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WITH THEE

One hour with Thee is better far
Than years of sinful pleasure.
One look from Thine approving eye
Would give me joy I cannot measure.

One thought of Thee would fill my soul
With praise and glad thanksgiving,
For all my Saviour's pardoning grace,
My sinful heart forgiving.

As fall the sunbeams from the sky,
In golden splendor gleaming,
So may Thy love shine in our hearts,
With light and beauty beaming.

O guiding Star, come nearer still,
To fill life's path with brightness,
Till day by day our characters
Grow nearer to Thy likeness.

(Composed by Devillo E. Livermore, of blessed memory, a faithful Christian and a true friend to children.)

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How to Find Friends

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That are stored there in the mind,
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H. F. Hummel.

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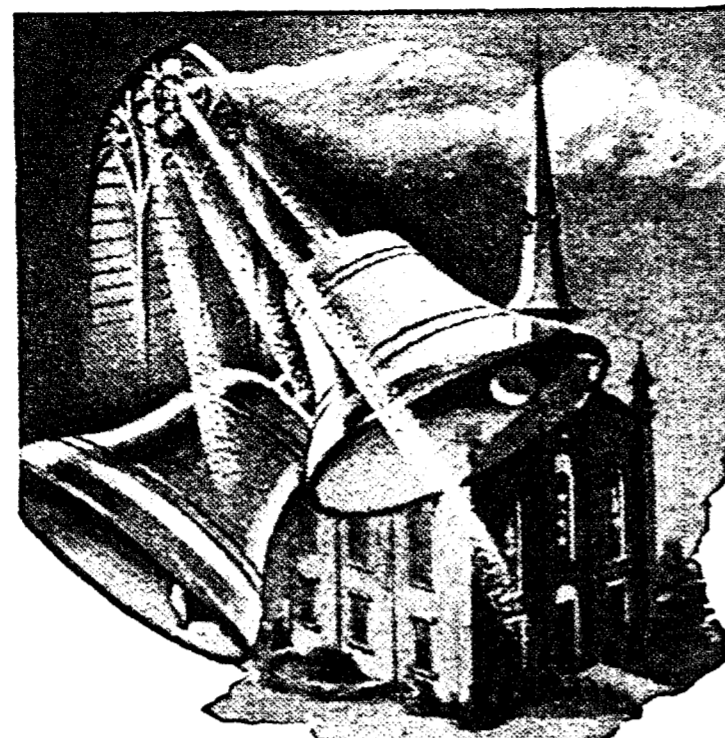
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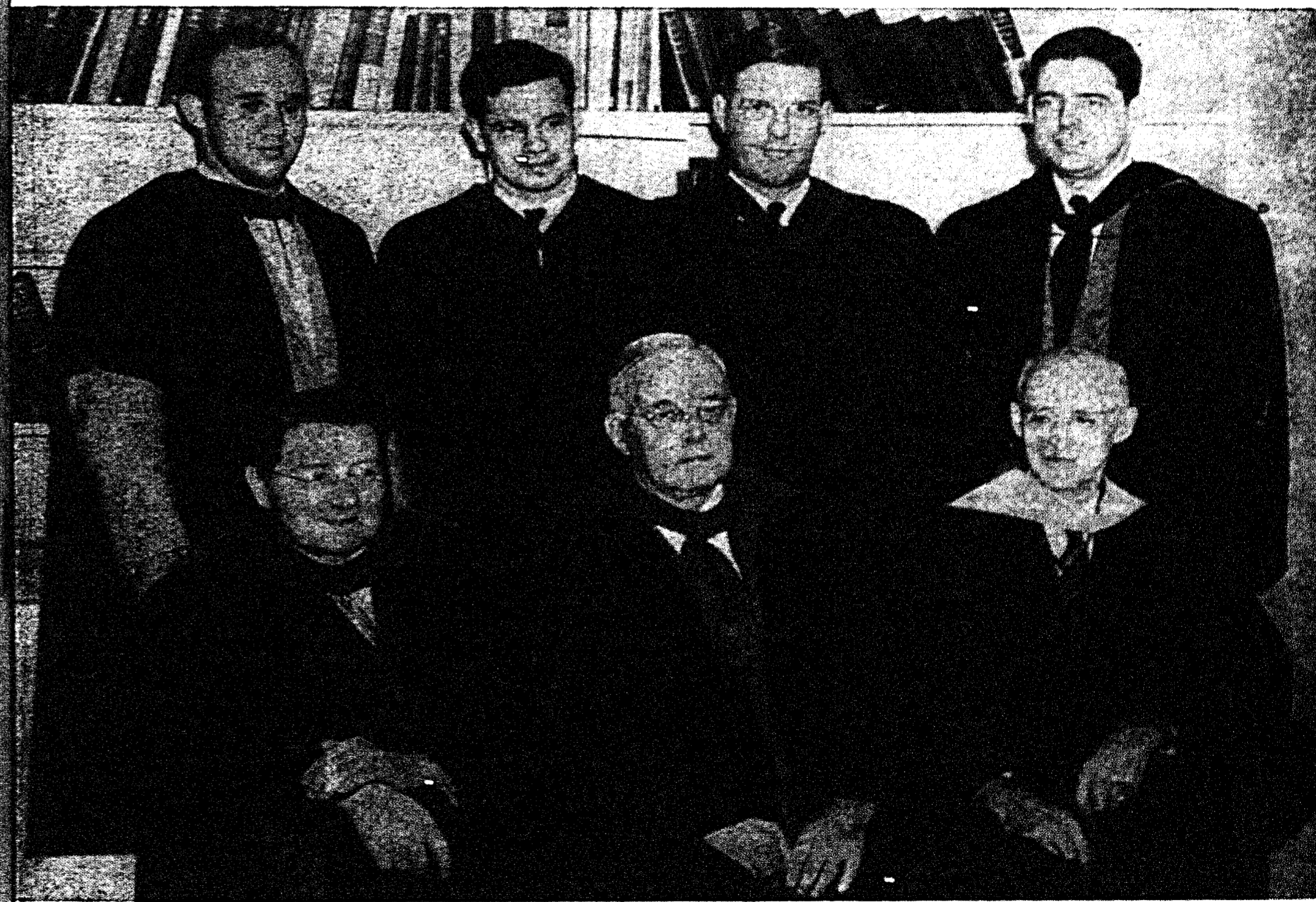
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MALE CHORUS PREPARING FOR CONFERENCE

Preparations now under way for the General Conference next August are neither confined to the essential though usual physical arrangements for entertainment nor to the Alfred community.

Under the leadership of Dr. Alfred E. Whitford of the First Alfred Church, a male chorus is already preparing for a special role during the Conference sessions. Thirty-two men, representing nearly all of the Western Association Churches, appeared at the first rehearsal and enthusiastically began the task of mastering the stirring music for men's voices that Dr. Whitford has planned to present for the enjoyment of Conference congregations next summer.

"Rehearsals are to be held once a month," announced Dr. Whitford at the first practice session as he outlined the repertoire of old favorites, classics, and Negro spirituals that the chorus is to sing. "We want to sing quality music in the best way we are able," he repeated as he led the men through an intensive opening rehearsal.

Later, Dr. Whitford revealed that he hopes to continue practices through the Conference week so that singers from more distant Churches may join the group and participate in the exhilarating experience of singing fine music with a large, well-trained chorus. — Publicity Committee.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The Seventh Day Baptist Ministers' Conference will convene at Shiloh, N. J., April 2, with registration beginning at 4 p.m. The principal discussion of the conference will center around the issue of Denominational Efficiency. Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, chairman of Commission and chairman of the Committee to Study Possible Need of Denominational Reorganization, will lead the discussion. The ministers will be assigned to committees to study various phases of the question and come together with recommendations and questions. An evening speaker will be chosen. Watch for further notice.

Rex E. Zwiebel, Chairman,
Program Committee.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE NEAR

A successful Ministers' Conference will need a full attendance of our ministers. This has been true throughout our experience of attending such conferences. Especially will this be true this year as we gather at Shiloh and Marlboro, N. J., for our annual ministers' meeting.

The Ministers' Conference is being held much earlier this year than usual. April 2-5 are the dates announced by the Board of Christian Education, the sponsoring agency.

The presence and participation of several of our ministers last year who ordinarily are not in position to attend, contributed much to the success of the conference. We are informed that funds from the source drawn upon last year will not be available to defray travel expense this year.

Although the Sabbath Recorder is not permitted to publicize appeals not approved by the Commission or General Conference, it can suggest strongly this important need. If individuals and Churches are interested in sharing the travel costs of some of our ministers who could not otherwise attend the conference, we feel certain that the corresponding secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will be glad to furnish their names.

Let us read again about the nature of the proposed program of this year's Ministers' Conference as announced on the opposite page by the chairman of the program committee. If we ever needed a full attendance at a Ministers' Conference, it is at this one.

A word to the interested "is sufficient." "Let's act now!"

"THE DENVER TITHING EXPERIMENT"

Many readers of the Sabbath Recorder heard Dr. E. Keith Davis speak on the Wednesday night program of the Salem Conference last August. He presented certain features of the experience of the Denver, Colo., Seventh Day Baptist Church in tithing. Immediately we invited Dr. Davis to share with yet other readers of our Church paper the benefits of the experiment.

Recently we have received a copy of the complete study of the experiment that Dr. Davis has made. The President of General Conference has requested that it appear as being prepared for the Committee on Budget Promotion of the General Conference in support of his emphasis on tithing this year.

"The Denver Tithing Experiment" appears elsewhere in this issue. Dr. Davis has done a painstaking job. The Denver Church is to be commended for sharing this experience with us. What the Denver Church has done, any Church can do. If all of our Churches would undertake tithing, Church and Denominational Budget worries would disappear.

Why not try tithing?

"ONE GREAT TIME FOR SHARING"

The back cover of this issue carries a 50/50 "ad." By this we mean that the sponsoring agency is paying half the cost of the "ad" while the Sabbath Recorder is providing the other half.

Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, executive secretary, "One Great Time for Sharing," makes the following comment:

"Denominational journals have done such a splendid job in promoting the united appeal, 'One Great Time for Sharing,' that the Administrative Committee has voted to express its appreciation in a very emphatic manner. Moreover, if it is at all possible, it would like to share in the expense of an 'ad' as another indication of co-operation."

Thus the "ad."

The most important feature is revealed in "It's not too late to help the helpless." "Too late!" is a terrible verdict! So, while there is yet time, let us who have so much share with those who have so little.

This is "One Great Time for Sharing!"

PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

A copy of the proposed program for the Seventh Day Baptist Ministers' Conference has been received recently.

Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel is chairman of the Planning Committee. Associated with him are: Rev. Ralph H. Coon, Rev. John

F. Randolph, and Rev. James L. Skaggs. Plans for the forthcoming conference are being made by this committee in co-operation with the Board of Christian Education and the host pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn. As we understand, the Shiloh and Marlboro, N. J., Churches are co-operating in the entertainment of the conference.

Certain questions of denominational import are to be considered, such as: "(1) What to Do with the Denominational Building, (2) Reorganization of the Commission, (3) Revising the Denominational Budget, and (4) The Sabbath Recorder."

Those who attend will be divided into four committees for the discussion groups. There will be assembly sessions at which the findings of the separate committees will be presented and discussed.

There will be devotional times and seasons of prayer. There will be opportunity for fellowship — getting better acquainted with our brothers in the Seventh Day Baptist ministry. The Conference president is scheduled for an hour, and "Tools for Evangelism" will be considered. There will be a Communion service. On two evenings guest speakers are scheduled to appear.

According to the proposed program, the conference will open with registration at the Shiloh Church on Monday, April 2, at 4 p.m., and will close at 10 a.m. on Thursday morning, April 5.

This promises to be an outstanding conference. Let us do all that we can to make possible the attendance of Seventh Day Baptist ministers and ministerial students. Let us be much in prayer for the spiritual success of the conference.

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According to the records you became a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society at its annual meeting on September 12, 1926. In 1935 you were elected third vice-president; from 1942 through 1944, second vice-president, and from 1945 through 1950, first vice-president. You served on the Auditing Committee from 1927 to 1941; on the Soliciting Committee for the Denominational Building Fund from 1927 to 1939; on the Committee on Teen-age Conferences and Summer Camps from 1927 to 1941, and chairman of this committee from 1931 to 1936; on the Committee on Denominational Building from 1927 to 1940; a member of the Budget Committee from 1931 to 1950; a member of the Investment Committee from 1937 to 1950; a member of the Supervisory Committee from 1935 to 1950, and its chairman from 1936 to 1950.

This record shows many years of devoted service in the work of many phases of the American Sabbath Tract Society and especially of the work of the Recorder Press. The latter activity is worthy of further comment because you helped the Recorder Press to weather the economic storm of the thirties and early forties.

So often good work in some denominational capacity appears to be taken for granted, but the board has requested us to pause to recapitulate your varied duties and services rendered for the Tract Society and to convey to you our wish for many years of happy Christian living.

Cordially yours in the Lord's work,
American Sabbath Tract Society,
Courtland V. Davis,
Frederik J. Bakker,
Committee.

Plainfield, N. J.,
February 7, 1951.

**SUMMARIZED REPORTS
OF GERMAN RELIEF WORK**

August 1 - December 31, 1950

Receipts	
Balance on hand August 1	\$ 14.57
New York City Church	15.00
Relief Appeal of the Churches	89.93
Ladies' societies	71.00
Church members	32.00
Total	\$ 222.50

Disbursements	
Groceries	\$ 26.50
Oil and shortening	37.48
600 lbs. dried eggs	46.51
Packing material	7.00
Parcel post fee — 25 pkgs., 510 lbs.	75.60
Balance	29.41
Total	\$ 222.50

Yearly Report
January 1 - December 31, 1950

Receipts	
From Churches, Sabbath schools, Ladies' societies, and other individuals	\$ 748.07
From the Irvington Church	46.51
Total	\$ 794.58

Disbursements	
Food	\$ 346.40
600 lbs. dried eggs	46.51
Packing material	14.40
Parcel post fee:	
107 pkgs., 2,000 lbs., for the Russian Zone	322.66
27 pkgs., 800 lbs., for the British Zone	35.20
Balance December 31, 1950	29.41
Total	\$ 794.58

For the Years from 1946 - 1950

Receipts	
Churches, Sabbath schools, Ladies' societies, and other individuals	\$13,810.18
Disbursements	
Disbursements for food, parcel post, etc.	\$13,780.77
Balance December 31, 1950	29.41
Total	\$13,810.18

Total Shipments 1946 - 1950

By parcel post, 2,810 pkgs.	47,212 lbs.
By steamer	6,575 lbs.
Total	53,787 lbs.
Total disbursements for parcel post and freight	\$5,996.59

THE MANIFESTO

By George B. Utter
Chairman, China Committee,
Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

Our Seventh Day Baptists in China are on their own. Years ago Churches of all denominations began to anticipate that native members of their Churches would be carrying more of the load, looking to the day when Chinese Churches might possibly take over all control in management.

But today in the Communist control of the government, foreign missionaries are leaving China. We, of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, have none there. All our property in China has been frozen within the control of the government.

During the fall months, we heard from China and Liuho. But now word has come from them not to send our publications, for if they reach them there might be embarrassing numbers.

An agreement has been reached between the People's Government and the Chinese Christians. It is known as the Manifesto. More than forty well-known Christian leaders of China have signed a document that is approved by the government. Then Christian natives sponsor what they hope will satisfy the Communist Government as to the standing of Christian Churches in China.

It is well that we who have property there should know under what sort of conditions our Christian Church members are laboring, and may be under for some time to come. The signers of the Manifesto said:

"Protestant Christianity has been introduced to China for more than one hundred forty years. During this period, it has made a not unworthy contribution to Chinese society. Nevertheless, and this was most unfortunate, not long after Christianity's coming to China, imperialism started its activities here; and since

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German Seventh Day Baptist Church,
Irvington, N. J.,
December 31, 1950.

the principal groups of missionaries who brought Christianity to China all came themselves from these imperialistic countries, Christianity consciously or unconsciously, directly or indirectly, became related with imperialism.

"Now that the Chinese revolution has achieved victory, these imperialistic countries will not rest passively content in face of this unprecedented historical fact in China. They will certainly seek to contrive by every means the destruction of what has actually been achieved; they may also make use of Christianity to forward their plot of stirring up internal dissension, and creating reactionary forces in this country.

"It is our purpose in publishing the following statement to heighten our vigilance against imperialism, to make known the clear political stand of Christians in New China, to hasten the building of a Chinese Church whose affairs are managed by the Chinese themselves, and to indicate the responsibilities which should be taken up by Christians throughout the whole country in national reconstruction in New China. We desire to call upon all Christians in the country to exert their best efforts in putting into effect the principles herein presented."

So we see what our Church, school, and hospital in Shanghai face. For them, like all other Christians there, there must be "self-support and self-propagation" and "rejuvenation." There must be "a clear-cut severance of relations between the Churches and imperialistic countries."

The document has said that it is "a dividing line between two eras of Christianity in China, for it manifests the radical change in thinking and in action shown by Chinese Christians since liberation."

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Sabbath services are held in the Fine Arts Building, 410 S. Michigan Avenue, Room 821, each Sabbath. Worship at 2:30 p.m., Sabbath school at 3:30 p.m. You are invited!

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY STAFF

It was announced by Dean A. J. C. Bond recently that the staff pictured on the front cover of this issue will conduct the classes offered by the School of Theology next year. Pictured in their academic regalia as posed for the Alfred University yearbook are: Seated, Rev. Everett T. Harris, D.D., Instructor in Practical Theology; Rev. A. J. C. Bond, D.D., Dean and Professor of Bible; and Ben R. Crandall, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology. Standing are: Rev. Ronald I. Hargis, B.D., Associate Professor of Religious Education; Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, B.D., Instructor in Denominational History; Rev. Albert N. Rogers, B.D., Instructor in Public Worship; and Rev. Wayne R. Rood, Th.D., Professor of Christian History and Theology.

The dean also announced that four student registrations have been received recently. Two of these men will begin seminary training in the fall of 1951 and two at a later date. — Contributed.

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. Reid

"I recognize that full catastrophe may break upon the world at any time," says Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, international authority of the World Council of Churches. "Nevertheless I make bold to contend for my fundamental thesis: So long as there remains even a marginal possibility of averting total global war, we must utilize every means which will not betray conviction or offend conscience. In this process, and even if war should come, we must penetrate the artificial curtains by which we are momentarily separated and experience the bonds of humanity and faith which unite men of different nations and races. The struggle for peace must go forward unremittingly and men must be driven by the conviction that the peace can yet be won. We pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, for the faith which will enable us to stand in face of principalities and powers of darkness."

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. — Benjamin Franklin.

THE DENVER TITHING EXPERIMENT

By E. Keith Davis, M.D.

(Prepared for the Committee on Budget Promotion of the General Conference and released for publication by vote of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.)

In the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church there are those, as there are in other Churches, who have been tithing for many years as their method of stewardship. Most of these people are so pleased with this method that they have been recommending it to others from time to time. As time went on, there have been other members who would try tithing, but nothing officially was attempted by the Church along this line until the fall of 1948. At an advisory board meeting in September of that year, tithing was discussed, and it was recommended to the Church at the next regular business meeting "that a tithing program be presented to the Church for a six-month trial period," and "that a committee be appointed to clarify 'tithing' and to map a plan for the Church to follow." This recommendation was adopted.

A Semiscientific Experiment

One problem which confronted the committee was the manner in which the program was to be presented to the Church. It was thought that in keeping with Seventh Day Baptist principles, there should be no undue pressure put on any individual to subscribe to this experiment. It was to be a voluntary program. Those people who had been tithing for several years would not mind signing cards to that effect, nor would new tithers, but those people who did not subscribe might think that they would be personally interviewed in an effort to bring them into the program. In order to avoid this possible criticism, it was decided not to ask for signatures on any of the cards. It was also felt that this should be a semiscientific experiment in which data could be collected and studied in order to attempt to prove or disprove the claim that an individual or a group might expect spiritual and financial prosperity if they would take up this method of stewardship along with other Christian practices.

Accurate collection of data presented a problem. The lack of signatures pre-

vented us from determining whether the individual was man, woman, or child; a wage earner or not. It further prevented us from determining whether he was the same individual that returned subsequent survey cards. But by wording questions on a card, it was believed that much could be determined along this line. After some planning, the face of the pledge card contained the following:

Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church

Because I would like to be brought into closer relationship with God and the Church, and because I believe that this might be brought about through a more consecrated stewardship, I hereby pledge that I will tithe my income for a six-month trial period as suggested on the back of this card.

I am (not) a member of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church.

I was (not) tithing before this program was initiated.

Date:

Remarks:

Shortly after the committee undertook this work, it became apparent that there was a good deal of confusion as to what constituted a tithe. There were some who felt that one should deduct from his gross income all of his business and cost-of-living expenses before the tithe was figured. Others believed that one should tithe all of his gross income. An evening was spent studying the Scripture along this line, and after due consideration it was agreed that the following criterion would be used as an outline for estimating the tithe during this experiment. This was printed on the back of the pledge card.

We believe that tithing consists of payment to the Church of one tenth of an individual's income after the following conditions have been met.

1. The cost of operating a business should be deducted from the total income before a tithe is estimated, for example, office rent, office phone, equipment, maintenance of equipment, income taxes, social security taxes, union dues, etc.

2. The cost of living should not be deducted before a tithe is estimated, for example, residential expenses, food, clothing, entertainment, etc.

After this groundwork had been done, it was decided that this should be a pro-

gram of the laymen in the Church. With this in mind, six talks were presented at the time of announcements of the regular morning services. These stressed that we would like to have 100 per cent participation in this program for six months. Emphasis was placed on the spiritual growth that a tither might expect. Testimonies from prominent world figures who were tithers were given. Each talk was approximately three to four minutes long.

No personal interviewing was done. The pledge cards were placed in the Sabbath morning bulletins. A tabulation of replies follows.

Reply on Pledge Cards

Total cards returned — 22			
	Yes	No	No reply
Member, Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church	20	2	0
Tithing before this program was initiated	14	8	0

Six months later a survey card was prepared and circulated in the same manner. The results are shown thus:

Reply on First Survey Cards

Total cards returned — 27			
	Yes	No	No reply
Think that the Church has prospered spiritually	22	0	5
Think that the Church has prospered financially	22	0	5
Prospered spiritually personally ...	22	0	5
Prospered financially personally ...	22	1	4
Write a testimonial for the next Church bulletin	9	3	15
To continue to tithe from now on	25	1	1
Member, Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church	25	2	0
Tithing before this program was initiated	16	8	3

At the time of General Conference in 1950 a talk was given which covered some of the experimental work in Denver, and there were so many requests for details of it that it seemed a follow-up survey should be made in order to determine the results two years later. For this reason the second survey card was prepared and circulated in November, 1950, as were the others. The result of this survey is as follows:

Reply on Second Survey Cards

Total cards returned — 21			
	Yes	No	No reply
Member, Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church	18	2	1
Tithing before this program was initiated two years ago	13	7	1
Tried the six-month tithing experiment two years ago	17	2	2
Indicated would continue tithing following this period	16	3	2
Continued tithing to the present..	20	1	0
Able to keep tithe up to date	13	7	1
Prospered spiritually personally ...	17	0	4
Prospered financially personally ...	18	0	3
Not tithing in the past, but would like to start now	2	1	18

Financial Report

The next table lists the financial report of the Church in average weekly collections for comparable quarters. As controls, the quarters consisting of October, November, and December, 1947, and January, February, and March, 1948, were taken because during this time there had been no financial effort of any sort. In other words this represents a period of "normal giving." The tithing experiment was started in October, 1948. The first survey card was circulated in March, 1949, and the last in November, 1950.

Period	Avg. wkly. offering	Increase over control	% of increase over control
Oct.-Nov.-Dec., 1947	\$50.80
Oct.-Nov.-Dec., 1948	87.70	36.90	73%
Oct.-Nov.-Dec., 1949	53.17	2.39	.046%
Oct.-Nov.-Dec., 1950	96.15	45.35	88%
Jan.-Feb.-Mar., 1948	40.48
Jan.-Feb.-Mar., 1949	88.33	47.85	118%
Jan.-Feb.-Mar., 1950	45.55	5.07	.12%

An Analysis

Before an analysis is made it should be borne in mind that this is merely semi-scientific, due to several factors. As was pointed out before, there were no signatures on the cards, and for this reason we do not know if the same individuals returned all three cards; nor do we know what the income of the wage earners might be who have taken up tithing. However, after all this is taken into consideration, it would seem that some facts will begin to appear.

An analysis of the reply on the pledge cards would indicate that of the twenty-two cards returned, twenty were from members of the Church and two from nonmembers. It is thought that the two nonmembers are in regular attendance. They indicated that they were tithing before the experiment was started. There were fourteen who were tithing before the program started and apparently eight new tithers were obtained.

Analysis of the first survey card reveals the following. There were three more of these returned than there were of the pledge cards, and these three are members of the Church. Twenty-two believed that the Church had prospered spiritually and financially; five did not comment. Twenty-two believed that as individuals they had prospered financially; one did not think so, and four did not comment. Twenty-five were going to continue tithing; one was not, and one did not comment. Sixteen were tithing before the start of the experiment; eight were new tithers, and two did not comment. Nine were willing to write testimonials; three were not, and the balance did not comment. The three who stated that they were unwilling to write a testimonial thought they had prospered spiritually, two had prospered financially. All believed that the Church had prospered both spiritually and financially. All three were tithing before the beginning of the program.

An analysis of the survey conducted in November, 1950, revealed a good deal of interesting material. The two nonmembers who were tithing before the start of the experiment have been able to keep their tithe paid up and believe that they have prospered spiritually and financially. One remarked, "A painless way of giving."

There were seven who stated they were tithing before the experiment. One of these had taken up tithing subsequent to the experiment, but had been unable to keep the tithe paid up to date; he thinks he has prospered financially and spiritually. One member, who indicated that he would continue tithing after the six-month trial period, but has not been able to keep it paid up ("am keeping track"), believes that he has prospered spiritually, but NOT financially. Under remarks, he stated, "Have not accomplished anything." Of the twenty who are tithing at present, seven have not been able to keep their tithe up to date, five felt that they had prospered financially; one did not. Apparently two new tithers were added with the second survey cards.

An analysis of the financial report seems to closely parallel the above findings. It will be noted that after the start of the experiment that the first period following the onset, when compared to the control period, revealed that the weekly collections increased by \$36.90 or roughly 73 per cent. One year later they were back down to only \$2.39 above the control. This may represent the period in which people first were tithing, but were then unable to keep it paid up. This would seem to be borne out by the collections received during the same period in 1950. It will be remembered that during this time the second survey card was circulated, and now the average weekly collections were \$45.35 more, or approximately 88 per cent above the control.

The period, January, February, and March, 1948, is also a control period. The same period in 1949 shows an average weekly collection of \$88.33 which is an increase of \$47.85 over the control period, or approximately 118 per cent. This report is being prepared during the same period in 1951, and there are no figures available yet. The figures of \$96.15 average for October, November, and December, 1950, may represent not only tithe for that period but also part of the "unpaid tithe" for preceding months. This may be reflected again in the January, February, and March, 1951, period. It is felt that none of the Church members were antagonized as a result of the program, and in general it is believed that it has had a favorable reaction.

This program was conducted during the regular Sabbath morning service. No attempt was made to contact the nonresident members, which was shortsighted. It may be that many of these nonresident members would have liked to have participated in the experiment, and as a result have benefited as did the residents. The income to the Church may have also been boosted.

If there are other Churches that would like to conduct the same experiment, they are free to use this material in part or all of it. . . .

It should not take much stretch of the imagination to realize that if each Church could double its income even with the present membership, that it would be able to pay its pastor a better living salary. This might be reflected in his being able to devote more time to his parish than to concern about supplementing his salary. This is probably dreaming, but it is conceivable that even the membership of the local Church might be increased. If the Denominational Budget were doubled, it would be possible to put a full-time evangelist in the field, which in turn could produce denominational growth.

This is another case of not knowing which is the chicken or the egg. It is my contention that tithing is the program of the laymen, and if we succeed in raising the money, we, in turn, might expect from the clergy more in the development of the spiritual program. I do not believe that stewardship belongs strictly to laymen and spiritual direction to the pastors, but largely financial progress is the work of the laymen and spiritual leadership for the clergy. Let us, as laymen, do our part, and hope that the clergy will do theirs.

It should be said that the results of this experiment would seem to prove the contention that, if a person will return to the Lord for His work one tenth of what has been given him, this individual can expect to prosper spiritually and financially. However, from the standpoint of "converting" a nontithing Christian to one who does, there is a good deal more necessary than the mere presentation of facts. These are important, but more important is the manner in which they are presented.

Tithing is much like any other habit. Much time and effort is necessary before it becomes a fixed part of the individual's behavior. It is much easier to take a shortsighted point of view such as, "My needs and those of my family must come before the kingdom of God," than it is to tithe. Many Christians say, "I cannot afford to tithe." From a dollar-and-cents standpoint they should have their attention called to this study. It will be apparent that they cannot afford not to tithe. These results would indicate that they will prosper financially and, what is more important, their spiritual growth will be accentuated.

Lastly, it should be pointed out that, as is shown herein, it is easy for an individual to become delinquent in the payment of his tithe. No doubt, all tithers have experienced this at one time or another, but eventually it will become apparent that it is easier to keep up to date than it is to catch up. It would probably be easier if the Lord sent out monthly statements for the balance due, but it is nice that we are treated as intelligent people and are allowed to take care of our financial matters in our own way. After all this is a test of honesty.

Conclusions

1. No members of the Church were antagonized as a result of the program.
2. There were eight new tithers developed in the Church.
3. All tithers believed that the Church had prospered financially and spiritually.
4. All tithers believed that they had benefited spiritually.
5. All tithers (except one) believed that they had benefited financially.
6. During the time the tithers were paying their tithe the income to the Church almost doubled.
7. In order to keep interest in tithing going, it is necessary to repeat emphasis occasionally.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Malachi 3: 10.

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THE BOTTOMS LEAVE FOR THE BRITISH ISLES

The Queen Mary is a splendid boat. Her crew is of the finest and drew this remark from Rev. Emmett Bottoms: "The service and courtesy everywhere were excellent." The five Seventh Day Baptists



Left to right: Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms, Rev. William L. Burdick, Mrs. William L. Burdick, Mrs. Emmett H. Bottoms.

of the "bon voyage" party agreed the Queen was truly well-appointed. Yet the tourist cabin occupied by the Bottoms was as inexpensive as similar cabins in lesser known transatlantic boats.

The Misses Rachel and Harriet Saunders of New York City, granddaughters of Missionary Secretary William L. Burdick, made possible the securing of a quiet, friendly atmosphere for the farewell supper for the Bottoms. Nine persons brought together prayers and hopes from widely separated interests in the warmly lighted restaurant. Nine widely representative persons enjoyed the warm fellowship of an extended supper hour before the Bottoms had to go aboard the Queen Mary. Hurley Warren and Frank Langworthy represented Sabbath promotion and publishing interests and Plainfield friends; Wardner Randolph's presence spoke of interest in western United States and in Jamaica; Harriet and Rachel Saunders represented the love and prayers of family friends; and Rev. Harold Crandall, president, and the executive secretary, David Clarke, were there on behalf of the Missionary Board.

After getting baggage and passengers safely aboard the Queen, and after a bit of sightseeing, five visitors crowded into the Bottoms' cabin for a Quiet Hour with God before separating. Words could not express our hopes or prayers, but the warmth of smiles and handshakes assured the group that God would be sought as Lord and Saviour throughout the new project.

The Bottoms were "perfect sailors" throughout the transatlantic voyage despite two days of rough seas. They were lodged by Pastor James McGeachy in a hotel near his home and near the Church meeting place. They report preparations for all-day services the first Sabbath with the English brethren, and also plans for attending the Dutch Annual Meeting on March 17 and 18. The SS Mataroa will probably sail from Southampton on March 24 on which the Bottoms will continue their journey. D. S. C.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

By Rev. David S. Clarke

Corresponding Secretary,
Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

Scholarships for Crandall High School students in Jamaica, B. W. I., have increased in number. American friends are thanked by the school principal, Rev. Neal D. Mills, and superintendent on furlough, Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph.

Used Sabbath Recorders in good condition can be used in Jamaica and can be sent in without customs charges. Interested parties should send magazines to Rev. Neal D. Mills, 29 Charles Street, Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I. Before sending clothing or other articles, they should be listed to Mr. Mills or the Missionary Board to check their desirability at that particular time.

The Kingston Church is seeking a better organ, and those knowing of a good used instrument should contact the board. A suitable instrument might be bought by some group.

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More than twice enough money to buy the food sent into England with the Bottoms was given by New England Seventh Day Baptists. Only 100 pounds of ten

WORKSHOP IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(As reported by Miss Alta L. Van Horn
to the Women's Board)

A Christian Education Workshop was conducted at Salem College, January 29-31, February 1, and 5. It was under the joint sponsorship of our Board of Christian Education and the college. The instructors were Rev. Ronald I. Hargis, secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Mrs. Hargis, and Dr. Helen P. Trobian, Professor of Christian Education at Salem College.

Rev. Mr. Hargis developed the theme, "Religious Education — Alternative to Futility," by lectures on the following topics: A Philosophy of Religious Education, The Effect of Such a Philosophy on Principles and Methods of Teaching, The Effects of Such a Philosophy on the Evaluation of Curricula, The Effects of Such a Philosophy on Worship, and The Use of Creative Activity in Religious Education.

The meetings were held in the evening in order to accommodate the business and professional people of the community. Each evening, Monday through Thursday, at 5:30, the group listened to an instructive and challenging lecture by Mr. Hargis. At 6:15, they adjourned to the college cafeteria for dinner. At 7:00, they divided into groups to consider problems of the various ages. Mrs. Hargis directed the discussion for the primary division; Mr. Hargis, for the juniors; and Dr. Trobian, for the young people and adults. At 8:15, the activity was changed to handwork.

During the week, the students had a chance to participate in one or more of the following activities: drawing relief maps to scale; making stained glass windows; finger painting; soap carving; modeling; and the making of hand puppets (all of which were proved adaptable to Church school, Vacation Bible School, or camp use).

In spite of the inclement weather, thirty people completed the course. Ten of these

or more different foods are allowed for incoming travelers. Additional money will be used for evangelistic needs in England.

were Seventh Day Baptist college young people from the states of California, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and West Virginia. The others not only included business and professional men and women with Master's Degrees, but also housewives who had not attended school since high school days. There were those who held such positions in the local and surrounding Churches as, chairman of board of Christian education and directors of youth groups. There were women who were teaching primary children in Church schools, men who were struggling with junior-high-age boys, teachers in Vacation Bible Schools, and just interested lay workers.

The following remarks were made by members of the workshop:

I count it a rare opportunity to have a chance to take this course.

The time spent here was certainly worth while. I have received much which I can use in my class.

The Church needs us and we need this course.

The Hargises are worth knowing — I wish I might have a chance to become better acquainted with them.

The Board of Christian Education is to be commended on their planning and execution of such workshops.

Our Children's Letter Exchange

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I like to have my father read my brother and me the letters from the Recorder.

Jimmy, my brother, has the mumps. I hope I don't have them so I cannot go to Sabbath school. I am eight years old and in the third grade at school.

I like to visit my grandmother who lives in Stockwell.

Yours truly,
Joan Palmer.

Brookfield, N. Y.

Dear Joan:

I'm sorry to have had to wait so long before getting your very welcome letter in the Recorder, but one week I ran out of space and the next I had to send the special evangelistic letter. Please do write often. I especially like to receive letters

CHURCH NEWS

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y. — On the evening of January 27 about one hundred fifty friends of Rev. and Mrs. Emmett H. Bottoms gathered in our Church for a farewell party for them before they left for their new field of labor in New Zealand, their entire family having come for this occasion of joy and sadness.

A short program was presented consisting of readings by Mrs. Clara Greene and Mrs. Margaret Stoodley of our Church and Stanley Smith of the Honeyville Church, a children's trio by Rodney Greene, Connie Reed, and Diane Avery, solos by Mrs. Nathan Whitford and Mrs. Frederick Langworthy, a duet by Mrs. Gilbert Horton and Mrs. Delberta Greene, and an original poem written and read by Mrs. Delberta Greene.

The following telegram from the Verona Church friends was read: "To Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bottoms, Christian Greetings and our very best wishes for a safe journey and a successful mission."

Substantial checks were presented to the honor guests from the larger parish by Sam Frink, Rodman Congregational Church by Mr. Flanders, Honeyville Baptist Church by Mr. Smith, and from our Church by Gilbert Horton. Ice cream and cake were served during the social hour which followed. All expressed their love and good wishes for this estimable couple and assured them of their prayers for their welfare.

The World Day of Prayer was observed in the Baptist Church since we were the host Church last year. The committee in charge, composed of members from both Churches, served tea and cookies. Mrs. John Warren of Watertown gave an inspirational talk on "Prayer."

In November we had the annual turkey dinner which has been sponsored by the Loyal Class for the past thirteen years.

Again this year we joined with the two near-by Baptist Churches in the Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of ninety-two. Mrs. Charles Bottoms who, with her three children, had come to the parsonage for this school, was pianist and also teacher of the junior class. Mrs.

from Brookfield since it was my home for two happy years.

It will be queer if you don't have the mumps since your brother has them. I had a very thorough case of them when I was only seven years old. So, I didn't have them a few years ago when Dr. Greene and the three children all had them. This was lucky since someone had to be up and doing.

Yours, with love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you? Today is Tuesday. My grandmother is making a dress and bonnet for Barbie, my little sister's doll.

I have been sick and missed four days of school.

Billy, my little cousin, got a rocking horse for Christmas. That night they had to take the rocking horse upstairs, he liked it so much. It's two fifteen right now. I had to stay home, so I thought I'd write a letter to you. I write lots of letters to my Aunt Lavon Bond. "Mommy" is uptown. Grandmother Greene is staying with us.

Billy got a sled for Christmas. Our neighbors across the street have a television set. Sometimes I go over and watch television. The biggest boy's name is George. George has a little brother. He comes over to play with my little sister when I am at school.

It has been below zero weather here most of the time. That's why I didn't go to school. It's too cold. I got this stationery for Christmas.

Your friend,
Bruce Greene.

Dear Bruce:

I'll have to wait until next week to answer your good letter since I've had to be brief this week. The Recorder would be overfull if I took room to answer it; that's the message I received from the Recorder.

Yours lovingly,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

ALFRED, N. Y., AUGUST 14-19, 1951

Stoodley taught the intermediates and both junior and intermediate boys in shop-work.

For the first time in several years none of our members journeyed to the southland but are experiencing real winter here. The severe weather has caused the cancellation of some social events but the regular Church services have been maintained as usual. The ministers in the larger parish are filling our pulpit until we secure a regular pastor. — Correspondent.

VERONA, N. Y. — The Pearl Seekers Sabbath School Class met with Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Perry in Oneida for their February meeting. The president, Mrs. Leila Franklin, conducted the business session and Mrs. Elise Williams led the devotional program. The class voted to give \$15 for the missionary work in Jamaica and British Guiana.

Miss Louise Hyde entertained the Helpers Sabbath School Class at her home on February 17. The Helpers, the Worth While, and the Doers Sabbath School Classes recently purchased and presented 25 chairs to our Church for use in the dining room.

Herbert Catlin of Glen Falls has reported for work as a draftsman at the Griffith Air Force Base in Rome, N. Y.

The Young People's Social Club met with Miss Twila Sholtz on February 10. An interesting Lincoln program was presented.

Our Verona 4-H Club called the "Hornets" demonstrated a model meeting before 206 county 4-H leaders and officers at their first training school in Rome Free Academy. Kenneth Davis was leader and Roger Davis, assistant leader. County 4-H Club Agent Everdell Smith outlined the duties of a club president. Instructions were given by other 4-H Club officers to those holding an office in the Verona 4-H Club.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society held their monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sholtz in Sherrill. Mrs. Garth Warner conducted the worship program. Mrs. John Williams read the Scripture. The president, Mrs. LaVerne Davis, presided at the business meeting. One new member was received.

Four of our young people met with Miss Marilyn Bishop of Rome, chairman of local arrangements to prepare programs for the Annual New York State Christian Youth Conference to be held in Utica on February 23-25. This year's theme is, "Faith — the Key to the Kingdom." The assemblies will be held in the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Our young people are planning to attend. — Press Committee.

"MILL YARD," LONDON, ENG. — We had the great pleasure of welcoming Dr. and Mrs. Corliss F. Randolph to our services during their visit to London for two months in August and September. He addressed "Mill Yard" on the Sabbath, August 5, telling us of the origin and work of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society.

The purpose of his visit was further research into the origin and history of "Mill Yard" Church. It was decided that he should take back to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society the second old minute book of the Church dating from 1840, the old Communion set of the Nation Church, and various other papers and documents of historical interest.

Brother Zijlstra, from Rotterdam, and Brother Kramer, of Leeuwarden, visited London on August 21 to see Dr. Randolph, and while here visited the various places of interest, returning to Holland on Friday, the 25th. Dr. and Mrs. Randolph returned to America on September 17.

In February we hope to have with us Rev. and Mrs. Emmett Bottoms, of Adams Center, N. Y., U.S.A. They plan to remain a month in London holding special meetings, and also to visit our Churches in Holland and Germany, before going to New Zealand for a longer campaign to assist our two Churches there. It is hoped they will be able to go on later to help our brethren in Australia, before returning to America.

Congratulations were sent to Rev. P. Taekema, leader of our Dutch Churches, on the attainment of his seventieth birthday on December 18, 1950. A special meeting to celebrate the occasion was held in the Haarlem Church on Sunday evening, December 17 — The Sabbath Observer, October, 1950 - March, 1951.

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.)

Stonefort, Ill.

Pvt. Hubert O. Lewis, US16163788
H. and S. Co., 62nd Eng. Const. Bn.
APO 301, c-o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC STUDIES

The second session of the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism, according to Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, chairman of the board of directors, will be conducted at Loma Linda, Calif., July 9-20, 1951.

The course of study will consist of 20 lectures, 20 discussion periods, 6 workshops, 4 forums, and 4 field trips. . . .

As the trend of modern medicine is towards prevention rather than cure, so the emphasis of the institute will be focused on effective educational measures that will check and prevent the rising tide of alcoholism.

The work will be conducted on a graduate level. A limited number of fellowships covering minimum travel expenses from the student's residence to California and return, have been made available by the National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism. A number of tuition scholarships covering the tuition and registration fees have also been made available for worthy students.

All applications for admission to the session scheduled for July 9-20, 1951, are to be submitted by May 15.

A detailed announcement may be secured by writing to the National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism, Suite 201-202, Northwestern Building, 107 Carroll Street, Washington 12, D. C. —Release.

BIRTHS

Aurand. — A daughter, Susan Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Aurand, Indianapolis, Ind., November 11, 1950.

Smith. — A daughter, Janice Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith, Wichita, Kan., November 11, 1950.

Thorngate. — A son, Gary Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thorngate, Battle Creek, Mich., December 22, 1950.

Cavindar. — A daughter, Sandra Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. Max D. Cavindar, Marshall, Mich., January 11, 1951.

Dickinson. — To Rev. and Mrs. C. Harmon Dickinson, 33 Kalamath Street, Denver, Colo., a daughter, Loisanna, on February 26, 1951.

Obituaries

Stratton. — Mrs. Effie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Finch, was born April 8, 1862.

She was married to James Albert Stratton on November 15, 1878.

After coming to accept the Sabbath truth she joined the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1938. She made her home at Suttons Bay, living as a nonresident member during her remaining years.

She was called to rest on January 11, 1951. Funeral services were held on January 15, 1951, with Rev. Mr. Parker, officiating.

She is survived by three sons, Reuben, Fred, and Ray, 22 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

A. L. W.

RECORDER WANT ADS

For sale, help wanted, and similar advertisements, will be run in this column at 25¢ per line of seven words for first insertion. Additional insertions at 20¢ per line. Cash should accompany each advertisement.

Companion Wanted — Position is open for an elderly lady to care for semi-invalid at a moderate fee. Write Mrs. Lottie Langworthy, Box 376, Dodge Center, Minn. 3t

COMMISSION MEETING

Plainfield, N. J.

March 29-April 1, 1951

ANNUAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
SHILOH AND MARLBORO, N. J.
APRIL 2-5, 1951

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO HELP THE HELPLESS . . .

During the Lenten season, including Easter, churches all over the nation are taking special offerings for world relief. If you have not yet given, it's not too late.



***Now!* TIME TO SHARE**

Yes, **now** is the time to help those in need. In the spirit of Christ, **now** is the time to aid the refugees of Korea, Burma, India, Pakistan, the Middle East and Europe.

Now is the time to give, through your own local church, a gift designated for world relief. Thousands of other Christians are sharing. How about you?

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