

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of the Treasurer, Feb. 28, 1954

Receipts		February	5 months
Balance, February 1	\$	44.33	
Adams Center			197.00
Albion		10.00	179.17
Alfred, First		285.65	1,021.88
Alfred, Second			188.50
Associations and groups			25.80
Battle Creek		331.56	1,927.73
Berlin		100.96	261.26
Boulder		82.33	184.25
Brookfield, First			76.50
Brookfield, Second		63.10	127.95
Chicago		31.00	420.00
Daytona Beach		29.30	163.20
Denver		65.18	333.88
De Ruyter		30.00	171.00
Dodge Center			166.45
Edinburg		13.75	25.95
Farina		15.00	75.00
Fouke			85.86
Hammond			40.00
Hebron, First		12.50	49.16
Hopkinton, First		81.70	630.65
Independence			210.00
Indianapolis			35.10
Individuals		30.00	130.00
Irvington			200.00
Jackson Center		35.00	35.00
Little Genesee			130.55
Los Angeles		321.68	399.15
Lost Creek			463.62
Marlboro			841.06
Middle Island		13.45	49.67
Milton		10.00	1,600.19
Milton Junction		114.76	765.05
New Auburn			30.10
New York			81.22
North Loup			420.25
Nortonville		31.50	163.32
Pawcatuck		299.00	1,884.20
Philadelphia		28.00	88.00
Piscataway		15.50	74.50
Plainfield		200.00	2,688.54
Putnam County			10.00
Richburg		31.50	147.35
Ritchie		50.00	100.00
Riverside		407.07	923.08
Roanoke			15.00
Rockville		14.16	27.53
Salem		110.00	440.00
Salemville		39.20	63.98
Shiloh		185.00	1,211.99
Stone Fort		55.00	55.00
Syracuse		50.00	50.00
Verona		143.85	276.85
Walworth		20.00	45.00
Waterford		34.60	103.72
White Cloud		91.22	187.55
Wilkes-Barre			25.00
Totals	\$3,526.85	\$20,322.76	

Disbursements		Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$1,098.44	\$	441.76
Tract Society	255.08		

Board of		
Christian Education	483.56	16.50
Women's Society	155.12	
Historical Society	66.64	
Ministerial Retirement	271.60	248.15
S. D. B. Building	75.88	
World Fellowship and Service	11.20	15.50
General Conference	382.48	
Balance February 28	4.94	

Totals \$2,804.94 \$ 721.91

Comparative Figures

	1954	1953
Receipts in February		
Budget	\$2,760.61	\$ 1,650.79
Specials	721.91	177.20
Receipts in 5 months		
Budget	15,907.94	13,726.96
Specials	4,414.82	2,502.26
Annual Budget	63,121.22	46,635.00
Percentage of budget raised to date	25.2%	29.4%

L. M. Van Horn,
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

Births

Lippincott. — A son, Gary Lewis, to Rev. and Mrs. Robert P. Lippincott of Shiloh, N. J., on February 15, 1954. (Adopted.)

Pederson. — A daughter, Margaret Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Pederson of New Auburn, Wis., on February 13, 1954.

Burdick. — A son, Bradley Allison, to Dr. and Mrs. Allison L. Burdick, Jr., 1637 Mobile Ave., Chicago, Ill., on November 22, 1953.

A new Bible paper, representing the first major advance in the manufacture of Bibles in thirty years, is announced by The World Publishing Company with the publication in March of a new series of Bibles printed on "World Indo-Text," a thin, light-weight paper, exceptionally white, very opaque, and with high tensile strength. All World Bibles are in the familiar, traditional King James Version.

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.

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The Sabbath Recorder

"One Great Hour of Sharing"

"Father of all mankind of every land and race, we thank Thee that Thou hast blessed our land and our people with good things from generation to generation even until now.

"We humbly confess that too often we have accepted these blessings as our right rather than as a trust from Thee.

"Too often we have forgotten Thy children of other races and climes who suffer because of the wickedness of man and the catastrophes of nature.

"Open now our eyes, we ask, that like our Master we may be filled with compassion when we see the multitudes in need.

"Help us to translate compassion into action and so to use Thy bounty bestowed on us that we may help them wisely in accordance with Thy will.

"In the name and in the spirit of the Master who went about doing good, we ask it all. Amen."

The above prayer, written by Bishop William C. Martin, will be read March 28 in thousands of Protestant churches in connection with the relief appeal for "One Great Hour of Sharing."

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THEME FOR NEXT CONFERENCE

To Know Him and Make Him Known

MISSIONARY COURAGE

The greatest missionary courage is not that initial God-given bravery exhibited when an unmarried man or consecrated maidens venture into a new foreign field like Nyasaland. They have the uncertainties of uncounted years stretching ahead of them, years that mean a forfeiting of the legitimate pleasures of a tranquil life among companions of one's own race and social status. We would not minimize the courage that it takes to start on such a venture of faith, but we can find greater courage.

When a missionary identifies himself with the people he expects to serve for a lifetime; when he marries one who is of mixed race, then he has cast his lot with the people in a way that few of us can comprehend. He has also let himself in for possible friction and strife due to differences of customs, religion, and personalities. Suppose the wife does not continue to show all the evidences of a true conversion. Suppose one's patience is tried to the breaking point. Suppose the work of the mission appears to be suffering some damage by this friction in the home. How then is real courage to be shown? It may be shown best by a resignation. It was a hard thing to do but it has been done by the supervisor of our Nyasaland Mission. The leader of the mission does not claim to be free from blame any more than he claims to be courageous. There are those who believe that he has not always been fair and just in his treatment of the natives. At the present time we are not qualified to fully evaluate these additional elements.

Our people owe a great debt of gratitude to the one who raised up the Nyasaland work from a half century of ashes with the prayer help of many in New Zealand, Europe, and America. We should continue to pray that his present home difficulties may be straightened out to the glory of God and that he and his family may be used in the Lord's vineyard as the Holy Spirit may lead.

Great courage is not limited to the leader who has resigned but is also manifested in the lives of the two nurses who have been faced with far greater decisions than they had anticipated. Their physical and spiritual resources have been severely taxed and will continue to be in the

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months to come. We believe their courage will be equal to the task.

Of the native workers we cannot speak with the knowledge of personal acquaintance. We believe that they have been well trained in the Christian way and that they have made great progress in the knowledge of the truth as held by our people. Many had the courage to carry on their churches without leadership. We cannot believe that their courage will fail during the time we are trying to add new members to our mission staff.

There is one group of people of whose courage we cannot be quite so sure — the church members in America. We fear that some of our people in this country are not spiritually prepared to face discouragements. It is for these people that we ought most earnestly to pray. We have no reason to throw down the sword. Spiritually minded prayer warriors will pray with faith. With courage they will match the spirit of our missionaries and will increase their giving to meet the growing needs. God's work is big. Let us pray that none of us will give way to small thinking in connection with it, but rather let us grow in faith and works.

FOR A TRAINED MINISTRY

"Why do Methodists need a trained ministry? There are so many good reasons. Here are some of them.

"First, a trained Methodist ministry will know Methodism's distinctive heritage of history and doctrine.

"Methodism has a thrilling history from the days when Wesley spread scriptural holiness across England, Ireland, and Wales; when Francis Asbury pioneered America in the name of Methodism's gospel of new hope and faith.

"Despite shallow criticism, Methodism has a special message, a distinctive doctrine, a basic theology which by its majestic simplicity and its universal appeal has made Methodism the strongest Protestant denomination in America."

The above paragraphs are from an editorial column in one of our Methodist exchange publications, The Alabama Christian Advocate. Most of these statements would apply with equal or greater force to Seventh Day Baptists.

The writer goes on to speak of some of those distinctive doctrines which he says God has wonderfully blessed. He lists assurance, free grace, justification by faith alone, and sanctification or perfection. We do not understand Bible teaching on all of these doctrines in exactly the same way the Methodist writer Tillett (whom he quotes) interpreted it. We have a feeling that the mighty Methodist Church in practice has departed from its great historic doctrines far more than we have from ours. Their church is about a century younger than ours but we have reason to believe that we are more true to our founding principles than they are.

One of the reasons cited for an educated Methodist ministry is to guide the layman through the hundreds of dangers which he faces in interpreting the Bible. Among the many illustrations of this he mentions that Jehovah's Witnesses think the Bible is against blood transfusions. He notes: "Some argue for making Saturday a 'holy day' while most use Sunday. And so it goes through some 260 denominations in America alone. . . . Trained ministers know how to guide the devout layman along the thoroughly reasonable way Wesley pointed out."

Our ministry has been, on the whole, much better educated than the Methodist ministry. In times past they were so anxious to evangelize that they could not wait for college and seminary training — a noble aim which did not always result in long-term fruitfulness.

We currently see in our church two tendencies. On the one hand, there is an attempt at our higher levels of planning to withhold recognition from those who do not have the full, formal theological training. On the other hand, men anxious to begin evangelistic and pastoral work are being ordained by the local churches without the 7 years of training beyond high school. It may be that these two tendencies ought to exist side by side in a democratic denomination where prospective ministers are allowed to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. Throughout all of church history, as well as in the days of Paul, the Holy Spirit has used mightily some men who were highly educated and some who were not.

President's Column

Attendance Emphasis Month

You will remember some churches made a poor showing in November because of blizzards, epidemics, and other reasons. We don't expect to be snowed in in April, so we are repeating the recording of attendance. Since Easter falls in this month, and is, in many churches, a high point in attendance, we should set a record. Do as you did last November: Keep a record of your attendance for each Sabbath; put it on a postal card and mail it to me as soon after the 24th as possible. We will do the rest: figure the averages, tabulate the results, and publicize them. Be sure to report by postal card. My apologies to Denver for missing their attendance on the weekly calendars they sent. They would have come in the 50 to 100 group. Salem's report was received just recently. Their average was 110.7.

All right now, let's go!

Evangelistic Meetings

"Deeper Life Meetings" were held in Shiloh March 11-14, with Rev. Charles Bond preaching. Secretary Everett Harris began meetings in North Loup the 19th. From there he goes to Nortonville, and later to Little Genesee, and then to Brookfield. Rev. David Pearson goes to Salemville for special meetings the middle of April. Rev. Rex Zwiebel held a Preaching Mission in Salem this past week, and Rev. Clifford Hansen will hold meetings in Lost Creek a little later. The White Cloud Church will be assisted by Rev. E. H. Bottoms in a week of special meetings beginning April 3. Plans are under way for a series of meetings in Albion and Milton Junction late in April. Rev. Paul B. Osborn goes to Alfred Station for a Preaching Mission in mid-April. These are just a few of the responses to Secretary Harris' plea for an emphasis on evangelism this year. Let's hear from more churches.

First John

Several churches are making a special study of this "Know" book, and a number of pastors are preaching series of sermons on its theme. We suggested that you read

MEMORY TEXT

"And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." Acts 4: 29.

it through once a week this year. An average reader can do it in half an hour. This intensive reading will be rewarding.

By the way, we have a number of mimeographed outlines you may have for a quarter each, postpaid.

WE NEED TO BE STRONGER

We Seventh Day Baptists need to be stronger. We need to be stronger in faith. We need to be stronger as a denomination, and we need to be stronger in our churches. With the help of God we can have all three.

We, as all Christians, need a stronger faith. A saintly person has a deep realization of such a need, so then should the rest of us. This faith needs to bring us personally closer to God through Jesus Christ our Saviour. It needs to cause us to give a greater witness, a more loving service, and a wider Christian influence in the affairs of this world.

Our denomination needs to be stronger. We are too scattered and our churches are too few. Each of us and each church should endeavor to raise up new groups of Sabbathkeeping Baptists who cherish freedom of thought, especially in those areas where no Seventh Day Baptist Church is within reach.

Then, too, our churches are too small. Most of our groups are so small we cannot do an effective work, and because of this smallness many who believe in the Sabbath are hesitant to cut their ties with present churches where they are already having vital Christian experiences. It should be the desire of all Seventh Day Baptist Churches to so grow by serving their Lord that they can be leading churches in the community. We should aim to so grow that we can offer every advantage other churches offer plus the Sabbath experience. — Fouke, Ark., Church bulletin.

Secretary's Column

With many of our churches designating next Sabbath (March 27) as Stewardship Sabbath, a little thinking on the meaning of that term should be in order.

Webster defines a steward as "an officer or employee . . . on a large estate to manage the domestic concerns, . . . keep accounts, etc." If we think of ourselves as officers charged with the management of a portion of God's world, we must realize that we are directly responsible to God for the management and use of that portion of worldly wealth which is in our control. We remember some of Christ's parables about rewards for stewards who managed the affairs left in their charge ably and punishments for stewards who mismanaged their portions of estate. There are also parables of just and unjust stewards and the rewards for their stewardship.

A steward is a responsible officer permitted the exercise of considerable personal judgment in the management of that which is placed in his charge. However, when the final reckoning comes with his employer, rewards are based on the soundness of his judgment and the honesty of his performance. If we, as stewards of a portion of worldly goods, acknowledge our duty to the owner of these goods we will exert our energies toward the successful operation of His work. This means that we will support to such extent as we are able the program which our combined judgment has decided upon as necessary for the promotion of His salvation.

A few statistics on the latest records of our performance in stewardship may suffice at this time. During February, seventeen churches gave amounts to the Denominational Budget equal to or above the targets which were recently suggested to them. Fifteen churches had reached their five months' targets up to that time, but these two groups do not necessarily coincide. Total giving at the end of five-twelfths of the current year is three-twelfths of the amount required for the budget. **Think on these things!**

A. B. C.

MISSIONARY BARRAR RESIGNS

Rev. Ronald H. F. Barrar has found it necessary, for personal reasons antedating his visit to the United States, to resign as superintendent of our Nyasaland Mission. This decision was reached by Mr. Barrar after prayerful consideration and consultation with other workers, native and American, in the Nyasaland Field.

After considerable discussion and thorough canvassing of all possibilities for reconsideration of his decision, the Missionary Board, with the Conference president and executive secretary present and representing Commission, reluctantly voted to accept Mr. Barrar's resignation at a special meeting held at Westerly, R. I., Feb. 7, 1954. The board, with the concurrence of Commission, is currently considering problems raised by this resignation, such as acquiring title to the Nyasaland property, and discovering and engaging a successor for Mr. Barrar in the mission.

NYASALAND NEWS

Compiled by Rev. Leon Lawton

"Work has started here on the power project ("Little Boulder Dam"). The men are digging the channel now, though it is a large job. The generator was bought a week ago last Tuesday (January 26), and will run off the maize-mill diesel until the water power is completed. So last night (February 5) we had electric lights for the first time here. The only thing is that it is too expensive to use fuel oil to keep the mill running all the time — so we have electricity for only 2 or 3 hours in the evenings. It is nice, though, and we had forgotten how bright a light it is.

"This month — the 24th of February, begins a three-week break in classes. It will be very welcome, for Joan needs the rest and a chance to catch up on her school plans. It keeps her busy grading papers and making lesson plans.

"You should see our new living quarters. We have one room in the dispensary building, but it divides up very well and it serves the purpose. We will probably feel lost when our house is finished. Sometime around April they should be able

to begin again on the house (after the rains are over).

"There is a lovely Christian woman who works for us. She carries our water, does our washing and many other things. One of the schoolboys does our ironing. We are doing our own cooking.

"The dispensary work has grown immensely since our arrival. We had 1,131 patients in November, 1120 in December, and 1386 in January. One day we passed the 100 mark by one. Since it takes about £4 to £5 monthly for medicine we are charging 1½ pence (about 2c) per patient call. The pennies count up, averaging an income of about £4 a month. Some, of course, cannot pay and are treated anyway.

"We do, at times, keep patients at the dispensary. We have one dispensary (treatment) room and one small and one large room for bed patients. There is only one bed. However, since the natives sleep at home on mats, they often do the same here, bringing food and sleeping mats when they come.

"Maternity work is at a standstill because Beth is alone in the dispensary with only part-time help from Mary Barrar. Thus she is unable to leave on such calls. Joan is teaching full time."

[The above material was sent for Mission Notes, published at Los Angeles, but due to the present importance of news from Nyasaland we are also including it in our pages. Ed.]

The newly-organized International Christian University, organized in Tokyo, Japan, principally with funds from American churches, seems to have a monopoly of "firsts." It is the first Christian graduate institution of higher learning in Japan. It has student dormitories for men and women. (Almost no Japanese institution has any housing facilities for students.) In addition, ICU will develop a campus-centered life; this experiment of faculty and students sharing community life together, and informally, may influence all Japanese education. Also, the university will have five vice-presidents, each in specified fields. Administration of this kind is not practiced by Japanese colleges or universities today.

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

Socrates A. Thompson

(See Recorder of March 8 under Missions.)

I. Of God

I believe in God, the one personal, eternal Spirit, Creator and Sustainer of the universe; our Father who manifests holy, redeeming love toward all men.

I believe in the supremacy of the one God and Father of all men, and that it is wrong to take His name in vain, or to lightly speak of Him. To me, He, and He alone, could create this vast world, and in His sustenance, keep it.

I cannot adequately define God, but can accept the greatest definition given of Him: "God is Spirit." In that He is Spirit, He is an omnipotent being, thus He is able to guide the affairs of all of His creation. He is omnipresent, filling one place with His presence as if He were nowhere else, and yet is present everywhere.

I do not believe in a God who has to be anthropomorphic. He does not have to be in the form of any of His creatures. God is Spirit, and that, to me, is what He is. He is not in all things, but directs all things.

God cannot be known, and yet I say that He is known. This is a great paradox, and can only be understood when one remembers that no one has ever seen God. There have been a few instances in which people have testified to having seen parts of God, yet no one has ever been able to give the slightest description of Him. Thus I say, God cannot be known. In that He has never been seen, there is no way of proving His existence, and I would never in my life try to prove to any one that He exists.

In that He is known, He manifests His life and Himself in many ways to those who seek Him. Through this association, we know that we are the sons of God. This is by the assimilation of His Spirit with ours. When He lives in us and directs our lives, He becomes so real to us that we know that He lives. This, and the world about me, are the things which assure me that there is a God, or in other words, there is a force or power which orders the affairs of the world, and which guides the functions of my life, and

this to me is God. I may better explain it through the words of Paul in Acts 17: 27, 28: "Though he be not far from every one of us: for in him we live, and move, and have our being."

The main source of information which we have about God is the Bible, and in it there is no discussion regarding His existence. It rather assumes that God exists. The people of the Old Testament did not attempt to prove that there was a God, thus we are presented with the idea as a known fact. John defines Him as "The Word" (John 1: 1.), and the Psalmist says: "He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel." The solution to the seeming problem, then, seems to be, as a being, He cannot be known, but as the operating force of the universe, He can be, and is known. God can be known as the Holy Spirit reveals Him. He is my Father, and the Father of all men, and as Father, He possesses the highest quality imaginable — Love. Love to the greatest degree: "For God so loved the world that he gave. . . ." John 3: 16. This gives me another strong definition of God: **God is Love.**

That God is love is seen in every opening bud, and to a far greater degree, as He is manifested to His people in the things which He has made

John speaks of God as Spirit (4: 24). This makes Him a surpassing being to all other gods, and helps me to believe in Him as the "one eternal, perfect, and personal" Spirit. I believe that since God is the source of life, He is life; since He is loving and a loving Father of all, then God is Love; since there is no other way of obtaining light but through Him, I may as well say that "God is Light." These elements seem the most important to life, and since He can be compared to all of them He is all that the world needs for its existence, and this, to me, is remarkable proof of His self-existence.

II. Man

We are told in the Book of Genesis that man was made in the image of God. God does not have form as man has; man is not spirit, therefore man could not have been made in the image of God in his structure. Man has a spirit, and is capable of love, of loving and being loved in

the same manner in which God is capable of these things.

I believe that man is a son of God, that he is the crowning act of the creation. Since God is the Father of all men, and man a child of God, then he must possess some of the qualities which are in God.

As a child of God, man has moral and spiritual responsibilities. I do not believe that he was born good, but neither was he born evil, but was born nil with propensities for good or evil. His environment makes him what he becomes. As a child of God, man has moral responsibilities which he obtains through his divine sonship. He thus has a unique relationship to God. He is also the most powerful of all creatures. Man is made with a will which may be termed "man's free will." This gives him freedom to be either good or bad.

God does not rule man's will, but leaves him free to do what he likes. When a life has been made subject to God, He, through the Holy Spirit, guides it into the path of goodness. Man also has two natures, the spiritual and the carnal. The spiritual is subjected to do good, the carnal to do evil. These were to be ruled by his own free will. In the carnal was the possibility of lust, and this was overpowered by his freedom of choice. His free will failed, and man became the victim of sin.

That God breathed in him the breath of life thus making man a living soul gives him a deeper spiritual sonship than the mere creation. When he sinned, he lost this close sonship, but retained his sonship through the creation. Man was made to have everlasting life, but lost it through sin. He may regain this life by turning to the perfect will of God through Jesus Christ whom God has sent to be his propitiation for sin. The breath of life in him may be termed conscience which tells him when he does wrong. It bears a spark of God which gives him a higher intelligence than all things in the universe. No other animal has the possibilities of man. He is capable of discerning things, and this no other animal can do. He has a sense of reason which gives him an inclination to do good.

"And man became a living soul." There

(Continued on Back Cover)

Missions

Nyasaland Mission Problems

A special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, March 7, to consider problems growing out of the resignation of Rev. Ronald Barrar as head of the Nyasaland Mission.

Letters were read which had been received from Joshua Chona, secretary of the Central African Conference of Seventh Day Baptists, from Miss Beth Severe and Miss Joan Clement, the American missionaries on the field, and from Rev. Ronald Barrar.

A. Burdet Crofoot, secretary of Commission and Conference, and Rev. Lester G. Osborn, president of Conference, represented the Commission and Conference at this meeting, sharing communications that had been received by them.

After full discussion and with reluctance the board voted to accept the resignation of Mr. Barrar. Plans were started for carrying on the mission work in Nyasaland with a change of supervisor and policy.

Portions of their letters follow. Mr. Chona wrote:

"It was on the 24th of January when he (Mr. Barrar) put forth his resignation before the committee. The reason for his resignation is the disagreement in their family. The committee agreed with him to resign and let the Lord's work progress." Beth and Joan had written, "In our thinking there is no other choice (than to accept his resignation) if we are to remain as a mission." Mr. Barrar wrote as follows: "It is very hard for me to write this letter, as you will know from (Secretary) Burdet Crofoot that I have resigned. I do hope the Missionary Society will get into this field now that it has the opportunity, as I believe this is the Seventh Day Baptist's last chance in Nyasaland. The work is here, as it always has been, and I hope you will look at this difficulty as just a change of supervisors and policy which is what it amounts to. Things seem to have piled up on me since my return

and I'm afraid I can't take it. I'm not doing my job properly, it is hard to work with so much on one's mind. Please do what you can to get someone out here without delay. In the meantime, I am doing what I can."

Special Meetings at Salemville, Pa.

Evangelistic services are being planned for the middle of April. Rev. David Pearson of Berea, W. Va., has accepted an invitation from this church to come at that time.

David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pearson of Schenectady, N. Y. His wife is the former Bettie Butler of the Paint Rock, Ala., Church. Both are good musicians, and thus can add much to the service. The meetings will begin on Sunday, April 11. — From Salemville Church Bulletin.

Secretary Harris to Visit Churches

Plans are about complete for the secretary of the Missionary Society to leave the office for a field trip on March 17 to be gone for several weeks. It is expected that assistance in preaching services will be given at North Loup, Neb.; Nortonville, Kan.; and at the Little Genesee, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Churches.

Secretary Harris hopes to be back at the office on April 20, a few days before the April Missionary Board meeting. Rev. Harold R. Crandall will carry on the work of the office during his absence. Mr. Crandall will assist under the same arrangements as were made during his co-secretaryship last year.

Plans are being made also for the secretary to assist the Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church in special services during mid-May.

These proposed preaching and lay visitation leadership services are a part of the effort being made to co-operate in the suggestion of last Conference "to undertake pilot projects in the field of home missions evangelism." This was suggested in order to make possible "further study and more completely detailed programs" for the work of the Missionary Board's proposed full-time field worker on the Home Field.

Christian Mission Schools

Seventh Day Baptist churches have always encouraged education and sponsored academies and colleges as one of our first Christian responsibilities. "Not only is the development of the mind designed to add to the inherent worth and dignity of the individual, an ambition in itself worthy of the church, but it ensures a well-informed and enlightened leadership in the church and community."

On mission fields it has been a natural expression of Christian concern to establish a school soon after establishing a church. "Education continues to provide the missionary with an unparalleled opportunity for his primary task of evangelization; by word and example among those who are already within the fold of Christ or those who are still without."

When is a mission school Christian? "The majority of the managers and staff should be (professed) Christians and in their human relations should give a convincing demonstration of Christian brotherhood." As a rule "half of the students in a Christian school should normally be Christian. In some regions this may not be possible." "The difficulty of finding adequately trained Christian teachers to accept the relatively low salaries of mission schools compared to those of government schools" is a problem facing all mission school executives. This very problem is keenly felt by our mission teaching staff in Jamaica and deserves the sympathetic appreciation of the denomination. Those who teach at a sacrifice to themselves and families should be held up in our prayers.

(Quotes are from "Conference on Missionary Institutions" sponsored by the Division of Foreign Missions, May, 1953.)

Student Quartet and Evangelist

Plans are going forward for a Salem College student quartet to serve this summer in conjunction with an evangelist in special evangelistic services in some of our churches, tentatively set to begin at Fouke, Ark., early in June.

The four Salem students who have designated willingness to help are Mynor and Herbert Soper (sons of Pastor Ralph

Soper), Doyle Zwiebel, and Richard Bachelder. Mynor and Doyle are seniors. They have in mind further preparation for the ministry following graduation. It is expected that Herbert and Richard will be returning to Salem in September. Richard also has the ministry in mind.

We are happy to announce to our Recorder family that Professor Loyal F. Hurley has consented to serve as evangelist for a part of the summer, working with the quartet. He is combining this work with that of recruiting for the ministry under the direction of the School of Theology. It seems a forward step in co-operative planning between the Missionary Board and the School of Theology that he can combine his efforts in this way.

President K. Duane Hurley was requested to assist in the selection and training of the quartet, which he has done in consultation with Pastor Clifford Hansen and Moderator Clarence Rogers of the Salem Church. It is reported that the young people of the Salem Christian Endeavor group have given their backing and pledged substantial "extra financial support" for the young men. One of the great hardships of the plan is the very small amount of pay voted for this work, "jeopardizing the chances (of the students) of returning to college next year."

E. T. H.

Remember Stewardship Sabbath

Secretary Crofoot has reminded us that March 27 has been designated as "Stewardship Sabbath." It is the last Sabbath of the quarter, therefore our last chance to bring our contributions up to the quarter's goal.

Many of us are remembering with sharpness of pain right now that our government requires careful, costly stewardship. It requires about 20% after deductions. If we had given God more we would not have been required to give "Uncle Sam" so much. Federal tax money may be spent wisely, but not nearly as carefully as church and denominational money. If it be possible, let us aim now to give 20% to the Lord. It is a better investment and one that is accompanied by a glow of pride rather than that prick of pain.

WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR APRIL

By Mrs. Willard Wells, Boulder, Colo.

Theme: The Resurrection

Song: "He Lives"

Scripture: John 11: 25; Luke 23: 55-56; 24: 1-6.

My Risen Lord

My risen Lord, I feel Thy strong protection;

I see Thee stand among the graves today;
"I am the Way, the Life, the Resurrection"

I hear Thee say.

And all the burdens I have carried sadly
Grow light as blossoms on an April day.

Author unknown.

Thoughts on The Resurrection: Let us turn our thoughts to our Lord's own words: "I am the resurrection and the life."

The resurrection which really matters to us is the first resurrection of the believer. Were it not for God's gift of love and sacrifice, the only resurrection available to us would be the second, for "all our righteousness is as filthy rags." Isaiah 64: 6.

The second part of our Lord's statement is of equal importance at Easter and all through the year. The angel asked the women why they sought "the living among the dead." This same question is valid today.

Suggested Special Music: Duet, "Follow Me," Herbert G. Tovey.

Thoughts on Power: Christ has a power potential for the life as well as for the resurrection. 2 Timothy 1: 7; John 1: 12.

That power can furnish the missing link in budget problems; in marital misunderstandings and difficulties; in impatience and behavior problems, the No. 1 hazards of parenthood.

It is the answer for physical crises. So many times during the past seven years I've prayed, "Lord, help me through the next task, or the next fifteen minutes." I shall never forget the thrill of having the physical exhaustion melt away and a radiance and energy take its place in answer, to such an extent my husband noticed the difference in me.

The power of the life is available to all, old and young in ever circumstance.

The condition of possession rests with the individual's willingness to venture or adventure with the Lord.

Prayer: Our Father, we have known the promise of newness of life following our baptism. Yet because of our blindness and failure, we have areas of life untouched. Our nerves are on edge; we are full of pessimism, sarcasm, criticism of our brother, unkind thoughts, and deep discouragement. Give us this Easter this fullness of life that will release us from our "self-prisons," opening the unforeseen beauties and blessing of Thy life in us. Amen.

Period of silent meditation and consecration. (With background of soft music if desired.)

Credo

Lord, I believe.
In thine infinite reason
Light follows darkness. . . .
Tomorrow will dawn,
Every tree yielding its fruit
In its season.
Seedlings of hope
Promise faith to move on.

Man becomes lost
In the mists of illusion,
Baffled and bruised
In blind alleys of strife;
Then, through some rift
In the clouds of confusion,
Glimpses Thyself
At the center of life.

Beth Duvall Russell,
in Church Woman.

The popularity of alcohol is due primarily to the fact that it charms people with their own personalities. The drinker glows with self-affection and takes for granted that you share his adoration of himself.

No, I don't like drunks. But a drunk doesn't care. He likes himself well enough for both of us. — Don Herold.

"There is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over a ten thousand dollars for a building fund." — Dr. Carrol A. Wise.

SECRETARY ATTENDS GREAT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MEETING

It was a real privilege to attend the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ held in Cincinnati from February 7 to 13. There were about 1500 representatives from forty denominations. The theme was "Christ — Our Unity; Teaching — Our Task." Seventeen different sections discussed various phases of Christian education — children's, youth and adult work, leadership education, missionary education, the part of executives, editors, pastors, laymen, etc. People engaged in many kinds of religious work shared their experiences and conclusions. I can mention only a few of my impressions and a few people who contributed.

The high spot for me was the worship service on Tuesday evening in the huge Emery Auditorium which was packed from main floor to the last balcony with earnest worshipers. The music by a local choir accompanied by a brass choir was inspiring. A challenging address, "A Total Witness and the Teaching Task," was delivered by the well-known evangelist and author, Charles B. Templeton of the National Council's Department of Evangelism.

There were descriptions of the social work of student teams from Earlham College in the surrounding communities, exchanges of experiences in operating youth camps, and demonstrations of the use of films and filmstrips and other audio-visual aids. Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, executive secretary of the Division of Christian Education, pointed out several recent trends in Christian education. One is a tendency toward a more evangelistic spirit, a desire to reach all for Christ. Great emphasis is being laid on the family as the most important agency for teaching religion, and efforts are being made to help parents to do their part. A third tendency is toward more co-operation between denominations in weekday religious education, radio programs, the production of study books and audio-visual materials, and other things that we can do better together than we can alone.

N. D. M.

BISHOP FRANCIS J. McCONNELL AS I KNEW HIM

Dean A. J. C. Bond

In the passing of Bishop McConnell of the Methodist Church the Christian Church has lost one of its major prophets. I use the term because that is what he was. Through many years I had the opportunity often to hear some of his pronouncements on matters of vital interest and concern to the ecumenical Church. On one occasion in a meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Bishop McConnell arose to make a plea for at least one small opening in the walls of our organization through which the voice of the prophet might be heard.

For two weeks at Lausanne in 1927 it was my privilege to sit at table once every day with the Bishop and his wife and a mutual Baptist friend. This gave us the opportunity to get pretty well acquainted.

I remember with pleasure an incident at the Lausanne Conference in which the Bishop had a part.

To carry on the work of the Conference that body had decided to appoint a "Continuation Committee" of one hundred delegates. A good percentage of the members were selected by the conference, composed of those who had been especially interested in the Movement for Faith and Order. The members thus appointed selected the number required to complete the membership of one hundred. Dr. Ashworth, my Baptist friend, informed me that I had been appointed on the committee, and said that Bishop McConnell set forth in the meeting the reasons why I should be made a member. Of course I had no idea I should be selected.

The next morning on our way to breakfast I told the Bishop that I understood he had advocated my membership on the committee. With a smile which reminded me of Dr. A. E. Main's smile, not broad but deep, he said, "That wasn't any strain." For the subsequent years of my residence in Plainfield I was an active member of the Continuation Committee of Faith and Order, which held its meetings in New York, in a measure, I hope, fulfilling the good Bishop's reasons for my being on the committee.



OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

Address: Mizpah S. Greene
Andover, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am in the eighth grade at school. I am thirteen years old. I go to the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Los Angeles.

Next week in school I go to sewing class. There I am going to make a dress. The first six months of school we had cooking.

I have a brother who is twenty and a sister who is twenty-eight. My brother is in the U. S. Air Force. My sister lives in Highland Park and has two children: a boy named Russell who is seven years old, and a girl named Marjia who is one and a half years old.

I take singing lessons from Lois Wells, the director of the church choir. We have a group of girls named Melody Maids who sing once a month in church. I also take swimming lessons.

Best wishes,
Dixie Crouse.

Los Angeles 41, Calif.

Dear Dixie:

You certainly are a very busy girl with your many worth-while activities. But I think, don't you, that busy people are the happiest?

Do you belong to the Girl Scouts? This was Girl Scout week in Andover. I attended church at the Methodist Church this morning. There were two full seats of the Girl Scouts in attendance and probably there were fully as many in the other churches. On Boy Scout week there were even more children present.

In Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am a member of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church, and am eleven years old. I have just completed my first week of junior high. I go to Gage Avenue Junior High School. I am enjoying it very much.

I have a brother fifteen years old and he is in high school. He loves to hunt and explore in the open. I love horses and am taking riding lessons. Some day

I hope to own a horse myself. I already have a little white cat named Soda and a parakeet named Nicky.

Sincerely,
Donna Bowman.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Donna:

I was pleased to receive two such nice letters from the Los Angeles Church, and I'm hoping that this is only the beginning; that you will write often and get others to write. I have a brother-in-law and several nieces and nephews who lived in Los Angeles the last time I heard. His name is Sydney MacCarty.

Horseback riding is fun. I found it so when I was a girl on the farm. I also liked to drive our old horse Topsy and sometimes drove after the mail two and a half miles from home.

In Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Grandpa and Grandma, Robert and Corry Clarke, had a Golden Wedding celebration a week ago. One hundred and eighty people came to their party. My sister and I gave them a Golden Wedding anniversary book.

Love,
Shiela and Gayle Clarke.
Independence, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I went to Doris Ann's wedding at the Christian Temple in Wellsville.

We have twelve cows and some calves, and we have dogs and cats for pets.

I go to school on the bus. I am in the fourth grade. We have a new TV.

Love,
Jean Rifenburg.
Independence, N. Y.

Dear Shiela, Gayle, and Jean:

I will answer your welcome letters next time as I haven't room to answer them this week.

Love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for April 3, 1954

Jesus' Intercessory Prayer

Lesson Scripture: John 17: 9-23.

FARLEY AMONG THE PROPHETS?

The following extract from the Congressional Record was sent in by Jennings Randolph. It is an editorial found in the Mount Vernon, N. Y., Daily Argus after Jim Farley had addressed a meeting in that place. It was inserted in the Record of March 31, 1953, as extended remarks of Hon. Eugene J. Keogh. After some pertinent remarks about what might be expected from a professional politician the editor writes:

"... Invariably the professional is the bogeyman of politics.

"For that reason, it was good that James A. Farley made his belated visit to Mount Vernon. He provided us, through his address before the Italian Civic Association, with a new dimension in knowing the man. It wasn't Jim Farley of early New York politics or the genial Jim of the early New Deal. It was James A. Farley, American, with a message of hope. It was a deadly serious Farley. Where his audience conceivably could have expected some grade A wisecracks and an inside story or two, they instead heard him say, with apparent relief, that man has stopped looking down and has begun to look up to heaven. 'Faith is on the march,' he said, 'we have descended into the valley of doubt and made our way back to faith in the Creator.'

"Lashing out at the godlessness of the 1920's and 1930's Farley said that in rejecting the Creator, man had succeeded in building a world that had scared him out of his wits. Communism and fascism and nazism had fouled the earth and the minds of men for more than a generation. The Bible was debunked, science was the answer to all things, and man made a mess of what he regarded as his world.

"Man is beginning to throw off the shackles of doubt and unbelief, said Farley. In his travels he had found a new feeling of religious fervor throughout the United States, England, France, Italy, Western Germany, the world over. 'The faith of the mind, that strayed as far as the prodigal son, has returned.

"The world's people have made the full cycle. They have come back. They have found the truths their parents accepted with simple faith from the Bible.'

"This newspaper underscores Farley's remarks. Church news, daily becoming more dynamic, is often a part of the American page 1. News of church and synagogue is meeting the demand of a heartsick and weary people seeking solace after a debacle created by godlessness. Such items as 'Lenten Thoughts by Our Neighbors,' the 'Daily Prayer,' and 'Life of Jesus' are popular features of the Daily Argus. Our church page, often cited, has high readership; to reprint a year's quota of Mount Vernon church news would require the use of twelve 300-page volumes.

"In bringing a message that showed a resurgence of faith in the minds of men, Farley found hope for man and his future. 'The atomic bombs may be the Alcoholics Anonymous for a world that got morally drunk. The threat of the H-bomb does not disturb the soul looking to God for help.'

"An encouraging message in our troubled times from a politician named James A. Farley. Here we respect Politician with a capital P. In his present assignment Farley has become an effective district leader for the only Boss who counts."

LET'S THINK IT OVER

The answer to Communism in lands "most keenly facing the Communist threat" is not "the negative approach of mccarthyism," but is rather "the positive approach of trying to produce such social conditions as will make it impossible for Communism to exist," a church leader recently returned from a five-month trip to Europe and Asia declared. Dr. Charles T. Leber, general secretary of the Presbyterian, U.S.A., Board of Foreign Missions, asserted that "only in this way can we actively win the minds of world youth from Communism to the Christian way of life." He addressed 300 delegates at an annual assembly of the National Council of Churches' Division of Foreign Missions.

Another speaker, M. M. Thomas of Travancore, India, maintained that Asia is in the midst of total social revolution and peoples of the West can only hold the appeal of Communism in check during this ferment by recognizing the social aims of the revolution and guiding Asians towards their achievement. The Indian youth leader pleaded for greater under-

standing among missionaries that "some sort of social democratic revolution is necessary in order to solve the problems inherent in the country's outworn feudal society." The assembly was held Dec. 8 to 12, in Buck Hill Falls, Pa. — National Council Bulletin.

During the 37 months of the Korean War, automobile casualties in the United States were 30 times greater than battlefield casualties.

New England Laymen's Fellowship

Lewis F. Randolph

A meeting of the men of the Seventh Day Baptist churches of New England was held in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I., on Jan. 31. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the formation of a fellowship. Fourteen men were present representing four of the New England churches. Morton Swinney of Niantic, Conn., was appointed temporary moderator, and Lewis F. Randolph of Ashaway, R. I., temporary secretary. It was voted that the fellowship meet again in the church vestry on Sunday night, February 28, and that Mr. Swinney and Rev. E. T. Harris be a committee for a program for the next meeting.

The second meeting was held as scheduled with twenty-one in attendance. Mr. Swinney opened the meeting with a devotional period. After the singing of several hymns, Merritt Kenyon of Ashaway read the Scripture of the evening and offered prayer. Following a brief talk by Mr. Swinney, picture slides were shown by Pastor Osborn, Ira Murphy, Elston Van Horn, and Martin Oates. Many of the views were of local setting, all of them being greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the group. Later, a nominating committee was appointed which met during the enjoyable social time. The nominating committee reported officers selected for the ensuing year as follows: president, Morton Swinney; vice-president, Ira Murphy; secretary, Lewis F. Randolph; treasurer, Elwin Kenyon, Jr. The vote was unanimous.

Pastor Osborn gave an invitation for the fellowship to meet at the Ashaway

Church on Sunday night, March 28. A cordial invitation is extended to all the men of the New England churches to reserve these meeting nights and to attend the fellowship, with the assurance that they will be well repaid. It has been mentioned that we may have one or two quartet groups.

We hope to become better acquainted in the fellowship group, trusting that with the Master's help we may be able to carry some encouragement and inspiration to others outside the group.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

EDINBURG, TEX. — Sunday afternoon, January 3, the church held its annual business meeting in the home of Mrs. Elaine P. Boehler with nine members present.

Pastor Mitchell presented a new constitution which was adopted article by article — the whole to be incorporated in the Church Book. The name of the church was changed from the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Edinburg, Texas, to the Edinburg Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Principal officers elected for the year are: moderator, Pastor Mitchell; clerk, Mrs. L. L. Van Horn; treasurer, L. L. Van Horn; trustee for 3 years, L. L. Van Horn.

Our resident membership is 17, the same as a year ago but our nonresident membership has dropped from 16 to 15. We have often wondered how the Edinburg Church compares with other Seventh Day Baptist churches with regard to the resident and nonresident members. President Osborn estimates one third as nonresident and shut-ins. We are looking forward to an increase in resident membership.

At the Sabbath school business meeting the following were elected: superintendent, L. L. Van Horn, with Mrs. J. R. Boehler as assistant and also cradle roll superintendent; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Elaine P. Boehler; missionary committee, L. L. Van Horn; temperance committee, Mrs. M. E. Huey.

Sabbath school membership has changed from 34 to 45 during 1953. A six-month contest began January 2 with minor prizes to be given those with the most points each month besides the major six-month

prizes. This contest ties Sabbath school, church, and Christian education together, so to speak — points being given for attendance at Sabbath school and C. E., for studying the Sabbath school lesson, sitting toward the front during church, etc.

Our Sabbath school membership of 45 is made up to a great extent of children from non-Christian homes. During the winter months we are also blessed with the presence and help of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bird of Dodge Center, Minn. From January 2 to February 20 our average attendance has been 30; morning worship attendance has averaged 33, about two thirds of them being children; Christian education on Sabbath afternoons has an average of 18 in attendance; and Wednesday evening prayer meetings averaged 12 of school age and above.

Evangelistic meetings were held nightly from Feb. 5 through Feb. 14 with Pastor Trevah R. Sutton of Fouke bringing good messages, including an illustrated message for the children at the beginning of each meeting. Though there were no professions of faith in Christ, we trust that good was done. Those of us who have already accepted Christ as our Saviour were blessed by the meetings and the opportunity of visiting with Pastor Sutton. We are very thankful to God for the privilege of having these helpful, inspiring meetings. Attendance during the meetings ranged from 16 to 39.

— Mary H. Van Horn, Correspondent.

SALEMVILLE, PA. — We started the new year by co-operating with the other churches in the community in the Week of Prayer. Services were held in our church on Sabbath eve with the pastor of the Methodist Church at Loysburg filling the pulpit. Our pastor delivered the sermon in the Church of the Brethren at New Enterprise on Sunday evening, January 10.

Last year was a very busy and happy year for us.

Some of our young people attended the Pre-Conference Camp and Conference last August. We had a successful Religious Day School the first week in August in the German Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Pastor and Mrs. Burdick had a vacation in November at Waterford, Conn. On our pastor's birthday in November we gave him a surprise party which turned out to be a joyous occasion. We presented him with a purse of money. The church has also raised the pastor's salary \$100.

The Juniors presented a Christmas program under the direction of Mrs. Melda Clapper which was very interesting. An offering of \$28 was taken and sent to missions.

Our young people have voted to put out a bimonthly paper of church activities.

The Women's Society meets the first Wednesday evening of each month in different homes, and a faithful few spend Wednesday of each week quilting in the home of Mrs. Minnie Wolfe.

The society has adopted the "penny-per-meal" plan suggested by our executive secretary, A. Burdet Crofoot. If this would and could be done by every Seventh Day Baptist our Missionary Society would have no trouble in meeting the budget.

We are looking forward to the coming of Rev. David Pearson, pastor at Berea, W. Va., to hold evangelistic services in April. — Mrs. Mary Blough, Correspondent.

FOUKE, ARK. — A weekend series of evangelistic meetings were held in our church from Friday to Sunday night, November 6, 7, and 8. Deacon Glen Davis arranged the praise service and Pastor Sutton brought the three messages. Although the attendance was small those attending say they received spiritual benefits from the services.

A nice group of our people gathered at the church on Sunday, November 29, for the annual Thanksgiving dinner. The New Year's dinner did not materialize due to an emergency (the fatal illness of Mrs. Sutton's mother).

Several of our men participated in the "Men and Missions" service on Sabbath morning, November 7. A message was given by the pastor but laymen had other parts in the service.

A number of our congregation attended the Billy Graham film, "Mr. Texas," an evangelistic service, held December 12 at the Fouke school gymnasium. — The Church Echo.

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are those who discuss the frame of rhythmic personality which is seen of man as just a house of the soul. Others debate that man is a soul, not that he has a soul which is housed in his body. To none of these thoughts does the Bible give a statement more dependable than the other. Whether he has or is a soul is not of importance to me, and I am not sure, but I know that he is capable of enjoying everlasting life. Since man was made a son of God, I believe that he possesses moral attributes, and moral virtues. He has the ability to love, like, hate, and dislike. God is infinite and man finite.

I do not believe that man was born totally depraved and as a worm he has nothing to do in his integration, but that he is born free to, or not to, sin. His environment, especially in early life, leads him more quickly to sin than to righteousness, but it is all the action of his free will. I believe that, though sin seems more dominant in the world than ever, man is on the progressive state to goodness, and that he will one day reach it somehow or other, whether the entire race or not. This he can and will do only through the help of God in Christ, but he must recognize that he is a sinner and needs God's favor. Essentially, I do believe that man has the highest value in the sight of his Creator.

(To be continued)

WINGS

By Irene Hulett

How foolish, we, to stoop and cling
To myriads of trifling things
When opportunities abound
Wherein the deeper joys are found
Which, if embraced, would give us
Wings — Celestial Wings.

Obituaries

Dewberry. — Betsy Kenyon, daughter of William L. and Mary Langworthy Kenyon, was born in Hopkinton, R. I., Oct. 18, 1883, and died in Bethany Deaconess Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1954.

She was united in marriage to Rev. Arthur B. Dewberry, Nov. 17, 1919. His first parish way in Canada. Since then they have served several Methodist churches in Connecticut and New York State. She joined the Second Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church by baptism in her early years.

Besides her husband she leaves one brother, Amos L. Kenyon of Ashaway, R. I.; two nieces,

Mrs. James Waite of Bradford, R. I., and Mrs. C. N. Heath of Stoneham, Mass.; a nephew, B. Ellery Kenyon of Austin, Texas; and Miss Gwendolyn Dussault of Philadelphia, Pa., who has lived in her home since childhood.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist Church in Derby, Conn., with the pastor, Rev. W. E. Rhodes, officiating. Her husband who was a patient in the Bethany Deaconess Hospital was unable to attend. The committal service in the First Hopkinton Cemetery near Ashaway, R. I., was conducted by a former pastor of the Ashaway Church, Rev. E. T. Harris of Westerly, R. I.

E. T. H.

Carpenter. — Buddington J., the son of Herbert and Eliza Jennings Carpenter, was born Jan. 25, 1879, and died suddenly Feb. 11, 1954, at Blockville (Ashville), N. Y.

He was graduated from Alfred University in 1908 and taught at Frensbury, Findley Lake, and Kendall, N. Y. At the time of his death he was operating a farm.

He was married in 1912 to Elsie Stetson of Findley Lake who survives him, as do also two sons, Bruce and Paul, and a sister, Mrs. Dorothea Milks of Scio, N. Y.

Funeral services were conducted at the Blockville Methodist Church with Rev. Ivan Rossell officiating. Burial was in Pioneer Cemetery, Blockville, N. Y.

M. I. C.

Palmiter. — Vinnie Coon, was born April 24, 1870, the daughter of O. L. and Myra Coon, and passed away Feb. 24, 1954, at Albion, Wis.

She joined the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church May 1, 1886, and has throughout her life been a faithful member of that church. She sang for many years in the choir and was a member of the Missionary and Benevolent Society. A graduate of Albion Academy, she taught in several local schools. On March 18, 1893, she was married to Fred E. Palmiter.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Oakley of Manhattan, Kan., and Mrs. Winifred Babcock of Albion, Wis.; one sister, Mrs. Mabel Emerson of Milton; one brother, Roy L. Coon of Stoughton, Wis.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, besides several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church, Pastor Kenneth E. Smith officiating.

K. E. S.

Harris. — Warren S., son of Rudolf and Margaret Ayars Harris, was born May 29, 1869, in Shiloh and passed away March 5, 1954, at the age of 84.

He resided all of his life in this vicinity except for three years which were spent in Minnesota. Mr. Harris has been a member of the Shiloh Church for many years and up until his recent illness was active in many organizations.

Surviving are his wife, Elsie; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Cobb and Miss Florence Ayars Harris; a sister, Mrs. Mable Davis; two grandsons, and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Robert Lippincott, on Tuesday, March 9, at the Garrison Funeral Home in Bridgeton, with burial in the Shiloh Cemetery.

R. P. L.

Thou Remainest

By Annie Johnson Flint

Thou remainest, Thou the changeless,
Though all else on earth may change,
Old joys fade, new griefs awaken,
Old things pass and new are strange.
Strength declines and footsteps falter
On the dark path we must face;
Thou remainest! Thou remainest!
God of glory and of grace.

Thou remainest, Thou our refuge,
When our hopes are all laid low;
Though our faith in man may weaken,
Faith in Thee will stronger grow.
Heavy burdens weight our shoulders;
And the night brings no release;
Thou remainest! Thou remainest!
God of power and of peace.

Thou remainest, Everlasting,
When all else shall pass away;
Friends are gone and pleasures fail us,
And the clouds obscure our way,
Still Thy promise stands unshaken,
Life and death its truth shall prove;
Thou remainest! Thou remainest!
God of wisdom and of love.