

CHURCH NEWS

FIRST HOPKINTON, R. I. — On Sabbath day, September 30, we were privileged to hear the morning message brought to us by Miss Elizabeth M. Evans of Boston, who teaches Christian Education among Churches of all denominations in New England. Evening services were also held on September 30 and October 1 when Miss Evans spoke on how the Church and Sabbath school can better reach and train boys and girls and adults in the Christian way of life. Informal discussion followed each service.

Also, at the service on September 30, Brenda Rae Perrin, six-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Perrin, Jr., was dedicated.

At the morning service on October 7, special honor was given those who have been members of the Church for fifty years or more. The pastor, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson preached an appropriate sermon on "The Beauty of a Righteous Life," and presented a flower to each honored guest. Altar decorations were white baskets of yellow chrysanthemums.



Photo by Jesse James.

Newport Historical Society where the meetinghouse is located.

On Sabbath day, October 14, the journey was made to Newport, R. I., where the first Seventh Day Baptist meetinghouse in America is located. The trip is made every five years. Thirty-two attended from the Ashaway Church, Rockville, Second Hopkinton, and Westerly were also well represented. Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson brought the message and officiated at Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Charles H. Bond and Rev. Kenneth A. Stickney.

A fellowship supper for Sabbath school members, parents, and teachers was held in the parish house on Sunday evening, October 15. A potluck supper introduced



Photo by Jesse James.

The elevated pulpit with Rev. Kenneth A. Stickney, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson (standing), and Rev. Charles H. Bond.

the evening at 6 o'clock followed by a program of motion pictures, group singing, and vocal selections. Teachers of the Sabbath school were introduced by Mrs. Delmar Crandall, superintendent of the graded department. Each teacher gave a brief outline of the work to be taken up this fall.

In behalf of the school, Mrs. Clarence Crandall presented a gift of money to Pastor and Mrs. Dickinson who will leave soon to take up the pastorate of the Denver Church.

Tuesday evening, October 17, a farewell "get-together" was tendered the pastor and his family in the parish house. Room decorations were floral arrangements of pink "mums" and green foliage. It was attended by nearly one hundred persons. An interesting program was presented under the direction of Mrs. James G. Waite. Following the program, refreshments of ice cream, cupcakes, punch, and mints were served by a committee from the Ladies' Aid Society.

In recognition of their faithful and efficient service in the work of the Church the past four and a half years, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson were presented a gift of money by Mrs. Walter Saretzki, president of the Ladies' Aid. The junior choir presented a purse and gloves to Mrs. Dickinson and a small Communion set for shut-ins to the pastor. Mrs. Dickinson also received a necklace and earrings to match from the Christian Endeavor. They will assume the pastorate of the Denver Church November 1.

The evening's program closed with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." — Mrs. Raymond M. Kenyon, Jr., Correspondent.

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OUR SERVICEMEN Where They Are

(The Church should keep in touch with those who have entered the armed services and alternate services of our country. As an aid in carrying out this privilege, the Sabbath Recorder will publish from time to time the names and most recent addresses of our servicemen. Please keep us informed. Correct information is most essential.)

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IMPORTANT REQUEST FROM SALEMVILLE

In accord with the wishes of the president of our Conference, we at Salemville would like the names and addresses of lone Sabbathkeepers in our area — Central and Southwestern Pennsylvania, in order that we may contact them and possibly conduct Bible study groups.

Rev. Paul S. Burdick.
New Enterprise, Pa.

Courtesy Lines

Front Cover Picture—Religion in American Life.
Center Spread Chart—Planning Committee, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.
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THE WILL TO DO GOD'S WILL

(Continued from last week)

The Sabbath Recorder

Anyone who defends the publishing of the Sabbath Recorder at a yearly cost of \$10,000 over and above subscription receipts, if such publishing is done at the expense of aggressive evangelism, the maintenance of our School of Theology, the building up of our Churches at home and abroad, and the promotion of sound Christian education, fails to put "first things first."

If!

How long, we ask, will Seventh Day Baptists have a program of aggressive evangelism, a School of Theology, growing Churches here and elsewhere, and sound Christian Education to promote, if they do not have a strong denominational paper?

How long?

Support or Subsidy — Which?

We respectfully, yet definitely, state that the Sabbath Recorder is supported, not subsidized, to the extent of \$10,000 over and above present subscription receipts. It is no more subsidized than is evangelism, missions, the School of Theology, Christian Education, and each and every local Seventh Day Baptist Church throughout the world. If the Sabbath Recorder is subsidized, so are these. They are all part and parcel of the Lord's work which has been entrusted to Seventh Day Baptists.

Why not say, support?

We Seek God's Will

We firmly believe that Seventh Day Baptists are seeking God's will in the publication of the Sabbath Recorder. Only, it would seem that some people understand His will differently than others do in this matter. Our problem is to find as nearly as possible a point of agreement in the realm of His will.

No Inflexible Brief

We hold no inflexible brief for the Sabbath Recorder in its present form. Yet, if it is not published in its present form, in what form should it be published?

The General Conference at Westerly, R. I., in August, 1947, spoke in no uncertain terms in favor of continuing the Sabbath Recorder as a weekly publication. At the North Loup, Neb., Conference, in August, 1948, the One Hundred Sabbaths of Service program was officially sanctioned, a part of which program was purportedly to have gone into the improvement of the Sabbath Recorder. Its support during the following year led to an acceptance of a drastic revision of the program at the Riverside, Calif., Conference, in August, 1949. Last August at Salem, W. Va., the majority sentiment seemed to favor the weekly appearance of the Sabbath Recorder.

Yet, the West Virginia dew had hardly formed on the Salem College campus following the adjournment of Conference, before the question was again being actively agitated. The matter has reached the point at which it becomes necessary to do some more earnest praying, sane thinking, straight talking, and positive acting.

We have the assurance of several people of official status that there is nothing personal, as concerns the editor, in the discussion of the situation. We have taken their word for it.

Yet!

To Share or Not to Share

As a part of the \$10,000-a-year-support consideration, one troublesome item in the Tract Society's share of the Denominational Budget is the \$3,500 for the Sabbath Recorder. It should be kept in mind that before the Sabbath Recorder would benefit by the full amount of this item, the Denominational Budget will need to be realized 100 per cent. This naturally applies to all items which appear as sharing in the Denominational Budget.

According to the report of the Denominational Budget treasurer, as published on the back cover of the Sabbath Recorder for October 23, 1950, 86.10 per cent of last year's Denominational Budget was raised. This was exclusive of special gifts. This means that the Sabbath Recorder received 86.10 per cent of \$3,500, or \$3,013.50, from the Denominational Budget last year.

It is not inconceivable that, in due course of time, the Tract Society might request the Commission to leave out of the Denominational Budget any item for the Sabbath Recorder. However, it is not improbable that the Tract Society might request that the \$3,500 be allocated for the benefit of other phases of its work.

Thus, the \$3,500, or such part of it as might be required for the publication of the Sabbath Recorder, might be drawn from the return on invested funds in charge of the American Sabbath Tract Society.

Our Moral Obligation

This leads us to another point. It should be kept in mind that, if the item of \$3,500 for the Sabbath Recorder is summarily removed from the Denominational Budget, it does not necessarily follow that the same amount would become automatically available for some other form of denominational activity.

It should be kept in mind that the Tract Society, as well as other societies handling invested funds, does have some say in regard to how the return from such funds is used in keeping with the expressed wishes of benefactors and the stated purposes of its organization. In fact, the Tract Society has a moral obligation in this respect.

It Is to Ponder

It is not out of order to point out that it is one matter to remove the allocation of \$3,500 for the Sabbath Recorder from the Denominational Budget while it is quite another matter to presume that the Tract Society would immediately reduce its support of the Sabbath Recorder by that amount, or by three times that amount.

Anyone who thinks that a strong Sabbath Recorder can be published for the amount received solely from subscriptions, and without the benefit of advertising, at present circulation figures, ought to seek further information.

Real Encouragement

One form of encouragement that is increasingly coming to the Sabbath Recorder office is the contributions being received

in addition to the yearly subscription price of the paper. These contributions are greatly appreciated, are promptly turned over to the proper treasurers who give due credit and acknowledge the contributions. This concrete evidence of interest and support is gratifying and shows that some people who want a strong denominational paper are willing to help make it so by bearing the actual per copy cost. The larger the support received in this way, the smaller the support necessary from other sources.

Current Consideration

This entire matter is receiving the thoughtful, prayerful, thorough attention of the Committee on the Sabbath Recorder, a special committee of the Tract Board. The committee plans to hold a meeting prior to the bimonthly meeting of the Tract Board next January 14. The readers of the Sabbath Recorder will be informed from time to time concerning developments in the matter.

Have We?

Some of our friends criticize us for not pushing the claim of support for the Sabbath Recorder more aggressively. Have we reached the place that we should ask the Commission for permission to solicit support for our denominational paper?

What do you think?

(To be continued)

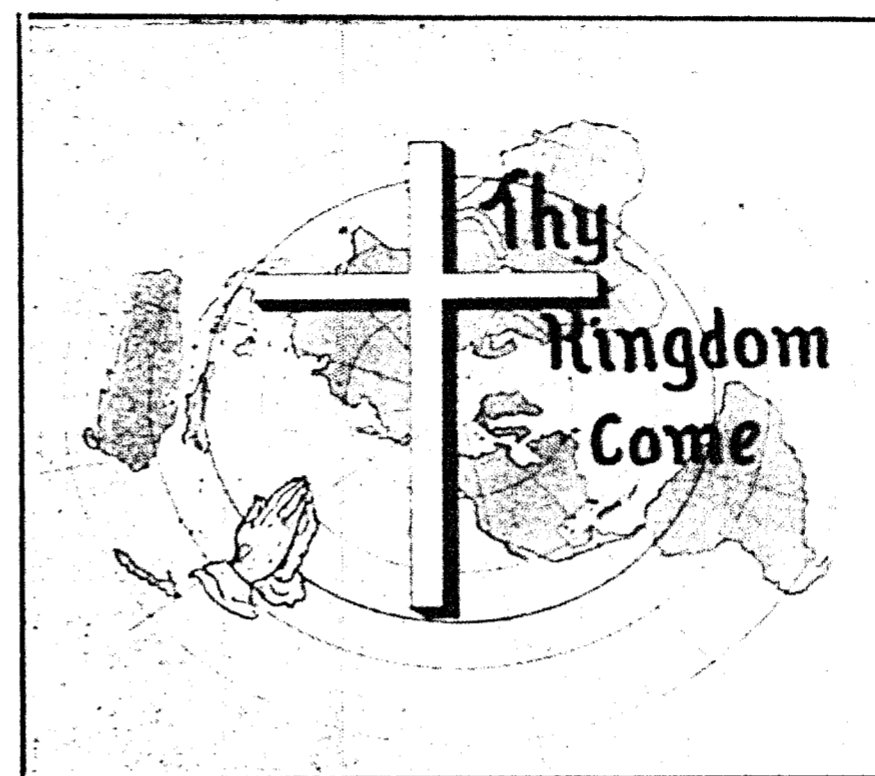
OAKDALE, ALA., INVITATION

Seventh Day Baptists coming South for the winter are welcome to stop over and be with us any Sabbath day. At the Oakdale Community building we have joint services with the Adventists every Sabbath afternoon at 2 o'clock. Every other Sabbath the Adventist pastor from Florence, Ala., delivers a sermon. Pastor Edgar Wheeler, who is finishing his last year of schoolwork in New Orleans, comes up once a month. November 4 will be his time for services at Oakdale and December 2 at Cedar Point near Woodville, Ala.

We are located on U. S. 31, three miles north of Athens.

Yours in Christian faith,
Mrs. B. H. Bottoms.

Conference Presidents Corner



"AN HANDFUL OF CORN"

"There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth." Psalm 72: 16.

Part I — To the Church

A grain of wheat will reproduce fifty of its likeness in one season. Oats will reproduce seventy-five or more of their kind when planted in fertile soil.

Perhaps it is out of reason for us as Seventh Day Baptists to expect to evangelize so effectively as to increase with a soul harvest of fifty- to seventy-five-fold in each generation, but any farmer can assure us that wherever we plant, we should expect to receive more than our seed back in return for our labor.

The psalmist assures us that reproduction and contagion are two basic laws of nature. He reminds us that if nature is permitted to take its course with one kernel of corn or one grain of wheat, that before many years have passed it will be spread over an expansive territory. How can we more effectively spread the seed of the gospel, that more may be won to Christ?

Perhaps we make the mistake of glean- ing all of the grain of our personal witness in the days of spiritual maturity, yet of keeping it in our convictions, joy, and blessing, too much in the granaries of our own souls. We may be too sensitive lest a single grain of our testimonies fall in the soil of another's heart and offend him. If this be true, it is conceivable that we might ultimately become extinct.

The psalmist further urges us to let the seed of the gospel fall and germinate in the field where it is produced rather than distribute all of it in answer to countless calls, causes, and countries hither and yon. This is to urge the strengthening of our "home missions" — a reaching out from our established Churches.

Does your Church have a "home missions" fund? You may send money overseas for mission work there, but you do have a mission field in or near your own parish. How much do you invest there? Consider the various communities, towns, or cities within fifteen, twenty-five, or fifty miles of your parish center. Have you considered establishing an "outport mission"? Have you considered sending your pastor into that prospective area one day a week, month, or quarter to sow the seed of the gospel? Why not include a mileage allowance for him that he may cultivate the soil for a harvest in due time? YOU are the Seventh Day Baptist denomination in your area. You have the primary responsibility of establishing the next Church in your vicinity.

Alton L. Wheeler,
Conference President.

619 North Avenue,
Battle Creek, Mich.

Attention Please!

We have an opening for a doctor in a Seventh Day Baptist community immediately. Also, an opening for a single man on a dairy farm. Anyone interested should communicate with the chairman of the Vocational Committee, O. E. Davis, 40 Kalamath Street, Denver 9, Colo. You will hear more from your committee.

Vocational Committee.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION By the President of the United States

"In keeping with the custom established by our forefathers and hallowed by faithful observance throughout the years, it is fitting that once again at this season we set aside a day for giving thanks to God for the many blessings which He has bestowed upon us.

"We are deeply grateful for the bounties of our soil, for the unequalled production of our mines and factories, and for all the vast resources of our beloved country, which have enabled our citizens to build a great civilization. We are thankful for the enjoyment of our personal liberties and for the loyalty of our fellow Americans. We offer fervent thanks that we are privileged to join with other countries in the work of the United Nations, which was founded to maintain peace in a troubled world and is now standing firm in upholding the principles of international justice.

"Contemplating these blessings with humility, we have a deepened sense of our responsibility to serve unselfishly, and we pray to Almighty God for wisdom in our relations with our fellow men.

"Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, in conformance with the joint resolution of Congress approved December 26, 1941, designating the fourth Thursday of November in each year as Thanksgiving Day, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 23, 1950, as a day of national thanksgiving, and I call upon every citizen to offer thanks to God for His gracious guidance and help. Again I ask all my countrymen to appeal to the Most High, that the God of our fathers who has blessed this land beyond all others will in His infinite mercy grant to all nations that peace which the world cannot give. I entreat them, in Church, Chapel, and Synagogue, in their homes and in the busy walks of life, every day and everywhere, to pray for peace."

A WARM GLOW IN THE HEART OF GOD

A Thanksgiving Sermon

By Rev. E. Wendell Stephan
Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ
Plainfield, N. J.

Text: "For the rendering of this service does more than supply the wants of God's people; it results in a wealth of thanksgiving to God." — 2 Corinthians 9: 12.

It seems a fitting part of our Thanksgiving season to attempt a picture of what the giving of our thanks has meant to God. Certainly it inspires you as it inspires me to realize that all over our nation, in this peculiarly American festival, Churches are open and voices are together raised in songs and prayer. Add to this picture the knowledge that in hundreds and thousands of homes men, women, and children will pause for at least a moment of reverent gratitude to God for His abundant mercies, and we have before us the thrilling scene of an entire nation at prayer.

It brings a warm glow to our hearts as we realize the deep significance of such a day. Is it too much to suggest that there is, in the heart of God, a warm glow of happiness and love as a result of the thanksgiving of this people?

The thought originates with the Apostle Paul as he writes to the Church at Corinth concerning their giving to the special fund for the Church at Jerusalem. Paul realizes as he writes how much their gifts will mean to the people of Jerusalem. He realizes, too, how much it will mean to the Corinthians to share in this glorious project, but he also realizes something else — that which we too seldom take into account — that this means something to God! And he writes "For the rendering of this service does more than supply the wants of God's people; it results in a wealth of thanksgiving to God."

Here is the story: Those at Corinth praise God for the privilege of giving, those at Jerusalem praise Him for the gifts sent to meet their needs. Others who see this good work are influenced to praise God for it, and the glorious result is that God is pleased. This is a picture

of the very thing of which we are speaking, a picture of more and more prayers, more and more songs, greater and greater rejoicing all coming together until they rise in a majestic chorus of adoration before the great "I Am" that is God. It is a picture of God receiving this adoration with pleasure and with joy. ☪

Some will say immediately that this concept is all too human, and perhaps it is, but I think it is not. It is significant that the great insights into the nature and person of God have come through greater understanding of human personality and human needs. It is supremely significant that God's own revelation of Himself, His only full revealing, came through a man, the Lord Jesus Christ. And while we would not in any sense claim divinity for ourselves, we would appreciate the meaning of being made in the image and likeness of God and being called His children.

God likes to be thanked. This we see in the life of His Son, our Lord. For Jesus not only gave thanks, but also received with joy the thanks of those whom He had helped. When He healed the man sick of the palsy, the man went home glorifying or giving thanks to God, and Jesus was happy. When He cured the demoniac, the man begged to remain with Him, but Jesus sent him home, so we see the man going throughout the countryside declaring how much Jesus had done for him. Again, Jesus was happy. When Jesus healed the ten lepers, one of them returned giving thanks. Jesus grieved over the other nine, but He gave thanks for the thoughtful one.

The word "charis," to thank, means many things in the Bible. We find it in the technical term "to bless" or "to speak well of," in the word translated "praise," and in Paul's most popular word "grace." We find it, too, in the common Greek, where it means two things, simply "thank you" and "do a favor in return." If we bring all of these meanings together the word means to have a thankful attitude toward people and toward God, and to do something in return for those who have helped or befriended you.

One of the first things we teach our

children to say is "Thank you." Why do we? Because it is polite? Yes. Because it is conventional? Yes. Because it is customary? Yes. But all classes of people do not those things which are customary, and many do not know the meaning of the term "conventional," yet everybody quickly learns to say "Thank you." Why? Because it is simple decency. Because it is common courtesy. Because it is the thing to do. Because every worthwhile philosophy and every thoughtful man and woman believes in saying "Thank you." It is an expression without which human relations would be impossible.

But it means more than this, more than decency and politeness. It is a response and an acknowledgment which warm both the thanked and the one who gives thanks. It is the basis of a two-way relationship between personalities from which both receive satisfaction, good will, and joy. That is why we teach our children to say "Thank you."

We, too, like to say "Thank you." This is one word which, when spoken sincerely, unfailingly brings happiness and good feeling. One cannot say these words and mean them without being a better person, without creating within an attitude of thankfulness which makes for a happier life and a lovelier world. One cannot utter these words thoughtfully without the divine impulse to do something good in return for that which has been done for him. Perhaps we should add this truth of which we have talked before, that one cannot do wrong if he does only those things for which he can sincerely thank God.

We like to be appreciated and we are grateful when something we have done is acknowledged by thanksgiving. It makes us feel good. It makes life worth while. It lifts us up when we are low and picks us up when we have fallen. We speak often today of "pick-me-ups" — saying "Thank you" is one of the finest! It gives us a warm glow within, causing us to be more willing to befriend and to share.

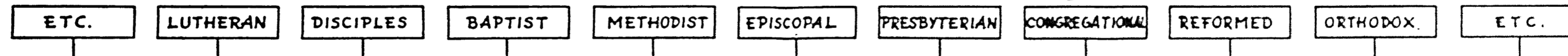
It is this feeling which I believe is in the heart of God at this Thanksgiving time. Not that God has at times been

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Organization Chart of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America

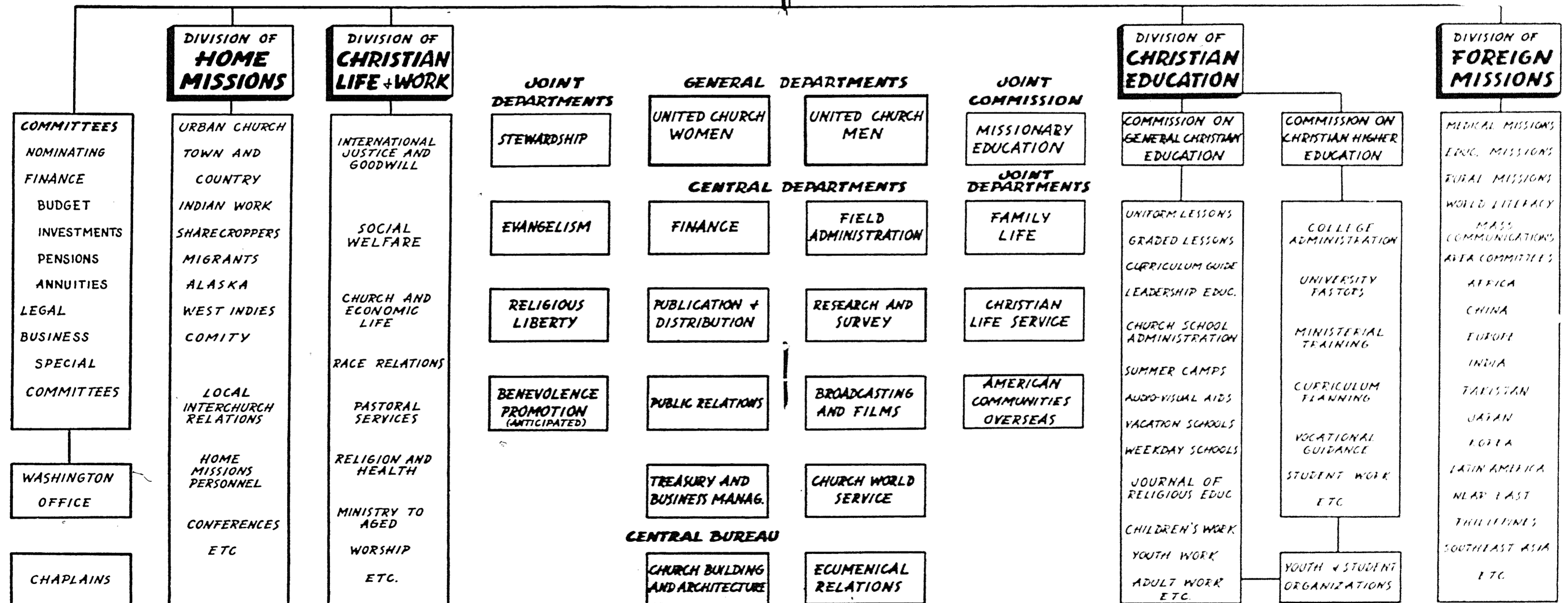
The Council will start operations January 1, 1951, as the single instrument of the cooperative work of 29 major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations.
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CO-OPERATING DENOMINATIONS

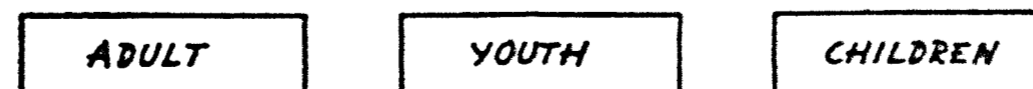


NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U. S. A.

GENERAL BOARD



COORDINATING COMMITTEES



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unwilling to befriend and to share — but that, humanly speaking, His heart is warmed because His children are grateful enough for life that they are willing to acknowledge the Giver of it. Because this nation, great as it is in human terms, is yet able to thank Him who is the Wellspring of every good and perfect gift, and to thank Him humbly! Because millions in our land have the year-round desire to thank the Father for His Son, our Redeemer and our Lord, and take this time to voice their thanks in a united way! ◊

Truly this season does give to all of us a new spirit of thankfulness, but what is equally, yes, far more important is that it results in a wealth of thanksgiving to God.

The world is a happier, warmer place and God is pleased, because there is still a place in the heart of man for Thanksgiving Day. May the spirit of thankfulness dwell richly in our heart. May the warmth of this day give us inward light and peace. May it brighten our homes, cheer us as we labor at our God-appointed tasks, and may God be honored and glorified by us, His children, both now and forevermore.

THE EVANGELICAL SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Washington, D. C.

The Evangelical Seventh Day Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., is now meeting in its new place of worship in the chapel of the Baptist Building, private entrance just north of 1620 16th Street NW. All Seventh Day Baptists and their friends in the Washington or Baltimore area are cordially invited to attend our services and join in Christian fellowship with us. Sabbath school is at 10:30 a.m. and worship at 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Lee Holloway, Pastor.
16 Allegheny Avenue,
Takoma Park, Washington 12, D. C.

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." — Psalm 118: 29.

1951 WEEK OF PRAYER

Christians all over the world will unite, during the first days of the new year, A. D. 1951, in intensive prayer for kingdom usefulness during the Universal Week of Prayer. In America, many of us will center our prayers around the Week of Prayer booklet distributed by the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism, copies of which will be sent for examination by every pastor. Under the title of "A Fellowship Without Frontiers," Rev. G. Curtis Jones of the Seventh Street Christian Church in Richmond, Va., presents seven topics for study and "prayer-focus" during the week. He deals with the unity of Christians in having "One Canon, One Christ, One Compassion, One Confession, One Cross, One Church, and One Commission."

Seventh Day Baptists are urged to join in intercession for their own community's needs. If our belief in Christ's personal salvation means anything, it will impel us to intercede for God's help in overcoming both the personal and social conditions of sin in the immediate world personally known to our Seventh Day Baptist Church members. Our intercession for God's guidance in world-wide problems logically follows this more immediate field. It is hoped that we Seventh Day Baptists may help initiate local, united programs of evangelism and education as God's power is channeled through our lives.

May the Week of Prayer be a step toward more fully recognizing "man's extremity" in your town, and "God's opportunity" through your life and that of your Church.

CHRISTIAN WORLD FACTS

The new 1951 issue of Christian World Facts has been received and copies are available from this office at 25 cents each. The booklet contains appealing personal stories such as Dr. Ida Scudder's, "Why I Became a Missionary," and Michio Kozaki's, "Is Japan Becoming Christian?" Accounts of missionary developments throughout the world are a part of the booklet, while glimpses of the various Protestant missions are brought together

topically under such titles as "Following the Great Physician," "The Christian Home," "Eye-gate and Ear-gate (audio-visual aids)," and "Telling the Story."

Write the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board, Westerly, R. I., for copies.

NEWS FROM "DOWN UNDER"

November was chosen as New Zealand month for Seventh Day Baptist study and enlarged support because early in 1951, Rev. and Mrs. Emmett H. Bottoms will begin their trip to England, thence to New Zealand, for a "short-term project" under the supervision of the Missionary Board. Have you read the Annual Report of our society in which plans for the trip are outlined? Have you read in two recent Reader's Digests accounts of political conditions in Australia and New Zealand which will affect the Christian service and witness of our Seventh Day Baptists there? Are you praying for the Spirit of God to lead Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bottoms in their work?

On October 12, Rev. Francis Johnson of our Auckland Church wrote Rev. Emmett Bottoms that he was "just leaving for the 600-mile trip by train and boat to our South Island Church" at Christchurch. Plans for evangelism in New Zealand call for work first in Auckland, then in Christchurch, then probably in New South Wales in Australia. A visit to the mission in Nyasaland, Africa, is planned for the return trip if possible.

Copies of the hymnal, "Christ in Song," are desired for use by Rev. Mr. Johnson. Persons having copies in good condition (or desiring to buy new ones for the purpose) are urged to write the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board office, Westerly, R. I. Thirty to 100 copies could be used.

Frank Morton of the Auckland Church has written a series of seven tracts, one of which has recently come from Rev. Mr. Johnson. The booklet, "Would Christ Approve My Church?" has a modern and lively paraphrase of Matthew 15: 1-14 with extended comment on putting God's commands and His spirit to work today. Mr. Morton's work seems helpful to us and must be of much useful-

ness in the Auckland Seventh Day Baptist Church's witness. Pastor Johnson has been consulted in the publication of the series and he stands behind Mr. Morton's tracts.

A. G. Sampson of Valley Heights, Blue Mountains, in New South Wales, Australia (Sydney and Canberra, the Dominion Capital are in this state) has secured positions for the Kube family. The Kubes are Polish people who were able to escape from their Communist-dominated land to England. The son, Stefan, is 25 and went to Australia in March, 1950, to take up work which Mr. Sampson arranged for him. "He is a very fine Christian young man," says the Australian.

Dr. Kube and his wife will be going to New South Wales in the near future. A daughter of the Kubes married a Dr. Lehman, a dental technician now working in Lincoln, England. It is hoped that the Lehmans can also go to Australia.

"Dr. Kube was formerly an Adventist," writes Rev. James McGeachy of London, "but became a leader of an independent movement, bearing a name similar to our own Evangelical Sabbatarian Mission. He was a friend of Pastors Conradi and Fletcher . . . and is now a medical officer in a Displaced Persons Camp in West Germany." Dr. Kube hopes to be able to devote a large part of his time to Christian writing and publishing. Mr. Sampson has corresponded with Rev. Mr. Johnson and Rev. Mr. Barrar of our New Zealand Churches and plans are developing for larger work in connection with Rev. Mr. Bottoms' project "down under." Dr. Kube has made a visit to our London Church and has been discussing Seventh Day Baptist work with Elder E. S. Ballenger of Riverside, Calif., for some time.

Missionary Board Adopts Policy on Randolph Visits

Since it is now known that Rev. Gardner T. F. Randolph will be in position to spend part of his year's furlough in visiting American Churches, the Missionary Board at its October 29th meeting was happy to suggest a plan for having Rev. Mr. Randolph contact as many Churches

DISCOVERY

By Toyohiko Kagawa

I cannot invent
New things,
Like the airships
Which sail
On silver wings:
But today
A wonderful thought
In the dawn was given,
And the stripes on my robe,
Shining from wear,
Were suddenly fair,
Bright with a light
Falling from Heaven —
Gold and silver and bronze
Lights from the windows of Heaven.

And the thought
Was this:
That a secret plan
Is hid in my hand
That my hand is big,
Big,
Because of this plan.

That God,
Who dwells in my hand,
Knows this secret plan
Of the things He will do for the world,
Using my hand!

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as he is able. This plan was then carried to the Conference President's Co-ordinating Council and Mr. Randolph's visits will be related to the contacts made by all denominational field men. The board may ask you to invite our Jamaica missionary for a weekend of meetings and study; your Church may request a visit by writing our office. Field trips will be made in accordance with the best interests of all. According to action adopted October 29, the board will advance funds for Mr. Randolph's travel to insure greatest comfort for him, but is asking Churches to "assume his travel expense one way." He will inspire both your local efforts and your world missionary vision.

D. S. C.

WOMEN'S BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met in Salem, W. Va., on October 22, 1950.

A devotional period emphasizing world order with a meditation and verses from John 5, 17, and elsewhere was followed by prayer.

Treasury balances: Evangelistic Fund, \$816.27; General Fund, \$112.57; were reported.

The Christian Culture Committee report included the following recommendations which were approved:

1. That the worship programs in the Sabbath Recorder be discontinued, that the societies appoint a worship program committee, and that the program be planned applicable for each meeting.

2. That the Mission Study books on hand be listed and offered for sale at half price.

The following Ways and Means Committee report was read and accepted:

Word has been received from the Putnam County Mission Committee of Daytona Beach that they favored the board's suggestion for extended work for Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph. Her extended work began October 1, 1950.

Our board has been asked to appoint a woman to act as co-ordinator for the Women's Department of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Mrs. A. J. C. Bond was appointed our representative.

We are heartened by the gifts for educational work and religious training in Alabama from Miss Golda Gerat and from Mrs. Wiard in memory of Mrs. Mildred Wiard Ehret.

We believe that the board can help train some of our Seventh Day Baptist young people for Christian service as Gospel Team helpers, Vacation Bible School teachers, camp councilors, etc. Therefore, we recommend that the board set aside \$98 per semester, tuition for 14 semester hours in Christian Education courses in Salem College (which, at present, is the only one of our colleges offering this training) for any of our young people who are willing to thus train and

who will pledge themselves for service as needs arise. Applications for this tuition are to be approved by the Women's Board. This fund will provide help for seven persons each taking one 2-hour course in Christian Education.

The Christian Citizenship Committee report which included the following item was accepted.

Careful attention has been given to the matter of the United Nations Flag. We recommend that the societies work with their local groups in preparing a United Nations Flag for use in their communities. This is a challenge to become a modern Betsy Ross Society.

The next meeting of this board will be held the first Sunday in December.

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs,
President,
Greta F. Randolph,
Recording Secretary.

OPEN LETTER

To the women of our American Churches:

You have a great stake in democracy. You also are the chief support of the Churches and Synagogues of the nation. As you appreciate, perhaps better than everybody else, democracy and religion are bound inseparably together.

Now that religion is under attack, both by secularism and by Communism, it is all the more reason to strengthen the institutions of religion.

As you probably know, last November there was a national emphasis called Religion in American Life.

This same emphasis is being made again during November, 1950, with the full support of The Advertising Council. This means that clearance will be given through all forms of mass communication media, including network radio, television, outdoor posters, bus cards, and the press.

Whatever you can do in your own community to make this campaign known, and to tie it into your own activities, will be greatly appreciated.

November will give you the opportunity to stress the importance of religion in American life, with the help of a great national campaign. By taking advantage

Our Children's Letter Exchange

Dear Mrs. Greene:

When I read the Sabbath Recorder today I noticed there weren't any letters. Since you haven't heard from me in such a long time I decided to write you a letter. My brother is writing you a letter on my typewriter right now. So, you see, your letter in this week's Recorder encouraged us.

I am a freshman in high school this year, and I was very much surprised to see my name on the honor roll today.

I have had a wonderful time this summer. Just after school was out I was one out of eight safety patrol members elected to attend the yearly meeting of the Wisconsin Safety Council, held at the Wisconsin Dells.

In July, we went to Colorado and took my girl friend, Janet Drake. We were out there for three weeks. My mother and dad, my brother, and my Grandmother and Grandfather Sutton went out to Yellowstone Park. Janet and I stayed in Colorado and attended the Seventh Day Baptist young people's camp. It was a wonderful experience for Janet because it was the first time she had seen the mountains.

In August I attended General Conference. I went with the Don Grays. It was a wonderful experience that I'll always remember.

I enjoy the Sabbath Recorder, and the minute it comes I turn to the Children's Page.

I take piano lessons from Miss Alberta Crandall.

I must close for now.

Sincerely,

Roberta Randolph.

Milton, Wis.

of the national program it will be much easier to make your community realize that democracy and religion are so important that they can no longer be taken for granted.

For further information write: Religion in American Life, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Roberta:

Your letter and Lynn's were unusually welcome this week. As you can see, they were the only letters I received, and they are both interesting and long. I'm so glad my letter spurred you on to write.

Congratulations that your name is on the honor roll. I remember how happy I used to be, especially when I was a high school freshman, to have my name appear on the honor roll. You see, I was almost a stranger that first year, coming from a little rural school in Wisconsin.

You certainly have had some wonderful vacation experiences this past summer. Good and instructive times that you can never forget! It helped to make it more enjoyable for you that your friend Janet could be with you.

You and Lynn are fortunate to be able to take piano lessons from Miss Alberta Crandall. I remember her quite well. She is a fine musician and I'm sure proves herself an excellent teacher.

I'm so glad you enjoy the Children's Page and help by your good letters to make it interesting.

Sincerely your friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am in the fourth grade. My teacher is Mrs. Benrud. My band teacher is Mrs. Pritchett. My Sabbath school teacher is Bud Heinig. Before promotion my teacher was Miss Marjorie Burdick. My sister used to say "commotion day."

My sister is in high school.

I have a nice bicycle. It is a full-sized one (26 x 2.125).

I am going to a Halloween party tonight. I am going to dress like a cat.

I flew my dad's airplane Sunday afternoon. I flew it from Delevan (Lake Geneva) to Janesville. Of course daddy was in the plane with me.

Miss Alberta Crandall is my piano teacher. Grandma is here and Grandpa Sutton is in Ohio.

Sincerely,
Lynn Randolph.

Milton, Wis.

Dear Lynn:

I think you are pretty skillful in your use of the typewriter. Do you like to

type? I do because I can type much faster than I can write, and I surely can keep my typewriter busy at least one day a week.

A little boy named Douglas has just come in to call on me. I may get my typewriting a little mixed up if I am not careful, for he wants me to keep talking to him. He didn't dress like a cat on Halloween but was even more "scary." He wore a black suit with a white skeleton on the front from the neck to the feet. I only had twenty-one visitors at my door on Halloween asking for "Treats or tricks." All were dressed in funny costumes. One boy was dressed like a clown.

Sincerely your friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

A TRIBUTE TO URSO B. DAVIS

(Given at funeral services, October 25, 1950.)

Today we unite our hearts in lonely tribute to the life of a loved one whose influence has been full of inspiration to all who knew him.

First and above all, "Uncle" Urso was a conscientious Christian. Early in life he enjoyed a conversion experience which, in his own words, "gave me great peace. I felt the burdens and trials of this life being lifted. It was a wonderful feeling." He accepted Christ as his Saviour and Leader, and has for forty-four years been a faithful member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. The many and varied offices which he held in his Church were discharged with consistent efficiency.

He took his faith out into the community and gave support to all worthwhile community projects. He was a Mason, and his integrity and devotion to service and good fellowship were recognized in his being elected to the presidency of the Lions Club of Lost Creek. This position he was filling very capably, drawing the admiration of all members.

Anxious to see both sides of the problem, quick in sympathy, modest and retiring, exceptionally kind to children, he was a friend to all, a loving father, and devoted husband — on and on his trail of stars do follow after. Not perfect, but humbly penitent, he dwells with God on high, and the world is better, for he lived here.

R. E. Z.

BEST SERMONS

FINAL CALL FOR SERMONS

Manuscripts are still being considered for Volume V, the forthcoming issue of Best Sermons, edited by Dr. G. Paul Butler. Clergymen of all faiths are invited to submit a sermon for consideration to Dr. Butler at 431 Riverside Drive, New York 25, N. Y., as soon as possible. December 20 is the final date.

Sermons should have been preached between January 1, 1949, and October 1, 1950. Volume V will be published in 1951. All sermons will be read with care; no manuscripts can be returned; all contributors should keep a copy of the sermon submitted; be sure your full name and Church connection are given.

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Accessions

Dodge Center, Minn.

Testimony:

Mrs. Walter Cocker, and
Walter Cocker were received into the Church
September 16, 1950.

Baptism:

Bonnie Bonser,
Vivian Bonser,
Norma Clapper,
Shirley Stebbins,
Paul Pierson, and
Barbara Cruzan were baptized September 23,
and were received into the Church on
September 30, 1950.

Obituaries

Davis. — Urso B., son of S. Orlando and Lucinda Van Horn Davis, was born December 5, 1889, at McWhorter, W. Va., and died at his home at the edge of Lost Creek on October 22, 1950.

On August 13, 1913, he married Jessie Saunders. She survives, with three sons: Everett of Burlington, Iowa; Lewis and Hugh of Lost Creek; a daughter, Mrs. Jane Post of Clarksburg, W. Va.; one brother, S. Erlow Davis; and one sister, Miss Maleta Davis, both of Jane Lew, W. Va. There are six grandchildren.

He was a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted at the Lost

Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church by his pastor, Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, on October 25, and interment was in the Brick Church Cemetery.

R. E. Z.

(Note: A tribute to Mr. Davis appears elsewhere in this issue.)

Davis. — Bert C., son of Thomas C. and Eliza L. Babcock Davis, was born in a cabin near Humboldt in Richardson County, Neb., November 21, 1871, and died in his home at Big Flat, N. Y., October 14, 1950.

When he was six months old the family moved 250 miles by covered wagon and ox team into Central-Western Nebraska to stake out a new homestead. His mother was the first white woman in the territory.

For several years he attended a school taught by his father. Then the family moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where he completed his grade school studies and attended high school.

At an early age he joined the Long Branch, Neb., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Later he joined the First Baptist Church of Elmira, N. Y., of which Church he was a member of the board of trustees for 33 years.

He was president of the American Warming and Ventilating Company of Elmira for 31 years before his retirement April 1, 1946.

He is survived by his wife, Nettie M. Davis, a daughter, Mrs. James D. Jones of Corning, a sister, Mrs. Iva Davis of Oneida, two granddaughters, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at the family home October 16, 1950, at 3 p.m., conducted by Rev. Robert Gray, and burial was in Hope Cemetery at Corning, N. Y. H. L. P.

Polan. — Dove Cole, wife of M. O. Polan, was born June 3, 1879, and died September 24, 1950, in a Clarksburg, W. Va., hospital. She was the daughter of Frank and Mary Bode Cole.

She is survived by her husband, four stepchildren, four sisters, and three brothers.

She was a member of the Point Pleasant, W. Va., Church. Funeral services were held September 26, at the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church, near Blandville, W. Va., where she often attended services with her husband. Rev. Mr. Fletcher of Weston, W. Va., and Rev. John Fitz Randolph of Berea, W. Va., officiated. Interment was in the Church cemetery by the Middle Island Church.

J. E. R.

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