Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have one brother. His name is Jackie. I have two sisters. Their names are Barbara and Nancy. Nancy is four years old and Barbara is nine years old. My brother is eight months old. I am seven years old. I am in second grade. Love,

Wayne Cruzan.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My name is David. I have two sisters and one brother. I live on a farm.

Your friend, David Payne.

Dear Wayne and David:

I enjoyed your letters but haven't room to answer them this week. I will have to wait until next week, when I'll enjoy writing to you both.

Sincerely, your friend, Mizpah S. Greene.

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records show that only 207 of this number were Roman Catholic. This shows growth and expansion.

The 54.2 per cent of our population now on Church rolls compares with 49 per cent ten years ago; 42.7 per cent twenty years ago; and 39.6 per cent thirty years ago. At the turn of the century, only 34.7 per cent of our population were reported as members of Churches. And if you go back as far as 1880, the figures reveal that Church members represented but a meager 19.9 per cent of the population. It was between 1929 and 1949 that Church membership rose from fifty to almost 82 million, or from 42.7 per cent of the population to 54.2 per cent. It is significant that the years between 1929-1949 were the years of depression, disillusionment, World War II, and the atom bomb.

Of the 81,862,328 members of Churches in the nation, 48,674,823 belong to Protestant Churches, which is about 60 per cent of the total. Protestant membership showed a gain of 1,368,367, or almost 2.9 per cent.

Great credit goes to the denominational secretaries of evangelism and their boards and commissions, for the steady and rapid growth in Church membership. Our evangelism was never more vigorous and healthy among the denominations than now.

Mamie Saxton Severance

Mamie Saxton Severance, daughter of Ray and Margaret David Saxton, was born March 15, 1874, near Berlin, Wis., and died in Independence Hospital, Hammond, La., November 15, 1950. She had been confined to her bed for nearly a month before entering the hospital on November 9.

In June of 1895 she married Rolla J. Severance. They moved to Hammond, La., in 1940 when Rev. Mr. Severance accepted the pastorate of the Hammond Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mrs. Severance carried on as acting pastor for six years after her husband's death in June, 1942.

She is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Jessie Langworthy and Mrs. Lillie Ingersoll, both of Dodge Center, Minn.; one daughter, Mrs. Earl V. Godfrey of Philadelphia, Pa.; a granddaughter, Mrs. Fred LeBlanc of Hammond, La.; and a grandson, Pvt. Zale D. Godfrey, US Air Force.

Mrs. F. LeB.

Marriages.

Cowles - Clarke. — Elmer B. Cowles and Thelma Clarke, both of Richburg, N. Y., were united in marriage on December 23, 1950, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clarke. Their pastor, Rev. Melvin G. Nida, officiated at the ceremony. The couple will be at home in Richburg, N. Y.

Obituaries.

Severance. — Mamie Saxton, March 15, 1874 November 15, 1950. A more extended sketch appears elsewhere in this issue.

Harris. — Abbie Eldredge, widow of Deacon John T. Harris, died in the Willis Rest Home, near Shiloh, N. J., December 21, 1950.

She had been a resident of Shiloh all her life.

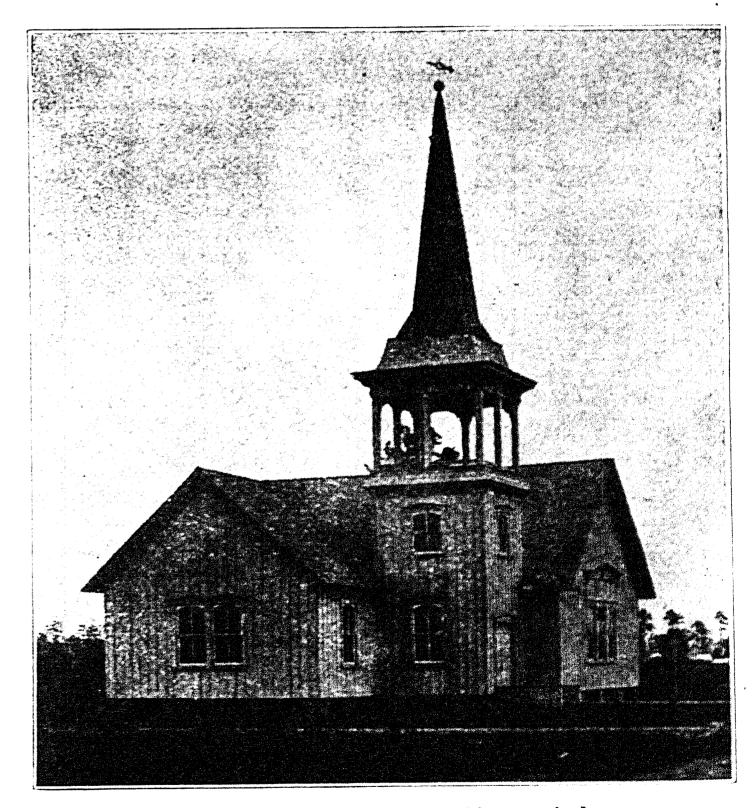
She united with the Shiloh Church on January 26, 1889, being one of a group of forty-two baptized by Rev. Theodore L. Gardiner on that date.

Surviving are two sons: Lawrence F. of Dunellen, N. J., and Floyd D. of Shiloh; and one daughter, Mrs. Linda Carter, Shiloh: seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, on Sunday afternoon, December 24, and interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

L. G. O.

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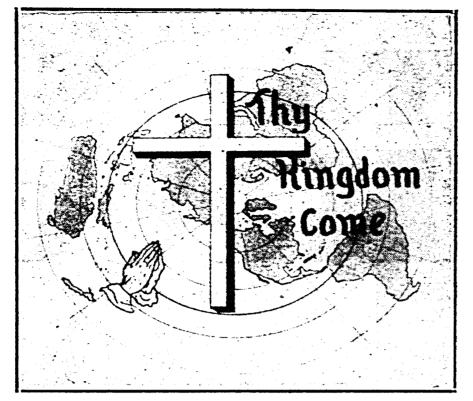
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Design chosen by President Alton L. Wheeler to portray this year's Conference theme.

OUR SERVICEMEN Where They Are

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

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BURST THAT BALLOON!

"Bust" is slang!

So, we say "burst," but we use the slogan.

An organization with a long name is campaigning for the bursting of a "trial balloon" sent up by President Harry S. Truman several months ago. Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State is the organization with the long name. Mr. Truman's "trial balloon" was the announcement that "he was considering appointing a full-time ambassador to the Vatican."

A United States postal card is a powerful tool. According to a press release just received from Protestants and Other Americans United, "a United States postal card gaining momentum throughout the United States shows that regardless of denominational differences, American Protestants are united on one question: there must be no United States ambassador" to the Vatican!

The message which the card bears and an invitation to participate in the campaign, appear below.

Although our attention is immediately arrested by the slogan "illustrated by a cartoon of an American eagle angrily

pricking a soaring balloon," this is a matter that deserves our highest and best prayerful consideration. The cartoon should not mislead us nor cause us to become incensed against the Roman Catholic Church or our good Catholic neighbors. To do so would defeat at the outset the purpose of our protest, place us much below the plane of Christian brotherhood, and by our attitude deny to others the very rights and privileges that we ourselves enjoy and would further protect.

To burst this "trial balloon" is not an attack against the Roman Catholic Church or our good Catholic neighbors. It is, as some of us Protestants see it, a direct, stalwart support of the cardinal principle of separation of Church and State. The United States of America was founded upon this great principle. At this stage in our nation's history, it ill behooves us to violate this course.

With our protestations and recognition of lobbying on the part of Roman Catholic circles "to fill the vacancy created when Myron Taylor, appointed by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt as 'personal representative' to the Vatican, resigned," let us be firm in our convictions yet practice the Golden Rule.

BUST THAT BALLOON!

A few months ago, President Truman announced he was considering appointing a full-time ambassador to the Vatican. This was a "trial balloon." If you value American liberty, if you think democracy worth keeping...

WRITE 1. PRESIDENT TRUMAN
2. BOTH YOUR SENATORS

NO U. S. AMBASSADOR TO THE POPE!

TELL OTHERS TOO: Send \$1 for 35 of these postcards. Mail them to friends. Send to: Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, 1633 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington 6, D.C.



(Note: If you prefer to use your own card or stationery, by all means do so. It is highly important that you write President Truman and both of your senators.)

"THE ISSUES OF FREEDOMS FOR ALL MEN"

"Let us fight our battle with Communism on clean-cut issues of freedoms for all men, uncomplicated by a tie-up with the distressed policies of the Vatican."

Thus is issued the challenge in a Report from the Capital by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, of which Rev. Luther W. Crichlow, 1455 W Street, NW, Washington 9, D. C., is a member.

So pertinent is a section of the report entitled, "Why an Ambassador to the Vatican?" that we publish it as a feature in this issue of the Sabbath Recorder.

Totalitarianism in any form, Church or otherwise, is freedom-destroying and dangerous. In this relation, Seventh Day Baptists, along with other Baptists and other Protestant bodies, recognize Christ as the Great Head of the Church.

Concerning the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican, the General Conference at Salem, W. Va., last August adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas this General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists is seriously disturbed by the attempted encroachments of the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church upon our traditional and cherished American concept of separation of Church and State, and

"Whereas the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference believes the assignment to the Vatican of an ambassador from the United States to be contrary to the traditional American concept of separation of Church and State; therefore be it

"Resolved that we petition the President and the Congress of these United States, but especially the Senate, NOT to appoint an ambassador to the Vatican and to discontinue any relationships, official or unofficial, with the Vatican." — Resolution Number 4, page 48, Year Book, 1950.

Let us recognize and rally to the support of the "clean-cut issues of freedoms for all men."

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Quarterly Meeting sessions will be held at Milton, Wis., January 19, 20, 1951. Lillian Campbell, Secretary.

EMBARGOES ARE BOTHERSOME

Not only do embargoes cause trouble but they also disappoint folks, especially at Christmas time. With all the trouble involved, we do not want to forget justice in the case of the embargoists.

The purpose of this editorial is to explain the delay, in large part at least, in Sabbath Recorder shipments during the holiday season.

When mail gets piled up at post offices and terminals, much more time is required to get the mail moving again than when it is kept moving. Even the progress of first class mail was greatly retarded during the recent rush. Yet, undoubtedly more mail was handled this season just past than ever before in the history of the United States Post Office.

Word has been received from friends in the Southeast and the Midwest that recent copies of the Sabbath Recorder have been as much as two weeks late in arriving. The Recorder Press deeply regrets this delay but is powerless to alter the situation. The Sabbath Recorder, dated as of the following Monday, is taken to the Plainfield Post Office regularly not later than Friday afternoon.

We have noticed that some of the Church magazines, which come to our office as exchanges, recently have arrived as much as ten days behind schedule.

The Sabbath Recorder greatly appreciates the patience of subscribers and hopes that the schedule will be back to normal very soon.

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

The Sabbath Recorder:

Enclosed is \$2 for my Sabbath Recorder subscription which expired December, 1949. Please continue my student subscription until June, 1951.

I appreciate receiving the Sabbath Recorder every week and find it inspiring and informative. I would have missed the Recorder if it had been discontinued. However, because of the cost of printing and other financial conditions of the Sabbath Recorder, I suggest that it be sent no longer than three months after the expiration date, unless renewed.

In my own case and in others, there would be more renewals if the Sabbath Recorder were discontinued after the expiration date.

Sincerely yours, Leora Sholtz.

Emerson Hall, Geneseo, N. Y., November 12, 1950.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find check for renewal of my subscription with a bit added to help toward the deficit. We need the Sabbath Recorder with its helpful and inspiring articles to keep our people alive and in touch with one another.

May more of our people read it and God bless all who do.

Sincerely, Grace S. Langworthy.

316 Park Avenue, Berkeley Heights, N. J., December 7, 1950.

The Sabbath Recorder:

Here is our check for the Recorder.

Long past three score and ten, I still recall the big sheets as it came to my childhood home.

May it go on through future years bringing its weekly message of inspiration to all "our folks."

(Mrs.) Walter D. Kenyon.

Ashaway, R. I., December 11, 1950.

(Excerpts from letter)

Dear Hurley:

Our release time classes are going again. They began last week. We have about 27 children who come down to the parish house on Monday afternoons for the classes at the last period of the school day. Frances L. Palmer, Ruth C. Palmer, and I are the teachers.

We are enjoying the Recorder a lot. I know there are a lot of very serious problems, but it seems to us that to lose the Recorder as a weekly would be to lose the Recorder. Perhaps we are reading it with more appreciation since the discussion of the change.

Sincerely, Marion C. Van Horn.

Brookfield, N. Y., December 10, 1950. Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed check for \$4 for 1 year's subscription to the Sabbath Recorder and 1 year's subscription to the Helping Hand. As a lone Sabbathkeeper, I find both items a vital need. Thank you. Sincerely yours.

Mrs. D. T. Stewart.

Box 91, Raymond, Ill., December 10, 1950.

Dear Sabbath Recorder:

It is time for me to renew my subscription. Enclosed please find the \$3

as a postal note.

I note with interest an editorial in a November issue of a planned campaign of evangelism. May the Bible correspondence course and the radio ministry be started soon! I am much encouraged for a larger Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

Most cordially yours.

Ralph V. Kime

5001-A Wyoming Street. St. Louis 16, Mo., December 10, 1950.

Friends:

Enclosed find my check for \$3 for my renewal subscription to the Recorder. I am a lone Sabbathkeeper and enjoy the Recorder and Helping Hand.

With best wishes for the New Year. I am

> Sincerely, Mrs. Frank Sullivan,

Elmdale, Kan., December 26, 1950.

Dear Dr. Warren:

Thanks very much for your editorial on "A Year of Sharing" in your December 25th issue. The last two paragraphs certainly point up the challenge which faces Protestants during 1951.

The "One Great Time for Sharing" campaign is taking shape in a splendid way. Fourteen denominations are now co-operating and more are expected to join. I wish the Seventh Day Baptists might be included in this list.

Sincerely yours.
Stanley I. Stuber,
Executive Secretary.
1951 One Great Time for Sharing
December 29, 1950.

MILL YARD CHURCH

By Dr. Corliss F. Randolph
President and Librarian,
Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society

During the past summer, accompanied by my wife, I spent eight weeks in London and Oxford, England, in behalf of our Historical Society, in research in the early history of Seventh Day Baptists in the British Isles, especially as to the beginnings of our Mill Yard Church in London.

While in London, we visited the Sabbath service of Mill Yard several times. By invitation, I occupied the speaker's time of one service in presenting the interests of our Historical Society, in which this Church is deeply interested.

Before the recent war, Mill Yard met in Argyle Hall, a pleasant meeting place for the small congregation. Following the Sabbath service, the members of the congregation were entertained at afternoon tea in the hospitable home of Mr. Charles H. Merryweather, near by. The tea was followed by a brief devotional service in a room set apart for that purpose. The afternoon tea gave opportunity for social life not otherwise enjoyed by the Church. But the war took over Argyle Hall for its use, and it is still not available for Mill Yard. Mr. Merryweather's home was bombed in the war and he died not long afterward. He was not a Seventh Day Baptist.

Mill Yard's Sabbath service is now held in a Sunday school room in the rear of the Upper Holloway Baptist Church, unfortunately less attractive than Argyle Hall. However, Mill Yard is cordially welcome there where, aside from other equipment, this room is supplied with suitable Church furniture, including a pulpit desk with Bible, and the Tables of the Law in appropriate position, the property of Mill Yard. A large safe containing Church records and other valuables of the Church stands in an inconspicuous corner of the room. The hymns and anthems are led by a singer employed for the purpose, accompanied by a piano or reed organ. There are no facilities for social life.

The membership, few in number, is widely scattered, not only in London and its immediate environs, but from the north

of England or south of Scotland down to the English Channel. The most of the members are above 70 years of age. As a result of the scattered condition and the infirmity of age, the usual attendance at Sabbath service is very small.

The Church suffered from the recent war. The homes of Pastor McGeachy and Deacon Morris were bombed, the latter destroyed. Other members sought refuge in less exposed places; and, when the war was over, found it most difficult — practically impossible — to find suitable homes in London, and have settled elsewhere.

Certain changes have taken place within the Church itself. Deacon Morris died a few years ago, and George Vane, for many years the efficient clerk of the Church, died last spring. Deacon Brown has retired, and now lives where he finds it difficult to attend Sabbath service. Mrs. Gertrude E. Richardson, after a long period of service as treasurer, resigned and is succeeded by Mrs. E. M. Lloyd, the former Mrs. Morris.

Pastor McGeachy and his wife are both greatly beloved, but the salary which the Church is able to pay him is wholly inadequate and he is obliged to give a great portion of his time to other interests to supplement his salary to a mere living basis.

The Church is asking the Missionary Board for help over a period of years. Meantime, they are looking anxiously to the coming visit of Pastor and Mrs. Emmett H. Bottoms on their way to New Zealand. Special preparations are in course of making for this visit, including a more accessible and suitable place of meeting and widely scattered advertising.

Mill Yard is our oldest existing Seventh Day Baptist Church, with a record of three centuries of life and service which includes many notable names, among which are those of Daniel Noble, educator and preacher; Peter Chamberlen, court physician to the English queens, and preacher; Nathanael Bailey, educator and lexicographer; Joseph Davis, wealthy merchant and benefactor; William H. Black, noted antiquary and preacher; William M. Jones, preacher and oriental scholar of repute; and others. It is an honorable record, and

WHY AN AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN?

on our government to send a full ambassador to the Vatican. If that is done, it would constitute a special favor to a single Church, a virtual contractual relation between the government and the Vatican. In 1867 the Congress of the United States declined to furnish further funds for such an ambassadorship, which had prevailed for a little time, on the specific grounds that the Vatican was violating religious liberty and we were violating our own Constitution which requires complete separation of Church and State.

The proposal to tie up our government with the Vatican at this time presents a peculiar embarrassment in two respects. First, in the enforcement of the anticommunist law passed by the present Congress. That law orders our officials to refuse entry to advocates of totalitarianism. Already our government has rejected Communists from behind the Iron Curtain and Falangists from Franco's Spain. What is the United States to do with those who come here from the Vatican, known to be the most pronounced totalitarian state in the world?

In a second respect the proposal to send an ambassador from the United States is most complicating. Our country is waging a distinct battle against Communism and other totalitarian systems. The Roman Catholic Church in its battle with Communism has become enmeshed in policies which are strictly peculiar to it and irrelevant to us. One of the major problems of the Roman Church in its fight for survival in Europe is Church ownership of schools supported by state tax funds. America cannot march under the Pope's banner in defense of that. Nor can our country enter into partnership with the

Mill Yard is worthy of our prayers and our financial support in her struggle for existence to continue the good work of her magnificent past.

Vatican in upholding land monopoly by the Church and clerical interference with government. Why should we be told that America is dependent on the woefully handicapped Vatican for espionage work among the Communists and secret counsels available to us? Let us fight our battle with Communism on clean-cut issues of freedoms for all men, uncomplicated by a tie-up with the distressed policies of the Vatican.

In passing from notice of the totalitarian Church, we must express gratitude that the countries of the world which are freett from Communism are Protestant countries—America, England, Holland, the Scandinavian nations, Australia, and Canada. It is sorrowful to note that the countries most imperiled by Communism are Roman Catholic.—Report from the Capital by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, November, 1950.

BEST SERMONS

An Extension of Time for Submitting Sermons

To meet the request of many busy ministers, the time for submitting sermons for consideration for Volume V, the forthcoming issue of Best Sermons, edited by Dr. G. Paul Butler, has been extended to March 31, 1951. Clergymen of all faiths are invited to submit a sermon for consideration to Dr. Butler at 431 Riverside Drive, New York 25, N. Y. Please send as soon as possible.

Sermons may be on any subject and should have been preached between January 1, 1949, and December 31, 1950. Volume V will be published in 1951. All sermons will be read with care; no manuscripts can be returned: all contributors should keep a copy of the sermon submitted; be sure your full name and Church connection are given.

Best Sermons is based upon a world-wide search for the best in contemporary preaching. To date sermons have been received from 55 countries, in 15 different languages. Dr. Butler is anxious to give representation to the younger ministers, as well as to the men who are in the great pulpits. — Release.

⁸³ Jefferson Avenue, Maplewood, N. J.

Statement of CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE and BELIEF

By Rev. Theodore J. Hibbard
Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church,
Hammond, La.

(Given at his ordination to the Christian ministry at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, Alfred, N. Y., on Sabbath day, July 15, 1950.)

One of my first recollections is of a small Sunday school room of an Episcopal Church. My mother saw to it that I attended Sunday school and Church quite regularly until I was about twelve years old. At that time I was a teacher and I went every week without my mother's urging. Though I knew very little of the Bible I could teach boys the catechism which I did for about two years. I was rather bashful at that age and was never confirmed in the Episcopal Church myself though I helped to prepare others for that step.

After my mother died, I went to Church less often, and finally did not go at all. At the age of eighteen I joined the Army during peace time. After more than a year of Army life I had a longing to seek for truth. I read books of philosophy and studied in my spare time during my second and third years. Somehow my earlier Christian training influenced me to attend chapel almost every Sunday, and to read my Bible.

When I went to Hawaii the following year I kept up my studies and read extensively. Not having a sound faith either in God or the Scriptures, I found myself believing the Bible sometimes and disbelieving it at others. During one of the latter periods I met a sergeant who was a fine Christian. Almost every night we used to go for walks and talk about religion. Thursday evenings there were prayer meetings in a school near the post and we attended them regularly. I had never been to a prayer meeting before and it was a new experience for me. I had never heard of salvation before, yet somehow I think I must have taken it for granted. There was a great deal of emotionalism displayed at these meetings

which did not appeal to me, since I had been brought up in the atmosphere of the high Church ritual and solemnity of the Episcopal Church. After my friend came back to the States, I did not attend these meetings any more.

It was only a month or so later that one of the boys who had attended the meetings came to me and said that several of them were going to start a Baptist Church in Wahiawa and wondered if I would go. This interested me greatly as I missed the Christian associations that I used to have.

How well I remember that first meeting at a Japanese lady's house, for it was there that I first met the girl who later became my wife and helper. At this meeting we started a course of study for membership in the Baptist Church. We met every week for several weeks and then we had an examination on the course. I found the course both interesting and educational, and I made my decision for the Lord at the worship service the following Sunday.

A Presbyterian evangelist, Dr. Dunlop, started working on the field at that time and he took a personal interest in me. He found that I was very much interested in the Bible and one day he asked me if I wanted to preach. Had I known then what he wanted me to do, I would have said, "No." But as it was I said, "Yes." He said, "All right, be prepared to preach tomorrow night." The next night came and I was waiting in the Church and he said, "We are going to have a street meeting and you are going to preach out there." I wanted to run away but something inside of me made me stay. So I preached my first sermon out on a street full of soldiers and people of all nationalities. Though I was scared when I started, I was thrilled beyond words when I had finished. From that time on I looked forward to every opportunity to preach. We went to the pineapple camps all around the town, singing, preaching, and conducting Bible school for the children.

It was during this time that I was asked if I wanted to join the Baptist Church. I was baptized with the others who had taken the course of study and we became charter members of the Wahiawa Baptist

Church. For almost a year I worked in that Church helping to bring children to Sunday school and teaching in the pineapple camps. I think that this was one of the happiest times of my life.

However, things did not continue that way. Dr. Dunlop went to Japan and the new minister wanted me to get an education before I preached any more. I turned down his advice and gradually lost interest in the Church and took up work with a photographer which filled all of my spare time. I knew then that God had called me to the ministry but I could not see how I could get the education I needed, so did not heed the call.

After my wife and I were married and came to the States to live, we attended the same Episcopal Church that I had first attended. We did not go to Church as often as we should and I often thought of the wonderful times that we had back in the islands. I felt that I had turned my back on God but He was forever calling me. I worked at one job and then another but I found no rest. I was haunted by memories of pineapple camps and street meetings.

While in Massachusetts a Seventh Day Adventist came to our house and showed us filmstrips of Bible lessons. When he came to the part on the Sabbath I argued with him that he was wrong but I could not prove it. That night my wife and I talked about it until almost morning. When he came to give us other lessons on other points of doctrine, we thought that we could not accept them so we discarded the Sabbath question along with the other doctrines.

Almost two years later I was in Army training in Alabama during the war. One day as I was reading my Bible I turned to 1 Corinthians 3, where it tells us to build on the foundation of Jesus Christ and we can build houses of gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble. The next time I opened the Bible I read from Romans 14: 5, "One man . . . esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." I thought then that if one was to build of gold he should keep the Sabbath. Then I made a study of the Sabbath question and came

Adventists were right on that question at least; but I still could not go along with them on the other things.

When I went overseas I had one wonderful religious experience after another and I have told of many of them since I have been in Alfred. After each experience I felt the call of the ministry stronger than the time before. But what was I to do now? I believed in the Sabhath but could not be an Adventist. In my letters I wrote to my wife this was a big question. I finally came to the conclusion that when I got out of the service. I would start a new denomination. During the months of fighting that followed I talked of the Sabbath to all my friends and I tried to make plans for the new denomination.

One day my wife wrote and told me that she had heard of some denomination called the Seventh Day Baptist. I think that I wrote and told her that she must have been mistaken, for I had never heard of it. Some time later I found a World Almanac and sure enough there was the Seventh Day Baptist denomination listed. I saw by the figures that there were only about 7,000 members so I thought that it was a new organization. I wrote to P. B. Hurley, then the Conference president, who referred me to Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn who answered all my questions and told me to visit the Pawcatuck Church, Westerly, R. I., which I did.

On that visit I met Rev. David S. Clarke and Rev. William L. Burdick who suggested that I come to Alfred for a year. I came to Alfred and met Dean Bond and told him that I wanted to preach and would be willing to come to school for a year. Both Dean Bond and Pastor Harris did everything they could to help me. I still say that the Lord did not lead me to Alfred; He opened wide the doors and pushed me here. I found that one year in Alfred was not enough to prepare me for the ministry so I stayed four. I feel that even now I know so very little. but it is the price I must pay for not heeding the call of God sixteen years ago. I wish to thank Dean Bond, Pastor Harris, Dr. Rood, and all the instructors that I

GRACE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL WRITES

November 8, 1950

Things in the school are going all right. Have a capacity enrollment, and I think we can make it financially this term. Have less noise, and people are not as vociferous as used to be, so we have enjoyed more tranquillity here. However, that does not mean that everything is rosy. We still have problems, but, with God's help, I believe we can solve them.

The Friday evening service has been going on as usual. Generally we have from 20 to 30 people in attendance. Richard was with us last Friday, and also the week before. On Saturday evenings we now have choir practice, getting ready for the Christmas. They wanted me to join, and I did. I sing bass, and oh, I do wish that you could be here to hear me! Except my wife, the whole family goes to choir practice every Sabbath evening. You can imagine what a musical family this must be!

Bridgeman celebrated their 100th anniversary some time ago. Lowrie and MacFarham are going to celebrate their 90th anniversary this coming Sabbath day. I went to the Bridgeman's, and I am going to South Gate, too. It gives me a wonderful feeling to be moving among all these hoary and venerable old institutions.

I have been working on a translation of the book, George Washington Carver; his was a great life, and I so enjoy working on it. It will take a long, long time to finish it, though. I enjoy it, because it helps to keep my mind on something that is worthy and inspiring.

Folks are all well in the compound. In Liuho, everything is also "O.K."

have had in Alfred for their efforts in teaching me so that I may have a better understanding of the Scriptures and of God.

While in Alfred I served the Independence Church for a year and a Methodist Church at West Almond for a year. And now the Hammond, La., Church has called me for their pastor.

(To be continued)

September 30

This term we have a capacity enrollment, as do many other schools in this city. All teachers are very busy, because all are required to have eight hours of group study every week. . . .

Conditions in the school as well as the general situation are about the same as they were when you left. Business has picked up a little. Market prices have gone up considerably. The general feeling among the rank and file has remained the same as when you were here.

I want to thank you for what you have sent through your office. (Special funds from American board and friends.) It has helped to keep my children in school. I am glad that the problem is solved.

Alice is in her second year of medical college at St. John's. She is very busy. She takes three subjects: Anatomy, Biochemistry, and, as required, a little "Political Science." She comes home for dinner on Saturdays, and goes back after dinner on Sundays. She likes her new school as well as she did Soochow U, for she has also found and joined there in St. John's a small fellowship of Christian students who are earnestly trying to live the life of a Christian in the midst of much strong antireligious feelings.

Joseph is in Lowrie Institute where he was last term. The two younger girls have gone to MacFarham at South Gate. They and Joseph take their dinner at school, so they don't have to make too many trips every day. They like their new school fine. James is still in our school because he is in his last year of sénior high, and it is impossible to transfer. He could have gone to St. John's middle school, if he were willing to repeat his second year. He didn't want to do that, so he stayed on. Maybe that is the best for him, after all. (The Changs have sought other schools than our Grace School because of Communist pressures put upon Mr. Chang and subsequently any of his family.)

Effie writes that she is getting used to the place, and that she likes her work all right. Besides her teaching in the school, she also has a class in the Sunday school of a neighboring Church. She writes that she is glad to give a little time for the work of the Lord. And of course we are very happy that she has taken an interest in that direction.

(Soon after her graduation, Effie had received a teacher's position from the Chinese principal of the Baptist school at Shao-shun. Although a long-time personal friend of Mr. Chang, the principal "had only one thing to guide him in the decision, and that is their religious background. Of the six graduates listed only two are Christians, and he decided to have Effie, without knowing who she was at all," wrote Mr. Chang in July. The Shao-shun principal "was surprised to find that his new teacher was my daughter," our school head said at a friendly meeting in Shanghai soon after the appointment. "As we have always wanted her to serve in some Christian school, and as teaching positions are so rare nowadays, we think that her getting work in the right place is almost a miracle." Effie is in charge of the primary department, teaches some courses in the high school, and also is girls' counsellor for the high school.)

Edward writes that they are now settled in Alfred and that they like their new place very well. With the autumn leaves and the Pine Hill, I know they would enjoy their stay in Alfred. They have a long way to go before Edward can finish his medical course, and will have plenty of hard struggle, too, but we believe that it will be well worth all their efforts.

As I write, Alice has just returned. She brought back with her two pieces of limb bones to study at home. Her mother thought it was something for her to cook. When she learned what they were, she was quite horrified. We all have a good joke on her today.

CORRECTION

Report of Milton College, page 177, Year Book 1950, last word of paragraph 1 should read "organ" instead of "piano." Carroll L. Hill, President.

(Note: The graduate in organ mentioned in the foregoing correction, Oscar Burdick, Milton, Wis., is in his first year at the School of Theology, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., preparing for the Christian ministry.)

BAPTISMS AND CHURCH WORK as Related by Mary Woo Chang

(From a September, 1950, letter to Miss Mabel West.)

We had meetings August 21-27. Pastor Wang and Mr. Tsha came from Shanghai to lead the meetings. Our Pastor Tshaung and Mr. Zi came with them, too. So we had quite a big family.

There were 16 persons (13 sisters and 3 brothers) baptized in the old baptizing well in the hospital on August 25. Mr. Zi worked with Pastor Tshaung. It was a rainy season, rained almost every day. Praise the Lord! The sun came out in the morning on August 25, so the water was warmed up, and in the afternoon it was cloudy so that we were not too hot to stand outside. We were all very happy and thankful.

Two more old ladies joined our Church, but they didn't baptize in the water. They are 84 and 81 years old. God works in their hearts wonderfully. They have strong faith in Christ. They are Mrs. Loh's mother-in-law and mother. This Mrs. Loh was converted in the evangelistic meeting in last Chinese New Year. She was greatly moved and began to live a new, bright Christian life. We have had several family meetings in her home. At first her mother-in-law was healed by prayers when she was very sick. It was a miracle. We broke down and cast out all their idols. Then her mother was getting interested in Christian belief and her sister-in-law was baptized, too. Mrs. Loh has a will to give witness for Christ. This is a real, blessed family. Glory to Jesus!

Two of our sewing class girls are among the 13. One of them is Miss Pan Vungsien, the one who made the little bag I sent you last time. One Liuho boy of our Bible school is among the 3. He is 15. years old and in Ir. III. His Christian name is David Fooh. He has much interest in Bible study and is very bright. He studies Scofield correspondence lessons in Chinese. He has a will to work for the Lord. Please remember him in your prayers. I ask the Lord to raise up the native people to work for Him in Liuho. We have morning watch every morning in the Church. This is the best time of all the day.

THE DAWN OF THE YEAR By Grace Noll Crowell

With the clash and clamor of the year now gone, It is good to stand upon its highest peak And suddenly come face to face with Dawn: The New Year's Dawn. . . . God grant the peace we seek

Lies not too far beyond our straining sight: God grant us courage as we move ahead, Only through Thy power can we right Earth's wrongs that mankind may be comforted.

The New Year's Dawn. Hope strides upon the hills,

And faith is like a lamp within our hands. Surely there is healing for man's ills, Surely peace again shall lave the lands. We move ahead — the sunlight in our eyes — God grant us needed strength, and make us wise.

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WOMEN'S BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met at the home of Mrs. G. H. Trainer on December 10, 1950, with twelve members present: Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. L. F. Hurley, Mrs. Rex Zwiebel. Mrs. G. H. Trainer, Mrs. A. G. T. Brissev. Mrs. Orla Davis, Mrs. Ottis Swiger, Mrs. Okey Davis, Miss Alta Van Horn, Miss Eva Lee Cole, Miss Lotta Bond, and Miss Greta F. Randolph. Visitors were Mrs. R. P. Seager and Mrs. S. O. Bond.

Mrs. Swiger reported the following balances in the treasury: General Fund, \$71.03; Evangelistic Fund, \$865.33; Total, \$936.36.

Mrs. Skaggs reported that Mrs. L. Harrison North accepted the appointment as co-ordinator for the General Department of United Church Women of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

Mrs. Okey Davis, who attended the Cincinnati Assembly of the U.C.C.W. in place of Mrs. Skaggs, led a meditation from this assembly and gave a very interesting "over-all picture" of the meetings. Mrs. Seager, who also attended the assembly, gave her impressions and inspirations from the meetings.

It was voted that Mrs. Okey Davis approach Miss Barbara Seager as to the possibility of her attending, as our representa-

tive, the dinner honoring Dr. Frank C. Laubach on January 4, 1951, in New York

The meeting was adjourned until the second Sunday in January at 2 p.m.

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

WORLD LITERACY*

Whereas, Dr. Frank C. Laubach has presented in a most challenging manner the following facts which we must recognize:

1. The increasing eagerness of the world's illiterates to learn to read;

2. The requests of many governments for our help in their adult literacy campaigns;

3. The opportunities which we have for effective evangelism as we teach illiterates;

4. The near monopoly which missionaries have in training and ability in adult literacy and translation work;

5. The resources in men and means which American Protestants have for advancing the world cause of literacy;

6. The heavy responsibility which we have for supplying Christian literature to the millions who are annually becoming newly literate;

Resolved,

1. That we recommend to each member board that it select one or more missionaries to be trained in the techniques of teaching adults to read so that they in turn may teach others, both missionaries and nationals, and thus by continued repetition of this process, this invaluable means of evangelism may be brought within the reach of the widest possible circle of workers.

2. That we also recommend the selection and advanced training of missionaries and nationals gifted in the creation of Christian literature.

3. That we urge the necessary additional support of the program of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature serving all the Area Committees of the Foreign Missions Conference, in order to take advantage of the opportunities thus created.

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Women's Board News-Letter

(Excerpt)

The shadow by my finger cast Divides the future from the past; Before it sleeps the unborn hour, In darkness, and beyond thy power: Behind its unreturning line, The vanished hour, no longer thine: One hour alone is in thy hands, The now on which the shadow stands.

The year 1949-1950 with it challenges, its promises and opportunities, its failures, and its victories, lies "behind its unreturning line," 1950-1951. A new year is before us, "The now," which is our present responsibility; and like Esther of old, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" In quietness and confidence may we each seek divine guidance as we continue the work of our women's societies.

—Flora Hurley.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES

By Rev. Ronald I. Hargis Executive Secretary, Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

Early in November detailed questionnaires, seeking vital information, were mailed to the Church school superintendents. The return of these questionnaires has been very disappointing.

Letters have come to the secretary seeking information which he cannot give until he receives these questionnaires. Please co-operate if you have not sent in your questionnaire, and mail it as soon as possible.

It is hoped this summer to co-ordinate camp programs throughout the denomination by the use of one outline for the camp study. The secretary would like to be informed as to the proper person or persons to whom this outline should be sent. Prompt action would be appreciated as these outlines should be in the hands of the local camp committees by the end of January.

THE SABBATH VISITOR IN HOME AND CHURCH

Dear Parents and Teachers:

This letter is directed primarily to the parents and teachers who use the Sabbath Visitor, a monthly publication for children from the Board of Christian Education. We would like to give to you a few of our plans and suggest ways in which we feel that you will be able to use the magazine more effectively with the children at home or Church school.

In each issue we are planing a theme around which the stories, poems, and litanies are centered. A child gains better understanding of an idea when it is presented to him several times than when we give him a scattered story here and there and hope that the idea is as clear to him as it is to us.

In the December issue, the theme was, "Because Jesus Came," in which we attempted to help the children to see the difference which the life and the teachings of Jesus had made.

In the current issue for January, the theme is: "The Spirit of Christmas Continues Throughout the Year." We are trying to help the children to sense that the spirit of love, which is the spirit of Christmas and which we see as the spirit of the life of Jesus, can be carried out all the year, and not merely for a few days during one month. In the worship story we used the life of Jane Addams as one who did just this.

The story, "Family Fun," shows a very practical way in which a group of children carried on the spirit of Christmas for those with whom they associated daily. The story, "Snowflakes," reveals the way in which another person contributed to making others happy by the pictures that he took.

The Sabbath afternoon activities also go along with the theme. These include making snowflakes with the family and friends for the enjoyment they receive in working together and for others who receive the results of their endeavors. The stories of fun in snow, snowflakes, and other such experiences are pertinent to the season of the winter and the current activities of the children.

^{*}Action of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America at the Annual Meeting, January 12, 1950.

Although in each issue there is one story which is called a worship story, in essence any of the other stories might well be. We do not wish to separate worship experiences from daily activities. Through prayers and the use of litanies at the end of each issue, we try to bring together actual, concrete experiences with which we dealt in the stories and unite these thoughts in a litany of thanks to God. In this way children will be led to realize that God is present in their experiences of fun, work, and worship at Church, home, and school. God is found not only in Church but also in the everyday activities. Children become aware of God as they experience the love of friends in play and work together, as they share with the family, as they appreciate the beauties and wonders of winter, etc.

We feel that you as teachers and parents can help to make the magazine more meaningful for the children in your home or Church school if you will read it carefully each month and become aware of the theme for that issue. The theme is not stated in so many words, for children gain more understanding through the experiences and stories of these experiences than through the words which we as adults might phrase for them. Through the prayers at the end of the various stories, we try to unite the particular story to the larger whole.

After reading through the issue, you will no doubt be aware of the theme, and you can thus help the children to become more aware of it as you tie their daily experiences in with it. In Church school, you may be using the theme we have in the magazine as the theme for a series of worship services. This will enrich and unify the children's experiences. You as teachers might well place on file the magazines in order to have them for resource material.

We hope, also, that in the home you may use the magazines with the family in your periods of fellowship together. We hope that the entire family may participate in the activities suggested and thus share with each other in the home.

In anticipation of a rich fellowship, Barbara Hargis, Editor,

bara Hargis, Editor, The Sabbath Visitor.

Our Children's Letter Exchange

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I take music lessons. We had our program Sabbath night, the 23rd. We got our Christmas tree.

I am in third grade. I ride my bicycle to school, but now it has a flat tire.

Your friend, Philip Greene.

Dear Philip:

I was pleased to receive another letter from you this week. That is fine. Do, please, write often.

A bicycle is certainly a fine thing to have. When it has a flat tire, however, I'm sure walking is easier. No doubt you will soon have the tire fixed, especially if your school is some distance away. When I was a teacher I rode a bicycle to school because the streetcar only took me within six blocks of school.

We have had a lighted Christmas tree on our front porch all through the holidays as a tree had already been provided for the Church. We also had our program Sabbath night, the 23rd. This was followed by a tureen supper.

Sincerely, your friend, Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear David:

I'm sorry I didn't have room to answer your letter last week for I was very much pleased to receive it, and hope to hear from you often.

Two girls and two boys make a fine family I think, so you are fortunate. I'm sure you have fine times together.

A farm is a fine place for boys and girls to grow up. We lived in Independence with farms all around us until our son, Clare, was ready for high school. He had a fine time with the farmers' boys. When we first came to Andover he said, "Where is there any fun in town?" But soon he had "chums" and found enough to do, but he missed the fun on the farm.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Wayne:

I was sorry to run out of room before I answered your letter last week. Since

Philip's letter is the only one I have received this week, perhaps it was better after all. Don't forget that I'm expecting many other letters from you. I hope you'll write and tell me about the good times you had at Christmas. I hope you had a nice white Christmas just as we did. And, what do you think? I went to five Christmas parties! Of course the one I enjoyed most of all was on Christmas day, when I had dinner at my daughter Eleanor's in Wellsville, and enjoyed the giving and receiving of gifts under the Christmas tree. Where did you have the best time during the Christmas season?

Your true friend, Mizpah S. Greene.

Little Jeanie's Pictures

Jeanie likes to read stories, and then look in the fire to find the pictures she thought the stories described. So, better than looking at the pictures her mother placed around the fireplace in the living room, Jeanie liked to see pictures in the fire that, she said, kept changing all the time.

Of course nobody really put pictures in the fire, but Jeanie says she thinks them and then seems to see them. She also likes to lie in the grass in the summertime and see pictures in the clouds. She says she can have so many pictures that way, and that it is so easy to make them.

Jeanie was once asked how she could draw pictures that way. She answered: "I think, and then I draw around my think."

I wonder if any of my Recorder boys and girls ever try to look for pictures in the clouds and in the fire. If you haven't I hope you'll try it sometime. I used to think it was great fun.

Mizpah S. Greene.

THE BEACON JR.

In answer to a number of inquiries concerning the whereabouts and "whatabouts" of the Beacon Jr., all that we can say is, look for it when it arrives. Due to stencil cutting difficulties, the shifting October, November, and December 1 deadline has now been postponed indefinitely! Within the next few months though, we hope to have the fall Beacon Jr. in your mailbox.

Barbara Warren, Editor.

CHURCH NEWS

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Members of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society met at the parsonage the latter part of November, and assisted in getting out the news letter. Several adults also helped with the work. Copies were sent to absent members of the congregation. A committee, consisting of Mrs. Cora Hemphill, Mrs. Myra T. Barber, and Clare Clement did the mailing.

The discussion at the regular meeting of the brotherhood in November was in charge of Aubrey Davis, George Clement, and Pastor Francis Saunders. The topic was, "The Church and the Community."

In the absence of Rev. Francis D. Saunders, pastor, who had been called to Colorado because of the serious illness of his father, Elery King conducted the prayer meeting Friday evening, November 24.

We were glad to welcome Joe Babcock, Ken Clement, and the Misses Mary T. Davis and Vesta Thorngate at the services of the Church on Thanksgiving Sabbath.

Mrs. John Milligan was welcomed back to the choir Sabbath morning, December 2, after an absence of several weeks. The choir sang as the anthem, "The Wonderful Story," with Delores Cox singing the solo part. The response and moment of consecration were also from the Christmas carols.

Mrs. Francis Saunders at the organ played, "In a Monastery Garden," as the prelude and, "Largo," as the offertory.

The December Church social was held Sunday evening, December 10, with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson as the hosts. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Christensen were in charge of the program and presented Superintendent Dunklau, who showed several interesting pictures. Christmas decorations were used on the tables and carols were sung. Miss Marcia Rood was in charge of the games.

The Ladies' Missionary Circle met with Mrs. Arthur Stillman on Tuesday, December 12. Everyone was requested to bring material for making roll bandages.

The Dr. Grace Missionary Society met with Mrs. Erlo Cox on Wednesday afternoon, December 13, for a work meeting.

The choir gave as the anthem Sabbath morning, December 9, "Chime Bells,"

under the direction of Mrs. Donald Clement, assistant director. Special parts were sung as solos by Jeneane Brennick and Mrs. Menzo Fuller, and also by a quartet, Rev. and Mrs. Francis Saunders, and Mr. and Mrs. George Cox.

The prelude and offertory, played by Jeneane Brennick, were special Christmas selections. — M. T. B., Correspondent.

VERONA, N. Y. — The following named Sabbath school officers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Allison Smith; assistant superintendent, Burton Crandall; secretary, Roger Davis; corresponding secretary, Miss Jean Stone; treasurer, Kenneth Davis; chorister, Granton Jewett; organist, Louise Hyde; pianist, Twila Sholtz; superintendent of temperance, Mrs. George Stone; cradle roll, Mrs. Alden Vierow; home department, Mrs. Carrie Smith; children, Mrs. Garth Warner; and missionary superintendent, Mrs. Craig Sholtz.

The Father and Son banquet was held December 9 in the Church parlors. Principal Thompson of Verona High School was guest speaker.

The Helpers Sabbath School Class held its December meeting on the evening of December 16 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Warner. The Oneida County Youth Council met at the Rome Ladies' Home, Sunday, December 17, and sang Christmas carols.

Kenneth Davis is president of the Town of Verona Youth Council.

Our annual Church and society meeting was held in the Church, December 3. A new constitution was adopted combining the two organizations. Rev. Herbert L. Polan was given a call to serve as pastor of the Church another year. Some Church and Sabbath school officers and committees were elected.

The Booster Class held its monthly meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Alden Vierow. The worship program was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Orville Williams after which the class officers were elected.

The Pearl Seekers Sabbath School Class was entertained at the home of Mrs. Vie Warner and family for their December meeting. Mrs. Orlo Perry led the devotions and read an interesting selection by Rev. Norman Vincent Peale. The class

Lova Simpson Davis

Lova Simpson Davis, daughter of William and Sylvia (Maxson) Simpson, was born at Jackson Center, Ohio, February 16, 1868, and died at New Enterprise, Pa., December 14, 1950.

She was married on October 22, 1900, to William L. Davis at Jackson Center, Ohio. Mr. Davis preceded her in death four years ago. He became an ordained minister of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, and served Churches in Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, Arkansas, and Ohio. In all of his labors for nearly 47 years, she was his faithful helpmeet.

Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. J. Carleton Lawson of Clarksburg, W. Va., and Mrs. Jacob Ebersole of Salemville (New Enterprise, Pa.), in whose home Mrs. Davis had been cared for since the death of her husband. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a brother, Huffman Simpson, of Alfred, N. Y.

She was a member of the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul S. Burdick, and burial took place at the cemetery in Salemville. P. S. B.

Obituaries.

Davis. — Lova Simpson, February 16, 1868. December 14, 1950. A more extended sketch appears elsewhere in this issue.

Bonnell. — Charles Berkley, son of John and Philothata Davis Bonnell, was born February 16, 1866, at John Town, Doddridge County, W. Va., and died at the home of his son, Ray Bonnell, in Berea, W. Va., on December 23, 1950.

He was married to Sarah Catherin Van Horn November 2, 1885. To this union were born five children: Morata (Retta) Meeks of Parkersburg, W. Va.; Emery Curtis of Elizabeth, W. Va.; Charles Wesley of Salem, W. Va.; Ray of Berea, W. Va.; and a son, Orvil, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, four of his five children, nine grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren.

He was a faithful member of the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church. Farewell services and interment were at Pine Grove, conducted by his pastor, Rev. John F. Randolph. J. F. R.

voted to accept the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Perry to meet with them in January. — Press Committee.

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