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Historical Society News Notes

By Dr. Corliss F. Randolph

President and Librarian,

Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society

Accessions to the Historical Society Library

Among recent accessions to the library of the Historical Society, are the following:

From the library of Asa F' Randolph, Esq., dec'd, of Plainfield, N. J.:

*20 vols. (12 titles), besides a lengthy series of the Sabbath Recorder, Year Books, etc.

From the library of Dr. Wm. L. Burdick, dec'd, of Ashaway, R. I.:

44 vols. (39 titles), besides an extensive collection of Year Books, Minutes of the various Associations, Denominational Societies, etc., from as early as 1807 forward. There are also manuscript books of notes of theological lectures, and an extensive file of the Sabbath Recorder.

From the library of J. Alfred Wilson, dec'd, of Dunellen, N. J.:

10 vols. (9 titles).

From Rev. Lester G. Osborn, Ashaway, R. I.:

6 Almanacs, including 3 "New England & Farmer's Friend" — 1827, 1830, 1847.

From Rev. L. E. Froom, Washington, D. C.:

24 vols. (21 titles). All concerning the history and doctrines of the Seventh Day Adventists.

From Mrs. Sylvia (Babcock) Carr, Alfred, N. Y.:

A framed poem entitled, "A Revolutionary Soldier," written by John Smalley, Jan. 12, 1838, in Butler Co., Ohio, at the age of 91 yrs.

From Mrs. O. B. Bond (Salem, W. Va.) and Mrs. Charles F. Harris (Shiloh, N. J.):

An antique clock, formerly the property of Rev. L. R. Swinney, and believed to have belonged at one time to his sister, Dr. Ella F. Swinney, our one-time missionary to Shanghai, China.

* For the most part, probably, originally from the library of George H. Babcock, Plainfield, N. J.

COVER PICTURE

"Light of the World" is a Religious News Service photo from a painting by Holman Hunt.

MRS. HERBERT C. VAN HORN CHOSEN INTERIM EDITOR

At the bimonthly meeting of the Tract Board held at the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, July 13, an important item of business was the report of the special committee appointed to canvass the field for the next editor of the Sabbath Recorder. The committee, appointed by President Franklin A. Langworthy upon authority of the Tract Board at its special meeting on June 8, consists of Courtland V. Davis, chairman, Charles H. North, Charles F. Harris, and Rev. C. Rex Burdick.

The Tract Board voted "that Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn be employed as interim editor of the Sabbath Recorder on the basis of three days per week and at a salary of forty dollars per week," and that she be asked to begin work on August 1st so that she may become familiar with the present routine of the editor's office.

It is clearly understood that Mrs. Van Horn will be concerned exclusively with the editorial task, which includes being in charge of the editorial office after September 1.

Committee on Securing Sabbath Recorder Material

Charles H. North and Rev. E. Wendell Stephan were appointed as a special committee to assist Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn in getting material for publication in the Sabbath Recorder. As we understand, there will be a plan developed by this committee under which correspondence with writers will be conducted from time to time. We definitely feel that the committee has made a wise selection of interim editor and endorse most heartily the plan of providing assistance for her in this special way.

Selection of Permanent Editor Deferred

The Tract Board also voted that the selection of the next editor of the Sabbath Recorder be deferred until after the meeting of the General Conference to be held in Denver, Colo., August 19-24, 1952, it being felt that the appointment of the executive secretary may have a direct bearing on such selection.

Special Committee to Continue Search for Editor

The foregoing actions were taken upon recommendation of the special committee mentioned and it was voted that this committee negotiate with possible candidates as editor of the Sabbath Recorder and present the name of a candidate at the next regular meeting of the board or as soon thereafter as practicable.

We would heartily commend the painstaking way in which this special committee has approached its task and bespeak for the members thereof increasing light and continued divine guidance. We would express appreciation to the Tract Board for the interim arrangement which will more nearly enable the present editor to turn over the affairs of the editorial office in an acceptable manner.

One feature that has been of great help to the present editor, and will be of invaluable aid to the interim editor and her assisting committee, is the services of Mrs. Gladys W. Poulin as part-time secretary in the editor's office since May 1, 1951. Arrangement has been made for her services to continue at least until the coming of the permanent editor.

Pre-Conference Retreat

As has been announced under Coming Events for some time, the Pre-Conference Retreat will be held at Red Rocks Camp, Mt. Morrison, Colo., on August 14-18. Rev. Ronald I. Hargis and Rev. Wayne R. Rood will be co-directors of the retreat.

Doubtless pastors and Churches have had information concerning the costs to those who will be attending and what they should plan to take with them to the retreat.

We have just been informed that the program theme will be "The Quest for God." This is in keeping with the theme which has been chosen by Conference President O. B. Bond. As soon as the names of staff members are received, we shall be very glad to share this information with the readers of the Sabbath Recorder.

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Conference Publicity

Flowers from Hawaii

One Sabbath morning not too long ago, the choir and pastor of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church appeared with all wearing small, delicate flowers. Upon inquiry we learned that these dainty white flowers flecked with rose, called "Wood Roses," had been brought back from Hawaii by Mr. and Mrs. Will Jeffrey who spent several months there with their daughter and husband, Rev. and Mrs. Abe Akaka, and four little granddaughters, the last two, twins, having been born while Grandma and Grandpa were there.

Now we won't promise flowers from Hawaii for General Conference at Denver, but this we know, that the Flower Committee, Mrs. Harold Toy and Mrs. Bernard Benner, will do their best to keep fresh flowers at the Church for the sessions of Conference. Pastor Dickinson is now patiently fighting the "battle of the bugs" in the hope that his gladioli will bloom for Conference, and without doubt, others are doing the same with their favorite summer posies. — Publicity Committee.

Conference Invitations for 1953

The corresponding secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference has received recently invitations from the Seventh Day Baptist Churches at Milton, Wis., and Battle Creek, Mich., for the entertainment of General Conference in 1953.

We hope to be able to announce the decision of the Denver Conference in this matter in the issue of the Sabbath Recorder for September 1.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Since the Sabbath Recorder is published biweekly during August, the issues to appear will be those of August 4 and 18. The issues of August 11 and 25 will be omitted. The issues of August 4 and 18 will be 16-page ones, however, as well as that of September 1.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION AT ALFRED, N. Y.

By Mrs. Ben R. Crandall
Church Correspondent

A large delegation from eight Churches of the Western Association united in a long-to-be-remembered weekend meeting in the First Alfred Church on June 21 and 22.

Two events make it historic in character: The signing of papers for the incorporation of the Western Association in order to own and operate "Camp Harley Sutton"; and the voting in, as a member Church of the Western Association, the new Seventh Day Baptist Church of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The participating Churches were Alfred Station, Andover, Little Genesee, First Hebron, Independence, Friendship, Richburg, and First Alfred with the Wilkes-Barre members as special guests.

On Friday evening, a preparatory meeting for prayer and praise was held, led by Pastor Harris, with a sermon by Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen of Wilkes-Barre.

The regular Sabbath service was presided over by Rev. Albert N. Rogers. Pastor Everett T. Harris was at his best in the sermon, "God's Glory and Ours." Music was rendered by a full choir directed by Dr. Ray W. Wingate with solos by James Harris and Eugene Van Horn.

The dining room of the parish house was filled for the noon fellowship dinner and overflowed to second tables with plenty for all.

At 2 p.m., Rev. Mr. Hansen led an inspirational devotional period and Dr. Wayne R. Rood gave a masterly and thought-provoking review of "Theological Movements in the Twentieth Century," followed by discussion.

Some 60 women of the association met on Sabbath afternoon in the Church and were welcomed by Mrs. Everett T. Harris. Devotionals were led by Mrs. Albert N. Rogers. Mrs. A. J. C. Bond, presiding officer and representative of the Women's Board, gave glimpses of the board's program and projects. "Goals That Seem Most Helpful to Me" was given by Mrs. Elmer Cowles of Richburg, and Mrs. Don Stearns of Hebron discussed the News Letter. "How the Recorder Can Be Mut-

ually Helpful" was given by Mrs. Walter Greene of Andover. Mrs. Milford Crandall of Independence spoke highly of the year's study book, "So Sure of Life," and of renewed interest of their Church in mission work abroad and co-operative projects at home. Mrs. Leta DeGroff of Little Genesee rendered a vocal solo, "O Divine Redeemer," by Mendelssohn, with Mrs. Evert Percy as her accompanist. Since Mrs. A. J. C. Bond felt she could no longer act as associational representative for the Women's Board, Mrs. Albert N. Rogers was chosen to take her place.

The men's group met in the community house with Wayne Crandall of Independence as leader. After group singing, Alfred L. Davis of Rochester discussed the work of the Commission, also "Sabbath Observance in Metropolitan Areas." Rev. Clifford Hansen gave suggestions for Christian service on the part of laymen.

The young folk met in the parish house with Miss Lola Sutton as leader and saw the filmstrip, "Adventure in Our Town," after which they had vespers at Camp Harley. Thirty young people spent the night on the Burdick estate and were at work early Sunday morning on the campsite. Dinner was served them at the parish house along with a number of the association men who assisted on the project.

The annual business meeting on Sunday afternoon was called to order by Don Sanford, moderator, with Mrs. Thelma Cowles as secretary. Usual reports were given by Mrs. F. J. Pierce, corresponding secretary, and Treasurer Elmer Cowles.

After careful consideration of the Statements of Belief and Practice of the new Wilkes-Barre Church, the Resolutions Committee recommended that it be accepted as a member Church of the Western Association. The resolution was passed with a unanimous, rising vote, all joining in singing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

A vote of appreciation was given to Dean and Mrs. H. O. Burdick for the gift of the campsite.

It was voted to recommend to the Commission that each association have a representative on that body, with certain modification as to numbers.

An invitation was accepted to hold the

AMONG OUR DUTCH BRETHREN

By Rev. James McGeachy
Pastor, Mill Yard Church, London, England

(Continued from July 14)

On Sunday morning, June 8, I was met at Rotterdam by Brother Zijlstra and his son Gerard, and taken to their home where we were welcomed by Sister Zijlstra, and by Elsa and Folkart, daughter and youngest son.

After dinner we had a pleasant walk, and in the evening a visit from Brother and Sister Visser, and talked about Brother Springer's recent visit, and conditions in Israel.

Monday afternoon saw us on our way to Haarlem, but we broke the journey at The Hague for a short visit with Brother Baars, and then proceeded on our way. At Haarlem we first called at our own little chapel to see Sister Nieuwstraten, who had just lost her youngest son, aged 30, after a long illness of 15 years, and expressed our sympathy. Here we met Brother and Sister Dijk of Amsterdam, the parents of Sister Ploon Dijk, who is known to many in the U. S. A. They had come on a similar errand.

As we left we looked into the chapel which had been recently repainted inside, and in which a new gas heater had been installed.

We next visited an elderly sister, Miss Schats, aged 80, who is now unable to attend the services. We then went on to see Rev. P. Taekema and his wife. They gave us a very warm welcome. He is now 71 and looks well. We talked about Brother Sgubba of Paris, whom they are inviting to their conference which will be held in Haarlem on July 11-13.

I gave Pastor Taekema a letter written by Pastor Bahlke extending a cordial invitation to the Dutch brethren to attend the German Conference which will be held at Brunswick on August 15-17. The Dutch brethren hope to be represented there, and this will be their first real con-

semiannual meeting with the Independence Church in October with the ordination of the pastor, Don Sanford, as part of the program.

JESUS AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By Rev. Earl Cruzan

Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church,
Adams Center, N. Y.

(Sermon preached at Eastern Association at
Shiloh, N. J., Sabbath morning, June 14.)

"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12.

How greatly we stand in the need of light. There is so much darkness upon the face of this earth that we can scarcely see through it or consider the various shades of it. One might almost lose hope except for two facts. One is that as we study the pages of history this is not the only age that has been engulfed in darkness — the darkness of immorality and corruption. If I can read history aright, we have not by any means pulled the shades of darkness as low as they have been pulled in many a generation.

This is not any cause for rejoicing; nor do I give you this picture to give you any hope or cause to say, "It is not as bad as it might be." It is so much worse than it ought to be that we have no right to go about excusing ourselves as we make comparisons with other generations.

Rather, it seems to me that this points out that whenever man trusts himself and puts self on the throne, darkness must ensue; that man's power and intelligence being great powers, still are not to be trusted. There is not the natural goodness in man that some would have us believe.

We are living in a generation which has trusted in self to the extreme — where man's abilities have been extolled and exalted. And for a time, man's proneness to cruelty and selfishness has been forgotten, yet practiced; that is, while still practicing it, man has tried to pretend that it doesn't exist. We are living in an age of secularism where secularism has become our religion and our god. The fact that man recognizes God, yet does not feel that he needs Him, makes the darkness exceedingly difficult to penetrate.

The second factor that gives us hope: there is a way to overcome this dark-

tact with the German Churches since the war. This I feel has made my trip worth while, and we must pray that this renewed fellowship will lead to fruitful co-operation.

Two elderly sisters, Mrs. Mol and Mrs. Graafstal, who spent 50 years in Java, came with another Brother Visser to visit us at Pastor Taekema's home. They talked about many things connected with the Church, and discussed reports of revival and faith healing in West Germany.

We left about 10 p.m., arriving home in Rotterdam about midnight, which reminded us of one good thing Sister Taekema had to say about Hitler, and that was that by imposing a curfew on the Dutch in wintertime it made her husband arrive home early.

On Tuesday afternoon Brother Zijlstra took us to see the old Church at Delfshaven from which the Pilgrim Fathers sailed in 1620. Delfshaven is now part of the Rotterdam docks. The Church is called the Oude Kerk, and was built in 1417, when it must have been Roman Catholic, but it is now Dutch Reformed. It was restored in 1761, and again in recent years. Pews were replaced with wooden tip-up seats. The pulpit had a large sounding board over it, and on the walls on either side were the Ten Commandments and the Creed. Colored windows in the recess behind the pulpit illustrated the Six Days of Creation. Another colored glass window showed the ship "Speedwell," which bore the Pilgrim Fathers to England where they joined the "Mayflower."

A bronze plaque on the wall was presented to the Church in 1906 as a memorial by the Boston Congregational Club, and is headed "ONE IN CHRIST."

In the vestry we saw pictures and photographs of those who had held the pastorate of the Church since the 17th century, and a painting showing the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers in America.

In this interesting way my visit to the Continent came to a close, and at midnight I sailed from the Hook of Holland to England, having thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality shown by our Dutch and German brethren and sisters.

ness — to dispel it entirely. "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." These are the words of Jesus spoken over 1900 years ago. They were spoken to a people who were choosing darkness rather than light. And it is true that men are still choosing darkness rather than light.

Yet the darkness has not overcome the light; nor will it. The light still shines and it will light every soul that seeks it. The darkness may push the light into the background as man chooses other things or as he makes wrong approaches to the light.

Yet the light is there, shining for all who will receive it. It is "the light which lighteth every man that comes into the world." If man does not receive it, he walks in darkness. Perhaps he does not know that he walks in darkness, nor how black that darkness is because he has never known the light.

It is like a man, born blind, who learns to get around and do a good many things. Many such make such an adjustment to the darkness that we cannot but marvel at that which they accomplish. Likewise, a man without Christ is blind. He may do many good things, but he has not learned to walk in the fullness of life. A new life will be opened to him if he lets the light of Jesus in; just as much as a new world opens to the one who is physically blind if his sight can be given to him.

What is necessary if one is to receive that light? First of all it is necessary that man recognize that he is walking in darkness and that in himself there is no perfect way, no perfect accomplishment. He needs to look to the Giver of Life, God, the Creator, and seek the way out of the darkness. To do this, it is necessary that man turn to Jesus, the Light of the World. John tells us that "In him was life; and the life was the light of men."

In Jesus was life which is light — a light which will shine into the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Let us take courage in the fact that the darkness cannot overcome the light of Jesus. It may try, and man may forget the light and life of Jesus, but all the

darkness in the world cannot overcome this light. This light is life. It is not something dead and dull, but it is that which vibrates and gives meaning to daily life.

If Christianity fails to give people life, it is not the light of Jesus which has failed, but rather the custodians of truth, as men will term themselves. We need a revival today. We need it desperately — not to go back to the old-time religion, but rather to discover Jesus Christ and the life that is in Him. It is not necessary to go back to anything — but rather in Jesus that we go forward in the way of life.

The religion of Jesus Christ is a way of life for today. And the only way that the darkness of our day can be turned to light is for men to let the light of Jesus into their hearts.

We sometimes become so busy defending our positions and quarreling with those who do not accept them that we lose the light of Christ. There rises up a bitterness and an antagonism which shuts the light out of our lives and prevents the light which should be ours from reaching into the lives of others.

If the time and energy which have been spent in defending theological positions in the days since Christ could have been spent in creative Christian living, the world would have been Christianized long before this. I do not mean that we should not know what we believe; but on the other hand, we should not insist that we are the only ones who receive the true light from the Word of God.

The truth of God was apparent in His word at the time of the coming of Jesus, yet the custodians of the word, the scribes and the Pharisees, were so intent upon defending the traditions and interpretations (their theological positions, if you please) that they could not see the life in God and in His word. Yet even in spite of their darkness, men of other nationalities were seeking the truth of God in Judaism.

Jesus Christ came as the revealer of that truth and that light which has the power to give life and reality to living. Yet the leaders of His day refused to accept Him because they were blinded by their de-

termination to defend their particular position. Did not Jesus refer to them as "Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel"? Matthew 23: 24.

Let us beware lest we become so engrossed in the outward forms of religion that we lose sight of the light of life. If we do not have the light of Jesus within so that it transforms life and gives a meaning to living, our outward forms and our theological positions are worthless.

That which comes to us from the past is very valuable. It represents the best thinking of the minds which have gone before us. It should also stimulate our thinking and our growth. But if we are to accept the thinking of the past without thinking for ourselves, we are to be pitied. We will lose the beauty of life that we might know in Jesus. Each person in each age must take the truth of God and think it through for himself. It is not enough to accept that which another generation has given us.

Leaves, which are the dead growth of last year's trees, make excellent fertilizer. I try to put all of them that I can back onto my garden. For a number of years I did this on a raspberry patch and the increase of berries year by year was wonderful to behold. Yet, again there are occasions on which they can cause trouble even in a garden. I was cleaning flower beds this spring and came upon some tulips which had been so pressed down by leaves that they could not come up properly. The light from above was calling them, but the deadness that was upon them kept them down. Later I passed by another tulip bed and found one tulip, which in response to the light, had penetrated a leaf, but was so bound by the encircling leaf that the beauty of its bloom was spoiled. So we can become so encircled in forms and traditions that the beauty of Jesus cannot blossom properly in us.

The light of Jesus as the Light of the World is the light which lighteth every man who comes into the world. It is life and life more abundant.

How are we to realize that life and share it with others? It is only as Jesus has told us, that as we write the laws of God within our hearts that we can expect

to know this light and to have our daily living lighted with the presence of Jesus.

Outward growth comes from inner knowledge and from the light from above. As the light from above shines into a life and gives it knowledge and truth, there comes a growth in daily living.

We think we can interpret the things that Jesus would have us do in outward observance — and many of them are plainly written — but we cannot give the light of Jesus to anyone merely by forcing him to observe outward modes of living. The observance of outward modes of living may make for a better society, but they do not necessarily make for Christian living. For true Christian living has life and purpose.

Jesus spoke of "whited sepulchres . . . full of dead men's bones." He spoke of the cleansing of the outside of the cup without cleansing that which is inside, and as He spoke of it, He showed the utter folly and error of it. The outside is no cleaner than that which is inside, even though it may put on a brighter appearance.

To know the light of Jesus it must come from the inside. It must begin in the heart and work out. If the light of Christ comes into the heart, there also comes a life, a way of living, which gives joy and peace. And the life that is lived is a life of light. It will be a life that unfolds more and more until that perfect day. One will be doing the things of God because of the joy of living His way, not because he has been pressed into it, and because of a feeling that one must conform. Such conformity results in deadness and makes the Christian religion seem to be something that is dead and lifeless.

If the light of Jesus shines into the heart, this situation must change. And Christ's way of life will reveal itself as the life that is full — the life which helps and finds joy in helping.

If we know this kind of life, the light that is ours through Jesus cannot help but light other men down the pathway of life. The light of Jesus as it shines into a life is a heart religion if it has reception. It does something to the inside of a person and fills him with a desire to know the will of God and to translate it into life.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS AS I SEE THEM — TODAY AND TOMORROW

By Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen
Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

(An address given at the Ministers' Conference,
Brookfield, N. Y., May 7, 1952.)

(Continued from July 7)

Asset Number Five

The fifth asset of which I would remind you is your spirit of intellectual integrity — without the surrender of high personal and spiritual standards. In my former fellowship, I was not free. I did not dare to teach openly some things that I know to be true about the Bible and its teaching. To me, personally, this is one of your greatest values. And I believe that this quality can be utilized with great effectiveness in winning sincere people of high intellectual caliber who are searching for truth and a religion that has validity. I am convinced that there are thousands — yes, millions — of such people in our land today.

There are other Churches that place little or no barrier upon the intellect, but as far as I have been able to observe, their predominant spirit is also characterized by a lack of high personal standards in the habits of life and a lack of spiritual vigor. There are, by way of contrast, Churches with tremendous vigor, but which place a strait jacket on the mind. Jesus taught men to love God with all the heart and all the mind. I see no conflict between the two. I do not have to sacrifice one to the demands of the other, and I know of no other fellowship that permits and encourages this kind of devotion. To the extent that you do, I say again, "you've got something there!"

Asset Number Six

Last, but not least, your asset number six in my list is: You are willing to acknowledge and correct your shortcomings. It is not my purpose this afternoon to delineate your faults and your weaknesses. On the other hand, I certainly would not want to minimize them or appear to be blind to them. To me it seems that your

greatest weakness, your greatest fault, is your lack of evangelistic zeal, your lack of aggressiveness in proclaiming the "good news," your neglect to advance the kingdom of heaven, your failure to share with others the great hope that could bring healing to a troubled world in this hour of need. What has amazed and pleased me is the fact that you are aware of these faults, you are ready to admit them, and you are trying to do something about the matter, and correct your faults.

Throughout most of my life, I have known that there were people called Seventh Day Baptists, and that it was their witness which taught my people to keep the seventh day Sabbath, but previous to last year, I had never had contact with your people in any way whatsoever. To establish that contact, I searched in the Philadelphia City Library until I found your denomination listed in the Yearbook of American Churches. This particular yearbook gave Dr. Seager's name as president of the General Conference. I wrote to him, and though he was no longer the Conference president, he answered my query quite fully and placed me in touch with some of your other men and with the Philadelphia Fellowship. The warm Christian spirit of his letter attracted me from the start. Almost too good to be true — here was what I was looking for. And even in this first letter, their appeared that spirit of humility and regret for past failures which I have since found characteristic not only of your clergy but of your laity.

When I walked into your Ministers' Conference last year at Shiloh, you were in the midst of a discussion on the problem of reorganization on the denominational level. The discussion showed that you recognized this neglect and this weakness in your past denominational endeavor.

When I arrived on Friday evening at the General Conference in Alfred, Pastor Hurley greeted me with the news of the overwhelming vote of approval cast by your constituency in support of a beginning to a reformation movement, designed to increase the effectiveness of your impact upon the world.

From time to time, as I have had oppor-

tunity to talk with some of you individually, I have purposely raised this question of your present and past ineffectiveness, and I can say that without exception, the men to whom I have spoken have showed me by their words that they carried a heavy weight of regret for your present condition, and a sense of consciousness of your failure as a people to measure up to God's design for His Church as the light of the world, and a strong longing and desire to correct this sad and tragic condition. This very meeting here this afternoon gives further evidence to that fact.

I say with profound gratitude and respect, and with great courage, I have found you a humble people, conscious of shortcomings, but seeking under God to correct those shortcomings. I found that spirit in your laymen, I found it in your ministers of the Word, I found it pervading your official conclaves. I tell you truly, had I not found such a spirit within you, I could never have joined your fellowship. Because of the presence of that spirit, I count it a privilege to be numbered with you in your weakness. I count this spirit of humility, this sense of guilt, one of your greatest assets. I believe that God also counts it so. Brethren, lose not that spirit. There is no limit to what God can yet do with a repentant people who have learned by tragic experience the folly of pursuing merely their own inclinations rather than the divine and urgent call and commission of God.

Specific Procedures

The third and last category in which some suggestions occur to me is that of specific procedures.

It seems to me that the first job is to select and specifically define our ultimate, comprehensive objectives, for unless we have definite and specific ultimate objectives, and unless we keep those objectives in mind, we shall, in spite of all our efforts and activity, get nowhere.

Ultimate Objectives

To illustrate the nature of the ultimate objectives of which I speak, I mention these as possible:

1. To reach the peoples of the world with the pure Gospel of Jesus.

2. For all who desire it: (a) provide a Christian Fellowship, (b) maintain a sanctified, Christ-like interpretation of life and pattern of living, (c) provide attractive opportunities for advancement in the perception of truth and duty, and opportunities for service in the cause of God.

Intermediate Objectives

It would next seem important to select a comprehensive set of specific intermediate objectives. These intermediate objectives would seem to include those activities in which the Church can and perhaps should engage for the realization of the ultimate objectives. Again, chiefly to illustrate the nature of the intermediate objectives here suggested, I offer these:

1. The establishment of a strong and active program of Bible and Christian education in the Churches.
2. The establishment of a strong evangelistic literature program.
3. The establishment of a strong evangelistic preaching program.
4. The establishment of an effective and attractive laymen's service program.

Immediate Objectives

After selecting the comprehensive ultimate objectives or goals toward which we wish to strive, and after selecting the intermediate objectives — the activities of the Church which can be expected to achieve our goals — there remains the necessity of selecting one more set of objectives: the immediate ones. These immediate objectives should, it seems to me, include those things that we can and should do first, and now, to bring the Churches into the state or condition of activity set forth in the intermediate objectives. Again, I illustrate (and I wish to emphasize that word *illustrate*) by giving just a few typical immediate objectives that might conceivably be chosen:

1. Make available to the local Sabbath schools an increased amount of help and guidance so that Seventh Day Baptist Sabbath schools shall be recognized as second to none among America's sources of lay Biblical and Christian education.
2. Provide an effective and attractive young people's study and service and social program so that Seventh Day Baptist young people shall become recognized as spiritual leaders wherever they go.

3. Give careful study to the problems and larger possibilities of literature evangelism. I have personally been greatly pleased with your literature — the literature that you have. But I also feel you do not have nearly enough literature of an evangelistic nature.

4. Give comprehensive study to the problems and possibilities and methods of public evangelistic preaching in America today, including a survey of possibilities in the fields of radio, television, and the newspapers.

5. Sponsor several evangelistic experiments designed to indicate something of the productiveness of various methods.

Chosen of God

Perhaps this is enough by way of specific suggestions. In closing I would say, I came out of a Church that believes itself to be the one and only true Church in the world today. Brethren, I am convinced that the election of God is not a chance choice that results from an attitude of favoritism on God's part. It is not a selection that is exclusive, irrevocable, and eternal, as ancient Israel came to believe and as some Christian Churches even today believe. It is such a choice as consists for God's part in the challenge of opportunity, and is providentially circumstanced with the power, on man's side of the equation, to perceive that opportunity. To the extent that any man or group of men, such as a Church, perceives the will of God and dedicates itself thereto, to that extent, I believe, will that man or that Church be God's chosen man or God's chosen Church. My word to you this afternoon is this: I believe that of all the denominations of which I know, yours comes closest to the mind and purpose of God. But I also believe that as high as are the heavens above the earth, so high is God's design for us above our present accomplishments. I say, let us forever cherish those assets that have made us what we are that is good. Let us seek, humbly, to discover those qualities and those means that will enable us to fulfill more completely the perfect purposes of our God. If any of these words can, with the blessing of God, be helpful toward that end, I shall be deeply grateful.

HOMeward BOUND

Rev. and Mrs. Emmett H. Bottoms are on the last lap of their voyage around the world. It will be recalled that Brother and Sister Bottoms left New York on the SS Queen Mary in February, 1951, on a special mission for Seventh Day Baptists. They crossed the Atlantic and visited our people and conducted services in England and in Holland. Instead of proceeding eastward on their way to New Zealand they were rerouted back across the Atlantic and through the Panama Canal. They spent a year in New Zealand, going to Australia in April of this year and thence to Nyasaland in South Africa. Advanced sailing dates necessitated departure for home sooner than had been planned.

Reports from Mr. and Mrs. Bottoms indicate their very favorable impression of Rev. Ronald H. F. Barrar and the evidences of his hard work in his chosen field of labor. The buildings and grounds present an excellent appearance. The "Robert Armstrong Memorial Church," the dispensary, and the dwelling are constructed of brick and are "the best buildings in a large community." The Church is the only one in a large area. "The school building is native in type, but has windows." The mission has a boarding school with an enrollment of eighty-two. "The students bear evidence of excellent training and demonstrate great interest in the Church work."

Four native Church leaders were at the mission to meet Mr. and Mrs. Bottoms, having walked a distance of thirty-five miles. Before the weekend, many others arrived on foot and some on bicycles, having traveled more than fifty miles. Conferences with the leaders were held, and four public meetings during the weekend. Brother Bottoms preached at each meeting with Joshua, the principal of the school, interpreting his message.

The week following, traveling by train and rented car, Mr. Bottoms went with Mr. Barrar to Lembi and Blantyre, visiting some of the other Churches. Two services were held on Sabbath with more than two hundred fifty in attendance.

Receiving notice that the steamer on which they were to come to America would be leaving earlier than had been

announced, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bottoms were obliged to leave Sandama on June 15, to arrive in Durban on June 20. Upon their arrival at the port, they learned that the vessel would not be leaving before June 28. "Cargo ships do not cater to passengers, but simply accommodate by taking a few." The place of landing is uncertain because of the possibility of changed orders. Passengers are required to disembark at the first port, which, at present, it seems will be Baltimore. It is expected that they will arrive on July 20.

All will be interested to hear first-hand reports of this mission and to greet Brother and Sister Bottoms. They are expected to attend the Conference at Denver, Colo., and will appear on the program there.

H. R. C.

JAMAICA — DEDICATION OF CHURCHES

The following is a newspaper account of the service of dedication of the Blue Mountain Church:

Seventh Day Baptist Church Dedicated

"Opening of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Blue Mountain, Manchester, took place on Sunday, May 4. A city party of over 50 attended the function.

"In the party, led by M. Howell, were Rev. Neal D. Mills, Rev. N. H. Grant, Rev. John Hamilton, Rev. C. L. Smellie, and several members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

"The Church, situated on a hill and commanding a view for miles around, was packed to capacity.

"Doors were opened by James Heron, Rev. Mr. Mills, Jonathan King, and Cleveland Gordon, windows by Rev. C. L. Smellie, Clive King, S. Bendison, S. Smoother, F. G. Kelly, and a Mr. Gallimore of Kingston.

"A musical program was given, and the dedicatory sermon delivered by Rev. Mr. Mills.

"Rev. Vernon O. Burke, pastor of the Church, gave a history of the building program and performed the dedication."

Rev. Neal D. Mills also writes of going to Glen Moy, St. Thomas, on June 22, for the dedication of "a neat little bamboo

booth for worship. It takes the place of one destroyed by the hurricane but is farther up."

Mr. Mills tells of interesting matters pertaining to the progress of Crandall High School toward becoming a "Listed School." Five students have been entered in the "School Certificate Examination in December."

H. R. C.

NETHERLANDS

A good letter has been received from our brother, Rev. P. Taekema of Haarlem. He mentions preparation for their conference which is to be held July 11-13. The Church at Haarlem was instituted 75 years ago, which gives special significance to the conference this year. Brother Taekema mentions the visit of Dean A. J. C. Bond at the conference when the Church observed its fiftieth anniversary.

He says, "May your conference by the grace of God be a good time for all attendants and the Holy Ghost inspire to new zeal and consecration to the service of our Lord and Redeemer, whose kingdom is an eternal kingdom."

The report from our Churches in Holland is encouraging. Eight baptisms are reported. Three previously baptized were accepted. The Church at The Hague had the joy of having six new members join them.

Brother Taekema's report of calls and visits, to the number of 835, upon members living in 19 different places, and other activities give indication of a busy and profitable year in kingdom work.

H. R. C.

Arrival of New Secretary

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society and the many friends of the family are happy to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Everett T. Harris, Stanley, James, Everett, Jr., and Ruthie to Rhode Island. Mr. Harris began his service as co-secretary on July 1. After some courses on missions at Hartford Seminary, he will assume the full office of corresponding secretary. We anticipate happy relations with him and pray for a long and profitable term of service in this position.

H. R. C.

A WORD OF GREETING

This is just a word of greeting to the readers of the Sabbath Recorder from a new contributor. As a co-worker with Acting Secretary Crandall in the office of the board at Westerly, it seems to have fallen to my lot to write biweekly articles on missionary affairs in our denomination. I believe the matter of mission hopes and plans will be the general theme of an address at General Conference at Denver in August.

I earnestly request the sympathetic interest and prayers of all our people as I begin this new work, new at least to me. I am very conscious that the work of missions in our denomination has a long and honorable history. Other men of God have labored and we are entered into the fruits of their labors.

As a family we have been cordially welcomed here and are comfortably housed in the Missionary Board's home at 128 Main Street. Here on the fourth floor of the Washington Trust Building I have been cordially welcomed and have found an efficient, well-ordered office. I am grateful for the sense of the support from a group of consecrated board members. Most of all, I am grateful for the sense of the sustaining guiding Spirit of our Heavenly Father. May the coming days prove fruitful in His kingdom.

Everett T. Harris.

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.

"The world's troubles come from its effort to humanize God, deify man, and minimize sin." — Shiloh Church Bulletin.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS AT ASSOCIATIONS

Your women's department editor hopes to have reports of all women's meetings, held as a part of each associational meeting, for publication. Here are some recently received.

Pacific Coast

At the time of the Pacific Coast Association in April a meeting of the women of the Churches was held on Sabbath afternoon. About 50 women gathered in the auditorium of the Riverside Church for a half-hour session.

The latest letter from the Women's Board was read and comments made on the work of that part of our denominational interests.

The keyworker of the Riverside Women's Society told about the goals and their purpose.

The presidents of the Los Angeles and the Riverside Women's Societies spoke of their work and plans and stressed the importance of our keeping in touch with the other women's groups of our denomination.

It was agreed that as the Women's Board has been given more responsibility, all of our women's societies should share it as much as possible. The decision was that we have a woman's hour as a part of our association program hereafter.

Mrs. P. B. (Polly) Hurley.
Riverside, Calif.

Central

All women's societies of the Central Association were well represented at a discussion meeting on Sunday, June 8, of the annual sessions at De Ruyter. After group singing, the discussion was led by the associational secretary.

The first item considered was the administration of the \$125 in the scholarship fund which was raised this year by the five societies. This was done in fulfillment of one of the goals for the year as suggested by the Women's Board. It was decided that each society should appoint a member to act on a scholarship committee. This committee should determine the policy for the use of the money and also suggest a plan for building

Children's Page

Dear Recorder Children:

Another week has passed and, although I have gone down to the post office at least twice every day, I haven't received even one letter from one Recorder correspondent. I do hope that now school is out and you are not so busy, your letters will come pouring in. "Pretty please!"

I often have children come in to call on me. One of them is a little boy who is five years old, who has just finished his first year of school. His name is George Hoover. At the close of the first day of school, another of my little friends, Douglas Mulholland, came in and said, shaking his head soberly, "George didn't act the way he ought to in school." I asked, "What did his teacher do?" and he answered, "She did just what she ought to do. She sent him to the principal."

I am told that George at last became a very well-behaved boy in school. He has a hobby of making a collection of burnt-out electric bulbs. One day when I was busy outside he came in and turned on all my electric lights to see if any were burnt out, even the two down cellar. Of course I didn't like that, so quite often he appears at my front door saying politely, "Have you some burnt-out bulbs for me today?"

One day last week he asked his mother, "What will I have to do to get married?" When his mother asked him why he wanted to know, he answered, "Mrs. Greene is all alone; I like her and I want to marry her." How was that for a surprise?

Now since I have no letters to answer, I have a little story for you.

With love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

A Happy Ending

Kendal and Karen were twins and they usually had very happy times playing together. But one day they had a quarrel, perhaps because they had been playing so hard that they were tired and cross.

"Kendal, you are a mean, bad boy!" said Karen; "and I'm not going to play with you any more."

CHURCH NEWS

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — On Mother's Day, May 14, Pastor Leon M. Maltby gave an appropriate Sabbath morning message. Each mother had been presented a corsage as she entered the Church. On the following Monday evening a Mother-Daughter Banquet was held in the social hall of the Church. The men served the dinner and washed the dishes. Following the banquet, Rev. Earl Dexter, pastor of the Protestant Chapel at Sherman Institute, which is a government school for Indians, presented colored pictures of the Navajo Indians and their homes deep in the heart of the New Mexico desert. A most interesting talk accompanied the showing of the pictures.

Children's Day and Father's Day were celebrated together on Sabbath morning, June 14. A program of songs and recitations was given by the primary and junior children under the direction of Harriet Maddox, Dorothea Brewer, and Marjorie Withrow. The juniors, in appropriate costumes, presented the life of Daniel. Lois Ritz gave the children a sermonette. The children were delighted to have Little Joe with the help of his master, Ventriloquist Oscar Richards, give them an interesting message. Edna Richards presented Scriptural plaques to Nancy and Albert Withrow, Jr., for three and one half years of perfect attendance. Allan Maltby, Joan Lewis, and Gary Brewer received awards for perfect attendance for one year. Dorothea Brewer was the only teacher to receive an award for perfect attendance during the year.

Following the children's program, Sabbath School Superintendent Robert Hurley asked all fathers to come to the front of the Church. Then he requested that all sons stand in front of their fathers. A flower was pinned on each one. Following this, the men and boys joined hands and formed an impressive circle of Christian fathers and sons around the auditorium. After the reading of the poem "Your Name," Pastor Maltby dismissed the service with prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Richards, who were married on May 29 in the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Lost Creek, W. Va.,

up a permanent scholarship, the committee to report at the fall association.

Further discussion centered about the three topics suggested by our board: The News Letter, the Sabbath Recorder, and the goals for next year. We concluded that our News Letter was not being used as much as it should be, but all who have been reading it felt it very worth while and helpful. We all need to get behind the Recorder and do more for it, by striving for more subscriptions and supporting it in any way possible. As a goal for next year, we might suggest the Recorder in every home. The scholarship goal has created interest this year and we would like to have it continued.

In this informal meeting, of course no problems were solved but we felt benefited by the discussion of interests common to all and feel better able to answer questions put to us by our Women's Board.

Mrs. Marion C. Van Horn.

Brookfield, N. Y.

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. Reid

Americans are reaching deep into the heartland of the Philippines with "Seeds for Democracy," a grass-roots project for helping Filipinos improve their own living standards and develop unified resistance to Communism. The Committee for a Free Asia is sponsor of the drive. Distribution centers have been set up in 30 localities, covering most of the Philippine Republic. The aim of "Seeds for Democracy" is to send a million contributed packets of vegetable seeds to Filipino villages during its 1952 drive.

The president of a woman's group in the Philippines wrote recently that "the seeds are getting right down to the common man, enabling him to get more to eat. More power to the U. S. garden clubs, youth groups, Church organizations, and others who are helping us. To grow more food on one's own land is the hope of all Asia."

Among the most desired are seeds of Chinese cabbage, green string beans, green peppers, collards, cucumbers, carrots, watermelon, loose leaf lettuce, spinach, peas, turnips, and tomatoes. Seeds may be sent to "Seeds for Democracy," San Francisco 11, Calif.

were feted at a reception given Sabbath evening, June 14, by the social committee.

The young couple was married on the same day that Mr. Richards was graduated from Salem College at Salem, W. Va. They will reside in Riverside for the summer, where the bridegroom will be assistant pastor of the local Church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Richards of Riverside, and his bride, the former Edna Ruth Randolph, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ashby F. Randolph of Bristol, W. Va.

At the close of the summer, Mr. and Mrs. Richards will go to Alfred, N. Y., where the bridegroom will begin his study in the School of Theology. — Alta Hurley Grieshaber, Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y. — The Evangelical Society of the First Alfred Church voted to send Miss Fucia Randolph, one of the society's most faithful workers, as delegate to the General Conference at Denver.

The newly elected officers of the Evangelical Society are: President, Mrs. Dora Degan; secretary, Miss Marion Carpenter; treasurer, Miss Bertha Annas.

The following expressions of appreciation appeared on the back cover of the Church bulletin for June 28.

In Appreciation

This Sabbath service, June 28, marks the end of a twelve-year pastorate and the end of a forty-year ministry of music.

Pastor Harris, having been with us for twelve happy, fruitful years, is leaving after this Sabbath. While we are sad that he and his family are going, we would emphasize today not only our sorrow but especially our gratitude for the time they have been with us, and express our warm wishes for their work and life in a larger field of service.

Dr. Ray W. Wingate, after forty years as our organist and choir director, is resigning in order that he may have more freedom of time than has been possible for so many years. Again, instead of expressing the regret that we feel, we would speak of our appreciation of a service to the Church which has been always faithful and sometimes sacrificial, often reaching out helpfully in the farther areas of the parish. To him, we extend our best wishes for the future.

Dr. and Mrs. Wayne R. Rood, who are leaving at this time for a new position

COMING EVENTS

Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches will be held at Albion, Wis., on July 25, 26, 1952. — May Burdick, Secretary.

Quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, Pawcatuck Church, Westerly, R. I., July 27, 1952, at 2:00 p.m. H. R. C.

South Jersey Camp—Young People's Retreat, August 1-3.

Pre-Conference Retreat, August 14-18, 1952, Red Rocks Camp, Mt. Morrison, Colo. Rev. Ronald I. Hargis and Rev. Wayne R. Rood, co-directors. Registration fee, \$10. — Duane L. Davis, for the Youth Committee, Board of Christian Education.

Obituaries

Robbins. — Alma Lydia Ayers, eldest daughter of Lyman B. and Zeilpah Mulford Ayers, was born November 28, 1881, on Big Foot Prairie, and passed away at her home on the south shore of Delavan Lake, Wis., on July 1, 1952.

On December 22, 1902, she was married to La Monte E. Robbins at Walworth, Wis. To this union were born five children: Doris, Mrs. Lester Plettner, of Green Bay, Wis.; Mildred, Mrs. George Parsons, of Stockbridge, Wis.; Laura, Mrs. Oscar Arntson, of Walworth, Wis.; Ruth, Mrs. Edward Heidin, of Walworth, Wis.; and Lawrence, of Darien, Wis.

For 32 years the Robbins have lived on their farm on Delavan Lake.

Mrs. Robbins was a member of the Walworth Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband and five children, and by twelve grandchildren. A sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at the Walworth Funeral Home on July 3, conducted by President Carroll L. Hill. Burial was in Walworth Cemetery. C. L. H.

PERT DEFINITIONS

Two old definitions of prejudice: "Prejudice is being down on what you are not up on." "Prejudice is a vagrant opinion without visible means of support."

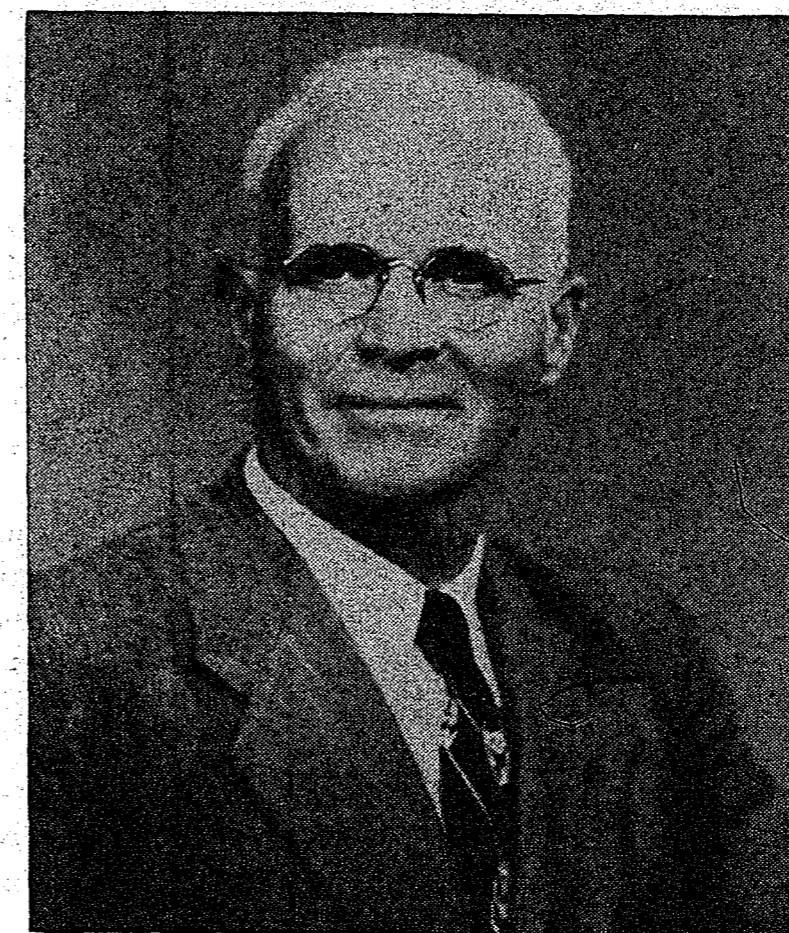
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and home on the West Coast, will be missed in the Church, the school, and the community. They take with them our appreciation and good wishes.

—Mrs. Ben R. Crandall.

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The Sabbath Recorder



O. B. Bond
Conference President

The Denominational Budget

I am sure we have all rejoiced to see the results of our special emphasis each quarter throughout the year in attempting to raise the Denominational Budget.

The month of August is rapidly approaching and the time for our Conference offering to the total work of our boards and agencies for this year is at hand. May those who have given themselves to full-time service not become weary and discouraged because we have been meager in sharing the fruits of our labor.

May every Church throughout the denomination review its budget and be sure that the home Church has met its quota. Send your Conference offering so that it can be reported on the floor of Conference the week of August 23rd.

O. B. Bond, President.