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Conference President's Corner

FERVENT IN SPIRIT

We can show a fervent spirit in our giving as well as in our other activities. Last year we raised 96 per cent of our budget. This is highly commendable in light of what we have done in the past and gives hope that even more can be accomplished in the future. The budget committee is continuing many of the methods used successfully last year. Again we are calling for volunteers to subscribe one day to the Denominational Budget. This year the amount will be \$102.05. Your Conference president and his wife are starting the list and hope that there will be many new names added. I hope also that an increasing number of our members will join me in adopting tithing as a system of giving. We could not only readily raise our budget but also greatly increase our denominational program if tithing were to become more universal.

Statistics compiled by the United Stewardship Council show that for the year 1948 the per capita giving of 52 denominations varied from \$1.92 to \$130.20. Seventh Day Baptists were 32nd on the list with an average of \$27.02. We can and should do much better.

In order to lay greater emphasis on giving this year we would urge each Church to set aside the last Sabbath of each quarter as budget or gift Sabbath. Emphasis by the minister and a member of the local canvassing committee or other laymen, along with a special offering, should do much toward keeping our treasurer's books balanced. Keeping our bills paid up to date is good business and improves our credit and self respect. As Christians we should be "not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

As we approach the Christmas season we will be planning many gifts for others. In our planning let us make our largest gift to the One who gave so much for us.

Lloyd D. Seager,
Conference President,
for the Committee on Budget Promotion.

BUDGET SABBATH

Dr. Lloyd D. Seager, Conference president, proposes a Budget Sabbath. He does so on behalf of the Committee on Budget Promotion which held a meeting recently at Alfred, N. Y.

Budget Sabbath will be observed on the last Sabbath of each quarter. It is proposed that Churches set aside the last Sabbath of each quarter on which the interests of the Denominational Budget will be brought to the fore. Special emphasis by the pastor and by a member of the local committee responsible for the every member canvass is urged. "Or," as Dr. Seager points out, "other laymen" might well stress the interests of the Denominational Budget. Also, a special offering on Budget Sabbath is proposed. Certainly we want to do our utmost to co-operate with the plans of the Conference Committee on Budget Promotion for raising the Denominational Budget in full. As the Conference president figures it, instead of \$95 per day as last year, the amount of \$102.05 per day is required this year if the total Denominational Budget of \$37,250 is raised. Budget Sabbath is one means by which this is to be done.

December 31 will be the first Budget Sabbath in this Conference fiscal year. The time is short for publicity and promotion. Yet, December 31, following Christmas and at the threshold of the New Year, can be made an occasion of deep spiritual significance and blessing.

WANTED

\$5,000

as a special offering on the first Budget Sabbath, December 31, and 50 individuals, families, and groups to pledge at least one full day's support (\$102) of the Denominational Budget by December 31.

A goal of \$5,000 is not too much to expect as a special offering on the first Budget Sabbath. One dollar each will do it. Let us do our share, and more.

Then, let us give Dr. and Mrs. Seager the lift of their lives by joining them in underwriting a day's support of the Denominational Budget. Will forty-nine individuals, families, and groups add their names to the list by Budget Sabbath, December 31?

Remember, a special offering of \$5,000 on Budget Sabbath, December 31, and 50 days of the Denominational Budget to be underwritten by then.

If you, or some group in which you are active, will underwrite the Denominational Budget for a day or fraction thereof, please inform Dr. Lloyd D. Seager, 4809 W. 31st Street, Little Rock, Ark.

Freely have we received; let us therefore freely give.

GERMAN RELIEF WORK CONTINUES

The article following this editorial is a clear, action-producing statement concerning German relief work by Pastor John G. Schmid of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church of Irvington, N. J.

Let us consider Pastor Schmid's statement point by point.

First, it is in keeping with the Christian compassion of our people that a number should be inquiring of Pastor Schmid the present status of relief for our brethren in Germany. Especially is this true when we recall the early and arduous undertaking by our friends of the Irvington Church not only to be the packing and forwarding agency for food and clothing sent by Seventh Day Baptists and their friends, but also to supply in sacrificial sums the necessary shipping costs when funds were not in hand for the purpose. Particularly is this the case when we remember the blessed privilege that was ours both at the Riverside Conference and in a number of the Churches in meeting and becoming acquainted with Brother Heinrich Bruhn this past summer. Moreover is this so as we have been thrilled by the expressions of appreciation that have come from our brothers in Christ overseas. And as the Holy Spirit reminds us to share our abundant material and spiritual blessings with those of our own faith, how great the joy! We are confident that the let-

ters that Pastor Schmid mentions are typical of the widespread interest in this matter among our people.

Second, German relief "work is going on steadily." The chief need is clothing, "especially men's," which includes undergarments.

Third, no food is being sent to Germany "except to the Russian Zone." Oil and fats only are being sent there.

Fourth, funds to cover shipping charges on clothing, oil, and fats are needed.

Fifth, Pastor Schmid expresses the appreciation of the Irvington folks to those who have shared in the work, and his confidence that help will continue as long as needed.

The careful, inclusive records of Frank Schober, clerk and treasurer of the Irvington Church, reveal what has been accomplished. Pastor Schmid sets forth clearly the specific needs at present. We have been blessed abundantly. It is our privilege and duty to respond to these needs.

GERMAN RELIEF CONTINUES

Perhaps the readers of the Sabbath Recorder will be interested to know that I have received a number of letters recently asking if German relief is to be continued.

In reply, I may say that this work is going on steadily. Clothing (including undergarments) is needed yet, especially men's.

We are not sending food except to the Russian Zone, and only oil and fats there.

We are again in need of funds to defray the expense of forwarding these supplies to Germany.

The generosity and cordial co-operation of our friends in this work in the past are highly appreciated, and I am fully confident that they will continue as long as such help is needed.

John G. Schmid.

27 Otsego Road,
Verona, N. J.

SHARING THE RADIANCE

Let us share the radiance of good cheer and encouragement. Enclosed with a letter from Dr. Herbert N. Wheeler of

Washington, D. C., was a copy of "The Open Window" for June, 1949, which is the annual report number of the Shut-In Society, Inc. In this was his annual report as chairman of the Men's Committee. Mr. Wheeler writes: "I have 120 crippled and blind and aged over the U.S.A. to greet on birthdays and at other times. Perhaps Sabbath Recorder readers would like to know that in spite of handicaps some of these folks do real things and are a comfort to others instead of a burden."

Such an attitude and spirit are certainly encouraging and should make some of us who are so much less handicapped than they are downright ashamed of ourselves for not doing more that is worth while and for not all the time being "a comfort to others instead of a burden."

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Editor Warren:

I'm enclosing an "Open Window" in which is my annual report. Possibly you may find space for it. I have 120 crippled and blind and aged over the U.S.A. to greet on birthdays and at other times. Perhaps Recorder readers would like to know that in spite of handicaps some of these folks do real things and are a comfort to others instead of a burden.

Men's Committee

After the sleep of winter, the miracle of spring is here and the flowers, the leafing trees and shrubs, and the songs of birds, as they go about their courtship and nest building, remind us that the Creator of all things is watching over His own. We ponder on the wonders of God's creation and the mysteries we cannot fathom; but with abiding faith in the future we carry on with courage, determined to fill our places in the scheme of life, and with confidence in what the life hereafter has in store for us. If we feel disheartened and discouraged, we may well contemplate the lives of many, though badly handicapped, lying on beds of sickness or sitting in wheel chairs, or with loss of sight, still carrying on with some useful endeavor or radiating cheer and comfort to those about them or through the mail.

One such person was Jack Massie of Frisco, Tex., who died recently after many years "prone upon his bed, wholly dependent upon others for every necessity of life," and yet completely happy. Space is not sufficient to recount more than a few incidents in his life. He not only made the best of it as we say, but proved a real blessing to all who were fortunate enough to know him. He was blessed with a loving mother who was his close companion and who now misses him greatly. She sent me a memorial leaflet written by Kathryn E. York, from which I quote: "Jack, as he is best known to his friends, suffered a spinal injury, in the West Texas oil fields, causing an arthritic condition that has so stiffened his frame that he is unable to move any part of his body except his right arm and hand. His jaws became locked; but he has, by patient practice and perseverance so perfected lip speaking that one little suspects that he cannot move his jaws in any manner. He has ingeniously devised a unique method of feeding himself, and in no wise reminds one of an invalid." ("He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whose trusteth in the Lord, happy is he." Proverbs 16: 20.)

Jack had never been religious, and during the first year of his illness he spent many sleepless nights in pain, wondering about his condition and if there were a Supreme Being. His sister Kathryn gave him a New Testament which he read completely without stopping. Here he found comfort and happiness, and joined a Baptist Church. He was a member of several shut-in clubs and wrote many letters and sent tracts to pen pals and others in Texas, Canada, and England.

There are other members of the Men's Committee who are active in their individual spheres, radiating cheer and good will to those about them. It is a glorious privilege to have a small part in the lives of these men. In spite of their handicaps and sufferings, they send me cheerful messages in response to birthday greetings. Many are rendering material service in their fields of activity. Paul Campbell of Hammond, La., takes messages for local doctors and keeps them in touch with their patients while the doctors are away

from their offices. Craig S. Little of Spartanburg, S. C., is associate editor of "Cheerful Echoes," the "Voice of the Shut-ins," published in Columbia, S. C. He has written many fine editorials and articles. He is using his influence to combat the modernistic trend in religion and to help thwart the Communistic movement. Others of the Men's Committee are writing religious articles and keeping up spirited correspondence with pen pals, cheering others.

During the past year I have written a letter and sent a small gift to each member of my committee; and my two helpers, Phil McGrath, a wheel chair shut-in in the Home for Incurables, and Raymond Fowler, both of Washington, D. C., have sent cards on birthdays. We have also sent cards at Christmas time, Valentine's Day, and Easter. It is my wish that I could do as much to help and cheer them as they do me.

H. N. Wheeler,
Chairman.

2121 Virginia Ave., NW,
Washington 7, D. C.,
June 14, 1949.

Dear Editor Warren:

Once more I am making a request for a small section of our family paper to tell through this medium of a change of address. Mrs. Jordan and I have removed from Battle Creek, Mich., to Grove City, Pa., to make our home with our daughter and husband, Dr. and Mrs. R. Clark Dawes. We make this request for the convenience of our many friends and acquaintances.

This is a beautifully located college city which has a college of unusual moral, religious, and spiritual atmosphere. Our son-in-law is connected with the department of chemical engineering and metallurgy in the college.

Thank you for the privilege I felt sure you would grant me.

Most sincerely yours,
Henry N. Jordan.

801 Superior Street,
Grove City, Pa.,
November 29, 1949.

A BRIEF STUDY OF THE TITHE

By Dr. Ben R. Crandall
Alfred, N. Y.

What?

Genesis 28: 22; 2 Chronicles 31: 5, 6; Leviticus 27: 30-34. What definite commands are given? What part did the "spirit" of the tithe play? Did Christ abolish the law of the tithe? What present denominations are most persistent in tithing? What is the difference between "giving" and "paying" tithes to God? Should I tithe my time?

Why?

Proverbs 4: 9; Malachi 3: 8. What is the basic reason why I should pledge myself to devote a certain definite portion of my income to God's service and work? What result does tithing have on spiritual life? Why is tithing an antidote for selfishness? Every Christian acknowledges God's ownership. Why aren't praise and thanksgiving enough? Would that satisfy your landlord? "Obedience produces blessing" — Is it so with tithing? By what methods have we pauperized the greatest business on earth? Would the tithe relieve it?

How?

Deuteronomy 26: 12, 13; Malachi 1: 3; 2 Corinthians 9: 6, 7. Suppose I am in debt, should I pay my debts before I tithe my income? Can I worship and serve God by use of money? If I should receive a legacy should I tithe it? Why not deduct family as well as business expenses? What is my income? On what shall I base my tithe? What are the provisions for benevolences in your federal income tax report?

Where?

Deuteronomy 12: 11; Nehemiah 13: 10-13. To what objects should I devote my tithe? What does the advancement of Christ's kingdom include? Can you give a general rule which may serve as a guide to what should or should not be charged to the tithe account?

Who?

Malachi 3: 6-12; Matthew 5: 17-20; 23: 23. Should nonchurch members tithe? Did the Master practice tithing? Should children be taught to tithe?

When?

1 Corinthians 16: 2. When shall I commence tithing? When should children be taught tithing?

The foregoing article by Dr. Ben R. Crandall was used as a study course by the First Alfred Church and is recommended by the Conference Budget Committee for use in other Churches. Profit by it and our budget will go over the top.

Frank R. Kellogg, for the
Committee on Budget Promotion.

"WATCHMEN OF GOD"

By Mrs. C. A. Beebe

Corresponding Secretary,
Southwestern Association

Although one has lived for years in the Southwest, and should be accustomed to its magnificent distances, you don't quite realize what they are until you start traveling from any other Church in the Southwestern Association to Edinburg, Tex., in the Rio Grande Valley. After hundreds of miles riding a bus, the last hundred through sparsely inhabited "mesquite," you approach "the Valley." You are soon aware of the avenue of royal palms, standing like sentinels against a cloudless sky, to guide you into the fertile, irrigated land.

Even though Pastor Edgar Wheeler, of Hammond, La., our association president, has never seen these palms, he chose a theme in keeping with their ceaseless stand — "Watchmen of God," from Ezekiel 33: 7. This slogan, like a scarlet thread, ran through all the meetings of this fifty-ninth session, over which Mrs. Mary H. Boehler of the Edinburg Church presided, in the absence of Pastor Wheeler.

Edinburg is at the extreme edge of the association, yet a good number from the other Churches attended. Also Secretary David S. Clarke of the Missionary Board, and Evangelist Elizabeth F. Randolph, representing the Woman's Board, were there, and helped make the association memorable with their presence and inspiring messages.

INAUGURATION OF ALFRED'S NINTH PRESIDENT

(Special to the Sabbath Recorder)

Dr. M. Ellis Drake, who has been associated with Alfred University as a student, professor, and administrator for 30 years, was inaugurated president of the insti-



Dr. M. Ellis Drake

In accordance with President Wheeler's plan, all of the night meetings were evangelistic in nature. Elders C. B. Loofbourrow of the local Church, Ralph Soper of Fouke, C. A. Beebe of Gentry, and Evangelist Randolph each preached one night.

Besides the night meetings, it might be profitable to mention other highlights of the session. The music on Sabbath morning, in charge of the Edinburg people, was inspiring. The sermon, by Secretary Clarke from the theme, "Heralds to the World," challenged us to "the Abundant Life," to share it with others. "Before we bring them our doctrines and standards we must first bring them joy and security in Christ. 'Tarry ye until ye are endued with power from on high!'"

The young people's meeting, planned by Miss Bettie Butler of Oakdale, Ala., young people's secretary of this association, echoed the experiences of "Camp Miles." It was truly impressive when the group stood for prayer in "the Open Circle," signifying God's presence with them.

The sweet music of little Larry and Viola David, who sang duets learned in Vacation Bible School, added to the spirit of the meeting.

Besides the time-honored Woman's Program on Friday afternoon, an innovation was introduced, in that on Sunday morning, the men, led by William Fitz Randolph of Fouke, had charge of the music and devotional service.

All but two of the meetings were held in the Christian Church. The daytime sessions Sunday, also the noon meal, were at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Fisher. None of us will forget the wonderful feast, both spiritual and physical of the four-day session of the fifty-ninth gathering of the Southwestern Association. Truly, in all our meetings God was with us, and when we left Edinburg with its hospitable people, its far-flung horizons, its semi-tropical beauty, it was with a ringing in our ears of "Adios" (Go with God).

The sixtieth session of the Southwestern Association will meet, God willing, with the Gentry, Ark., Church, June 29 to July 2, 1950.

tution on November 10 at Founders' Day ceremonies. He is the ninth person to head Alfred since its founding in 1836.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Drake said that the time has come "when we must enter upon a program of development to meet the growing needs of an institution of Alfred's standing and influence.

"Alfred is not a heavily-endowed university," he said, "but I doubt if there is an institution in this country which has accomplished more with its available resources than we have. Increasing costs and the need for new buildings and equipment, however, have become serious problems."

In outlining some of his personal convictions and "hopes for Alfred's future," Dr. Drake said that Alfred must provide an educational program designed to meet the needs of the present age, must find additional sources of income, and must maintain a strong teaching staff "with a love for young people and the ability to instruct and inspire."

The principal speaker was Dr. Earl J. McGrath, United States Commissioner of Education, who received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree and who advocated Federal scholarships to enable young people to study at the colleges of their choice. The university conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering on Karl E. Peiler of Hartford, Conn., in recognition of his numerous inventions relating to the glass manufacturing industry.

Among the 1,200 persons who witnessed the event were delegates from about 50 other colleges and universities in New York State. William C. Cannon, chairman of Alfred's Board of Trustees, formally inducted Dr. Drake into office. — George W. Ince, Director of Publicity, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY AT THE GOTHIC

It has long been thought by successive generations of student residents at the Gothic in Alfred that sharing the facilities of the community kitchen constitutes one of the most intensive and realistic courses in the practice of the Christian religion that is offered at the School of Theology. Domestic life on the upper floor of the seminary building largely centers in the big kitchen where personality adjustments as well as cakes have been made and where culinary efforts have often shared attention with the very human problems that arise when two families attempt simultaneously to prepare meals on the same stove. The kitchen has been shared variously by all sorts of combinations ranging from a student body of bachelors to a house full of families complete with children, and always there has been ample opportunity for the practical application of the principles of Christian living debated more academically in the classrooms below.

For several years this large northern room has been considered a somewhat gloomy, though active, place, but dingy walls are no longer a part of its atmosphere. During the week of vacation forced by the water shortage in Alfred recently, the seminary students took brushes and courage in hand and expertly applied a coat of cheery sunlight yellow to the

aging walls. Woodwork trim in light aqua blue and accents of Chinese red add brightness to the whole effect, which is currently being proudly displayed to all visitors. Ted Hibbard was recognized as foreman on the job, and the paint was furnished by the university.—Contributed.

YOUR INADEQUATE PASTOR

"A pastor could spend twelve hours a day, seven days a week, calling on the lost and the unchurched. Or, he could spend those hours calling in the homes of the members, sick and inactive. Or, he might spend all of those waking hours doing organization work with the Sabbath school, youth groups, meeting with the dozen of other organizations that comprise a Church. Or, he may spend his time ministering to the troubled, distressed humanity — somehow managing to handle funerals, weddings, and countless other social obligations that come. Or, he may spend twelve hours a day in his study with great profit to himself and his Church. Denominational activities and meetings he must work in somewhere.

"So, a pastor — any pastor — must forever remain inadequate. He can attempt to cover five fields of endeavor in part, devoting about twenty per cent of his time to each, leaving each job eighty per cent undone. Hence the term 'Inadequate Pastor.' Any pastor must always remain in that category.

"Do not pity the preacher. He is having the best time of anyone on earth, doing work he loves. He spends six nights away from home by choice. Inadequate, desperately busy, always behind with his work, the preacher thinks his job is the best on earth. Pray for him and bear with him: **He is the only member of the Church who has no pastor.**" — Selected, Bulletin, The Evangelical Seventh Day Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

HEARD AT CONFERENCE —

For the sincere Christian, ignorance is an embarrassment. . . . We believe that God has given Seventh Day Baptists a special task. . . . When you fall in love with the Author of this Book (the Bible), you fall in love with the Book. — Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS OF CHINA

"We reject Communism, its materialism, its method of class war, its fallacious economics, and its false theory of social development; but we know that the only way to defeat it permanently is to use the freedom of our own democracy to establish economic justice and racial brotherhood." So said the Methodist bishops at their 1948 fifty-one nation conference. We believe Seventh Day Baptists generally believe and act upon the same principles.

Can we properly apply the Christian spirit of love and confidence toward Chinese Christians who may seem to agree with the People's (Communist) Government by certain forms of co-operation? Helen Thorngate had written from Shanghai in February, 1949: "All we can say (about future work) in the bleakness of the present hour is that we have faith to believe that God has a plan for the young and vigorous Christian Church in China, and that somehow it will 'wangle' through the blackness of the immediate future." In April, she had said: "Far as I can see, there is nothing America or Americans can do but pray."

So much confusion surrounds reports from Communist areas where Christians and Americans are involved, we feel the following summary may help clarify the problems of Chinese Christians.

The New People's Government in China

1. The People's Government of China (Communist) has now been in the Shanghai area for six months and has performed an orderly change-over.

2. The Nationalist Blockade has prevented information from our mission (with many others) from coming to America (or going out from here) from about July 15 to September 17, 1949. Mail is still not accepted for Shanghai and many other points, but indirect means can be used.

3. American money can be sent for mission projects by at least two reliable methods. A fair exchange is given under the relatively orderly economy of the People's Government. Salaries for Americans are not interfered with.

4. The Chinese are in for many years of a Marxist experiment, whether entirely directed from Moscow by Stalin or from Peiping by General Mao no one knows.

5. The People's Government formed the People's Consultative Council on which Protestants fill five of the seven seats allotted to religious delegates. The other two are Buddhists.

6. One Chinese Protestant on the People's Consultative Council estimates that political and industrial revolution in China will progress for 15 years as the present New Democracy allowing small capitalists, etc., and for 30 years as Socialism (developing State control and ownership) before true Communism is reached.

Chinese Christians and the New Government

7. Some Chinese Christians have come out with "anti-American" statements and are being flatly ostracized by those of us who cannot distinguish between our American ideas and how our national life may appear to foreigners, and between the application of specific words of different meaning to us from what they mean to Orientals.

8. Our sympathy is needed for Christians who must apply their Christianity within the "given situation" of (1) their Chinese citizenship, (2) their changed government, and (3) their Christian citizenship. (What would you have done and said after our Civil War?) Reports of actions in China will be confusing to many of us, but Christian faith is clear.

9. The People's Government is suspicious of international accord among nations. It is also fearful of the power of the ecumenical Church.

10. The People's Government is founded on totalitarian ideas of the State as related to the people. Police searches and unwarranted arrest therefore are most oft-reported irregularities, but they are normal for such a government.

11. Communist policy is clearly unfamiliar (or unpredictable) to many Americans because of Oriental or Marxist phrases, but Chinese Christians find the People's Government agents generally

consistent with the principles of Mao's policy (publicized in 1948) and can predict many actions. Chinese Communists have proved themselves able to change policies or rectify actions.

12. The People's Government seeks to hand out peace to the people as a mass; Protestants seek to serve the people as children of God in whom their peace resides. China is a crucial battleground for the living out of conflicting "faiths." The U. S. State Department has had an "impossible time" finding a clear, consistent policy on the Chinese Civil War. We have no uncertainty as to Christ and His Church meeting the needs of "the people," en masse or individually.

Christian Institutions and the New Government

13. The city Churches in China have been allowed more freedom than rural Churches usually, and for various reasons. Churches which have proved their "social usefulness" have received reduction in taxes and are free to worship and work nearly as they please.

14. The pattern of Communist treatment of Churches is based on the idea that "religion will automatically lose its hold on man and Churches will lose their influence on society and 'wither away' without the drastic measures of the State," as one Chinese Christian interprets it.

15. The Chinese Christians will have to assume more and more control of Christian projects because of the current "unpopularity" of American leadership in "the people's" eyes. Americans are being asked to stay by their Chinese co-workers, but they will not hold titular positions. Courage enough not to compromise essential issues, and co-operation enough to meet the basic amoral requirements of the government are required of American and Chinese Christians who dare to hold up "the Jesus-way" as the salvation of people everywhere.

16. Taxation is a normal government function but the Orient does not normally exempt religious institutions from taxation. Our missions paid taxes under previous regimes.

17. People's Government taxes have been high but not confiscatory. If

Churches (as in some rural areas) were to be done away with, the people and pastor were dispersed by other forms of ridicule or persecution. The first levies were assessed in Shanghai area in July and August. (See No. 13.)

18. School leaders in China have known "for many years" that Christian instruction and activities might be possible only "out of school and off campus." Schools have been allotted reduction in taxes from the first People's Government levies, which levies were steep but not confiscatory.

Facts on Our Missions in Shanghai and Liuho

(These facts are, in some cases, garnered from indirection and hence your caution in interpretation is urgently asked.)

1. Mr. T. M. Chang remains as principal of Grace School, and his staff remains undepleted at latest report. Only 5 per cent reduction in fall enrollment reported.

2. Tax levies have been negotiated so that reductions were allowed. Exorbitant Nationalist levies during their retreat make these new levies assume larger proportions by sheer addition.

3. Funds are going through to our workers.

4. The Thorngates plan to come home in 1950 on their appointed furlough from his clinic. They have visited Liuho at least twice since the change-over.

5. Some textbooks are changed in the school, as has been done before.

6. Two teachers of political subjects are in the school with courses given to all ages.

7. Christianity is not taught directly in the curriculum, as has been the case at some other times, but a worker has been added for full-time leadership in student Christian activities.

8. Students are given a place on the school's advisory board.

9. Two Grace School alumni have begun vocational courses, thus training more pupils for "productive work."

10. Chapel is voluntary.

11. Church activities continue "with usual enthusiasm" and special alumni serv-

ices provide a channel for "serving the people."

12. At Liuho, the stocking knitting project and sewing classes will further prove the social usefulness of our equipment and buildings and personnel. The hospital clinic speaks for itself.

13. The Foreign Missions Conference has provided much confidential news for American boards, for which all Seventh Day Baptists can be thankful. This board is deeply grateful as it faces a difficult, but not hopeless, future in China missions.

What You Can Do

1. Keep a constructive outlook on the ways of opposing Communism. Read Oxnam's "How the Protestants Fight Communism" reprinted from Look magazine (available from us), "Let's Act Now" by Richard Baker (50c from this office also), etc. Try to apply these viewpoints to President Truman's Four-Point Program, to Marshall Plan policies, to State Department, and UN problems. Pray for God's spirit and direction.

2. Keep faith with Principal T. M. Chang and his co-workers at Shanghai for we know of his ability to see through surface issues and to hold up the basic truths.

3. Keep faith with Pastor Tschaung and his helpers and Church members.

4. Keep faith with Dr Esther Pan and Mary Woo Chang who are striving to "show a more excellent way" of life out in Liuho where our mission is the only Christian force at work.

5. Be patient until more definite news comes from China. Present news shows that we can and must continue moral and financial support in China where Christians face an opportunity to achieve moral victories over Communism.

6. Pray for Miss Sarah Becker as she studies and plans for an uncertain future. Close advice is being maintained among China boards and with Miss Becker.

7. Maintain high stewardship levels for our mission workers in Jamiaca, China, British Guiana, Germany, New Zealand, and in the U. S. But we dare not withdraw Chinese support. Besides, our work-

WAYNE R. CRANDALL RETURNS TO INDEPENDENCE

Wayne R. Crandall who has been Vocational Agriculture teacher in the Canisteo, N. Y., Central School for a number of years is taking a leave of absence to return to the family farm at Independence. During his work at Canisteo, Mr. Crandall has been an active member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, serving as its president and superintendent of its intermediate Sabbath school.

Members of the school administration have expressed deep regret at the loss of this valued member from their faculty. Mr. Crandall is a graduate of the Cornell Agricultural College and has been outstanding, not only in classroom work, but also in the Future Farmers of America boys' club and in on-the-job training of veterans.

Mrs. Crandall, the former Katherine Greene, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Leslie O. Greene, with her husband and their three children, will be a welcome addition to the Independence Church. A. N. R.

The Church and Home

Someone has said, "The Church has the greatest teaching and the home is the greatest teacher." With that in mind, let us seize every opportunity to encourage the establishment of Christian homes.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS NOTES

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers
President, Seventh Day Baptist
Board of Christian Education

The Protestant Radio Commission is producing a television program entitled "I believe . . ." over the ABC-TV network, Tuesday evenings at eight o'clock.

ers are underpaid, even handicapped by present low giving.

We have preliminary replies already in hand on the possibilities in Japan, but a report is not yet possible. The Japanese field was referred to our board for investigation at the 1949 Conference.

D. S. C.

The Bible Witness Press, Gentry, Ark., prints small picture cards with appropriate Bible verses. Sample copies can be secured by writing to them in care of Rev. Clifford A. Beebe.

The Pacific Coast Association adult weekend camp had a registration of 60 this year; their young people's camp numbered 24, and their children's camp, 46.

Families of men of the armed forces will be glad to know that the YMCA is again extending its service by joining with five other organizations in the USO with the purpose of ministering to the religious, social, and recreational needs of the members of the armed services.

Watch for a special broadcast of a new Christmas cantata by the Robert Shaw Chorale.

Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, pastor of the First and Second Brookfield Churches, is conducting a Standard Leadership Training course this month in De Ruyter, N. Y.

The Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church has placed a generous appropriation for the Alfred School of Theology Continuous Support in its 1950 budget.

TALENTS

By Irene Post Hulett

Satan, at times would hinder me,
From placing thoughts in verse;
Suggesting more humility,
Or fear of critics, terse.

But I reply to Satan,
"All talents should be used
To further God's great Kingdom,
And no one be excused."

So, I go on serenely,
With more or less of skill;
Using God's gift of rhyme and rhythm,
For channeling His Will.
Milton, Wis.

HEARD AT CONFERENCE —

Some Churches have complained that the Sabbath Visitor costs them more than David C. Cook or publications of other denominations — Bah! It is worth more. It is worth ten times as much as publications from other sources. — Rev. Albert N. Rogers.

Our Children's Letter Exchange

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am sorry that there have been no letters in the Sabbath Recorder lately. Daddy told me to be sure to write to you so that is what I am doing now in my spare time. I like to read the Children's Page in the Sabbath Recorder and became quite unhappy to see no letters for the last few weeks.

I am eleven years old. I am in the sixth grade and doing very well in my subjects. I am coming along nicely on the piano. This year I started to take clarinet lessons in school. I like them very much except when I have to miss science or reading class. I like both subjects very well and hate to miss the classes. There is another girl in my grade who started clarinet lessons also. Her name is Nancy Hulett.

Daddy is singing right now and he is making a lot of noise. He does sing well though. He has sung in Church quite a lot. We usually record his singing. It sounds real well and helps him a lot. He can find out where his mistakes are if we record him.

I hope you will have more letters in the Recorder from now on.

We have one cat and four kittens. Salomie, mother of the kittens, is white. Two of the kittens are white, one is black, and another is black and white spotted. We like them very much. Right now they are eating.

Since I have nothing more to write about, I will close for this time.

Sincerely yours,
Lucy Gray.

233 Janesville Street,
Milton, Wis.

Dear Lucy:

Thank you very much for your nice long letter. No doubt your mother and daddy have told you that I count them among my very good friends although it has been quite a long time since I have seen them.

You have your wish — I have received five more letters this week. Your letter came after I had sent in my material for that week. Last week was the time for

the special evangelistic edition so you will understand why I am just getting it in, and why Marietta's letter appears at the same time.

I am glad to have such a good report of your schoolwork and music. Let the good work go on. I am pleased, too, to know that your daddy is keeping up his singing. I remember his singing in a quartet of theological students in Alfred.

Lovingly yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have not seen any letters in the Sabbath Recorder, so I thought I would write to you. I have three older sisters and they are going to write to you, too. My name is Marietta. I am nine years old and in the fourth grade. I like it very well.

We have a junior Church. First it was my daddy who had junior Church. Now we have a new leader. His name is Mr. Kenneth Smith; maybe you know him.

I am the youngest of the family. I take French horn. I think it is fun. I want to show how I can tell cuneiform words. You don't have to put it in my letter but I wanted to show you how I do it.

With all my love,
Marietta Gray.

233 Janesville Street,
Milton, Wis.

Dear Marietta:

Have I copied correctly that new language, or whatever you call it? I wonder if it's anything like the pig Latin I used to talk when I was about your age. But I could write that and I can't even copy your French horn. Please tell me more about it.

He is on my mind, so I think I'll have to tell you about a little three-year-old boy who comes in to see me almost every day. His name is Douglass, but we all call him Duggie. He calls me Grandma. The other day he came up close to me as I was working in the kitchen and said, "I like you Grandma." Then he pointed toward the living room where Dr. Greene was sitting and said, "And I like that man in there. What do you call him?" Then he said, "Please fix an apple for me to eat."

CHURCH NEWS

MILTON, WIS. — An unusual opportunity was afforded the students of Milton College, and others who cared to attend, at a recent college assembly when Sherwood Eddy spoke before the student body. He quoted, "Ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" (Matthew 16: 3b), and mentioned some of the signs as they have appeared to him in his wide travels both in the Orient and Occident. Mr. Eddy closed his address with a strong appeal for changed lives, new men and women, to meet the challenge of these days.

On Sabbath day, November 5, Rev. Sam Morris of San Antonio, Tex., spoke to the congregation under the auspices of the Wisconsin Temperance Federation. His reasoning against the continuance of the license system was logical and convincing, and his story of the progress being made in outlawing the legal sale of liquor by the method of local option was encouraging to all who would do away with the sale of alcohol as a beverage.

On November 12, a laymen's program was presented with the theme "Let's Act Now for One World in Christ." The speakers were David Sung of China, Socrates Thompson of Jamaica, and D. Nelson Inglis of the local Church. The singing of a large male chorus added inspiration and worth to the program.

A supper and discussion meeting was held in the social rooms of the Church on November 19. At this time the tentative Church budget was thoroughly discussed and adopted without many changes. The budget is about two thousand dollars larger than that of last year and includes the new features of salary for an assistant pastor and a sum for the Alfred School of Theology. Workers are in training who

The other day I was out of apples. Duggie went next door to get three apples and put them in my refrigerator so I would be ready for him the next day.

I hope you and Lucy and your other sisters will write often. I enjoy having so many children's letters.

Your loving friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

will soon make the every member canvass to secure pledges toward this budget. — Abbie B. Van Horn, Correspondent.

WHITE CLOUD, MICH. — October 7-9, 1949, the Northern Association met here for the semiannual session. There were delegates representing each Church of the association. The theme was "Open Doors of Faith."

Services began Friday evening with Rev. Trevah R. Sutton speaking. Pastor Sutton's message was thought-provoking and led us to examine our own lives for sins that hinder our witness as Christians. He said we must first be something for Christ before we can hope to do anything for Christ.

Sabbath morning Rev. Leslie O. Greene of Indianapolis spoke on faith, urging us to have more faith in the power of God. If we would claim more of the promises, we would be surprised what the Lord could do through us. In the afternoon Pastor Alton L. Wheeler with a group of young people of the Battle Creek Church developed the theme in song and short talks.

The evening after the Sabbath was given over to a program of appreciation for Adelbert and Erastus Branch, the two living founders of the Church at White Cloud. Much credit is due these pioneers of faith who worked and sacrificed that there might be a Church here.

On Sunday morning at the fellowship breakfast and business meeting the "Open Doors" were discussed. Plans were laid to extend more help to the small group now meeting in Lima, Ohio, under the leadership of the Jackson Center Church.

On September 10, seven persons were baptized by Pastor Orville W. Babcock. The following Sabbath six of these united with the Church. One was also received by testimony.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boss, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Branch, and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Reefman will soon be leaving us for the sunny South. The attendance has been good through the summer and fall.

Mrs. C. E. Siems, Correspondent.

JACKSON CENTER, OHIO — We have recently held a short series of gospel meet-

ings at our Church. Beginning on Wednesday, November 9, the meetings closed Sunday night, November 13. Our evangelist was Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, pastor emeritus of the Boulder, Colo., Church who has conducted many evangelistic efforts in our denomination. His preaching positively, yet kindly, directed our minds to the things of God and to the salvation which is in Christ Jesus.

Under our leadership the group of Sabbathkeepers in Lima, Ohio, with whom we have been meeting on Sabbath afternoons since April, sponsored a weekend series of gospel meetings in that city. These were held in a small room at Memorial Hall. Although we were disappointed in the attendance we feel sure all who were present received a blessing and that the extensive advertising of the meetings has put the name of Seventh Day Baptists before the minds of many Lima people.

Without reinforcements to the group as a result of the meetings, it is thought best not to continue the expensive weekly rental of the downtown room. The fellowship will be continued with a monthly prayer meeting in a home, and through contacts with the Jackson Center Church. It may be that seeds sown will yield fruits later. — Contributed.

SHILOH, N. J. — The Marlboro and Shiloh Churches observed their fall joint Communion service at Shiloh on November 19, with 210 present, including four from the Philadelphia Fellowship. The theme of the service was "The Attractive Force of the Cross." Pastor C. Rex Burdick of Marlboro brought the message on "Drawn to Christ," from John 12: 32. Pastor Wilson of the Philadelphia Fellowship led in the morning prayer.

The senior choir of the Shiloh Church sang "Jesus Is His Name," by Wilder, under the direction of Mrs. Charles F. Harris. The teen-age choir anthem was "Come Ye Blessed" by Scott, with Mrs. Bert B. Sheppard directing.

The deacons of both Churches were all present to distribute the elements, and the two pastors administered the sacrament, in a helpful service.

The Mothers-Teachers Class of the Shiloh Sabbath School had charge of the monthly service at the county home November 20. Thanksgiving boxes of fruit, cookies, and candy were distributed to the shut-ins there. Eleven members of the class, the pastor, and three others attended the service, the pastor bringing the message. — Correspondent.

DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Rev. Everett T. Harris, pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, N. Y., assisted Rev. Paul S. Burdick, pastor of the Salemville, Pa., Seventh Day Baptist Church, in conducting evangelistic meetings from November 25 - December 2? It is most enheartening that our Churches are continuedly committed to the great program of evangelism.

DR. ROSA PALMBORG IN HOSPITAL

Dr. Palmberg, our veteran China missionary, has broken her hip and is in ward 3200 of the Los Angeles, Calif., General Hospital. She watched the surgeons pin the hip and is reportedly doing well. — Riverside, Calif., Church Bulletin.

Day by Day

By Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin
President, National WCTU

October 27 — Left on an early train for Martinsburg, W. Va. The state convention was in session and I enjoyed the program. West Virginia's red Delicious apples were placed at each plate at the dinner table, souvenir pencils were given by a local firm to each delegate. The president of Shepherd College, Dr. Oliver S. Ikenberry, gave a fine talk at the dinner table. I was the guest speaker at the evening meeting. — The Union Signal.

BIRTHS

Skaggs. — A daughter, Janice Louise, to Rev. and Mrs. Victor W. Skaggs, Little Genesee, N. Y., on November 17, 1949.

Wheeler. — A daughter, Ruth Frances, to Pastor and Mrs. Edgar F. Wheeler, New Orleans, La., November 24, 1949.

Marriages

Caldwell - Crosley. — Gwendolyn Crosley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crosley of Farina, Ill., and John Robert Caldwell of Kell, Ill., were united in marriage November 5, 1949, at Henderson, Ky., with Rev. T. N. Judy, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiating. Mr. Caldwell is a teacher of Industrial Arts in the Pana, Ill., High School. The new home has been established at 600 South Poplar Street, Pana, Ill. C. L. H.

Obituaries

Turner. — Maude Frances Clark, daughter of Joseph N. and Sarah Curtis Clark, was born at Nile, N. Y., June 1, 1864, and passed away November 24, 1949.

Her home was in Bolivar, N. Y., where she had lived for 60 years.

She was a member of the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church of Nile, N. Y., for 73 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Sarah Green and Gertrude Buell, and three sons, Glenn C. and Fred of Eldred and Lyle W. of Duke Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willis B. Turner, eleven years ago; also by her mother, father, and five sisters.

Memorial services were conducted in Loop's Funeral Home, Bolivar, N. Y., November 27, 1949, by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Genesee, Little Genesee, N. Y. — Contributed by Mrs. Sarah Green.

Neale. — Nellie Grace Lewis, was born near Stonefort, Ill., May 25, 1912, the daughter of E. R. and Nellie Grace Lewis, and entered into rest at Tulsa, Okla., November 7, 1949.

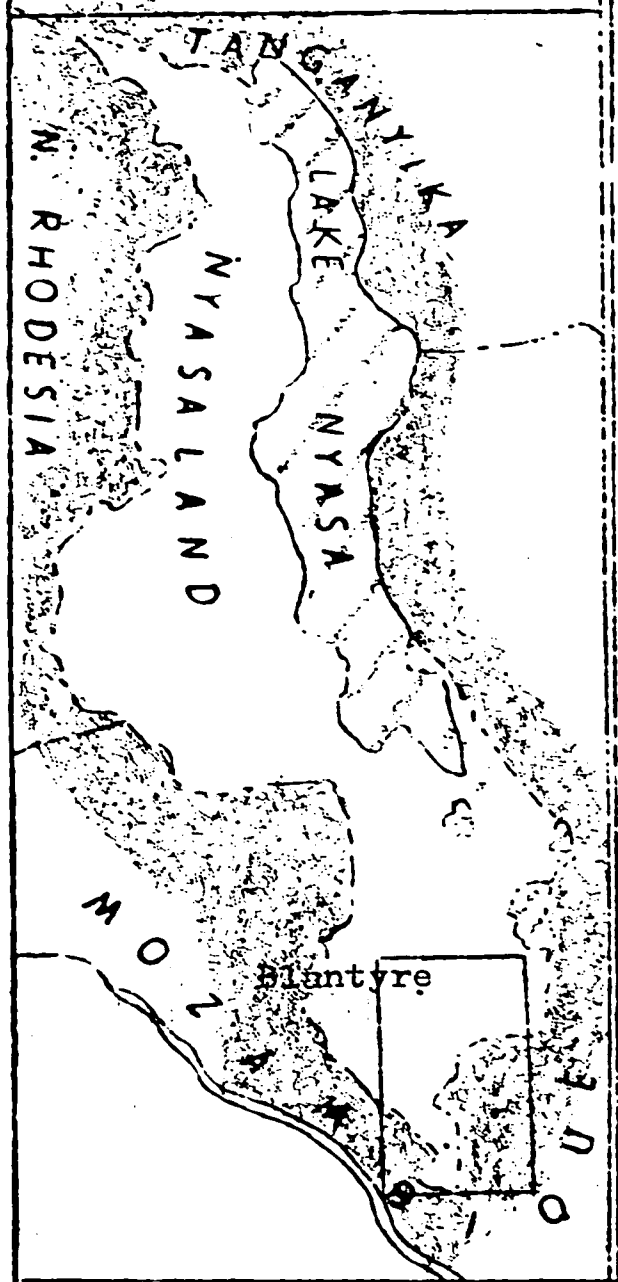
At an early age she accepted Christ as her Saviour, and throughout her life lived as a consistent Christian. She was married to Hugh N. Neale on October 10, 1935. Immediate survivors are her parents; her husband of Tulsa, Okla.; her sisters, Mrs. Robert E. Burns of Dallas, Tex., and Mrs. John W. Carrell of Alhambra, Calif.; and her brother, William B. Lewis of Riverside, Calif.

The family moved to Gentry, Ark., in 1926, when her father became pastor of the Gentry Church. For the past 23 years she has been a loyal member of the Church, having served as clerk, pianist, and in other ways.

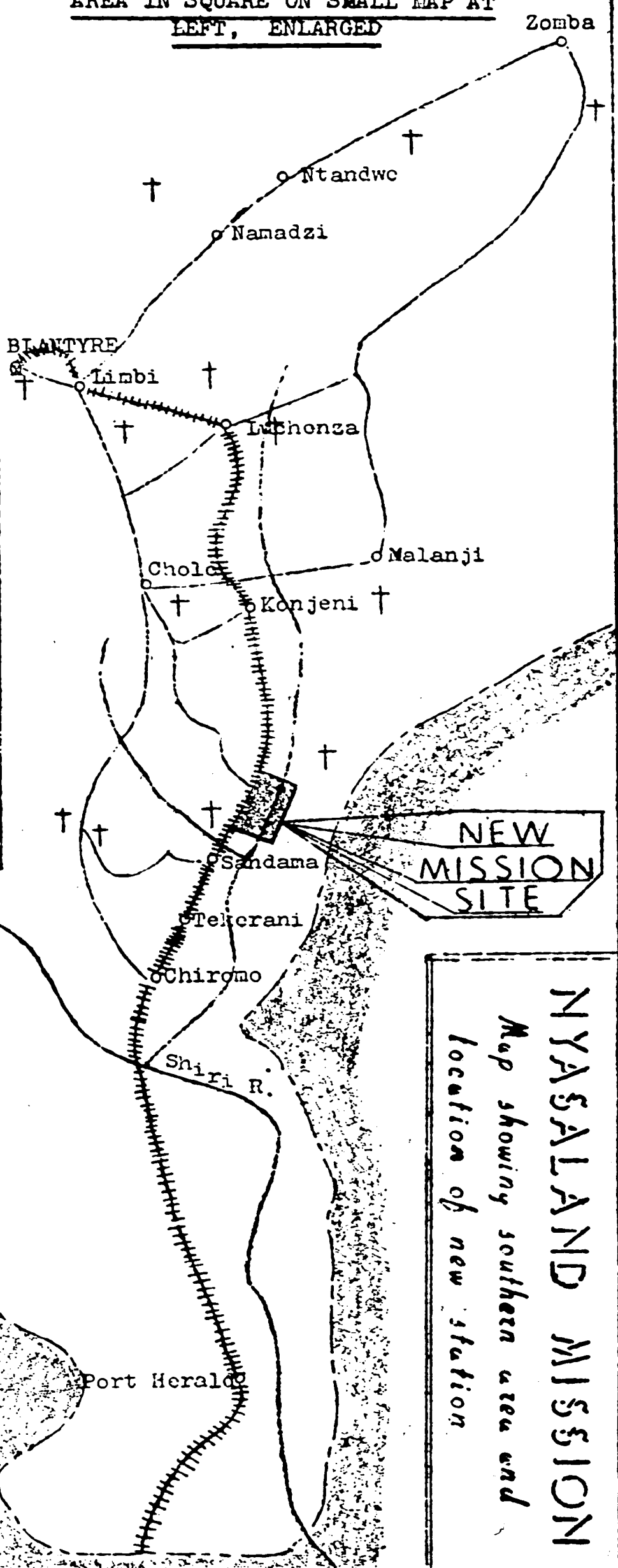
She was a graduate of Gentry High School and of Northeastern State Teachers' College at Tahlequah, Okla.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. A. Beebe, from the Church in Gentry, and burial was in Thornberry Cemetery near Springdale, Ark. C. A. B.

Nyasaland in Relation to Surrounding Countries. Located in S. E. Africa



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 SCALE - NONE

NYASALAND MISSION
 Map showing southern area and location of new station

