

**OUR CHILDREN'S
LETTER EXCHANGE**

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Mother just read me the Children's Page. Maybe you would like to hear about my pets.

We have two dogs — a mother and her baby. Their names are Queenie and Nellie. I have fun playing with them. I have fun with my kitty, too. I call her Honey because she's so sweet and nice.

Best of all is my horse named King. He likes corn, grass, hay, and ground meal. He is fun to ride. Sometimes he goes fast. I like to ride King after the cows with my daddy.

I will be five years old next March. Some day I'll be big enough to write you a letter all by myself.

Your new friend,
Jimmy Todd.

Milton Junction, Wis.

Dear Jimmy:

How glad I am to have received your fine letter and to learn about your pets. Our neighbors have a dear little white dog named Queenie. She never has had a baby dog though she is about seven years old, which, they tell me, is old for a dog. This Queenie was sick a few weeks ago and could not walk for some time, but is all right now. Your kitty must be fun and she surely has a very sweet name.

A little girl I knew liked to ride her father's old grey mare named Topsy. One day she and a little friend went riding on the horse together. She faced toward the horse's tail and her little friend toward the head. Topsy didn't like having two children on her. She gave a sudden jump and the little girl slipped off over her tail and landed in the dusty road. Good enough for her, wasn't it, since she wasn't hurt?

Perhaps you know that I have a little grandson whose name is Kristie Greene. He was five years old last January. He has a sister Karen who is six years old, and what do you think? He gained a dear little sister just a few days ago. They have named her Kathie. The KKK's, you see.

I hope to hear from you often. You see, if you are who I think you are, your

grandpa and grandma and daddy are good friends of mine.

Lovingly yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My name is Katherine Davis. I am eight years old. My address is 137 Hamilton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, N. J. I always read the Sabbath Recorder.

My grandmother is Mrs. Luther S. Davis. I have a brother and a sister. They are both older than I. My brother is staying at my grandma's to go to school all year. He has a little dog named Jet. He is all black, Jet I mean.

I am home from school with a cold. I go to Brownies and this is my Brownie paper.

We once had two white cats, but we had to give them away because they ate birds. Do you have any pets?

Please write to me soon. I will try not to stop now, but I am thinking what to write. I stay down at the farm every summer. Last summer I stayed at Bivins' farm.

I know Leona and Joanne Godish and I read their stories. I thought they were good. I just can't think up a story, but I will have one ready next week. I will have to stop now.

Sincerely yours,
Katherine Davis.

Dear Katherine:

Isn't it nice that I have two nice letters to answer this week, and that I have two new Recorder children? I was so glad to receive your letter. I feel as if I really knew you since I know and greatly admire your Grandma Davis.

For nearly fifteen years we had a pet kitty. One night he curled up in front of the stove for a nap. He must have died in his sleep for he was still curled up in front of the stove in the morning. Now I depend on children to pet. A dear little boy a little over three years old calls on me nearly every day, and I pet him. Besides, now I have five grandchildren to pet. However, I had all kinds of pets when I was a girl about your age and older, among others a pet woodchuck and even white rats. The last increased so fast that we had to get rid of them.

I'll be looking for that story of yours next week.

Lovingly your friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

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Conference Presidents Corner

"Fervent in Spirit"

It is the hope of our Missionary So-
ciety that some type of evangelistic effort
— personal, public, or both — be made
in all of our Churches this year. Some of
these evangelistic programs are already
under way and others are to be started
soon. I hope every Church will let us
know through the pages of the Sabbath
Recorder when the special services are
to be held so that the rest of the denomi-
nation can help. "The effectual fervent
prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
James 5: 16. Let us all pray fervently
for His work.

Lloyd D. Seager,
Conference President.

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SALEM CHURCH MAKES CONFERENCE PLANS

The Salem Church is planning organi-
zation to help make the Salem Conference
a success. This organization includes the
appointment of the following committee
chairmen:

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Plans are going forward to get these
committees under way with action already
taking place in some cases. Salem is
Conference conscious and Conference
happy. Plan now to attend Conference
in Salem, W. Va., in August.

Alberta D. Batson,
Publicity Chairman.

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Parkersburg, W. Va.

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Let Us Give Thanks -

That God Is Constantly Raising Up Witnesses to Himself and His Truth.

ARE YOU A WITNESS?

That We Have Access to His Word of Truth by Merely Turning to It.

DO YOU TURN TO HIS WORD AT LEAST DAILY?

That Our Saviour Points the Way to Spiritual Purpose and Power,
Having Walked that Way Himself.

ARE YOU WALKING AS HE WALKED?

That the Privilege of Prayer Presents the Possibilities of
Deepened Fellowship with God and Man.

DO YOU KNOW DEEPENED FELLOWSHIP?

That Deepened Fellowship Issues in Sacrificial Service.

ARE YOU SERVING SACRIFICIALLY?

That It Is "Now or Never" as far as Christ's Folks Are Concerned.

ARE YOU ACTING NOW?

That We Have "a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

HAVE YOU A HEAVENLY HOME?

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Brother Editor:

May an aged, retired, worn-out veteran, in the cause we all love, have a few words to say about the address which we heard Sabbath morning in Milton, a really gospel sermon, given by Wayne Rood, at the earnest request of Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph, the same address which Wayne had given at the Riverside General Conference.

Years ago at a Sunday school convention held in Trenton, N. J., I heard a bishop of the Methodist Church say in reference to Protestants, "Ours is the religion of a Book." I thought then, and I still think, that, valuable as is the Bible for help and guidance, after all, ours is the religion of a Person, a living, growing, dynamic Person, Jesus Christ, not a fixed, static, non-growing religion.

The message which Wayne gave us put Jesus at the center of religion, and set His teachings, His conduct as recorded in the Gospels, and His character as a divine Person, like rays of light going out from the center in all directions to a never-ending circumference.

I was greatly cheered and filled with increased hope as I listened to the sermon. I trust that it will be published in the Sabbath Recorder, even if it extends over more than one issue; and I commend it to the careful, prayerful, thoughtful consideration, especially to those of our younger people who may now, or in future days, be thinking of special preparation for Christian work. Go to Alfred and know him.

I trust that Dr. Rood will pardon me for my informal way of speaking of him as Wayne; but I am so well acquainted with his and his wife's families that I may be excused.

Yours sincerely,
Edwin Ben Shaw.

Milton, Wis.,
September 11, 1949.

Editor of the Sabbath Recorder
Dear Brother Warren:

Some time ago I wrote you a brief item commending the address of Professor Wayne R. Rood and suggesting to the

readers of the Sabbath Recorder that it was worthy of careful reading. I anticipated that my commendation would be published, perhaps in the same issue of the Sabbath Recorder that the address appeared. Evidently you thought it better not be printed, I mean my item.

I therefore hesitate to send this letter commending and approving the sermon by Dean A. J. C. Bond in the issue of October 31, 1949, and suggesting to readers of the Sabbath Recorder that it is well worth careful reading. If it is the policy of the Sabbath Recorder not to publish personal letters of comment upon articles that appear in its pages, I will promise not to try again after these two efforts to let people know of my approval, or disapproval, of what is published in our denominational paper.

Sincerely,
Edwin Ben Shaw.

Milton, Wis.,
November 4, 1949.

(Editor's Note: Due to an oversight, Dr. Shaw's first letter did not appear promptly in the Sabbath Recorder. It is the present "policy of the Sabbath Recorder not to publish personal letters of comment upon articles that appear" in the special issues at the time of their appearance, since such material is published in the regular issues. However, Dr. Shaw's letter should have been published in an early regular issue following the appearance of Professor Wayne R. Rood's sermon which he commends. An apology has been made to Dr. Shaw.)

Rev. Walter L. Greene Suffers Paralytic Stroke at Home

Rev. Walter L. Greene of Andover, N. Y., suffered a paralytic stroke at his home last week, but is responding to treatment and improved at this writing. He was removed to the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville for two days but recovered sufficiently so that he could be cared for at home.

Dr. E. Clair Greene of Bridgeton, N. J., son of the former pastor of the Independence and Andover Seventh Day Baptist Churches, came to be with his father for two days. He returned to his practice Wednesday night. — Contributed.

SEMINARY LIBRARY RECEIVES GIFT OF BOOKS

Fifty-seven volumes from the personal library of Rev. Claude L. Hill of Farina, Ill., are currently in the process of being added to the library of the School of Theology at Alfred. These books, sent to the school by Pastor Hill, represent a wide range of religious subjects, and will be an important addition to the study resources of the School of Theology. The titles range from Biblical studies to contemporary religious problems. In the former group are such works as E. F. Scott's "Varieties of New Testament Religion," "Paul" by E. J. Goodspeed, and Bishop Lightfoot's classic "History and Interpretation of the Gospels." Present theological thought is represented by Joshua Liebman's widely-read "Peace of Mind," the monumental volume on "Prayer" by George A. Buttrick, Kagawa's "Meditations on the Cross," and H. N. Wieman's "Methods of Private Religious Living." There are also some books of specific denominational interest, such as Theodore Gardiner's biography of A. H. Lewis.

Gifts of this kind to the seminary library form a significant extension of the material available to faculty and students for research and personal reading, and are always welcomed by the staff which is acutely aware of the many weak spots in the Gothic library. This collection, as with all gifts to the library, is being carefully processed: after the name of the donor has been entered in each volume, it is catalogued, classified, and put into place on the library shelves.—Contributed.

KNOW YOUR SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST STUDENTS

Several Seventh Day Baptist students are attending Salem College.

From the Churches in the Southeastern Association there are Marion and Stanley Burdick from Salemville, Pa.; Dorothy Brissey from Washington, D. C.; Leora Williams and Mae Randolph from Lost Creek; and Richard Brissey, Nellie Jo Bond, Virginia Flanigan, and Marian Coon from Salem.

New Jersey is the leading outside state. Seventh Day Baptist students from there

are Jean Davis from Somerville; David Warren from Plainfield; and Auley Parvin and Owen Probasco from Shiloh.

Michigan comes in second with three students — Joan Johnson from White Cloud, and Evelyn and Glen Hemminger from Battle Creek. Two students come from New York—Duane Davis of Verona, and Stanley Harris of Alfred. From Arkansas we have David Beebe of Gentry, and Irving Seager of Little Rock. Donald Smith of Westerly and Clifton Woodmansee of Rockville, represent Rhode Island.

Nebraska sends us one student, Darrell Barber of North Loup. From the British West Indies we have Jimmie Randolph of Kingston, Jamaica. — Lost Creek, W. Va., Church News Bulletin.

MILTON COLLEGE SERVES EFFICIENTLY

Milton College has started auspiciously its present year of service in the educational field, having started as a private school in 1844.

This year the collegiate enrollment is 348, the students coming from China, Hawaii, Jamaica, Germany, and Greece as well as from state and local areas. One student, Lothar Zeidler, was a member of Hitler Youth organizations and was wounded twice while fighting on the Russian front. He is now at Milton studying to learn the American way of life and will return to Germany and help popularize democracy in his homeland.

Besides the standard collegiate degrees offered at Milton, students may elect from one to three years of pre-professional work. A business department is offered under the leadership of Professor Leland W. Hulett. A strong school of music and dramatics is doing outstanding work. The choral union of 120 voices presents great oratorios and the college choir of 50 voices carries out an extensive concert tour each year.

The school of dramatics has staged annually since 1905 a Shakespearean play at commencement time and presents a high class modern production annually. The Satellite Guild also gives dramatic programs on the schedule of student activities.

The Student Christian Association is taking the place of the YMCA and YWCA that ceased to function during the war and is serving spiritually on the campus. The athletic program has expanded and Milton College won three conference championships last year and has even brighter prospects during 1949-1950. — Contributed.

"OUT OF THE MOUTH OF — —"

An infidel lecturer came to a certain town in the West. He delivered his lectures night after night. Toward the last night he said, "Now I have proved to you that Jesus Christ is a myth. You do not have to believe in Him any more."

Then a crude man stepped out from the crowd and said, "Brother, wait a minute. I am an ignorant man. I haven't any education. I don't understand what a myth is, but listen; I want you to explain this: Five years ago I was a drunkard. Five years ago I was a gambler. Five years ago I was an adulterer. Five years ago I abused my wife and children. Five years ago I was an outcast, an outlaw of the worst kind. No one had any regard for me. A man came to this town. He preached the Lord Jesus Christ to me. I accepted Him as my Saviour; I enthroned Him as Lord. I haven't taken a drop of liquor since. I have a good job, a happy home, good furniture, a little money in the bank, and the respect of my fellow men. What you mean by a myth I don't know, but I believe in this Jesus with all my heart, and I am willing to take my chances with Him." — Selected, Bulletin, The Evangelical Seventh Day Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Front Cover Picture

THANKSGIVING DAY

This 180-foot monument, largest granite statue in the world, stands in Plymouth, Mass., to commemorate the achievements of the Pilgrims who arrived there on the Mayflower in 1620. The central figure, carrying a Bible and resting one foot on a replica of the Plymouth Rock, represents Faith. The seated figures symbolize Education (left), Freedom, and Morality. Another on the opposite side is Law. The monument was erected in 1889.

—RNS Photo.

NEWS in the WORLD OF RELIGION By W.W. REID

"We are grateful to Almighty God for the abundant mercies shown this past year to the children of men," says the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. "Fear, confusion of purpose, and the economic destruction left by the war have been lessened by constructive measures of co-operation within the United Nations and among the free societies. Tensions between the Soviet Union and the Western nations have been eased somewhat, and new, though limited, efforts to negotiate have been made. Fresh hope has stirred the hearts of anxious men, and released new energies of the spirit for the tasks ahead. For this present victory of peace, the Churches of Christ rejoice."

Many Church leaders are today quoting to their people some phrases from Washington's first Thanksgiving Day Proclamation (1795), and noting the similarity of national and international conditions. After expressing thankfulness for the establishment of the nation, and America's freedom from the current wars in Europe, Washington urged people to pray God "to imprint on our hearts a deep and solemn sense of our obligations to Him for them (blessings); to teach us rightly to estimate their immense value; to preserve us from the arrogance of prosperity, and from hazarding the advantages we enjoy by delusive pursuits; to dispose us to merit the continuance of His favors by not abusing them, by our gratitude for them, and by a correspondent conduct as citizens and men; to render this country a more and more safe and propitious asylum for the unfortunate of other countries; to extend among us true and useful knowledge; to diffuse and establish habits of sobriety, order, morality, and piety, and finally, to impart all the blessings we possess, or ask for ourselves, to the whole family of mankind."

In thousands of communities across the United States, people are being told in newspapers, by radio, by outdoor posters, and by "car-cards" that religion is an important in-

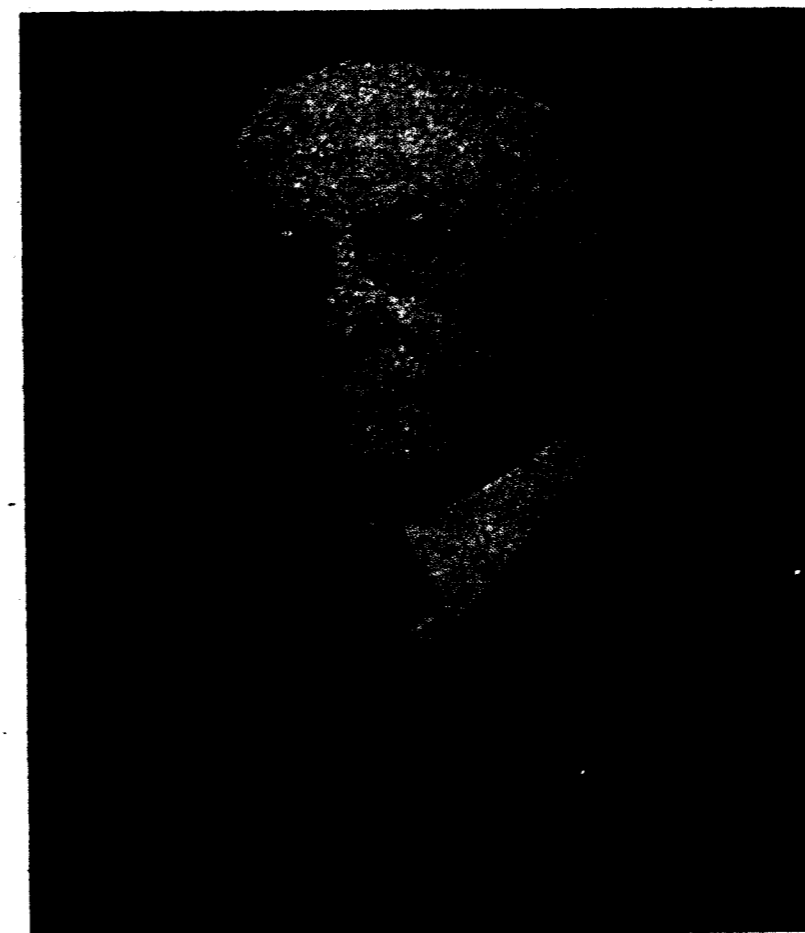
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ADDRESS

By Dr. Corliss F. Randolph
President, Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society
Seventh Day Baptist Building,
Plainfield, N. J.

(Read by Rev. Albert N. Rogers on the program of the Historical Society at General Conference, Riverside Calif., August 16-21, 1949.)

Though the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society was organized and incorporated in 1916, thirty-three years ago, this is not the president's thirty-third annual address, since there were years when no programme of the Historical Society was presented to the General Conference.



Dr. Corliss F. Randolph

Though the president's address usually takes on the form of an informal report, this year it is not an annual report, in any full sense, of the activities of the society during the past year. Rather, it is a very brief and informal retrospect of its past, from its beginning.

The society was organized with a debt of \$1,000, borrowed to pay for a small, but very valuable collection of books relating to the German Seventh Day Baptists of Ephrata, Pa.; gathered by Dr. Julius F. Sachse, of Philadelphia, the historian of this Ephrata community. These books are among the most sought after of

early American books, commanding, even at that time, from \$200 to \$400 a volume. This collection was so small that it filled but three or four ordinary suitcases in which it was carried away from the library of Dr. Sachse.

The loan of \$1,000 was soon paid, and the society has never been in debt since. Moreover, its library now numbers several thousands of titles, and occupies the entire third floor of the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield, N. J., as a library and museum, besides the commodious attic of that building as a storeroom. The library and museum have grown so that it has become necessary to use several rooms of the second floor where, among other things, there is displayed in a fine dust-proof case a beautiful silk banner made by the women of our Church in Shanghai, China, and sent by them to our Missionary Society in the early 1880's. In the Board Room on that floor, is erected against the wall, an artistically lettered large tablet — a solid block of pine wood — dedicated to the memory of Dr. and Mrs. Abram Herbert Lewis, erected by their children in the old home Church at Berlin, Wis. When this Church was abandoned subsequently, interested friends carefully removed the tablet and then sent it to the Historical Society for preservation.

Our most valuable books and papers, including the Sachse collection, and the very precious records of a considerable number of our Churches, are kept in our fireproof vaults — both the one on the third floor, and that on the second floor where we occupy three fourths of its space.

The attic, which we are using as a storeroom, is in the rough state in which the builders originally left it, inadequately lighted, and books and papers stored there are often of difficult access. It needs to be finished into the large, handsome room of which it is capable. This can be done with inexpensive material suitable for that purpose, then adequately lighted, and furnished with plain dustproof cases suitable for the easily accessible storage of books and papers now necessarily packed away in such a manner as to be all but inaccessible.

We are also sadly in need of another bookcase to be built on the second floor like the one already erected there to take care of our excess number of the better class of books, with others constantly arriving. **You will observe that we are a growing concern.**

Shall I name a few, a very few of our treasures? Well, from our old Mill Yard Church in London, Eng., we are entrusted with its oldest existing book of records. We have a stool from its old house of worship (destroyed in the early 1880's to make way for a railroad), several framed portraits of our old-time English worthies, and a magnificent, tall, eight-day clock which belonged to a former pastor of that Church. From our old-time Newport Church, we have its contribution box, used as contribution plates are used now. For safekeeping, the Church at Shiloh, N. J., has lent us its old-time Communion cup, of solid silver — one of three such cups, given, each, to Shiloh, First Hopkinton, and Newport by Hannah Martin, of Newport. There is one of the little copper individual Communion cups, made and used by the pastor of this — the Riverside — Church, while on recent war service as a chaplain on one of the dreary isles of the Pacific. There is the little oil lamp used by Rev. Peter Miller, up at Ephrata, Pa., while translating the Declaration of Independence into various continental European languages for the Continental Congress. Beside the lamp is the hourglass which Peter Miller used while preaching.

I could name many more treasures of interest, had I time. Even so, I must mention one of the many family Bibles which we have — the old West family Bible, with its voluminous family records presented to our society by Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Moore, of this Church. Such records answer many of the numerous inquiries we receive from those wanting to complete a family record — possibly to join the Sons, or Daughters, of the American Revolution. It may be worth noting that these patriotic societies are the means of teaching hundreds of American citizens something of the history of their country, something which, perhaps, they would never otherwise know. It may be noted

here that we have the original commissions of officers in the Revolution and other wars in which this country has been engaged.

On occasion, we are asked to assist a Church making ready for a given celebration, a Church whose records are not as full as could be wished. A few years ago, one of our Churches wrote us saying that it was about to celebrate its centennial, but that its earlier records were missing, and could we help. We could, and virtually reconstructed the first fifty years of its history in its entirety; but it took many weeks of tireless, painstaking research to do so. At the present time, and on our own motion, we are engaged in an attempt to trace out the origin of one of our oldest Churches. This project has already consumed much time in research, and doubtless will consume far more before the task is finished. Again, we are assisting one of our friends in his task of tracing out the history of certain of our early Seventh Day Baptist industries, a subject to which little attention has been given hitherto.

One most important task concerns the early history of our Mill Yard Church in London — really the beginning of Seventh Day Baptists among English-speaking peoples. The claim has been set up by an English Baptist historian of repute that the Mill Yard Church, in its earliest days, was not, as we have long believed, a Sabbathkeeping Church. This is a most serious question to every Seventh Day Baptist, and no effort should be spared to establish the exact truth in the premise, and that at as early a date as possible. For reasons which will not be entered into here, the man making this claim does not "come into court with clean hands"; besides, a most honest and painstaking investigator may be in error on occasion. At all events, this presents a definite challenge which we cannot ignore, and it is hoped that the necessary means will be provided to meet it in the very near future. The earliest records of the Mill Yard Church were destroyed, and considerable research in England will be required to settle the question.

In so far as opportunity offers, we are encouraging our Churches to trace out and

establish an accurate, dependable record of their respective earlier histories. This should be done by thorough, painstaking investigators. True, the most careful historian may be misled by records later shown to be at fault; but a careful Church clerk may usually be depended upon for facts, though he may not be capable of properly assembling and evaluating them. Unfortunately, many original records are lost — some definitely destroyed from mistaken notions of propriety. In such instances, other records, such as may be available, must be used.

The major part of our society's programme today is the history of the Riverside Church — the host of this session of our General Conference. That the man who has undertaken its preparation is fully competent for such a task, I do not need to assure you. Nor need I assure you that he has spared no pains in searching out the records for such a history. If I mistake not, every member of the Riverside Church has been impressed into that service — a service which I am sure has been freely and cheerfully given. At the conclusion of reading his paper, there will be opportunity for reminiscences not included in a formal history.

Mr. Duane Hurley is well known to all Seventh Day Baptists as a recent editor of the Sabbath Recorder; and far too well known to everybody in Riverside to need any formal introduction on this programme.

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gradient of American life and that they should attend the Churches of their faith. The movement known as "Religion in American Life" is being impressed upon the nation's people during November (the month of Thanksgiving and of the Mayflower Compact), and the large-scale publicity of all media is being given free of charge through the Advertising Council which was created during World War II by American businessmen. A major goal is to have the American people support the Churches of their faith and attend their services regularly. The campaign has the support of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ and the Synagogue Council of America, while many Roman Catholic leaders promote it also. "Our purpose is to help strengthen the moral and spiritual

MRS. GEORGE THORNGATE WRITES FROM SHANGHAI

(Excerpts from a letter written
September 17, 1949.)

We are having quite a busy week with much phoning and coming and going, as Jay Koo, having been thwarted in his efforts to go abroad for more training, has decided to be married, tomorrow being the big day. He is to have a room in this house and has been busy moving in furniture given to him by his aunt. . . . He is going to teach in school and do what work he can with the young people, as we don't know how long such work can be carried on.

School opened this week much as usual. We were afraid that the enrollment would be much curtailed because of difficulty families are having in raising the fees, and because of more emphasis on the public school training, but the enrollment is down only 5% and that in the lowest grades. (The chapel and courses in Christianity are continued on voluntary and extra-curricular bases, respectively, she reports.)

The work at Liuho wags along about the same. We could handle more patients and wish Sarah were on deck to organize the nurses. We were out there a week ago Sunday, going on a wood-burning bus, smoky and poky but interesting that an engine can be toggled up to "chug" along that way. It took about a bushel of chips to do the 30 miles in 2½ hours. They are fitting out the city buses, some of them for charcoal which is more efficient. A typhoon early in the summer did considerable damage at Liuho, as well as at Shanghai. But they have been free at Liuho from air raids, and the property here has not suffered.

The Church work goes on with the usual enthusiasm. During the summer we had an alumni Church service on Friday evenings, which we are struggling now to keep from becoming just another preaching service.

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foundations of the nation," says General Electric President Charles E. Wilson, who chairs the sponsoring laymen's committee.

So far "Thorn" has been reasonably busy at the office, though many of his patients will be going home on the General Gordon next week. He has quite a little clinic (mealtimes usually) of Chinese here at the house, and finds the drugs which the hospital was given by the American people a godsend.

An encouraging facet of the work here is the sewing project Mary Chang is carrying on at Liuho. She has had a class of 12 learning sewing machines (helping them make garments for their families) and now we have invested in stocking knitters. A Shanghai Church member who does that sort of work is going out to install them and teach the countrywomen. Mary also teaches "Jesus Christ" you may be sure. She will start another class at the end of three months.

Will you tell the Westerly women, who gave Koo Kya Liang (Jay) \$50 for his education, that we had saved that for him, and recently I turned it over to him saying that I thought the ladies would be happy to have it used for some of the home furnishings needed when he was married? However, more than half of it he still has put aside hoping after this year he may do further work in Bible study. I hope this will work out. At present his bride is teaching kindergarten at a Y.W.C.A. school for workers' children, I believe.

Love to you all.

Helen.

(We do not know just what the typhoon damage may mean regarding Liuho, but suppose that Mrs. Thorngate refers to the town of Liuho rather than to our buildings especially. D. S. C.)

ON BEGINNING THE NEW YEAR

As a part of the United Evangelistic Advance, the national committee is urgently recommending that every local Church and minister plan to hold a Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve from 11-12 o'clock. There should be an attempt to have every member present for this great service of fellowship and prayer. Much time during the hour should be given to prayer in behalf of many things.

By each congregation having its own membership at such a Watch Night Service, the combined attendance of all the Churches of the community can far exceed the attendance of those at taverns, night clubs, and cocktail parties. If others choose to celebrate the new year in drunkenness and revelry, let Christians celebrate its coming in prayer. Time is the gift of God. The new year is a new beginning.

Then, to follow this Watch Night Service immediately with a 24-hour Vigil of Prayer from midnight to midnight, is recommended also by the National Committee of the United Evangelistic Advance. Again, this plan should be worked out in each local Church, whether large or small. The minister or a committee should assign the 24 hours to individuals and families and to Bible school classes and other organizations of the local membership. He should work out subjects for prayer for those participating. Some can participate in this Vigil of Prayer in their homes and others at the Church. Those ministers who have followed this plan during the last several years, of a 24-hour Vigil of Prayer, state that the plan has greatly blessed their Churches.

We need to remind ourselves that New Year's Day is the first day of the last year in this half century. This last year should see the greatest moral and spiritual progress that has ever been made in a like period in America. This cannot be done apart from prayer which is the privilege and responsibility of every Christian.

Also, on New Year's Day, which comes on a Sunday, every minister is urged to preach on the text, 2 Chronicles 7: 14, "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (ASV.) Each minister may use any subject for this text which he feels is appropriate. America needs Christ and Christ needs America. (Our December 31st services will demand just as much, if not more, timeliness of speech.)

The Universal Week of Prayer will be held next January 1-8, 1950. The

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REPORT FROM WESTERLY

(Annual report of the Woman's Society of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church for the year ending April 5, 1949.)

The Woman's Aid Society of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church has held ten regular all-day meetings with an average attendance of twenty members. One meeting was canceled due to a severe snowstorm. We also held a meeting under the supervision of Mrs. Mary G. Jacobson, Home Demonstration Agent, who demonstrated the making of slip covers. All women interested in the project were cordially invited to attend.

We have served two luncheons, February 8 and March 29, which were well attended.

We sewed for the Christmas Sale, the Westerly Hospital, and the Red Cross.

The first regular meeting was held October 5, 1948. Meetings were held bi-weekly thereafter except when canceled, until April 5, 1949. Our regular activities were carried on.

We served the Annual Harvest Supper on November 2; the Annual Christmas Sale, December 7, the Greenback Luncheon, February 15, and the opening of the Mite Boxes, March 15. The proceeds of the foregoing events have been added to our treasury.

The yearly Alfred Scholarship was given to Victor Burdick.

We have contributed to the following projects: Subscriptions to the Sabbath Recorder, \$10; Community Chest, \$20; Denominational Budget, \$300; Ministerial Retirement Fund, \$100; Red Cross, \$15; Music for use in our Church in Jamaica, B. W. I., \$25, plus postage.

Also, numerous personal gifts, besides articles of clothing and other things, were sent to the needy abroad.

Miss Carrie Saunders of the Sunshine Committee has sent 122 cards this year.

We have just ended another busy and successful year under the efficient leadership of our president, Mrs. Edgar P. Maxson, and with the co-operation of our members.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary V. Nichols,
Secretary.

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION FOR LAYMEN

(Written by request by Mrs. E. W. Barbur, member of the Adams Center, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church.)

Dear Mr. Sutton:

I feel that any attempt on my part to describe the social and spiritual value of my two weeks' attendance at Cornell's Town and Country Summer School would be very inadequate. I should say that it was very much like the feeling one experiences after attending an especially inspirational General Conference, except that one actually goes to school, and the participants, from almost all of the known leading Protestant denominations, are working and living together.

The ten-day course included a Pastors' School, Choir Directors' Course, and a Rural Laboratory School. The Rural Drama Workshop had to be dropped due to the small registration.

Although I am a Seventh Day Baptist, the Rutland Congregational Church of the community in which I work in Vacation Bible School, made it possible for me to attend, paying all expenses except for a scholarship which they received from a Mr. Howland of New York City which took care of more than half of the expense.

Rev. Harvey D. Hoover, Professor of Practical Theology, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa., in a series of lectures on the Bible, showed a very definite relationship between the Bible, Christ,

Churches in many communities will want to unite to make this an outstanding week when prayer will be made in behalf of many interests, causes, and persons. The Week of Prayer booklet, containing seven daily topics carefully worked out for all who participate in the services, may be ordered from the Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. The price is 5 cents per copy; 10% discount on orders of 200 copies or more.

The Advance is on! The day of march has come for the evangelization of America! 1950 can be a year of unprecedented evangelism. Will it be so in your Church?

D. S. C.

and the soil and all who work with it and its produce.

Dr. Albert Rasmussen, Professor of Social Ethics and Sociology of Religion, the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y., lectured largely to the ministers. I was impressed, in the few times that I heard him, by the frankness and fearlessness with which he attacked our listlessness in our fight for the cause of Christ. His statements, two of which I quote, reminded me of the fireworks on the Fourth of July: "The Church is a divine community;" "The Church as it works now smashes more communities because of its hates and snobbishness than any criminal organization."

The Choir Directors' Course was a beginners' course for present or future leaders of senior and junior choirs in villages and open country Churches. Selection of anthems and hymns, history of music in the Church, correct breathing, and directing and planning for music festivals were included in the course.

The purpose of the Rural Laboratory School which I went primarily to attend, was to help children's leaders in town and country Churches to become more effective Christian leaders.

An Observation School was held at Asbury Methodist Church outside of Ithaca. We watched, and then during the last week were given an opportunity to do practice teaching, under sympathetic guidance, in the part of the work most difficult for us. Each day we received instruction before the work of the day began, then held an evaluation session at the close of the day's work.

In the absence of Mrs. McWhirter, Mrs. Lulu Hathaway, wife of the Baptist minister in the Gaines-Albion, N. Y., Larger Parish, very ably directed the school with Miss Winifred Reed, a Presbyterian, I believe, from Old Forge, N. Y., and Mrs. George Moody, Gilboa, N. Y., a Methodist minister's wife and children's work specialist, took charge of the two younger groups of children. Mrs. Hathaway's work, and the children and adults with whom she worked, were very close to her heart. I don't know when I have worked with anyone quite so filled with the true spirit of Christ.

Mr. Stanley Skinner and a Mr. Williamson worked untiringly to insure the school's success, and to all participating, comfort and satisfaction.

I was so thrilled with this very unusual experience that I wished each member of a rural or small town community might be able to share it. I wish especially that another Seventh Day Baptist, working with children and young people, might attend next year, or conduct a course of their own at one of the colleges or seminaries. Perhaps we might work with the one at Ithaca. Slides are being made of some of the activities, many of which I have not even mentioned.

I should like to take this opportunity to urge our people to give the matter serious consideration, and to make it possible for their leaders or prospective leaders to attend.

Yours in Christian work,
Mrs. E. W. Barbur.

Calvary

(Written by Miss Elma Swenson, Viborg, S. Dak., a student at a Baptist college in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The members of her family are lone Sabbathkeepers, and belong to the North Loup, Neb., Seventh Day Baptist Church.)

I knelt at the Cross last night,
And met my Saviour there.
He'd walked that road alone,
My sins and cross to bear.

I saw the thorn-crowned brow,
His bleeding hands and side;
I saw the pain and agony
He knew before He died.

I lifted my tear-dimmed eyes,
I saw a Cross, by the light
Of the thundering stormy sky —
And then it was gone in the night.

But suddenly through the darkness,
I felt a warmth and peace;
And there was a light from heaven
With the song that will never cease,

From the beautiful voices of angels,
White and pure with the light,
Surrounding the throne of Christ,
Triumphant over the night.

That is the Saviour I know,
Who walks with me each day;
The Christ that will live forever
As He leads me all the way.

He'll lead me up that Calvary road —
But instead of the grief and pain,
I'll leave my burden at the Cross,
And Christ will have victory again.

Now we'll climb those golden stairs
Into the light of the throne;
I'll live forever in heaven
With the Christ who has led me home.

Interesting Items from Annual Sabbath School Reports

The total enrollment for fifty-one schools reporting is 2,719. Thirteen schools did not send in their reports. It is very disappointing not to have reports from all schools so that a complete report on enrollment can be made to the International Council.

There were seventeen Vacation Bible Schools held during the past summer with the total enrollment of 964.

The annual reports show that Sabbath schools contributed money to the following worthy objects: youth camps, state council of Churches, Denominational Budget, One Hundred Sabbaths of Service, European Relief, the Lord's Acre, Missionary Board, Anti-Saloon League, John Milton Society for the Blind, The Beacon, and purchase of songbooks for the Church.

CHURCH NEWS

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Mr. and Mrs. Claire Barber, Mrs. Harlan Brennick, Mrs. Myra T. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox, and Mrs. Cora Hemphill were appointed as delegates to the Mid-Continent Association which was held in Boulder, Colo., October 7-9.

Delegates were also appointed to sit in council at the ordination of the Boulder Church pastor, Leland E. Davis. Roy Cox was moderator of the association, and Dell Barber, Church representative. Rev. A. Clyde Ehret was asked to preach the ordination sermon, and also to represent Dean Ahva J. C. Bond of the School of Theology. The theme selected for the

association program was "Fields of Service."

Mrs. A. Clyde Ehret, who had been in the St. Francis Hospital in Grand Island, Neb., was taken to Rochester, Minn., on October 19 by Rev. Mr. Ehret, for care at the Mayo Clinic. Mrs. Ehret is slowly improving.

The committee which planned and carried out the serving of meals at the school-house on Pop Corn Days, and lunches at the stand, should be given hearty thanks for the splendid work done. Many favorable comments were heard as to the quality of the food and the service. The money raised will go to the Lord's Acre Project.

Mrs. W. G. Johnson, who was head of the committee from both of the women's societies to serve meals and lunches on Pop Corn Days reported that over \$200 was cleared by the project. Special thanks are due Mr. and Mrs. Horace Williams, who managed the stand on Main Street, which brought in a nice sum of money.

The Ladies' Missionary Circle is undertaking two projects at present. They are planning to assist in sending packages for overseas relief, the articles to be dedicated on World Community Day, November 4. Mrs. Edward Christiansen is chairman of this project. The second project is collecting articles for a Christmas package to be shipped to a family in Sophia, Bulgaria. — Myra T. Barber, Correspondent, and gleaned from North Loup Church Bulletins.

SHILOH, N. J. — Rev. Lester G. Osborn installed the new officers for the Shiloh Sabbath School, October 1, in the Church. These include: Superintendent, William Richardson, Jr.; assistant superintendent, Arthur LaTourette; secretary, Mrs. Marion P. Ferguson; assistant secretaries, Mrs. Hannah S. West, Miss Marilyn Osborn; treasurer, Harold Fogg, Jr.; graded superintendent, Mrs. Bernice M. Davis; primary superintendent, Mrs. Lillian Newkirk; assistant, Mrs. Martie T. Hitchner; cradle roll superintendent, Mrs. Nellie Randolph; temperance, Mrs. Erma Fogg; home department, Mrs. Sara F. Bowen; historian, Mrs. Annabelle Bowden; choristers, David S. Davis, Leroy Raincar, Owen Probasco, Howard Scull, Jr.; contest supt., Everett

Dickinson; flower committee, Miss Lorraine Rainear. The nominating committee was comprised of Mrs. Ella Sheppard, Mrs. Theresa Parvin, and David Davis. Yearly reports on graduates receiving certificates were given by the cradle roll superintendent, Mrs. Martie Hitchner; primary superintendent, Mrs. Lillian Newkirk; graded superintendent, Mrs. Beulah Davis. The newly organized class, which consists of a mixed high school group, is being taught by Charles F. Harris.

The primary department is crowded at the present time. A committee of three members from the Benevolent Society has been chosen to arrange for raising funds to meet the situation which exists there.

A film, "Out of the Night," was shown at the West District Rally held October 11 in the Church and sponsored by the local W.C.T.U. There was a large attendance to see this soul-stirring film. — Martie T. Hitchner, Correspondent.

BOULDER, COLO. — The Boulder Church took the occasion of the Mid-Continent Association meeting, held here October 7-9 as an appropriate time for two events of special interest to us. We refer to the ordination of our pastor, Rev. Leland E. Davis, and to the service conferring the honor of Pastor Emeritus upon Rev. Erlo E. Sutton who served this Church prior to the installation of Pastor Davis.

Each meeting in the series was rich in spiritual blessing and the joy of Christian fellowship with visiting delegates. The details of the entire program will appear in another article by the secretary of the association.

After the opening devotional singing Sabbath morning, Rev. A. Clyde Ehret, of North Loup, Neb., conferred the honor upon Pastor Sutton, speaking of the close friendship between the two since early childhood and of his happiness in having a part in giving this unusual honor.

Immediately after this ceremony the ordination council was called to order by the moderator of the Church, Orville Rasmussen. This council consisted of thirty-six members of the four Churches who took seats in a body at the front of the Church.

Rev. Verney A. Wilson of Nortonville,

Kan., was elected chairman of the council; and Mrs. Jane Bottoms of Boulder was elected clerk.

Rev. Mr. Wilson offered prayer after which the candidate gave his statement of Christian experience and belief. After questions and discussion by the council, a unanimous affirmative vote was cast for Pastor Davis.

After congregational singing of the hymn, "Give of Your Best to the Master," Rev. Mr. Ehret read the Scripture and offered prayer.

A trio from the Boulder Church, Mrs. Herbert Saunders, Mrs. Leland Davis, and Mrs. Bayard Rood, sang, "Have You Been to Calvary?"

The ordination sermon, "Sowing the Seed," was preached by Rev. Mr. Ehret.

Rev. Francis Saunders of the Denver Church gave the charge to the candidate; and Rev. Mr. Wilson gave the charge to the Church.

All deacons and deaconesses who were present came to the platform to take part in the service of the laying on of hands, while Rev. Mr. Sutton offered the prayer of consecration.

A welcome to the ministry was given by Rev. Mr. Ehret in which he spoke informally to "Leland," recalling his memories of Pastor Davis' childhood and early manhood, and the interest he has felt through the years in our pastor's Christian development.

After a hymn, Pastor Davis dismissed us with the benediction.

We cannot adequately express the happiness that comes with such a Christian experience — but we can resolve to continue in that happiness by our united efforts to bring about "His will on earth."

We are deeply grateful that the Lord has seen fit to send us such a consecrated, able leader, and it is our hope that he may find in us many of the Christian graces which will encourage him and be of practical aid to him in his chosen work. — Mrs. Bayard Rood, Correspondent.

WESTERLY, R. I. — Over 200 Church members and friends were on hand to meet Rev. Charles H. Bond, newly installed pastor of the Pawcatuck Seventh

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OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My name is Megan Parry. I am five years old and my baby sister, Wyn, is one. I love my sister. I am quite a bit like Sally in your father's story. Wyn is not supposed to have my colors because she breaks them and puts them in her mouth. Instead of snatching them from her I find something else she likes to play with and then take the colors.

I have two goldfish, Cleo and Mercury.

There is a candy store ~~at~~ across the street.

We see my cousins, Gwynneth and Steve Clarke, at the Wilsons at Church every Sabbath afternoon.

Yours truly,

Megan Parry.

713 North 25th Street,
Philadelphia 30, Pa.

(Written by Meg's mother,
Nell Bond Parry.)

Dear Megan:

I am so glad your mother has written this nice letter for you. I am sure it will not be very long before you will write to me yourself instead of telling her what to write. Perhaps your mother has told you that I have known her ever since she was a very little girl.

I'm glad you are so thoughtful of your little sister. A little boy I know and love is also five years old. He has a baby sister just twelve days old today. He wanted a baby brother but loves his baby sister just the same. So he went to the place some lumber is stored and built her a rocking horse. He used two pieces from the curved storm windows for the living room. Since they were stored with lumber that he was allowed to pound and saw, he didn't know the difference. So his daddy didn't punish him.

Lovingly yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My grandmother has been reading your stories in the Sabbath Recorder to my

Sabbath school class. We like your stories, so I am going to tell you about my pets. My little dog is called Midge. She likes to chase cats and barks when a stranger comes near the house. She will chase the ball when I throw it.

We also have a big, black, long-haired cat named Joe. He likes to be petted but not on his back.

I am seven years old and I am in second grade.

I hope some other little girls will write.

Love,

Michal Vincent,

Independence Sabbath School.

R. D. 2, Andover, N. Y.

Dear Michal:

How pleased I was to receive your good letter and learn about your nice pets. I was especially glad to hear from you since I already know and love you. Also, I was glad to hear from you because I love Independence and its fine people. Please do write often.

My brother and I had a dog for only a few weeks; he was just a puppy and full of mischief. He would tear up anything he could get within the reach of his sharp claws. One day a small cousin was visiting us and naughty Prince tore a great hole in the front of her new dress. The next day my father gave Prince away while we were at school. We never had another dog but each of us had a kitty instead. We called them Dick and May. Weren't those funny names for cats? I think many cats object to being petted on the back. Dick would growl when his back was petted. Eleanor's cat, Skeezics, would crawl under the bed if we rubbed his back. We had Skeezics for nearly fifteen years.

Joyce is mourning the loss of her dog, Blackie, which was sick and died. Gretchen's kitty, Pinkie, was run over by a car. So, now they pet the dog and cat next door.

I like to write stories for our Children's Page, but best of all I enjoy children's letters. I think other people enjoy the letters, too. That's a gentle hint for you and other Recorder children.

Your loving friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, October 31, 1949

Receipts	
	October
Balance on hand Sept. 30	\$ 29.47
Albion	30.00
Associations and groups	122.76
Battle Creek	142.90
Brookfield, First	15.00
Brookfield, Second	18.25
Chicago	30.00
Daytona Beach	19.50
Denver	19.55
De Ruyter	69.73
Edinburg	7.87
Farina	15.00
Friendship	10.00
Hebron, First	7.77
Independence	27.00
Little Genesee	72.25
Middle Island	11.43
Milton	283.51
Milton Junction	96.38
Nortonville	10.00
Piscataway	23.50
Plainfield	198.65
Rochester	15.00
Rockville	5.70
Salem	84.36
Salemville	5.00
Shiloh	424.47
Walworth	10.00

Waterford	28.65	
White Cloud	33.95	
Total receipts (including balance)	\$1,867.65	
Disbursements		
	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 425.99	\$ 64.25
Tract Society	307.98	20.00
Board of		
Christian Education	236.02	5.00
Women's Society	7.89	30.00
Historical Society	36.65	
Ministerial Retirement	119.94	162.40
S. D. B. Building	43.36	
General Conference	181.04	
World Fellowship and Service	11.18	
Committee on Relief Appeals		66.54
Debt repayment:		
Missionary Society	44.74	
Tract Society	52.29	
Board of		
Christian Education	13.91	
S. D. B. Building	9.00	
Totals	\$1,489.99	\$ 348.19
Balance on hand Oct. 31	\$ 29.47	
	D. N. Inglis,	Acting Treasurer.
	Milton, Wis.	

Day Baptist Church, and Mrs. Bond, at a reception tendered them Thursday evening, October 20, in the Church vestry.

In the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Bond were Karl G. Stillman, president of the Church corporation, and Mrs. Stillman, and Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor emeritus, and Mrs. Crandall.

Members of the Westerly Pastors' Association were present to honor their newest member, as well as representatives from other Churches including the Seventh Day Baptist Churches in Waterford, Rockville, Ashaway, and Hopkinton.

Deacons of the Church, J. Perry Clarke, Dr. Edwin Whitford, John W. Gavitt, Hiram W. Barber, Jr., and Elwin A. Kenyon, were ushers. Their wives poured coffee and tea, prepared by the reception committee.

Arrangements for the reception were in charge of Mrs. Anton Obermann, who was assisted by Mrs. Jessie Ferguson. Mrs. Eli Loofboro, Mrs. Edgar P. Maxson, Miss Rachael Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Elston H. Van Horn, Mrs. Gene Van Horn, Mrs. Elwin A. Kenyon, Sr., Mrs. Sylvia Loughhead, and Mrs. Charles H. Witter.

Music was arranged by Gene Van Horn.
—The Westerly Sun.

MILTON, WIS. — The education committee and board of trustees of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church have announced the appointment of Kenneth E. Smith as a part-time member of the Church staff, beginning September 15.

Mr. Smith's work with the Church will include directorship of the junior high and high school youth programs; editor of the Church news bulletin; and minister of the junior Church.

Mr. Smith, who is preparing for the Christian ministry, comes from Westerly, R. I., where he is a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. Previous to coming to Milton, he completed two years of college work at Salem College, Salem, W. Va. During his second year at Salem, Mr. Smith served as student pastor of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, Lost Creek, W. Va. He was the director of Camp Joy, a Seventh Day Baptist Youth camp, this past summer.

Mr. Smith was married on September 4 to Miss Dorothy Heinig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Heinig, of Milton Junction. He expects to continue his college course at Milton College, beginning the second semester. — Contributed.

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