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Hon. James Forrestal,  
Department of Defense,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Our sons are being enrolled for military service. We want to give them the best moral, physical, and spiritual protection possible and this can best be done when alcoholic liquors are prohibited.

More than 21,000 members of the WCTU of New York State, many of whom are assembled in Convention at Oneonta, appeal to you as Secretary of Defense, to secure legislation to keep all alcoholic liquors, including beer, from all military and training camps. Beer contains alcohol which paves the way for misconduct which leads to gambling, prostitution, and other evils. We pray for your consideration of this appeal.

Yours truly

Helen G. H. Estelle,  
President.

—From New York Temperance Work, the W.C.T.U. paper.

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## RIVERSIDE CALLING

Since you are coming to Riverside this summer, possibly you would like to know more about the city.

Riverside's present population is estimated at 51,000. There are approximately 25,088 acres within the city limits, or 39 square miles.

Mt. Rubidoux, the high point within the city, is 1,364 feet above sea level or 500 feet above the city. There is a good road to the summit. It was on Mt. Rubidoux that the first Easter sunrise service was held.

In 1907 the Father Serra Cross was erected at the top of the mountain. Jacob Riis spoke at the dedication and suggested the annual Easter sunrise service. There has been a sacred program at the foot of this cross each Easter morning since 1909. These gatherings have become models for many other cities.

At the foot of the mountain at the end of the beautiful Santa Ana River bridge is an artificial waterfall called the St. Francis Fountain. The bridge is the beginning of the most beautiful entrance to the city.

Within the city are numerous parks comprising 173 acres. Probably the most popular of these is Fairmount Park surrounding lovely Lake Evans. People come here for family and other group picnics, especially during the summer. Christmas Day is usually another popular time for these gatherings. It is not uncommon to find companies from rather distant cities. Come, try it. See for yourself.

P. B. Hurley, for the  
Publicity Committee.

4751 Park Avenue,  
Riverside, Calif.

## SUPPORT THE DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

"Money is a very awesome thing. To every man entrusted with it, Jesus says as He said to Peter: 'I . . . give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven.' With money one may bind, or loose; one may open or close gates to souls who are seeking life."

—From the Budget Committee.

## THE SABBATH RECORDER

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### PROBLEMS! PROBLEMS! PROBLEMS!

Who has a problem? Better ask, who does not have a problem?

The world progresses by the solution of its problems. That is, if solved in keeping with the spirit and purpose of the Creator of the world. So, our aim and objective is to discover the spirit and purpose of the Creator in solving individual and group problems since the progress of the world of which we are a part depends upon their solution.

Given: the world, its problems, and the spirit and purpose of the Creator. The problem: to allow the spirit and purpose of the Creator to guide and determine the solution of the world's problem. The result: progress.

We believe that the Creator of the universe brought into being this world in which we live. Since we believe that He created the world in which we live, we believe that He had a definite purpose in creating it. That purpose, as we understand it, was to provide a dwelling place for His children — a home for the capsheaf of His creation, man.

"He hath made everything beautiful in his time." Ecclesiastes 3: 11.

In providing a home for His children, the Creator set the framework in which to work out His will and way in and through the lives of His children. For of what value would the world be without inhabitants? And to what good end would the inhabitants of the world come were it not for the expressed, revealed purpose of the Creator?

When the Creator completed the work He had made, He, God, "saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good." Genesis 1: 31.

Here enters the paramount problem, man himself.

At creation, God said, "Let us make man in our own likeness to resemble us, with mastery over the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the animals, every wild beast of the earth, and every reptile that crawls on earth." So God formed man in his own likeness, in the likeness of God he formed him, male and female he formed both. And God blessed them; God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it, mastering the fish in the sea,

the birds of the air, and every living creature that crawls on earth." God also said, "See, I give you every plant that bears seed all over the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit: be that your food. To every wild beast on earth, to every bird of the air, and to every living creature that crawls on earth, I give all the green growth for food." And so it was. Genesis 1: 26-30, Moffatt.

It would seem that under these circumstances and conditions man could be happy — with plenty and to spare, with a consciousness of the Creator and the matchless privilege of worshiping and serving Him — even the paramount problem, man himself, should be solvable.

Yet, not of himself can man be, neither will he ever be, solvable apart from the operation of the spirit and purpose of God in and through his life and in and through the life of the group of which he is a part.

There is one way, and only one, in which man becomes solvable. That way is through Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who was sent "when the fulness of the time was come." Galatians 4: 4.

The chief difficulty is that man does not take God at His word, accept His spirit and purpose for individual and group life, as revealed in Jesus Christ, thereby permitting God to guide in the solution of problems large and small.

What about you and me? We, too, have our problems. Yet, there is not a single problem that cannot be solved if we ourselves are solvable.

Are we allowing the spirit and purpose of God through Christ to become operative in and through our lives? If we are, then we are ready to share His spirit and purpose with others. If we are not, we have nothing to share.

How about it?

### DID YOU KNOW THAT —

A new member was received into the Indianapolis Church on December 18, 1948 — Mr. Ralph V. Kime, whose address is 3901 A Wyoming Street, St. Louis 16, Mo. Perhaps a letter of welcome should be written to Mr. Kime by many of our people. L. L. W.

## Moments of Meditation

### A FAR COUNTRY

(Worship service conducted at prayer meeting, Friday evening, November 5, 1948, by Ethel T. (Mrs. William M.) Stillman, at Plainfield, N. J.)

#### Piano Prelude:

I'm a pilgrim, and I'm a stranger;  
I can tarry, I can tarry but a night! . . .  
Words by Dana, Italian Melody.

In Christ there is no East nor West,  
In Him no South nor North. . . .

John Oxenham, Melody by Reinagle.  
Amen.

#### Bible Reading: Luke 15: 11-32.

The prodigal, the profligate, the wasteful, the extravagant, the improvident, the unregenerate, the spendthrift, who journeyed into a far country and became a citizen of that country is portrayed in this parable.

The end of the parable — the change from the prodigal to the penitent — was so persistently presented in my little-girl days that for years I thought that the prodigal meant the converted, the penitent, the repentant son. I wonder if others of you had that same experience.

We have been hearing this afternoon of people who have been in another country under unhappy conditions — displaced persons. You would have liked to see the result of the co-operation of many organizations in the city in the Pack-a-Towel project on this World Community Day — the project for the teen-age children of displaced persons on the continent of Europe and Asia. The altar of the First Presbyterian Church was banked with filled towel packages similar to the ones contributed by our Church and filled by our social committee — a rainbow-hued heap for the strangers in a far country who are there not by their misdeeds but by mischance.

Another journey into a far country right here in our midst was made yesterday when a dozen or so of our little neighborhood school children met in our Church as a venture of the Church's advisory committee's evangelistic group. The earnest boys and girls, whose Father is God and who are all His children, were journeying into a far country exploring the

beauty of the Bible. This study was under Carol Guyer's sweet-spirited leadership. These children will find a real basis of companionship instead of "They are wops"; "They are chinks"; "They are niggers." The real basis is that God is our Father, and Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

We can follow as Mary Alice Butler and Esther Burdick sing. We can make this hymn the prayer of each of our hearts tonight — a declaration of steadfastness.

#### Vocal Duet:

I know that my Redeemer lives  
And ever prays for me;  
A token of His love He gives,  
A pledge of liberty.

I find Him lifting up my head;  
He brings salvation near;  
His presence makes me free indeed,  
And He will soon appear.

Jesus, I hang upon Thy word:  
I steadfastly believe  
Thou wilt return, and claim me, Lord,  
And to Thyself receive.

Rev. Charles Wesley Handel

#### Hymn: I Know Whom I Have Believed.

I know not why God's wondrous grace  
To me He hath made known,  
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
Redeemed me for His own.

#### Chorus

But I know whom I have believed,  
And am persuaded that He is able  
To keep that which I've committed  
Unto Him against that day.

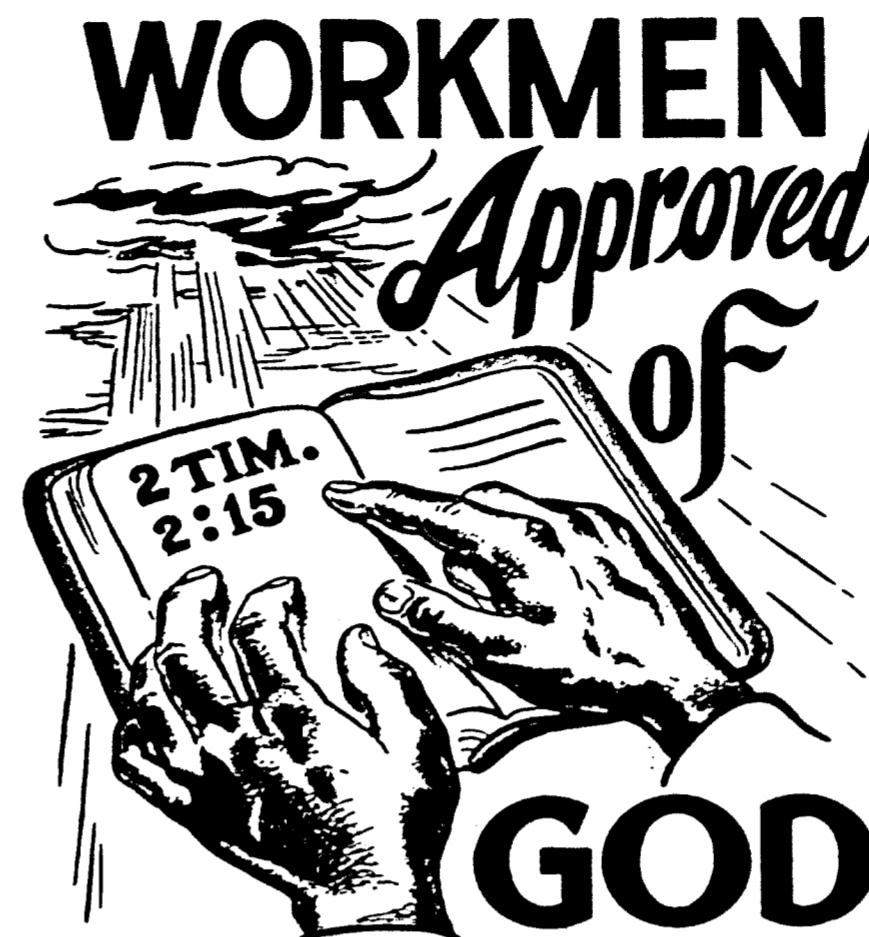
I know not how this saving faith  
To me He did impart,  
Nor how believing in His Word  
Wrought peace within my heart.

I know not how the Spirit moves,  
Convincing men of sin,  
Revealing Jesus through the Word,  
Creating faith in Him.

El Nathan James McGranahan.

This is your passport — your visa and mine — to any country here on earth or to the country the beauties of which "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man." 1 Corinthians 2: 9.

Our passport — let us repeat it together: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Timothy 1: 12.



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.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT —

The president of Conference, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, has contacted Churches in Riverside and Los Angeles, Calif.; Boulder and Denver, Colo.; Nortonville, Kan.; Farina, Ill.; Washington Evangelical and Washington People's, Washington, D. C.; Salemville, Pa.; Lost Creek, W. Va.; Alfred, Alfred Station, Little Genesee, and Richburg, N. Y.; Hebron, Pa.; Pawcatuck, Hopkinton, Rockville, and Ashaway, R. I.; Waterford, Conn.; Plainfield, N. J.; and his own Church in Salem, W. Va.; as well as the Rochester, N. Y., group; and the homes of all the pastors of the Central Association since the close of Conference at North Loup, Neb.

#### VIA WESTERN UNION

REV. LOYAL F. HURLEY,  
SALEM, W. VA.

ROCHESTER FELLOWSHIP PLEDGES  
NEW YEAR'S DAY TOWARD DENOMI-  
NATIONAL BUDGET.

EVERETT T. HARRIS.

#### COMMUNION SERVICES AT THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Earlier in the year the students of the School of Theology at Alfred decided to hold a Communion service in the Gothic Chapel just before separating for each school recess. In harmony with this decision the first of these services for the present school year was held just before the Thanksgiving vacation. Kenneth Stickney conducted the worship service, with Benjamin Berry at the organ. Dean Bond gave the meditation, presided at the table, and consecrated by prayer the bread and the cup. Carl Maxson and Kenneth Stickney, our two Seventh Day Baptist seniors, served as deacons. It was an impressive service, attended by students and wives of students and teachers and their wives, to the number of eighteen.

Thursday evening, December 16, the pre-Christmas Communion service was held. Two ministers presided at the Lord's table on this occasion: Pastor Everett T. Harris, friend and adviser of all seminary students, who will teach a course next semester, and Pastor Rex Zwiebel of the First and Second Hebron Churches, who will give special lectures next semester on Seventh Day Baptist Camps and Camping. A unique and inspiring feature of this service was the fact that three of the participants were foreign students: Benjamin Berry of British Guiana again played the organ, and Socrates Thompson of Jamaica and Sigurd Gunvik of Norway served as deacons. In the afternoon preceding the service, Theodore Hibbard who was the regular leader of chapel for that day, turned that meeting into a covenant meeting in preparation for the Communion service. It was a rich experience in Christian fellowship and reconsecration. The number attending the evening meeting was the same as attended the pre-Thanksgiving service. Two more such services are contemplated, one just before Easter, and one immediately preceding commencement. — Contributed.

The apathy and indifference of the Churches constitute the chief asset of the liquor interests. — Lord Snowden, in Ashaway Church Bulletin.

## THE CHURCH AND ITS LAITY

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers

Delegate to the Biennial Meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

The place of the layman in translating Christian motives and convictions into action came in for fresh and noteworthy consideration at the biennial meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America at Cincinnati, Ohio, December 1-3. Charles P. Taft, president of the council, had focused the attention of American Protestantism on this phase of their work during his two-year tenure of office.

"We need more thinking and less organization," declared Mr. Taft as he called for theological interpretation of the problems of laymen in his address on "The Church and Its Laity." Ushering for services, teaching a boys' class, or raising the budget are necessary and worth while, but they do not meet the religious problems of the layman, he insisted. "What is the meaning of our work? How shall we witness to our faith in a Christ who claims the whole of life? How meet insecurity . . . problems of personnel, power, and responsibility? How live in a world," he asked, "where both good will and politics are necessary?"

Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the council, cited one answer to Mr. Taft's plea in the Federal Council's Department of the Church and Economic Life. Lay leaders in industrial management, in labor and in agriculture, with a limited number of theologians and economists, are meeting regularly, he said, to consider how Christianity can make the most vital contribution to our common life. Cameron P. Hall is secretary of this department.

A scroll was presented at the Cincinnati meeting to Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn "Dodgers," in recognition of his hiring a Negro player for the first time on a major league team. In accepting the scroll Mr. Rickey said, "It is coming close to the time when the color of a man's skin will have nothing to do with his ability to do a job."

Other laymen who had prominent parts on the program of the council's meeting

## OTHER ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Kenneth V. Stickney, Raymond R. Taylor, and Socrates Thompson, students in the School of Theology at Alfred University, attended the Middle Atlantic Regional Inter-Seminary Meeting held at Bethlehem, Pa., to study and discuss the report of the World Council of Churches held in Amsterdam, Holland. They gave a good report of the meeting to the class upon their return to school.

They reported that it was made more interesting by the conscious fact that they remembered that our own Dr. Lloyd Seager was among those in the meetings in Holland when those challenging reports were drawn up.

The seminarians have a fine spiritual experience just prior to each school vacation. They invite all former teachers and their families to come and join with the Gothic families in partaking of the Lord's Supper the night before they expect to disband for their various vacation activities and travel.

Carl R. Maxson,  
Recording Secretary.

included Francis S. Harmon, vice-president of the Motion Picture Association of America, New York City; True D. Morse, Doane Agriculture Service, St. Louis, Mo.; George Stoll, attorney of Louisville, Ky.; Prof. William G. Mather of Pennsylvania State College; and Lyman Bryson, motion picture producer. All of these are active in their local Churches. A special message was read from John Foster Dulles (in Paris) who has been active in the council for several years. The address of Hon. J. Leighton Stuart, United States Ambassador to China, who had hoped to attend the meeting, was read in his absence.

The United States Army Chief of Chaplains addressed the delegates as "Ladies, and ecclesiastical brass." He referred, of course, to the slang term applied to higher military officers, but there was no doubt in anyone's mind that the Churches put their hopes in their amateur rather than in their professional leaders.

## NEWS FROM ALFRED UNIVERSITY

Alfred University has received three gifts totaling \$31,200 from Mr. and Mrs. John P. Herrick of Olean, N. Y., it was recently announced by Dr. M. Ellis Drake, acting president.

Mr. Herrick, who is a trustee of the university, has established a \$25,000 endowment fund, the income from which will be used to purchase books and equipment for the university library. The fund, President Drake said, will be called the John P. Herrick Endowment Fund.

In addition, Mr. Herrick has given \$1,200 for immediate use in purchasing books. Both gifts supplement earlier donations in 1948 of \$2,100 for library purposes.

Mrs. Herrick has donated \$5,000 to the university for repairs and major improvements to the "Castle," a co-operative women's dormitory. Remodeling of the structure, which houses 19 girls, will get under way as soon as possible, Dr. Drake said.

Mr. Herrick has been a member of the university's board of trustees since 1931 and was granted an honorary degree of doctor of laws from Alfred in 1945. He is a member of the Olean and Los Angeles Chambers of Commerce, and several other professional and civic organizations. — Office of Publicity and Public Relations.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held in the office of the Corporation, in Rooms 316-317-318, Babcock Building, at 240 West Front St., Plainfield, N. J., at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, January 23, 1949.

At this meeting, there will be presented for action, an amendment to make Article IV, Section 2, of the constitution read as follows:

The Annual Meeting of the members of this corporation shall be held on the first First-day of the week in the month of February, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Asa F. Randolph, Secretary,  
Corliss F. Randolph, President.

## THE BASIS OF CO-OPERATION

You'll soon be getting a report of the Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. (near Scranton in the Pocono Mountains), and attended by Seventh Day Baptist representatives, George B. Utter and David S. Clarke. What with many copies of "Let's Act Now!" out among our Churches, you'll be wondering what is the basis of our co-operation in the Foreign Missions Conference Program of Advance toward One World in Christ. In February, 1947, a statement on the "general basis of co-operation" was recommended to member boards for their individual adoption. In part it follows:

"The Foreign Missions Conference in accordance with its constitution recognizes the complete autonomy of all its member boards. . . . The principle of co-operation may be and is applied in a wide variety of ways, ranging from denominational administration in accordance with inter-denominational agreements all the way to joint administration of co-operative projects by a united agency set up by the co-operating boards. . . ."

"In view of the fact that at the present time less than ten per cent of the total overseas expenditure of the member boards . . . is appropriated to . . . projects co-operatively administered and that the remainder of their work is administered denominationally . . . all member boards are asked to accept the principle that the work administered denominationally is also part of the single co-operative enterprise of the Foreign Missions Conference. This means that in all their planning and execution, they will conduct the work which they control, not only in the spirit of comity but also with the recognition and practice of responsibility as trustees for the use of all the spiritual, personal, and material resources entrusted to them by God in the ways best calculated to promote the entire work carried on by all the member boards of the conference. . . ."

When control is shared with "younger Churches" and other agencies overseas, boards are asked to encourage similar stewardship and co-operation from them.

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# Midyear Meeting of the Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

The Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Tuesday, December 28, 1948, at 11 a.m. Sessions continued through noon on Thursday, December 30.

Members present were Everett T. Harris, chairman; Alton L. Wheeler, E. Keith Davis, Loyal F. Hurley, Morton R. Swinney, and Lloyd D. Seager. Courtland V. Davis was secretary.

Mr. Harris announced that Elston H. Van Horn, elected to the Commission at the last Conference, had resigned and that Morton R. Swinney had been elected by the Commission by mail vote to fill that vacancy.

The resignation of Kenneth A. Babcock as a member of the Commission was presented by the chairman and accepted with regret.

Lloyd D. Seager was elected a member of the Commission succeeding Mr. Babcock and took his place in the meeting.

## Public Relations for Baptists

The Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations for Baptists of the United States requested the attendance of a representative of Seventh Day Baptists at a meeting to be held in Washington, D. C., on February 8, 1949. W. Allen Bond and Luther W. Crichlow were requested to attend the meeting and make recommendation to the Commission at its pre-Conference meeting concerning possible affiliation of General Conference with that body.

## National Study Conference

At the request of the Federal Council for the appointment of delegates to a National Study Conference on the Churches and World Order to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, March 8-10, 1949, Ahva J. C. Bond was asked to represent Seventh Day Baptists with Albert N. Rogers as alternate.

## Commission Committees

Mr. Wheeler was named chairman of the Auditing Committee of the Commission with Mr. Swinney as the additional member.

In addition to Mr. Harris as chairman, Mr. Seager was named a member of the Committee on Official List of Ministers.

## Denominational Budget Treasurer

The request of L. Milton Van Horn, treasurer of the Denominational Budget, for leave of absence from that office for a period of 18 months was granted for the remainder of this Conference year, the suggestion of D. Nelson Inglis as his substitute was approved, and the correspondence was referred to the Nominating Committee of Conference for action for the next Conference year.

## Voice Recordings

Mr. Davis reported on progress being made by the committee to build up a library of recordings of the voices of all our ministers and urged that our ministers reply promptly to the request for their recordings.

## Pre-Conference Commission Meeting

The Commission voted to meet in Riverside, Calif., next August (before Conference) and directed that Commission members and secretaries be informed or reminded of the limited allocation toward expenses in the budget, with letters of such information sent to the Churches of pastors on the Commission inviting them to share a portion of their pastor's expenses to Commission and Conference.

## World Council of Churches

Mr. Seager reported concerning his attendance at the organization meeting of the World Council of Churches held in Amsterdam last August. He also gave an account of his visits to Seventh Day Baptists in the Netherlands and England.

The Commission voted its appreciation of the report of our delegate to the World Council of Churches and of his representation of the Sabbath and Seventh Day Baptists at Amsterdam.

The Commission endorsed and approved the recommendations of our delegate for continued membership in the World Council of Churches for the following reasons:

1. Because of the contribution thus made to Protestant solidarity.
2. Because of the contribution which can be made toward the solution of world problems through this agency.
3. Because of the opportunity thus afforded for keeping the Sabbath truth before the world.

## Calendar Reform

The Commission called the attention of the Tract Society to the problems presented by the perennial agitation for calendar reform suggesting that it provide some type of educational program to keep our people aware of the situation, and formulate plans to counteract current propaganda for calendar changes.

## Refreshing Recess

The Commission recessed at 4 p.m. on Wednesday to visit the library and museum of the Historical Society at the invitation of its president, Dr. Corliss F. Randolph.

## Full-time Christian Service

The following proposal was referred to the Board of Christian Education with the request that it take the necessary steps to carry it into effect:

To have calls given repeatedly in all of our Churches and among lone Sabbath-keepers at least once a month for dedication of more lives to full-time Christian service. This will call for:

A detailed survey of our present needs. An estimate of anticipated demand during the next three, six, nine, and twelve years.

A movement for employment of more ministers, missionaries, nurses, executive workers, teachers, professors in colleges, etc.

## Full-time Evangelist

The Commission called the attention of the Missionary Board to the need for a full-time evangelist on the home field, requesting that board if possible to arrange for such service as early as may be, and suggesting that if necessary the board request an additional allocation for that purpose in the 1949-50 Denominational Budget.

## Summer Program of Co-operative Evangelism

Mr. Hurley presented a proposal to request the Missionary Board, the Tract Board, and the Board of Christian Education to plan a summer campaign led by a strong minister and including several ministerial students and others working in a specific locality, the work to include a Daily Vacation Bible School, visitation evangelism, tract distribution, and a series of evangelistic meetings.

It was voted that the Commission endorse in principle the Summer Program of Co-operative Evangelism as presented by Mr. Hurley, that we encourage the boards if possible to co-operate in carrying out the plan in specific communities, and that Mr. Hurley be requested to publicize the plan so that it may be made available to any Church wishing to use it.

## Pastors' Salaries

The Commission directed a letter to the Church clerks reminding them of the increased cost of living and suggesting an increase in pastors' salaries at this time.

Everett T. Harris, Chairman,  
Courtland V. Davis, Secretary.

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When Seventh Day Baptists do their best, the Church of Jesus Christ is able to do better. Let us make a valuable contribution to this Program of Advance toward One World in Christ. Let us provide sufficient support for effective pastoral and missionary work through the Denominational Budget and special projects of local Churches. Let each one of us be good missionaries! D. S. C.

### " - - - THROUGH THEIR WORD"

Jesus' great prayer for His disciples' strength, consecration, and witness in John 17 included a petition "for those who are to believe in me through their word." The year 1949 brings discouragement to many who had hoped for more signs of response to God's leadings at the close of 1948. International politics, national economic and political plans, and many local situations give us cause for concern when we think of God's design for men. We of the Church take deep interest in carrying Christ's saving power into the affairs of this new year's life. We recognize the possibilities of Christ speaking through our words, and we see much of hope for 1949. We thank the Master for His faith in our words to bring others to belief in Him and to discipleship.

Through Protestantism's years of growth, "the universal priesthood of every believer" has brought out the best in witnessing to neighbors and associates through "visitation." Opportunities made for discussing the life in Christ develop into occasions of commitment or re-commitment through (1) real selfless love for others, and (2) tactful approach to the present condition and needs of others. Many helpful books have been compiled for carrying well-grounded Christians into effective "witnessing" or "visitation" for Christ and His Church. The method of visitation evangelism is a systematizing of the old process of "neighboring." The old and the new should be expressions of our love for others, an outlet for Christ's word hidden in our hearts.

One denominational visitation manual outlines the steps in making our words

most useful, reminding us midway that: "It is well to remember that there is more to visitation evangelism than getting commitments. We are sowing seed. We are fanning dying fires. We are promoting our Church. We are speaking a good word for our pastor. We are opening doors for later visits. We are developing our own Christian resources. Our calls are never in vain." Last year's Conference President, Mr. Karl G. Stillman, emphasized the fact that the "law of averages works with us when we make many contacts." Christ would have us spread our loving words into as many lives as possible.

"The Simple Steps for Visitors" outlined in the Evangelical United Brethren Manual are good key words for any Christian in 1949 who wants to make Christ's way effective. They are good key words for any group of Seventh Day Baptists who are taking seriously the challenge of goal 3 of the Efficiency for Evangelism movement, the 10% increase of the Sabbath School Enrollment Campaign, and the 100 Sabbaths of Service. They begin with President Loyal Hurley's slogan:

1. "Study to show thyself approved . . . rightly handling the word of truth." From a deep experience with Christ, certain other steps, well-remembered, help our witness:
2. Pray as you go calling . . . that God's Spirit may precede and open the way.
3. Be prepared with a friendly greeting and brief statement of your name and mission.
4. Begin the call as a friend . . . but
5. State the purpose of your call early.
6. Ask questions . . . get the prospect to talk and act on his own conclusions.
7. Do not argue. You lose your friend while you win your argument.
8. Listen sympathetically to excuses and answer important ones.
9. Urge commitment only when you believe the prospect is ready.
10. Help your prospect not to put Christ off.
11. Help the timid overcome their fears.
12. You will not need to answer some problems . . . the pastor can help; their solution may come best through commitment and a life of discipleship — the best argument for your prospect's decision.
13. Help those who have revolted against religion.
14. Use effectively your personal testimony and the Scriptures.
15. Help unify divided homes.
16. Press for a verdict, and

17. Visualize the step to be taken by a commitment card relating the prospect to the Church where he may most effectively grow and serve.

18. Close the call with prayer, bringing certainty of forgiveness and powerful guidance for the new life.

19. Leave a friendly open door for further contacts if a commitment or re-commitment is unobtainable.

The year 1949 will be more satisfying to God — and to us — if we make more personal contacts in which Christ's love and wisdom are shared. In a clever "balance sheet" (recorded on page 82 of the January, 1949, Reader's Digest) some wag has developed from "statistics" the fact that out of the United States' 140 million population, only two people are "left to do the work." He concluded: "Two — you and I . . . and you'd better get a wiggle on — I'm getting tired of running this country alone."

Who of you can tell how many lives may be devoted to Christ "through your word"? D. S. C.

### CHINA GREETINGS

Principal T. M. Chang's many friends will be pleased to hear the especially timely words of his greeting to the H. Eugene Davises in River Falls, Wis. These words are not out-dated by the passage of the Christmas season or changes in China's politics or battle lines. They are words of faith with which to begin the New Year.

David S. Clarke.

"Dear Friends:

"Seasonal greetings to you for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 1949 bring you health and happiness in abundance.

"The situation here in this country is getting worse and worse. Panic and chaos are everywhere. We may have to go through another ordeal, worse than the last time. But with His loving care over us, we have no fear. We need your prayers.

"The work of the school goes on as usual, so far. And we will keep it going as long as we can.

"Sincerely yours,  
T. M. Chang and family."

### NEWS ITEMS AND NOTES FROM THE WOMEN'S BOARD

**A New Year — 1949:** The activities in relation to Thanksgiving through Christmas to New Year's Day keep everyone busy, sometimes even to weariness, with the plans, pleasures, and responsibilities of the season. But the beginning of a new year is no time to drop with a sigh of relief for rest. Deeper joy, firmer faith, and a renewed inspiration have filled many a heart at this Christmas season. May this new experience of the gift of God's love "A Saviour which is Christ the Lord" send our women forth with a renewed courage in proclaiming that Saviour and in living for Him day by day in this troubled world of 1949.

**Worship Service Programs:** The Christian Culture Committee, Mrs. Mac Dixon Trainer, chairman, has planned to have worship programs in the Sabbath Recorder column each month for those societies wishing to use them. These worship programs are to be contributed by women scattered over the denomination.

**The Treasurer:** Attention is here directed to the address of the treasurer of your Board of Directors. So often it happens that an address is lost or is not at hand when needed, and we do have more than one "Bond" woman on the board. Send all moneys for the work carried on by your board to Mrs. S. O. Bond, Salem, W. Va. Mrs. S. O. Bond is the wife of the president of Salem College and she uses her own name, Venie E. Bond, in her banking business for the board.

**Mission Study:** Many societies and individuals are now beginning the study of mission books. In the Goals for 1948-1949 is a rather new suggestion which requires forethought in planning. Goal No. 2-c: "Send to the Woman's Board a synopsis of one mission study book every three months beginning with January, 1949. The board in turn will release to the societies a brief summary so that other interested societies may benefit from your studies."

Some groups are now planning the study of "China — Twilight or Dawn" by Frank W. Price. These groups might arrange to send a synopsis of this study

including a study of the Seventh Day Baptist mission and its outreaching influence. Send these notes to Mrs. George Trainer, Salem, W. Va.

**The Biennial Assembly:** Mrs. Emma Shaw (Mrs. Elston Shaw of Milton, Wis.) kindly consented to represent your Board of Directors at the fourth National Assembly of the United Council of Church Women in Milwaukee, Wis., in November. Mrs. Shaw reports there were 84 denominations represented with delegates from 45 states besides Hawaii, Alaska, and several foreign countries. Reports of these meetings and important recommendations of this assembly will appear later in this column. Mrs. Shaw has this to say, "I was very much impressed with the atmosphere of this assembly. Everyone was present in behalf of Christianity. The theme, 'Thy Kingdom Come,' was stressed and that was the spirit of the women. It was so different from a large club meeting I attended in Milwaukee when personal importance and clothes seemed to matter so much. The opportunity of attending this assembly is one that I appreciate greatly. It has meant a great deal to me personally. . . . I have heard and read of an ecumenical world and here was united Christianity in action, the sense of its power was there!"

**Christmas Vacation:** Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph visited her father and sister in Alfred, N. Y., during the Christmas season. She expects to be back in the missionary work early in January. The Ways and Means Committee is seriously studying the problem of a helper in this work.

**United Nations Women:** In the 1947 roster of officials sent to the United Nations, at least 21 women are Protestant Christians. They come from Brazil, Denmark, Liberia, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Sweden, Syria, the United Kingdom, and the United States. — The Church Woman.

**Working Women:** Miss Frieda Miller, director of the Women's Bureau of the United Nations appealed to the 18,111,000 working women of this country to support the United Nations by "increasing grass-roots understanding" of the United

Nations. "My recent months in Europe reaffirmed what I long had felt — that women the world over pray and hope for the same things." — The Church Woman.

**Let's Act — Now!** This is the keynote book for the Foreign Missions Advance Program. The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board has urged its reading. "The author, Richard T. Baker, challenges Christians to join in action that will reach the very roots of the social and economic problems that lie beneath the troubled surface of our day." This is a great little book to use along with the studies of Missions and Peace. Order from Friendship Press, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., at 50 cents per copy.

**The Following Poem:** The poem below is reprinted from the "Church Woman." It is by a businesswoman who was thus inspired after reading the new book, mentioned above. It has been suggested as appropriate in teaching or in preparing worship services in connection with this already nationally-known little volume.

**Let's Act — Now!**

By Madeline George

He stands there pleading — this Christ of Galilee,  
Of Paris and Peiping, New York, and Tokyo.  
Before the rubble of war-torn towns  
And the hunger of wasted hills,  
He reaches out hands of suffering and sympathy—  
Hands that have caressed the curls of tiny tots  
And carried health to the impotent  
And borne the nail wounds on the Cross;  
They now reach out as if to all the earth,  
And fain would He gather them to Himself  
To heal their every hurt and meet their every need;  
But He cannot — not even He — alone,  
And so He calls and pleads to you to help.  
O, farmer-man, do you not hear? He needs your rake and hoe;  
Your hands are His hands to feed the hungry.  
O, medical man and nurse, He needs your help to heal the nations.  
College man and maid, He needs your brains in every field everywhere.  
Homemaker, businesswoman, with your influence and purse  
He bids you pray and use them.  
Teachers, the Great Teacher bids you join with Him to lead the world to truth.  
Man with a Bible, and woman, too, minister, missionary, layman—  
Christ calls you; renew your pledge to Him.  
For centuries He's pleaded, but few have answered "Yes!"

**YOUTH WEEK!**

**An Opportunity for United Youth Action**

By Dr. Isaac K. Beckes

(Director of Young People's Work of the International Council of Religious Education and Executive Secretary of the United Christian Youth Movement.)

Youth Week, January 30 to February 6, 1949, offers unlimited opportunity for Christian youth through united action to make a real impact upon community life. It gives young people of all denominations and related agencies an opportunity to unite in offering one hard and one common purpose in His Name. The 1949 theme is "Let God Speak!"

Youth Week is sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement, the official channel of the ecumenical movement among the Church youth of the United States. The celebration has become one of the most important of the special Church celebrations, involving millions of young people each year.

Your youth fellowship can take the lead in providing an effective Youth Week celebration in your own community. Guidance materials may be had through the United Christian Youth Movement office, 203 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 1, Ill., or your own denominational office. Here is an outline of what can be included in the Youth Week program in your community.

**Sabbath, January 29 — Local Church Day**

"Let God Speak Through Me" is the theme for the Local Church Day. Center attention on the way in which God is seeking to speak through the youth of your Church. The activities of this day should lead to personal commitment and

Too long the harvest has been white: it cannot wait always;  
Death claims its toll; wars make desolation,  
darkness prowls the earth.  
O, you who have the light of God within your souls,  
How long will you keep it hidden 'neath selfishness and carelessness?  
Heed now the Christ and join with Him to save the world.  
Let's answer "Yes!" to Him. LET'S ACT—NOW!

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs.

the need for a realistic Christian witness in all the areas of Christian witness.

**Through the Week Activities**

1. **A Town Meeting of the Air** to consider a question of major concern to the Christian young people of your community. Possible suggestion: What should the Church be doing in my community? Is the Church of today preparing youth for tomorrow's issues? If there is no radio time available, hold an old-fashioned "town meeting."

2. **Discovery Groups on the Bible** on a community-wide basis to find out how God is still speaking to us through the Bible. These groups might meet each morning for breakfast during the week. Your group might use the Bible discussion material of the Christian Youth Conference of North America, available through the United Christian Youth Movement office.

3. **A Youth Survey and Enlistment Campaign** to do something about the unchurched young people of your community. Evangelism can be an important feature of Youth Week. Teams of young people calling on other young people can be an effective part of this effort. These teams can also make a survey and build up prospect lists to be used by the Churches during Lent.

4. **Parshad Youth Week Awards** can be promoted and a special program planned to hear the winning essays in your town. Nine young people throughout the nation will receive scholarship awards based on Christian service to Church and community. Information about these awards can be had on request from your United Christian Youth Movement and denominational offices.

5. Other special features may include a fellowship night or service projects that will affect the community as a whole.

**Sabbath, February 5 — An Ecumenical Service of Worship**

The theme for this day is "Let God Speak Through a United Church!" Bring all the youth of your community together on Sabbath afternoon to face the question of "Why Are the Churches So Divided?" A specially prepared service of worship is available for use in this service. Make it truly a great service. — International Council of Religious Education Release, adapted.

David Starr Jordan once said, "There is nothing else in the world so important as children, nothing else so interesting. If ever you wish to go in for philanthropy, if ever you wish to be of real use in the world, do something for children."

## A SABBATH SCHOOL MAKES NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Realizing the eternal significance of my work I resolve for the new year:

To do all I can to help my teachers realize that they are teaching for a verdict.

To see that an opportunity is provided for pupils to accept Christ as their personal Saviour, and for all who have accepted Him to make commitments for deeds of service which require fuller consecration.

To provide classrooms which are neater and more attractive made possible by new pictures and some house cleaning.

To strive for an increase of 10% in enrollment through special visitation and definite plans for taking new members into the classes.

To provide classes in Leadership Education so that teachers and workers may be better prepared for their work.

To provide new books and new visual education materials for use by the teachers and workers.

To provide a meeting once a month where teachers and workers may make plans for a better program and for the presentation of new ideas regarding the methods of teaching.

To encourage much more study of the Bible and more use of the Bible by teachers in their classes.

To keep better records of the school and make a better "follow-up" of those who miss Sabbath school sessions.

## I PASSED BY ON THE OTHER SIDE

Like the priest and the Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan I am afraid there have been times when I passed by on the other side. It was on the train that I saw a young woman and her son who was about four years old. The little boy was very restless and his mother was having trouble to keep him in the seat with her. After quite a lot of scolding she finally said, "If you don't be a good boy, I'll have the porter turn some big mice loose and they will get you." At about that time the porter came through and the mother said to him, "You do have some big mice to turn loose when little boys are bad, don't you?" The porter hurrying through the car and probably not taking time to think, said, "Oh, sure I have."

What was I to do? I knew that if the mother kept on making such statements to her boy that someday he would realize that she was not telling the truth and there was a real danger that he would lose confidence in what she told

him. But she was a total stranger to me, and she might be very angry with me if I should interfere. And, besides, it is quite a job to make clear to parents all that is involved in making such statements as the mother had made to her child.

This mother should read such books as "Our Little Child Faces Life," and "Children Need Adults." It might have been all right for me to have handed her a copy of one of these books. Perhaps I could have asked questions and found a way to make her think about the seriousness of making such statements to a child, but I passed by on the other side. What would you have done?

This experience raises the question of responsibility for the actions of others. We who are Christians must feel a greater sense of responsibility even when people are strangers to us. I have tried to remember the experience mentioned above and have determined to be more aware of opportunities to share my Christian faith and lessons learned from Christian experience with people that I meet on the highways of life.

H. S.

## REV. ERLO E. SUTTON'S RECENT STATEMENT

Pastor Erlo E. Sutton of our Boulder, Colo., Church, gave notice at the Sabbath morning service, December 18, of his desire to retire in the near future. In his statement to the Church he said, "I hereby give notice, not of my resignation to take effect at a date now given, but of my desire to retire when the Church obtains and installs another Seventh Day Baptist minister as pastor." — Contributed.

(Editor's Note: We are informed that Rev. Erlo E. Sutton was called as pastor of the home Church at Berea, W. Va., in the fall of 1905. His service to Seventh Day Baptist Churches and the denomination has been continuous since then. Forty-four years "is a long time" — certainly a commendable record. The Sabbath Recorder joins Rev. and Mrs. Erlo E. Sutton's many friends in wishing for them years of enjoyment in continued usefulness for Christ as they eventually enter upon their less active yet fruitful experience.)

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

Dear Recorder Children:

When you read this letter the holidays will be over for another year and you will be back in school. . . . I do hope many of you will sit down and write me all about what your Christmas vacation has meant to you and how you spent it. Christmas morning, Pastor Greene and I went down to Wellsville to spend the day with our daughter and family. Gretchen and Joyce woke their father up early. They could hardly wait for him to drive up after us so that we could all enjoy the giving of gifts under their beautifully-trimmed Christmas tree. Joyce passed out the gifts. She was so anxious to see her own gifts that she certainly made fast work of it. Gretchen complained that she hardly had time to open one package before another landed upon it. Our good friends and relatives showed their love and good will to us all by giving us very worth-while gifts. We responded in like manner. Again I was impressed with the thought that the real meaning of Christmas is love and that we should never forget that we celebrate Christmas to honor our dear Saviour, Jesus.

Do you remember the first Christmas you were old enough to appreciate? I believe I'll tell you about the first Christmas I remember, and I'm sure I'll never forget it. I couldn't have been quite five years old that Christmas. My father and a brother-in-law were running the farm near Walworth, Wis., in partnership. Another sister and her daughter were also living there. So, there were six "grownups" and only two children, my baby brother and I.

On Christmas Eve all the stockings were hung along the railing of the stairs leading to the second floor. Mine was at the very bottom. When I crept down the stairs Christmas morning the "grownups" were all at breakfast, and every eye was on me. At the top of my stocking was a little chair and sitting in it was a tiny doll which I discovered had lost an arm. I was told later that Santa Claus must have fallen and broken the doll's arm. I was more sorry for Santa Claus than for myself and the doll. But that was all later. The most exciting thing happened

as I reached for my stocking. Out popped a tiny mouse, which dropped to the top of my foot and then hurried out of sight. I was a much-frightened little girl, and could not enjoy the good things in my stocking for some time. You see, I thought Santa Claus had put the mouse in my stocking. I soon learned that the mouse had probably crept in there to get warm, and perhaps to get a taste of candy. What do you think, girls and boys?

Now I hope many of you will write telling of the first Christmas you remember; or if you had rather, tell me about your Christmas this year. I'm sure our readers will enjoy either one.

Now for a short story.

### Mary Lee's Christmas Gift

Mary Lee's mother had explained to her that this had been a hard year for them and that she could not expect many Christmas presents. So, as she was walking home with her best friend, Grace King, she didn't have much to say when Grace told of the wonderful presents she expected Santa and others to give her. Mary Lee's heart seemed very heavy, for it was the night before Christmas.

The present she wanted most was a little white kitten. When she went to bed that Christmas Eve she prayed that Santa would bring her one. She was just falling asleep when there came a scratching at her window and in crept the loveliest white kitty she had ever seen. She cuddled it in her arms and drifted off to sleep. She was sure that Santa had left it ahead of time to cheer her up. What do you think, Recorder children?

No one ever claimed the kitten, so Mary Lee was sure it was intended only for her. She named it Pinky, and loved it with all her heart. She was surprised with other presents, but nothing meant so much happiness for her as that little white kitty.

Now as we think of Christmas cheer,

Which each and all enjoy;

Let's not forget its meaning clear,

For every girl and boy.

That Christmas is to honor Him,

Who loves us every one;

God's gift to us each Christmas time,

Our Saviour, His dear Son.

In Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.





Interior view of the newly-acquired Church at Indianapolis, Ind.

#### INDIANAPOLIS CHURCH PURCHASES CHURCH BUILDING

On December 12, 1948, the first Sabbath Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., held a business session of the Church at which time it was unanimously voted to purchase a Church building complete with Church furniture, including an excellent baby grand piano, located at 720 South Randolph Street, in Indianapolis, Ind., at a total price of \$7,000, which is very, very reasonable.

We have \$3,500 to apply on this purchase, and, although the entire amount must be paid in cash, we have faith to believe that the additional \$3,500 that is needed will be available when the "abstract of title" is continued to date and the transaction is ready to close.

This Church building formerly was the St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church. It was sold to the Grace Baptist Church and later to the Full Gospel Pentecostal Church. It is a small frame Church building in good repair and included is a vacant lot south of the Church building and another vacant lot north of the Church building.

Leo L. Wright.

#### *Marriages*

**Kutz - Balch.** — In the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church at Milton, Wis., November 27, 1948, by Rev. Edwin Ben Shaw, Herman George Kutz of Fort Atkinson, Wis., and Alice Lenore Balch, daughter of William and Alice Miller Balch, of Milton Junction, Wis.

**Briggs - Bingham.** — At the home of the bride's grandfather, and by him, Rev. Edwin Ben Shaw, Milton, Wis., December 18, 1948, Mary Lois Bingham, daughter of Charles Elton and Constance Shaw Bingham, and Herbert Eugene Briggs, son of Fred E. and Ruby Briggs of Springfield, Ill.

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