

COMING EVENTS

Race Relations Sabbath — February 9, 1952. 30th annual observance marking Brotherhood Month. Theme: "Of One Blood." Acts 17: 26.

One Great Hour of Sharing — March 16-23, 1952.

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RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

Since God in His infinite wisdom has called home our beloved sister and friend, Ida Atwood, who, for a period of years, was an active member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church; therefore be it

Resolved, That we offer our deepest sympathy to her family; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to them and a copy to the Sabbath Recorder.

Mrs. Cora Hurley,
Mrs. Hattie Saunders,
Committee on Resolutions,
Home Benefit Society.

"Little faith will bring your soul to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your soul." — Riverside, Calif., Church Bulletin.

The Sabbath is essential to the welfare of man, and its observance, therefore, takes its place among universal duties. He who disregards it neglects an important part of his duty to himself and to his fellow men. — A. J. C. Bond.

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Corliss F. Randolph,
President,
Frederik J. Bakker,
Secretary.

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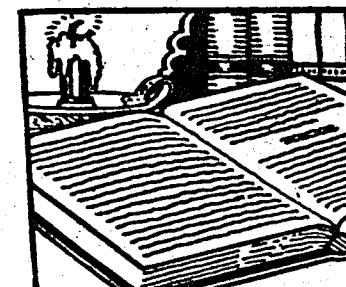
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Moments of Meditation

THOSE FOUND OF HIM FIND OTHERS FOR HIM

By Mrs. Merritt Kenyon
Superintendent, Ashaway, R. I., Sabbath School

The proof of our having really found Christ is in our finding our brother and bringing him to Christ. "We find Christ by caring for the souls of our brethren." Andrew, the Scriptures tell us, first found his brother Simon before John was able to find his brother James. How genuine was the zeal of these men toward God, which would not let either of them rest till he had conveyed the good tidings to his brother.

We should ask ourselves how many souls we have spoken to about Christ and His salvation during these past twelve months. I do not say how many have we won, but how many have we sought to win, earnestly, prayerfully. Are we satisfied with our record? Or have we failed miserably?

The center of the Christian life — the very reason for our being — is our testimony to the saving power of Christ. Bible study, prayer, worship, and fellowship with one another are essential. But the purpose of each is better to prepare us for helping others find the Christ.

If we are honest with ourselves we must measure our success in the Christian life in terms of how much or how little we have done, directly or indirectly, to point others to the Saviour that they may "find the Christ."

Even though we may never yet have won a single soul, if we know Christ as our own Saviour, He can use us in many ways to touch the life of someone. Perhaps that someone is right in our own home, or Sabbath school, or Church.

OUR SERVICEMEN

Where They Are

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

MORE COMMISSION MATTERS

At the opening session of the Commission, held in Plainfield, N. J., December 26-30, a telegram was read from President K. Duane Hurley, Salem College, Salem, W. Va., who was confined in the Charleston General Hospital, Charleston, W. Va., as the result of an automobile accident. A message of greeting and sympathy was directed to be sent by the secretary. On Sabbath night, December 29, three members of the Commission called President Hurley by telephone to inform him of some actions taken and to counsel with him.

True Sabbath observance was a subject of discussion which led to the suggestion that pastors and people be encouraged to engage in a more careful study and teaching of the subject.

The Commission expressed to the President of the United States its opposition to the appointment of a representative of the United States Government to the Vatican.

The secretary was directed to secure and send to each of our pastors and pastorless Churches a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Diplomatic Relations with the Vatican" together with a letter to be written by the chairman.

Correspondence with Albyn Mackintosh of Los Angeles, Calif., concerning conscientious objectors was presented by E. Keith Davis as requested by Mr. Mackintosh. The secretary was instructed to refer Mr. Mackintosh to the action of the 1951 Conference as reported in the Year Book, page 50, item 6, which reads as follows:

In the light of present conditions we reaffirm the resolution of 1950, altered somewhat to read as follows:

Whereas Seventh Day Baptists recognize that young men and women who refuse military service for reasons of religious conscience have taken a position that is upright, honest, and above reproach; therefore be it

Resolved that we recommend to the United States Government that alternate services be set up which will make use of special talents and consecration and will bring relief to needy persons both at home and abroad, to which special services may be assigned genuine conscientious

objectors instead of to combatant service within the military establishment.

We invite such conscientious objectors among our people to register their conviction in writing with the corresponding secretary of the Conference at an early date, and to keep in touch with the secretary of Conference with respect to their status. In case the local selective service board refuses to recognize the validity of the conscientious objector's stand, we call attention to the right of appeal.

We take occasion to reaffirm also the minute of the General Conference of 1940; namely, "our belief in the right of conscience to take up arms and to enter military training under conditions which appear to the individual to demand such action."

A letter was read from Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, executive director of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill, concerning the attitude of Seventh Day Baptists on the issue of universal military training.

It was voted that the secretary be directed to reply to Dr. Van Kirk saying that the Commission of the General Conference wishes to register its objection to the proposal for universal military training and calls attention to the action of the General Conference most recently reaffirmed in 1951 which was, we believe "in the right of conscience to take up arms and to enter military training under conditions which appear to the individual to demand such action."

The secretary was instructed to send greetings to the Third World Conference on Faith and Order meeting in Lund, Sweden, in August, 1952, and to express our regret that we cannot be represented so far as can be presently foreseen.

The Conference program as presented by the Conference president, O. B. Bond, and entertainment plans of the Denver Church as portrayed by Dr. E. Keith Davis were fully discussed.

Upon invitation of the Commission, Rev. E. Wendell Stephan, RIAL representative, appeared before the Commission to give his impressions of the Religion in American Life program as conducted across the nation last November. During November the Sabbath Recorder gave wide coverage to RIAL and material from our representative had a first claim on Re-

corder space. According to Rev. Mr. Stephan, "RIAL has made religion an acceptable topic of conversation in our American homes. Although our Churches did not experience 'Easter crowds' as did many first day Churches, our primary interest is in having a part in a movement that is raising the moral tone of American life." Mr. Stephan mentioned the success of the Plainfield RIAL campaign, promoted by the ministers' association, in which he took a leading part.

Reporting on his attendance of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, at which he represented Rev. Melvin G. Nida, Rev. Mr. Stephan referred to the work of the society as "a world-wide enterprise of which we are a part." One source of embarrassment seems to be the small contribution to the work of the society with which Seventh Day Baptists are credited. Mr. Stephan stated that on the basis of membership figures in the 1951 Year Book, Seventh Day Baptists contributed a fraction over 2 cents per member for the year which ended November 30, 1951. Doubtless many contributions are made by Seventh Day Baptists which are not designated as such. If contributors will so designate their gifts, proper credit will be given.

The Commission completed arrangements for the purchase of the pamphlet, "How Can We Give More?" to be imprinted with the name of the Commission and distributed by the budget promotion committee under the direction of the chairman.

The Commission authorized E. Keith Davis to arrange for a meeting place for the pre-Conference meeting of the Commission at Denver, Boulder, or elsewhere as may seem wise.

Members present for the majority of the time were Chairman Elmo F. Randolph, Conference President Orville B. Bond, E. Keith Davis, Alfred L. Davis, and Lester G. Osborn. In the absence of K. Duane Hurley, Hurley S. Warren was asked by the Commission to serve at the midyear meeting. Courtland V. Davis was secretary.

Courtesies

Mrs. William M. Stillman provided a "lovely poinsettia plant" to grace the large

table in the Board Room during the Commission meeting, for which the secretary was directed to extend to Mrs. Stillman the thanks of the Commission.

On Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Commission adjourned to the Historical Society Rooms for a half-hour tea at the invitation of Dr. Corliss F. Randolph, president and librarian of the society. Mrs. Corliss F. Randolph presided at the table, assisted by Miss Evalois St. John, assistant librarian.

Other expressions of appreciation for courtesies extended the Commission were for the janitor of the Seventh Day Baptist Building in which the Commission met and for others who made available the comfortable place of meeting.

Are You Going to Europe?

The Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches, Bossey, Switzerland, is anxious to have the names of Church people from the United States who plan to visit Europe, in order that they may be invited to special religious events and to conferences or short courses at the Ecumenical Institute. Dr. Hendrik Kraemer, director, would appreciate hearing directly from any Church persons who will be coming to Europe during 1952, giving the dates of the proposed visit.

It is hoped that many visitors will find it possible to include some of the World Council Inter-Church Aid projects, the Youth Department work camps, and the World Council headquarters, in their itineraries.

Names, with approximate dates and itinerary, should be sent to Professor Hendrik Kraemer, Chateau de Bossey, Celigny, Switzerland.

ANOTHER WILKES-BARRE VISIT

Rev. Albert N. Rogers of Alfred Station, N. Y., visited the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Church on Sabbath day, January 19, preaching on The Call to the Ministry. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Liptock entertained him in their home overnight and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Christy had him as their dinner guest on the Sabbath. Oscar Burdick, Alfred School of Theology student, supplied the Second Alfred Church pulpit. — Contributed.

SABBATH VISITOR EDITORSHIP CHANGES

When Rev. and Mrs. Ronald I. Hargis start on February 1 their visitation of Seventh Day Baptist Churches to develop a program of religious education in the local Church, Mrs. Hargis will conclude her work as editor of the Sabbath Visitor.

Rev. Mr. Hargis informs us that Mrs. Helen Ogden of Alfred will succeed Mrs. Hargis in this capacity. Concerning Mrs. Ogden, he writes:

"A native of Wheeling, W. Va., Mrs. Ogden was educated in the schools of that state and had experience in business and in home economics, as well as in teaching in a private kindergarten. She has been a Girl Scout and Boy Scout leader and teaches in the Sabbath school of the First Alfred Church.

"Some will remember her on duty at the nursery during the Conference period last year. Mrs. Ogden wishes it to be announced that her acceptance is on a trial basis for three months because of the press of other responsibilities. Miss Miriam Shaw, Miss Marion Carpenter, and Miss Rubie Clarke will continue as her advisers."

Many boys and girls, and older folks too, throughout the denomination who have been enjoying the Sabbath Visitor, will look forward to meeting Mrs. Hargis and saying thank you for an interesting paper.

As Mrs. Ogden takes up the task as editor, we would congratulate the Board of Christian Education upon its selection and bespeak for the new editor the continued interest and support of our people.

PALMER AND CRANDALL TO ATTEND LAY CONFERENCE

The Western Association Brotherhood has elected Fred Palmer and Ben Crandall as delegates to the North American Lay Conference on the Christian and His Daily Work to be held in Buffalo, N. Y., February 21 to 24. These men will represent all Seventh Day Baptist laymen at this conference as they were elected at the request of the Commission for that purpose. — C. V. D.

RURAL CHURCH NOTES

February 9 and 10 are observed by many Churches as Race Relations Sabbath and Sunday. A recent survey of Negro Churches in the South reveals some startling facts. This survey, entitled "These My Brethren," was made by the Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J. (104 pages, 40 cents).

It shows more Negro Churches are decreasing in membership than are increasing — 39.3 per cent are increasing, 11.8 per cent are stationary, and 48.9 per cent are decreasing.

In the Southern States our state and federal government provides 2,143 county agricultural agents for whites and only 357 Negro agents, a ratio of 6 to 1.

The farm of the Negro owner is only two thirds the size of the average farm in the South, the Negro sharecropper cultivates a little less than half a farm.

Out of 1,388 Negro families interviewed in 17 counties, 47.3 per cent had received no pastoral call during the past 12 months.

Of the 570 Churches studied, there were 7 Churches per county without any hymnals or songbooks of any kind.

Nearly half of the pastors of the Negro Churches, 43.3 per cent never have gone beyond the 8th grade, and 58.2 per cent have never gone above high school. The average is a 9th grader.

Over three fourths of the ministers, 78.5 per cent, had to engage in some occupation other than preaching to support their families. Their average salary from their Churches was \$786 per year.

The average gross income of the Negro farm owners was \$1,442 a year. One half the tenant families had a gross income less than \$1,000 a year, and one fourth less than \$500.

The training of a new type of Negro minister is one of the biggest tasks before the American Church today. Some white Churches are providing a scholarship of from \$100 to \$300 each year to help train one new Negro minister. — Release, adapted.

THE LAW OF GOD

By Rev. B. B. Friesen
Reedley, Calif.

The Law of God called the Decalogue or Ten Commandments, written with His own finger on the tables of stone and given to the children of Israel on their journey from Egypt to the land of Canaan is holy, just, and good, is the standard of God's righteousness, and is binding on all humanity throughout all ages. It is the word of God established in heaven. All these commandments are sure and faithful, nothing can be added to or taken from them. Psalm 119: 86. They have been acknowledged and taught by all the children of God throughout all the ages. Ecclesiastes 3: 14. Keeping them brought great reward; disobeying them brought misery, disaster, punishment, and death. Proverbs 30: 6.

The Israelites had a theocratic government; they executed judgment to the disobedient, and the transgressor was punished according to their law that the Lord gave them, which was the only government they had. But things changed gradually. Ecclesiastes 8: 11 tells, "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." But because sentence was not executed right away, that did not change the Law of God. Even if the tables of stone were broken to pieces, it did not change it. It was established in heaven and written in the hearts of men; it could not and will never be forgotten. Psalm 119: 89, 142.

God's Law was kept long before it was written on tables of stone, because it was written in men's hearts. Of Abraham, it says in Genesis 26: 5: He shall be blest because he "obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws." Tell me, how could he keep them if he did not have them and know them?

How could Cain say that his sin was so great he could not bear it? Right and wrong were known to him, the law was written in his heart. Knowing and doing are two different things. You can make a golden calf and worship it; sentence may

not be executed right away, but be sure your sin will find you out. You can curse and swear, take the name of the Lord in vain, but be sure the reckoning will come. You need not remember to keep a day of worship, you may work every day, or keep a day you choose, or be lazy and not work at all, but be sure you will have to give an account for the deeds done in the flesh.

This part of God's Law is telling us our duty and debt to God. Our democratic government gives us religious liberty, we can serve God according to the dictates of our conscience. The next part of God's Law tells us how to treat our fellow men, in these two parts: "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind"; and "Love thy neighbor as thyself," on these hang all the law and the prophets. God's Word is settled in heaven.

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8: 20. If law and gospel are not taught right, people remain in darkness. God Himself gave the first promise of a gospel in Genesis 3: 15. And to Abraham the gospel was promised and preached. Galatians 3: 8. And the children of Israel heard the promise of a Saviour in the wilderness. So all through the Bible, law and gospel were taught and believed.

Now we come to the New Testament and ask the Lord Jesus Himself what He says about God's will. In Matthew 7: 21, He says: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven," which is God's will. Where is it revealed if not in His Law, Matthew 5: 17, 18, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled." These are the testimonies of Jesus. To do away with the earth, and when you are through with that, the heavens, is easier than to do away or change one jot or one tittle of God's Law. Don't think you can live as you please and enter into heaven as a

rebel or transgressor of God's Law. It can't be done, unless you repent and obey. "Trust and obey, for there is no other way."

Let us see what the apostles teach in their epistles to the different Churches. Paul says, in Romans 3: 31, "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."

Romans 2: 13, "For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified."

Romans 7: 12, "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." We would not know right from wrong without the law. For by the law is the knowledge of sin.

James 1: 22, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Such men are like a man beholding his natural face in a glass, and he goes away and forgets how he did look. He who looks in that perfect law of liberty and continueth therein, is being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word. This man shall be blest in his deed.

Paul's writing is a little hard to understand. Where the unlearned take advantage of it to make it suit their own ideas, they turn and twist it, as they do other texts of the Scriptures, unto their own condemnation. The Bible should be taken as it reads, not twisted to suit our creed.

John the Beloved always speaks very kindly but also very direct. He says those that call themselves Christians and do not keep His commandments are liars and the truth is not in them. He says that he is talking of no new commandment, but about the commandment heard from the beginning. 1 John 2: 4-8. What else could these words and commandments be, but the Law of God written with His own finger on tables of stone? Then again he talks about a new commandment, which is love between the brethren, love to all mankind. And as he comes to the end of his life he has many revelations, in one of which he sees a group of people keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of the Lord Jesus; he sees the saints of God doing His will and believing in His only begotten Son, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Revelation 14: 12.

Salvation does not come by the law or by keeping any law; salvation cannot be earned — it is a gift of God through the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and must be accepted as such. But the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ in His Gospel does not allow you to go on in rebellion and disobedience against God's will, which is revealed in His Law, and expect to be saved. For "to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry." 1 Samuel 15: 22, 23. The A B C of the gospel is repentance. Repent of what? Of your sins. What is sin? Transgression of the law. Every one of us has come short, every one of us has sinned against the holy Law of God. If we repent, God is merciful and will forgive our sins. But if someone does sin in spite of all this, we have an Advocate at the right hand of God who makes intercession for us — Jesus Christ the Righteous, who was made sin for us that He might bring us to God. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We need that Holy Spirit to enlighten our mind, then we will have things right. Those who do not teach and preach the Law and gospel right, have no light in them, they are in darkness.

(To be continued)

PANCAKES AND PANORAMA

The Western Association Laymen's Fellowship held its January meeting in the Second Alfred Church dining room, beginning with a pancake supper served by the hosts. It was voted to send Fred Palmer and Dr. Ben R. Crandall to Buffalo next month for the National Council of Churches conference on the Christian and daily work. Don V. Stearns of Hebron, First, was elected to succeed Mr. Palmer as president of the group and Gordon Sanford of Little Genesee was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Dr. Willard J. Sutton of Alfred spoke about his trip to Mexico taken with his family last summer. — A. N. R.

CHURCH NEWS

ALFRED STATION, N. Y.—Two strong verbs, adopted and re-elected, describe the annual meeting of the Second Alfred Church held on January 6. The officers of the Church, including the pastor, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, were re-elected unanimously and the reports of the Sabbath school, the Union Industrial Society, the W.C.T.U., and the young adult and youth groups were adopted.

Personal contributions to the Church during the year totaled \$2,308.56 and benevolences \$676.71 as reported by Irving Palmeter, treasurer. The Union Industrial Society showed receipts and disbursements of \$834.60. A new roof was put on the parsonage and the Church roof repaired, according to Clinton Burdick, chairman of the board of trustees, and public liability insurance has been taken out on all Church property.

The Lord's Acre treasurer, Mrs. Leo Shaw, reported a cash balance of \$491.49 after \$200 had been contributed to the Camp Harley fund and about \$250 spent for special equipment including a filmstrip and slide projector. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pierce were re-elected co-chairmen of the Lord's Acre for one year and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Palmeter for a two-year term.

The community house owned by the Church will be rented soon to public school officials for use as a kindergarten. The Alfred-Almond Central School is overcrowded like many other schools across the country. Repair and redecoration of the community house have been going on through the year and are nearly completed, it was reported. The school will provide janitor service and the Church and community organizations will still have the use of the building for evening meetings according to the terms of the agreement.

An amendment to the bylaws providing for associate membership was voted on but failed by one vote to receive the two thirds majority required for adoption. Pastor Rogers spoke in favor of the amendment but said each member should vote as he believes. Several feel the question should be brought up again since associate membership has proved desirable in situations similar to that in Alfred Station.

Mrs. Mae Whitford gave a review of recent activities as Church historian. Elmer A. Willard presided as moderator and Fred J. Pierce was clerk. The 1952 budget as adopted includes a salary raise and Conference expense money for the pastor and, as a new item, an appropriation to the Sabbath school to help meet its operating expenses. About 90 persons sat down to the annual dinner preceding the meeting. — Rev. Albert N. Rogers.

CARRAWAY, FLA.—The annual business meeting and dinner of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of God of Putnam County was held at the Church at Carraway on Sunday, January 13. Twenty-eight members and friends from Carraway, Palatka, Pomona Park, and Georgetown were in attendance.

As it was a beautiful springlike day, dinner was served under the trees on the Church grounds. The business meeting was held in the Church building, after a good song service led by Clyde Cason. Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph presided as

moderator, and the following officers were elected: Moderator, Pastor C. A. Beebe; clerk, Mrs. C. A. Beebe; treasurer, Mrs. Corrine Wilkinson; trustees from the Church: Mrs. Lela Price, Mrs. Corrine Wilkinson, Pastor C. A. Beebe; trustees from the community: Will Tillis, Clyde Cason; Sabbath school superintendent, Paul V. Beebe; secretary, Mrs. Addie Turner.

A combined Sabbath school and Church service is held at Carraway each Sabbath at 2 p.m., and on Sabbath eve, Bible study led by Rev. Miss Randolph is held at various homes in Palatka. The Women's Board trailer is being moved to Carraway to serve as a part-time parsonage, and it is hoped that it will then be possible to have Sabbath night services at the Church. Pastor and Mrs. Beebe are now living with their son Paul on the Main farm at Pomona Park, 25 miles from the Church.

— C. A. Beebe, Pastor.

ASHAWAY, R. I.—An exploding oil burner damaged the basement of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton at Ashaway Wednesday night, January 16, but quick action by members of the girls' choir, which was rehearsing in the building at the time, prevented a fire.

Damage was confined to a shattered window, splintered door, a broken drain cock on the furnace, and dust and soot, which settled on furniture, walls, ceilings, and floors. A mop-up crew of eighteen volunteers from the membership soon removed the accumulation of dirt, so that services were held on Sabbath as usual.

One of the choir members ran to pull the furnace control switch, and two others hurried to the corner to turn in the fire alarm. Their leader rushed to the basement with a fire extinguisher, which, fortunately was not needed.

According to the Westerly Sun, "The Ashaway Church was renovated about two years ago at a cost of several thousand dollars. It is one of the most attractive Churches in the county."

Expressions of thanksgiving were voiced at the weekend services that the damage was not greater. — L. G. O.

SCRIPTURES ABOARD THE FLYING ENTERPRISE

A large part of the world paused in its mad rush to salute Captain Henrik Kurt Carlsen for his valiant attempt to save his ship, the Flying Enterprise, while battling the storms of a howling Atlantic.

When the vessel finally went down, she took with her Scriptures which on her last visit to New York Harbor had been given to the captain and crew by Leonard Piropato, one of the agents in the marine division of the New York Bible Society. Needless to say, Mr. Piropato followed with breathless anxiety the accounts of the struggle as they appeared in the press each day, as he recognized the faces of many members of the crew as old friends.

Marine agents of the New York Bible Society meet the 700 vessels which each month enter New York Harbor flying the flags of thirty-two nations, and supply them with Scriptures in all required languages. This they have been doing for 142 years, casting them as bread on the waters to be carried to the ends of the earth. — Release.

Conference President's Corner

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage every Church that may have the privilege of the service of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, through the personal direction of its executive secretary, Rev. Ronald I. Hargis, and his well-trained wife, to take advantage of the offer when it comes.

There are three areas in which Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hargis are prepared to render service.

"1. To work with the teachers and leaders of the Church school in an attempt to go over classroom, equipment, teaching method, materials used, and problems faced with the hope of making the art of teaching more vital in the local Church.

"2. To contact parents through both meetings and a program of individual visitation, helping them to see their very important part in the religious education of their children. To plan a closer working procedure between the home and the Church school.

"3. To become familiar with the local situation and with the ones who are interested in Christian education, both adults and youth, so that arrangements can be made for a closer contact or even possibly for aid in the training of some of the young people in this field, and to help the Church as a whole to see the truly great scope of the field of Christian education."

I am sure that Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hargis will go into some Churches that have, for many years, given emphasis to Christian education and there will be others that have given little attention to well-planned Christian education. In either situation, I am sure, there will be sufficient need for the kind of Christian service they are able to render, to justify every Church in extending a warm welcome.

Let us open our Churches, expose our facilities, bring out our Bible school teaching material, rally our teacher personnel, encourage the neighboring Churches to participate and make ready for a stirring, "Experience with God," in this bit of co-ordinated effort from our Church communities up through the sponsoring board to the Commission and climax this bit of co-operation in a blessed story of accomplishment when Conference shall meet in Denver next August.

O. B. Bond,
Conference President.

If the Sabbath was made for man — for the promotion of his higher interests — the fourth commandment must remain for all time a part of the moral law. — A. J. C. Bond.

DR. PALMBORG'S NEW ADDRESS

Those who correspond with Dr. Rosa W. Palmborg will have noticed no doubt her new address as announced on the back cover of last week's Sabbath Recorder.

In moving to 219 N. Avenue, Los Angeles 56, Calif., Dr. Palmborg is doing so to be near the new Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church. Her many correspondents will be pleased to take notice of her new address.

JOINT DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, NCCC

Reports and discussions in the meeting of this department, held in New York on December 6 and 7, were encouraging and inspiring. Encouraging, because of results being obtained and the thought that if others are accomplishing something, we, too, can.

The Pulpit Evangelism Committee reported on Preaching Missions held under its direction and in collaboration with others. Dr. E. Stanley Jones has spoken in cities across the country, from Washington in the West to Connecticut in the East, before high schools, colleges, luncheon clubs, women's meetings, ministers, and in evening mass meetings. This series of missions brought many into a closer fellowship with Christ and the Church.

Evangelist Charles Templeton, in October, held an outstanding mission at Youngstown, Ohio, in addition to other cities. It was reported that over 700 decisions were the result of the week of Visitation Evangelism. Over 400 attended the daily Bible Study conducted by Margaret Applegarth. Downtown noonday services were attended by about 1,400. Speakers of the team were in 21 senior high schools, speaking to 11,000 students. The Stambaugh Auditorium, with a seating capacity of 5,000, was packed night after night, with many turned away. Mr. Templeton, on the staff of the department the first eight months of the year, serves the last four months of the year in Canada under the sponsorship of the United Church of Canada.

Included in the report was this statement: "Your committee feels that the pastor is still the key to evangelism in the local Church and in the denomination. It is proposed, therefore, that in 1953 and 1954 a series of five or six Missions to Ministers be set up in the summer."

Specially trained leaders are engaged in evangelistic work among the colleges and with the youth. The plans of the Joint Department of Evangelism are not only for the present, but long range, showing the sense of an ever-continuing program.

One unique feature sponsored by the department is the American Christian

Ashram. Dr. H. H. McConnell, field secretary, reported: "These have received some unusual publicity the past year. Howard Whitman of the staff of Collier's has been writing a series of articles on the theme, 'A Reporter Seeks for God.' He chose the Ashram for one of these feature articles. He was present throughout the Ashram with a photographer. The September 29th issue of Collier's carried the story of his impressions. He wrote most sympathetically and with spiritual insight. He presents a very good picture of the aims and accomplishments of the Ashram. Another splendid article on the Ashrams by Dr. Chester Warren Quimby was featured in the September issue of the Christian Herald.

Ashrams for 1952 are scheduled as follows:

American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis., July 5-12
Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 21-28
Keuka College, Keuka Park, N. Y., July 29 - August 5
Camp Sierra, Shaver Lake, Calif., August 18-25

"The goal for attendance in each of the five Ashrams is 50 ministers, 50 laymen, 50 young people, and around that nucleus, 150 more women and children."

Some of our people have attended Ashrams in past years and it may be that some might be able to avail themselves of the privilege and spiritual blessing this year. Let us take advantage of every opportunity for revitalizing our faith and renewing our zeal for greater and better service in kingdom building. H. R. C.

BUFFALO FELLOWSHIP

The Buffalo Fellowship wishes to give an invitation to anyone interested in Sabbathkeeping, and in seeking better financial opportunities in a metropolitan area to consider Buffalo. We are a small group meeting every third Sabbath of the month but very interested in growth. Visitors are always welcome. Our secretary and treasurer is Graydon Monroe at 159 Potomac Avenue, Buffalo 13, N. Y. His phone is Grant 8359. He would be glad to receive any requests for further information.

DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, NCCC

Corresponding Secretary-elect Everett T. Harris and Acting Secretary Harold R. Crandall attended the Second Assembly of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches, held in Toronto, Canada, January 3-6, 1952.

Following are excerpts from the address on Friday of Dr. William Barclay, president of the Canadian Council of Churches, speaking on the subject, "The Place of the World Christian Movement in the Ecumenical Movement."

"Men who delay action until all are assured that there is no point of difference of opinion among them are inviting failure. Particularly does one expect that men who have sworn allegiance to the same Lord and have dedicated themselves to help to fulfill His vision of the kingdom of God among men, will welcome every opportunity to strengthen one another's hands in the effort to bring in that kingdom.

"The wonder is not so much that the ecumenical mind has emerged among Christians in our day and generation, but that it did not emerge sooner. . . . The ecumenical mind implies ecumenical action; and ecumenical action can only be brought about by councils of Churches which are organized to promote "Togetherness" in carrying the knowledge of Christ and of the power of His companionship to all the world.

"The present need of Christ's saving message in the crises which face our civilization is the measure of the co-operative effort that Christians must make to provide the only preventive of unthinkable disaster."

Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, who is the presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, spoke on the same subject as did Dr. Barclay. Here are excerpts from his address.

Criticizing the opposition of some local Churches to the work of foreign missions, Bishop Sherrill said that such an attitude failed "to grasp the central truth of Christianity."

"Christ could not have died simply for Westerners or for Anglo-Saxons. He died for all men or for none at all."

Bishop Sherrill said that today "even the so-called hardheaded realists" are beginning to recognize that a world-wide form of Christianity "is a practical necessity."

Bishop Sherrill went on to say that "whatever may be politically advocated, isolationism is a physical impossibility. Practical statesmanship, even practical politics, has been forced to a realization of this fact."

Other excerpts from Bishop Sherrill's speech follow.

"There is always the danger to which I referred, that our Christianity becomes local. We must also beware that we do not become lost in a maze of unimportant machinery and detail. The smaller the concern of the council of Churches involved, the more true this is likely to be, as may be evidenced by the agenda of many a ministerial gathering.

"We pour billions of dollars from mixed motives into the rehabilitation of other nations and people. Shall we be content to export money alone? We are in danger of committing once again the sin which is the basis of all our difficulties, namely, to forget the necessity of strong spiritual foundations.

"For Christianity is more than humanitarian good works and the promotion of good causes. It is the proclamation of the Good News of God, of Christ, of redemption.

"The necessities of evangelization, of religious education, of worship, are too often relegated to an insignificant position. The spiritual foundations are neglected as the lives of people are being changed into new habits and patterns.

"It is no doubt a partial truth that Communism spreads where there is a low standard of living — but it is also true that man cannot live by bread alone."

"Communism has moved into a spiritual vacuum with its ideology. We are witnessing a struggle for men's minds and souls. Never before has there been such a longing on the part of untold millions, not simply for a higher standard of living but for inward spiritual strength as well."

H. R. C.

"EVERY NATION UNDER GOD"

By Mrs. W. B. Lewis
Battle Creek, Mich.

(Mrs. Lewis represented Mrs. Okey W. Davis, Salem, W. Va., at the second annual meeting of the Division of Foreign Missions.)

The Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, meeting in Toronto, Canada, January 3-6, had for its theme, "Every Nation Under God." Of the 388 in attendance, 42 were returned missionaries and 8 were nationals. Seventy-five boards and agencies were represented. The executive board consists of 50 members who carry on the work of the division between sessions.

The missionary outlook seemed very dark. Several speakers declared that Communism all over the world was winning against missionary endeavor; that the need was urgent for an upsurge of concerted effort.

Nearly every missionary has been driven out of China.

South Korea is valiantly maintaining its Church organization and going forward with a strong evangelistic program in a most trying situation, a representative from the Methodist Woman's Board declared. She called their attitude, "Singing through the rain."

In Japan this last year more Shinto celebrations have been held than any year since the war. 700,000,000 yen was raised publicly last year to repair the shrines to the sun-god. This indicates a return to their old nationalism. One hundred sixteen Catholic missionaries from 19 countries were reported and 119 Protestant missionaries from 10 countries.

The Near East is a crossroads now, as it was in Jesus' time. Christianity would have died out if Jesus had not been born in the great Hellenic Age. Countries at the east end of the Mediterranean Sea have been involved in historical acts of the ages. 1,000,000 Arab refugees are scattered over Israel, in some places they outnumber the population 6 to 1. There is a big problem of food and housing, as one can imagine, mixed with bitterness.

In one college in India, 100% of the freshman class went out to do village

service because they felt it was more important to work than to preach. Their needs similar to those of other fields, or even more urgent, will be listed later.

Protestant Churches in Spain, 13 years after their civil war, are still waiting for permits to operate. Only Catholic marriage ceremonies are recognized. Protestants may not be buried in a civil cemetery; they must bow before a passing Catholic procession. Bibles are not allowed to be published in this country. All these discriminations are not due to the government but to Catholics.

A missionary from Bolivia told of persecution against Protestants (some being killed), Churches, and Church property being destroyed which was instigated by Catholics.

In Europe, years of war and destitution have wiped out much of the progress of Christianity and a great missionary effort is needed to re-establish a Christian hope and faith. Of the people of the British Isles, 15% are Christian, 15% of the French are Protestants, and only 10% of the Germans have contact with a Christian Church.

It was said that missionaries had lived apart from the native people, had not geared their program to the everyday life of the people whom they were trying to serve. Agricultural aids, sanitation, health, food, education are some of the things needed along with the gospel story. Two thirds of the world cannot read or write, so audio-visual aids must be used, indigenous materials must be developed, and native workers must be trained and used in places of greater responsibility.

One modern approach to missionary problems could be through the program for technical assistance. \$150,000,000 has been appropriated for this and 1,000 experts have been sent to the far corners of the earth to study needs. Distribution of food is not so good as before the last war.

Communism is making progress while the spread of Christ's kingdom has received a setback. Underprivileged and depressed people are the grist for the Communist mills. They (the Communists) are not content to win by remote

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Excerpts from minutes of quarterly meeting of Board of Christian Education.)

Eighteen members were present at the regular quarterly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education held at the Gothic on Sunday afternoon, January 20. President Albert N. Rogers presided. Miss R. Marion Carpenter was recording secretary. The meeting was opened with prayer by Kenneth Smith, a student in the School of Theology at Alfred.

Treasurer Ben R. Crandall presented his report.

The executive secretary, Rev. Ronald I. Hargis, gave his report, including a detailed report of the Hebron, Pa., project. He also talked informally of his plans for the field trip which will begin soon.

The work of the Committee on Higher Education, reported verbally by Dr. J. Nelson Norwood, included arrangements which had been made in regard to the changes in personnel of the School of Theology for another year.

Miss Miriam Shaw gave the report of the Church School Committee, including reports of the editor of the Sabbath Visitor and the circulation manager; also a recommendation that the board express its appreciation to Mrs. Barbara Hargis for her conscientious work as editor of the Sabbath Visitor.

The report of the Committee on Youth Work was read by Don Sanford; the items were acted upon as follows:

1. That the committee be authorized to add such persons as they wish to the staff of the Young People's Committee as consulting members.

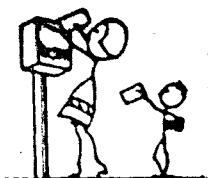
2. That this board approve the expenditure of \$17.50 per issue for the printing of the Beacon; this to be on an experimental basis.

Secretary Hargis, at the request of the Commission, presented his conception of the purposes of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, and his own aims and goals as executive secretary.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the board, it was voted to recommend that a resolution be presented

RECENT PULPIT SUPPLIES

Kenneth Smith is supplying the Little Genesee Church temporarily and Oscar Burdick will supply at First Hebron until the close of the school year. Both are students at the Alfred School of Theology.
— A. N. R.


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Till her mother rejoiced when she went to play.

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To the cradle then she did softly creep,
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enjoying mine, especially a nice, warm, wool blanket.

Thank you for sending the little poem. I think all my Recorder children, as well as other children, should memorize it and follow Nan's way of loving. Don't you think so, too?

I was glad to meet your Grandpa Bond at Conference last year.

I hope to hear from you again soon.

Yours with love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Little "Pretty Soon"

(Concluded)

Evelyn did not like to be called "Pretty Soon," and would often say, "I am going to stop saying that." But over and over again she would forget and bring sorrow to herself and those who loved her, by saying many times a day, "Pretty soon! Oh, pretty soon!"

One cold winter day, when the steps and walks were coated with ice, Evelyn's mother started out to do her marketing. The little girl was busily making a fine dress for her doll, Belinda. She wanted to finish the dress before her cousin Grace came to spend the afternoon with her. She heard her mother's voice calling faintly, "Oh, come here quickly, my little girl!"

Wondering whether she should put two or three ruffles on Belinda's dress, she answered "Yes, Mother, pretty soon," and then forgot her mother had called her.

It was fortunate for mother that father came home early that afternoon. He helped mother into the house from the icy steps where she had fallen.

Oh, how sorry and frightened the little girl was as she hurried around the corner after the doctor, saying over and over, "Oh, if I had only gone at once when mother called! I will never say 'pretty soon' again."

It was some time before Evelyn's mother was up and about again. Evelyn found many chances to do things for her, but never once did she say, "Pretty soon." It was a hard lesson and one that Evelyn remembered all her life. Whenever she was tempted to put off a duty, she would think of the time that she put off seeing what her mother wanted and the pain that it had caused her.

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1. Children Picture Sheet: limited quantity available of picture sheet showing needy areas. Glossies may be ordered.

2. Stories:

a. "Ke Chung and the Red Jacket", by Marion Brawn, of two little children in Korea.

b. "Jimmy Dollar's Journey", by Geneva Eubank, of the adventures of a dollar bill.

c. "Hospital on Wheels", by Florence Stansbury, of children in Burma and a Christian nurse.

d. "Adventure in Earning" by Mildred White, of a little girl in Jordon.

e. "Ann Learned Why", by Dessie Miller, of a refugee girl in the United States who shows the need for relief in Europe.

f. "Yoko's New Shoes", by Leona Hansen, true story of a little Japanese girl.

g. "They, Too, Were Refugees!", by Mary Ester McWhirter, of German refugees who made Christmas live again.

h. "When Dreams Come True", by Marjorie Kenneally of a little girl who learned to share with children in other lands.

i. "A Tale of Two Exercise Books", by R.W. Gray, of two little refugee boys in the Palestine area.

j. "How Pok Marni Found a Home", by Elizabeth Glasscock, of facts about the work with refugee children in Korea.

3. Worship Service for Children: by Grace Pelon

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Write your name on the hearts of suffering people. Give to "One Great Hour of Sharing!"

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Cultivation and publicity aids for leaders during the "One Great Hour of Sharing" campaign are:

1. Fact Sheets: gives definite information about the 1952 united appeal drive for relief and reconstruction, such as purpose, support, theme, dates, etc.

2. Photo Information Sheet: gives 9 pictures showing the need for contributions, the need for help in the world today. Glossies for these pictures may be ordered for use in publications.

3. Photos: glossies of symbol, poster and many pictures showing needy areas are available.

SOURCE MATERIAL ON HAND

Pastors, speakers and editors can now have easy reference to information concerning the "One Great Hour of Sharing" appeal in a booklet, "Keep Posted", and magazine, "World Communiqué", published by the World's Alliance of the YMCA.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS WILL HELP IN "ONE GREAT HOUR" CAMPAIGN

The following films are available by writing to the Religious Film Association, 220 Fifth Avenue, New York (1), N.Y.:

1. "This Road We Walk", 16mm sound film; running time 20 minutes. \$3.00 per booking.

2. "Daybreak", 16mm sound film; running time 20 minutes. \$3.00 per booking.

3. "Answer for Anne", 16mm sound film; running time 20 minutes. \$10.00 per booking.

4. "Home is Nowhere", 16mm sound film; running time 27 minutes. \$4.00 per booking.

A film strip, "The Eleventh Hour", is also available. This black and white film strip is accompanied by records. It deals with the pressing needs in the world today. Running time is 20 minutes. \$2.50 per booking.

Write to the Congregational Christian Churches, 287-4th Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

MATERIALS FOR YOUTH WORKERS

The following materials about the "One Great Hour" campaign are available to any youth worker:

1. Youth Picture Sheet: limited quantity. Shows needy areas. Glossies may be ordered.

2. Articles concerning Agape Work Camp in Italy:

a. "Agape Deserves 'One Great Hour of Sharing'", by Mrs. Louis Evans, Jr. (Colleen Townsend), who writes of her experience there.

b. "'One Great Hour of Sharing' Helps to Make One World", by Florence Reeder, student of McCormick Theological Seminary who tells of her experiences at Agape.

c. "Agape, a Witness of Love", by Margaret Riesinger. A different story of the Italian work camp.

3. Other articles:

a. "Pick and Shovel Ambassadors", by Frances Maeda, which gives in clear, concise form the story of work camps around the world.

b. "International Christian University in Japan", by Miriam Corless who traveled to Japan last summer as a youth ambassador of good will.

c. "'One Great Hour of Sharing' Will Help the YWCA Neighborhood House in Berlin", by Mildred Owen. Pictures available.

4. Worship Service for "One Great Hour of Sharing", by Henry Rust.

Write in your order for materials to: "One Great Hour of Sharing", Publicity Dept., 120 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N.Y.

LITERATURE NOW AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION

Literature for "One Great Hour of Sharing" is now available for general distribution:

1. Poster
2. Four-page promotional folder
3. Bulletin insert, and
4. Offering envelope.

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"IT COULD BE!"

"The Churches must see to it that the 'bold new program' of technical assistance (Point Four program) is not wholly laid aside in the effort to rearm the West,"

Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk has warned the National Council of Churches. "It could be that seed grain and improved agricultural tools for India would do more to bridge the chasm between East and West than a hundred jet planes or a thousand tanks. It could be that technical assistance on a global scale, unrelated to defense preparations, would weigh heavier in the scales of history than a hundred warships. It could be that the open hand of Samaritan friendship extended across the seas would win more friends and influence more people than the explosion of bombs on the proving grounds of the Atomic Energy Commission." — News in the World of Religion by W. W. Reid.