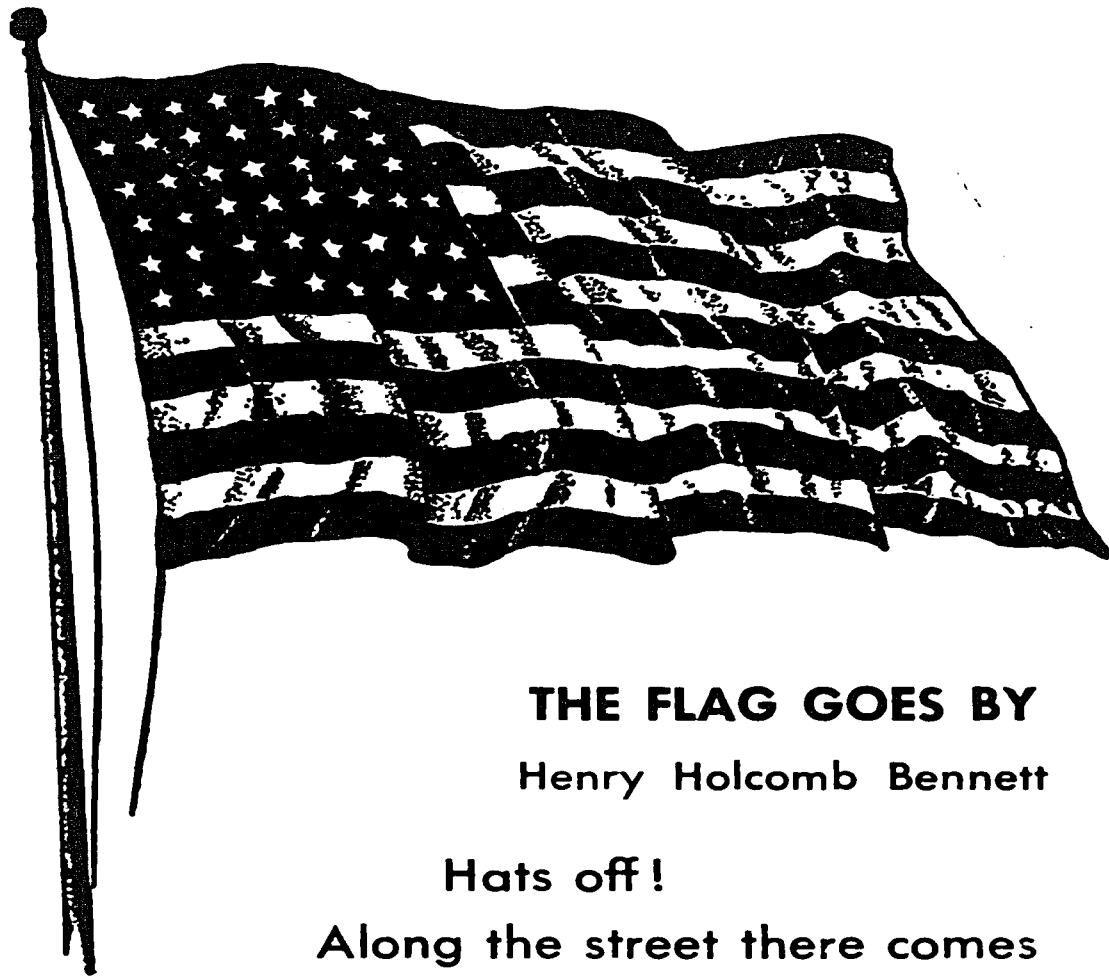


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THE FLAG GOES BY

Henry Holcomb Bennett

Hats off!

Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums;
And loyal hearts are beating high:

Hats off!

The flag is passing by!

The poet calls the flag the "Sign of a nation, great and strong."
God calls the Sabbath a sign between Him and His people (Ezek. 20: 12).
Let us render to the flag due respect and unto God's Sabbath due honor.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE

Mount Sequoyah
Fayetteville, Arkansas
August 15 - 20, 1955

PROCLAIM LIBERTY

This issue bears a significant date, July 4, Independence Day. Of course, it was not printed on our national holiday but four days earlier. Although the slowing up of mail delivery may bring it to your home sometime after the Fourth of July, a remark about liberty may not be out of place.

The inscription on the Liberty Bell, that great attraction at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, is "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land" (Lev. 25: 10). Even though the bell is cracked and has long since ceased to function as a bell its message is sounded forth effectively from many a pulpit and platform. We may say that the great bell broke under the strain of trying to proclaim political liberty achieved by human force. Nevertheless, such liberty was achieved in the early history of this "new world." Ours has become a great nation under God, and we now insert those two words in the pledge to the flag.

The bell itself, its mighty clapper hanging silent in its mouth, never to sound again, is carefully guarded. But the Scriptural admonition which circles its base does not cease to ring a responding bell in the heart of every freedom-loving citizen. It quickens the pulsations in the breast of every young patriot. It challenges the hearts of those who ascend the pulpits of our churches.

Liberty needs still to be proclaimed throughout all the land. It needs to be guarded lest wanton hands should snatch it from us. True freedom is not ours if we allow self-seeking demagogues to use it for their own ends and then discard it as an empty shell. It is not like an iron relic watched by liveried guards by day and locked from view by night.

We cannot safely leave all of the defense of liberty to secular hands. Sitting courts may err and marching armies may fall. Freedom must be in the heart; it must be sounded from the pulpits; it must be related to our responsibility before God. There is no liberty apart from law, and there is no just law which is not derived ultimately from God. He who has experienced freedom from the burden and tyranny of sin does not rebel against Him who wrought that bell of

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liberty. His nature is changed. He, too, loves his liberty, to be sure. He wants to extend that freedom of conscience to others. In short, he longs to "proclaim liberty throughout all the land."

GROWTH OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS

The National Association of Manufacturers is now taking an interest in the financial needs of private elementary and secondary schools as well as independent colleges.

It may come as a surprise to some to learn that private and independent schools are definitely on the increase. This is true of Protestant schools as well as Catholic. That private schools are important to the nation as a whole is the opinion of Harold W. Dodds, president of Princeton University, who says: "When it is no longer possible for a man to find a school for his boy except within a universal state system, it will be too late to worry about freedom."

Most people are aware that 85% of all children attending private schools of elementary and high school level are in schools of the Catholic faith. There are about 3½ million enrolled according to figures released by Catholic sources. In the current year there were 507,322 in the first grade, with a decrease to 292,057 in the eighth grade. They state that 55-60% of Catholic elementary school children are in church schools and about 35% of their high school children are presently enrolled in their schools. They anticipate spending \$1,400,000,000 for building construction in the next five years.

Protestant private schools are also on the increase. There has been a 61% increase in the 15 years prior to 1953. Figures for the last three years are not yet available. The greatest number in denominational schools are in the various Lutheran synods, notably the Missouri Synod. In 1937 there were 74,951 Lutheran children in denominational schools; in 1952, the number grew to 117,867. It is interesting to note that the Lutheran churches, particularly the Missouri Synod, have been outstanding in their growth during recent years. Seventh Day Adventists have increased their elementary and secondary enrollment during the same

period from 22,757 to 29,724 with 139 new schools added. The only other denomination having a significantly large number of schools is the Reformed. They have practically doubled their school enrollment in 15 years, to bring the total to 26,651. The Mennonites have made a far greater percentage gain, from 125 students in 1937 to 3,463 in 1952. Baptists, unreported in 1937, now have 15 schools with 1,364 children. Other Protestant schools (122), also unreported 15 years ago, now enroll 7,323. Many of these schools have waiting lists.

It appears, in general, that some of the denominations most closely tied to European backgrounds have put more emphasis on parochial schools. This, of course, does not apply to Seventh Day Adventists. There, the necessity for instilling distinctive beliefs is probably the greatest impelling factor.

But what can we say about the Christian Day School movement which is making considerable progress in many sections? It is interdenominational in character and seems to make its greatest appeal on the basis of the "over secularization" of the public schools. Christian parents of strong convictions want their children to be taught godliness and the Gospel during the week as well as on Sabbath or Sunday. There is much to be said for this.

Perhaps the increase of Protestant-sponsored elementary schools is due in part to the greater aggressiveness of the Catholics and Jews, which may stem from the indoctrination of their schools. (Jewish day schools have increased 700% in 20 years.) With state supreme courts taking the view that the New Testament is a denominational or sectarian book it is no wonder that Christian parents are becoming concerned.

These are strange days in which we are living. On one hand are strong ecumenical and interfaith movements for better understanding. On the other hand there is unprecedented propaganda, by Catholics, particularly, and by Jews to considerable extent, which forces governmental agencies to be more acutely aware of the differences, and also drives Protestants to see the need of giving their youth

better instruction in the distinctiveness of their faith. What will be the outcome of it all? We can only read the trail signs along our obscure national pathway and observe the direction in which many feet are moving.

Will Seventh Day Baptists again enter the field of elementary and high school education to keep Christian ideals and Sabbath convictions strong among our youth? Will we lend support to inter-denominational Christian schools? Will we strive to develop more released-time Christian education? Will we actively encourage Christian fellowships under student leadership within our public high schools; or will we try to do several of these things? If we fall behind other denominations in religious zeal we will lose our most promising future leadership. Great responsibility rests on church and home now.

NEW CONSECRATION

Seldom have we received a letter that so stirred our emotions as the one received recently from one of our young ministers. He enclosed a gift subscription for someone in his church. That encourages us, but it happens so frequently that it doesn't stir us very much. He sent an obituary, and we respectfully publish such items. It was something else that pulled at our heartstrings and made us thankful that we have such men in the ministry of our denomination.

Here is a father who has faced sickness during his years of preparation, a young man with a consecrated wife who has a large family like a nestful of little robins looking up expectantly every day for food. These parents have decided that they will live on less money next year in order that more time may be devoted to the ministry. The editor would not feel right in keeping the pastor's words to himself. The following testimony, not meant for publication, will undoubtedly strike a responsive chord in the hearts of laymen and ministers:

"Perhaps you will be interested that I am not applying for the school bus job this next year. What time I work will be spent at the . . . office, leaving at least

President's Column

Conference on Mt. Sequoyah

Looking from the top of Mt. Sequoyah across the city of Fayetteville, Ark., to the mountains beyond is a quieting and enriching experience. This opportunity awaits you at General Conference this year. For those who travel, the Boston Mounstains of northwestern Arkansas are considered some of the most scenic in the country.

This summer General Conference can be a truly inspiring experience for each of us. Being together throughout Conference week presents a challenge for the development of a full and aggressive program of denominational outreach, an opportunity for a constant interchange of ideas, and time for the Holy Spirit working in us and through us, to mold us into a dynamic and effective Christian body.

But don't wait until August to register. Plan now to attend in order that you may receive information which will guide you in your preparation for Conference. Your experience can be so much more rewarding and worth while to you if you are prepared to enter fully into the program.

Plan to arrive on Sunday, August 14. If you do not have a son or daughter attending Pre-Con Camp which begins on the 14th, you will have opportunity for a short scenic trip to one of the many points of interest in the Ozark Mountains before General Conference begins — Monday afternoon, August 15.

If you do not have a registration blank, send a post card to Mrs. A. G. Fisher, Route 4, Box 202, Conway, Ark.

three and maybe four days free for my ministry, or I trust the Lord's, through me. We have decided that the work here has suffered too much by my working so much, so we have decided to try it on considerably less cash and we hope a proportionately greater faith. If Seventh Day Baptists are to go ahead, somehow ministers and laymen alike must learn the real meaning of sacrifice."

A CALL TO PRAYER

for the Meeting of Heads of Governments on July 18, 1955

In one of its resolutions, the Second Assembly of the World Council said: "We call upon all Christians everywhere to join in pray to Almighty God, that He will guide the governments and the peoples in the ways of justice and peace."

The meeting which is to take place on July 18 in Geneva is of decisive importance, and provides therefore an opportunity to implement this resolution.

In the Appeal issued from Evanston, the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches said:

"We appeal to the governments and the peoples to continue to speak to one another, to avoid rancour and malice, and to look for ways by which fear and suspicion may be removed."

We give thanks to God that today the heads of the governments of France, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics are meeting together, for the first time in ten years, to speak to one another.

The eyes and hopes of all the world will be turned upon these conversations. We appeal for the prayers of all Christians that ways may be found "by which fear and suspicion may be removed."

We are persuaded that a world-wide act of intercession in all our fellowship is required, and that this bond of prayer should never be more evident than in this grave but hopeful moment.

Let us pray:

- For the four men upon whom so solemn a responsibility rests at this time.
- For the peoples they represent.
- For all other peoples who look to them in anxiety yet in hope.
- For the peace of the world.

"Blessed are the peace-makers."

— The Presidents of the World Council of Churches.

Secretary's Column

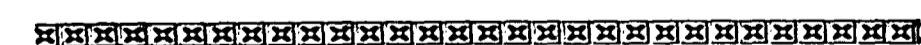
"Remember my work more in prayer."

As most Recorder readers recognize, we have one of our ministry currently occupied as a chaplain with our armed forces. He renders a monthly report on his activities, and one question on the report form is "How can your denomination serve you better?" More than once, he has replied to this question in the above manner, with possibly different phraseology.

Such a challenge might well be addressed to us by all who are serving our denominational cause in one way or another. Our missionaries in foreign lands certainly desire our continuous prayers. The secretaries of our various boards and agencies, our editors, missionary pastors, pastors of our home churches, teachers in the School of Theology can all be better served by our denomination if we **remember their work more in prayer.**

This is not to say that prayer alone will accomplish their tasks for us, nor discharge our obligations to them. We must support their arms substantially, as Moses' arm was supported in the battle with the Amalekites. But neither will material support alone suffice. Prayer is needed to "serve better" the various ones we have delegated to carry forward portions of our combined task for God and His Kingdom.

Let us then more consistently remember the work of Chaplain Williams, our missionaries, pastors, and secretaries in our prayers.



MEMORY TEXT

For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. . . . Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Hebrews 12: 6 and 11.



Report of Tract Board Meeting

Leon M. Maltby, Corresponding Secretary

On Sunday afternoon, June 19, an important meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society was held at Plainfield in the board room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building. Three visitors and 18 members were present to transact the business. Thurman C. Davis of Shiloh, a new member of the board, was placed on the Investment Committee as was also Mrs. Abbie Van Horn.

Much of the business concerned financial reports since the fiscal year ends May 31 and there were many things that needed to be accurately presented in preparation for the General Conference and the printing of the Year Book. Unique in this 3¼-hour meeting was the presentation of a needed revision of the 34-year-old by-laws, and proposals for some slight changes in the constitution. The revisions presented in mimeographed form by the Budget Committee were adopted without many changes.

One of the by-laws now provides for a wider distribution of minutes as follows:

"The recording secretary shall cause to be mailed to each member of the board at his residence as soon after each meeting as practicable a complete copy of all minutes of each meeting. A copy of the minutes shall also be furnished to the president and executive secretary of General Conference and shall upon request be furnished to officials of other incorporated boards or agencies of said Conference."

The power of the Supervisory Committee (which supervises the activities of the publishing house) was slightly restricted by these words: "This committee shall not act without approval of the board upon executive salaries, purchase of major equipment, or disposition of earnings."

The Committee on Publications, charged with solicitation of tract material suitable for publication and recommending of it to the board, is no longer required to recommend reprints of current tracts. Authority for the latter is now given to the corresponding secretary after consultation with the chairman of the committee and the treasurer of the board.

The duties of the secretary-editor which were carefully outlined just before the present incumbent was employed have now been added to the by-laws.

Certain protective features were also added to the existing investment procedures of the board.

Annual Statements

Since the annual statements of the secretary-editor and the other officers of the board will be in printed form for distribution at the General Conference no detailed summary of them will be given here. The corresponding secretary's report attempts to gather up the work of the various committees during the year and to show the progress that has been made. It may be significant to note that a five-year distribution of literature goal was set up at the March meeting of the board. At this meeting it was discovered that the office has sent out 8,632 more tracts than the first year's goal called for. Thereupon, the board voted to raise its sights. During the year 40,000 tracts have been published, 20,000 are now in process, and 20,000 more ought to be printed before Conference if possible.

Although Denominational Budget receipts have been less than expected thus far in the Conference year, the board has been able to carry on its work and has added \$700 to its current operating budget to increase the size of the Sabbath Recorder between April 1 and September 30. The proposed budget for the new Conference year anticipates the continuance of the denominational paper in its present enlarged form.

The Annual Statement of the Publishing House was given by L. Harrison North not only in figures but also through the use of a graphic chart. It is hoped that some similar presentation will be made at Conference so that people may fully understand the business that has grown up from a small original investment to a present net worth of nearly \$136,000. The publishing house has published for our people during the current year upwards of \$19,000 worth of religious printing.

Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.
— Rousseau.

The Reality of God's Word as a Guide Throughout Life

By Chaplain David J. Williams

One of a series of radio messages given by this Seventh Day Baptist Air Force chaplain at Mineral Wells, Texas.

The Bible is the record of God's revelation of Himself to men in successive ages and dispensations leading to the advent and ministry of His Son, and the mission of the Spirit. Though the Word of God has two main divisions, the Old and New Testaments, and 66 minor book divisions, it possesses a unique unity throughout which is ample attestation of the reality of the revelation it contains. No other book has ever been so minutely studied, has had so many books written on it, has founded so vast a literature of hymns, liturgies, devotional writings, sermons, has been so assailed, has evoked such splendid defenses as the Bible. Its spiritual impact can not be calculated. To tell all the Bible has done for the world would be to rewrite in large part the history of modern civilization. Without the Bible, in heathen lands, both the arm and tongue of the missionary would be paralyzed. By the utilization of it even without the missionary, wondrous results are often effected. Even in national life, the Bible is the source of our highest social and national aspirations.

Until a person experiences the reality of the Lord Jesus Christ and receives the Holy Spirit, the Word of God is only vaguely understood. For the natural (unsaved, unregenerate) man is unable to receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know (fathom) them, because they are spiritually discerned. The Scriptures are primarily the recorded messages of God as channeled through holy men of old who were moved by the Spirit to transcribe God's authentic plan into the written Word. If the Bible is to become a living book effervescing with spiritual manna, its reader must know its Author, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible is the world's best seller, thank God. The majority of American homes have one or more copies of the Bible available. However, the conclusion does not follow that the Bible is the book

most readily grasped, studied, and quoted. Only when the Spirit of God brings illumination, does the Bible fill the vital need of supplying wisdom, incentive, principle, and spiritual nourishment. Many readily acknowledge their Biblical ignorance. The book seems to the unconverted to be filled with irregularities, contradictions, and discrepancies throughout. Even some of the elementary parables are superfluous to the unrepentant sinner. To be sure, a few isolated truths are extractable by anyone. But a text out of its context is a pretext. In the Christian film, "Bible on the Table," this advice acted as the undergirding proposition: The Bible is not a charm but a chart. To own a Bible indicates a commendable beginning. Nevertheless, if its purpose is to be fully achieved, the words of Holy Writ must become inscribed irretrievably on our hearts and backed by a vital faith.

Responsibility of Parents

Parents, your spiritual responsibility before God is to instruct your offspring continually in the things of eternal worth. An outstanding Scriptural example of successful Christian tutelage is found in the experience of Timothy, Paul's son in the faith. From a young child he had been oriented in the Word of God under the dedicated supervision of his godly mother and grandmother. Such faithful indoctrination bore fruit and Timothy was made wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. For example, before a child is able to talk he is taught the danger of fire. If you have a television set in your home and young toddlers unable to write their own names, it is almost a foregone fact, that they are avid TV fans already. An open, well-thumbed, frequently read Bible is a necessity for a home. Boys and girls are endowed with remarkable responsiveness to the Word of God — its central message — and should have the opportunity early in life of being exposed to the Gospel.

God ordained and instituted marriage, and only by allowing Him to dominate, bless, and guide in each home can true happiness be realized.

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Missions

Jamaica Missionary Change



Mr. and Mrs. Grover Brisse of Laurel, Md., are planning to leave soon to begin their labors as principal and teacher of Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica. If plans work out they will have left the Washington, D. C., airport on Thursday, June 30, and arrived at Montego Bay airport, Jamaica, in the early morning hours of July 1, 1955. Because of difficulties in securing entrance visa they may not leave on this expected date.

It is expected that Rev. Wardner Fitz-Randolph will meet the Brisseys at the airport which is about 100 miles from Kingston. Montego Bay is situated on a beautiful harbor on the north shore of the island. The Wakefield Seventh Day Baptist Church is our nearest church in the locality of this city. The Brisseys are flying with tourist accommodations and in other ways have tried to hold down travel expenses.

Since Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond are planning to return to this country on July 20, there will be an overlapping interval of about three weeks' time during which the returning workers may share experiences and suggestions with our newest missionary couple. This will surely be a great help to Mr. and Mrs. Brisse as they undertake to grasp the scope and extent of their labors and to carry forward the fine work of the Bonds. It was hoped that a longer interval might have been arranged but the Brisseys could go at no earlier date having completed their teaching contracts as of June 17. Neither could the Bonds stay longer since it is hoped that they may



meet with the Missionary Board for the regular July 24 meeting. They expect to return to their home at Salem, W. Va., for a brief rest before attending General Conference at Fayetteville.

Breaking Ground For New Church at Schenectady

On Sunday morning, June 19, the Missionary Society secretary traveled in the company of Rev. Paul Maxson from Berlin to Schenectady, N. Y., to attend the ground-breaking services that had been planned and to which he had been invited by Pastor Darrell Barber on behalf of the Schenectady Seventh Day Baptist Church. When we arrived fifteen minutes before the stated time for the beginning of the service, a group of members and friends of the church had already gathered at the proposed site of the building of the house of worship, at Colonial Avenue just off Albany St.

The secretary was present not only in that capacity but also as voted representative of the Eastern Association, membership into which the church had been admitted just the previous week. A letter of greeting from the association was read during the ground-breaking services and it was then referred to the church clerk, Mrs. M. L. Moore.

The event was covered by the local newspaper with pictures being taken of the group. A friend of Nicholas Fatato had given the land on which the building will be located. He was at the service, and his picture was taken with the leaders of the work in Schenectady. The president of General Conference, Clarence M. Rogers, was present, and spoke during the service, as did also the secretary. Rev. Paul Maxson gave the sermon of the occasion, and Pastor Darrell Barber presided and called on Elder Maurice Moore to pronounce the benediction.

Roman Catholic churchmen in the United States and its territories are now 30,425,015, which is an increase of 1,017,000 above the figures of last year, according to a report just made public through the official Catholic directory.

Resolutions Point the Way

(From early records of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church at Westerly, R. I., comes this resolution — 200 years old.)

Resolved: That we see with sorrow and regret the growing looseness on the part of many of our members in the observance of the Sabbath in using its holy time for traveling, the transaction of business, pleasure seeking, etc., and that we recommend and desire our brethren and sisters to abstain in future from all practice and pursuits that trespass upon its sacred hours, avoiding all appearance of evil and everything that would tend to bring reproach upon the Cause of God.

Resolved: That in view of the above named looseness, our pastors, present and successive, be requested to preach as often as twice a year on the subject of the claims of the Sabbath law and set forth what constitutes a breach of the same, that the subject may be understood by all.

Evangelist and Quartet on the Field

Word has been received from Dr. Loyal Hurley at Boulder, Colo., that all members of the team are present, in good health, and hard at work. We should continue to follow this evangelistic effort among the churches of the Mid-Continent Association with our interest and prayers.

Dr. Hurley writes, "Some of the folks here in Boulder tell us that God is doing among them just what they have been praying for. At least, there seems to be a deepening interest and pretty good attendance at the services. After two introductory messages I am bringing ten messages on the 'Essentials of the Christian Faith.'"

Doyle Zwiebel arrived earlier than other members of the quartet and has been assisting in the Daily Vacation Bible School. Dr. Hurley writes, "Doyle is teaching in Vacation Bible School and works hard in preparation. (The school) will run until next Thursday (June 23) with the closing demonstration on Thursday night. Then we go to Denver on Friday and will share in the closing service for the Vacation School as a sort of introduction to the Denver community."

It is expected that the evangelist and quartet will be at Denver June 24 through July 3. It has been found necessary to set the program of work one week ahead of a previously published schedule.

Again we urge our people to remember in prayer this effort, especially remembering the workers that they may keep well during strenuous hot weather and praying that a wonderful, spiritually enriching experience may be received by all the churches, and that many souls may be won to Christ.

Literacy Program of D. F. M.

Word has been received from the Division of Foreign Missions' Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature that the committee is no longer associated with World Literacy, Inc. The similarity in names has created some confusion.

World Literacy, Inc., now wishes to operate its own program abroad, centering its emphasis on government-related literacy campaigns on a secular basis.

The D. F. M. states:

"Friends of the cause of literacy who wish to continue their support of literacy work and Christian literature as carried by and through church-related agencies should send their contributions to the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature as there is now no financial connection between this committee and World Literacy, Inc.

"The name of the committee — World Literacy and Christian Literature — may seem somewhat long. However, the two parts of its work are closely related. It is the conviction of this committee that literacy, like fire, can be either a blessing or a curse. Literacy is not enough. It must be linked to Christian literature as a form of Christian witness, if we are to offer to illiterates the best that we have received and the highest that we know. Literacy is an avenue of evangelism, and the church whose members can not read their Bibles is a crippled church.

"The Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature believes that its best contribution toward a literate world, a peaceful world, and a Christian world

can be made through the channels which have proved so successful in the past, namely, in fraternal partnership with the representatives and agencies of the worldwide church of Christ. 'Each one teach one' is based on the second Great Commandment, and its motivation is love for fellow men. The church, now, as always, ministers to all in need, without distinction of race or creed, as world literacy is promoted through this instrument of church-related organizations.

"The work of the committee has been supported in the past by the prayers and the gifts of thousands of loyal friends and contributors. The opportunities before the committee are greater than ever before, and we confidently ask our supporters to make it possible to answer the calls for World Literacy and Christian Literature."

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN REPORT ON WORLD TOUR

Mrs. David D. Baker, editor of the *Church Woman*, and one of the team of church women just returned from a trip around the world, was the main speaker at the recent annual meeting of Michigan United Church Women. It was the privilege of some of your Women's Board members to attend some of the sessions, including daytime study and discussion groups.

Mrs. Baker stressed the fact that the team was interracial, international, interdenominational, and ecumenical, being made up of Mrs. James Wyker, president of United Church Women, Miss Felicia Sunderlal of India, Miss Josephine Phodaca of Manila, P. I., and Mrs. Baker as reporter and manager. The purpose of the trip was to meet with Christian women in countries where the World Day of Prayer is observed, to study and discuss with them the second chapter of Ephesians so that women in all countries may come to a common understanding in Christ. They called themselves a "listening team." In most of the countries visited the people live under great political and racial tension, but in every case the team was welcomed at the consultation point and found that arrangements had been made

for them to meet with the women there. Often women of differing parties or factions openly opposed to each other in civil life came together as Christian women and studied and prayed together. This happened in Indonesia, Egypt, Kenya, and Uganda to mention a few countries much in the news from day to day. In Germany women came with great difficulty from the Soviet Sector, and out of the depth of their experiences, past and present, stirred the hearts of the visiting women. The team felt that nothing less than the power of God was at work from the beginning of this venture—in opening avenues of contact with women in these far places, through the planning stages and the culmination in the fellowship of these women under circumstances too difficult for us to fully understand. The theme song may give us an insight into their message—"He's Got the World in His Hand."

We wish we were able to give a more detailed account of Mrs. Baker's talk, and would urge anyone who has the opportunity to hear it to do so. We are grateful for that opportunity, and would take the liberty to suggest that we all read the second chapter of Ephesians again as we might if we had been on this team.

Camp Wakonda

Information on Camp Wakonda which was not available last week when announcing the dates of most of the other Seventh Day Baptist camps is now at hand and it makes an interesting addition to that "1955 Youth Camp Story."

The southern Wisconsin camp located near Milton and Milton Junction opened its doors on June 26 with a "Family Camp" of 26 persons who will occupy the grounds until July 10. At that time the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders take over for the Junior Camp for one week. On July 17 Senior Camp begins (grades 9-12), also continuing for one week.

Featured on the camp staff are Miss Constance Coon from Ashaway, R. I., and Miss Joyce McWilliam from Milton Junction. The pastors of the churches will, of course, be doing their part. Mail may be addressed in care of Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, Milton, Wis.

Children's Page

Dear Recorder Children:

How I have enjoyed the many children's letters I have received lately. I did wish I could answer them all at once. I also hoped I would receive many more to answer this week, but not even one has come. Even now I'm hoping to find at least one or two at the post office tonight. If not I'm sending you a little poem written many years ago. I do not know who composed the first two verses, but the third verse is my own composition.

Please write soon.

In Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

The Story of the Christ

If you listen, little children,
I will tell a story true,
Of a loving little baby,
That up to manhood grew.
All the little children loved Him,
Many grownup people, too,
For He always helped and blessed them
In all the ways He knew.

For you know, dear little children,
Though we sometimes try with might,
Our hands forget their loving,
Our faces lose the light.
But His hands were always helping,
And His eyes were always kind.
And He never was too busy
To help the sick and blind.

His life was spent in service.
He died to set us free
From every sin and sorrow
That comes to you and me.
He rose and lives forever,
That we might live above
With Him, our loving Jesus,
In that home of peace and love.

The Composition

Jerry Cole had just been writing a composition. After he had read it over carefully for the last time he put it in his desk, saying, "I wish I could win the prize for mother would be so pleased."

He thought that would be the most important thing of all. Then he hurried out for the special half hour of recess their teacher had promised them.

When it was over the boys sat quietly in their seats waiting to have their compositions collected.

Then at the request of the teacher the compositions were laid upon his desk. But when Jerry opened his desk to find his composition, he called out without permission, "Mine is gone. I left it on top of my books, but now it's gone."

"We will say no more about it now," said the teacher, "but it must be returned by tomorrow with full explanation."

The next day not a word had been heard of the lost composition until the teacher arose and said, "I shall now read the composition which has won the prize." How surprised Jerry was when he heard his own composition read.

"I was in the garden yesterday," said the teacher, "when I saw a boy throw something into the pond. When he was gone, I drew the paper out with my cane and found it was Jerry's composition, the best one of all. If it had not been found the bad boy who tried to destroy it would have won the prize. This bad boy cannot enter the school again. Jerry Cole, come now and receive the prize." — (What I remember of a story I read many years ago.)

Mizpah S. Greene.

Gladly Send Recorder

A letter from a dear old friend asking that we send the *Sabbath Recorder* to her summer address reminded us that there are probably many of our subscribers who will be in new locations for a month or more and would appreciate having the *Recorder* follow them. We suggest that you write to us as soon as your plans are definite. Our subscription department will gladly arrange for a temporary change of address. There are changes in the mailing list every Thursday. Don't be without the *Sabbath Recorder* during the summer months when denominational news is in the making.

Church News Notes

The De Ruyter (N.Y.) Gleaner for June 23 announced three Vacation Bible Schools to be held in the village. The Seventh Day Baptist sponsored school and the Calvary Baptist school began June 27. The beginning date in the Federated Church was not announced.

The Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church building is being used for summer Bible school for some of the classes of a co-operative school in which the pastor is teaching the oldest children. Later, the Lutheran Church, which occupies the building on Sundays, will hold their school in the same rooms.

The Sabbath school of Salem, W. Va., Church pays half of the fee of those of its members who wish to attend Camp Joy, the association camp for young folks. Probably some other Sabbath schools offer similar help. See last week's Recorder for dates of camps.

It would be interesting to know how many Seventh Day Baptists are studying abroad this summer. Why not notify the Sabbath Recorder? We have previously mentioned Professor Wayne Rood — on special assignment to Nigeria and making contacts in Paris and London; also Pastor Kenneth Smith and family's going to Scotland in September for a year's study. Leroy Burdick is in Austria with the "heifer project." Mrs. Celia Whitford of Plainfield will be studying in Spain. Patricia Branch, another teacher, from White Cloud, Mich., is on a European tour. Miss Janet Whitford, an employee of the publishing house at Plainfield, is spending a large portion of the summer in Denmark.

A church social and reception for Mynor Soper and his family was held June 18 in Altadena, Calif., at the residence of Merle Ashcraft. Mr. Soper has been a theological student at Alfred, N. Y., this past year and is now associate pastor of the Los Angeles Church. He is assisting particularly in Vacation Bible School and camp work.

THE REALITY OF GOD'S WORD

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Mistakenly, some unwise parents relinquish their efforts to encourage their children in the things of the Bible just at the critical adolescent period, and heartache and sin result. The problem of high-school mothers would never be the public social menace that it is today, if the Christian principles of morality were taught and revered by understanding, Bible-founded, Bible-believing parents.

Our Chart and Guide

Throughout life, from the cradle to the sunset time, God's Word stands like a mighty beacon light, steadfast, immobile, pointing all who seek true guidance to the refuge, the Great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the critical circumstances that arise, God's Word ministers the balm of Gilead. In sickness, in war, in hunger, in the time of financial reverses, social ostracism, hatred, fear, death — whatever the nature of our problem — God has a message for the earnest seeker in His irrevocable, infinite Word.

Millions of dollars are expended annually in the purchase of various charts and maps. Our age is direction-conscious to an extreme degree, which makes us consider such expenditures essential. In the same connection, highway signs mark every normal road in our country. A motorist must constantly check his map and road signs to insure any appreciable measure of progress. Veteran travelers practically live with their maps, especially if they are traversing unfamiliar territory. By the same token, a Christian must consult the guidebook of God, the Bible, repeatedly, sometimes hour by hour, always day by day, to keep on course, and to be fortified for the temptation which might lie ahead.

Using the Word Daily

The sinister Evil One, the Adversary, deceives many into believing that the Bible is but a compilation of erratic fragments of one's imagination. The Devil beguiles some into believing that its contents were only intended for the women and children. Satan further influences others in discarding it except to be used

as a storehouse for family poems, dates, trinkets, or to be displayed only when the minister comes to visit. Others claim allegiance to some passages and discard the part which is uncomfortably difficult to accept and to put into definite practice. The "prince of the power of the air" even persuades some truly born-again Christians to allow it to remain dormant because of the press of the times.

The high and noble purpose of God's Word is tersely summarized in John 20:31: "These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." Increased faith can best be derived from meditation upon the Word of God. All are encouraged to study the Word of God and pray that God might grant unto such diligent students His favor and furnish wisdom in applying His Holy Word. To peruse the Bible periodically is far from satisfactory. In reality, the Word of God should be digested regularly, believed, trusted, and put to the test.

In this day of abundant literature, some is commendable, but very much is depressing, degrading, and demoralizing. Let us covenant in our hearts to read, with the Holy Spirit as our teacher, the book which unfolds the greatest love story known to the world, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

God's Word discovers and convicts us of sin; it cleanses us from the pollutions of sin; imparts strength; instructs us in what we are to do; provides us with a sword for victory over sin; makes our lives fruitful; and gives Christians power to pray.

John Ruskin said, to students of Oxford University, in urging them to read the Bible, "Make it a first daily business to understand some parts of it clearly, and then the rest of the day to obey it in what you do understand." George Muller would read his Bible daily until he came to a verse upon which he could lean his whole weight and then stop.

God's Word is in reality an infallible

guide throughout life, if properly handled, assimilated, and obeyed. Indeed, God's Word is a lamp for a Christian's feet and a light for his path. Memorization of the exceeding great and precious promises yields strength and power to the child of the King.

The Bible is a reliable guide throughout life.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Colgate Foreign Policy Conference

It is not likely that many of our readers will be able to attend the five-day foreign policy conference, July 10-14, on the beautiful campus of Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y. (Total cost \$50, including meals.) However, the impressive array of speakers and discussion leaders would bear out the claim that it would be a constructive vacation.

Besides leaders from our own country, ambassadors from the following countries are listed on the program: Peru, Ecuador, Turkish Republic, Austria, Canada, Union of South Africa, Yugoslavia, India, Greece, Israel, Uruguay, Argentine Republic, and Liberia. Other countries are represented by embassy staff members and men in prominent positions.

The conference theme is "Peace Through Strength."

Baptist World Congress in July

The Rev. O. D. Wiles, chairman of the Registration Committee for the Jubilee Congress, reports that the London office has now received applications from 7,250, as of May 17, with requests still coming in.

By continents the figures are:

Europe, 2,780; the Americas, 3,950; Africa, 70; Asia, 75; and Australasia, 370.

This total includes the British Isles. Because of limitations on seating capacity in Royal Albert Hall, registrations for the Baptists of Britain were closed March 31. — Baptist World.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 16, 1955

Ezekiel and the Earlier Captivity
Lesson Scripture: 2 Kings 24: 8-15a;
Ezekiel 1: 2-3; 18: 30-32.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

So man has split the atom. Can he make an atom? No, he can only split it, and with it destroy himself and all his works! He is only following in Adam's footsteps, promoting death.

It sickens me to hear America brag about its atom bomb. What security is there in that? It is a wicked instrument, and it can mean the end of all of us. We are wicked when we put our faith in it. We need to turn back from the atom to the Almighty. . . . — From "My Spiritual Dairy" by Dale Evans Rogers (Fleming H. Revell Company).

Leo Pfeffer, well-known book author, has an article in The Christian Register (Unitarian) for March entitled "Blasphemy on the Potomac?" He notes that the President's piety is well advertised but he warmly denies that it is insincere in any way. The following paragraph may well make all of us pause to think:

"We have religion on our money; religion on our postage stamps; religion in our pledge of allegiance. We have religion on our television; a televised cabinet meeting was conspicuously opened with prayer. We have religion in our theaters; motion pictures on religious themes, generously intermingled with sex, are certain box-office hits. We have religion in our sporting events; the religious floats in parades preceding important football contests are among the most impressive and glamorous. We have religion everywhere except, perhaps, in our hearts — at least, not enough of it in our hearts."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALFRED, N. Y. — Three children were dedicated June 11 during the annual Children's Day service. They were Christine Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Snyder; Susan Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Warren and granddaughter of Pastor and Mrs. Hurley S. Warren; and Ernest LeRoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gaynor. Mrs. Neal D. Mills was in charge of the hour-long program which included memory verses, special prayers and music, and a dramatization

by the 5th and 6th grades. It is always heartwarming to see the good work every year our Sabbath School teachers are doing with our young people.

In May, the Rochester and Buffalo Fellowships met with us on Sabbath Rally Day. We were glad to welcome a former pastor, Rev. Everett Harris, who brought a message on our mission fields. The evening before, he showed colored slides and talked on his recent visit to Jamaica and British Guiana.

The First Sabbath in June was Senior Recognition Day, when the young people who were being graduated were honored. Thus recognized were: Daniel E. Rase, who recently received his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University; Judith Burdick, Daniel Button, and James Harris, seniors at the university here; Mary Anne Bailey, from State Tech; Roberta Armstrong, Merrilyn Campbell, and Richard Post, from Alfred-Almond Central School, and Nancy and Joseph Warren, from Hornell High School. — Correspondent.

VERONA, N. Y. — The 116th annual session of the Central Association met with the Verona Church, June 2-5. The theme of the association was "That Others May Know."

The meetings Friday morning and afternoon were devoted to the workshop program. Rev. Don Sanford, from the Independence, N. Y., Church, spoke on "Curriculum Content for Seventh Day Baptists," and Mrs. Jean Pierce, Alfred Station, used "Teaching Methods and Material for Youth" as her topic. We were sorry that more people were not able to attend these meetings.

The message Sabbath morning was given by Rev. Robert Lippincott, Shiloh, N. J., delegate from the Eastern Association. We were glad to have Executive Secretary A. Burdet Crofoot present to tell us more about "Denominational Planning." The business meetings were conducted by the moderator, Burton Crandall.

A Service of Dedication was held Friday evening, June 10, to rededicate our newly remodeled church. This marked the climax of more than two years of concentrated effort by the congregation and

the result of several more years of careful planning for the many major improvements in the church. There is still much to be done before it reaches completion, but we feel we have made a good beginning.

I would like to quote in part from the dedication service.

"We set apart this house to the worship of the living and true God, and to the service of Jesus Christ, our Lord, even as our fathers set it aside in earlier days in its simpler form. We devote it to the preaching of the Gospel of the grace of God for the conversion of sinners, and to the education of Christians in a knowledge of spiritual truth."

An all-day meeting was held at the church, Sabbath, June 18. Conference President Clarence Rogers was present and spoke in the afternoon. — Correspondent.

DENVER, COLO. — Work has been the keynote in the Rocky Mountain area this spring — hard, physical work. Men of the Denver Church met several Sundays in succession to renovate the church. The main auditorium, the vestibule, and two other rooms were painted, a new front door made, a serving window built in the social room, and the floors refinished. This volunteer labor saved the church hundreds of dollars and has added much toward an atmosphere of worship.

At Rocky Mountain Camp, also, several men from Denver joined with Boulder to begin construction of a new chapel on the camp property. Building upon the foundation of concrete poured over a year ago, the men chose to use cinder block for the 20 x 40-foot structure. Wives and children went along over the long holiday weekend of Memorial Day, and of course fun and food were combined with the work.

All this preparation points toward a full summer program. Vacation Bible School began June 13 with a total enrollment of 70 at the end of the first week. On the closing night of Bible school, Friday, June 24, Rev. Loyal Hurley and the evangelistic quartet — Doyle Zwiebel, Edwin Greene, Paul Greene, and Justin Camenga — began the Denver meetings. A large

outdoor sign has been prepared to advertise these meetings through which the church hopes to be able to present Christ and the Sabbath to a portion of this great city.

Several Denver young people are making plans to attend the Rocky Mountain Camp, July 5-14, with Rev. Duane Davis of Nortonville, Kan., directing. The Junior camp is scheduled for July 14-17 with Pastor Dickinson in charge. The evangelistic team will be assisting in both these camps.

On the Christian Endeavor front, Myrna Davis has been selected from the Denver Church as the nominee for Christian Endeavorer of the year in the Denver District C. E. Pastor Dickinson was re-elected pastor counselor for the district. — E. D. D.

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — The annual meeting of our Ladies'Aid held June 8 was quite well attended. After a delicious lunch served by Mrs. Donald Payne the business session was called to order by the president, Mrs. Laura Adams. Plans are being made to hold another "family night" this month. The one in the previous month was very interesting with a dramatized play, one from a packet sent by the Women's Board. We appreciated it and commend the board for these helps. The play represented a woman's life from babyhood to a grandmother. We are hoping and praying that these programs will promote interest for better attendance and for happier, spiritual family life in each home. A flower show is being arranged to be held later.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Hazel Cocker; first vice-president, Millicent Greene; second vice-president and key worker, Ardith Greene; secretary, Marguerite Clapper; treasurer, Charlotte Lindahl.

We are interested in and are praying for a spiritual session of Conference and are hoping to send a few delegates to attend. — Correspondent.

Uncle Sam with a needle is no substitute for concerted initiative and hustle. — N.Y. World-Telegram & Sun.

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"They Also Serve"



Pictured above are two young Seventh Day Baptist ministers who have received special training and are serving as hospital chaplains in New York City and vicinity. Both, we understand, are highly respected in their positions. On the left, Rev. Carl R. Maxson; on the right, Rev. E. Wendell Stephan.

Marriages

Button - Bailey.—At The Gothic, Alfred, N. Y., Sunday afternoon, June 12, 1955, Daniel D. Button, Alfred Station, N. Y., son of Paul and Katherine Lewis Button, and Mary Anne Bailey, Alfred, N. Y., daughter of Lawrence and Christine Clarke Bailey, were united in marriage, the bride's pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating.

Green - Kagarise. — James Paul Green, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Green, Milton, Wis., and Denise Maxine Kagarise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Kagarise, Salemsville, Pa., were married on June 7, 1955, in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph was the officiating minister, assisted by Pastor Kenneth Smith.

Oursler - Campbell.—On May 7, M. Newton Oursler and Harriett Evelyn Campbell of Cazenovia, N. Y., were united in marriage by Rev. Edgar Wheeler at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage at DeRuyter, N. Y. The new home will be at their farm near Cazenovia, N. Y.

Births

Whitford. — A daughter, Janice Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitford of Milton Junction, Wis., on May 24, 1955.

Fitz Randolph. — A daughter, Robin Kay, to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Fitz Randolph of Milton Junction, Wis., on May 26, 1955.

Johnson. — A son, Ronald Ervy, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson of Milton, Wis., on June 6, 1955.

Sunby. — A daughter, Carol Lou, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sunby of Milton Junction, Wis., on June 11, 1955.

Obituaries

Burdick.—Maybelle Rose, daughter of Fremont and Villa Teft Collins, was born June 13, 1883, in the Town of Ward, N. Y., and died at Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, April 19, 1955. She lived in Alfred most of her life.

She was married May 6, 1903, to Merton C. Burdick, who died in 1941. To this union were born four children: Burdette, Alfred, N. Y.; Ruth (Mrs. Clair Corey), Denham, Mass.; Nathan, Alfred Station, N. Y.; and Doris (Mrs. Charles Gaynor), Almond, N. Y. She united with the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred in 1906.

Besides her children, survivors include seventeen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and brothers and sisters as follows: Raymond, Wellsville, N. Y.; Maude Ruth Kyes, Seattle, Wash.; and Eleanor Clement, Lorenzo, Hilda Rachel, Merle, and Elaine Van Dolson, all of California.

Farewell services were held at the First Alfred Church Friday, April 22, with her pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. H. S. W.

Burdick.—Lillian Smith, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Stillman, was born June 11, 1884, in De Ruyter, N. Y., and died June 3, 1955, in Syracuse, N. Y.

She was a lifelong member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, and was a member at De Ruyter at the time of her death.

On June 9, 1905, she was married to Raymond Burdick, and for ten years they lived in Plainfield, N. J., where he was an employee of the Recorder Press. Later they moved to Syracuse where Mr. Burdick died in 1945. She leaves a niece and six nephews.

Funeral services were held from the Smith Funeral Home, De Ruyter, with Rev. Victor Skaggs of Verona officiating, assisted by Rev. Edgar Wheeler. Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery. E. F. W.

Harsh.—Harry, was born at Ligonier, Ind., May 30, 1886, and died June 20, 1955, at Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. Harsh was a carpenter by trade until his retirement four years ago. He was married to Jennie Smith of Battle Creek, April 22, 1911, who died Dec. 26, 1945. On August 7, 1948, he married Mrs. Minnie Putnam. He was baptized by Rev. Alton Wheeler in the Seventh Day Baptist Church about six years ago.

Survivors besides his wife are his sister, Mrs. Verne Sypher; a niece, Mrs. Dorothy Bach, and a nephew, James McCarthy, all of Battle Creek; several great-nieces and nephews, and 3 stepchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on June 23, by Rev. Leland E. Davis. Interment was in the Bedford Cemetery. L. E. D.

Titsworth.—Helen A., daughter of Rev. Wardner C. and Belle Glaspey Titsworth, was born at Alfred, N. Y., April 6, 1885, and died at Watkins Memorial Hospital, Lawrence, Kan., April 21, 1955.

She joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred March 8, 1895, and rejoined by letter from the Chicago Church February 6, 1932.

Miss Titsworth's professional life was devoted largely to library work. At the time of her death she was head of the Cataloguing Department, University of Kansas Library, where she had served for thirty years.

Survivors include her sister-in-law, Mrs. Paul E. Titsworth of Alfred, three nieces, several cousins, and many friends.

Farewell services were held at the Rumsey Funeral Home, Lawrence, Kan., Sabbath afternoon, April 23, with Dr. Edwin F. Pierce in charge, and graveside services were conducted Tuesday afternoon, April 26, by her pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, at Alfred Rural Cemetery, Alfred, N. Y., where burial was made.

H. S. W.