

# The Sabbath Recorder

and their friends by Pastor B. B. Friesen of Reedley, Calif. B. B. F.

**Boatman.** — J. A. Boatman was born February 7, 1893, and died May 16, 1948.

He was very patient in his great suffering and his hope was good. Funeral services were held in Dinuba, Calif., at which time words of comfort were spoken by Pastor B. B. Friesen to the family and friends. B. B. F.

**Greene.** — Maude Ruth, the daughter of John Mix and Mary Knapp Mix, was born March 17, 1883, at Bolivar, N. Y., and died July 8, 1948, at the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, N. Y.

On April 14, 1901, she was married to Elwood Greene. She was a member of the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church at Nile, N. Y., where she lived for many years.

She is survived by her husband and nine children, all of whom are married and have families, and by her father, John Mix. Her sons are John W., Morton E., Harold N., W. C., and C. W. Greene. The daughters are Mrs. J. C. Menuey, Mrs. John Mooney, Mrs. Paul Burdick, and Mrs. Kenneth Burnham. There are twenty-six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Farewell services were held at the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 11, 1948, with her pastor, Rev. Ralph H. Coon, in charge. Burial was at the Maple Lawn Cemetery, Bolivar, N. Y. R. H. C.

**Williams.** — Mrs. Mary Clarinda, who has made her home for the past ten years with her son, Rollin Williams, at 1124 Thornton Ave., Plainfield, N. J., passed away July 1, 1948, after a long illness, at the age of 95. She was the widow of Francis H. Williams, who died in 1926.

Mrs. Williams was born on a farm near Verona, N. Y., January 14, 1853. She was the last survivor of six children born to the late Alonzo Grant and Mianda Humeston Smith. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Verona and had been a regular and devoted attendant at the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church for more than forty years. Mrs. Williams and her husband came to Plainfield from Alfred, N. Y., in 1904.

Besides her son, Mrs. Williams is survived by three grandchildren, Francis S. Williams of Hornell, N. Y., Mrs. James Blackmere, also of Hornell, and Prof. Leland Williams of Alfred

University, Alfred; and six great-grandchildren. Another son, Ellis H. Williams of Hornell, died six years ago.

Funeral services were held July 3, at 2 p.m., at the Runyon and Son "Home for Services," Pastor E. Wendell Stephan officiating. Interment took place Sunday in the family plot in Verona Mills Cemetery, Oneida County, N. Y., with Rev. Herbert L. Polan, pastor of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church, conducting the committal service. E. W. S.

**Scriven.** — William P., of Fanwood, N. J., passed away December 16, 1947, at the age of 82. Mr. Scriven, son of Zebolon and Clarissa Scriven, was born in Watson, Lewis County, N. Y., in 1865. The family later moved to New Jersey and William was baptized and joined the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church at the age of 17.

Mr. Scriven was married in 1900 to Florence Hand. For most of his life he worked as a carpenter in and around Fanwood and Plainfield.

He is survived by his wife and two nieces, Mrs. Winifred Harris of Montgomery, W. Va., and Mrs. Lloyd Tiffany of Glenfield, N. Y.

Funeral services were held at the Memorial Funeral Home on Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m., with Pastor E. Wendell Stephan officiating, assisted by Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery. E. W. S.

## RESOLUTION

(Resolution passed by the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church upon the death of Rev. W. D. Burdick.)

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to transfer our former pastor, Rev. Willard D. Burdick, to the Church Triumphant; therefore be it

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of his active and useful life, particularly of that portion spent among us, and of his fine qualities as a man and as a citizen; and

That we express our sympathy for those left behind and that this resolution be entered on our Church records and copies sent to his family and to the Sabbath Recorder.

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WORK . . .

We must work. . . . Time is short . . . for "The night cometh when no man can work."

TODAY . . .

Having gone and having planned a program of work, it must be put into effect today.

Let's go work today, Seventh Day Baptists!

—President Karl G. Stillman.

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## Editorial Paragraphs

(Prepared August 11, 1948)

### A Forward-moving Conference

If the tone of General Conference is to be measured by the keen analysis of Seventh Day Baptist problems and prospects as set forth by President Karl G. Stillman, the clear command is: Forward, march!

As we read and ponder the implications of his arresting message, we become "convinced, reproved, exhorted," encouraged. This is the time for aggressive advance. "What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us?" Romans 8: 31 (RSV).

### A Spiritual Conference

If the spirit of Conference becomes the embodiment of the prayers of Seventh Day Baptists throughout the world, it will be a truly spiritual Conference. From near and far there comes the word that people are praying for a genuinely spiritual gathering at North Loup, Neb., August 17-22. We who shall be privileged to be there cannot fail our Master, nor can we go back on those who are supporting us in prayer. With God's help and our obedience, it will be a spiritual Conference!

### Well-entertained Conference

Judging from the plans and preparations which have been made by our North Loup friends, nothing has been left undone that will assure our comfort and enjoyment. Folks of the entertaining Church have worked hard to make our stay among them a joyous and a long-to-be-remembered experience.

### Conference Expectations

Churches, expect something in the form of information, inspiration, and impressions from your delegates! They will gladly share their experience with those who could not go to Conference.

## AS WE GO TO PRESS

The following telegram was just received: "General Conference, Riverside, Calif., August 16-21, 1949. Conference President, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, Salem, W. Va. 100 Sabbath of Service begins September 11, 1948." Signed: Hurley S. Warren.

## WHICH WAY SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS?\*

By Karl G. Stillman

President,  
 Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

We have reached the end of another Conference year and we are learning of the results accomplished by the various auxiliary societies as we listen to their reports and programs. Statistics of Church memberships and Sabbath school enrollments are being compiled as well as other data reflecting the current position of our denomination as a whole, and we are anticipating hearing about all of it. However, there is more to Conferences than just these things. It is a time for planning, a time for inspiration, and a time for spiritual refreshment. It is our new year celebration, if you will, when we resolve to do much better in the year ahead than we have done in the year just closed. Furthermore, we cannot make resolutions lightly just to break them; they must be carried out, for ours is a question not only of survival but one involving an urgent necessity of so increasing our strength that we can maintain our ambitious program for carrying the gospel with its true Sabbath to those places in this country and elsewhere in the world that bear the approval of our boards. This program is not one we can execute without difficulty; it is just beyond our reach at the moment, requiring increases in growth and strength for attainment.

### Observations

Our denominational growth through the years has been comparatively nominal, due in great measure to substantial losses sustained during the past generation. There are several reasons for this in my opinion, based on my visits to Churches and a study of this problem, including among others defeatism, aristocratic beliefs, lack of a co-ordinated program, provincialism, and a failure to show our faith by our works.

I have observed pastors and people envying programs of Sunday Churches,

\* Address delivered before the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, North Loup, Neb., Tuesday morning, August 17, 1948.

saying that our folks just couldn't help slipping away from Seventh Day Baptist groups because of more attractive opportunities for fellowship elsewhere, when the remedy very plainly was to revise and improve their own Church activities. Likewise, a belief was expressed that the Sabbath was a dead issue over which our people had fought valiantly, bled pro-



Karl G. Stillman

fusely, and died gloriously, leaving nothing for us to do but to train our ministers and later some auxiliary group to take care of us, the survivors, until the last Seventh Day Baptist rides down the avenue like a grizzled old war veteran. Still others have said that economic forces will prevent the observance of the Bible Sabbath except in rural areas, making it useless to expect anything but ultimate death of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

### Aristocracy or Democracy?

I have raised the question in my addresses during the past year as to whether or not Seventh Day Baptists preferred aristocracy to democracy. I have heard a Church clerk say after a baptism of

several young people who were Sabbath converts that he couldn't see how that Church was going to be any better off by accepting these new members since none of them came from Seventh Day Baptist families. Others have asked pointed questions as to why certain newcomers had begun worshiping with Seventh Day Baptists, when there was no trace of "seventh day blood" in their veins. Superiority complexes will become true Seventh Day Baptists!

#### A Great Deal of "Doing"

A democratic organization, which is the way our Seventh Day Baptist denomination is constituted, can execute a unified, co-ordinated program; but it takes a great deal of "doing." It is much easier for John Doe to decide independently that a mission in Timbuctoo will be just the thing for our good, while Richard Roe feels just as keenly that Kalamazoo is the place to "go work today." However, our Missionary Society may have, and probably has, studied the problem from all angles and decided that both John and Richard are in error, so indorses a program for China, Jamaica, and the United States. What happens? The Missionary Board makes up its budget which in due course is adopted, with perhaps some minor modifications, by Conference, when it becomes a part of the unified Denominational Budget; but John and Richard, in their independence, publicize their own choice of fields and succeed in persuading quite a number of groups to give independent financial support to them. This support is never adequate, but generally undermines the unified program to some extent, with the result that our all-over effort is hampered and we fail to generate our greatest power.

#### What Price Discoveries?

Again, we seem prone to go off on tangents as to details of belief, which confuse our membership and again weaken our chances for gaining in strength and numbers. We philosophize and believe we have made discoveries in the Bible that have been overlooked by the scholars through the ages, and decide it is up to us to change the thinking of our denomi-

nation and even of other denominations. We achieve a state of confusion and disorganization which would delight the propaganda section of a military enemy in time of war because of its effectiveness in destroying the power resulting from a united front.

#### Evidence of Provincialism

I have seen evidence of provincialism in some of our Churches whose members act as if they belong to the only Seventh Day Baptist Church in existence. They may be faithful in attendance and in stewardship as far as their own Church is concerned, but have no interest in attending association meetings or General Conference, even when near at hand. They are self-sufficient and oblivious to other Seventh Day Baptist groups, to all intents and purposes. Also they fail to join with other Protestant bodies in union services, particularly when held in another Church. When such an attitude persists over a period of time, narrow viewpoints develop and incipient growth is stunted even before it starts.

#### The Secret of Success

The greatest weakness of all, in my opinion, is an unwillingness of the great majority of our Churches and people to work conscientiously for the advancement of God's kingdom on earth. I am convinced of this fact more than ever at the close of this year, for I know of several Churches that accepted the challenge, "Go Work Today," and achieved surprisingly good results. Their Church rolls have increased, their stewardship records have improved startlingly, their Sabbath school attendances have soared, and the spiritual tone of their Churches has reached the highest levels in their history, but that is not all! I predict that the seed sown through their efforts will produce an ever-increasing harvest in the years ahead. They have a tremendous head start on the rest of us who have had to be shown, but I hope and pray that we all will emulate their example so we, too, may derive the spiritual blessings which now are theirs as a result of work well done. Church work in general and visitation evangelistic work in

particular are hard work and may be most unpleasant to contemplate, yet to quote an old Chinese proverb, "Never was good work done without much trouble."

#### Encouraging Signs

I have observed many fine things, too. There was the Church where nearly everyone in the congregation had brought his Bible; in another, at Sabbath school, probably a dozen or more young people offered prayers which were masterpieces of phraseology and sincerity; and in still another, a congregation of approximately twenty-five men, women, and children contributed about forty dollars at their Church service, and I learned this was a regular weekly occurrence. It was a striking example of the power of tithing, for none of that group is a person of means. There was another Church that had three services on the Sabbath, with all well attended. These were all encouraging signs.

#### Which Way — Seventh Day Baptists?

However, we have reached a point in the road which we have been traveling as a denomination, beyond which we cannot go and live. It leads over increasingly rough terrain into a deep gorge from which the only escape is death. We have discovered our peril and have been detouring around it the last year or two; but there is a fork just ahead, one branch leading down grade, the other climbing sharply to what appears to be a more fruitful land. Some of us are discouraged and tired, being tempted to take the easier way, the road down hill, knowing full well it leads us back on to the old route we were following. Others of us are ready to fight hard and make every effort to reach the higher level. Which way, Seventh Day Baptists?

Personally, I choose the hard way and believe that is the choice of most of us today, for we have faith in our ability to work and overcome the obstacles in the path of denominational growth.

However, we must put in greater effort on our foundation stones. We cannot jump in at the higher levels and hope to achieve anything other than fleeting success. What are some of these fundamentals?

#### Reinforcements and Replacements

We must roll up our sleeves and really go to work. No longer can we talk and talk about what we are going to do some day. We not only must keep up our present Church responsibilities and appointments, for in that way we will retain our present strength, but also we must reach out in new work if we are to grow. I wonder if we haven't been overwhelmed when one of a long line of Seventh Day Baptists suddenly and without warning withdraws his or her membership in one of our Churches, transferring it to some "first day Church." Have we not become completely discouraged when these things have happened? On the other hand, why should we be? We are operating on a false premise if we think our growth and strength can come from Seventh Day Baptist families alone. There are bound to be casualties like this in any army — even in the Christian army of which we hope and believe we are a part. We must build up and equip reinforcements and replacements, which means we must go out and interest people everywhere in our cause and God's Holy Sabbath. Then, if some of our people lose sight of the wonderful blessing of Sabbath-keeping and desert, others who have found out about these character building beliefs of ours and love them will fill the empty places of the deserters. It seems to be a fact that Sabbath converts recognize these blessings more keenly than too many of us who have been born and brought up in our faith.

#### Sabbath Conscience versus Sabbath Compromise

There are reasons for that, too, in my opinion. The embarrassments that are bound to accompany a stand for the Sabbath, which our ancestors took in stride, seem too much for the succeeding generations. Parents who have achieved financial security, perhaps in part because of the strong urge imposed by Sabbathkeeping hardships, wrongly decide their children shall be spared similar struggles, and begin to approve modifications of Sabbath observance. The first to go by the board are the early hours of the Sabbath, from sunset Friday to midnight or later, when



some dance or social event occurs. Of course the daylight hours of the Sabbath are going to be observed, but soon questions are raised as to why, if Friday evening can be compromised, Sabbath day itself cannot be modified as to its observance. Shortly thereafter, there is a complete breakdown and new recruits are added to the large group of ex-Seventh Day Baptists who keep no day well. Let's begin today to "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy" week after week.

### The Bible Sabbath, a Sacred Day

It is my belief that the average Seventh Day Baptist keeps the Sabbath far better than the average member of a Church that believes in worship on Sunday, and that to me is a compelling reason for us to advocate strongly the universal acceptance of the only Sabbath divinely approved. There is no urge to observe Sunday meticulously when of itself it has no sanctity, but the Bible Sabbath is a sacred day, one which can be carefully kept with confidence.

### Freedom of Worship

We must prove by our acts that we believe in the freedom of every individual to worship according to the dictates of his or her conscience. We must respect their beliefs, and likewise we must demand that our own beliefs be respected. I fear, too often, we indicate to others that ours is a belief for which we must apologize instead of one of outstanding worth in which we can express pride. Let's not apologize for the Sabbath any more.

### A Forward-looking Program

Once more, I wish to advocate a program for our denomination which should produce results of the highest order if followed conscientiously. First of all, it is understood that we shall maintain our present Churches in good, healthy condition to the extent of our ability. Each Church also shall work out a missionary program of its own, which should consist of a consolidation of nonresident Seventh Day Baptists in near-by communities into an organized Sabbath school. Advertising, visitation evangelism, and other forms of publicity should be used to add

Sabbath converts to such groups. Likewise, the efforts of our main denominational agencies should be directed to new Sabbath school organization work in cooperation with our Churches, and in addition pioneering work should be undertaken in localities which cannot be serviced by existing Church groups.

Financial aid to Churches should be withdrawn after a reasonable period of support, and reallocated to new promising locations. It is not good business to assist a Church in supporting its pastor for an indefinite period of time, particularly when this aid gradually is taken for granted as a perpetual source of income to the Church.

The new Sabbath schools will form nuclei for fellowships, and out of the fellowships will come Churches. No other sequence can be expected to produce enduring Church organizations.

### This Year's Progress

How far have we come this past year? An honor roll of Churches and Sabbath schools has been prepared and printed, which gives statistics as of May 25, 1948. These figures may be changed when final reports for this Conference year have been tabulated, but at present we know our Church memberships had increased 1 per cent and our Sabbath schools in excess of 10 per cent on May 25, 1948, based on Churches and Sabbath schools reporting, and assuming those that didn't report remain unchanged. This is progress, although less than we aimed to secure. (May I urge at this time that the graphs of Church growth prepared for the inspiration of each Church be brought up to date as soon as Conference statistics are released. Presumably someone has been assigned this responsibility; but if not, won't you pastors do so on your return home?)

Apparently eleven Churches have secured a 5 per cent or greater increase in membership, and twenty Sabbath schools a 10 per cent or greater increase in enrollments. We honor and congratulate them, but what of the rest of our groups? I hope and pray they will go right to work today so that by the end of this next

Conference year they will have made up for what was not accomplished this year in addition to whatever goals are established for 1949.

### Sustained Stewardship

Our expanded and expanding program must be supported not only by a completely raised Denominational Budget, but by special gifts to Ministerial Retirement Funds and Ministerial Education Funds. We want to attract more people to the ministry, and must be able to assure them adequate preparation by supplementing a share of education costs they can assume personally and by undertaking to help them financially at time of retirement. There is a future in the Seventh Day Baptist ministry. Let us prove it by generous special gifts. Also let us not forget the Missionary Society, the Tract Society, the Board of Christian Education, or in fact any of our boards when we draw our wills.

### Figuratively Speaking

We have a program and it can be likened to a snowball. It is not perfectly rounded and still not very large, but it was rolled around a bit this past year on the level ground at the top of the hill and now rests at the very brink. Let's shove it off and on its way down the steep slope this year, so that when next year's Conference convenes it will be an ever-increasing better proportioned ball, indicating more noteworthy progress in our development as a denomination.

### "Go Work Today"

Many of you have heard me speak in various Churches on the theme of this Conference, "Go Work Today." Many more of you have not, for which reason I want to repeat a brief analysis of the three commands, each of which is as important as the other.

The first word, "Go," is fundamental, for if we sit still, we get nowhere and accomplish nothing except in the very limited way possible from our necessarily restricted contacts. We must go if we are to grow. Does not the Bible enjoin us to "Go into all the world"?

After having gone, we cannot sit still again, for in idleness, slowness, or laziness, nothing can be accomplished. We must

work, but not just a few of us; we all must work constantly while we are able, for "The night cometh when no man can work."

The third emphasis is on the timing of our effort. It is useless to think contentedly of the work done yesterday, or optimistically of what we may do tomorrow. Having gone and having planned a program of work, it must be put into effect today. Time is short. We have dilly-dallied long enough, trying this idea and that, going off on tangents of no real importance, or hustling and bustling around making a lot of noise, but doing almost nothing, and that little in the most confused sort of way. To quote from Horace, "Seize today, trust tomorrow as little as possible."

### We Mean Business!

And so, which way Seventh Day Baptists? Are we really going to work today on a co-ordinated program in a co-operative manner, or are we going to continue to wander aimlessly in the wilderness? I believe we mean business at last.

Let's go work today, Seventh Day Baptists! Let's **do something** about the scandal of our failure in nearly three hundred years of existence in this country to attract more than twenty-five additional followers to our cause each year, in spite of the fact we are armed with the Sabbath truth and backed by the authority of the Bible. We cannot prosper with a program of defeatism and indecision. Let's forget the excuses, and go work today.

May God bless us as we attempt to advance His work on earth.

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## THE CARIBBEAN HIGH SCHOOL

By Ben R. Crandall

The great opportunity, as well as responsibility, for each generation is to pass on to the next generation the best of its inheritance, enriched by its own diligent contribution to society.

Seventh Day Baptists have taken this obligation seriously, and down through the years have endeavored to provide opportunity and encouragement for all those who are ambitious and wish to make the most of themselves.

Only one who has been privileged to meet our people in Jamaica and hear their deep longings can fully appreciate their intense desire for educational privileges for their young people. After seeing the meager and entirely inadequate school opportunities in Jamaica compared with the magnificent buildings, equipment, and well-trained teachers in our native land, we marvel at what they accomplish. Their most compelling desire for an education seems to be that they may read and interpret the Bible. Consequently, the missionary spirit must be uppermost in the minds and hearts of those who instruct them. Next to this comes the desire to improve themselves and their home conditions.

In many cases, living in poverty and under economic conditions which we of the United States would consider intolerable, they still go on making the most of what they have and with hope in the future. Out of their meager income they tithe for evangelical and educational undertakings and are making real sacrifices to make their dreams come true. It is surprising how much they have accumulated by various undertakings toward the establishing and equipping of their school. This courageous group is not asking for charity but for co-operation and encouragement.

It is a real pleasure and inspiration to meet the young people in their C. E. and club meetings. Alert and ambitious, they appreciate every opportunity for improvement. There appears to be much of latent leadership among them.

The "General Policy for Educational Work in Jamaica," issued by the Mis-

sionary Society and sent to each of you (which we hope you have read), gives a full explanation of what the society hopes to accomplish.

The purchase of the 29 Charles St. property seems to have been providential. It provides both dormitory and school facilities at a minimum of expense, for the beginning of the enterprise. This is very significant as prices on real estate, building materials, and labor are extremely high in Jamaica, just as they are here.

The dream which we all hold of an agricultural, industrial, and vocational school in the country must await more favorable financial conditions and further budget assistance. Our investigations showed that property we longed to obtain was priced at \$400 per acre or more.

The location of the dormitory and school rooms adjoining the Church in Kingston adds much to the convenience and effectiveness of the plant. The Church auditorium and facilities are a decided advantage and provide a very desirable influence for chapel services and student body meetings.

### Plans for Opening the School

The present plan is to open the Caribbean High School September 6. Since the government in Jamaica provides elementary education only, it seems desirable and advisable to begin with the junior high school work, as all students must pay tuition for further educational privileges. In addition to the usual academic courses and some commercial practice, training will be given in handwork, sewing, and homemaking for the girls. Shoe repairing and carpentry will be given for the boys. Music will play an important part, as these people are great lovers of music and singing is a very important part of their religious services.

Our Jamaica friends are taking the responsibility of conducting the dormitory and attending to the feeding of the students who must come into Kingston in order to attend the high school.

Many of these nonresident students are now producing the food to help on their board bill for the coming school year.

Our superintendent of the mission work in Jamaica, Rev. Wardner Fitz Randolph, and his capable wife are doing a splendid work in evangelical and Christian service, as shown by the establishment of a new Church and the general increase in Church membership. In addition he has accomplished much in organizing the work and in supervising the repairs and construction work preparatory to the opening of the school.

It is most fitting that he should be appointed the "First Headmaster for the Caribbean High School." This insures the missionary spirit for the enterprise. Rev. Neal D. Mills and wife, Martha, both of whom are teachers of experience and have had years of pastoral service, have arrived in Kingston and are entering enthusiastically into the work of organizing the school. Negotiations are under way for the employment of an experienced native teacher who will help to develop satisfactory relations with the educational department of the island, leading eventually to government aid.

Our faculty at present includes, besides Rev. Mr. Randolph and Rev. and Mrs. Mills, an expert shoemaker, Deacon Hamilton, who will have his shop on the premises and instruct boys in this trade. Miss Icilda Rennals, one of the head dressmakers in a large department store, will have charge of the sewing and handwork. Through this combination the girls will get the opportunity to earn while they learn through commercial sewing and needlework. There will be plenty of needed school furniture and repair work to give the boys experience in carpentry, which is to be taught by a Jamaican instructor.

Mrs. Churnsides of Bath, Jamaica, is the unanimous choice of both the Jamaica Conference and the school committee as house mother and superintendent of dormitory and dining room. She has had experience and is both capable and popular.

The securing and shipping of equipment has been a problem, especially on account of limited means and foreign shipping requirements. So much is required when it comes to establishing a school, and to this must be added the cost of

providing dormitory and dining facilities. Seventh Day Baptists have made a splendid record in the founding of educational institutions, and the Caribbean High School is the most recent in a long line.

### Gifts for the School

Gifts for the school and dormitory have not been as numerous as we had hoped, but those given have been well chosen and are most acceptable. The gifts and the equipment purchased with the funds appropriated have been shipped with the Mills' household goods. In the future, articles given should be sent directly to the Caribbean High School, 29 Charles St., Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I. Some Churches have already given to this project. Outstanding among these donations are two good rebuilt Singer sewing machines from the Mid-Continent Association, led by Nortonville. An organ was purchased from funds given by others, also linen for dormitory cots, books, used garments, etc. Because of import duties and transportation charges, money and scholarships will be the most effective gifts. Exchange is very favorable to the United States at present.

Of special interest in connection with the school is a newly organized co-operative store to be conducted through the school office. Home, dormitory, and school supplies will go through this store. It is also planned to dispose of the articles produced in the vocational departments of the school through this organization. The last "co-op" report showed the equipment paid for and a net profit of 11 cents. Since this is not a money-making organization, this balance gives us faith as to the future success of the undertaking.

### An Excellent Investment

In conclusion, may we suggest an excellent investment—one open both to individuals and organizations—an investment in which one dollar serves as two. The Jamaica Education Committee is suggesting that those interested in the Caribbean High School may establish scholarships at \$40 per year for junior high students, and \$50 per year for senior high students. A few scholarships have been given, but



there is desperate need for more. Each scholarship will provide an opportunity for a deserving student, who would not otherwise be able to attend, to receive a year's education, and the same money will help to purchase much needed equipment, or provide some compensation for those teaching. But better still will be the satisfaction of having helped some young person to a fuller life, or possibly to have started a Booker T. Washington or a George Washington Carver on the way to Christian leadership and service in the elevation of a race with which we shall of necessity be more closely associated as the years pass. Only eternity can give the true estimate of what such a gift, accompanied with prayer, may accomplish in the development of a young soul.

The Caribbean High School is our latest denominational project in Christian education. Will you have a part in its growth and service to the youth of Jamaica?

#### ATTENTION: ASSOCIATIONS

Mrs. Leon Mosher, retiring secretary of the recently formed Northern Association, writes under date of August 9, 1948, requesting that other Seventh Day Baptist associations express their wishes in respect to an exchange of delegates with the Northern Association. This matter was discussed at the last meeting of the Northern Association and the retiring secretary was asked to get in touch with the other associations concerning it.

If this matter has been considered already in an associational meeting, will the proper official please convey the decision to Mrs. Alta Hahn, Jackson Center, Ohio, secretary of the Northern Association for 1948-49?

Will executive committees of associations which have not discussed the exchange of delegates with the Northern Association, please consider the matter as early as is convenient and convey their conclusions to the secretary named in the preceding paragraph?

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Our New Auburn, Wis., Church, without a regular pastor, is being supplied by the pastor of the local United Brethren Church?

#### "THE NEW LOOK"

(The name suggested by an article, "Best Sellers or The New Look," by Marion Beattie of the Presbyterian Board of Missions, New York City.)

For the "new look" will you select the fashionable dusty pink and blue combination, so soft and lovely together? Would you prefer Chinese blue and black—always a striking and satisfactory mixture? A bright yellow with black printing? Or an old gold with rather solid black figure? Is your taste for a delicate shade of yellow with green or a more durable combination of mahogany and black—always usable and in good style? The selection is yours, whatever you wish.

The "new look" in cover design of books is keeping pace with the "new look" in clothes—all up-to-date. Open the books and you find an equally "new look" and an up-to-date outlook in the inside regarding "China in the Asia of Today"—one of the two subjects for mission study this year — the other being "America's Geographical Frontiers."

Will you select first a dusty pink and blue combination? Then read "China—Twilight or Dawn." A friend says this "was written by a missionary who believes in the purpose and program of world-wide Christian missions and a universal Church. Good for study groups and popular reading. It gives losses and gains, is broad in its scope. Another comment: "The author appraises authoritatively China's chance for future greatness."

Chinese blue and black? "Look again at China." A small, readable pamphlet, beautifully illustrated, containing a condensed chronological chart of world events from 1580 B.C. to A.D. 1945. The author says: "Many times during the present century the Western World has been challenged to look at China. . . . No people can be understood at any given moment in their history, much less the Chinese with their ancient culture, their long-established customs, and their vast spreading homeland."

"Perhaps this is not the time for rapid progress, but for simulation and self appraisal. . . . Before we make up our

minds, let us look again at China — at her physical environment, at her people, their history and culture, the ideas that rule their minds, and the motives that control their actions. Only thus can we find a point from which to start our task of understanding."

A bright yellow, with black printing? "China, from Children's Friendship Frontiers." Stories about children in China, and for children; interesting, too, to grown-ups. Includes such tales as "East Gate Village Steals the Gospel," "The Story of the Broccoli Seed" and others. These stories hold one's attention and give an insight into the home life of Chinese boys and girls, showing the same quality of friendship with others, as we know here in our land.

Old gold with rather solid black figure? "Forging a New China." Dependable facts concisely presented: selected from a series which "tries to give its readers enough unbiased background information in understandable form so they can make up their own minds intelligently on the great international questions of the day."

A delicate shade of yellow with green? "Tai-Lee's Precious Seed." A friend, whose judgment I value highly, says of this book, "Good." I strongly echo this comment. This is an entertaining book of "the mystery of the precious seed" and the conflict between the new and the old in China.

More durable combination of mahogany and black? "Christian Voices in China" includes different topics by Chinese Christian leaders which give a fuller understanding of the present situation in China, her needs, her possible splendid contribution to the world-wide struggle between peoples, policies, and principles. Of this book the same friend mentioned above, comments: It is (1) good reading, (2) full of sound information, (3) very up-to-date, (4) challenging.

Very up-to-date and challenging are terms which one can truly and heartily use in reference to our own mission in China.

Refresh your memory of the history of our mission by referring to "Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America," Vol. 1,

and become more familiar with the present circumstances as given in reports in the Year Book and in the Recorder. Ask the Missionary Society for a copy of the "Missionary Reporter." Know your own mission — share interest, responsibility, and prayers.

In other years many of the books for mission study have made most interesting and helpful reading, but never, I feel, have they exceeded those of this year in valuable information given in understandable language, readable form, and attractive colorful covers. One reads them with the same fascination as one peruses the popular best sellers.

What is true of the books on "China in the Asia of Today" is equally true of the books on "America's Geographical Frontiers." "On Our Own Doorstep" acquaints one definitely with our frontier neighbors of Hawaii, Alaska, the Canal Zone, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico. The purpose of this study is "to evaluate the stewardship of the United States in relationship to the territories under our jurisdiction. To bring conviction of our own responsibility and opportunity in the territories as the United Nations throws the spotlight on the dependent areas of the world." Frank Mead in his book says: "Missions is folks. It is the human hand of God, reaching. Here we see it reaching from pole to palm trees, running like a golden cord to bind all, however widely scattered, into one. For this world is one world with one increasing purpose, one common destiny, for all."

"Puerto Rican Puzzles" tells by pictures and comments more of background history of the island, some of the present day "puzzles" and present day peoples, people who have dreamed, worked, and accomplished much.

"Wishes Come True" contains stories of children in different parts of Puerto Rico. You will like the book and love the children. You will be pleased to see how some people helped wishes come true.

"Mingo of the Merry-go-round" is "an exciting story of a mountain boy in Puerto Rico who goes to work on a merry-go-round. As he travels about the country

he, having many experiences, discovers people who are working to make his island a better place." He sees friendship put in practice and neighbors working together for the good of all.

From these splendid books one will gain new inspiration for Christian living, new interpretation of Christian service, a new look toward Christian friendship across the seas, and along our own borders!

(Mrs. Frank J.) Bessie T. Hubbard.

#### Books Suggested for Topic "China in the Asia of Today"

	Paper
<b>Adults:</b>	
China—Twilight or Dawn? by Frank W. Price. Cloth, \$1.50	.90
Christian Voices in China, by Chester S. Maid and others. Cloth, \$2.00	1.00
Study Guide for Leaders of Groups on the two books above, prepared by Margaret Shannon	.35
Look Again at China, by Willis Lamott	.50
Forging a New China, by Lawrence K. Rosinger, Foreign Policy Association	.35
<b>Juniors:</b>	
Tai-Lee's Precious Seed, by Mary I. Beck. Cloth, \$1.75	.90
<b>Children:</b>	
China (Friendship Frontier)	.05
Shin Ming—Chinese Boy Scout (Encyclopaedia Britannica Stories)	.50
Life of a Family in China (pictures)	.50
<b>Program Material:</b>	
Picture Map of China, by Janet Smalley	.60
Political Map of China	.35
Fun and Festival from China, by Margaret G. Hummel	.35
Around the World to Color China	.20
Paper Dolls	.05
Rainbow Packet - China No. III	.05
Chinese Life Panel Posters	.50
<b>"America's Geographical Frontiers"</b>	
<b>Adults:</b>	
On Our Own Doorstep, by Frank S. Mead. Cloth, \$1.50	.90
Guide for study for above, by Bettie S. Brittingham	.35
<b>Adults and Juniors:</b>	
Puerto Rican Puzzles, by Mae Hurley Ashworth	.65
Program guide for above, "With Justice for All," by Ione Catton	.35
<b>Elementary Grade:</b>	
Stories - Wishes Come True, by Jeanette Perkins Brown. Cloth, \$1.50	.90
Mingo of the Merry-go-round, by Alice Geer Kelsey. Cloth, \$1.50	.90
My Alaska Picture Story Book, by Edith J. Agnew. Cloth, \$1.25	.75

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### Items from the Annual Report of the Board of Christian Education

Another Conference year has become history. The officers and directors of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., would submit the following as their report:

Guidance from God has been felt in many ways and gratitude to Him is expressed most sincerely. Co-operation of pastors and Sabbath school workers with the board is appreciated very much. There is always much more work to be done than can be accomplished. The board is very grateful for what has been done in the past year.

#### Christian Education Classes

The Lost Creek, W. Va., Church, as last year, leads all of the Churches in the number of classes held and awards given. At this Church five classes were held and forty-nine credit cards earned. In other Churches there were thirty-two credits earned.

#### Certificates of Progress

First Certificates of Progress were awarded to the following: Mrs. Ernest Bond, Mrs. Paul Bond, Paul Bond, Miss Lotta Bond, Orville Bond, Mrs. Carroll Bond, Carroll Bond, and Urso Davis, all of Lost Creek, W. Va.; and Miss Clara Loofboro of New Auburn, Wis. Second Certificates of Progress were awarded to the following: Mrs. Lucille Bond of Lost Creek, and Mrs. Irma Van Horn and Rev. Marion Van Horn now of Brookfield, N. Y.

#### From Report of Executive Secretary

It has been a pleasure to serve the Board of Christian Education as executive secretary for another year. The following report does not give all the details of the year's work. I would like to express appre-

Anaghalook, Eskimo Girl, (Encyclopaedia Britannica)	.75
Around the World Drawings	.20
How to Lead an Adult Missionary Discussion Group, by T. H. P. Sailer	.10
Presenting Missions, by Louise Triplett	.50

These books and supplies may be ordered from the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

ciation to the officers and directors of their co-operation. The president and treasurer have helped in special ways. After January, 1948, illness prevented me from doing field work, but office work has been continued as usual. Appreciation is hereby expressed to the board of the thoughtful consideration given to me in my illness.

#### Looking Ahead

October 1, 1948, will be the beginning of the second year of the four-year Enrollment Campaign. The board will do all it possibly can to encourage Sabbath schools to continue their efforts to reach the unreached. It also will be necessary to help the Sabbath schools build a stronger program in order to hold those enrolled. The goal for the campaign this year should include the enlisting of every Church to have at least one class in leadership training.

Young people and older people who are trained should be enlisted for special work in the Churches next summer, and should receive further training for this work.

The board feels that its most important work is its year by year program of keeping before the Churches the need of strengthening the work of Christian education in the local Church by such means as more and better workers' conferences for the Sabbath school, classes in leadership training, a more adequate program of work with children during vacation time, making better use of the special days and weeks during the year, and enlisting more laymen to work for Certificates of Progress.

Included in youth work is the need for more help for the youth groups in getting material for programs. Much more needs to be done in the preparation of a better curriculum for youth camps, and a more adequate plan of correlating the program of youth camps with the program of the local Church.

The officers and directors ask you all to pray that God may guide and richly bless the work of this board during the next year.

Harley Sutton,  
Executive Secretary.

(To be continued)



### OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am five years old. I have a little brother, Kendall, who is two years old.

We live in a trailer and this summer we are in Aroostook County, Me., where the potatoes grow. My daddy flies and has charge of maintenance of helicopters that dust potatoes.

We don't live near a Seventh Day Baptist Church, but I went to Bible school this summer in the Baptist Church.

Our family went to Conference last summer, but I guess we won't be able to go this summer.

Mother says she knows you. She used to be Marguerite Carpenter and wrote to you when she was little. I can't write very well yet, so Mother is writing this for me.

I enjoy the Children's Page and I'll try to write again sometime.

Love,  
Judy Wellman.

Presque Isle, Me.

Dear Judy:

I'm ever so glad to have a new Recorder girl and I enjoyed reading your letter. Please write often. I enjoyed your mother's letters, too, when she was a little girl, but I can't remember whether I have ever seen her or not. Was her mother Mary Irish Carpenter?

Is it fun to live in a trailer? I think it would be fun to take a long trip in one. Pastor Greene's brother and his wife traveled in a trailer until they found a place warm enough to live in. You see, they had lived a good many years in Panama where it was very warm. Florida was their choice, so that is where they live now. The wife said she didn't like a trailer one bit, because she was afraid people would peek in their window at night. Wasn't she funny?

Yours lovingly,  
Mizpah S. Greene.



Dear Mrs. Greene:

We are very happy to be writing this letter to you. We are writing from a wonderful place.

I am going to tell you something about this camp. Each morning we have four classes on the Bible, missionaries, and Christian living. We are divided into two groups according to age. We are in the younger group.

We also have chapel service and watch the sunset. Then we have a worship about the campfire. Then we go to our lodge and taps are blown, and another day of camp is done. This is the program of our camp worship.

We have wonderful leaders. They are as follows: Mr. C. H. Dickinson, Mr. Paul Burdick, Mrs. Paul Burdick, Mrs. Gerald Hargis, Mr. Ronald Hargis, and Mr. Rex Burdick.

We are two of the campers.  
Shirley Smith and Esther Fatato.

Dear Shirley and Esther:

How pleased I was to hear about your experience, enjoyment, and inspiration at Lewis Camp, and I do wish I could receive a similar letter from all our Seventh Day Baptist camps. I know the young people in this association have wonderful times at Camp Potato, in Pennsylvania.

I know all the leaders of your camp program and think they are a fine Christian group. What they teach you will help you to more fully understand God and His wonderful works.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children all:

Quite often, nowadays, I hear either by written or spoken word, "Why don't more children write for the Children's Page?" "Have not seen so many children's letters this year as usual." "I miss the children's letters when I fail to find them on the Children's Page." These remarks come from both children and grown-ups. So for the sake of all your friends and readers, myself included, please write often, dear Recorder children.

Yours for a more complete children's "Letter Exchange,"

Mizpah S. Greene.

### GOLDEN WEDDING RECEPTION FOR REV. AND MRS. J. W. CROFOOT

Special to the Sabbath Recorder

The fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Crofoot was happily recognized by a reception in their honor planned by their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Burdet Crofoot of Alfred, and given at Social Hall on Monday afternoon, August 2, from three to five. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crofoot had just come north from Daytona Beach, Fla., and were accompanied from Plainfield, N. J., to



Standing: Mrs. Anna Crofoot North,  
A. Burdet Crofoot.  
Seated: Rev. and Mrs. Jay W. Crofoot.

Alfred for this celebration, by their daughter Anna and her husband, Mr. L. H. North. They with the Burdet Crofoot family made the immediate family circle complete.

More than seventy guests, intimate friends, and relatives from Alfred, Wellsville, and Belmont, attended the reception and extended their congratulations to the honored guests. Three first cousins who

were present were also at the wedding at the bride's home in Dunellen, N. J., on August 2, 1898. These were Mrs. Maude Titsworth Greene, Mrs. Elmina Titsworth Dewitt, and Dr. W. A. Titsworth, all of Alfred.

The table from which refreshments were served was very attractive — the decorated wedding cake, the flowers, candles, sweets, and punch, all suggesting in color the golden anniversary. Assisting in serving were the three granddaughters, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Burdet Crofoot, two of whom are to be married at a double wedding on August 21, with their grandfather as the officiating clergyman.

Mr. Crofoot was graduated from Alfred University in 1895, received an M.A. degree in 1901, and the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy in 1932. Mrs. Crofoot was graduated from Alfred University in 1898, and they were married in August of the same year. They went to China in 1899, where Mr. Crofoot gave distinguished service as an educational missionary for thirty years. They returned to this country in 1931, when Mr. Crofoot became president of Milton College, Milton, Wis. He retired from this position in 1939, and a year later became the pastor of the Church at Brookfield, N. Y. In 1947, he was called to the pastorate of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Daytona Beach, where they now live.

(Mrs.) Dora K. Degen.

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### ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New Jersey, for the election of officers and trustees and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, September 12, 1948, at two o'clock.

Franklin A. Langworthy,  
President,  
Frederik J. Bakker,  
Recording Secretary.

### ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New York, for the election of officers and directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, September 12, 1948, at two-thirty o'clock.

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## Marriages

**Lippincott - Becker.** — On June 3, 1948, Robert Lippincott of Battle Creek, Mich., and Marie Becker of Los Angeles, Calif., were married at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage in Salem, W. Va., with Pastor Loyal F. Hurley officiating.

**Harsh - Putnam.** — Harry Harsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harsh, and Mrs. Minnie Putnam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Hallock, both of Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage at the home of the groom on the evening of August 7, 1948. Pastor Alton L. Wheeler officiated. Their residential address will be 44 Plymouth St., Battle Creek, Mich.

**Ashcroft - Miller.** — Keith Ashcroft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Ashcroft, and Barbara Miller were united in marriage at the Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, Calif., on July 20, 1948.



## The Sabbath - Sacramental

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WHILE the Sabbath is not a sacrament, we feel that it partakes of the nature of a sacrament. In the midst of time the Sabbath anchors eternity, signifying and symbolizing the sacredness of all time. To observe the Sabbath therefore is to worship God and acknowledge His love and care. Even as we read in New Testament times of the preparation day preceding the Sabbath, so our sunset-to-sunset observance offers us an evening of spiritual preparation; and the Sabbath eve serves as a vesper call to God's Holy Day of praise and worship.

—Dean Ahva J. C. Bond

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