

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dr. R. L. Lindsey, acting pastor of the Jerusalem Baptist Congregation in Israel, urges official delegates and friends from the United States who plan to attend the Baptist World Alliance in London next July, to extend their overseas visit to include a week to ten days in Israel after the convention.

As members of the Baptist World Alliance, Seventh Day Baptists have as much right as Baptists of other denominations to attend the Golden Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in London, July 16-22, 1955. It is indeed an unusual opportunity which some of our people should grasp. One of the unusual things about it is that the round-trip plane fare from New York to London is only \$360. Enough planes have been reserved to carry 1,000 delegates. Three thousand more will go by ship.

Quick action is required. Registration blanks must be in the Washington office, 1628 16th St. NW, by February 21. Registration forms are available from Secretary Reuben E. Nelson, 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

## Marriages

Adamson - Stephan. — Wilma Stephan, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Earl Stephan, and Ronald Adamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adamson, of Malden, Wash., were united in marriage on Dec. 20, 1954, at the home of the bride's parents in Nortonville, Kan. They will reside at 735 Horne, Topeka, Kan.

## Births

Hensleigh. — A son, Robert Glen, was born Nov. 17, 1954, to Paul and Aletha Wheeler Hensleigh, of Winchester, Kan.

Bogie. — A son, Bruce Blaine, to Capt. and Mrs. Bruce Bogie (Beverly Hurley) of Washington, D. C., on Oct. 5, 1954.

Aurand. — A daughter, Mary Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Aurand of Indianapolis, Ind., on Oct. 24, 1954.

Brown. — A daughter, Karen Gayle, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown (Mary Barber) of Bellevue, Mich., on Dec. 19, 1954.

Barker. — A daughter, Cynthia Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barker (Dorothy Rowe) of Allen Park, Mich., on Jan. 3, 1955.

Pederson. — A daughter, Mary Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Arden Peterson of New Auburn, Wis., on Jan. 2, 1955.

## Obituaries

Crabtree. — Ora Parish, daughter of Isaac and Lizzie Parish, was born Oct. 25, 1887, in Nady, Ark., and died at her home near Fouke, Ark., Dec. 28, 1954.

She was married to James Crabtree and has resided in the Fouke area for more than fifty years, teaching school more than forty years. She was a member of the Fouke Church.

Mrs. Crabtree is survived by her husband; five daughters: Mrs. Pearl Reynolds, Mrs. Lizzie Harris, Mrs. Ruth Harris, Mrs. Louise Searcy, and Mrs. Amy Jones; three sons: Fred, Isaac, and Jeff; two sisters: Mrs. Lizzie Westmoreland and Mrs. Dovie Crabtree; twenty-four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services and burial were held at the Independence Baptist Church and Cemetery near Fouke, Dec. 30, conducted by Rev. R. E. Sims, assisted by Rev. T. R. Sutton. T. R. S.

Maxson. — Mrs. Marian C., daughter of Denison H. and Marian E. Crandall, was born in Leonardsville, N. Y., on Nov. 26, 1869, and died in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Jan. 3, 1955.

Mrs. Maxson lived in West Edmeston, N. Y., except for the last twenty-one winters when she has been in Daytona Beach. She was a faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Daytona Beach.

On Sept. 5, 1888, she was married to George D. Maxson, who died in 1933. She was also preceded in death by her two sisters and her two brothers. She is survived by her son, Meredith Maxson of Bronxville, N. Y.; two granddaughters; three great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted in the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church by Rev. Jay W. Crofoot and Pastor Oscar Burdick on January 6, and at her home in West Edmeston, N. Y., on January 8 by Rev. Mr. Wetherbee of the First Baptist Church of West Edmeston. Interment was in the West Edmeston Cemetery. O. C. B.

Burch. — Lois, daughter of Azor and Johanatha Coon Burch, was born Aug. 27, 1878, in South Brookfield, N. Y., and died in Binghamton, N. Y., April 18, 1954.

Surviving are her sister, Mrs. Charlotte B. Hughes of Utica, N. Y.; a brother, Clinton of Marathon, N. Y.; a nephew, nieces, and a cousin. Miss Burch was a member of the Leonardsville Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The funeral service was held in the W. T. Johnston Funeral Home in Brookfield, her pastor, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, officiating. Burial was in the Brookfield Rural Cemetery. M. C. V. H.

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for February 5, 1955

The Grace of God

Lesson Scripture:

1 John 4: 10; Eph. 4:4-9; Titus 2:11-14.

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# The Sabbath Recorder

## Our Fathers Built

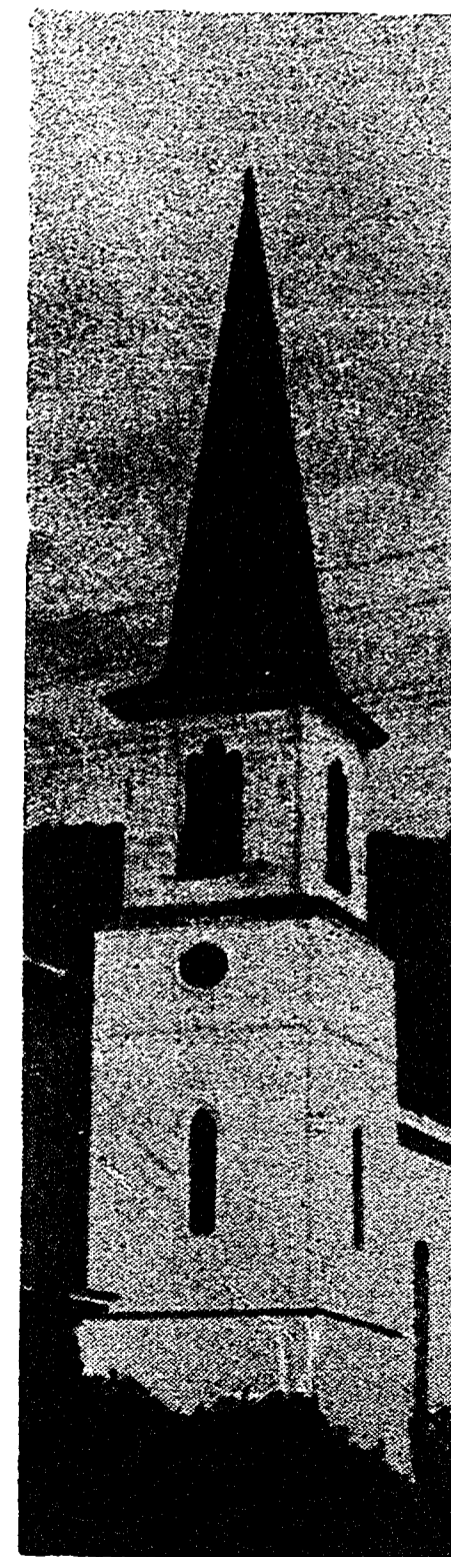
Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond

Our fathers built a "Meeting House,"  
Where neighbors met to pray,  
And nod a greeting, each to all  
On the Holy Sabbath Day.

Our fathers built a "Church of God,"  
With pulpit Bible-crowned  
From which the living Word was preached  
With no uncertain sound.

Our fathers built a "Village Church"  
Whose bell tolled out the time,  
Whose steeple pointed to the sky  
In silences sublime.

Our fathers built among these hills  
A Christian neighborhood,  
A token of what is to be —  
A world-wide brotherhood.



Note: The above poem was written to help celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the present building of the Alfred, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church and was recently sent to us by the author. It would fit many other churches. See Recorder of Oct. 18, 1954, for the Alfred background.

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## THE SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT CHURCH

Those who stay away from church while they search for the perfect church ought to read some history — and some Bible. The honest desire to find and unite with such a church is commendable and ought not to be compared with chasing the end of a rainbow. Churches have more substance than rainbows. They, too, are connected with the promises of God. The rainbow was God's sign that He would hold back destruction and guarantee the succession of seedtime and harvest. The church is God's means of saving man from the destructive power of sin, and it involves the proposition, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

Did God promise success in finding a church organization free from error of doctrine or practice? Some have so interpreted the promise of the Holy Spirit. It is true that Jesus comforted His disciples with the words, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." John 16: 13. This must not be taken in its most literal, absolute sense else it will be out of harmony with the other prophetic teachings of Christ which speak, for instance, of tares and wheat growing together in the kingdom. Take the express teaching in Matthew 18 about trouble in the church and how to settle difficulties between Christian brethren. That refers to a time after the Holy Spirit came.

If we take more than a quick look at the churches presided over by the disciples of Jesus, if we cast a glance at the mission churches, or sit in the galleries at the Jerusalem Council, we find that the churches closest to the time of Christ, the apostles, and Pentecost were far from perfect. The churches described at the end of the first century in Revelation are notoriously lacking in truth, in love, in zeal. Can it be safely assumed that each succeeding century produced a more perfect church? Who can affirm that?

What then is the criterion by which people of our generation assume that they can find or can found a perfect church? Many there are who for a time profess loudly that their particular church is simon-pure in doctrine and that its governing rules assure continuing purity of life within its membership. The heart-

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felt need for such a church perhaps sustains the member in his belief that the need must be satisfied. A few years of sober reflection bring most Christians to the realization that perfection of doctrine or of life in any organization of humans must, of necessity, be only relative. Some churches certainly by objective and spiritual standards are more pure than others.

The spiritual-minded Christian in this land of many denominations owes it to his Lord to use his best judgment and the prayed-for leadership of the Spirit to find the church that is most pure in faith and in practice. Having entered that church and discovered certain imperfections he must weigh carefully his course of action. If he goes beyond pleading with his brethren and tries to coerce them by rule or ridicule he must beware lest he add to the imperfections of others his own also. Bickering and strife are, in the Bible, equally condemned with false doctrines and dissoluteness of life.

It is probable that the splitting of churches is sometimes a solution of internal difficulties which the Lord can bless. More frequently these splits appear to have far more of the human than of the divine in them. The instruction of Jesus in Matthew 18 was not on how to divide the church but on how to keep it united by settling the difficulties within its borders. There is virtue in standing alone like Elijah against all the prophets of Baal. But there is little virtue in adopting the martyr complex of the cave-dwelling Elijah whom God rebuked for imagining that he alone was faithful to the cause of the Lord. When God finds 7,000 in Israel who have not bowed the knee to Baal, it behooves us to try to strengthen the bonds of fellowship among those 7,000.

The search for the perfect church? The search may be now, but the finding is then, "When that which is perfect is come." 1 Cor. 13: 10. It must await the events described in the last part of 1 Corinthians 15 which take place at the coming of the Lord. Let us take the exhortation of the last verse which says nothing about departing to search but much about remaining steadfast and laboring within the church.

## FAMILIAR SIGHTS WITH NEW MEANINGS

The editor is en route to the Missionary Board meeting in Westerly, R. I. Having just recently visited one of our important mission fields the trip takes on new significance. Missionary thoughts crowd the mind as we think back upon our Jamaica experiences, as we look forward to the meeting, and as we ride the trains, ferries, and subways. We cannot help but notice the different races and nationalities riding the same transportation facilities.

It is Sunday morning on a local train between Plainfield and New York. Of the 15 people in the car, six speak a language we cannot understand. We learn that some of them have lately come from Italy. An 18-year-old girl sitting opposite struggles smilingly in her attempt to read the train schedule. On the subway the percentage of foreign born will be much greater. To the east are shipyards with their cranes standing at crazy angles as if the workmen at the close of the previous working day had thoughts only of home and none for the way their work looked to others who saw it against the background of the morning heavens. In contrast are the super structures of grimly stationed, close-packed military vessels next appearing — silent, water-based monuments of a war that is past and reminders of potential mobility needed in wars that may come.

In a brief moment we will leave the train and feel the gentle surge of engines and the lift of deep water as the ferry glides out from its slip to bring us across the lower Hudson. We approach the jagged pinnacles and window-pocked walls of this silent city of cliff dwellers. We are at the water level of a great man-made canyon which lacks the beauty of nature's handiwork in the colorful Grand Canyon of the West.

Our thoughts have been focused for a moment on the possibility of war — nuclear war. We realize that the Grand Canyon of Arizona would survive. Its spires, its domes, its ramparts would still hold their glories in the rays of the morning or evening sun. But what of the business and religious spires of the intri-

cate Manhattan canyon? Would they be leveled to the ground? Would stone and steel and gleaming glass, blended by fervent heat, flow mingled from America's broken melting pot into the hissing waters of the Hudson and East Rivers? Would the inhabitants be able to take refuge in the subterranean caverns of the great city or be able to find exits through the cooling crust when it had ceased to flow? We have no desire to dwell on such horrible thoughts other than to remind ourselves that such conditions were accurately described nearly 2,000 years ago in the prophecies revealed to Peter.

What once seemed as remote as heaven, as far away as the future judgment and perhaps as escapable (through Christ) as the horrors of hell now looms menacingly on the horizon — a man-made horizon. We remind ourselves that divine revelation has not clearly specified that the wars of the end of the age will come entirely apart from human agency. It does give assurance that the appearing of the Son of Man, connected with some of these events, will be to the believer a glorious appearing, ushering in the righteous reign of Christ.

But let us come back to the silvery waterway of New York Harbor and to more pleasant thoughts of peace and hope. We can pray that somehow God's restraining hand can be placed on that degrading process now deranging the mind of Eastern Europe to a point where the human animal would destroy its offspring at this matrix of hope. Here for two centuries and more the ships with foreign flags and bulging human cargoes have come. Hopes engendered in far-off ports have come to fruition here. Out of great travail of soul has come the birth of a great nation, "conceived in liberty." No other city, no other port in all this new world is as significant as New York in this process. The lifeblood of many peoples has throbbled along the artery of this waterway to replenish the bloodstream of cosmopolitan America.

The docks of Manhattan as seen from above resemble the magnified food-assimilating tract of the human body — perhaps symbolic of the task of feeding the hungry

world, in which role we increasingly find ourselves. From these docks go ships heavy laden with what half the world needs, food and the machinery to produce more adequate supplies of the necessities of life. But the patient, untiring water of a great harbor ever carries more buoyant cargo than crated metal fashioned into articles of commercial value. We are reminded that what has brought us on previous occasions to stand by the side of some of these ships was invariably a missionary urge. We think of a missionary disembarking from Europe and Africa, of three young people buoyantly setting sail for far-off Nyasaland, of an older couple boarding a fruit ship bound for missionary work in the American Tropics, of friends at some porthole of a great liner returning to New Zealand inspired for their appointed tasks.

New York is the home of many missionary societies. Good and evil flow in and out of this great seaport and will continue to do so while time continues. We, as readers, cannot control the evil or have a great part in all the good. We can, however, have some part aside from praying in the outgoing missionary cargo. In the hold of some ship sailing soon will be large boxes of clothing worn by Seventh Day Baptists throughout the length and breadth of this land — clothing destined to be worn by people of like faith but of different color. Distributed by consecrated mission workers according to need, this clothing may, like the ministry of healing, become a convincing token of the love of God in Christ Jesus which we seek to demonstrate.

Many times we have passed the piers of the United Fruit Co. in lower New York and have seen the banana boats go out. Lately we have seen them loading in the harbors of Jamaica. We can visualize that within a year fruit from the new country school farm of our people will be finding its way to our tables and helping to finance this forward step in missionary service.

The actions of the Missionary Board meeting on January 23 will be told in the Missionary Reporter.

## MIDYEAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

A. Burdet Crofoot, Secretary

Commission held its regular midyear meeting at Salem, W. Va., from Monday Dec. 27 through Wednesday, Dec. 29. Because of illness, Rev. Charles H. Bond was unable to attend, and upon his recommendation, the chairman appointed President K. Duane Hurley of Salem College to serve at this meeting in his place. Other members present were Albyn Macintosh, chairman; Clarence M. Rogers, Conference president; Rev. Earl Cruzan, Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, and Dr. Lloyd D. Seager.

Mr. Rogers presented his proposals for the 1955 Conference program. By vote, Commission approved the tentative program as presented, and the appointment of Rev. Elmo Randolph to work with the president in directing a church-attendance campaign to be operated in conjunction with preparations for Conference.

### Biennial Conference Proposals

Executive Secretary A. Burdet Crofoot presented a draft for the "Package proposal" requested by Conference for consideration of the possibility of biennial Conferences. The following disposition of portions of the draft were voted separately:

(1) That the portion dealing with associational programs as amended in the meeting be referred to the associations for study, information, and report back to Commission, with copies of this portion to each pastor.

(2) That the portion dealing with Conference program be circulated among the churches for their information, discussion, and report to Commission.

(3) That the portion dealing with the youth program be sent to the Beacon, young people's groups through the pastors, and to the Board of Christian Education with a covering letter explaining objectives.

(4) That the portion dealing with programs of our various societies be distributed to the boards with a request for prompt consideration and report.

The portion dealing with the duties of Commission was adopted in outline form

as follows: (1) At least two meetings a year — with an additional organizational meeting immediately after Conference. (2) Limited power to revise budget during biennium. (3) Power to propose, by publication in the Recorder, by-law amendments at least one year prior to Conference. (4) Draft by-law amendments necessary to make tenure of membership on Commission consistent with biennial sessions.

### School of Theology

It was voted that Conference President Rogers, Rev. Earl Cruzan (with Burton B. Crandall as alternate), President Don A. Sanford of the Board of Christian Education, and Executive Secretary A. Burdet Crofoot, ex-officio, be named a committee to consult with the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Alfred University in an effort to arrive at a mutual understanding of the areas of separate responsibility with regard to the administration of the School of Theology on the Alfred campus. The Committee on Ministerial Training, set up by "Proposal A" as adopted by Conference last summer, was named, subject to acceptance of appointment by the individual members.

### Social Security

It was voted to recommend to the boards and churches that any minister employed by them in a ministerial capacity and electing Social Security coverage, be informed that the Social Security tax must be paid by the employee. A church or board may compensate by an increased salary if it so desires. This avoids any conduct by board or church which could be construed as involvement in state affairs. Detailed information concerning Social Security can be obtained from the executive secretary or a local Social Security Office.

### Evangelism

Commission recognized a responsibility for activating greater evangelistic effort in the home field as a part of its planning function for the denomination. It urges churches to explore every available method of evangelism and to pursue some definite course in this direction. It was voted to authorize the Conference president to select a committee to work with him in circularizing the churches and urging them

MEMORY VERSE

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. Gal. 5: 6.

to embark on such a program. Commission requests churches to submit to the executive secretary specific suggestions for activating home evangelism so that they may be co-ordinated into a denominational program.

In a discussion of Denominational Budget promotion for the current year, specific ideas and plans were proposed to enlist the financial support of our churches and people. These plans are being developed for use as the year progresses.

The Commission appreciated a letter from Dr. E. Keith Davis bearing witness to his continued interest in the work of Commission, his calling attention to certain responsibilities laid upon Commission at the Alfred Conference, and his concern over the matter of calendar reform which is again before us. It was voted to express the thanks and appreciation of Commission for the hospitality of the Salem Church for this meeting.

Conference Registration Fee

It was voted that a fee of not more than \$2 be levied for the 1955 Conference to cover the camp ground fee and necessary insurance.

The executive secretary was authorized by vote to revise and reprint the statistical report form as currently used for annual reports of the churches. It was voted that the executive secretary draft this report for the Sabbath Recorder and send it in for publication after approval by the Conference president and Acting Commissioner Hurley.

Numerous other matters were discussed and progress made in meeting some of our problems without formal action being taken in their regard.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON  
for February 12, 1955

New Life in Christ

Lesson Scripture:

John 3: 5-7; Acts 16: 25-34; 2 Cor. 5: 17.

HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE — IN PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

Rev. Victor W. Skaggs

We have been slow to realize that God loved that person, in whom we have become interested, long before we dreamed of loving him. We can hold forth the word of life to him not only by telling him of the direct radiance of God's love upon him but also by the indirect testimony of our own personal experience with God. An old saying states that a man is known by the company he keeps. We are known by the God with whom we keep company. On the other hand, the kind of God we keep company with will be reflected in our actions. Indirect testimony may be borne by us so that he may more speedily and clearly see the love of God for him.

We commonly judge a man by what we see of his attitude and acts. We see a man who is often found in the company of unwholesome characters, and we quote that old proverb, "A man is known by the company he keeps." So, in our normal experience we give the old saying a negative slant, but we are unlikely to look at an unwholesome man who is constantly seen with noble, pure, reputable people, and quote the same saying. Instead, our suspicious minds wonder "what he is after."

This evidence that we judge by appearances and in a somewhat harsh way is no new thing. It has been going on for centuries. Jesus noted it in His day. He saw the respect and almost awe in which the Pharisees were held. He saw the contempt and hatred which had erupted toward the publicans. He chose the outcasts rather than the social and religious leaders of the day. Jesus saw through the outward ceremony and piety to the hollow, dirty spirit underneath. He clearly illustrated this vision when He told the story of the Pharisee and the Publican. By their very postures, these men indicated what they were. By our interests, by our postures, by our attitudes, by our deeds we present ourselves to men. By our interests, by our postures, by our attitudes, by our deeds we present our God to men.

We present Jesus Christ to the world whether we will or not. If our picture of Him to the world is poor and weak

and niggardly it is because our experience of Him has been poor and weak and niggardly and we have been hesitant in opening our lives to Him.

We reflect that which we have found in Jesus Christ and in God His Father. What we have not found we cannot reflect.

So as we prepare to "hold forth the word of life in personal experience," we must first be sure that our personal experience with Jesus Christ is sufficient for our needs and sufficiently clear to us to make us a true reflection of Him. We see God as present everywhere. We see Him as knowing all things. We see Him as all-powerful.

The Great Force of the universe was in the Garden of Eden. He is here now. He is always present in the fullness of His power. "If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: . . . If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me." Psalm 139: 8-11.

We see God as holy. "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." (Isaiah 6: 3.) We see God as real; we see God as eternal; we see God as love, tenderness, grace, mercy, kindness. We are the mirrors of our God. Some are shiny, polished mirrors. Many have a clouded surface that dims the reflection. More have faults and imperfections and cracked glass or silver that distort the reflection. Some have the silverplating off, and the reflection is in bits and snatches.

Omnipresence, omniscience, omnipotence are beyond us, but our powers are enlarged and our knowledge is increased and we are present where needed as we learn about our strength and lean upon our God.

God's justice, His holiness, His perfect rightness is laid upon us as a goal — "Be ye holy, for I am holy," He said. 1 Peter 1: 16. His love toward all is presented to us in order that love like that may become our chief characteristic.

We are reflections of the God we worship. We sanctify or vilify His name.

Long before we cared for God, He cared for us. While we wandered up and down in carelessness, God's eye was never off us for a moment, not in awful judgment, but watching for the instant when His hand might touch us and His voice speak to us. This is the word of life that is ours to give. Nothing appeals to a man like this does.

And God gives us the right to keep a lively hope before all our fellow men. We cannot stir them from their laziness and push them along up hill and down to find a distant God who won't care about them till He sees them coming. But — God is here! He is nearer to them than we can ever come.

We must tell them over and over, in words, yes, but even more in attitudes and deeds and affection how near He is to them.

We need to remember that if our love is mean and niggardly they will see that we worship a mean and niggardly God. If our service is poor and slow and lacking in purpose, they will see that we worship a poor and ill-informed and powerless God. If our fellowship is torn with personal strife and quibbling they will see that we worship a small-spirited and loveless God.

BUT if our love toward men is strong and full and inclusive they will see that we worship a strong and all-loving and vigorous God. If our service is quick and skilled and able and purposeful they will see that we worship an intelligent, understanding, skillful, purposeful God. If our fellowship is vital and real and abiding and able to overcome differences they will see that we have a word of life to hold forth, and be glad we have held it forth toward them.

Some 7,000 bottles tossed about on the waves of the Atlantic last year with Gospel messages sealed in them. The bottles were set afloat by members of the Christian Endeavor Union of Northern Ireland. Members also conduct services in 20 languages aboard ships at Irish ports. The multilingual services are made possible by a gift of 120 phonograph records from United States Christian Endeavor groups.

## Missions

### Mid-Continent Association Missions Committee Letter

The following paragraphs of a letter written by Rev. Duane Davis, chairman of the Associational Missions Committee, is published with the hope that the fine work being done in the Mid-Continent Association will be an inspiration to others.

You are aware that you are a member of the Mid-Continent Association's Missionary-Evangelism Committee. Since our meeting at Boulder, in October, there are several things that we need to report and consider as a committee.

Let me ask you, as a member of our committee from your local church, to remind each member of your church of the importance of prayer in the spread of our truth. We need more prayer that God will use us to let others come to the Bible Sabbath and to a saving knowledge of His Son. The Great Commission is still Christ's commission to you and me.

Our committee voted at Boulder to encourage each church to investigate and begin local radio programs from each of our churches. Will you (each pastor and one lay-member from each of our 4 churches) begin a study of radio evangelism for your own church, and make a formal presentation of this at the next business meeting of your church?

We would report the special evangelistic meetings held in our North Loup Church from November 4-13. Pastor Duane Davis from Nortonville brought the messages and assisted Pastor Saunders in visitation. We feel that the meetings were worth while for our witness there and that the church felt a spirit of revival.

While in Nebraska Pastor and Mrs. Davis went with Pastor and Mrs. Saunders to visit our Sabbathkeeping brethren in Arthur, Neb., in behalf of this committee. We made an overnight visit and held an evening service on Sunday, Nov., 14, in their little chapel with Pastor Saunders bringing the message and with special music by the four of us.

I would like to inform you of our progress at Ottawa, Kan. As you are already aware, we have been having monthly

meetings of our Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship in the little city of Ottawa since March, 1954. These meetings have been in homes and in the city park. At association we voted to assist them by paying for advertising in local papers for one year "at Pastor Davis' discretion." We are beginning plans for this.

Our denominational missionary secretary has asked our committee to take the initiative in local evangelism plans, and to encourage our churches to have at least one special evangelistic effort during the year. I am enclosing a copy of his letter so you can begin at home.

We are attempting to begin a mailing list of all Seventh Day Baptists in our area to work with the Women's Board plans for Lone Sabbathkeepers and to encourage our people to meet in fellowship groups carrying the Gospel of Christ and His Sabbath with them wherever they are. Our pastors have all promised a complete mailing list of their members, both resident and nonresident. I would appreciate receiving this soon.

### The Fellowship of Prayer

The theme of the devotions of the "Fellowship of Prayer" from February 28 to April 10, 1955, will be "The Way of the Cross and the Crown." The author of this year's meditations, prayers, and Bible selections is Dr. Gaius Glenn Atkins, "an eminent minister of the Congregational Christian Churches," who has prepared these devotions on many other occasions.

These meditations, for the most part, follow Luke and trace with that Gospel, Jesus' redemptive way to the cross and His triumph over it. There is much in our own troubled times to give living meaning to all this. Our Pilgrim ways are cross shadowed: our embattled fellowships need to be transformed by the way and spirit of Jesus Christ. The fellowships of prayer and meditation are always healing and redemptive.

The theme, "The Way of the Cross and the Crown," is developed under such headings as The Cleansing Power of Love, The Hiding Place of Strength, The Power of Asking, and The Grace of an Endless Life. The third devotional in the booklet is for

Friday, Feb. 25 (The World Day of Prayer), when the meditation is developed on the words of Jesus, "Abide in Me." We quote:

"From the rising of the sun to its setting, Christians of every race and kindred join in the observance of the World Day of Prayer. Each pew of worship becomes 25,000 miles long as hearts and minds and different tongues the world around prayerfully seek to know and to keep Christ's commandments."

The Fellowship of Prayer booklets may be ordered from the Joint Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y., at five cents per copy.

Pastors and church leaders are urged to order enough copies to place one in the hands of each family unit in the church. They may be used in private devotions, family worship, or prayer meeting services.

### Crandall High School News

The second term at Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, was begun on Jan. 10, 1955, according to word recently received from Miss Jackie Wells. It was expected that Miss Wells would begin active service as a member of the faculty at that time.

It will be remembered that Miss Wells arrived at the Seventh Day Baptist Mission headquarters at 29 Charles Street, Kingston, on November 4, 1954. Since then she has been preparing on the field for carrying on her duties, taking over the bookkeeping and finance, teaching second-year religious knowledge, first-year spelling and penmanship.

We are informed that other members of the faculty will be as follows: Dr. O. B. Bond, principal and teacher of Bible, health science, and general science; Rev. S. A. Thompson, assistant principal and teacher of history, biology, senior English, and one class of Bible; Mr. Leonard Jadusingh who will teach arithmetic, geography, and West Indies history; Mrs. Mildred (Rankin) Waugh, teacher of mathematics and Latin; Mrs. Lydia Forbes will have charge of the Commercial Department; Mrs. O. B. Bond, who teaches first-, second-, and third-year English, geography, and is librarian. Miss Joyce Hamilton, Pastor Hamilton's daughter,

and a recent graduate of Crandall High, comes to the school during the afternoons to teach a class in beginning Latin.

"A typical school day," writes Jackie, "begins at 8:30 a.m., and the first fifteen or twenty minutes is chapel when the entire group meets in the church sanctuary for devotions. These morning periods are led by the young people and consist of hymns, Scripture reading, and prayer. Each afternoon when the final bell rings for dismissal, the student body and faculty gather on the front steps of the main building for a closing hymn and benediction."

### Makapwa Mission Purchase Completed

The amount requested as purchase price of Makapwa Mission (1150 pounds) has now been sent in full. The full payment was made with the expectation that a few unpaid pledges will still be fulfilled.

A letter was sent to the law firm which represented the Missionary Board requesting them to assist our missionaries in completing the transaction. With the lifting of the mortgage and securing of deed, ownership will be recorded at the land registry office at Zomba, Nyasaland.

On January 12 a check for \$1,380 was sent to the account of Makapwa Mission at Barclay's Bank in Blantyre, this being the amount which our missionaries had informed us would cover the full payment. Enough funds are still at hand or pledged to pay the cost of legal counsel and many other details that have arisen as a result of the purchase negotiations.

Appreciation is again expressed to the churches, individuals, and the Women's Board for the prompt and generous response which came as soon as the need was known.

Ten different churches gave assistance, some giving more than enough for lifting one month's mortgage payment, some giving a part of a month's installment payment. Assisting churches are as follows: Battle Creek, Irvington, First Hopkinton, Milton, North Loup, Nortonville, Philadelphia Fellowship Riverside, Shiloh, and Walworth. Most of the other churches in the denomination were represented by gifts of individual members.

## WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY

Topic: Declaring and Proving Our Love

Prelude: Lord, I Want To Be a Christian  
(played or sung quietly)

Scripture: 1 John 4: 7-21

Hymn: In Christ There Is No East or West

Poem: Abou ben Adhem (Leigh Hunt)

Vocal Trio: No Man Is an Island

Leader (In preparation read also Luke 10: 30-37; 1 Cor. 13; John 10: 7-10):

Jesus came that all men may have life more abundantly. We believe in our hearts that all men are brothers and are equal before God. Believing that, we will think of them as members of the family of God and bear out this thinking in our actions. To suit our daily word and practice to this conviction is not easy in every situation. It may sometimes require a deep and prayerful searching of our hearts and a plea for divine guidance. Let us think soberly today of just how much love and understanding we have for other peoples and how we can prove its existence in actual situations. Listen to a short statement by Henry E. Schultz on human relations: "The air is filled with talk of the H-Bomb, the end product of a series of perfect scientific equations. But there is another H-Bomb, Human Relations, for which the final equation has not been solved. It represents the full acceptance of responsibility, by every person in the world, of the need for all to feel full membership in the total human family.

"The peoples of the world are living in close quarters these days. It was much easier for our forefathers to obey the injunction 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,' since the life of the average man could be plotted within the area of a few square miles. The age of science makes . . . the whole concept of brotherhood a global problem in which every person, every social and political unit has a vital stake.

"We are beyond the age when brotherhood was the luxury of the few. We are at a moment in history when it has become for all of us a necessity.

"There is too much at stake for any to shirk the job. We must all do it, not only because we think it right, but also because we realize today that through brotherhood alone can free men hope to achieve those last best hopes of earth — true faith, true peace, and true democracy." — International Journal of Education. By permission.

**Prayer:** Father of all men everywhere, give us of Thy love and wisdom to meet the needs of our world today. Help us to show the love and justice expressed in the life and teachings of Jesus in our contacts with others in our work, church, and community. Help us individually to act positively and constructively wherever possible to ease racial tension and advance goodwill. And may we daily be renewed in spirit and strengthened by Thy presence. Amen.

### Will You Help?

Acting on suggestions from various denominational sources the Women's Board has formed a tentative plan to aid churches who so desire in obtaining teaching personnel for their Bible Schools and camps this coming summer. In order to make such help available it will be necessary to enlist the services of young women of college age or older who are interested in this type of work. Several whose names have been suggested have already been contacted. Are you eligible? Do you know someone who is?

The committee will appreciate hearing from you. Please send names and addresses to Mrs. Ernest Thorngate, 51 Blanch St., Battle Creek, Mich.

### Sabbath Thought

Wherever the Bible goes, unaccompanied by the Sundaykeeping custom which has fixed itself upon most of Christianity, the people are impelled to keep the day God intended, the seventh day of the week. When the Bible is its own interpreter in this matter, no argument for Sabbathkeeping is ever needed; it follows naturally. The Sabbath is the Bible's day. We would not want to be among the number of those who defend an inherited custom which runs counter to the revelation of God.

## RACE RELATIONS SABBATH, FEBRUARY 12

The Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches stated, "It is Jesus Christ, who revealed God as Father, and who died for all men, reconciling them to God and to each other by His Cross. From every race and nation a new people of God is created, in which the power of the Spirit overcomes racial pride and fear." This people made new in Christ bears a great responsibility to dwell in unity with all men as brothers, and we are all brothers since we all have one Father. Any acts, moods, or ideas that tend to separate men from one another also tend to separate them from God and are against the will of God that all men shall be one.

Much has been done to check the sin of racial, national, and class prejudice. The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States against racial segregation in public schools indicates progress and is itself an important step toward Christian brotherhood. The church needs to study continually its responsibility in matters of human relationships, to evaluate the attitudes and practices within the church, the community, and the nation, seeking to make all religious, social, business, and educational relationships more truly Christian.

February will be observed by churches throughout America as Brotherhood Month. February 12 is Race Relations Sabbath. The theme for this year is "Brethren . . . dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 133: 1.) Seventh Day Baptists can well join in this movement to put our Christian ideals into action in our own communities and in the world.

Information and suggestions have been sent to our pastors to help them plan programs for children, youth, and adults. Leaders of children and youth may find suggestions in the International Journal of Religious Education. The January issue has an article, "An Experience of Brotherhood," and one on "The Meal and the Word." Both are very interesting. — N. D. M.

California cost for alcoholics is set at 12 times liquor taxes. — National Voice.

## S O S THE BEACON

Seventh Day Baptist young people have been proud of the Beacon, a magazine produced by and for young people. The members of the staff have given freely of their time and interest without pay, and the cost of publishing has been kept at a minimum. The Board of Christian Education put in its budget for this year \$300 to cover the cost of the Beacon and listed \$150 as income which we had faith that the young people of the denomination would raise. We felt that the young people would welcome this project which would make the Beacon more truly their own.

This notice is to call it to the attention of officers of youth groups. It may be that the young people who attended Conference at Milton have not presented the plan to their home groups or that they have forgotten the matter since Conference. Won't you be a committee of one to ask the young people of your church, in Christian Endeavor, Sabbath School class, or whatever organization you have, to make a contribution to the Beacon. Send it to the Denominational Budget or directly to the Board of Christian Education, Alfred, N. Y. — N. D. M.



### OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We had a big turkey for Christmas dinner. We had other children here — my cousins Tommy and Doris Wellman from Rochester, and other people.

I am six years old and in the first grade.

I had nice presents. Some are: a gun that shoots corks; a truck that has a jack, a wrench and other tools, a spare tire (and I can change the tires); two nice books — an animal book and a Bible story book; a subscription to the Children's Digest, and other things.

Your friend,  
David Wellman.

N. Tonawanda, N. Y.

Dear David:

I attended Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas dinner with my daughter and family in Wellsville. We had the turkey dinner Thanksgiving Day and a ham dinner on Christmas Day. Their turkey was so big that they gave me four more days. So you can imagine I was ready for ham on Christmas Day.

I, too, had many Christmas presents, too numerous to mention here. Among them were a subscription to the Reader's Digest and a book of condensed stories from the Reader's Digest.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We had a nice Christmas with all our grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins here. On Christmas morning we had our own stockings to empty and our tree. I had some nice presents; best of all a 300-power microscope with attachments and slides; also a watch that really runs; four books: one on natural history, a snake book, a book on stars, and one on things to make.

A stray puppy came to our house. We have advertised him in the paper.

I am eight years old, a Cub Scout, and in the third grade.

Your friend,  
Kendall Wellman.

N. Tonawanda, N. Y.

Dear Kendall:

You certainly had a wonderful Christmas with such a fine number of your near relatives there. I did wish that my son with his wife and three children could have been here to help in the pleasures of Christmas, but I thoroughly enjoy the fine presents they sent to me. My granddaughters from Wellsville came after me Christmas morning before eight o'clock and we had a pleasant time exchanging presents under the Christmas tree.

A stray puppy came to the home of two neighbor boys several years ago. They were never able to find the owner. They are very fond of him; even their parents are.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We had a nice Christmas. I got a Bible and a watch, plus many other things.

The other day my brother brought in a puppy. He is very cute but we can't seem to find the owner. Our dog, Velvet, is very jealous of him, but the puppy likes her.

I hope you had a very nice Christmas.

Sincerely yours,  
Judy Wellman.

N. Tonawanda, N. Y.

Dear Judy:

Christmas is always an enjoyable time especially with children in the family. I can see plainly what a happy time you and all the family had this year. Does all your family get together like this every year at Christmas time? How you must love it!

Andover is a very doggy town. One year the dogs here were counted and there proved to be 277, while Alfred had 217.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I'm sorry I have not written for so long, but I am so busy in school work that there isn't time to write to anyone. But now during our vacation I am finding time to write.

I have been writing a little to Mrs. Arlie Davis who saw my letters in the Sabbath Recorder and probably thought I would enjoy "My Counsellor," a paper that she had. I enjoy it very much. Mr. Davis is a cousin of my Sabbath school teacher, Mrs. Stanten. She is the first teacher of our new intermediate class. There are about six of us in the class.

I hope you had a nice Christmas. I did. I think I had better leave now.

Sincerely,  
Jean White.

153 S. Osceola,  
Denver, Colo.

Dear Jean:

I was pleased to receive your good letter but must wait to answer.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

### Making Recorder Friends

Eva Millar

I met a little lady —  
Not glamorous or tall,  
And hardly one who passed her by  
Would notice her at all.

But when I stopped to ask her  
A question in my mind,  
The person that she really was  
I was amazed to find.

We had a conversation  
So pleasant and so free,  
For she could tell so many things  
That interested me.

And when our visit ended  
I found to my surprise  
I didn't want to leave her,  
And tears were in my eyes.

But still my life is richer,  
For friendship came to stay,  
And all because I chanced to stop  
And speak to her that day.

Our little old Recorder  
Is like that lady small,  
It isn't prettied up with glam'rous  
Bathing girls and all.

But if you'd get acquainted,  
And find what it can tell,  
I think you'd learn to love it  
And subscribe to it as well.

## Youth News

### Christmas at Salem College

Vacation is over now, and we've all returned to our new year's work here at Salem College. But although the new year hasn't given us enough time as yet to gather new experiences, we can still look back to Salem's pre-Christmas season with satisfaction and new pride for our school.

On campus and around the town the presence of the Christmas spirit was quite evident. There were decorations, carols, the usual greetings, and in general the usual warm, friendly feeling that goes with the season. There were, though, some things which will be remembered as part of the 1954 season, exclusively. At our

last regular chapel program before vacation, we were all inspired by a message from our president, K. Duane Hurley, who left us with some worth-while thoughts for the holidays.

Again, the night following chapel, we were inspired and thrilled by the music of the Salem College Chorus, under the direction of Professor Henri Pensis. The chorus sang a variety of Christmas songs, including French, English, German, Spanish, and American carols. The concert was brought to a close by two selections from Handel's "Messiah," which included the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus." So now, after all the joys of a well-spent Christmas and New Year's season, we once more pursue our various studies and activities, refreshed, and assured that 1955 is going to be another really happy new year. — Correspondent.

### Verona Youth

The Young People's Social Club of Verona, N. Y., sponsored an all-church Christmas party on December 11 in the church basement. A film, "The Greatest Gift," was shown.

Gifts donated at this time were given to the Salvation Army. After singing some of the favorite Christmas carols, games were played and refreshments were served.

The January meeting of the Social Club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Sholtz. The worship program planned by Mrs. Jean Vierow used as the theme, "The New Year."

As the result of the election of officers, the following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Barbara Crandall; vice-president, Willis Davis; secretary, Glen Warner; treasurer, David Crandall; pianist, Twila Viscosi.

Following the meeting a "Chinese Auction" was held. About \$10 was realized from this. — Correspondent.

When a dying man said to his physician, "Doctor, tell me about eternity," he received this reply: "Listen to that scratching at the door. That is my dog trying to get in. He doesn't know a thing about this room except that his master is in it. That's enough." — The Christian Advocate.

### Seven Good Resolutions

The pastor of the Riverside, Calif., Church, Rev. Alton Wheeler, has inaugurated a seven weeks' campaign with several different points of emphasis on the number seven, the Biblical number of perfection. He has asked his people to sign 7 resolutions of spiritual endeavor in order to bring the church closer to the goal of perfection. These resolutions adhered to for any 7-week period would bring blessings to any church. Here they are:

1. I will strive to attend every ( ) worship service ( ) Bible study and prayer service during the next seven weeks.
2. I will greet at least seven persons each service I attend.
3. I will invite at least seven persons to services during this seven-week period.
4. I will read at least seven verses of Scripture daily, and will set aside a few moments for prayer and meditation.
5. I will make a list of at least seven unsaved persons for whose conversions I will seek and pray.
6. I will hand or mail at least seven tracts to others.
7. I will talk to at least seven individuals concerning the claims of Christ, inviting their acceptance of Him as Saviour and Lord, or to unite with the church.

### Prayer Thought

Never say any of your idle words to Almighty God. Say your idle words to your equals. Say them to your sovereigns. But never, as you shall answer for it, never, all your days, to God. Set the Lord always before you. Direct your prayer to Him, and look up. Better be somewhat too bold and somewhat unseemly than altogether to neglect and forget Almighty God. . . . Look for God, and look at God, till you can honestly say to Him, with Dr. Newman, a great genius and a great saint, that there are now, to you, two and two only, supreme and luminously self-evident beings in the whole universe, yourself and your Creator. And when once you begin to pray in that way, you will know it. Every prayer of yours like that will ever after leave its lasting mark on you. You will not long remain the same man. — "The Treasury of Alexander Whyte" (Fleming H. Revell Company).

### Pastoral Changes

The Waterford, Conn., Church announces that after being pastorless for some time it has extended a call to Rev. Paul S. Burdick who has been pastor of the Salemville, Pa., Church for a number of years. The new pastor is expected to arrive in Waterford next May.

As previously reported, Rev. Rex Burdick moves from the Marlboro, N. J., Church to Salem, W. Va., on Feb. 1. The parsonage at Marlboro will not grow cold, according to our information. Rev. Paul B. Osborn, who has been serving the Friendship and Richburg, N. Y., Churches is expected to move his family into the Marlboro parsonage the same day that the Burdick family leaves. The patter of little feet will continue to be heard.

It is reported that Darrell D. Barber resigned from his pastoral work with the First Hebron and Hebron Center, Pa., Churches as of January 1. He and his family are residing in Alfred.

Secretary Crofoot, who is heading up the work of ministerial relations, notes that at the present there are more churches seeking pastors than unemployed ministers seeking pastorates.

Readers may expect a report in an early issue of the ordination service for Pastor Oscar Burdick of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Church. The service was scheduled for January 29. Rev. E. T. Harris, en route to the American Tropics, was among those expecting to take part at the time of this writing.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SALEMVILLE, PA. — From the pastor's quarterly report: "It is easy to look on the dark side of a picture, and think of the things which we have not done, which we should have done, but it might be better for us at times to look at the cheerful side, think what we have to be thankful for and to praise God about.

"The church is in good condition. Attendance keeps up well. The church is out of debt. Our giving to the Denominational Budget has improved each year, and we are slowly taking over from the Missionary Board the full support of the pastor. In December we made a Christmas offer-

ing to the Nyasaland Mission (of \$85) as well as to the American Bible Society and to the Board of Christian Education. This last offering was made at the time that Rev. Neal D. Mills was here representing the board, bringing news of its plans and work, as well as information about our mission in Jamaica.

"The church budget for the year as adopted in July was for \$1,178. The amount pledged on the cards was \$910, leaving a balance of \$268 to be raised by receipts in the general offering.

"So it seems that we are keeping up our payments to the denomination (\$260 pledged for the year), but the amount received for the general expenses of the church, such as expenses of janitor, heat, lights, insurance, etc., should be prayerfully considered as calling for larger support.

"May it be possible by a little more sacrificing on our part to relieve the Missionary Society of its support, and so release that sum for other missionary purposes?" — Paul S. Burdick.

SECOND HOPKINTON, R. I. — Our Christmas program was held on Christmas Day, with the primary and junior classes participating in the manger scene. Lewis F. Randolph read a Christmas story to the children after which gifts, apples, candy, and oranges were distributed.

During the year the church has had as supply pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond of the Pawcatuck Church, Westerly.

The yearly meeting of the church was held at the home of Deacon and Mrs. Lewis F. Randolph, Jan. 2. Those elected were: president, Arling A. Kenyon; vice-president, Sara M. Kenyon; clerk, Evangeline Kenyon; assistant, Donna James; treasurer, Lewis F. Randolph; assistant, Rotha Randolph; auditor, Arling Kenyon; pianist, Phyllis Kenyon; assistant, Lewis F. Randolph; corresponding secretary, Ruth Kenyon; music director, Lewis F. Randolph; care of communion, Rotha Randolph; janitor, Florence Talbot; Sabbath school superintendent, Ruth Kenyon; assistant, Robert James; usher, Richard Prescott.

The committee in charge of selecting a carpet for the church gave a report of

their work and plans. Lewis Randolph and Robert James were appointed on the committee to have concrete doorsteps built at the choir door. Acknowledgments were read from those receiving Christmas remembrances from the Sabbath school.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments of cake, cookies, and ice cream were served by the hostess. — Correspondent.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — As usual the church is a center of activity in all its departments, classes, and committees. Besides the Golden Anniversary celebration combined with the semiannual association meeting in October, previously reported, special observance was made at the true date of the church's inauguration with "Forward Look" services December 11. Slide pictures of Jamaica and Nyasaland Missions were shown on Sabbath eve, and a long, newsy letter to the church from our own new missionary, Jackie Wells, was read. The Sabbath morning sermon was delivered by Conference President Clarence Rogers, on "A Forward Look at the Church." In the afternoon the president led a lively discussion regarding "A Forward Look at the Denomination." At the close a memorial plaque in honor of Rev. D. B. Coon was unveiled by his granddaughter, Miss Alice Hemminger. This has been attached to the door of the room formerly called the pastor's study, from now on to be known as the D. B. Coon Room. In the evening we enjoyed a fellowship supper, followed by a beautiful sound film in color entitled "Discover Jamaica."

Several of our singers as usual helped with the rendering of Handel's "Messiah" by combined choirs, under the auspices of the Ministerial Association. Christmas parties were held by the Children's Department, the Mothers' Council, the C. E., and the Pro-con. The young people went on a carol-singing errand Sunday evening, Dec. 19. On Tuesday, Dec. 21, the Sabbath school Christmas pageant was presented, directed by Mrs. Claire M. Merchant, with Mrs. LeRoy DeLand at the organ. Baskets were distributed by several classes. Our white gift offering of \$90 was set aside for Crandall High School. The Christmas Eve vesper service was



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planned by our college young people with Miss Velma Rowe in charge. Christmas music was broadcast to the community over the church's sound system. Christmas Day brought a special message given by Pastor Davis, "Good News for You," and special music by the choir.

A beautiful candlelight Communion service was held Friday evening, Dec. 31. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Herbert L. Polan and eight deacons and deaconesses. Those present felt that it was an experience that none should have missed.

A week of intercessory prayer was observed January 1-8 with an extra prayer meeting led by the pastor. Starting Friday, Jan. 7, the Friday study and prayer meeting is being led by James Gardner, using the Epistle to the Romans.

We have recently enjoyed music not only by the choir but by two youth quartets. The boys' quartet includes Arthur Millar, Erwin and Owen Davis, and Wendell Thorngate. The last two together with Misses Judy Corfitsen and Ruth Johanson comprise the mixed quartet.

Sufficient money has been donated, about \$130, to purchase 24 small chairs for the beginners and primary departments of Sabbath school.

These are a few "news flashes" so to speak, and may seem repetitious, but so is the "march of the seasons" yet it is "new every morning" and "fresh every year." — E. M.

## Annual Meeting of the Historical Society

The annual corporate meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held in the offices of the society in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey, on February 6, 1955, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. At this meeting two amendments to the constitution of the society will be offered providing that the date of the annual corporate meeting will be held as heretofore, to wit, the fourth First-day of the week in January and that as heretofore, to wit, the corporation shall have two vice-presidents.

Nathan E. Lewis,  
President,  
Frederik J. Bakker,  
Recording Secretary.

## Obituaries

**Bacon.** — Alice M., daughter of Osmer and Hattie Walters Nash, was born March 10, 1882 in Brookfield, N. Y., and died Dec. 25, 1954, at the home of her son, Glenn, in Brookfield.

She was married Feb. 19, 1901, to Bert Bacon who died in June of 1951. She was a member of the Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church and was active in church and community organizations.

Survivors besides her son are four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral which was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, assisted by Rev. Albert N. Rogers, her nephew, was held at the Brookfield Church and burial was in Brookfield Rural Cemetery. M. C. V. H.

**Gilchrist.** — Kenneth and Paul, sons of Earl and Olive Powell Gilchrist, of Hamilton, Mo., died Dec. 30, 1954, in an automobile accident near Gallatin, Mo.

Kenneth was born in 1926 and Paul in 1935. They were grandsons of the late Rev. Sylvester S. Powell.

Funeral services were held at the Hope Funeral Home in Gallatin, Mo., by the Rev. Mr. Heath, pastor of the Prairie View Church, in the community where the Gilchrists live. Double burial was in a Hamilton cemetery. The boys' mother is a member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Survivors of the brothers are their parents; a sister, Louise (Mrs. Dallas Venn) of Tulsa, Okla.; their step-grandmother, Mrs. Lois Fay Powell of Princeton, Mass. D. L. D.

**Jett.** — Mattie, daughter of Levi and Dorenda Davis Astalnaker was born in Berea, W. Va., Dec. 28, 1877, and died Jan. 1, 1955.

She was united in marriage with Stillman Jett of West Virginia, April 11, 1909. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Boulder, Colo.

Besides her husband of Boulder she is survived by a son, Gloy, of Denver, and one brother, Samuel Astalnaker, of West Virginia.

Funeral services were held at the Howe Memorial Chapel of Boulder with Rev. E. A. Coltrin officiating. Burial was in the Boulder Mountain View Cemetery. E. A. C.

**Karan.** — Anna Sheep, was born in Puderbach, Germany, March 29, 1893, and died Dec. 2, 1954.

She was united in marriage with Daniel Karan in 1922 and in that same year they came to America. Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Helen, of Cliffside Park, N. J.; a sister, Emma Huwer, and several nieces and nephews, all living in Germany, and one niece residing in Massachusetts. Mrs. Karan was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Irvington, N. J.

Funeral services were conducted on December 6 by her pastor, Rev. John G. Schmid, and interment was in George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, N. J. J. G. S.



## Holy Spirit, Dwell With Me



Gracious Spirit, dwell with me!  
I myself would gracious be;  
And, with words that help and heal,  
Would Thy life in mine reveal;  
And, with actions bold and meek,  
Would for Christ, my Saviour, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me!  
I myself would truthful be;  
And, with wisdom kind and clear,  
Let Thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions brotherly,  
Speak my Lord's sincerity.

Tender Spirit, dwell with me!  
I myself would tender be;  
Shut my heart up like a flower  
In temptation's darksome hour;  
Open it when shines the sun,  
And His love by fragrance own.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me!  
I myself would holy be;  
Separate from sin, I would  
Choose and cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be  
Give to Him who gave me Thee.

Thomas Toke Lynch, 1818-1871.