

The Sabbath Recorder

fifth day according to their reckoning and the fourth day according to ours.

Let us not get out on a limb in our Bible interpretation. "Prove all things;

hold fast that which is good." In this case it appears to us that the traditional interpretation of the time in the tomb is good.

In Wisdom and Stature

By MIZPAH S. GREENE

The meeting of the boy Jesus with the learned men in the temple is the last recorded event of Christ's childhood. The Bible deals with the next eighteen years of the Saviour's life in one simple sentence, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." Luke 2: 52.

Many feel that these are the "lost" years of Christ's life on earth and that those who wrote about the life of Jesus, our Saviour, should have done more than tell of this period of Jesus' wonderful life in one short sentence. Yet, this expresses the hopes that all parents should have for their children — that they grow and develop normally, receive knowledge and training, win the respect and love of their fellow men, and when they grow up they will have a true faith and warm friendship with God.

The spiritual wisdom and stature of a child are the responsibility of the parents, the Church, and the Sabbath school. So, every effort should be made to give to all children the very best home training and to secure for them in the Church and in the Sabbath school the best lesson materials and teaching guides. All resources in the home, the Church, and the Sabbath

school should be devoted to their Christian education. This should be the mission of each and every Church, for as the writer of Proverbs said, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22: 6.

Jesus Himself was the most wonderful lover and teacher of children who ever lived. This love of children was shown all through His earthly life. We can feel sure that as He often gathered them around Him that He told them some of the most beautiful stories the world has ever heard. He must have told them stories of heaven, His own beautiful home. Their hearts must have beat fast with joy as He led their imaginations to picture the home that might sometime be theirs if only they would be good and true while they lived here on this earth. And it has been a happy thought to many a child to think that once when one of the disciples said to a group of children such words as these, "Why should thou trouble the Master?" that Jesus said lovingly, "Forbid not the children, permit them to come unto me. Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Andover, N. Y.

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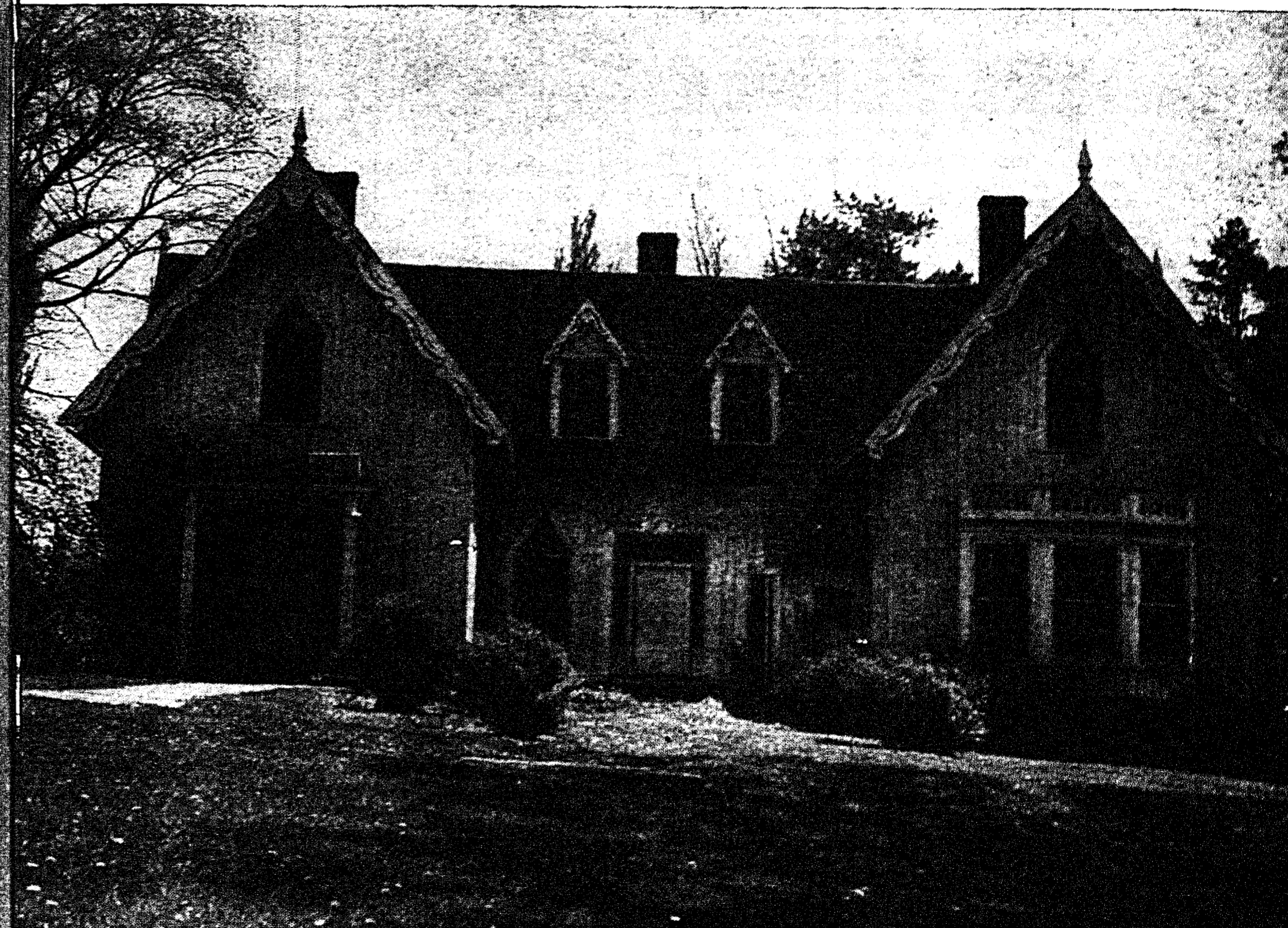
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FRIENDSHIP GIFT

A shipment of 300,000 vitamin capsules, a friendship gift from three American agencies working in India — Church World Service, American Friends Service Committee, and the War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference — was presented to Mme. Ramji Ram Saksena, wife of the India Consulate General in New York, by Miss Eileen Egan of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and chairman of the Committee on India of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, at a brief ceremony at Idlewild International Airport on May 4. The shipment of vitamins will be flown to India by Pan-American Airways where they will be distributed among children suffering from malnutrition. Also taking part in the ceremony were Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, executive director of Church World Service; Delbert Replogle, board member of the American Friends Service Committee; Mme. Urmilla Choudhury, daughter of the India Consulate General; and Miss Ailene Hyde, Pan-American stewardess. — Department of Church World Service, National Council of Churches.

New On-the-job-training Program to Start at VA Hospital, Lyons, N. J.

An on-the-job-training program is in effect at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Lyons, N. J., for persons interested in being trained for the position of hospital attendant.

The hospital attendant is a key member of the medical team in the care and treatment of the disabled veterans hospitalized at Lyons. The hospital is seeking applications from mature men between the ages of 22 and 55. Men accepted for these positions will receive \$2,450 per year to start, with progressive salary advancements guaranteed.

It was pointed out that persons appointed to these positions will receive five weeks of paid vacation and will accumulate three weeks of sick leave. Excellent food and quarters are available at a nominal charge for those appointed.

Persons who are interested may apply directly to the VA Regional Office, 20 Washington Place, Newark, N. J., or the VA Hospital, Lyons, N. J. — Release.

Editorials

INTRODUCTORY

(First editorial in the first issue of the Sabbath Recorder "edited by George B. Utter" and "published at No. 9 Spruce Street, New-York, Fifth Day, June 13, 1844.")

In presenting to the public the first number of a paper, a statement of the reasons for its publication, and of the course it is intended to pursue, may justly be expected.

A wish has for some time past been expressed, for the removal of the publishing interest of the Seventh Day Baptist Register from the village of De Ruyter to the city of New York. This wish has led to negotiations which have resulted in an amicable arrangement for securing such a transfer. We now propose to issue from this city a weekly sheet, in the place of the Register, devoted to an exposition and vindication of the peculiar views of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, in connection with the circulation of religious and secular intelligence. In the prosecution of our labors, we shall endeavor to speak consistently with that grand maxim, "the Bible only is the religion of Protestants." To this standard would we adjust our own belief and practice, and by this standard we shall endeavor to estimate the professions and labors of others; being fully convinced, that "the Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation, so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man."

Two objects, connected with the people for whose especial benefit our paper has been established, will be constantly before us. Our first object will be to promote vital piety, in connection with united and vigorous benevolent action, among the people themselves. It is a well-known fact, that it is much easier to contend with earnestness for any peculiar truth than to illustrate and enforce that truth by a course of consistent Christian action. And it is equally well known that such contention for a faith, unless united with a praiseworthy example, is comparatively useless.

It shall be our aim, then, to exert an influence in favor of joining the two, and leading men, while they "keep the commandments of God," to honor also "the faith of Jesus." In order to accomplish this, we shall present such intelligence respecting religious enterprises among ourselves and others, as seems likely to awaken a spirit of Christian emulation, and stimulate to activity in the work of spreading the gospel. If by such means an interest shall be excited in the exertions now making to advance the kingdom of Christ, and an increased anxiety to maintain all Scripture truth, we shall feel that an important object has been gained.

Our second object will be to show the reasons why the Seventh Day Baptists occupy their present position in regard to other denominations, and the bearing of the common view respecting the change of the Sabbath upon the influence of that institution. With a full conviction, that by forsaking the day originally set apart by God for the Sabbath, men have been led lightly to estimate the privileges and to neglect the duties of the institution, we shall from time to time speak freely of our reasons for believing that a return to the observation of the seventh day of the week is the only means of securing fully the designs of the Sabbath. We cannot think that this is a question of words merely, but must think that it is a question vital to the best interests of an institution which has exerted, and must continue to exert, a most important influence upon the destinies of man. And we shall endeavor, by presenting the history of the Sabbath, the different discussions which it has undergone, the results of those discussions, and the persecutions to which its observers have been exposed, to show that the change of the day has withdrawn from the institution the sanction of God's authority, has given occasion for men to deny the soundness of Protestant principles, has strengthened the hands of papacy by allowing the authority of tradition, has laid a heavy burden upon the Jew and prejudiced his mind against the reception of Christianity, and has done injustice to all those who adhere strictly and conscientiously to the fourth commandment. It is not from a love of controversy, or from

a light estimation of the Sabbatic institution, that we take this position and commence this work. It is from a deep sense of duty and a sincere desire to see the Sabbath made a delight, and its hallowed influences extended to all men. At the same time that we shall endeavor to state our views with distinctness, and defend them with becoming zeal, we are determined that those who differ from us shall have no occasion to complain of unkindness or unfairness. Our columns shall be open to articles upon the subject from other pens, if written with the spirit of honest inquiry and Christian candor.

In addition to articles of an argumentative character on the subject of the Sabbath, it is our design to present frequent notices of some of the leading Sabbathkeepers who have exerted an influence in this country and other countries, and by exhibiting their characters and sufferings to show some of the causes which have appeared to operate against them and the truth.

The benevolent and reformatory movements of the day will receive a full share of attention. We shall not fail to look with deep interest upon any efforts which seem likely to improve the condition of the masses of society, to diffuse knowledge, to reclaim the inebriate, to enfranchise the enslaved, and to make known those gospel truths which are the foundation of every thing valuable to individuals or communities. Nevertheless, we must express our fear, that many of those movements are based upon principles not sufficiently broad to ensure the desired result. A reform is needed — and an entire and radical one it would be — which shall bring us to the Word of God as the sufficient directory in all matters, and exalt that above any of the inventions of men. Such a reform would strike at the root of our difficulties. It would remove all those evils, in the Church, in society, in the world at large, over which good men now mourn. Believing the Scriptures to be sufficient for this work, it shall be our constant aim to explain and enforce them consistently with this belief. To our brethren engaged in these enterprises with such views, we promise that the Recorder shall be a faithful ally.

A portion of our paper will be devoted to religious, literary, and scientific subjects. Efforts will be made to render these departments as interesting as possible for the general reader, by care in the preparation or selection of such articles as they may contain. It is hoped that something may be found here, instructive to the Christian, interesting to the scholar, profitable to the businessman, and, in short, adapted to the wants and taste of every class of readers.

In the Intelligence Department we design to present the most important items of foreign and domestic intelligence. Care will be taken to insert as little as possible of what is altogether sectional, while such full accounts will be given as are necessary to a thorough acquaintance with the movements of the day. A Price Current and Bank Note List will be published for the benefit of those who do not have access to other periodicals.

Such is the course we have marked out for ourselves. By pursuing this course, we hope to make the Recorder such a sheet, both for matter and style, as to render it a welcome visitor to all the families where light and religion are loved. For this end we ask the assistance of all friends of the object, and their prayer that the blessing of a gracious God, in whose name the effort has been commenced, may crown it with abundant success.

ASSOCIATION TIME

This is association time. Some associations have both fall and spring meetings, but the spring and summer months have been favored for the annual sessions.

The majority of Seventh Day Baptists will have had an opportunity to attend a meeting of some association, or to have received impressions therefrom, within the seven-month period from April to October. For various reasons, the length of association sessions has been reduced during the present generation.

This is association season. Already the inspiration and impetus of meetings and fellowship are making themselves felt. Up-to-date messages; well-planned services of worship, praise, and prayer; discussions of local and denomination-wide interests;

well-laid plans for effective work and witness; increased lay participation on the programs; Christian hospitality and fellowship — all this and more make association attendance a blessed experience.

If only we could translate the uplift and blessing received into sustained Christ-like living, what a difference there would be in the life of our homes, Churches, and communities! Yet, think where we might be in spiritual advance if it were not for these seasons of review, refreshing, and Spirit-prompted planning!

ASSOCIATIONAL ACTIVITY

"We should make more of our associational organization," is a remark that is being heard frequently during the last few years.

Activity engenders activity. As we read and listen to the reports of committees of some of the associations, we would say that much constructive work is being done already. The planning and carrying out of Seventh Day Baptist associational camps, evangelistic missions, and missionary projects are evidences of this. The success of these undertakings has revealed greater possibilities of gospel preaching and teaching and Sabbath promotion.

The day is present when the inspiration and fellowship of the associational gatherings are being translated into Christian projects. A marvelous opportunity unfolds before nine associations with a membership of sixty-three Churches. It is through these Churches working together that the Seventh Day Baptist Advance is being made.

Dr. Rosa W. Palmberg Moves

Recent word from Dr. Rosa W. Palmberg indicates that she has moved from 1326 Maryland Street to 1312 Maryland Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.

Dr. Palmberg states that she is recovering nicely from her broken bone condition. She says, "I do praise the Heavenly Father for all His mercies!"

Dr. Palmberg's many friends will join her in praise and thanksgiving for this evidence of the Heavenly Father's care.

Also, friends will note her change of address.

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Gentlemen:

My family and I were keenly interested in the discussions carried in your pages last year about the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. (That name is changed now, is it not?)

To me it is a humbling experience to find, as I do all the time, that God answers prayers for members of all denominations. I have talked recently with a Catholic priest, and with a friend who is a Quaker; and I have read a book by an Episcopalian, Agnes Sanford, *The Healing Light*. Each of these people has had prayers answered.

If God, in His infinite mercy, associates with members of all denominations, perhaps we should, too.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. S. W. (Theona) Rasmussen.
5430 Washburn Avenue South,
Minneapolis 10, Minn.,
May 8, 1951.

Gentlemen:

We would feel bad to have to be without the Sabbath Recorder. Because we are so many miles from the "heart" of the denomination, it helps keep our friendly contacts fresh.

Mrs. Gerald Coalwell.

512 Papworth Avenue,
Metairie 20, La.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us the Sabbath Recorder for another year beginning May 14, 1951. Enclosed please find check for same. I cannot remember in my 64 years, our home ever being without it and certainly do not want to lose it now.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Charles B. F. Michel.
R.D. 3, Marion, Iowa,
May 14, 1951.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION

The Western Association will be held in Little Genesee, N. Y., June 16, 17, 1951.

Mrs. Fred J. Pierce,
Corresponding Secretary.

TRI-ALUMNI DINNER

By Herbert N. Wheeler

Alumni and former students in the Washington, D. C., metropolitan area, representing Alfred University, Salem and Milton Colleges, held their first annual dinner, Wednesday, May 23, in the Y.W.C.A. building.

Hon. Jennings Randolph, former congressman and Salem alumnus, as toastmaster, called upon each one to state name and college attended, and introduced the speakers: Senator M. M. Neely of West Virginia, for Salem; Col. William K. Bonnell for Milton; and Dean H. O. Burdick representing Alfred. The Green and Gold Quartet of Maryland University rendered a number of very pleasing selections. Pastor and Mrs. Lee Holloway of the Evangelical Seventh Day Baptist Church of Washington gave two very fine duets. Professor Walter Rose, a former teacher at Salem and his daughter, Ula, of Whittier, Calif., rendered selections on the piano and harmonica. Miss Rose is a noted pianist, just returning from concert tours in Europe and South America.

Dr. S. O. Bond, president of Salem College, was accompanied by three faculty members. He asked the blessing before the dinner, and led the whole group in singing two Salem College songs. Rev. Lee Holloway pronounced the benediction.

Jennings Randolph conducted the proceedings in his usual delightful manner and made some very timely remarks suited to the occasion.

Greetings were read from Dr. Carroll L. Hill, president of Milton College and Dr. M. Ellis Drake, president of Alfred University. J. E. Eagle, president of Alfred University Alumni Association, and Miss Corma Mowry, Salem alumna and president of the NEA, sent regrets.

At the close of the program there was much visiting and recounting of college experiences, and a vote by the 68 people present for getting together another year.

All three institutions co-operated in making the affair a success, by sending good wishes and in furnishing pennants for decoration, auto window stickers, and

"TWENTY LITTLE STORIES" PROJECT

Ivan Fitz Randolph of Milton Junction, Wis., who has been receiving the orders for "Twenty Little Stories" by Kenneth Smith reports that as of May 19 orders had been received for 168 of the books. He states that the orders "are picking up as the distribution of the book increases."

According to Mr. Randolph's information, mail orders have been received from Riverside, Calif.; Plainfield, N. J.; Edinburg, Tex.; Jane Lew, Lost Creek, Salem, and Bristol, W. Va.; Pomona Park, Fla.; Alfred, Andover, Syracuse, and Rockville Center, N. Y.; Westerly, R. I.; Anderson, Ind.; Eau Claire, Chetek, Edgerton, and Janesville, Wis.; and Kingston, Jamaica, this being the greatest distance.

Further, Mr. Randolph reports that about 70 per cent of the sales have been local and of the first edition of 500 copies nearly 40 per cent of the number have been sold.

According to Mr. Randolph, the Young Adults of the Milton Church, sponsors of the project, are anxious to sell as many copies as possible because proceeds beyond the cost of printing will be applied toward the development of the camp site which was recently purchased by the Milton Church.

"Twenty Little Stories" is a book of twenty children's sermons by Kenneth Smith who is acting as student assistant pastor of the Milton Church. Mr. Smith will enter the School of Theology, Alfred, N. Y., in September.

If you have not already ordered a copy of "Twenty Little Stories" send \$1 to Ivan Fitz Randolph, Milton Junction, Wis., who will mail to you this little book in the paper-bound edition.

Heartiest congratulations to the Young Adults, to Kenneth Smith, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Gray, printers, to Ivan Fitz Randolph, to Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph and the Milton Church for the continued success of this fine project!

other "gadgets" mentioning the schools.

The Committee on Arrangements was Hon. Jennings Randolph, Miss Rua Van Horn, and Herbert N. Wheeler.

**Degree Students
School of Theology
Alfred University
Alfred, N. Y.**



Pictured at the seminar table in "The Gothic" at Alfred are the three degree students of the School of Theology. In the usual left-to-right order they are: Don Sanford of Little Genesee, N. Y.; Duane Davis, of Verona; and Oscar Burdick, from Milton, Wis.

Mr. Sanford is a middler in the school, now pastor of the Independence and Andover Seventh Day Baptist Churches, and will continue in this pastorate during the remainder of his seminary course. During the coming summer he will conduct a Vacation Bible School at Independence, be active on the staff of both the Western Association Camp and Pre-Conference Retreat, and serve as executive secretary of

the Allegany County Bible School Association.

The Battle Creek Church will have the services of Mr. Davis, a middler in the seminary, during the summer. Duane will be assistant to Pastor Alton Wheeler, conduct the Vacation Bible School, and take part in the Battle Creek summer camping program.

Mr. Burdick, a junior, will be summer pastor at the Adams Center Church from June 9 to September 9. In addition to his regular duties as pastor of the Church, he will supervise the Vacation Bible School and take part in the Central Association Camp. — Contributed.

RURAL CHURCH NOTES

Since many denominations are short of pastors, there are many guesses as to what is keeping young men out of the ministry.

Some say it is because of low salaries. But this is a retarding factor in only one case out of twenty-five.

Others blame the girl friends. But the facts show that more boys were encouraged by the girls than were discouraged.

A study of 1,978 ministerial students made by the Rural Church Department at Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J., shows that the main retarding factors are none of these things. The reason young men do not enter the ministry is because no one has shown them why and how. No

one has counseled with them or guided them.

The above report is entitled NEW MINISTERS. It covers 48 states and 20 of the major denominations. The report covers 30 pages and is being distributed at cost (15 cents). This report shows that 83.5 per cent of the factors that keep men out of the ministry are simply because no person, no organization, no pastor, or no parent is seeking to enlist them.

One student gave a representative statement, "My decision to enter the ministry would never have been made had not the pastor suggested it to me. He planted the idea. I think that most men must have it suggested to them, especially young men." — Release.

ORGAN RECITAL AT MILTON

On Sabbath afternoon May 19, at the hour of the regular Sabbath afternoon forum of the Milton Church, the Milton College School of Music presented the students of Mrs. Gladys Randolph in an organ recital of sacred music. Two of the four students are Seventh Day Baptists — Miss Roselyn Reieron of Albion and Mrs. Richard Bond of Milton. The other two are: Mrs. Nevins Harlan, wife of the Seventh Day Adventist minister at Milton and Miss Donna Anderson, organist of the Trinity English Lutheran Church at Fort Atkinson, Wis.

In writing of the occasion Mrs. Randolph stated that she feels that "the propagation of good organ music and the training of Church organists have a definite place in the work of the Church." She further expressed appreciation of the generous spirit on the part of the Milton pastor and the Church for the regular forum time which closed the spring series of the Milton Church program. It is reported that the attendance was very good, there being not only local people present but visitors from Albion, Walworth, Fort Atkinson, and Janesville.

The contribution of the School of Music of Milton College in the field of "good organ music and the training of Church organists" is becoming more and more widely known.

The Sabbath Recorder joins the many friends of Milton College and its School of Music in congratulations and good wishes for the continued success of this special ministry.

PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION

By Nettie Crandall

The Pacific Coast Association meetings that we had been looking forward to are past. . . . This was perhaps the best association we have had — or do we always say that?

Hebrews 12: 1, 2 was chosen as an outline for the meetings. The theme for the association was, "Run with Patience." Other parts of Hebrews 12: 1, 2 were taken as topics for different meetings. The topic Friday night was, "Laying Aside Every Weight." After a very inspiring

vesper service, closing with an anthem by the choir, all earthly cares were indeed laid aside and a great number of earnest testimonies were given.

Both of the Sabbath morning services were based on the main theme. During the Sabbath school hour, speakers brought out the fact that Abraham and other patriarchs exercised a great deal of patience. Pastor Leon Lawton, guest speaker for the Church service, gave a very convincing sermon on, "Run with Patience."

The Young Adult Group took charge of the Sabbath afternoon worship service, the topic being, "The Race That Is Set Before Us." Under "Denominational Horizons," Duane Hurley, assisted by Rev. Marion Hargis, Albyn Mackintosh, Pastor Lawton, and Rev. Leon Maltby, conducted a forum on "Recent Developments."

On Sabbath night, the Los Angeles young people, by the use of Scripture, music, and poems, aptly developed the thought, "Looking unto Jesus."

Sunday morning three young people brought us more thoughts from Hebrews 12: 1, 2 by discussing, "The Race of the Christian Life." This was followed by two speakers who gave their experience and that of others in "Showing Our Faith by Stewardship."

The music rendered during association was uplifting. The anthems by the combined choirs each presented a message in song. Special vocal numbers were given by Dale Curtis, Nevah Roney, Shireen Hurley, and Bernice Chapman, and a trio consisting of Dorothy Hartman, Betty Ashcraft, and Dorothy Hargis. Instrumental music included music by the Riverside Sabbath School Orchestra, a cello solo by Mary Lewis, and an accordion solo by Betty Ashcraft. The praise service Sunday afternoon was in charge of Miss Lois Wells. She presented her El Monte High School a Capella Choir. We are very grateful to these young people for their coming and giving us such a rare treat.

Pastor Maltby closed the meetings with a message, "The Joy That Is Set Before Us." It was with regret that we came to the close of the associational meetings but with a feeling that we had received a very

TO MY CHURCH

By Ina Hevener Ford

(Letter read at the observance of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Roanoke, W. Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church, June 1, 1946. Published by request.)

The very nicest and most enjoyable thing I can remember throughout my growing years (outside of family life) was the Sabbath school in our little Church. Every phase of it was a pleasure — the preparation for Sabbath: setting the house in order, getting the work caught up, baking the big loaves of bread, the pies, the cookies, and the cake — to be ready when Sabbath day came so that cooking need be no problem even if some of the aunts, uncles, or cousins could be persuaded to spend the rest of the day with us after the Sabbath service.

Seeing all the folks each week, especially the cousins about my own age, was an anticipated pleasure. But the Sabbath school itself was the source of the real enjoyment. I liked the entire service — the prayers, the singing, the lesson, the teachers.

Three of my teachers are outstanding in my happy memory: Aunt Lillie Bond (later Bee) who gave me high ideals just by being her own sweet ladylike self; Uncle M. M. Hevener, who always gave me something to think about; and Uncle Lee Bond, who always made me feel that I just naturally wanted to be a good girl because he expected it of me.

As a small child I tried to memorize the "golden texts" of the lessons. My father would help me to learn these before I could read. Sometimes timidity got the upper hand and I would forget part of the text, as in the case when I started so bravely to repeat a rather long text: "In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judea . . ." when my mind went blank. It was many weeks before an older cousin, Willie Bond (later Doctor Willie Bond), ceased to

great blessing and that, looking unto Jesus, we could say, "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us." — From the Church Chimes, Riverside, Calif.

embarrass me by teasingly reminding me of that failure.

When older, I liked to familiarize myself with the Sabbath school lesson and to wonder what my teacher and the superintendent would have to say about it. Still later when I was asked to take a class I continued to wonder what was going to be said about the lesson.

We, the children for whom this Church was organized and built, had a wonderful heritage, a heritage of rural Christian homes complemented by a rural Church home built and maintained by the abiding faith and labors of our parents and grandparents that we, their children, might have an environment conducive to learning and living the teachings of the Master.

In my opinion, children could have no greater heritage than this. It is my growing conviction that the rural home and Church are the most effective combination for teaching the love of God and His purpose for His children. We see His handiwork wherever we look. We are more conscious of His presence. The beauty of His creation reminds us of Him. One unforgettable incident in my childhood illustrates the point: My father and I were sitting on our front steps one evening as twilight was falling. We were looking down the valley, both of us silent. It was a beautiful picture. Directly before us was Grandfather Reuben Hevener's place reaching to the hilltops from both sides of the valley; next came the lower-lying lands of Grandfather Richard Bond (then deceased) and beyond that, to the right, was this little white Church, and after that the lovely, rolling contour of the hills at the eastern horizon — a picture more beautiful at times, as seen from our cove, than any I have ever seen on artists' canvas. The fireflies were beginning to light up the valley and the stars overhead were coming out one by one and shining into the coming night. We must have been thinking similar thoughts as we quietly sat, for presently father began speaking. In his quiet voice he told a simple story of the love of God for all His children and of the wonderful things of His creation: the moon, the stars, and all we could see about us. I never forgot the moment. Many times I have looked

from my bedroom window into this valley below and reverently repeated the first three verses of the 19th Psalm.

To my mother, who always lent a listening as well as a sympathetic ear to our childish requests, I said one day that I would like to have a Bible of my own at Christmas — if I were to receive a gift at that time — a Bible of my own to carry to Sabbath school. When Christmas morning came there were three new Bibles — for there were three little girls in our home. One could not desecrate memories like that with unholy or unworthy living.

The faith of our fathers seems to have been justified when we look at the results of their labors. Our Church has contributed to the clergy, to the medical profession, to nursing, to teaching. Many of our young men and women of strong faith and character are teachers in our schools. Agriculture has claimed others, as have music and art, and many are makers of good homes where faith is kept with God. And it is from this small Church that our theological school gets its present dean, Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond.

Our fathers "rest from their labors and their works do follow them." Since this is a time of commemoration it seems fitting that we pay tribute to friends of other Churches and other denominations who helped us with contributions of labor and money to build this structure.

In an old ledger kept by my father I find a page with this caption: "Cooling Springs Church." This was the name first agreed upon and one which seems beautiful and appropriate when we remember the cool spring of water that flowed from among the rocks near by on Uncle "Sammy" Bond's farm. Under this caption is another which reads, "Given by First-day Friends." Then follows a long list of names of these friends who had given of their means to help us build our Church. In this list there are six Conrads, five Rohrboughs, four Watsons, two Smiths, two Odens, two Duvalls, Crowell, Cook, Brinkley, Bird, Corley, Garret, Myers, Morrison, Harris, Owens, Sheifer, Allman, Jennings, and Swecker. This, with possibly one or two exceptions, was all of our neighbors for miles around. On another

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NEW ZEALAND — Arrival of Evangelist

A letter from Rev. and Mrs. Emmett H. Bottoms brings the following information.

After thirty-seven days' voyage on a slow boat we arrived in Wellington, Sunday, April 24, at 11 a.m. The journey was tiresome but God richly blessed us. We remained well physically through the entire trip and enjoyed the scenery of the islands which we passed, but were happy to welcome still chairs and bed when we landed.

Brother Johnson, to our surprise, was standing at the customs gate to greet us when we came off the boat. We had a brief visit while our baggage was delivered to the customs hall and as soon as we were through the customs he took us to St. George's Hotel. We had lunch and then enjoyed a long conversation with Rev. Mr. Johnson — an introduction to the Church and conditions.

Early Monday morning we began clearing things at the customs and found that a duty charge of \$2.25 had been placed on the parcel of Bible Sabbath Calendars, which was paid by Mr. Johnson. When we came to the little car we found the tax to be £120 (\$336), but the Bank of New Zealand kindly consented to guarantee our bond for the pounds. However, there is a possibility that the duty may be only £100 (\$280) when we come to pay the charge.

At noon Tuesday we had all business in Wellington completed and the car ready for our 520-mile drive to Auckland, Brother Johnson's home. We spent Tuesday night in Eltham, less than half the distance to Auckland, but drove the remaining miles Wednesday, arriving at the Johnsons at approximately 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Johnson, children, and Mother Johnson, also three of the Church gentlemen, were waiting to welcome us to a luscious dinner and a fellowship hour. Our two days and nights' stay with the Johnsons were filled with joy and excitement.

On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Johnson and we located a place for us to live. One large room, "living bedroom," bathroom, and some cooking privileges at a cost of

£2/4 (\$6.16) per week. Not too convenient, but the best we can find at present. We moved in Friday and spent our first night in what we call home Friday night — the first since February 2. We shall leave you to suppose it was a sigh of relief even though our bed is weak in the center.

Sabbath morning brought a beautiful, sunny day, and we went to the Church to worship with our newly met friends. We found twenty-two New Zealand people present and coincidentally it was Communion Sabbath. Brother Johnson called on the evangelist to give the message and after the sermon we shared in serving the Communion. It was an hour of joy and inspiration. After the worship hour we enjoyed a nice luncheon and fellowship hour, which was followed by the young people's meeting in charge of the Hare sisters. Mrs. Bottoms was invited to speak on the topic, "Seventh Day Baptist Young People in America." The Johnson sisters gave a duet.

On Sunday afternoon the Church gave a social welcoming us into their midst. The program consisted of words of welcome by Rev. Mr. Johnson, poem, "People Will Talk" by Rev. Mr. Mason, duets by the Hare sisters, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, and the Johnson sisters. After the program, tea was served at which time we were presented with a nice fruitcake beautifully decorated and containing words of welcome.

We are to begin our mission work on Sunday night, May 13. The Church has engaged a hall with a seating capacity of eight hundred. We can hardly visualize Church attendance of that number.

Our people here have expressed their gratitude to the Missionary Board and to all who have a part in sponsoring our coming to them. You probably will hear from Mr. Johnson soon.

We shall certainly miss Secretary Clarke's encouraging letters, but we hope that he and his family are happy in their new work.

We can pay our debt to the past by putting the future in debt to ourselves. — John Buchan, from the Civic Bulletin.

JAMAICA

Rev. Neal D. Mills reports from Jamaica four baptisms, with two added to the membership of the Kingston Church and two to the Lemon Hall Church. He reports, also, the dedication of five babies. An ordination service for a deacon and a deaconess was held at Lemon Hall on March 25. Pastor Hamilton, Pastor Grant, and Henry Grant participated in the ordination service with Mr. Mills. The Kingston Church is planning for some open air meetings in a new area.

Regarding finances, Mr. Mills writes that the Scholarship Fund of Crandall High School has been increased. A number of gifts have been received which can be used for other purposes, which may be used for medical aid to students. He has an arrangement with the Adventist Clinic by which students are examined and treated very reasonably.

For the term beginning April 17, fifty-two students have been enrolled, the highest number yet, exclusive of sewing students. H. R. C.

GERMANY

In a recent letter from Heinrich Bruhn to the treasurer of the Missionary Society, he says: "Now the spring has come. The trees in our garden bloom and the weather has become much warmer. It is the best month of the year and we hope also for you at Westerly."

"Brother Bahlke of our Hamburg Church gives since some weeks public Bible lessons weekly. Interest of the people is better than we believed. Last time there were 12 guests besides of perhaps 10 or 15 brothers and sisters of our Church. We hope instantly that God may bless our efforts and that some souls may decide to go with us the narrow way with Christ to truth, light, and eternal life."

We are glad to have this good report and to know of the increasing interest of the people. We hope and pray with Brother Bruhn and the other brethren in Germany that many souls may be won and that part of the kingdom of heaven may be built to the glory of God. H. R. C.

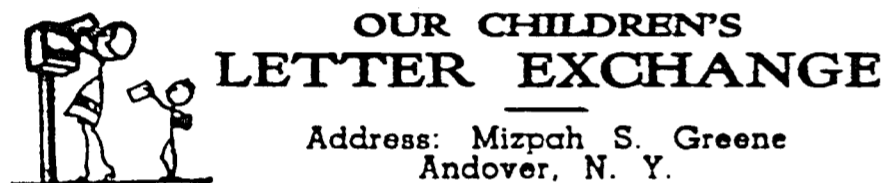
SOCRATES THOMPSON RETURNING TO JAMAICA

Socrates Thompson, who has been in this country for the past five years, attending school in Alfred University and the School of Theology, and who has been in Milton College the past two years, will be graduated from that college on June 18. Passage has been engaged on the SS Nuevo Dominicano, sailing from Miami, Fla., to Kingston, Jamaica, on June 25. Our missionaries and the friends in Jamaica are eagerly anticipating his return home. Details of his service will have to be arranged between him and the missionaries after his arrival. It is expected that he will teach in Crandall High School and engage

in religious work, preaching, and personal evangelism as opportunity may offer.

Socrates has remained in the States longer than was expected when he came. He has shown commendable capabilities and has made the most of the opportunities which he has had for better fitting himself for kingdom service among his home folks. He has won friends, not for himself alone, but for Jamaica, by his genial spirit and cheerful ways. That he will be a real asset and a great help as teacher and preacher would be easy to forecast. The interest and prayers of his many friends in this country will follow him as he enters upon his labors.

H. R. C.



Dear Mrs. Mizpah S. Greene:

I like the stories you write and put in the book.

I have a little kitten whose name is Blackie Lightning. She is a little rascal.

I have a dachshund whose name is Wiener. She is a fat little dog. I have a big cat whose name is Whitie. He is a big tomcat and is a rascal.

Good-by now.

With love,
Le Alyce Bishop.

1656 Capitol Avenue,
Madison, Wis.

P. S. — My grandpa is Mr. George M. Ellis.

Dear Le Alyce:

I was very much pleased to receive your letter and hope to have many more from you. I was also glad to receive your grandpa's letter. I remember him very well. Tell him I'll answer his letter as soon as I can find the time.

I'm thinking that you have some cunning pets. Your kitten and cat surely must be very lively since you call them rascals. That's the kind of pets I like. Queenie, the cute little dog next door to us, is fat but she is sort of a rascal. Is Wiener that

lively, too? Our neighbors also have a cunning little boy named Jimmie. He was only a year old last March 6, but he already has fun with Queenie. If older children are rough with Queenie she is apt to bite them. She never bites Jimmie, though she'll growl a bit if he pats her too hard or pulls her tail as much as to say, "Now hold on there, I can be rough, too."

I used to have many pets. The last one was our cat Skeezics which lived to be nearly fifteen years old. Now my pets are three little boys nearly five years old who call on me nearly every day. Now they are telling me that next year they'll be going to school and cannot visit me so often. Then, there is Jimmie and two other little boys about his age whom I can call my pets, and several little girls of all ages. And whatever would I do without my Recorder children?

The curfew just sounded telling me it is nine o'clock. As my granddaughter, Joyce, used to say when staying with us, "Time for boys and girls to go home and go to bed."

Yours with love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I noticed that you did not have very many letters, so I thought that I would write to you. I am eight years old and am in the second grade.

My mother used to write to you when she was a little girl. Her name was Faith

Drake. My grandfather is Deacon Hal Drake of the Richburg Church.

I enjoy the stories that you write very much.

Hal Young.

College Park, Md.

Dear Hal:

I was happy to receive your very welcome letter and hope I will hear from you often. I guess the reason I haven't received many letters from my Recorder children lately is because some of them are beginning to think they are too old to write for a children's page. If so, I do not agree with them. In fact, I never think they are too old to write, for if they become too old to write as children they can write for children. One of my Recorder boys, when he had his ninth birthday, informed me that he was too old to write to me, and I couldn't get him to change his mind. How I did miss his good letters! He should have written six years more at least.

I remember when your mother used to write to me and was disappointed when she stopped writing. I used to go to Richburg quite often and know your grandfather and the rest of the Drakes well. I hope to see them during Conference at Alfred in August.

I have just returned from Memorial Day parade and program at the cemetery. In the parade were an unusual number of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Brownies, besides a large company of other school boys and girls. Then, of course, there were Legion members, members of the Legion Auxiliary and of the Relief Corps. Cars were provided for Relief Corps members. As I am a member of that organization, of course I rode.

Yours lovingly,
Mizpah S. Greene.

David Pearson, a Seventh Day Baptist student at Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C., has accepted the call to serve the Mid-Continent Association on the Montrose, Colo., field this summer. Have you given to this work? Boulder already has raised \$140 this year! — Boulder, Colo., Church Bulletin.

CHURCH NEWS

SALEMVILLE, PA. — The activities of Christmas week started with a Christmas program held December 22, 1950, the eve of the Sabbath, given by the Youth Fellowship and Junior society under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Robinette, Mrs. Mary Leber, and Lois and Denise Kagarise.

Various committees of the Church held meetings for discussion and prayer in different homes during the Week of Prayer in January. Plans were made for the benefit of the work of the Church and Sabbath school.

The following named Sabbath school officers were elected for the year: Superintendent, Duane Ebersole; assistant superintendent, Axthle Guyer; secretary, Lois Kagarise; treasurer, Mrs. Emma Kagarise; chorister, Mildred Robinette; pianist, Denise Kagarise; cradle roll superintendent, Mrs. Frances Kagarise; home department, Mrs. Minnie Wolfe.

The Lord's Acre project made a profit last year of around \$50 in raising potatoes, sweet corn, and buckwheat. Much credit is due to the committee of last year, which consisted of Duane Ebersole, Axthle Guyer, and Rev. Paul S. Burdick, with the help of others from the Church. The committee on the Lord's Acre project for this year is our pastor, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, and Sherman and John Kagarise. They have decided to let each individual pick his own project. This seems to make people become interested about what to do. One lady is giving a penny for every dozen of eggs she sells during the time set for the project.

We sent our pastor to the Ministers' Conference held at Shiloh, N. J., in April.

The Ladies' Aid Society holds its monthly meetings the first Wednesday evening of each month in different homes. Mrs. Mildred Robinette is the president; Mrs. Elda Lippincott, secretary; and Mrs. Julia Kagarise, treasurer. During the winter the ladies quilted every Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Minnie Wolfe.

Our parsonage is soon to show a new roof, material for which has been purchased and will be put on in the near future. — Mrs. Mary Blough, Correspondent.

CHURCH NEWS.

VERONA, N. Y. — The Mother and Daughter Banquet was held in our Church on the evening of May 12. Mrs. Edith Woodcock was toastmistress and presented a corsage to Miss Barbara Vaughn, a former exchange teacher in England, who was guest speaker.

Miss Vaughn showed strips of film taken while in England and explained each picture to her audience. Miss Louise Hyde led the group singing. The Misses Twila and Joyce Sholtz sang a duet. Mrs. Zilla Vierow read an article on "Daughters of Yesterday." Carolyn Davis gave a recitation, "Doing Her Part," followed by a solo by Mrs. Carol Crandall, accompanied on the piano by her daughter, Barbara. A presentation, "Daughters of Today," was given by Mrs. Mayola Warner. The tables were artistically decorated with flowers and favors and the banquet finely served by a committee of men of the Church.

Our society recently voted to send a box of hats and shoes to the Jamaica Mission. — Press Committee.

BERLIN, N. Y. — The Berlin hills are especially beautiful, as I write this, after a night of rain.

We can report the usual interest in our regular services, and though our congregation is small, we have a dependable attendance.

The group met with Miss Mildred Greene, Sabbath night, May 19, for the fellowship supper. Mrs. Paul Maxson conducted the devotional service, and some instrumental music was furnished by Ruth Ellis and Eunice Maxson.

Victor Burdick, a medical student in Albany, was guest of the evening. The usual items of business were considered and a rising vote of thanks was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Ellis for the gift of a range for the Church kitchen.

On Tuesday evening the ladies furnished the supper for the Berlin Men's Club.

The list of attendants to the coming Association has not been completed. — Correspondent.

FARINA, ILL. — On July 8, 1950, our Church had an outdoor Church service at Boston's Lake (about 20 miles from Farina)

followed by the baptism of Mrs. Carroll Crosley and her joining the Church with the right hand of fellowship being extended to her. We had a lovely basket dinner and social time, too. We also had another Church service at the same lake on October 21. These outdoor Church services were very inspiring.

On Thanksgiving day a potluck dinner was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Seager for those who didn't have a family dinner appointment. There were twenty present.

Our Christmas program was on the night of December 21, followed by a Christmas exchange social in the parish house. Everyone enjoyed the program and social very much.

On December 31, our annual dinner was held, followed by our annual business meeting. Pastor Hill was called as pastor for another year. Glen Wells was elected as moderator, Miss Lena Wells, clerk, Harry Coon and Harry Crosley as trustees.

The new social committee planned a chili supper in February, and a beef chowder supper and social were well attended the night of March 18.

The Ladies' Aid Society has been meeting again this year. Two meetings were held with Mrs. Arlouene Seager so that her mother, who is confined to her home, could enjoy the meetings. We take turns having charge of program, devotionals, and games. Mrs. Frieda Crosley was elected president, Tracy Crandall, secretary, and Miss Stella Crosley, treasurer.

Our March meeting was held with Mrs. Hazel Hill. It was a stormy, rainy day, but those of us that attended enjoyed the afternoon very much.

Our Church membership isn't large, but we are carrying on very well under the capable leadership of our pastor, Rev. Claude L. Hill. — Mrs. George Carlisle, Correspondent.

ASHAWAY, R. I. — Activities of the First Hopkinton Church during the past three months include the following:

Easter services were held on Good Friday evening and on Easter Sabbath. Mrs. Clarence Crandall directed a beautiful worship service entitled, "From Darkest Night to Brightest Dawn," which was given in

tableau form at the Good Friday service. A variety of special music was also presented. The guest preacher on Easter Sabbath was Rev. David S. Clarke, former executive secretary of the Missionary Board and now pastor of the Church at New Auburn, Wis. Palms and Easter flowers formed a beautiful setting for the Easter services.

Considerable work and improvements have been made on the parsonage in preparation for the pastor and his family. A grocery shower was held by the Ladies' Aid Society and many additional donations were received to stock the kitchen shelves. The trustees and several members of the Ladies' Aid Society met several Sundays to clean the parsonage. Some new furniture was bought and new curtains were also purchased by the Ladies' Aid. The Junior Choir girls also did their bit by cleaning the lawn and the flower beds, so that everything was in good shape when the pastor and his family arrived in the middle of May.

A Young Married Couples group has been formed, sponsored by the adult class of the Sabbath school. The first meeting was held in February, and meetings are held monthly. Election of officers was held at the April meeting and the following were elected in joint capacity to serve for one year: President, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Collings, Jr.; vice-president, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Larkin; secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kenyon; treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. William Riley. The May meeting proved to be fun when each girl brought a May basket lunch for two. An auction of the baskets was held and the highest bidder shared the lunch with the girl who packed it. The money received from the auction went into the treasury. Mrs. Dorothy Collings was in charge of the devotional period. Each meeting includes devotions, a short business meeting, and a program of games.

Rev. and Mrs. Lester G. Osborn, who recently arrived to assume the pastorate of our Church, were tendered a welcoming reception on Wednesday evening, May 23, 1951. The parish house was temporarily turned into a lovely spring garden with banks of spring flowers and palms arranged in several parts of the room for

the occasion. Following the receiving line, which included, besides the pastor and his wife, the deacons and their wives, the deaconesses, the president of the Church, the superintendent of the graded department and their husbands, and the president of the Ladies' Aid, a program was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wilson. Vocal selections were given by Myra Wells and Albert Wilson, and Susan Murphy and Clara Pashley rendered several piano duos. Following the program, refreshments of fancy cookies, cupcakes, and punch were served from a table attractively arranged with a centerpiece of lilies of the valley and lighted candles.

Hosts for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Kenyon. Miss Ruth Collings was in charge of decorations and the refreshment committee was comprised of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Hill, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Oates and Mrs. Grace Rodger.

There were over 100 in attendance, including guests from the Rockville, Second Hopkinton, Waterford, and Westerly Churches. — Mrs. Raymond M. Kenyon, Jr., Correspondent.

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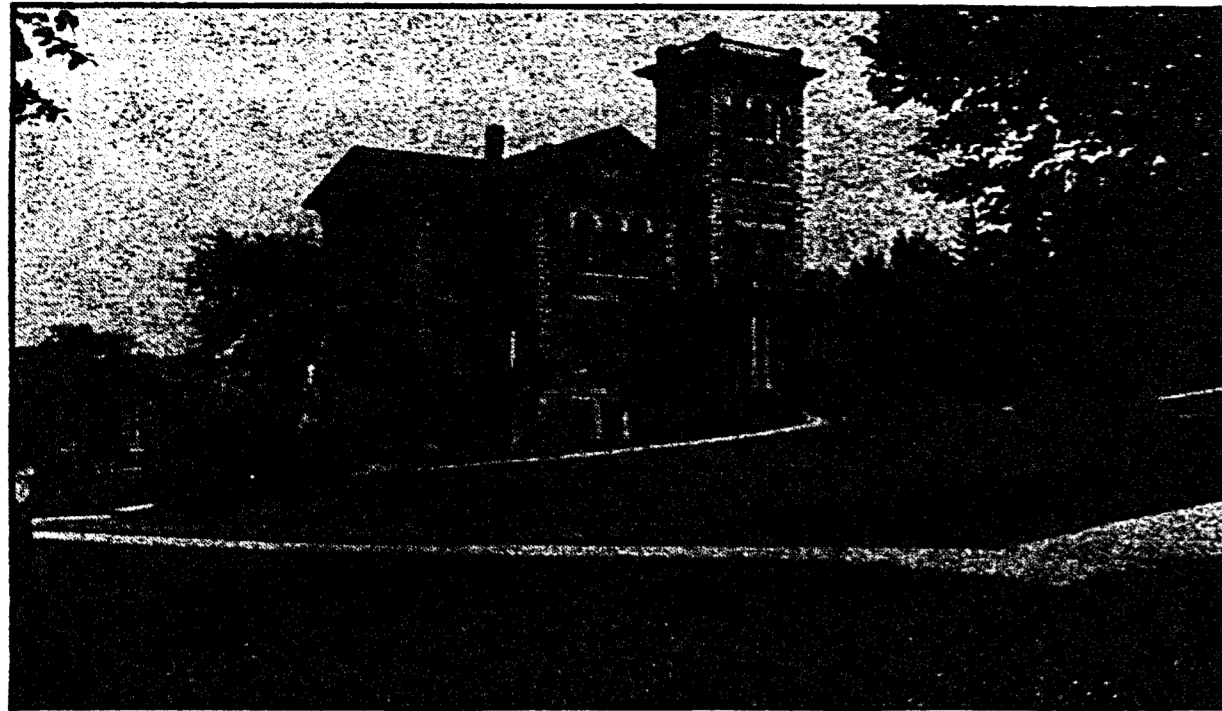
page listing our own families of this community, are also the names of members of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church who helped us with contributions of cash. Among these names are Uncle Sammy Davis, our first and only pastor for many years; Orlando and other Davises, Brumfield and Booth and other Bonds, William and Austin Van Horn, William and J. M. Batten, and William and Scott Kennedy.

Father's ledger further states that "this Church built in 1871, cost the sum of seven hundred and thirty-eight dollars and seventy-seven cents."

I will be present with you this day in spirit, and my prayer will mingle with yours that the all-seeing, all-knowing, and all-loving Father may be pleased to continue His blessing on our Church and its activities to the honor and glory of His name.

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**Kenyon
Memorial
Hall**

Delegates to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in Alfred this coming August will become familiar with this view of Kenyon Hall, pictured here from the intersection of University and State Streets at the center of the university campus. "The Brick," where many delegates will be housed during Conference week, is directly behind the camera. Alumni Hall and the Gothic are to the

right and somewhat behind the photographer.

Most of the classroom buildings of the university are located on the street leading out of this picture to the left. The erection of Kenyon Memorial Hall was begun in 1876 and dedicated to the honor of President William C. Kenyon in 1882. — Publicity Committee.

A DAY IN JUNE

By Lois Holmes Reid

(Tune: "Day Is Dying in the West")

From the shoulders of the dawn
Slips the mantle of the night,
Slowly day breaks into light,
With a song the whole day long;
Night has withdrawn.

All the stars soon disappear,
Magic hands have swiftly spun
Myriad lights all into one;
Morning bloom seeps through the gloom,
And day is here.

Misty haze fades here and there,
Morning freshness yields too soon
To the midday warmth of noon;
Springtime flowers of lovely bowers
Perfume the air.

All day long the skies are fair,
Varying shades of lazuli;
Fleecy clouds go drifting by;
Balmy breeze blows through the trees,
A soft, sweet prayer.

Fading light creeps toward the west;
Birds and breezes quieting,
Clouds and shadows gathering;
And the gold-red sun grows old,
Soon all will rest.

Embers of the dying sun
Set the evening clouds aglow,
Changing colors come and go,
As the light fades into night,
When day is done.

Twilight lingers in the sky;
Soft notes twittered sweet and low,
Little birds' nests, to and fro,
Gently swing while mothers sing
Their lullaby.

On the margin of the hill
Night returns at dusk, and soon
With the passing of the moon
Darkness creeps and daylight sleeps,
And all is still.

In the heaven's deep velvet blue,
Once again the stars are strewn,
Sparkling sequins there festoon
Pin-holed night, wherein God's light
Comes shining through.

Refrain:

Day and night and twilight,
Dawn, morning, noon,
Bird and breeze intercommune,
Breath one tune, for this is June,
Oh, this is June.
Alfred, N. Y.

Father's Day - 1951

If our nation is to continue strong and maintain the high position it holds in the family of nations, our homes must be the initial source of this strength. It is therefore not amiss that we sing "Faith of our fathers, living faith," realizing the important role which has been and continues to be theirs. Father's Day is a day of significance not of sentimentality.

It is a matter of providence that Almighty God has entrusted to fathers together with the faithful mothers the tremendous task of molding the character of their sons and daughters. God recognized them as the proper agency for accomplishing a goal which makes its impact upon every generation. This unprecedented honor can only be retained as long as fathers measure up to their responsibilities. — From Father's Day message by the Chief of Chaplains (Major General) Roy H. Parker, Department of the Army.