that the 'red tide' may be stemmed before the situation here warrants action on our part. We are trying to make plans for any eventuality, but anticipate no immediate action. The difficulty in getting rice and the high prices asked are the most immediate problems. It may be we shall have to close the hospital for a time. We hope we will not have to do that because we would run the risk of having the plant taken over by government agencies or looted by lawless elements. We expect to go out tomorrow to see what the situation there is." (All reports from communist territory indicate that persecution and destructive tactics are much modified. "Some Church work is possible although pastors and evangelists must earn their daily food by manual work and must not draw on the bounty of their congregations." Freedom of worship is respected in many places; hospitals are allowed to operate, but must give free service, and are not helped much in securing supplies. The pattern originally followed by communists was: toleration, first; then, a jeering social pressure against the Church's stand; and finally, open opposition with varying forms of restrictions.)

D. S. C.

MISS MABEL WEST'S OPERATION

Excerpt from Letter of George Thorngate
Dated November 17, 1948

"Things are looking pretty grim in Shanghai at the present time. We will keep you at Westerly posted. The American Consulate is putting a good deal of pressure on people to leave, but we are sitting tight in the hope that military and political conditions will improve.

"Mabel West had to have a second operation on her hip. This was done today, and she was resting this evening as comfortably as one can in a cast. She will probably be in the hospital a week at least." (The Wests are considered to be better off in Shanghai under their present living arrangements than anywhere else. We do well to remember that they stayed longer than any others in the compound during Japanese occupation.)

D. S. C.

POEMS

POEMS. By Ahva J. C. Bond. (Plainfield, N. J., The Recorder Press, 1948. 110 pages.)

This collection of poems, seventy or more in number, reveals much of the heart and mind and soul of their composer. Grouped into seven classes, the introduction to each adds much to this revelation of the author himself.

Regardless of individual subject, each of the poems shows a love of nature and a close relationship with God and man. The foreword and sectional introductions give credit to many spots in Lewis, Harrison, and Doddridge counties for the inspiration of various poems.

Dr. Bond was born at Roanoke, Lewis County. He was a teacher in the public schools of that county, and later an instructor in Salem College. He entered the ministry, and is at present dean of the School of Theology, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y. — West Virginia History (A Quarterly Magazine.) Used by permission.

(Note: Copies of Dean Bond's poems are yet available at the Recorder Press, Plainfield, N. J., at \$2.50 per copy. Order today before the supply is exhausted.)

GOD IS NOT FAR

God is not far!
Sometimes with every one of us, an evening star,
Or desert's vast expanse, or sunset's blush,
Or, it may be, a child's cry, or love's first hush
Or, just as soon, impending battle's awful roar,
Though near, though far, throws wide the door
Where God is found;
And in that great strange hour of holy fear
Is born that sweetest consciousness of all,
Dear God, that Thou art near!

—From the Nevada Desert,
in Church Bulletin.

THE OPEN BIBLE

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119: 105.

"This book contains the mind of God: the state of man; the way of salvation. Its doctrines are holy; its precepts are binding; its records are true. Read it to be wise; believe it to be safe; and practice it to be holy.

"It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, the Christian's charter.

"Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the redemption of man its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet." — Paul E. Holdcraft, in Ashaway Messenger, February, 1948.

TEN REASONS ON WHY WORSHIP REGULARLY**Because of**

The example of our Lord. "He went as His custom was."

Because of

The Scriptural exhortation that echoes across the centuries, "not forsaking our own assembling together as the custom of some is."

Because of

The uplift which comes through worship. Who is not conscious that his

greatest need in these days is "A Presence which disturbs me with the joy of elevated thoughts"?

Because of

The harmonizing of the soul with the music of the spheres. Our age cries out for those who are "in the spirit on the Lord's Day."

Because of

The joys of Christian fellowship. "Behold, how pleasant and how good that we, one Lord confessing, together dwell in brotherhood, our unity expressing."

Because of

The courage and Christian optimism received. "I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

Because of

The contribution that worship makes to the building of a peaceful world. "The rich and the poor meet together. The Lord is the maker of them all." World brotherhood can be realized only as it finds its source in our hearts, our homes, our communities, our nation.

Because of

The development of a sensitive conscience. It is when we see "the Lord high and lifted up" that we cry "Woe is me! for I am undone; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips."

Because of

The acquiring of a passion to serve. It is the love of God nourished in the sanctuary which leads us to "love our neighbor as ourselves" and to serve in the spirit of Him who "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

Because of

The glory worship ascribes to God. "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Our age needs to recover its lost appreciation of the glory and majesty of God.

"O COME, LET US WORSHIP."

—Selected.

ANNUAL NETWORK TALKS ON THE BIBLE

Dr. Francis Carr Stifler, Secretary for Public Relations of the American Bible Society, will be heard each Tuesday morning for a period of two months, beginning December 7, in his third annual series of addresses on the popular "Faith in Our Time" program through the courtesy of the Mutual Broadcasting System. His themes will be as follows: Dec. 7—The World's Oldest Hymn Book; Dec. 14—Four Pamphlets on One Subject; Dec. 21—Make My Christmas Christian; Dec. 28—The Spirit of Forty-nine; Jan. 4—Here Is Another Letter; Jan. 11—How to Build a Beautiful Home; Jan. 18—Anything Breakable? Jan. 25—A Raider Returns.

Listeners may figure the hour for the local reception of these talks according to their time zone; they may also receive single copies of Dr. Stifler's scripts by writing to the stations over which they receive the program.

Friends of the Bible will find in these broadcasts a means of challenging their acquaintances, near and far, to accept their responsibility for keeping the Truth circulating in a world that so desperately is in need of the Truth.

The American Bible Society confronts in this, its 133rd year, not only the ever-increasing demand from every quarter of our own land for Scriptures in many languages, and the clamor for more and more copies from foreign mission fields, but it is also faced with the responsibility of supplying millions of Bibles and Testaments, or the materials for making them, to countries that once produced their own supply but have not been able to do so since the war — such countries as Germany, Finland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary. The demand in Japan continues to be overwhelming; likewise, in Korea, India, and China. There was never so great a world famine of Scriptures and at the moment only the American Churches, through their Bible Society, have the resources to meet the need promptly. What Bible-loving American can fail to do his part in such a crisis? — Contributed.

SABBATH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN

The following Sabbath schools are on the honor roll for gaining an increase of 10% or more in enrollment for the first year of the Sabbath School Enrollment Campaign: New Auburn, Pawcatuck, and Salem.

The Denver and Oakdale Sabbath Schools should be on the honorable mention list because Denver had a little over 9% increase and Oakdale an increase of 7½%. We congratulate all of these schools.

It is very important for those Sabbath schools which have not already done so, to send me the card giving their report for the first year of the campaign.

A message about the campaign has now been recorded on wire and has been used by the Independence, N. Y., Sabbath School.

I would like to urge all of the Sabbath schools to send reports of plans for the enrollment campaign, and any other Sabbath school news, to me.

When you are out distributing tracts, be sure to invite people to come to Sabbath school.

The Little Genesee Sabbath School is starting plans for a Leadership Training class. The number of such classes already held in our Churches since Conference time is very encouraging.

Correction

A mistake was made regarding the report of the Gentry Sabbath School in the Sabbath School Enrollment Campaign. This Sabbath school was not able to increase its enrollment by 10% and should not have been included on the honor roll. One or two families moved from the community, and this cut the enrollment so that the school was not able to make a gain.
H. S.

SABBATH SCHOOL NEWS FROM RIVERSIDE

At the annual meeting of the Sabbath school in July we learned that our work is progressing nicely. We averaged 95 in attendance, which was an increase of 12% in regular attendance over last year.

One of our main projects was the sending of clothing and money to the Seventh Day Baptists in Germany. The total amount of weekly collection from July, 1947, to July, 1948, was \$615.69, which makes an average weekly collection of \$11.84.

Our work in the primary department goes steadily forward. There are 29 enrolled with an average attendance of 19. The primary department has presented several programs and fine interest is shown by children and parents. Additional chairs have been ordered to supply our need. A contest is being held by the older primary group and Bibles are to be given to those completing the work.

At the September 25th meeting, \$100 was voted toward the Denominational Budget, and \$100 to the Church.

We have 23 members in our home department. The Helping Hand is sent to these people. If any other nonresidents or shut-ins would like to join our home department, their names should be sent in.

The Sabbath school officers are as follows: Superintendent, R. C. Brewer; assistant superintendent, Ben Kolvoord; secretary, Anne Babcock; assistant secretary, Lucille Maltby; treasurer, Ada Sloan; chorister, Ernestine Henry; assistant chorister, Earl Orr; pianist, Arah Kolvoord; assistant pianist, Dale Curtis; primary superintendent, Edna Richards; cradle roll, Maxine Greishaber; nursery, Lillian Babcock; home department, Effie Houston; temperance, Bob Hurley.

We appreciate the interest shown by the many visitors who make up a substantial percentage of our congregation.

—The Church Chimes

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS FROM RIVERSIDE

Something new has been started for the boys and girls. On September 18, 1948, the first meeting of the junior C. E. was held immediately after dinner under the leadership of Mrs. Leon Maltby. Many parents are taking this opportunity to have their children learn more Bible stories, more songs and hymns, and more Scripture and to develop the ability to pray aloud before other children.

FROM THE BEACON'S TOWER

By Oscar Burdick

"Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." Matthew 7: 7, 8 (RSV).

Salvation He offers to those who ask it of Him. It takes an active faith, not a passive one. It doesn't mean sitting back and wondering why the world isn't any better. It is knowing about, believing in, and following Christ and His teachings. It is feeling the inspiration of His gospel, often through the sensing of Christ in the lives and thinking of the people with whom we associate.

Salvation is not all that we gain by coming to Christ and asking for His guidance and help in life. We have the Sabbath, a day of rest and spiritual refreshing. We can get mental peace through the worship service. Christian ideas can be developed by the Christian fellowship of the Church school. The other activities of the Sabbath can be helpful physically, mentally, and spiritually, if we choose to make them so.

Mental peace can be one of the great outgrowths of Christianity. Paul has a saying that I feel is good psychology. "Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3: 13, 14 (RSV). We cannot change the past. Let's draw the lesson from it, seek forgiveness, and go on to meet life with a clear mind. Great mental ease can come from the realization that Christianity as exemplified by Christ Himself is something greater and more enduring than the vocations and fine arts we know today.

"Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Or, as in Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Elijah," — "If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me. Thus saith our God."

He who keeps close to God will not be close with God. — Riverside Bulletin.

The part the children seem to enjoy the most is the flannelgraph Bible stories. A very beautiful group of pictures has been secured, and they seem to make the stories very much alive and real to the children. The story of Joseph has been told, and now the life of Moses is being portrayed.

All boys and girls of elementary school age are invited to attend. So far we have averaged nine children each Sabbath. Let your child stay for dinner each Sabbath so that he, too, may enjoy Christian Endeavor with others.

We have a lively bunch of young people meeting each Sabbath afternoon for Christian Endeavor meetings, with a pre-prayer service and the regular meeting at two o'clock.

The two groups meet together for a worship program which is planned by the different members in turn. Following this, the groups divide for a discussion period.

A Christian should be like a good watch . . . open face, busy hands, pure gold, full of good works.

Lucille Maltby is the president of the senior group and Harrietta Honeywell, of the intermediates. The seniors take turns planning discussion, and the younger group is studying Jesus' Life.

In July, the young people published the Beacon, our denominational youth paper, and sent it out to all of our Churches. This meant many hours of concentrated effort as 700 copies of a 10-page booklet involves work.

Early in October both groups went to Pacific Pines for an overnight retreat. Anne Babcock prepared a fine afternoon discussion and Don Richards gave a stirring message in the chapel on Sunday.

Several members of our C. E. have been active in county C. E. this past year: Don Richards acting as president, Dale Curtis as vice-president, and Rev. Leon Maltby as pastor counselor. The third prize for registrations at the county C. E. convention was won by our group. It is a beautiful motto for our room. We are striving to make this year one of deep spiritual blessing to all.

Children's Page

OUR WOODCHUCK

One day in the spring my brother and I were out in the farther pasture after the cows, when a little woodchuck raised up his head right in front of us. He was a much-frightened little woodchuck, for he had wandered far away from the home hole and did not seem to know the way back. I think he must have said to himself in chuck language, "Oh, dearie me! I wish I had stayed at home. What a fine time I should be having, this very minute, playing peek and hide with the rest of the young woodchucks! Dearie, dearie me!"

He was so tired he could hardly crawl, for he was too little to go so far from home. Indeed, he was just a baby chuck. All at once he heard a sound that made him jump with fright. It was only my voice, but to the little chuck it was very terrifying. He had never heard anything like it before.

"Oh! Oh!" I cried. "Let us catch him. He will make the cutest pet."

The little fellow did not want to be caught. He bit and scratched my brother with all his little might when he caught him. He was angry as well as frightened, but my brother only laughed and carried the spunky little fellow up to the house. "My, but he is fierce!" said he, "but he will soon get tame enough and then he will make a fine pet."

Sure enough, after we had kept him shut up a few days, he became as tame as a little kitten. We children had great fun with him. How he did grow! We named him "Chucky," and the whole family became very fond of him.

One day we forgot to feed him and he ate up some of our garden. Then our father told us sorrowfully that if we did not take better care of Chucky he would have to take him away from us. We begged hard to keep him and promised not to neglect him again.

Chucky would follow us around just like a little puppy, and tumble around like one, too. He would let any of the family pick him up, but would not often let

other people touch him. If they tried it, they would get bitten for their pains.

One neighbor, to whom he seemed to take a special dislike, often suffered from his sharp teeth. Chucky's favorite napping place was in a hole which had been worn in the sill of the woodshed door. This neighbor was apt to come in just in time for dinner. He was very near-sighted and, so, shuffled his feet quite a bit as he came in the woodshed door. Then up Chucky would jump and bite his heels. Of course we had to punish him, but we were really glad when that neighbor stopped coming so often. He declared that he would never come again if we did not get rid of "that critter."

When cold weather came, Chucky dug a hole under the woodpile back of the house and slept there all winter.

In the spring he came out so thin that we hardly knew him. At first he was very cross and seemed afraid of us, but he soon became as tame and friendly as ever. It did not take long for him to get fat again.

We could not keep Chucky much longer, however, for he began to dig great holes under the house and in many ways was a great nuisance. At last my father carried him off. My brother and I never asked what became of him, but we grieved for a long time over losing him.

Mizpah S. Greene.

THE FOOLISH YOUNG FROG

"Chigaree! Chigaree!" said a little young frog. As he sat in the mud on the edge of the bog. And he grumbled and grumbled with all his small might, Till you surely would think his a most sorry plight.

And old Grandfather Frog, from the midst of the pool, Where the shadows were deep and the water was cool, Said, "Now what is the matter, you lazy young frog, That you grumble and growl on the edge of the bog?"

"Chigaree! Dearie me! I'm so very small I am sure I can hardly be useful at all. Though my voice I send out to its greatest extent, I can scarcely be heard," was the poor frog's lament.

"Chugarum! Chugarum!" said old Grandfather Frog, As he hopped with a splash to a green, mossy log, "What a foolish young froggie you are to be sure, To complain of a trouble that time will soon cure!"

"Chugarum! Do you hear? Hop into the pool. Come and frolic and sing in the water so cool. Do not sit there and grumble the moments away; Do the best that you can every hour of the day.

"Though your voice may be small when you sing all alone; If you sing with the rest, clear and full is the tone; And before many days very strong 'twill become, Till your faint 'Chigaree' is at last 'Chugarum.'"

With his sweet "Chigaree," at its clearest and best, The wee frog very quickly hopped in with the rest. As he added his voice to the cheery refrain, This he said, "Oh, how foolish I was to complain!"

—Mizpah S. Greene.

Accessions

Los Angeles, Calif.

Baptism:

Miss Bonnie Evans.

Gerald D. Hargis, Pastor.

Obituaries

Smith. — Nancy Davis, daughter of Randolph Davis and Nancy F. Randolph Davis, was born near the present site of Bristol, Harrison County, W. Va., February 22, 1870, and died August 29, 1948, at Fouke, Ark. She came to Arkansas with her brother, Stephen, in 1905, and served for a number of years as a teacher in the Seventh Day Baptist School at Fouke; later she served as president of the board until the school was discontinued in 1927. She was a lifelong member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, an active worker, and for a number of years a trustee. She was also active in community affairs, having for twenty-five years been president of the Fouke Home Demonstration Club, and was president of the Miller County Council of Clubs. In 1911 she was married to Dr. W. J. S. Smith of Fouke, and became a mother to his five motherless children, as well as an adopted son, who was killed in action in Rumania during World War II.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, a brother, Deacon Stephen J. Davis of Fouke, and her five stepchildren.

In accordance with her wish, the funeral services were conducted by her former pastor,

Rev. Clifford A. Beebe of Gentry, at the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church. C. A. B.

Story. — Mrs. Jessie Fremont Story was born July 13, 1856, and died November 13, 1948, at the age of 92 years and 4 months. She was converted in 1881, accepted the Sabbath in 1908, and was a faithful member of the Los Angeles, Calif., Seventh Day Baptist Church. She leaves behind three children and six grandchildren. She was laid to rest in Forest Lawn Cemetery from the Little Church of the Flowers of Los Angeles. Mrs. Story was an enthusiastic Christian, ever ready to testify of her love for her Lord. G. D. H.

RESOLUTION

Whereas our Heavenly Father has called Sister Cora Cartwright to her rest, we wish to express to her family our sincere sympathy in their loss. We appreciate her work as a trustee of the Church. We shall greatly miss the gentle influence of her faithfulness and consecrated life.

We resolve that copies of this resolution be sent to the family of Mrs. Cartwright, the Sabbath Recorder, and that one be placed in the records of our society.

Thelma Clarke, Secretary,
Ladies' Aid Society.

Richburg, N. Y.,
November 29, 1948.

A BEAUTIFUL THOUGHT

By G. C. Koontz

(A recent convert to the Sabbath.)

What a beautiful thought I am thinking
Concerning God's Holy Day:
"Remember the Sabbath," recorded
In His Holy Book to stay.

With all other Churches around us,
They watch every move we make;
They try to find fault with our teaching,
But really they find no mistake.

I'm glad I have learned of His Sabbath,
I'm proud that my name's on His book.
For I want to be one of His children,
On the face of my Saviour to look.

We know that His word never fails;
We know that He's coming with power;
For the Bible so plainly tells us,
But we know not the day nor the hour.
Berea, W. Va.

Directory of SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCHES

Little Genesee, N. Y. Sabbath school at 10:30 a.m.; morning worship at 11:30 a.m. Pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond, Little Genesee, N. Y., Phone: 21F5.

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS ITEM

Rev. Leslie O. Greene entered upon his new duties as pastor of the first Sabbath Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., on December 1, 1948.

May God bless him in all his efforts in this city and may the cause of Christ



Rev. Leslie O. Greene

be advanced under his leadership in a manner that will bring joy into the hearts of all who are interested in this work and, above all, may the cause of Christ be advanced under his leadership in a manner that will bring honor and glory to His holy name.

We need the sincere and fervent prayers of all of God's people for the success of the Indianapolis work — we need the Holy Spirit of God to lead us and guide us in all our efforts, and for this we pray. Unitedly, and God willing, we cannot fail.

During 1948-1949, we hope to buy or build a Church building, to more than double our membership, to become a member of the General Conference, and to become a member of the Northern Association.

Our goal is high and we will strive diligently to reach it. L. L. Wright.
1253 Leonard St., Indianapolis, Ind.

(Editor's Note: A card from Rev. Leslie O. Greene states that he and Mrs. Greene are temporarily located at 1103 N. Euclid, Indianapolis, Ind.)

THE HOME OF THE RURAL PASTOR

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H. W. S.

WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS

November 25 - December 25, 1948

Theme: "The Book of All Nations"

Bible Sabbath, Dec. 11	John 14
Sunday	Matthew 13
Monday	Luke 14
Tuesday	Luke 15
Wednesday	Luke 16
Thursday	1 Corinthians 13
Friday	Isaiah 55
Sabbath, Dec. 18	John 1
Sunday	Mark 4
Monday	Matthew 5
Tuesday	Matthew 6
Wednesday	Matthew 7
Thursday	Isaiah 2: 1-5; 9: 1-7
Friday	Isaiah 11: 1-9; 40: 1-11
Christmas, Sabbath, Dec. 25	Matthew 2

—American Bible Society, Adapted.

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