

The Sabbath Recorder

WORSHIPING OUR GOD

We worship God when we become aware of His presence in such a way that it awakens a response within us. A passive awareness of God is not worship. He must activate our lives, stimulate our thinking, motivate our action. The truth of His Word must strike a response in our lives if we are truly Christian.

As we sing the great hymns of the faith, do their thoughts inspire us? As we meditate on His Word and as we join in prayer, does God seem closer to us? As we listen to the sermon, is there a response within us which enables us to live a more Christlike life?

Isaiah went into the Temple. There he saw the Lord, he heard the Lord, and the Lord sent him forth. Isaiah worshiped God. May our worship be in the same spirit as was his. — Adams Center Church bulletin.

Heavenly Father with a deep gratitude that a beautiful Christian character remains our inspiration.

A farewell service was conducted on Sunday, December 20, by her pastor, Rev. C. W. P. Hansen. Included in this service was the following poem which Pastor Hansen found thumb-tacked to the wall of her home beside her calendar:

"Three Needs"

Clarence Edwin Flynn

I know three things must always be
To keep a nation strong and free:
One is hearthstone, bright and dear,
With busy, happy loved ones near;
One is ready heart and hand
To love, and serve, and keep the land;
One is a worn and beaten way
To where the people go to pray.
So long as these are kept alive
Nation and people will survive.
God keep them always, everywhere —
The home, the heart, the place of prayer.

Salem Women's Society.

Mrs. Ottis Swiger,
Mrs. Ray Randolph,
Mrs. J. L. Skaggs.

Obituaries

Noyes. — Angie Saunders, 87, wife of the late Asa Noyes, died on Jan. 27, 1954, at a convalescent home in Mystic, Conn.

She was born in Rockville, R. I., Aug. 9, 1866, the daughter of Nathan and Prudence Burdick Saunders. Surviving are a niece, Mrs. William Metz, and a nephew, Harvey C. Saunders, both of Westerly.

Mrs. Noyes was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and Rebekah Lodge, 19, IOOF.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 29, at the Schilke Funeral Home with Rev. Charles H. Bond and Rev. Harold R. Crandall officiating. Interment was in the First Hopkinton Cemetery.
C. H. B.

Crosley. — Fern Amelia, daughter of Nathan Wardner and Jennie Burdick Crosley, was born Dec. 19, 1884, in Farina, Ill. She passed away from this life on Sept. 30, 1953, following a brief illness.

Moving to Milton, Wis., with her parents in 1898, Miss Crosley spent the greater part of her life in that community. She was graduated from Milton College in 1906, after which time she took advanced training in home economics preparatory to high school teaching in Wisconsin, Iowa, and the Dakotas.

After giving up teaching to care for her invalid mother, Miss Crosley took training fitting her to become a medical, X-ray, and physical therapy technician. The remaining years of her active life she served as a practical nurse.

Miss Crosley was a valued, and until her health failed, active member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Of her immediate family, one brother, Raymond of Chicago, survives her. Farewell services were conducted for her from her church on Oct. 3, 1953, with her pastor, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, in charge. Interment was in Farina, Ill., where a service was also conducted by Pastor Addison Appel.
E. F. R.

Burdick. — Bertha Lawton, daughter of Mary Ann Wood and Charles Dennison Lawton, was born at Albion, Wis., July 22, 1877, and died in a Texarkana, Ark., hospital Jan. 11, 1954.

Bertha Lawton was married to Dr. G. Merton Burdick in 1900 and to this union two children were born: Harold, now of Kansas City, Mo., and Mary (Mrs. Trevah R. Sutton), now of Fouke, Ark. Dr. Burdick preceded her in death in 1938.

The life of Mrs. Burdick was actively Christian throughout her seventy-six years. She was baptized by Rev. George W. Hills in 1893, and affiliated with the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church. When she moved with her husband to North Loup, Neb., they were both active in the life of that church. Returning to Milton they joined the Milton Church where she kept her membership until her death. In her church experience she served in such capacities as church clerk, superintendent of the primary department of the Sabbath school, president and treasurer of the Ladies' Aid, and as a Sabbath school teacher.

After failing health forced her to give up her work as a seamstress at the Rock County Farm, Janesville, Wis., she lived with her daughter and son-in-law, first at Jackson Center, Ohio, and then at Fouke, Ark.

Surviving her, in addition to her son and daughter, are two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Freeborn and Mrs. George Palmer, both of Milton Junction; two granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted, first at Texarkana, Ark., and then in the Milton Church on Jan. 14, 1954, Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph officiating. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery.
E. F. R.

Randolph. — Alois Preston Fitz, was born Sept. 7, 1872, at Berea, W. Va., and died Nov. 10, 1953, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Avis Swiger of Cleveland, Tenn., with whom he and Mrs. Randolph had been making their home for several years.

He was a teacher in the public schools of West Virginia for 51 years. He was a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, and was known throughout his lifetime for his broad knowledge of, and deep interest in the denomination.

He was married in 1895 to Miss Jennie Sutton. Besides his wife and daughter he is survived by three sons: Brady of Sutton, W. Va.; Ashby of Bristol, W. Va.; and Rev. Elmo F. Randolph of Milton, Wis.

Services in his honor were conducted in the Berea Church by Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen, assisted by Rev. Reese Burns and Rev. Rex Zwiebel. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery at Berea.
C. W. P. H.

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Prayer Thought

People are not putty in the hands of God. Prayer is not predestination. By prayer God's choice for us becomes our choice. The agony of prayer is the experience by which the bones of our stubborn will are broken or our blood vessels are ruptured in vicarious intercession.

LONG-RANGE GOALS

The tidal wave of war-born children surging through our nation-wide school system is often mentioned. School authorities can look ahead and tell the boards of education just when they will need to add to their high school facilities. The problems of the taxpayers are not over. Our national industrial economy will face a grave problem beginning about six years from now. Read the following statement from Economic Survey:

"The years between a person's 15th and 25th birthdays are usually the years in which he must find his place in the economic world. Therefore it is quite significant that the number of persons in this age group will grow by almost 50 per cent between 1960 and 1970, after having remained relatively unchanged for 30 years prior to 1960. Problems of absorbing these young people into the economic life of the nation will become much more serious in the 1960's."

This disturbing problem of the nation is a glorious opportunity for the church. We are not worried about absorbing 50 per cent more maturing young people in the next decade; we need them. If we lay the right foundations now and outline long-range goals in every church the next ten years may be bright with capable young leadership.

Within three or four years the most important age group in our churches will be the intermediates, the teen-agers. It is now the junior age. Pastors should take heart and look forward to rewarding evangelistic efforts. Religious education leaders should faithfully teach the Bible now. Youth must be challenged with the new life and Christian service in the early teens.

Our executive secretary has been urging upon us long-range goals. Population

Our Less-Known Contributors

Jules Berry with his article on "The Living Word" is a newcomer to our pages though his thoughtful Bible study here presented shows the reflection of his full years. He has been living in Riverside, Calif., for several years but raised his talented family in the vicinity of Boulder, Colo. We believe our readers will enjoy the depth of his thought and the freshness of his style.

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trends enforce that emphasis. Perhaps we cannot see far into the future but certainly we ought to make plans to ensure great progress in our church work in the 1960-70 decade. The seeds of new churches must be sown. New mission fields must be ready and old ones must be enlarged to make room for the new ministers and missionaries who may be ready for service before the end of that period.

LOW-PRICED BOOKS

In these days when the price of ordinary books has more than doubled it is interesting to note that many good books can be bought for 25, 35, or 50 cents at your corner drugstore or newsstand. Mentor and Signet paper-bound books are not necessarily trashy. They are increasingly covering a wider field of classical and religious subjects. Some of the books are new — never published before; some are old, like the Bible; many are educational. We have found the new book by Fischer, "Gandhi, His Life and Message for the World," a very good book at 25 cents. Fulton Oursler's "Modern Parables" is another example. It is interesting to see the crowds of intelligent people that gather around these book counters in a city like New York. If you have little money to spend and some hours to while away, don't forget the true worth amid the trifling trash at the news vendors.

MITES AND WEIGHTIER MATTERS

In January the penny-a-meal mite boxes used widely in the White Cloud, Mich., Church brought in a total of \$29.00 for the Denominational Budget. Such a scheme faithfully carried through the year for every member of the family would, at this rate, nearly equal the total 1953 contribution of this church.

The Lost Creek bulletin for January 23 carried 3 items of denominational news. The following week it mentioned that two dime folders for evangelism had been turned in.

The Women's Board is considering plans for leading out in a drive to secure new subscriptions to the Sabbath Recorder. It is reported that receipts for Recorder subscriptions during January were \$144.37

higher than a year ago. One church encourages its Recorder correspondent by paying for her subscription.

Items of news came in plentifully during January. Correspondents faithfully reported Christmas events and church business meetings. Let us remind ourselves that such things as evangelistic plans, tract distribution projects, youth achievements, and Sabbath school improvements as they occur are equally interesting. In the 1953 Year Book, page 38, in the report of the Conference Committee on Publishing Interests we read this paragraph:

"In order to give the most complete picture of denominational life through the Recorder pages, we urge local Recorder correspondents to furnish terse, up-to-date news as quickly as they tell friends of a new baby in the family."

NO AIR RAID SHELTER

America did not take air raid shelters very seriously in World War II. In any future war we would have to be vitally conscious of the location of such shelters. Already, nearly every building in our cities has its sign directing people to the shelter that would be used in case of a raid.

Countless homes would be without protection and would be laid waste by any major air raid using nuclear bombs. We cannot protect ourselves in flimsy houses. But why talk about future air raids? Has not your home already been raided from the air? Have there not been enemy bombs dropped right into your kitchen, living room, and bedroom every day? Is the furnace room the only place where they have not penetrated? We speak of liquor advertising, cigarette lies, demoralizing songs, and pictured crime — the air raids that are invited in on the wings of radio and television. The enemy is in our midst. Gone are the days when a man could claim that his home was his castle and that he was prepared to protect it. Neither castle walls nor careful screening of visiting voices can give an adequate answer to our problem. Most of us who claim to love only what is best on radio and TV cannot always stand by the tuning

President's Column

REVIVAL SWEEPS COMMUNITY

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People flocking to the meeting place! Earnestly inquiring what to do about their lost condition, and accepting Christ! Embracing the Sabbath truth! Additions to the church almost every Sabbath! No, that's not just a dream, nor a figment of the imagination. It really happened! We quote:

"About a year previous to the revival . . . the attention of the brethren of the Seventh Day Baptist Church was called up to the subject of addressing the throne of grace for the out-pouring of the Spirit on the Church and society. For some parts of the society, prayer meetings were held, and the brethren wrestled with God in earnest for a blessing. Meetings for public worship were better attended than formerly; an unusual degree of solemnity pervaded our congregation; and some of the youth appeared to be seriously impressed with a sense of their lost condition. From these favorable appearances a revival was frequently talked of and generally expected. . . . Two people publicly professed faith in Christ and submitted to baptism. This operated like electricity. . . . From this time there were more or

knob to rule out what we do not want. Perhaps someone will provide the next-needed invention, a remote control, automatic master fading device something like the master bedroom electrical controls that some families are installing.

We cannot affirm that we pay no attention to the ads we do not wish to hear. If students can prepare for exams by listening to oft-repeated records while they are asleep, how much more are we affected by the continual repetition of false but catchy ads when we are awake. Parents may pass them by to some extent only to hear the children repeat them word for word later on.

The business of keeping the atmosphere of the home pure and sweet is becoming increasingly complicated. Eternal vigilance is needed if eternal happiness is to be secured for us and our families.

less added to the church almost every Sabbath; lukewarm professors were stirred up; several persons . . . confessed their faults and were restored. The work soon spread to different parts of the society, and meetings were set up in different places, which were crowded with people, many of whom were anxiously inquiring what they should do to be saved.

"During this revival the Sabbath became a subject of general inquiry. The consequence of which was that many renounced the First Day and embraced the Sabbath of the Bible. In the course of the past year there have been added to the Seventh Day Baptist Church **one hundred and fifty-six members.**"

According to the report, two years later between forty and fifty more had been added. Fellow Seventh Day Baptists, that was one of our own churches! Not the denomination, but **one church.** Not recently, however! That was in 1821, in the Brookfield community.

Are you thinking what I did when I read the above? Why isn't it happening today? One hundred fifty-six members added to one church in one year! Compare it with the reports in our current Year Book. Only 22 churches reported baptisms. The most in any one church was 10. Several reported only one or two. The total was 81. There were 54 additions by testimony, making a total of 135 for the whole denomination. We certainly see no sign of a revival such as the Brookfield Church experienced 133 years ago. Why not? What was different then than now?

Do you have an answer to this? Let us hear from you. In our next "Column" we will attempt an analysis of the situation. We would like your suggestions before that. We will also have something to say of the evangelistic projects which our Missionary Secretary is promoting. Watch the Sabbath Recorder for notices and for reports of work done.

Meanwhile, let us all "address the throne of grace for the out-pouring of the Spirit" on our churches and communities, on our mission fields, and on our denomination. L. G. O.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
August 17-22, Milton, Wis.

Secretary's Column

Many of the messages appearing in the Secretary's Column have been concerned with the raising of the Denominational Budget. One of the important reasons for this is that the secretary feels that there is a strong correlation between the spiritual life of the individual or the local church and the extent to which that individual or church is actively concerned with Christian outreach.

It is obviously impossible to establish a statistical measure of spirituality. However, some of the results of spirituality can be measured. Such studies as have been made so far indicate that the correlation between spirituality and giving to others does exist.

For one thing, the study which Conference President Osborn made of attendance records as set up during November does show that those churches with a more faithful attendance are also among those which have a higher giving per member.

Another area in which a correlation may be found to exist is that between growth in membership in certain churches and the record of giving on the part of such churches. Such a study has not yet been pursued sufficiently far to establish any facts, but no doubt a relationship will be found here also between spiritual growth and willingness to give to God's work.

This brings us to a point which was mentioned some time ago, namely, the suggestion agreed upon among the secretaries of our various boards, that our churches should set up a goal of five per cent increase in membership per year. Surely those churches which attain such a goal are giving evidence of spiritual strength and growth. While it would be alien to our ideals to suggest that we should increase in numbers so that we can give more, it must surely be acceptable that one of our prime objectives should be a stronger spiritual life among our members and our individual churches. If that growth should become sufficiently effective our budget problem would inevitably become less significant and the budget itself would be less difficult to meet. We must, however, continue to regard the budget problem as

MEMORY TEXT

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14: 27.

Life's Lessons

I well remember when a child
My parents' strict commands,
Not once, but each day, o'er and o'er,
"Go, wash your face and hands!"
Then, "Eat your dinner! Drink your milk.
Do try to be polite!
Don't ever be a coward!
But don't you start a fight!"
So after years of training,
And obeying nature's laws
They hoped I'd grow to womanhood
Without too many flaws.

Much more our Heavenly Father
Looks down with eyes of love,
He longs to help prepare us,
For eternal realms above.
But alas! the path is narrow;
Like sheep we've gone astray,
We must seek and find the Saviour,
To keep us in the Way.

A Saviour, who oft chastens
That we might understand
The importance of His statutes,
Be led by His own hand —
He gives His Word — a shining light,
The Comforter — a guide;
And in the rock of ages,
From raging storms we hide.

To all who heed Christ's warnings,
In faithful trust obey,
He's promised they'll be like Him
Without a flaw, some day.
Cora Bloyd,
Kewanee, Ill.
(one of our new subscribers)

distinctly subordinate to the strength of our own faith in the truths we hold dear. Let us make a sincere and real effort to strengthen our own spiritual lives. We can then be less concerned about the physical problems. A. B. C.

NEW PASTOR INSTALLED AT BOULDER CHURCH



Rev. E. A. Coltrin

The new pastor of the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church who was installed at the morning service of the quarterly meeting of the Boulder and Denver Churches, February 6, 1954.

Following the regular devotional service, words of welcome were given by Paul H. Hummel, moderator of the church; Charles Brush, superintendent of the Bible school; Mable Wright, president of the Woman's Missionary Society; Shirley Hard, for the young people of the church; Rev. Harmon Dickinson, for the Mid-Continent Association; and Rev. Ralph D. Evans, D.D., for the Ministerial Association of Boulder.

After these words of welcome from the organizations of the church, Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, pastor emeritus, who, by vote of the church, had planned and took charge of the program for the day, presented Mr. Coltrin with a bunch of keys, representing the keys to the hearts of the members of the church, and a bouquet of roses, representing the flowering of the lives of the membership in Christian service under his ministry. He then introduced the new pastor, who delivered his first sermon as

pastor, "Fellow Workmen," to a house filled with eager worshippers.

In the afternoon a worship service was led by the young people of the Denver Church, during which Rev. Melvin G. Nida, editor of the *Helping Hand*, and a graduate student at Iliff Theological Seminary, Denver, delivered a sermon, "Retrospect and Prospect." In the evening a semiformal reception was given Pastor and Mrs. Coltrin in the social room of the church, attended by members and friends of the church.

Mr. Coltrin came to Boulder from Battle Creek, Mich., where he was interim pastor between the pastorates of Rev. Alton L. Wheeler and Rev. Leland E. Davis. He served Baptist churches for many years in the following places: Perry and Lansing, Mich.; Briggsdale, Rocky Ford, Fowler, and Eaton, Colo. He first became known among Seventh Day Baptists when he came to the parsonage at Denver seeking information, while Rev. Erlo E. Sutton was pastor. Then occasionally attending Sabbath services there, he observed the Sabbath for a number of years before fully uniting with Seventh Day Baptists. He did his work in preparation for the ministry in Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, and in Kansas City Seminary.

Mrs. Coltrin holds a life teacher's certificate from Colorado State College of Education, at Greeley. They have three married daughters, two of them living in Colorado, and one in Kansas.

Erlo E. Sutton.

Requests for Prayer

A note from the pastor of the Shiloh, N. J., Church received just before making up this issue requests that Recorder readers pray for the special "Deeper Life with Christ" meetings being held there from Thursday to Sunday, March 11-14. Rev. Charles Bond of Westerly, R. I., is to be the guest speaker.

Carlton Wilson, pastor of the Philadelphia Fellowship, who recently visited our Jamaica Mission churches suggests that we engage in special prayer for the work of Superintendent Fitzrandolph as he goes to British Guiana early this month to hold meetings and to encourage the pastors.

THE LIVING WORD

Jules Berry

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life." 1 John 1: 1.

In order to build right, one must begin at the beginning. This is as true in a spiritual sense as it is in the natural.

In Genesis 1: 1, we read: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Verse 2 continues: "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." Dismal picture. Let's go on! "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." There will be a change.

Observe, in verse 3: "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." As in the physical, the first operation of the Spirit of God is to bring light, so in the spiritual. "That was the true Light, that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." John 1: 9. He not only saves His people but He shows them. As we progress in the first day of creation, we read: "And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." Night and day are pretty certain yet today.

Again we read: "And God said, (These are important words; when God speaks, something happens.) Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament . . . and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day." Gen. 1: 6-8.

"And God said, (The scene will change again.) Let the waters under the heaven be gathered unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so." Earth and seas before our eyes! "And God saw that it was good." We agree that it was. This third day is one of intense drama. A plan begins to unfold. Earth is to become a mother. "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after

his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. (No sooner said, than done.) . . . and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day." Verses 11-13.

When God speaks again the sun, moon, and stars appear, to divide the day from the night; "and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years." We may call this observatory time. How useful it has been to man, as well as the vital light and warmth from the sun, the tug of the moon on the tide. "God saw that it was good." "Good," we echo. "The evening and the morning were the fourth day." Verse 19.

The voice of God is heard: "Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven . . . and God saw that it was good." So sea and sky housed creatures, large and small. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day." Verses 22, 23.

The sixth day climaxes the visible creation. The life-giving Word speaks. Living creatures after their kind appear, as cattle, creeping things, and beasts after their kind. Listen, and we hear the Voice again. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

There is a final word. "And God said, Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." To the beasts of the earth, to the fowl of the air, and to the creeping things wherein was life, every

green herb was given for meat. "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." Verses 26-31.

We are told in the second chapter of Genesis that God made man from the dust of the ground, as well as the fowls of the air and the beasts of the field. Mother Earth, source of our material selves, can also sustain us from the vegetation of the earth. The breath of God breathed into his nostrils made man a living soul. See Genesis 2: 7.

The majestic first chapter has closed. The second chapter opens with these words: "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." Genesis 2: 1-3.

For light on this we quote Exodus 20: 8-11: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: (One might reason, if the Sabbath of the Lord thy God is not thy Sabbath, then who is thy God?) in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Let us turn to the New Testament — John 1: 1: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Also John 1: 14: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Christ was sanctified and blessed and made holy. So was the Sabbath day. Christ stood on trial before Pilate. Christ the Holy One was accused. Barabbas was the condemned criminal. The High Priests condemned Christ and set Barabbas free.

Before the religious leaders of the day the true Sabbath is rejected while a man-

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Rev. Billy Graham, recently featured on the front page of Newsweek, began his much-heralded British evangelistic campaign on March 1 at Harringay Arena in London. U. S. Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas, a Baptist layman, was scheduled to be a member of the team. Great preparations were made by the city churches. People are praying that the established church may receive such an awakening as has not come since the days of the Wesleys.

One of the most alarming aspects of the heresy-hunting investigations that have been conducted in recent years is that loyalty is so frequently confused with wisdom. — New York Times, re Oxnam.

made counterfeit is accepted. However, before the righteous Judge, Christ Himself, God's Holy Sabbath must stand and the man-made Sabbath fall. "The law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good," says the Apostle Paul. If we condemn the Sabbath and God's holy law, we do the same thing that they who condemned Christ did. People say the Ten Commandments were nailed to the cross. In Col. 2: 14 we read: "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." Were the Sabbath and the other of the Ten Commandments against Christ?

As the darkened soul comes into contact with the living Word (Christ) a transformation takes place. Light breaks through. The law becomes implanted in the heart. Jesus said that not one jot or tittle would pass from the law until all was fulfilled. All will not be fulfilled until earth returns to its Edenic state. This will follow the millennium and will be "the new heavens and the new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

As the barren earth coming into contact with the living Word became a beautiful, useful place, so man coming into contact with the Word made flesh, is "changed into the same image, from glory to glory."

"Finish, then, Thy new Creation."
"Let us find that second rest."

Missions

Ordination at Jamaica

The ordination of Rev. Socrates A. Thompson took place at the Luna Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, February 7. There will be more information regarding this later. The accompanying snapshot was taken two years ago.



The couple now have an addition to the family, which they would no doubt wish to have pictured with them. The following charge was given to the candidate by Missionary Wardner T. Fitzrandolph:

Brother Thompson, you are this day taking one of the most important steps which you could possibly take. In entering the Christian ministry you are choosing a career which is not only honourable and which will bring you honour but you are entering one in which you can give your life in useful labour to your fellow men and to God. There are other honourable callings, and others where you can serve your fellow men, but in some peculiar way the Christian ministry combines so many elements of usefulness and honour that it is in a class alone.

Some ministers look too much for honour and too little for opportunities for useful service. But my experience and observation is that if the minister will give his life in consecrated service to GOD and to his fellow men, that honour which he is too busy to seek will seek him out and crown him with a glory which cannot be obtained otherwise.

The field of your ministry will be broad — too broad, you may feel. You must be a preacher first. Week by week you must prepare your sermons, collecting material, illustrations, and organizing them, planning how to present the Gospel of Christ in its many phases. This alone would seem to be a man-sized job and require an abundance of reading, study, and thought.

But this is only a small part of your duties. There are your pastoral duties. They include the organizing of the auxiliary branches of the church into useful functioning parts of the whole. You must have vision to see what are the services which your church can render to the community as a whole. You must plan your work and the church activities with the aim of winning souls to Christ. You must discover and help to increase the talents which the individual member has received from the Master. You must plan the church activities to the strengthening, developing, and growth of that church.

These pastoral duties will call for visitation in the home, individual consultations and counseling in your office, and committee work. You must be the dynamo and the balance wheel, the goad to drive them after the will to work is weakened.

You must be an evangelist. You are in a very special way commissioned to preach the everlasting Gospel. First, last, and all the time you must preach the Word, in season and out of season. John says, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Rev. 14: 6. The angel still flies. The everlasting Gospel is still to be preached and you have this day been ordained to do that work.

The work of the ministry requires the talents of three men: He must have the talent to instruct his flock; he must have the talent to do pastoral and organizational work; and he must have the qualities of an evangelist — the zeal to win souls. But what a man lacks in these things God can give to him if he exercises the gifts which are in him. So I give you the advice which Paul gave to the young minister, Timothy: "Wherefore I put thee

in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands." "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. . . . But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

Now may the Lord of Peace Himself give you peace always and by all means. Amen.

Functions of the Division of Foreign Missions

Two outstanding functions of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches among others, as set forth in its founding constitution, are as follows:

(1) "To stimulate thinking and investigation on questions related to the mission and expansion of Christianity in all the world, to enlist in the solution of these questions the best knowledge and experience to be found in all countries and to make the results available for all who share in the missionary work of the churches."

(2) "To help co-ordinate the activities of the national missionary organizations and Christian councils of the different countries and to bring about united action where necessary in missionary matters."

During the last World War many missionaries were stranded in faraway countries with no contact or support from their home missionary board. In the emergency, the International Missionary Council (which is now within the Division of Foreign Missions) organized the Orphaned Missions Movement which made it possible for these stranded missionaries to survive.

One outstanding committee of the Division of Foreign Missions is the Literacy and Christian Literature Committee. Your secretary was privileged to attend its annual meeting in New York City recently. At this meeting Dr. Frank Laubach told of his work and plans in helping adult

illiterates in sixty-five countries to learn to read and write in their own language. A part of the task is to prepare good Christian literature for those newly alerted minds to read. Recent articles in the Recorder have reviewed this work very well, giving an illustration of the kind of literature being prepared and showing how the work presents a marvelous opportunity to win souls to Christ. "Each one teach one" was the old motto, but recently these words have been added, "and win one to Christ."

It is of especial interest just now to call attention to the fact that our denomination supported this work last year to the extent of \$210 through the Missionary Society and has been asked for a similar amount during 1954. By vote of the Missionary Board at the January meeting, Secretary Harris was appointed a representative on the Literacy and Christian Literature Committee.

Christ and the Sleepwalker

In his book, "The Christian Message to the Hindu," Dr. A. G. Hogg states a striking parable as follows:

"A sleepwalker may safely cross a chasm by the narrowest of shaking planks. He is too absorbed in his dream to realize the full threat of the gulf beneath. But let him wake and he will fall. Now in soul and conscience men are prone to be as inappreciative as the sleepwalker of the abysses they think to pass. But when once Christ has stirred them to wakeful perception of the engulfing depths that divide the guilty conscience from trust in God's liberty and readiness to forgive, then by no other bridge than His Cross can they win again to joy and peace in believing. Where Christ has not yet been spiritually apprehended, there may be other ways than He to the trust in God which enables our Heavenly Father to bestow on a man some measure of communion with Himself. But when Christ succeeds in unveiling for any man the judgement of God on sin, in this very act He cannot help making Himself, for that man, the one and only way. Christ is the only way to God that can remain permanently a thoroughfare."

British Guiana Visit

Missionary Wardner Fitzrandolph plans to make a supervisory visit to British Guiana soon. He writes, "I am planning to leave for British Guiana on the 4th of March if things can be so arranged." At his request several copies of the study booklet, "Let's Act Now," by Richard Baker were sent to assist in a "study course for field workers." Additional material to assist the leader of this study course was sent.

Through the courtesy of Pastor Carlton Wilson several slides and filmstrips are being purchased with the remaining amount of a gift received from the Philadelphia Fellowship for a slide projector. It is hoped that the projector and slides will have arrived on the field and be available to the supervisor in visiting the churches. (Fifteen filmstrips sent Feb. 24.)

Pastor Fitzrandolph writes, "I am pleased with the reports of progress Mrs. Trotman is making in the recovery of her sight. I am sure that if the brethren in America had not given her a helping hand she would have been totally blind now. Her husband now writes that she is going to be able to continue to assist him in the mission work. It is these little deeds of kindness and of mercy that will bind the people to us in love and loyalty. I am glad that the help did not prove "too little" or "too late." E. T. H.

From the Mailbag

How we do need more leaders who have the realization that we must be led by the Holy Spirit if we are to go forward! My earnest prayer is that God will give our ministers the power that can come only by the Holy Spirit, that we may move forward. I believe with all my heart that the Seventh Day Baptist Church is more in accord with the Bible in its statement of belief and in polity than any other body of believers. Then why should we be losing when we should be gaining the strongholds? We need ministers empowered with the Holy Spirit as some of our early Seventh Day Baptist ministers were. — An Alabama reader.

A smile is the lighting system of the face and the heating system of the heart.

FELLOW WORKMEN WITH GOD

Rev. Elizabeth Randolph

(This paper was prepared for the women's program at Conference but was not given because time was short.)

To be a fellow workman with God is to be yoked together with Christ for life. This fact has tremendous implications for us and lifts us out of the commonplace into a glorious existence. Read Acts 17: 28; John 1: 12-16; 1 John 3: 1-3; 1 Cor. 3: 21-23. What staggering thoughts and promises! Think of the marvelous relationship that is ours — children of God and brothers and sisters of Christ. "All things are yours, and ye are Christ's and Christ is God's" — all the vision we need, all the power we need, all the resources we need, all the personal help we need. But if we had a billion dollars in the bank and did not draw on it, or have any plans for the future use of it, tell me, of what value would it be to us? Are we hesitant about drawing on our resources for any reason? Christ is ready to counsel with us, endorse our checks, and help us make the best investment for our own good and the glory of God. Come, let us seek His counsel and draw on our resources, in whatever field of endeavor we may be engaged.

Parents and educators training a child and helping him make adjustments in the world — as well as the leaders of state and nation — need to rely on the counsel of Christ and our God-given resources, if family ties and world peace are to be maintained. Musicians creating melody, rhythm, harmony, and producing soul-stirring movements by instrument and voice, have the power of promoting peace among men if they are conscious of their relation to God. Doctors and nurses healing those sick in body, mind, and soul depend upon a power and wisdom greater than their own. The newsboy, groceryman, druggist, clerk, plumber, carpenter, farmer, engineer, coal miner, electrician, atomic energy scientist, statesman, public official, serviceman or woman — each and every one of them needs the fellowship of Christ the Saviour and of God the Father in order to minister adequately to their fellow men.

Let me take you into one specific area

in the State of Mississippi which it has been my privilege to visit after an absence of four years. You will see wherein every taxpayer, whether he wills it or not, is accomplishing much for his fellow men. Most of the shacks which were used for homes four years ago have been torn down and the good buildings have been repaired and painted. Industries are affording people steady employment in air-conditioned factories. The mules are rapidly being replaced by tractors. Cotton is still the main agricultural crop, but grown by improved methods. Diversified farming is the common practice. Food raised on the farm is stored in the Deepfreeze. Electricity cooks the food and cools the house.

Besides the personal initiative of Christian people and their churches, the State Health Department, the Extension Service, and the Tennessee Valley Electrification project contributed to these miraculous changes, and every one of you as a taxpayer has a share in these improvements. The Tennessee Valley Authority had a hard struggle to get its claims accepted by Congress. But the Calebs and the Joshuas of the past half century have entered into the promised land and people in the South today are enjoying the fruit and honey. Thus your tax dollar is performing missionary work in so many fields we cannot enumerate them.

But with all these improvements it is primarily the work of the church to make people truly conscious of the source of "every good and perfect gift," and to encourage them to use these gifts, rejoicing that they are fellow workmen with God. Besides the teamwork in our strong churches, we have many small groups of Seventh Day Baptists scattered here and there spreading the Gospel as a whole, including the message of the Holy Sabbath day that was set apart and sanctified by God, made for man and entrusted to him as a special charge. We may well thank God for these faithful groups, among whom we might recall Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler, their family, and friends of Paint Rock, Ala. They have used your tax dollar, given to Mrs. Butler on the death of their son in World War II, with additional gifts from relatives and friends, to build a memorial church from which this full Gospel message will be pro-

claimed. In another community, children taught the Gospel message by representatives of our Women's Society four years ago and earlier are now bringing their parents to Christ and the Sabbath. Others who rejected the Sabbath then are now accepting it and are holding Sabbath school regularly in their homes. The seed that has been planted needs to be watered and cultivated. One sows, another reaps, but it is God who gives the increase.

Sin is still rampant in the world. There are jealous brothers like those who sold Joseph into Egypt, and covetous men like Ahab. There are people like the Pharisees who, conceited in their own mind, maintained that Jesus had broken the laws of God and blasphemed. Consequently they crucified the One who came to save His people from their sins. Sin must be exposed for what it is. The Christ must be lifted up as Saviour, and we must get in step with Him if we are to be effective as fellow workmen with God. It is our privilege to draw daily upon a bank deposit far more valuable than any other blood bank, and far more valuable than a billion-dollar deposit in a savings bank.

Furthermore we may counsel with Christ our Brother daily regarding these resources and how we may invest them to the best advantage to ourselves and others. We need to be saved from sin, saved from the petty jealousy, conceit, pride, envy which lead to hate, murder, war, death. God is still in the world, "who hath reconciled us to himself, by Jesus Christ and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 Cor. 5: 18. It is for us to go forth in His name, in His power, with His grace helping people to know Christ.

That flesh and blood
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive, and should prevail.
—Newman.

Tract Board Meeting

The spring meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held on Sunday, March 21, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, N. J. The other three quarterly meetings are held at the denominational building in Plainfield.

YOUTH WORK AT EVANSTON

Financial help to bring 120 youth consultants from abroad to the Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches is a project under way by the nation's Protestant youth. The United Christian Youth Movement is sponsoring a "Welcome Book," in which it hopes to have 5,000 signatures of American youth council members, with contributions of a dollar per signature, to help pay travel expenses for youth consultants from all over the world.

"The consultants are the ablest younger leadership of the world's churches and we want to insure their ability to attend this great assembly in the United States," said Roderick French, a student at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, and national chairman of UCYM. "I am sure that hundreds of youth councils in this country will do their part to make this trip possible for their co-workers around the world," he added.

Ministers Conference Set by Board of Christian Education

Dates for the annual Ministers Conference have been set for May 3 to 6 and the place is Farina, Ill. At the meeting of the Board of Christian Education, January 17, the invitation of the Farina Church was accepted and Dr. Loyal F. Hurley and Rev. Neal D. Mills were appointed to plan the conference with the aid of such others as they might choose. These conferences have become a tradition, providing experiences valuable to our ministers and to the denomination. We hope a large number will find it possible to attend this year.

At the same board meeting Neal D. Mills was elected treasurer to succeed Dr. Ben R. Crandall who desired to retire from the office. "Doctor Ben" will continue to handle the investments of the board and will be secretary of the Finance Committee with authority to countersign checks. A rising vote expressed the thanks of the board to Dr. Crandall for his many years of consecrated service as treasurer.

The resignation of Mrs. Lola Sutton Webster from membership was accepted with regret and Barbara Warren, daughter

REV. PAUL MAXSON ATTENDS STATE COUNCIL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the New York State Council of Churches held in Albany, February 3 and 4, Seventh Day Baptists were represented by Rev. Paul L. Maxson, pastor of the Berlin Church. Pastor Maxson went at the request of this writer.

Since the Seventh Day Baptist churches in New York State are divided between three associations it is difficult for an official representative to be named. The State Council officers rightly feel, however, that a denomination with fifteen churches and three fellowships, the Alfred University School of Theology, and the Board of Christian Education located within the bounds of the state should be represented. Dean A. J. C. Bond of Alfred was formerly active on the Council's Social Action Committee and Rev. Victor W. Skaggs of Verona is now serving in a similar way.

Pastor Maxson writes that he was much impressed at Albany by the work of the Council in Christian education in carrying the Gospel to migrant laborers, and in witnessing in the State Legislature. Other fields of program include contacts with over 200 chaplains in mental and penal institutions, the work of the Radio and TV Committee, the Rural Church Institute at Cornell, and the annual pastors' convocation at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. The Council REPORTER recently carried an article on our School of Theology.

Lest someone think that this work does not take money Pastor Maxson calls attention to the \$83,890 budget of the Council. "The people working for the Council are working because they love the Lord. There are no fat salary jobs," he observes.

Rev. Theodore L. Conklin, associate general secretary of the Council, is well known in the Brookfield churches as a former pastor in that community. New York Seventh Day Baptists can join hands with each other and with Christians across the state in the fellowship and service of the State Council. A. N. R.

of Rev. Hurley Warren, was elected to fill the vacancy and to serve on the Youth Work Committee.

Children's Page

Dear Carolyn:

I am always glad to hear that girls and boys are beginning early to study music, especially my Recorder children, for good music brings real pleasure to all. To be gifted in any form of music surely brings blessing to the musician and to many, many others. May your music prove a blessing to you.

I think all children should enjoy having pets. I had most all kinds but I never had a snail. One of my little friends in Andover has a pet turtle, the very smallest turtle I ever saw.

I do hope you will write to me again soon.

Lovingly,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Daddy's Love Gift

Iris S. Maltby

The snow was still falling in huge flakes, so thick that Jerry and his father could not see even up to the next hill. All sounds seemed to be muffled, too, as they strained their ears to hear the first sound of Dr. Wyman coming back. Jerry smothered a groan as he tried to move his body. He knew his father was hurt even worse than he was and he didn't want to trouble him. There had been a bad accident when their car had skidded and gone over a cliff. Daddy and Jerry were both seriously hurt. Only Dr. Wyman had escaped uninjured and now he had gone to see if there was anyone living nearby in this desolate region of northern Canada.

As they waited, suddenly they heard him returning with a dog team and sled. Then Jerry fainted and he knew nothing more until he woke to find himself on a bunk in a dirty little shack. Dr. Wyman was bending over him and Jerry found that he could not yet move his body.

"How long have I been here?" he asked the doctor.

He was certainly surprised when Dr. Wyman told him, "Five days, Jerry."

"But where is Daddy?" was Jerry's next question.

"He isn't here right now," Dr. Wyman answered. "You just go back to sleep."

It was nearly a week later when Dr. Wyman told him the story. Jerry's daddy wasn't coming back. He had loved his boy so much that when Dr. Wyman had told him Jerry could not live without a blood transfusion his father had insisted on giving him a pint of his blood. He knew he might give his own life if he did this, for he was very ill. But no one else was living near enough and he loved Jerry so much he did it. It had been too great a strain on Daddy and he had died, but Jerry lived.

Wasn't that wonderful love, boys and girls? Do you know that someone loves you that much? He loved you so much that He gave His life for you that you might live forever. That person was Jesus Christ and He died on the cross for you. Wouldn't you like to accept His love gift and let Him take away all your sins and give a new life to you?

[By writing to Mrs. Greene or the Sabbath Recorder you may have as many copies of this story as you would like. Ed.]

SPARROWS

By Irene Hulett

Outside my kitchen window
Is a food tray for the birds;
The joy I have in watching them
I can't express in words.

Of course in February
None but the sparrows come;
At first they were suspicious
But now their fear has gone.

They're not so very fancy
In suits of brown and gray,
But they are cute as cute can be
In many a fluttering way.

So let us all save every crumb
For hungry sparrows' need,
And hope ere long some other birds
Will come to share their feed.

I love each sparrow, but confess
I'd also like to see
A robin redbreast peeping through
My windowpane at me.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 20, 1954

The New Commandment
Basic Scripture: John 13: 14.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

VERONA, N. Y. — Our young people conducted the morning service on Sabbath, February 6, with Richard Warner in charge. With the exception of the morning prayer by Deacon Burton Crandall all of the program was given by young people. In addition to the choir, special music was given by the following quartet: Louise Hyde, Twila Sholtz, Richard and Maurice Warner. Willis Davis led the responsive reading with Robert Sholtz giving the children's sermon, and Robert Van Dreason reading the Scripture lesson.

The general topic, "So Send I You," was divided and presented as follows: "Jesus Revealed God," Maurice Warner; "Jesus Taught Men How to Live," Twila Sholtz; "Jesus Brought Men to Eternal Life," Olin Davis.

After Sabbath school a fellowship dinner was served in the dining room. Planning committees met following the dinner. A Bible quiz and pantomimes of Bible stories by the children filled out the afternoon program. — Correspondent.

MILTON, WIS. — The annual church dinner and business meeting were held on Sunday, January 3. The following officers were elected: president, L. H. Stringer; vice-president, Edwin Morse; secretary, Bernice Todd; treasurer, Truman Lippincott; chorister, L. H. Stringer; organist, Elizabeth Daland; trustees, Edwin Morse, Byron Rood, William Heinig, Jr., and Rose Stillman. Our pastor was re-elected for his tenth year.

The church interior has been given a new coat of paint. The sanctuary, parlor, and halls were done professionally; the other rooms were painted by the men of the church on Sunday, Jan. 31. Supper was served to them by a committee from the Women's Society. This is the first redecorating done in the main part of the church since it was built twenty years ago.

Our pastor attended the meeting of the Commission at Alfred, N. Y., December 30 to January 1.

Our people met with the Milton Junction Church, January 30, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Chicago and Southern Wisconsin churches. The host church provided the dinner for the

occasion. The guest speaker Sabbath morning was Rev. Charles Brown, pastor of the Congregational Church in Fort Atkinson, Wis.

One of our oldest church members, Mrs. George Boss, wishing to be useful, has undertaken the job of securing new subscribers for the Recorder. We are proud of her. — G. R. L., Correspondent.

BROOKFIELD, N. Y.—The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the Leonardville and Brookfield Churches held a banquet Sabbath night, Feb. 6, at the parish house. This was the climax of a contest for attendance and memory work.

The table decorations centered around missions, particularly the African Mission which they have been studying and to which they have made a gift.

The story of Beth and Joan was told with the use of slides.

Scrambled name placecards with a verse of Scripture and a candle were at each plate. These were used in a closing consecration service led by Janet Van Horn.

The annual church business meeting and fellowship dinner was held Sunday, Feb. 7. Rev. Marion Van Horn reported that church services and prayer meetings had been held regularly. Junior Christian Endeavor and Christian Comrade groups of Leonardville and Brookfield meet twice each month. Released-time religious education classes are held during the last school class period on Monday afternoons at the parish house.

This past year Pastor Van Horn attended the Ministers Conference, the Eastern Association, and Conference.

Our pastor is to be the camp director for the association camp next summer, July 14-21.

Officers and committee chairmen gave their respective reports. The budget, as authorized by the Finance Committee, was adopted. Action was taken to complete payment on the newly installed oil furnace in our church.

As a church interested in the educational advancement and welfare of our community, we adopted a resolution favoring and supporting the plans of the local Board of Education for a new addition to our school building—Mrs. Francis W. Palmer.

The Sabbath Recorder

GEORGE H. TRAINER

George H. Trainer was born March 27, 1861, at Harrisville, then in Virginia, and passed away at his home in Salem, W. Va., on Jan. 26, 1954.

Known as Salem's "Grand Old Man," he was prominent in the gas and oil production business, and served as a member of the Board of Directors of Salem College from 1905 until his death. He was president of the board from 1940 until he retired from this position in 1953. He was also a liberal financial supporter of the college. According to the terms of the will Mr. Trainer bequeathed his home on Terrace Avenue, Salem, his library, and the residue of his estate, after specific bequests, to Salem College.

He was a member of the Salem Methodist Church, and the Men's Bible Class at the church is named in his honor. Farewell services were conducted in the Methodist Church by Rev. Virgil E. Conant, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. J. L. Skaggs, retired pastor of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, and Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen, present pastor.

Mr. Trainer is survived by his widow, the former Hannah May Dixon, member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, and one brother, J. Frank, of Salem. He had no children.

Mr. Trainer's first wife was also a very loyal Seventh Day Baptist. Viola Cerena, the daughter of Rev. James Ball Davis, pastor of the Middle Island, W. Va., Church, was married to Mr. Trainer in 1884 and died Sept. 14, 1946. Her obituary states that she gave herself in beautiful devotion to her church and to many community interests. Those familiar with the active life of the present Mrs. Trainer would doubtless desire to make a similar statement about her.

In the passing of Mr. Trainer his own church has lost a staunch member; the college, a consistent benefactor; and many people, a loyal and lovable friend.

C. W. P. Hansen and other sources.

FLASH

"Prior Claim," a full-length motion picture in color, with sound, has been booked for night after the Sabbath at Conference in Milton.

Marriages

Danish - Watson. — Miss Ruth Watson of Ashaway, R. I., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Watson, was married on January 18, 1954, to Mr. Joseph Danish, U.S.N., at the parsonage in Ashaway, with her pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, officiating.

Editor's Error. — Please note that the Monroe-Gladen marriage (Feb. 15 Recorder) was not performed by Rev. Trevah Sutton as we reported. — Sorry.

Obituaries

Bramlet. — Nannie Johnson, daughter of Dr. F. F. and Minerva Johnson, was born Oct. 10, 1872, and died Jan. 16, 1954.

In early life she became a member of the Old Stone Fort Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was organist for many years and a faithful supporter of the work there until her death. In 1904 she was married to Warner Bramlet, a schoolteacher and farmer, who died in 1948. Mrs. Bramlet was a charter member of the Stonefort and Eldorado WCTU. She helped organize the Saline County Home Bureau and was president for several years. She was always visiting the sick and helping those who were less fortunate than she.

She is survived by two sons, Paul of Chemawa, Ore., and Fred of Harrisburg, Ill., and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Union Grove Church near her farm home by Rev. Edgar Slavens and burial was in Bramlet Cemetery. S. L. A.

Hinman. — Annabel Carr, the daughter of Joseph Goodrich and Phoebe Maxson Carr, was born April 7, 1866, on a farm near Milton Junction, Wis., and passed from this life on July 24, 1954.

Mrs. Hinman received a musical education in Milton Academy and the Chicago Musical College, later teaching music in both Albion Academy and Milton College.

She was married to Professor Ludwig Kumlien, of Milton College, on Dec. 21, 1892. Following the death of Professor Kumlien in 1902, she was married to John R. Hinman in 1905. Mr. Hinman died in 1934.

Mrs. Hinman was a beloved member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was a charter member and past president of the Milton Women's Village Improvement Club. She maintained an active, vital interest in her family and friends, in music, art, nature, and religion to the time of her final illness.

Surviving her are two sons: L. Carr Kumlein, Milton Junction, and Lawrence L. Kumlein, Janesville; two daughters, Mrs. Lenore Raukuce, Milton, and Mrs. Phoebe Waterman, Milton Junction; 12 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 27, 1953, by her pastor, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. The body was removed to Rockford, Ill., following the service for cremation. E. F. R.

The Task

Would I describe a preacher, such as Paul,
Were he on earth, would hear, approve, and own—
Paul should himself direct me. I would trace
His master-strokes, and draw from his design.
I would express him simple, grave, sincere;
In doctrine uncorrupt; in language plain,
And plain in manner; decent, solemn, chaste,
And natural in gesture; much impressed
Himself, as conscious of his awful charge,
And anxious mainly that the flock he feeds
May feel it too; affectionate in look,
And tender in address, as well becomes
A messenger of grace to guilty men.
Behold the picture!—Is it like?—Like whom?
The things that mount the rostrum with a skip,
And then skip down again; pronounce a text:
Cry—hem! and reading what they never wrote,
Just fifteen minutes, huddle up their work,
And with a well-bred whisper close the scene!

— William Cowper in
Masterpieces of Religious Verse.