prelude to postlude the service followed the usual order, and the dignity of our service which we all appreciate was not sacrificed in the hands of these young people. Our pastor was an interested listener in the pew with his family.

On Sunday night, February 15, the young people were hosts at our church family get-together. This was a huge birthday party with birthday cake for each table and plenty of ice cream. Dr. David Cohen was guest artist demonstrating the power of memory and mental skills.

Other occurrences of recent weeks have been the usual happy Christmas events connected with the services of the church; the observance of the Week of Prayer in union with other city churches; and a banquet attended by men of the local churches in celebration of Brotherhood Week.

We are looking forward to union Lenten services. On April 1 our choir will render "The Crucifixion" by Stainer. Pastor Bond has announced the following Lenten sermon topics beginning February 21.

February 21—Pilate: "The Coward"
February 28—Unknown Soldier: "The Call
Answered"

March 7—The Crowd: "Meet the Critics"
March 14—Robber: "The Unbelieving
Criminal"

March 21—Robber: "The Believing Criminal"

March 28—Joseph: "The Secret Follower" April 4—(Easter) "Darkness to Dawning"

Among the excellent sermons our pastor has preached recently was one for the New Year, "Have You a Vision?" The text was Acts 2: 17. It was most challenging and if it is taken seriously by each member of the church, we should not only keep our beautiful church in finest condition, but should enlarge the working units to accommodate an evergrowing membership. Dreams can come true. — Mary Alice Loofboro.

ATTENTION

A real opportunity for a doctor is the opening in New Auburn, Wis. Write Rev. David S. Clarke of that address for full particulars.

Orsen E. Davis, Chairman of Vocational Committee. 4384 Strong, Riverside, Calif.

Marriages.

Burdick - Tefft. — Charles Gordon Burdick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Burdick of De-Ruyter, N. Y., and Juanita Mae Tefft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tefft of Pharsalia, N. Y., were united in marriage in the DeRuyter Seventh Day Baptist Church, October 18, 1952, by the brother of the groom, Rev. C. Rex Burdick.

Burdick - Cook. — Willard Dean Burdick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Burdick of DeRuyter, N. Y., and Glenice June Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cook of DeRuyter, N. Y., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on November 16, 1952. Rev. C. Rex Burdick, brother of the groom, read the ceremony.

Obituaries

Mick. — J. Frank, son of John and Ella Foster Mick, was born in Bridgeton, N. J., March 20, 1905, and passed away at Hanneman Hospital in Philadelphia, November 7, 1952.

He was married to Emerald Mae Stillman on December 24, 1946. Survivors include his wife and mother.

Farewell services were conducted from the West Side Funeral Home in Bridgeton, N. J., by the Masons on November 10, and by Rev. C. Rex Burdick on November 11. Burial was in Fernwood Memorial Park. C. R. B.

Bonham. — Eva Schaible, daughter of Louis and Sophronia Davis Schaible, was born in Marlboro, N. J., November 4, 1859, and died at Ivy Hall in Bridgeton, December 1, 1952.

She became a member of the Marlboro Church at an early age, and retained membership there until her death. She lived a life of sacrificial service in the nursing profession until failing health confined her to her home, and finally to her room.

Surviving are her husband, Ward Bonham, four brothers, and several nieces and nephews. One brother and four sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services were conducted from the Robert Garrison Funeral Home in Bridgeton, N. J., by her pastor, Rev. C. Rex Burdick. Interment was in the Marlboro Cemetery.

C. R. B.

Jones. — Edna Randolph, daughter of Asa and Adelaide Elwell Randolph, was born August 27, 1884, and died at the Cumberland County Hospital, Bridgeton, N. J., December 25, 1952.

She has been a member of the Marlboro Church since her youth, and a faithful worker as long as health permitted. She was married to the late Deacon Robert Jones in 1905, and to this union was born one son, Robert. He and a foster son survive.

Funeral services were conducted from the Kenneth Carll Funeral Home in Bridgeton, N. J., by her pastor, Rev. C. Rex Burdick. Burial was in the Marlboro Cemetery. C. R. B.

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"The heavens declare the glory of God."



In crystal beauty arch the twilight skies
Without a trace of cloud that blurs or mars;
Does God still reign? Oh, pilgrim, lift your eyes,
And watch the calm processional of stars.

- George Franklin Merritt.

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FOOD FOR THE SOUL

"Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy. . . . " Luke 2: 10. How desperate man is today for good news, and this announcement spoken by the angel to the shepherds on that famous birthday of the King, brings just the encouragement needed.

As you are reading these very lines you might be in a state of despair, or caught in the spirit of the age, in that monstrous weapon of Satan, fear. Here, in the midst of our present turmoil and on the verge of inevitable doom, we, too, without exception, need these reassuring words brought home to us, "Be not afraid." Have faith in Christ and His sacrificial atonement for your sins and cast your every care upon Him, "for he careth for you."

The reason fear can be eliminated in the life of a person is the fact that he is wholly dependent upon the "good news of great joy" and has received its work in his heart. Far too frequently we assent to the receiving of Jesus without a deep personal experience of salvation and the assurance of a work of grace performed. In such perilous days as these, when life is so uncertain, God beckons you, pleads for your all to be placed on the altar. "Be not afraid." Give your life to Christ, "For by grace are ye saved through faith" Eph. 2: 8. "If ye love me . . ." John 14: 15. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God . . ." John 1: 12. "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8: 36. "Be not afraid." God saves; religion does not. "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14: 6.

In your home give Christ the pre-eminence or else you are sinning against God. "He that is not with me is against me . . ." Luke 11: 23. "Be not afraid." Look. believe, and live. Eternity without Christ is hell. No more reject Him, rather make Him yours. If you are not active for the Lord, you are sinning against God. Repent, confess your sins, and become a new creature in the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 5: 17. Surrender your all to Him and reconsecrate yourself completely for His glory. Remember "good news of a great joy " — Adapted from an article in an old number of the Chicago Call.

MEMORY TEXT

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Isaiah 1: 18.

A Prayer

Great Master, touch us with Thy skillful hands;

Let not the music that is in us die. Great Sculptor, hew and polish us, nor let, Hidden and lost, Thy form within us lie. Spare not the stroke; do with us as Thou

Let there be naught unfinished, broken, marred;

Complete Thy purpose that we may be-

Thy perfect image — Thou, our God and Lord.

—Horatius Bonar.

BIBLE CHARACTERS

XVI

In this series of brief studies of Bible characters we have called attention to some of those people who are mentioned briefly and who are, for the most part, little known. Today we consider a story which is told in the Gospel of Luke only, but one which is probably quite familiar

In New Testament times, the publican, or tax collector, was a common figure. He was abhorrent to the Jews not only because he represented the hated Roman power which held them in subjection, but also because his demands were often extortionate and unjust. The Jew who would accept such a position was doubly despised.

Jesus, as He traveled about the country and its various cities, came to Jericho. As always He was accompanied by crowds of people. Some followed Him because they were attracted by the power of His marvelous personality and the sublime words which He spoke. Some sought to benefit by His healing powers. Some, anxious to throw off the Roman yoke, hoped He was the political messiah for whom they had long been looking. Others watched Him only to find fault and questioned Him to entangle Him in His talk.

He was surrounded by so dense a crowd as He approached the city of Jericho that no newcomer could come close enough to

hear Him or even to see Him unless he was tall enough to look over the heads of the crowd. We do not know what was the motive of Zacchaeus, a small man, that made him anxious to see this new teacher. His desire was so great that he ran before and climbed into a tree under which Jesus was to pass. His surprise must have been very great when Jesus called to him and announced His intention to visit his house. We are told that "he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully."

Some have thought that the words of Zacchaeus in which he speaks of righting the wrongs he had done reveal a future intention brought about by this contact with Jesus. Others believe it to be the statement of a practice which he was already following. In any case Jesus set His approval upon him in these words, "Today has salvation come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham."

THE FOOL HATH SAID

One day, the French infidel Voltaire said to a friend, "It took twelve ignorant fishermen to establish Christianity; I will show the world how one Frenchman can destroy it."

Setting to his task, he openly ridiculed Sir Isaac Newton. One day, Newton made a prophecy based on Daniel 12: 4 and Nahum 2: 4, when he said, "Man will some day be able to travel at the tremendous speed of forty miles an hour."

Voltaire replied with, "See what a fool Christianity makes of an otherwise brilliant man, such as Sir Isaac Newton. Doesn't he know that if man traveled forty miles an hour, he would suffocate and his heart would stop?"

To top the irony of Voltaire's futile efforts, 25 years after he died, his home was purchased by the Geneva Bible Society and became a Bible storage building, while Voltaire's printing press was used to print an entire edition of the Bible. - The Living Word.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 28, 1953 Jesus Is Crucified. Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11, 27

THE CHICAGO, ILL., CHURCH

Sermonet: Christian Optimism.
Acts 2:1-47.

There is always some ray of light in the darkest situation. God broke through the pessimism prevailing before Christ by committing a message of hope to His prophets. In the apostolic church true optimism was present. Indeed, Pentecost was the beginning of genuine Christian optimism. Every person should possess Christian optimism.

There are three essentials necessary to initiate and maintain Christian optimism as revealed in this passage.

I. Stand Forgiven

Genuine, sincere repentance is a must for unbelievers (v. 38). The writer of Luke also emphasized this principle: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13: 3). A reversal, a rightabout-face away from sin, self-seeking, and our Adamic nature, is a prime necessity to spiritual harmony and happiness. Praise God, His Word declares that no one is barred from forgiveness. Instead, the invitation is universal in scope. Paul writes in verse 21: "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The message of forgiveness is marvelous in its simplicity, complete in its satisfaction, and is brought by the quickening, renewing power of the Holy Spirit. As in Peter's day, so in 1953, each individual desirous of life everlasting must recognize his utter need of the cleansing power of the Christ of Calvary. Oh, that you, if you have not accepted Christ as your personal Saviour, might call out to Him, (v. 21) and in submission say, "What shall I do?" (v. 37). His answer is the first essential to Christian optimism, "Repent, . . . for the remission of sins," (v. 38). If by the grace of God you have been born again (John 3: 3), are your present sins forgiven? For you the remedy is the atoning blood of the Saviour — "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1: 7).

II. Stand Empowered

The Holy Spirit is a gift given to those who repent and believe the gospel. The ministry of the Holy Spirit was limited prior to Pentecost, but since that great

day, the day prophesied by Joel centuries previous, all believers have had the indwelling Spirit according to the measure of their faith (John 14: 16). The Third Person of the Trinity enabled the disciples to overcome fear (v. 4) and gave them courage to witness (v. 32).

Peter, once hesitant and cowardly, became a great and fearless preacher of the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus. Paul, who breathed out threatenings and slaughter (Acts 9: 1), after his conversion and empowerment by the Holy Spirit (Acts 9: 17, 20), "Straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God." Later he wrote: "Be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5: 18).

Billy Graham, an outstanding Christian evangelist who has had a remarkable ministry to the salvation of thousands, points to the filling of the Holy Spirit as the reason for any spiritual victories that have been, and may be, forthcoming in his ministry.

How much of the Spirit-filled life is preached from Seventh Day Baptist pulpits today? How many articles in our periodicals have dealt even briefly with this truth?

This second essential is imperative in these days of doubt, error, and apostasy. How may I stand empowered? Power comes from a holy yearning after God, by constant feeding on His Word, and absolute surrender to Him as Lord. No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who seek His face unreservedly.

III. Stand Immovable

The passage at hand proves the truth that conviction for Christ embodies stead-fastness and willingness to defend the revealed truth. Some today, unlike those who gathered and tarried in the upper room and were gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit, without thorough investigation, think of holiness as foolishness (v. 15). On the memorable day of Pentecost many mistakenly attributed the unusual happenings to drunkenness. This misrepresentation did not intimidate the disciples, they remained steadfast in the apostles' doctrine.

Peter preached in the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit, not to please men but God. Results were tangible

(v. 41). More and more were saved and added to the church (v. 47). Would this have happened if the apostles were apologetic, with a humanized Jesus to proclaim? No, Peter knew that Jesus Christ was the chief cornerstone and he steadfastly gave glory to God (v. 33).

Are you experiencing daily joy and happiness? Which essential characterizes your walk? By faith, you may stand forgiven, empowered, and immovable. Thus true happiness and Christian optimism can be had through the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

David J. Williams.

The Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church was organized September 8, 1883, with 12 members, by Rev. O. U. Whitford who had been located in Chicago in October of 1882 by the Missionary Society as General Missionary to the Northwest.

Prior to this, in 1875, Rev. James Bailey came to Chicago in the interest of the Tract Society and organized a Bible Class and a Woman's Auxiliary to the Tract Society.

In March of 1882, a Sabbath Mission School was originated by Nathan O. Moore, Sr., a convert to the Sabbath, who had been connected with a Railroad Chapel Mission in Chicago. Through the generosity of Col. George R. Clark, formerly a Seventh Day Baptist, the mission school was held in his Pacific Garden Mission at the nominal sum of \$50 a year. This amount was contributed by Ira J. Orday, an active and influential member of the Chicago group. This school was maintained for 12 years with Mr. Moore as superintendent, assisted by members of the Chicago Church. The average attendance at the school was between fifty and seventy children who were almost entirely Jewish.

For a number of years the church was pastorless but has been particularly fortunate in recent years to have had as student pastors, Melvin Nida, Leon Lawton, Robert Lippincott, and David Williams, all now ordained ministers. Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, who served as full-time pastor for two years, paved the way in helping to build up the church which has been continued and enlarged under the leader-

ship of these young pastors. A Bible study and prayer group meets weekly in various homes. Evangelistic, Christian education, and missionary committees have been formed to stimulate interest and spiritual growth. Monthly all-day meetings are held the second Sabbath of each month.

An interest has been revived in missionary work. The Women's Society, since its organization in August, 1948, has paid the salary of a native teacher in Nyasaland. For the past year and a half a monthly sum has been sent to Jamaica by the church for a native helper to Rev. Wardner Fitzrandolph. The church and Women's Society have contributed to the work of a member of the church in a home mission project. He is teaching a large group of children on Sunday morning in the housing project area where he lives.

Pastor Williams and other members have taken charge of one service a month at the Missionary Workers' Rescue Mission on North Clark Street during the past year.

Regular church services had been held in rented halls in Chicago's Loop until March 1, 1952, when a move was made to a church at 5213 W. Potomac which we rent for Sabbath services. Another move must again be made in the near future as our present location will not be available much longer.

A concerted effort has recently been made to increase the Building Fund, looking toward a permanent meeting place of our own.

Our publication, The Chicago Call, will gladly be sent to anyone upon request.

Presently we are working toward the goal of having our own Bell and Howell 16mm sound movie projector for the furtherance of the Lord's work in this big city.

Total church membership, 44; resident, 24.

Mrs. A. E. Webster, Clerk.

"You can get along with a wooden leg, but you cannot get along with a wooden head. In order that your brain may be kept clear you must keep your body fit and well. That cannot be done if one drinks liquor." — Dr. Charles Mayo.

THE STORY OF MILTON COLLEGE

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It was a little more than a hundred years ago that the first families arrived at Prairie du Sac. Still fresh in the settlers' minds was the campaign against Blackhawk. Soon a congregation of Seventh Day Baptists was organized with 52 members. In the little settlement at Milton, a fringe of stores and houses was growing up around the public square. The plow had already begun to cut the surrounding prairie, and where yesterday the sweet grass had grown wild and rank, now there were fields of wheat and corn. In such a settlement as this Milton College had its beginnings — in December, 1844, in the select school which the farsighted pioneer and benefactor, Joseph Goodrich, established to furnish instruction to the young people of the vicinity.

For almost ten years the school occupied a one-room building facing the village square, a quaint structure of lime and mortar surmounted by a five-spired belfry. At a time when there were no institutions of college rank, nor even any graded schools, in all Wisconsin Territory, Joseph Goodrich had the vision, the courage, and the public spirit to lay the foundation of the school that was to grow and develop into Milton College.

In 1854, the school was chartered as Milton Academy. The original building was abandoned, and a three-story brick classroom building and a ladies' hall were erected on a bluff on the southwestern side of the village. Within two years the academy's enrollment exceeded 200.

At the first call for volunteers in 1861, Milton students dropped their books to take up arms for the Union. The academy raised, officered, and sent into the country's service two full companies and a part of three others. Of the 325 Milton men thus enrolled, 41 gave their lives.

Within less than two years after the end of the Civil War, the young institution applied for a charter from the state legislature. On March 13, 1867, under its new charter, Milton assumed the name and prerogatives of a college.

In the years that followed, during the administration of Elder William C. Whit-

ford, who had become the principal of Milton Academy in 1858 and served as first president of the college from 1867 until his death in 1902, and during the years of his successors, Milton continued to maintain the best traditions of the liberal arts college with increasing emphasis in the latter years on pre-professional training.

When President Whitford died in 1902, the prestige of the college had been well established. His successor, Dr. William C. Daland, a brilliant teacher, an accomplished musician and linguist, and a minister of the gospel, known in Europe and America, added much to Milton's reputation.

During his administration, Whitford Hall was built as a memorial to his predecessor to house the library, science departments, and the college lyceums; funds were raised among the alumni and others to build the gymnasium-auditorium, and the campus was doubled in size by the acquisition of the hilltop property. Just as he beautified the campus by the orderly planting of trees and shrubs and the laying out of the lawns, so, too, did President Daland enlarge, enrich, and diversify the college's intellectual life by reorganizing its curriculum and strengthening its departments, particularly in his own field of linguistics, by uniting its scattered book collections into one central, well cataloged library, by organizing the college's symphonic orchestra and otherwise developing its musical activities, by inaugurating the annual Shakespearean play which has come to be one of Milton's greatest cultural traditions.

Milton College's growth continued under the leadership of Dr. A. E. Whitford who had been for years the college registrar and its professor of mathematics and physics. He inaugurated the "Milton College Development" program, increased the enrollment of the college, and extended its sphere of influence. Only the depression years checked the upswing of the college.

Under Milton's fourth president, Rev. Jay W. Crofoot, the college saw a number of advances — notably the extensive remodeling of the gymnasium-auditorium, the introduction of radio broadcasting, and

the development of its department of Business Administration.

When Dr. J. G. Meyer took office in 1940 as the fifth president of Milton, the college enrollment was high, its curriculum was more extensive in scope than at any other time, and the range of opportunity offered its students in their extracurricular fields of activity was wider and more diverse than ever before. During Dr. Meyer's presidency a campaign was launched to increase the endowment, the basement of Main Hall was remodeled to provide the Century Room and a cafeteria, a president's home was bought and remodeled, a men's dormitory was acquired, and a movement was made to establish a Milton College Foundation.

Rev. Carroll L. Hill resigned as pastor of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church to become Milton's sixth president in April, 1944. During his term in office, Milton College had one of the largest enrollments in recent years when 385 students registered shortly after World War II. The student health program was introduced as was the retirement annuity plan for faculty members. The Sustaining Friends project was begun and the Freedom Councils were started during Dr. Hill's time in office. He resigned January 1, 1953.

Professor Leland Skaggs is serving as acting president of the college at the present time.

Preaching to Thousands!

What is your estimate of the value of radio broadcasting by Seventh Day Baptists? I have been asked to discuss this subject at the Ministers' Conference, and want up-to-date information. If you, minister or layman, are on the air, please write me about it. Is it a Ministers' Association program or individual? Are you permitted to announce your services, or discuss denominational matters? Free time, regular rates, or reduced rates? What response have you had? Any inquiries? Has anyone been attracted to your church by it? Etc. Thanks!

Lester G. Osborn.

Ashaway, R. I.

TESTIMONY OF GREAT MEN

John Quincy Adams:

"So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hopes that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society."

William Ewart Gladstone:

"I have known ninety-five great men of the world in my time, and of these eighty-seven were all followers of the Bible."

Patrick Henry:

"There is a Book worth all other books which were ever printed."

Thomas Jefferson:

"The studious perusal of the sacred volume will make better citizens."

Abraham Lincoln:

"In regard to this great Book, I have only to say that it is the best Book that God has given to men."

William McKinley:

"The more profoundly we study this Book, and the more closely we observe its divine precepts, the better citizens we will become and the higher will be our destiny as a nation."

Theodore Roosevelt:

"No other book of any kind ever written in English — perhaps no other book ever written in any other tongue — has ever so affected the whole life of a people as this Authorized Version of the Scriptures has affected the life of the English-speaking peoples."

Lord Tennyson:

"The Bible ought to be read were it only for the sake of the grand English in which it is written, an education in itself."

Daniel Webster:

"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

— Selected.

"If we have the Christian life, we live it, if we live it, we share it. If we share it, we are missionaries of it." — Lilburn B. Moseley, From "Missions." H. R. C.

THE SECRETARY AT FOUKE

According to a report, it is evident that the people of the Fouke Church and community appreciate the visit and labors of Rev. Everett T. Harris, corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society. Meetings the first weekend were well attended with increasing interest. With visitation as the program between weekends and the ten or twelve services, it could well be considered a strenuous program. Pray for the secretary, especially during these weeks, that he may have grace, the power of the Holy Spirit, and physical endurance. H.R. C.

AUSTRALIA

Rev. and Mrs. Emmett H. Bottoms
Warrimoo

We left Auckland, New Zealand, April 4, 1952, and after a four-day voyage across the Tasman Sea, we arrived in Sidney, Australia, and were met by Dr. Alfred Kube, a Polish doctor who had migrated to Australia. His twenty-eight-year-old son, Stephen, accompanied him. Just a few moments with this father and son gave us a very favorable impression of them.

Miss Rosemary Hare had planned to go with us to Australia, but her failure to get a reservation on the boat forced her to travel by air. Her plane arrived at the Sidney Air Base soon after our boat landed. We, with Dr. Kube and Stephen, met Miss Hare and then all went by train to the Blue Mountain home of the Kube family.

Dr. Kube and family were unable to entertain us in their home because their house and furnishings had been destroyed by the great brush fire in December, 1951, and they had been able to rebuild only two rooms, in which they are "camping" until they find it possible to complete the building.

When we arrived at Warrimoo, we could see the devastation caused by the fires. It was appalling; in every direction we saw chimneys left standing where the

homes had gone up in flames. Many had been left homeless.

Dr. Kube had rented a small cottage, equipped with all conveniences, for our use. He had also arranged for the Gospel Hall in which we were to hold services on Sabbath day. A sunset service, on Sabbath evening, was held in our cottage and also the Sabbath morning worship. For the afternoon service we went to the hall. People from three different families attended the meetings at the cottage. Approximately thirty were present at the Sabbath afternoon service, only about half of the group being Sabbath observers. All seemed happy to have representatives of Seventh Day Baptists visit there. Several of the people expressed a desire for the organization of a Seventh Day Baptist Church. As we discussed theology we could find no reason why these fine Christian, Sabbath-observing people are not our brothers and sisters. They provide a fine tie of brotherhood and fellowship for us in that part of the world.

We sincerely hope that Dr. Kube will soon be permitted to begin his medical practice in Australia. He is a skilled physician and will be able to help humanity both physically and spiritually and at the same time re-establish his financial security.

The Kube family have had three devastating experiences which have contributed to their present economic status. They were twice placed in prison camps in iron curtain countries by the Communists and stripped of all their possessions. Third, the forest fire took their home and its contents. It would be well for any of us who are inclined to complain because of little losses and disappointments to see the sweet, uncomplaining spirit of these dear people.

Upon the advice of Dr. Kube we wrote to Pastor Gordon Gibbs of Perth, West Australia. More time and energy is required for traveling by train in Australia than in the United States. The connections are poor and trains are changed at every state line due to the difference in width of the track. The trip from Melbourne to Perth required six days.

Perth

We arrived in Perth early Sabbath morning and were met by Pastor Gibbs who took us to his home. We soon hurried away to a service which was held in a home many miles out in the country. Here was a small group of Sabbath observers who live too far out to meet with the church group in the city. After the service we returned to the Gibbs home for dinner and then we, with the entire family, were off to the downtown service in a rented hall where we met a good congregation. Many of these were new converts to the Sabbath and are deeply interested in the cause.

Very early we learned, when Mr. Gibbs began to reveal his plans for our visit, that we had a full schedule for the time we were to spend in West Australia. During the following days we had many informal meetings, calls in homes, and public meetings.

This Sabbath-observing group had its origin approximately twenty-two years ago when Pastor Britton with a dozen or more people severed connection with another Sabbath-keeping group because of erroneous teachings which they could not accept. They organized a church and gave it the name, "The Remnant Church," with Pastor Britton as leader. Throughout all the years they had not known that there was an organized Sabbath-keeping denomination as old as Seventh Day Baptists. The church has grown to a membership of more than a hundred.

A few years ago Pastor Britton decided, because of his age, that he should retire from the full-time pastorate and a younger man was called as pastor. Mr. Gordon B. Gibbs, who went to them from the Methodist Church, was chosen to be their shepherd. He accepted the call, was ordained, and is giving excellent service. He is a young man in his early thirties, well qualified and enthusiastic. In the field of business he was good, now he is a good businessman in the field of gospel work.

When exchanging theological views we could not see wherein we should remain separated denominationally. The Remnant Church is very sincere, founding their faith and conduct upon the teachings found in God's Word. We gave Pastor Gibbs and other members of the church an invitation to become a member church of the Seventh

Day Baptist denomination and they received it with gratitude. We sincerely hope that when General Conference meets in Battle Creek in August all the details may have been worked out so that we may receive the church into full fellowship with us.

Our churches in this country would do well to follow a method used by the Remnant Church. They have special classes for Bible study and many lay members are well trained as teachers. Volunteers from this group go into homes for study with individuals and families. Through this method they have won many converts to the Sabbath who have become members of the church.

They have plans well under way to build a house of worship. Their building fund is handled in a unique method, too. Mr. Gibbs and his brother-in-law, Mr. Poptie, have had experience in real estate business and are excellent counselors and workers in the financial side of the church work. They invest the money on hand in real estate which is increasing in value and bringing in rental. When a sufficient amount of money has been raised for the project, they plan to sell all the real estate and erect the building.

When leaving Perth we were happily surprised to find that several members of the church had gathered at the depot to bid us Godspeed and tell us good-bye. Many told us we had not spent half enough time with them.

Letters from Pastor Gibbs since we returned to the United States last summer state that he has baptized ten new members since we were there and he assures us that any time any of our people are passing that way they will receive a warm welcome; that he and his people will be grateful for visits from any who find it possible to go.

My Creed

I have to live with myself and so,
I want to be fit for myself to know.
I want to be able as the days go by,
Always to look myself straight in the eye;
I don't want to stand with the setting sun
And hate myself for the things I've done.

— National Voice.

DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.)

Slogan: "One Need, One Lord,
One Teaching Task"

What can be more inspiring and encouraging than the privilege of being a part of a great body of devoted Christian workers of broad vision, faith, and courage? The conference of the above named body held in Cincinnati, February 9-14, provided such an opportunity with some 1,300 delegates from 38 denominations in the United States and Canada.

Probably the most outstanding event was the annual luncheon held in the roof garden of the Hotel Sheraton-Gibson. Eight hundred fifty attended. Harold E. Stassen, president, was not present and Dr. A. A. Brown presided. As number 2, table 30, I found myself quite at home. At my right was Paul Veith who spoke in high terms of our Seventh Day Baptist pastor, Rev. E. Wendell Stephan, whom he had visited recently in Plainfield; at my left was Dr. Walker who knew us through Rev. Harley Sutton in the National Council. The second on my left had met our people in Florida.

For the first time in the history of the organization, the principal speaker at the luncheon was a woman, Mrs. James D. Wyker, president of the United Church Women. Among other things she said, "We cannot build a strong nation on top of broken homes." "It is necessary for families to learn to discuss religious beliefs at the dinner table as freely as they would refer to the coming of the plumber, because religion is caught as well as taught."

This address was followed by the award of the Russell Colgate Distinguished Service Citation to Fred William Ramsey, a retired businessman who has rendered signal service in both national and international fields in Christian education.

An interesting part of the decorations of the banquet room was the display of banners representing each of the member communions or denominations. Although one of the smallest denominations and with only one delegate, our Seventh Day

Baptist banner was as large and conspicuous as any.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. is organized into four divisions: Home Missions, Christian Life and Work, Christian Education, and Foreign Missions. Of these, Christian Education is by far the largest and most comprehensive in its services. It is divided into two commissions: General Christian Education and Christian Higher Education.

A list of the sections held at the Cincinnati meeting gives an idea of the fields covered: adult work, children's work, city executives, directors' section, editors' section, lay section, leadership education, missionary education, pastors' section, professors and research, publishers' section, state council executives, weekday religious education, youth work, and audio-visual and television demonstrations. The sessions of the Commission on General Christian Education composed of the registered delegates from the denominations was the official body.

The first session attended upon arrival was the publishers' section. L. Harrison North is our official representative. Naturally his substitute sustained a dignified silence to cover his ignorance. However, the proceedings proved both interesting and instructive and covered subjects from postal matters to audio-visual education. If we had the means, what a library we could select for our own Board of Christian Education from the publishers' exhibit.

The audio-visual section attracted our attention. The progress being made in a thorough study by the churches of New Haven, Conn., to determine the value and effectiveness of this type of accessory help compared to the full use of printed helps and materials, produced many stimulating suggestions.

A part of the program of the leadership education section was attended. This was a "Church School Teachers' Meeting." One idea strongly urged especially appealed to me, i.e., occasional retreats for meditation, study, and planning. Camp Harley, when completed will provide an ideal place near Alfred.

The day closed with the only combined session of the conference in the large

Emery Auditorium. The pastors of the Council of the Churches of Greater Cincinnati were in charge of the elaborate worship service. Dr. Liston Pope, dean of the Divinity School of Yale University, gave the address on the conference slogan, "One Need, One Lord, One Teaching Task." The great audience left the auditorium with a fuller realization of the task ahead and a deepened conviction of personal responsibility.

Wednesday morning as proxy for Rev. Melvin Nida, we attended the editors' section. President Ben R. Browne, director of the Division of Christian Publications of the American Baptist Convention, gave me a very gracious introduction as representing Seventh Day Baptists. Three papers were presented under the heading, "This World We Live In." Mrs. Alice Goddard, director of the Department of Children's Work, aroused our interest by stating that "more than 4 million children in the United States come from broken homes." She urged more of fathers' interest in the home and more men as church school teachers. She maintained that too often the neighborhood sets the standard for the children. Christian education has an ever-growing responsibility to fill the place of indifference in home and community.

Dr. Isaac Beckes, president of Vincennes University, discussed the "Adolescent." He gave the results of several surveys endeavoring to learn what the boys of this mechanical and scientific age most desire: school relationships, dating, security, vocational guidance, a job, and money. They seem to forget religion and the church. Dr. Beckes believes that camps and conferences are a real help. He feels that the right kind of leadership is the great need.

Miss Doris Dennison, head of adult work in Christian education for the Methodist Episcopal Church, said, "The great need is a concept of a dynamic God of love to be demonstrated by the adult in the home and community in warm and inspiring relationships."

The annual meeting and luncheon of the Association of Daily Bible Schools at the Masonic Temple was stimulating. Congressman Ralph W. Gwinn of New York,

president, presided. Frank T. Rhoda of the Cincinnati Council of Churches voiced the strong sentiment of the meeting that vacation time planning is the co-operative task of the church and the total community. Every child should enjoy the benefits.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in the directors' section on "Training for Our Teaching Task." Dr. Lee Gable in the main address stressed that all church teachers and leaders should work and plan together for co-ordination and then take time for evaluation of results and plan for future operation. He also urged that new techniques and methods of approach should be developed to keep church leadership abreast with the progress of other professions.

Thursday was a busy day with the national denominational executives' section. Dr. Gerald Knoff, the new executive secretary of the Division of Christian Education, introduced your delegate as the new executive of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. As a result of that introduction, several of Rev. Harley Sutton's former associates came to me to inquire about him and send their sympathy and kindest regards.

The following subjects were given consideration: (1) Plans for Christian Education Week for '53 — "For All Children, Faith in God," with a preview of the specially produced film, "For Every Child." The National Council is endeavoring to get broadcast privileges in order to bring the value of Christian education into more homes, churches, and communities. They already have 256 stations; (2) Proposed conference on "United Fellowship of Protestants"; (3) Plans in preparation for co-operative curriculum in Christian education for emergency areas such as migrant camps and for use through chaplains in the Armed Forces, and government projects; (4) Plans for expansion of work in weekday religious education. Funds are desperately needed to extend this work from kindergarten to college instead of only in the elementary grades as at present. The recent Supreme Court decision has added new impetus to this branch of Christian education. Several films, especially prepared for children and youth,

were previewed and discussed. A most interesting report on the World Christian Youth Conference at Travancore, India, was given by three youth leaders who attended. Thirty young people from the United States were at the India Conference.

The early evening section had the general topic, "Producing Results with the Family-Centered Church." Judge Bridgman, a specialist in juvenile delinquency complaints and divorce troubles, spoke on the subject, "Planning and Conducting Church Services on Marriage and Family Troubles." He presented some startling situations among both adults and juveniles. He placed the responsibility squarely on the home and on the Church where indifference, ignorance, and a lack of Christian interest and co-operation had allowed the rising generation to acquire their ideals and develop their way of life under the influence of other and undesirable sources.

At 9 p.m. all sessions adjourned and joined in a closing service of worship in the roof garden of the Gibson Hotel.

As in organizations of this magnitude, much remained to be done by the "Commission on General Christian Education," the executive element of the division. Friday morning, reports, recommendations, resolutions, and nominations for offices and committees were assembled for final action in the afternoon executive meeting. Time and space prohibit even an outline of the matters presented and discussed. There were three projects of special interest: (1) Whether to move the Division of Christian Education from Chicago to New York City where the other divisions are located with the National Council, or to establish a new centralized headquarters in some midwestern city. It was decided to continue the present location for a term of ten years and make a study of the matter during that time; (2) A recommendation for closer co-operation and combination of efforts between the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the United Christian Youth Movement: (3) The decision for a merger of the Committee on Church School Administration and the Committee on Leadership Education, the name to be "Committee on Administration and Leadership."

After a fellowship dinner and a program (both clever and entertaining), the final event was in a very serious vein. Dr. Gerald P. Knoff, well known for his ability and qualifications, was installed as executive secretary of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary, was in charge of the service and Dr. W. C. Martin, National Council president and bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, delivered the sermon.

To be a part of such a gathering is a privilege that cannot be overestimated. When outstanding clergy and laymen of 38 denominations unite in the name of our common Saviour to meet the terrific challenge of human society on the basic Christian principles on which all can agree, it brings hope and faith and courage.

B. R. C.

ON HANDSHAKING

One time I heard a minister give an excellent sermon. While speaking, he was poised, confident, dynamic, and his remarks sparkled and crackled with wit, interest, and clarity. After the sermon, I passed by him to express appreciation for his excellent ministry. As I extended my hand, his smile was bright enough, but his handshake — ugh! It felt as if, rather than his hand, he had slipped a dead mackerel or a wet dishrag into my palm. As I squeezed his unresisting appendage, I half expected to wring water out of it.

For some reason my admiration of the man decreased because of his weak handshake. And since then I have always appreciated a good, firm, substantial grip.

A good practice in winning friends and influencing people is to really bear down when shaking hands. Of course, when you feel bones crushing under your grasp, ease up; you are overdoing it. But in the long run you will lose more friends and make more bad impressions by letting people squeeze some limp fingers than by squeezing back, even a little too hard sometimes. —By Ladd Duryea in The Saints' Herald.

VICTORY

Easter brings the thought of victory—first, in Gethsemane. Read Luke 22: 40-43. Through prayer Jesus achieved victory over His own will—"Not my will but thine be done."

Before going into the Garden to pray, Jesus had urged His disciples to pray that they might not enter into temptation. Instead of praying, they went to sleep. Later, they deserted or denied Him. Would they have been stronger, had they prayed? Do we ever sleep when we should pray?

Jesus received strength to go through His ordeal. Then came victory over death, giving to all the hope of eternal life.

In preparing the disciples for His leaving them, Jesus had promised them another Counselor or Comforter to be with them forever. Read John 14: 15-17, 25-27. Under the influence of this Spirit, the disciples who had been weak became strong—so strong and fearless as to cause people to wonder (Acts 4: 13), and to recognize "that they had been with Jesus,"—a victory for Jesus in the lives of His followers.

We, too, may claim the promise of this victory. Jesus said, "My peace I give to you... Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

But we must not forget that we have also received a commission, and if we wish to claim the promise, we must assume the responsibility. Read Matt. 28: 19, 20.

Let us pray this Easter prayer with Frances Ridley Havergal:

"Oh, let me know the power of Thy resurrection:

Oh, let me show Thy risen life in calm and clear reflection;

Oh, let me soar where Thou, my Saviour Christ, art gone before;

In mind and heart let me dwell always, only, where Thou art.

"Oh, let me give out of the gifts Thou freely givest;

Oh, let me live with life abundantly because Thou livest;

Oh, make me shine in darkest places, for Thy light is mine;

Oh, let me be a faithful witness for Thy truth and Thee.

"Oh, let me show the strong reality of gospel story;

Oh, let me go from strength to strength, from glory unto glory;

Oh, let me sing for very joy, because Thou art my King;

Oh, let me praise Thy love and faithfulness through all my days."

Suggested songs:

For opening service — "He Lives" or some other Easter song.

For closing — "In the Garden," or "It Is Well with My Soul."

Ruby C. Babcock.

Children's Page

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am visiting my Grandma North in town. She made me hamburgers and apple pie. I bought candy bars and bubble gum at the store.

I have eleven North cousins here and a brother Bobby, and a sister Bonnie Lee. Rev. David Clarke is our pastor and I

like to go to church and Sabbath school.
Grandma reads me "Twenty Little
Stories" by Kenneth Smith and we play

We have lots of snow.

Good-bye,
Jimmy North.

R. D. 1, New Auburn, Wis.

Dear Jimmy:

I was pleased to receive your good letter, the only one I have this week. Please thank your dear grandma for writing the letter as you told her what to write.

It is nice to have so many cousins. I had a good many, too, and like you, a brother and sister.

Until the last three or four days I could have said that we haven't had much snow this winter, but we are certainly having plenty of it now. It is beautiful to look at, but it keeps one busy shoveling it off the walk. A ten-year-old neighbor

boy helps me shovel, but this morning a neighbor man had to shovel it, it was so very deep and on March 1st!

I hope you'll write often now you have become one of my Recorder children.

Your true friend, Mizpah S. Greene.

Betty Jean's Happy Surprise

Betty Jean Clarke was a little girl just eight years old the very day our story begins. All her life she had lived in the same small town and was very happy and contented. She loved her schoolmates and especially liked attending church, Sabbath school, and Junior Christian Endeavor. So when she found her father had decided to move to a much larger town where he had been offered a much better position, she was very unhappy about it.

"I'll have to leave all the good things I love to go to and all my playmates and go to this strange place where all the boys and girls are strangers. How lone-some Ill be." She shed many tears as she thought about it.

"Oh, Mother," she cried, "I hate to leave all my good friends here. I just will not know a single boy or girl in this big town to which we are going."

"Oh, you'll soon make new friends, dear," said her mother, "and enjoy attending school and church activities in this new town. Just wait and see." But she could not be happy as she thought of moving away from the town she loved.

So she was a very sober little girl the day they moved into their new home on a pleasant, shady street in a large, well-cared-for town.

Just across the street a little girl and boy stood at the front window watching as the Clarkes moved into their new home. They clapped their hands and smiled when they saw Betty Jean. They were Polly and Peter Brown, eight-year-old twins.

"O Mother dear, they cried, "may we go over and make friends with this nice little girl?"

"She looks lonesome," said Polly, "and I just know she will want us for friends. I know we should want to make friends if we moved to a new town."

"You would only be in the way now. Then at supper time you can take the little girl some of those apple dumplings you like so well. Don't you think she will like them, too?"

"I'm sure she will," cried the twins, "but supper time seems a long way off."

At exactly five-thirty, each with a big dish of apple dumplings, Polly and Peter hurried across the street and rang the Clarke doorbell. When Mrs. Clarke opened the door Peter cried, "We are Polly and Peter Brown."

"We live across the street," said Polly. "We want your little girl for our friend."

"We have brought you all some apple dumplings," said Peter. "We love them and I think you will."

"Why thank you," said Mrs. Clarke. "Come right in. Come, Betty Jean, and meet some new friends."

Soon the three children were really like old friends, and Betty Jean said, "I just love apple dumplings, and I feel as if we had always been friends."

The next day she was happy to find that Polly and Peter were in the same grade at school as she, and at school she soon had many other good friends. To add to her joy she was able to attend a church, Sabbath school, and Junior Christian Endeavor just as she had at her first home. "Why, I'm not lonesome now for now I have many more friends."

Mizpah S. Greene.

A Tribute

A brief obituary notice of Deacon Robert L. Coon appears in this Recorder. The late Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn was pastor of the First Hopkinton Church when Mr. Coon was ordained a deacon. Mr. Van Horn and all the pastors since that time found him faithful to the duties of his office and always deeply interested in the work of the church and in matters of spiritual import. He was for many years a member of the Missionary Board and gave to it a faithful devoted service. In this brief way, one who has known Robert Coon for many years would pay tribute to a life devoted to faithful service A. B. V. H. and Christian duty.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Rev. Claude L. Hill was taken to the Greer Hospital in Vandalia, Ill., recently by ambulance. Mrs. Hill is staying in Vandalia to be near her husband. — Farina News.

A contract for the purchase of eight additional bells for the Alfred University Davis Memorial Carillon at a cost of \$16,000 has been awarded to Petit and Fritsen of Arle-Rixtel, Holland.

The additional eight bells, made possible by a gift from John P. Herrick of Olean and Los Angeles, will increase the playing power and tone quality of the carillon, according to Dr. Ray W. Wingate, university carillonneur. The new carillon will have a range of from three to three and one-half octaves. — Alfred Sun.

Relief for Korea

ARK has set a nationwide 1953 spring campaign clothing goal of 6,000,000 lbs. and will conduct the campaign during the next four months. — Release.

The Protestant Christians of the Belgian Congo celebrated, on Sunday, February 8, the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the first Protestant missionaries in their country. Over 25,000 people participated in the ceremony led by the Protestant Council of the Congo, which is the oldest Christian Council in Africa. — EPS.

Unlike its neighbor nations, where the Christian minority ranges from one to fifteen per cent of the population, the Republic of Lebanon is fifty per cent Christian. Not the least of the factors contributing to the strength of the nation's Christian interest has been the faithful services of Colporteur Moussa Majadi, now 90 years old, who has been distributing Scriptures in Lebanon since he was a boy of twelve. — Bible Society Record.

ATTENTION

The date set for Sabbath Rally Day is Sabbath day, May 16, 1953.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES in Salem Church and College

On Sabbath eve, February 13, the young people of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church sponsored the motion picture film, "As We Forgive," to which members of the church and community were invited. The service of worship on Sabbath morning, February 14, was arranged and presented by the young people as a contribution to the church's observance of Youth Week, February 13-21.

Talks on the following subjects were presented: "Youth Wants to Grow," "Youth Wants to Work," "Youth Wants to Play," and "Youth Wants to Worship." College and high school young people conducted other parts of the service. Special music was furnished by the church choir and the junior choir which is directed by Marion Maxson.

"Mr. Texas," a nationally acclaimed motion picture film, was shown in the college auditorium on Tuesday night, February 17. The film was presented by Leland Cole, who also introduced the film, giving some information about the film and about its producer, Billy Graham. This film was contributed to the Religious Emphasis Week program at Salem College by the Christian Endeavor of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The speaker for Christian Emphasis Week at Salem College, Monday through Friday, February 16-20, was Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Battle Creek, Mich. Rev. Mr. Wheeler was not only speaking in daily chapel services, but also was available for private counseling and group discussions.

Arrangements for the week were made by the Religious Life Committee of the college, of which Professor Ralph Coon is chairman, with Professors P. E. King and Orla A. Davis as the other two members. President K. Duane Hurley serves as an ex officio member. Special music was arranged through the music department, with Mrs. Mynor Soper acting as accompanist. Several special vocal numbers were given by the students.

Rev. Mr. Wheeler suggested in his first message of the week that we "Stand

The Saldbath

"The heavens declare the glory of God.



If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.

- Henry D. Thoreau.

lyn Slagg), Mrs. Claire Reierson (Rose Hayes) Charge to the candidates—Edward J.

Rood of the Milton Church Charge to the church — Leland C. Shaw of the Milton Junction Church

Prayer of consecration — Pastor Kenneth E. Smith

Solo — "The Lord's Prayer," Mrs. Claire Slagg

Welcome to the diaconate — Charles H. Williams of the Albion Church Hymn

Benediction

- Pearl C. Sheldon, Correspondent.

is one in two billions — but he is one. In this age people are looking for something different, but something true. There is power in a positive faith — faith in God and faith in one's fellow man. A Christian exemplifies the power of positive living, positive thinking, positive judgment, and positive deeds.

Still Awhile." This was followed by the

philosophy of Paul, "In whatsoever state

I am, therewith to be content." Be calm,

composed, and get a vision of God. Mr.

Wheeler suggests that man must never

lose his identity — the purpose for which

he was created, and never forget that he

On Sabbath eve, Mr. Wheeler discussed very informally with the Seventh Day Baptist Christian Endeavorers what should be considered in the choice of a Christian vocation or profession.

The sermon Sabbath morning was "Those Who Have No Names." Mr. Wheeler told of the many important Bible characters whose names are not known but whose deeds have come down to us, because each used his knowledge and his talents to the best of his ability. One never becomes great until he forgets himself, puts on the cloak of humility. "The Father and Christ increase and I decrease all for the glory of God."

Following this service a covered dish fellowship luncheon was served in the church basement after which fifty-three enjoyed the Bible study. Rev. Clifford Hansen directed the study on the first chapter of the Revelation to John.

Committee on Public Relations.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALBION, WIS. — A union meeting of the Blouvet - Greene. — Harold Blouvet and Edith Milton Junction and Albion Churches was held at Albion, February 21, 1953. The combined choirs furnished music at the morning and afternoon services. Pastor Kenneth E. Smith gave the junior message and the sermon at the morning service. Dinner was served by the Albion Church.

In the afternoon the following program was presented:

Hymn Scripture reading Sermon — Rev. Elmo F. Randolph of Milton Anthem

Presentation of candidates as deaconesses: Mrs. Lawrence Marsden (Eve-

In Heaven We'll Know Our Own

Thank God for the faith that teaches, When the struggles of life are o'er, We shall meet our own, our loved ones, And shall know them all once more.

What matter though life be dreary, And we tread its path alone; If, when the journey be ended, In Heaven we'll know our own.

And life and its cares grow brighter, In the light of the precious thought, When the conflict at last is over, And the battle of life is fought.

If we work in faith and submission, The victory shall be won; And in Heaven, where rest awaits us, We shall meet and know our own. — Selected.

Marriages.

Greene were united in marriage on October 11, 1952, by Pastor Paul B. Osborn.

Obituaries.

Coon. — Robert Lee, was born in Little Genesee, N. Y., June 26, 1874, and died on February 26, 1953, at Westerly, R. I., after several years of poor health.

Mr. Coon was a deacon in the First Hopkinton Church, of which he was a faithful member, and a regular attendant until his health kept him away. He is survived by his wife, Mabel Ellis Coon; a daughter, Mrs. Edna Piccolo; and two grandchildren, Constance Coon and Adrian Piccolo. Farewell services were conducted on March 2 by his pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, and interment was in the First Hopkinton Ceme-