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CLARENCE M. ROGERS, PRESIDENT

Attention throughout the denomination is focused this week on this annual Conference and its challenging theme, "To Serve Him."

Association at Fouke, Ark.

The Southwestern Association will convene at Fouke, Ark., August 12-14. In order that those planning for meals and entertainment may be fully prepared it is requested that all persons planning to attend send their names to Mrs. Emerald Mae Monroe before August 7, 1955 (R.D. 2, Box 16, Fouke).

[Some of those traveling to Conference might well consider spending the weekend at this association and then driving north to Conference at Fayetteville, Ark.]

Marriages

Stephan-Coder. — William J. Stephan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hatfield Stephan of Nortonville, Kan., and Catherine Marie Coder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray M. Coder, of Independence, Kan., were united in marriage in Kansas City, Mo., on May 26, 1955. The new home will be in Nortonville.

Births

Appel. — A son, Robert Frederic, was born May 3, 1955, to Rev. and Mrs. Addison Appel, Farina, Ill.

Warner. — A son, Wayne Stanley, to Maurice and Dorothy Warner, Higginsville, N. Y., on May 21, 1955.

Obituaries

Babcock. — Leonidas Emile, son of Adolphus and Isadore Babcock, was born in Jackson Center, Ohio, Aug. 12, 1876, and died in Daytona Beach, Fla., July 13, 1955. (More extended obituary elsewhere.)

Clarke. — Corry Parks, died unexpectedly at her home in Independence, N. Y., on July 4, 1955, at the age of 73.

At the age of nine she was baptized and joined the First Baptist Church of Union City, Pa. On Feb. 26, 1904, she was united in marriage to Robert Clarke of Independence. She moved her membership to the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1914 and has always been active in the church, Ladies' Aid, and Missionary Circle.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Cleon; three daughters: Mrs. Zerita Mattison, Mrs. Mileta Coats, and Mrs. Viola Waters; eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Don A. Sanford, in the church on July 7 with the burial in the local cemetery. D. A. S.

Crouch. — Ansel Boyden, the eldest child of Ansel and Ella Boyden Crouch, was born at West Hallock, Ill., March 7, 1871, and died at Nortonville, Kan., on July 14, 1955.

He came to Nortonville in 1912 where on Nov. 12, 1913, he married Jessie Langworthy. For many years, he faithfully supported the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Nortonville, and was its music director for over twenty-five years.

Surviving are: his wife; four children: Robert of Glenwood Springs, Colo.; Mrs. John Mauro, of New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. David Guerry, of Kingstree, S. C.; and Dr. Boyden, of Rochester, Minn.; eight grandchildren; and four sisters: Mrs. Reta Crouch of Albuquerque, N. M.; Mrs. Alden Saunders, London Mills, Ill.; Mrs. Arthur Langworthy and Mrs. Earl Stephan, both of Nortonville.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Duane L. Davis, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, and burial was in the Nortonville Cemetery. D. L. D.

Davis. — Anna W., daughter of John and Sarah Sayer Willis, was born July 29, 1869, in the Stow Creek area of New Jersey, and passed away in Shiloh, July 7, 1955.

She was an active member in the Shiloh Church until confined to her home seven years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Lum of Plainfield N. J.; a son, Dr. Leland C. Davis of Westfield, N. J.; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted at the Kenneth Carl and Son Funeral Home in Bridgeton, N. J., by her pastor, Rev. Robert Lippincott, assisted by Rev. Dwight Faust. Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery. R. P. L.

Persels. — Lura, daughter of Silas F. and Emily Lusk Randolph, was born Oct. 30, 1868, in Farina, Ill., and died at the Smith Rest Home at Mulberry Grove, Ill., July 16, 1955.

She was married July 26, 1893, to Charles E. Persels, who died in 1947. To this union were born three children: a son, Fay, who died in infancy, and two daughters, Arlouine (Mrs. Bernard Seager) of Farina, Ill., and Kathryn (Mrs. William Hunt) of Sierra Madre, Calif. She was a life-long member of the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Besides her two daughters, she is survived by three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Mabel Allen of Farina.

Farewell services were held from the Farina Church with Pastor Addison Appel officiating. Interment was in the Farina Cemetery. A. A. A.

Potter. — William J., was born in Independence, N. Y., on March 8, 1866, and died at Helmuth, N. Y., on June 19, 1955, following a long illness.

He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church for 75 years, though illness prevented his active participation for many years. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ola Pease, of Andover, N. Y.; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Barney, of Mt. Ranier, Md.; one grandson and three great-grandchildren. Services were held at the Mulholland Funeral Home in Andover, June 22, with Rev. Don A. Sanford, officiating. D. A. S.

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DAYS OF DECISION

This issue of the Sabbath Recorder bears the date of the beginning of the annual General Conference of Seventh Day Baptist churches. For those who are able to attend, these are indeed days of decision. Delegates duly chosen by their home churches are on this date beginning to enter into the discussions, workshops, and committee meetings that will influence in large measure the actions of the General Conference later in the week. Few delegates come with instructions from their home churches on how to vote in matters of policy or finance. For that very reason a greater responsibility rests on those who attend — the responsibility of making personal decisions and of voting in behalf of the whole church.

Most of our readers are not among the number of those assembled at the Conference grounds. They are remaining at home caring for the affairs of the local churches, attending to the tasks of everyday life, and, far from last in importance, upholding the hands of the leaders at Fayetteville. Furthermore, they are waiting with keen interest for the latest word about our denominational work as it is climaxed at this annual gathering. The Sabbath Recorder will report the decisions of Conference as soon and as fully as possible.

Printed reports have their limitations. These pages cannot adequately depict the spirit, the tone, and the inspiration of our nation-wide, world-wide fellowship. Only the people who attend can give such a three-dimensional picture of what they received. Descriptions given with earnestness of voice and with lighted countenance are the best means of passing on the blessings experienced.

Editorially, we would appeal to all Conference delegates to take notes, to record impressions as they come, so that when they return home they will not report with meaningless generalities but from the notes that remind them of what took place. We realize that most laymen feel inadequate or even foolish about speaking in public about such things. Let us remind ourselves that we have an obligation to share these things even though it seems difficult.

The apostles, long before their deeper experiences of Calvary, resurrection morn,

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and Pentecost, were sent out to tell what they had seen and heard. We, with our richer background of a completed redemption, fulfilled prophecies, and centuries of church history, should be not only willing but anxious to encourage other members of our churches through the experiences of stimulating Conferences. It is our conviction that delegates upon their return ought to call in their friends and neighbors, not to bore them with travel stories, but to discuss with them the solidarity of our denominational work in all its branches.

Unity Amid Diversity

The two weeks of active duty training required of chaplains in the U. S. Army Reserve each summer serve to remind your editor once again that there can be a great deal of unity amid a rather wide diversity. We believe that most of our readers have had enough co-operative community experiences to convince them of the truth of that statement. However, there are some among us who have not traveled or have not lived in situations where part of their hunger for Christian fellowship and spiritual food was satisfied by attending churches of another faith.

Some of us no doubt have a tendency to become too narrow and provincial in our religious thinking. We hesitate to accept the good work of any who walk not with us in denominational fellowship.

On the other hand, there are some, perhaps, in our ranks who are so inclusive and ecumenical that they lose much of the distinctiveness of our particular witness before the world. To steer the proper course between these extremes is often difficult.

Your editor feels that his annual elbow-rubbing with chaplains of the three major faiths and with officers and men of many denominations (or of none) is a contact that ought to help him to be moderate in his writing. We must avoid being moderate in our attitude toward sin, which is a common pitfall. But, on the other hand, we need to cultivate love toward those who disagree with us or unjustly criticize our position. Furthermore, it is only by associating with those who disagree with

us that we have opportunity to test the validity of our Sabbath arguments. When we convince intelligent people of our basic unity in Christ, then we are in a position to show them the reasons for our diversity.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE IN EAST GERMANY

The Ecumenical Press Service (EPS) bulletin of the World Council of Churches issued a report in May about the struggle of the Church of East Germany to preserve the sacredness of Sunday under a government that appears to be hostile to religion. We quote:

"The last meeting of the Conference of the Church in the Eastern Zone which consists of representatives of the governing bodies of all the churches in the German Democratic Republic, dealt with the question of the observance of Sundays and religious holidays. They came to the conclusion that no progress had been made, in spite of all the representations made by the Church. The Berlin office of the Chancellery of the Evangelical Church in Germany has therefore sent a letter, in accordance with the request of the Church Conference in the Eastern Zone, to Otto Nuschke, deputy Minister-President of the German Democratic Republic, urgently reminding him of the Church's concern for the observance of Sunday. . . .

"The letter protested once more against the rapid spread of Sunday work. It was a most regrettable fact (the letter declared) that certain industries were extolled in the press, because they worked on high days and holidays. This policy was bound in the long run to lead to the abolition of Sunday as the day of rest and worship for all."

We who are Seventh Day Baptists are not unsympathetic toward the problems of Christians in non-Sabbathkeeping denominations in East Germany or elsewhere. However, the letter quoted above makes a very common and false assumption that Sunday is "the day of rest and worship for all." We are reminded that before Hitler massacred 5,000,000 Jews during his regime there must have been at least that many Sabbathkeepers. We are also

keenly aware that before World War II there were more than 25 Seventh Day Baptist churches in Germany, the greater number being in what is now called the Eastern Zone. Some of those churches are still active. Other Sabbathkeeping denominations have churches in East Germany, we are sure.

In a portion of the letter which we omitted there was a complaint because the government had not lived up to its agreement to restrict public amusements on Good Friday. Now, the Sabbathkeepers in this country might object to dances on Good Friday or any other Sabbath eve but we would expect to voice our objection by staying away from such dances rather than by petitioning the government.

The opening sentences in the report quoted above indicate that no progress had been made with the government toward getting better Sunday observance. We would suggest that they abandon any further attempts to get a Communist government to impose religious rest and worship on a mixed population of irreligious people, Sundaykeeping denominations, and Sabbathkeepers — whether they be Jews or Christians. The actions of the conference which claims to represent "the governing bodies of all the churches in the German Democratic Republic," do not appear to us to denote a struggle for the right to worship according to the dictates of conscience — which is the essence of religious liberty — but a struggle to maintain the authority of a state church over the consciences of all the people in the realm.

We might agree that Protestant control is better than Catholic control and Catholic control is perhaps better than Communist control. But best of all is Christ control on the individual level. Personal loyalty to Christ and to the Father's commands are the true basis of Christian living whether it be the matter of keeping the Sabbath holy or some other matter. They need to learn that lesson in East Germany and also here in "Christian America."

"There is no such thing as an idle rumor." — Babson.

Outline of the Conference Program

**Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.
Monday to Sabbath, August 15-20**

In previous issues a little inkling of the program of the 143rd annual session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference program has been given. Readers have learned something about the 2-hour daily workshops which begin on Tuesday morning. Interesting mention has been made in the President's Column of the Junior Conference which will benefit all children. Publicity has been given to the young people's meetings beginning on Sunday and carrying through the week. The question arises as to what the adults are doing aside from attending the six workshops.

The familiar pattern of board presentations and inspirational addresses, although modified, is not absent in the program prepared by President Rogers. The emphasis is on practical discussions of church problems, but those who have come to love the worship services and the evening sermons will not go away disappointed.

Each evening the young people under the unique and inspiring direction of Miss Lois Wells conduct a 45-minute evening vesper. This is followed by the regular evening service. The mayor of Fayetteville welcomes the Conference Monday evening and Rev. David S. Clarke brings the message. The next night, Rev. Don Sanford speaks on "Purify Your Hearts." The speaker for Wednesday is O. Glenn Kennedy, sales manager of Lehn and Fink Products Co., New York City. His subject is "Doer of the Work." Another layman, Albyn Mackintosh, brings a message Thursday evening entitled "A Pure and Holy Ministry." On Sabbath eve, Rev. Paul Maxson preaches on "Fulfill the Law." This service ends as usual with a service expressing our individual faith and conviction led by Rev. Francis Saunders. Conference closes with a message, "Accentuate the Positive," by Rev. Charles H. Bond.

Prayer services are scheduled following each evening service. On each weekday morning there will be a nature walk before breakfast for those who desire it. The afternoon program dismisses at an

early hour to allow for recreation on the Conference grounds for those so inclined. Since there are not the usual family and host connections to draw people away between the sessions, it is expected that delegates will feel more unity in the daily program than in former years.

It is to be remembered that Conference gets under way a day earlier than usual this year with important committee meetings, business, and the president's message on Monday morning and afternoon. The theme, "To Serve Him," is carried consistently through the daytime programs as, for instance, "To Serve Him Through Education," and "To Serve Through Missions." These are subdivided to bring out the Tract Society work, ministerial education, and the various aspects of our mission work. Special messages are scheduled on Jamaica, Nyasaland, British Guiana, and Nigeria. Women's work, Sabbath school and young people's work also have a place in the program.

Around this framework and the reports of committees, workshops, and the Commission the business and inspiration of Conference will be clustered in the stories to be told in the next few issues of the Recorder.

A READER SPEAKS HER MIND

Dear Editor:

Since I, for one Seventh Day Baptist, have wished to express myself in reply to many articles published in the Sabbath Recorder, surely I ought not fail to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the editor's "Denominational Democracy" in the July 18 issue. This is a fair invitation on your part; still it seems rather restricted by the thought conveyed, that publication of pro-and-con views on all subjects be delayed until the last couple of issues preceding General Conference, rather than at any time all during the year, thus giving readers a greater opportunity to consider these questions and come to decisions before time for delegates to be chosen, and sent to that meeting.

At the time Conference voted that our denomination become an active member of the World Council of Churches, I might even have voted the same, had I been there, not having given the matter

much study or consideration, up to that time. I'm sure many people from various denominations feel differently concerning this issue than they did a few years ago, and feel much more strongly than then. It has been said, "Only a fool never changes his mind." Yet, even if the 1955 Conference were to vote in favor of this question, as before, and even if we could be certain that a majority of our churches and individual members favored membership in this body, still I'm sure it is contrary to Seventh Day Baptist principles and polity to arbitrarily force any member's convictions. Surely the great, democratic policy of our denomination is complete freedom of conscience. I do not recall a single instance in which the chosen people achieved victory because they were greater in number. But rather, always, they overcame because, though they were few, the Lord fought for them. Oftentimes the minority is right. I think the Scriptures make it clear that those who "keep his commandments and do those things which are pleasing in his sight" are seldom the majority. Certainly Seventh Day Baptists are a minority group among church denominations.

Now that time has given us opportunity to study and observe the World Council organization and the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, some of us want **nothing** to do with either. You are quick to term us "fundamentalists," and we to retort "modernists," and to make both terms seem to denote things equally loathsome. Such childish bickerings only denote that neither of us has "become a man." They present no honest grounds for either view, and permit no frank, clear, unemotional, democratic discussion of the question. At another time, lest this letter require too much space, we should be most happy to state our reasons for the above decision. (These are the days spoken of by the prophets of old when multitudes are in the valley of decision (Joel 3: 14). . . .

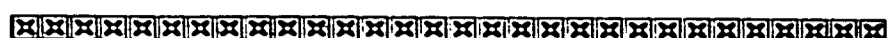
I read this all-important word "decision" many times in the July 18 Recorder. But since maybe even a few Seventh Day Baptists want no part of the World Council or the Revised Standard Version, is it democratic or Christlike to coerce any?

The Lord said, "I will not destroy the city for ten's sake" (Gen. 18: 32). This, I feel certain, is the reason it is so difficult to meet the Denominational Budget voted — a part of the money (be it ever so small a part) is allocated to a cause some do not want to support; therefore they will not give to the general budget fund. Thus they are made to sin one way or the other, either by giving against their conscience, or by withholding, also against their conscience.

You state, "In order to be fair to all, we now invite the submission of short articles for the good of the cause." Don't you realize that we who, as before stated, do not want to participate in World Council affairs nor bother with the Revised Standard Version, still read the Recorder, though every issue presents their merits on nearly every page? Are we not still Seventh Day Baptists? We left a Sunday church, not wanting any longer to carry the "mark of the beast," believing His holy Sabbath day to be the "sign" and "seal" of the only true and living God; heeding the angel's call to "fear God and give glory to him, and worship him that made heaven and earth and the sea" and "rested the seventh day"; also obeying the voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her (the Sunday-observing, commandment-breaking church), my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev. 18: 4). Now we are being forced to sit in "the councils of the ungodly" by the commandment-keeping church to which we fled.

I must witness for my Saviour, He has done so much for me. I cannot longer, by my silence, reject Him. Had He failed to keep holy a single Sabbath day, He would have been as guilty as a common thief or murderer, and not the Lamb without blemish, which alone could redeem me. Now He has blotted out all my sins . . . and has given me His holy Sabbath day. I will not repudiate Him by returning to idol worship, by seeking out areas of co-operation with them. Oh, please read carefully and prayerfully Deuteronomy 7.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Walter J. Cocker.



MEMORY TEXT

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Philippians 2: 12-13.



EVANGELISTIC WORK AT DENVER

Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson

We were blessed by participating in a special series of evangelistic meetings beginning June 24 and closing July 3, with services on the three nights of two weekends and Wednesday night, also. The first night was in conjunction with the Bible School demonstration with Rev. Loyal Hurley speaking and the quartet singing. The attendance at the evening meetings averaged 45. We appreciate the challenging Gospel messages that Evangelist Hurley preached. He was accompanied to Denver by Mrs. Hurley and the quartet consisting of Doyle Zwiebel, Justin Camenga, Edwin Green, and Paul Green, who brought his bride of only two weeks.

On the closing Sabbath a baptismal service was held when four were baptized as a testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Two of these persons only recently accepted the Sabbath. Let this be an encouragement as we continue to be evangelistic for Christ and the Sabbath.

The loyalty of the members in attending these meetings and providing for the team is much appreciated.

Many have expressed appreciation of these meetings and have mentioned the challenge they received. The pastor feels that such evangelistic meetings are necessary from time to time to help revive the church members to a greater awareness of their responsibility to dedicate their lives to Christ and to try to bring others to Him. May we continue to serve our Lord as good stewards of the Master.

Presented as part of the pastor's report at a recent business meeting of the Denver, Colo., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Impressions of Jubilee Congress of the World Baptist Alliance

Dr. Wayne R. Rood

For everyone who attended the Jubilee Congress of the World Baptist Alliance in London, there were significant moments of inspiration and insight during its seven full days, July 16 to 22.

Since there were 8,500 registered delegates from Baptist Churches of every continent, it seems that the inspiration and fellowship may be transfused into the life of the Baptist world. Since 3,500 of them were Americans, it is possible that the Congress may prove to be a new centripetal force among the usually competitive Baptist groups of the United States.

From the first glimpse of the interior of the authentically Victorian Royal Albert Hall, draped with the flags of 44 represented nations, and dominated by the huge blue, red, and gold emblem of the Alliance flanked with the theme words, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever," to the closing rally at Arsenal Stadium, the Congress was a succession of stirring moments.

For some, the outstanding was Billy Graham's affirmation of the "tide of revival" that is moving in the world today. For many, it was the three-hour historical pageant, sweeping majestically from Zwingli, through Bunyan and Williams and Carey to the world-wide work of Baptist relief in the last decade.

The day devoted to the world mission enterprise of Baptists brought challenging statements from the men and women of the younger churches of their struggle against tremendous odds to evangelize the darker corners of the world, and the call to every man to become a missionary, wherever he lives. The sermon brought from behind the Iron Curtain by the chief Russian delegate fearlessly declared Christ to be the Life, the Creator, and the Head of the Church, under whatever conditions it may work.

At the Ministers' Conference the principle of the priesthood of all believers was explored with emphasis on the need to come to a real understanding of a free-church doctrine of the ministry. At the

Conference of Seminary Teachers a plea was made for competent scholarship in the service of the theology of freedom. The Conference sermon, coming from South America, urged the sort of experience and commitment that demands believer's baptism by immersion as the only symbol adequate to express the totality of rebirth. The discussion at the Conference of Baptist Historians recalled the distinctive insistence of the 16th-century Anabaptists that the Church exists in any age, not for reformation of that which had erred, but for restitution of that which had lapsed.

A message to the Four Power Conference meeting simultaneously in Geneva indicated the concern of Baptist people for political peace and religious freedom, and an exchange of greetings with other world-wide denominational bodies their genuine interest in religious brotherhood.

Throughout the Congress, fellowship and hope were dominating motifs, the former expressed in the frequent singing of "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," and the latter in the often recalled words of William Carey, "Expect great things of God."

Twenty-two million Baptists have a great part to play in setting the world on the path to redemption that leads away from failure and catastrophe. The world at large, and the emerging ecumenical movement in particular, need a contemporary affirmation of the Baptist principles for which in other times, men have witnessed bravely and sometimes died heroically. For many of us, the Jubilee Congress helped to reaffirm and frequently to clarify both the principles and their present significance.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for August 27, 1955

Deliverance and Return

Lesson Scripture:

Isaiah 45: 1-4, 13; Ezra 1: 1-7.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for September 3, 1955

Worship in a Nation's Life

Lesson Scripture: Ezra 3: 1, 3, 10-11; Haggai 1: 7-9, 14; Zechariah 4: 6-9.

Missions

Conference Missions Workshop

At the urging of Conference President Rogers a Missions Workshop has been arranged on the theme "Evangelism and Soul Winning Methods."

On Tuesday of General Conference week Rev. Charles Bond and Rev. Alton Wheeler will share the leadership of the group as the discussion centers on winning souls through special preaching services. The group may divide to discuss the plans which should be made for rural areas as differing from city areas.

Visitation Evangelism will be the subject for discussion on Wednesday with Rev. Harmon Dickinson and Rev. Duane Davis as leaders.

The opportunities for soul winning presented through Vacation Bible Schools, summer camps, and regular Sabbath services will be the theme for discussion on Thursday, led by Rev. Leon Lawton and Rev. Victor Skaggs.

On Friday, Rev. Trevah Sutton and Rev. Theodore Hibbard will lead the discussion on the theme "Winning the Children to Christ."

A list of those who have elected to attend the Missions Workshop have been sent work kits through the mail. These have contained suggestive material to be read and studied before the beginning of Conference. Extra work kits will be brought to Conference for distribution.

A preparation instruction sheet is included in each work kit. The following paragraphs are the directive for action:

"An aggressive program of preparation in the local congregation is an absolute prerequisite to a successful effort in the suggested Preaching-Reaching Program. If we as Christian churches really want to grow spiritually and numerically there is no reason why we cannot. Our greatest difficulty lies within our own lack of willingness to be used.

"This packet of material has been made up with a prayer that it will stimulate the thinking of church leaders to prepare their own programs of outreach. There may be some tracts or materials in it

that may not appeal to you, but if there is just one idea that 'strikes fire' that will make the whole effort justifiable.

"In the last analysis it is the personality on fire with love for Christ that makes the program go. There is no technique nor pamphlet that can bring this about. Only God can do it in you. If you will let Christ really use you, the Preaching-Reaching Revival can become a reality and a success in your church and community. Can you pray this prayer and mean it: 'Let a revival come to our church, O God, beginning in me?'"

Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond Return

After having completed two full years of service as principal and teacher in Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond returned to this country on Thursday morning, July 21. They were met at Idlewild Airport, New York, by Rev. Leon M. Maltby and Rev. Lee Holloway from Plainfield, N. J., and by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris and family from Shiloh, N. J. Mrs. Bond went with her sister, Mrs. Charles Harris, to Shiloh, and Dr. Bond journeyed by rail to Westerly, R. I., to attend the quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board.

On two occasions Dr. Bond brought challenging messages. On Sabbath morning he spoke at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church bringing an intimate personal picture of our missionaries, local pastors, and consecrated laymen of the Seventh Day Baptist churches of Jamaica. On Sunday afternoon at the board meeting he read prepared statements which had previously been presented to the Jamaica Board of Christian Education. This was followed by questions and a discussion period which was very enlightening.

It was voted during the board meeting that the secretary be asked to prepare an expression of appreciation for the services of Dr. and Mrs. Bond. The statement will be included in this issue.

Dr. and Mrs. Bond are planning to attend Conference at Fayetteville and will speak on Wednesday of Conference week.

The Bible is the rock on which our Republic rests. —Andrew Jackson.

June Activities at Makapwa Mission

Mrs. Bettie Pearson wrote on July 1, 1955:

"We are sending some notes on some of the activities of the month of June. Joan wrote recently of the happenings of a typical day. Those things which are regular daily occurrences have not been included here, because they have already been well described."

Friday, June 3. The pay train was scheduled to stop at the mission and leave some supplies. A group of schoolboys waited to help with unloading from about 2:30 until nearly time for the Friday evening sunset service. Just as the bell rang for church, the train was heard coming. A rush and scramble, and the drums were off and everyone soon in place for service.

Sabbath, the 4th. In the morning service, David brought the message in the absence of the mission pastor. (Pastor Leman's wife is ill and he was with her in her home village for several weeks.) Subject of the morning was "The Judgment."

Afternoon village evangelism was at Maroti Village about half a mile west of this mission. This village is a large one and known to be somewhat of a center of much of the heathenism of this area. Beer drinks and dances, accompanied by their drums, often take place there. The group stopped to witness by song and testimony to three people at a home along the way.

Wednesday, the 8th. David made a business trip to town and assisted a South-African couple to get to Makwasa. The evening before, this couple, who were visiting in Nyasaland, had come to the mission asking to be taken to Makwasa, about 40 miles away. "Someone told us the Bwana has a motor car," they said. Since a trip to Blantyre was necessary, they were helped part way.

Sabbath, the 11th. Pastor Leman still being absent from the mission, David was again in charge of the service and spoke of the coming of the Kingdom of God.

In the afternoon, the village evangelism was withheld because of cloudiness and rain. Instead, a group of students met at

the church. They learned some new songs and practiced the methods of personal evangelism.

Sunday, the 12th. Asian service at Sandama at 2:00 p.m. There was rain in the morning, but God held it back just a little after noon so we could walk to Sandama and so we could conduct the service. The service was held in front of one of the Indian stores. A large group of Africans were standing near, and a good percentage of the Asians of Sandama were present at the beginning. As the service continued, the majority of them went back to their work instead of remaining throughout. Those who have been friendly and helpful to the mission listened to the whole sermon, commented well about it, and some asked for another service.

In Nyasaland, there are many Indian merchants. Realizing we have a duty toward them as well as to the Africans, prompted the planning of this service. There are about four different religions represented by the Indians at Sandama. It is quite different and challenging to witness to those who believe in a different way of redemption than through Christ, and who do not believe the Bible to be God's Word. A few schoolboys went to take part in the service. The sermon topic was "Why I Believe the Bible to Be the Word of God."

Tuesday, the 14th. An elderly African lady was brought to the dispensary late in the afternoon with a badly injured leg. She was chopping a tree when it fell and literally ripped her leg open, breaking the bone and leaving it protruding for several inches. She was taken to the Cholo Government hospital as there was nothing the nurses could do for her here. (David and our H.A. arrived back a little after 10 p.m. The leg was amputated. Our H.A. assisted the doctor and David was allowed to watch it.) Two days later the lady died.

Friday, the 17th. David, Pastor Leman, and an interpreter left to visit several churches over the weekend. David also planned to clear customs duties on the boxes of clothing which had arrived from Plainfield.

Sabbath, the 18th. The morning worship was in charge of Deacon Kendal Nangazi in the absence of others. He spoke, exhorting us to humble ourselves as children.

In the evening, the pastors returned from the "safari." The return was one day earlier than they planned because car trouble developed. (A shock absorber fell off.) On Friday they had done some business but found that there was more red tape than could be taken care of at that time in connection with getting the boxes of clothes cleared. They visited Manolo Church, and arrived in the area of Number Church that evening, where there was a mass meeting of several churches. They stayed overnight in temporary huts made of grass for these services. On Sabbath day various ministers who were present brought messages, and took part in other ways. In the afternoon there was a baptismal service, at which time David baptized thirteen new Christians. These meetings were closed Sabbath afternoon.

Friday, the 24th. The Pearsons bought a pet baboon, two months' old. This provides a little zoo for all the school children!

Sabbath, the 25th. The morning service was directed by Pastor Leman. He spoke on the theme of "Salvation," emphasizing that all who believe in Christ as Saviour will have everlasting life.

Afternoon evangelism was at a railway camp about a mile north of the mission. Singing, testimonies, a short message, and words explaining the way of salvation were given. There were about 15 Africans present.

Sunday, the 26th. Traveling along the road toward Cholo an accident was discovered. A man on a motorcycle had fallen head first on the stones in the road. His forehead was badly lacerated and also quite a deep cut along one side of his nose down to the mouth. Africans who were standing by watching him, loaded him into our car and he was taken to the hospital at Cholo. Later he was taken by ambulance to Zomba, Nyasaland's capital, about 60 miles away, to receive the treatment of a specialist.

Thursday, the 30th. A visitor to the mission came to see why he was not

allowed to be pastor of a certain church. He was a deacon and perhaps a licentiate of this church in 1953, was taken sick, and went to a hospital. On his return he was quite disturbed to find a new pastor at the church.

An Appreciation of Services of Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond

In behalf of the Missionary Society and at the vote of the Board of Managers meeting on July 24, 1955, I wish to express our deep appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond for their consecrated services as principal and teacher, respectively, at Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, during the past two years.

It was with much regret that we sought out and called your successors to this field when it became certain that you must terminate your services earlier than anticipated because of health. However, we have noted that you have used every effort to assist Mr. and Mrs. Grover Brissey in filling these positions efficiently and we are grateful both for the practical assistance given and for the co-operative spirit which prompted the efforts.

Because you have given of your very life and strength so freely to the Jamaican brethren during these years of service, and because you have left a bit of yourselves behind as you came away, you must sympathize more keenly with Dr. David Livingstone who allowed the Africans to bury his heart in Africa.

Your teaching in school and out of school, the example of the Christian home which you presented by keeping "open house" for two years, and, most of all, the kindly Christian spirit with which you have met all obstacles, surely these have endeared you to the students, faculty, and fellow Christians in Jamaica, and surely they will kindle the heart of many a youth and help to keep him steady and true. We are certain that this is the only reward you sought, and surely God in His wisdom and mercy will grant you "fruit for your labor" and a far greater reward than you ever dreamed of in His good time and way.

In behalf of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society,

Everett T. Harris, Secretary.

Letter of Appreciation from Denver

I wanted to get word to you before Conference time, to tell you of our appreciation of the evangelistic team with Dr. and Mrs. Loyal Hurley, while they were working the Colorado field. They are splendid examples of the Christian young people that take up the ministry and we, in this family, are very proud to have known them and worked with them and enjoyed them while they were here.

My own personal contact with these "7" was through the Rocky Mountain Camp in the Rockies. After putting in eight active days with the senior group and with no "breather," they threw forth their entire energy into the junior group, as instructors and companions to the youngsters, doctoring sores, helping cook in the kitchen, helping youngsters with their chores, and leaving in our hearts and minds a wonderful new feeling to bring home from our mountaintop experiences.

We all will devour news of their progress in their future work.

Mrs. Loyal Hurley and I enjoy the same feeling for Rocky Mountain Camp and feel that our marvelous pastors need help from evangelistic teams or visiting ministers in this line of work. With Denver growing, 2,000 new persons a month, our church could grow with it, if it were possible for our minister to make all the contacts, and I, personally, feel that he could use help during the summer months with Vacation Bible School, camp, and the general church program. Mrs. Hurley can give you a more detailed picture of our camp and needs than I could ever express in writing in case you should require more information. Some of us feel the team's coming has a significance of something big for the Colorado field.

Thanks again for those responsible in the grand work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert R. White and family.

Resurgent Protestantism

"Waiting to counsel 56 million American Protestants, this Eastertide, was a ministry that has taken a new and powerful grip on its theology and its Gospel." — Newsweek.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORTS

Annual statistical reports are coming in steadily. Last year we had a more complete response than in recent years though many reports were late in coming. Let's have 100% of our churches reporting promptly this year! Those who had occasion to refer to them appreciated the tabulated form of the reports in the 1954 Year Book.

Battle Creek is the first this year in reporting camps. Let's have the other reports as soon as possible after the camping season. It is hoped that any camp director who didn't receive a report form will let your secretary know.

It is too late now to talk about what will happen at General Conference, or to urge people to attend, but we expect to have some mighty interesting and important things to report as soon as Conference is over.

Seventh Day Baptists have led in the Vacation Church School movement from its beginning. Your secretary attended one at Milton Junction more years ago than he likes to think, and holds pleasant memories of the schools he has conducted in Alfred, Shiloh, New Market, De Ruyter, and New Auburn.

This year some of the schools seem to be better than ever. The Ashaway, Westerly, Hopkinton, and Rockville Vacation Church School reported 130 boys and girls attending — the most in several years. Pastor Osborn was the director and Pastor Charles Bond and members of the participating churches served as teachers.

Although two other Vacation Church Schools were held in De Ruyter this year the Seventh Day Baptist school was one of the most successful in the experience of Pastor and Mrs. Wheeler, and the attendance was remarkable.

It is hard work to plan and run a Vacation Church School but the rewards are great if the work is skillfully and faithfully done. No one can measure the impressions made upon young lives.

N. D. M.

The best jobs haven't been started. The best work hasn't been done. — Berton Braley.

Religion and Public Schools

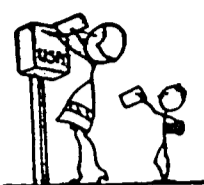
Superintendents from thirty-five communities in the United States met in an annual Work Conference at Teachers College, Columbia University, July 5-22. In a resolution called "The Moral and the Spiritual" these men agreed that although neither the state nor the public school should promote the special tenets of any church or sect, the school must try to help pupils to believe in God, to understand and appreciate their religious heritage and liberties, and to respect the religious faith of other people.

These ideas are not new but there is a growing conviction among educators that while we believe in the separation of church and state, the public school must not ignore the need for moral and spiritual training, especially since half the children in the nation are entirely unreached by the church and many more very inadequately reached.

Very frequently the executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education receives material describing studies made in this field. Some of it describes how some school systems have worked out programs in co-operation with Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant clergymen. Usually these programs involve not the formal teaching of religion, but religious principles integrated into such subjects as history, English, and geography. All faiths are equally recognized. Belief in God and the high moral standards upheld by all faiths are actively promoted. — N. D. M.

OCCUPATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

From Ashtabula, Ohio, comes a suggestion for learning a profitable trade. Rev. A. E. S. McMahon writes that he would be willing to give one month's free training to three couples under 40 years of age in the baking and cake-decorating business. He would expect each couple to be prepared to take care of themselves for one month and then to be on a paying basis. His primary purpose is to provide work so that new families could live in Ashtabula and help in the work of the Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship there. For those interested his address is 4008 State Avenue.



OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene and Children:

Would you like to hear a true story about what I saw from my open window one morning in July?

I was awakened just before six o'clock by the starlings and jays making a noise in the yard outside. I went to the window and saw that those birds were squabbling about the suet fastened in the tree. As I watched them I saw three sparrows below, on the top of a woven wire frame that keeps the larger birds away from the bread crumbs, so that little birds may have them.

As I watched, one of the three sparrows went down through the wire, took a piece of bread, flew up and out again quick as a flash, and put the bread in the open mouth of one of the two sparrows who seemed to be young ones, though all looked the same size. The bread was too large for the baby's bill to close, and the parent bird stood there picking the bread to pieces inside the baby's mouth, till it went down its throat. Then they all whisked back again to the top of the wire.

The parent bird went down inside for more bread and the baby, big as its mother, stayed up on top. I noticed the parent bird did not take a piece of bread as I expected, but waited, seeming to coax the baby bird to come and get its own bread. But when the young one tried to do so, one of its feet caught where the wires crossed and it hung fluttering, head down, trying to free itself and couldn't.

I watched long enough to see it was hopelessly caught; then I hustled into a coat and shoes, unlocked the door, and went out there. Opening the door scared all the other birds away. The little caught sparrow let me untangle its foot and pull it up through the mesh of the wire, then it dashed off into a tall blue spruce nearby, before I could see if its joints were sprained.

That little bird had a glad story to tell its brothers and sisters who flock in that

yard. I, too, had a share in our Heavenly Father's care for the sparrows. I was glad to see how parent birds have wise ways of training their little ones how to live. So I pass the story on to you, hoping it isn't too long for your column.

Lois F. Powell.

Dear Mrs. Powell:

It was good to hear from you again. I often think of you and am always glad to receive your interesting letters, especially about birds. Your letter to your granddaughter I will save until next time.

I often think of a very friendly robin who used to come to my dining room window beginning early in the spring, evidently asking for food by tapping on the window nearly every day, and I always went out and fed him. This spring he didn't return. I missed him and wonder what has become of him. Robins are among my favorite birds. I'm not very fond of either starlings or pigeons. They take turns occupying the belfry of what used to be our church. When the pigeons go in the chimney, out go the starlings, when the pigeons fly out, in go the starlings. I don't try to count the starlings, they are too numerous, and there are almost as many pigeons. How would you like them?

I'm hoping to hear from you more often in the future.

Sincerely yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children:

I have been hoping to hear from you often now that you are on vacation, but only one letter have I received this summer. Even grown people miss your letters just as I do. People of all ages often tell me so.

This summer we have been having a very special pleasure. The high school band under the leadership of their instructor has played in front of Baker's hardware store, and crowds of grownups and children have thoroughly enjoyed it, cheering them with clapping and the loud blowing of car horns. Don't you wish you could have been there?

Now remember, I'm hoping to receive many letters from you, and you, and you. . . .

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

DEACON ADELBERT BRANCH

Deacon Adelbert Branch, the last of the earliest settlers and builders of the community of White Cloud, was laid to rest on Tuesday, May 31. Although his presence will long be missed, the memory of him will long remain through the fruits of his labors of his long and useful life. Of his ninety-three years, over seventy were lived in this vicinity.

He was united in marriage April 25, 1881, to Isabella Hastings and to them were born two sons, C. Raymond and Clifford; and two daughters, Mrs. Nettie Fowler and Mrs. Myrtle Basford, all of White Cloud. Mrs. Branch died in 1918.

Always vitally interested in the church, he was baptized early in life. Upon coming to this community with his family and brothers he helped in the organization and building of the Seventh Day Church of God near White Cloud, and was a charter member of the organization of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1917. Among the various capacities in which he has served has been as chorister for forty years, as deacon for sixty years, and in various other offices. His presence at church was always regular until failing health prevented, although in recent years his hearing became impaired. His regret in being unable to be at church was expressed often in the last few months of his life. When the building of the present church was planned, he, with his brother, the late E. G. Branch, gave the land on which it now stands.

A natural liking for people and a devotion to the best interests of the community brought to him many responsible positions in the life of the community. He was for twelve years supervisor of Wilcox Township, and served fifteen years as Superintendent of the Poor in Newaygo County.

He was united in marriage with Emma Bauschke on September 13, 1931, who survives him. Five grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews also joined with many friends in paying tribute to him in the services conducted from the church by his pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock. Interment was in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

KANSAS CITY FELLOWSHIP

On April 9, 1955, the Kansas City Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship was formed, with a group of four adults and four children meeting for Sabbath school and informal Bible study.

The following officers for the fellowship were elected: president, Edwin L. Johnson; secretary-treasurer, June B. Johnson; program chairman, Alma B. McClure; chorister, Alice Louise Stephan.

After a few weeks of meetings, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Bond joined the group and meetings were held at eight o'clock Friday night as well as at ten on Sabbath morning.

In May, the group began inserting an ad in the classified church ad section of the Kansas City Star. From time to time there have been calls in answer to the ad, and one regular member, Eldon Quiett, has been added to the group. Others show interest and are hoping to join the group later, but distance and transportation problems have to be worked out. Some have been reluctant to join a group with no meeting place other than homes, so the group feels that in the near future a regular meeting place must be acquired.

Seven adults and four children attend these meetings regularly and there have been several visitors. God has richly blessed each one of us who has attended these meetings, and we hope and pray that we are now, and can continue to do His will and serve Him in such a way as to bring honor and praise to His name.

We feel that the members of our group are humbly aware of their shortcomings, but are united in Christian love, and in a burning desire to grow more like our Lord and to serve Him effectively.

We feel that there is a great opportunity for serving the Lord in the Kansas City area, as there seems to be an increasing interest in the Sabbath truth and in spiritual things, and we would invite any who would like to accept this challenge with us to come and make their home here. Employment is good here and housing is plentiful. Anyone interested and desiring information can write to: Alma McClure, 618 East 66th St., North, Kansas City 16, Mo., or Edwin L. Johnson, Box 742, Gashland, Mo.

MILTON'S BELL RINGS OUT!

By A. P. Loomer

The ancient bell in the tower of Main Hall rang out gaily over the community as though it could never stop. For ten minutes it sang its song — a song of praise of the alumni of the 111-year-old institution who had answered the challenge of President Percy Dunn with a flood of five-dollar bills that had closed the gap between the year's income and expenditures.

This was more than a crass financial accomplishment. It was living evidence of the vibrant spirit that has burst forth in the last two years to separate Milton College from the ranks of those independent colleges which are struggling for a mere existence; now it is established as one that can request and receive the support which it richly deserves, for in each of these two years Milton has operated without a deficit. Deficits take their toll of endowment funds!

This bell-ringing spread the word throughout the community that 206 individuals answered President Dunn's challenge during the past month, sending in a total of \$1,542.

Challenging the alumni at commencement time Mr. Dunn had said, "You alumni could bridge the gap for old Milton with these small donations," and then he had added, not very seriously, "and if you do I will personally ring the old chapel bell in your honor at high noon on July 5 — one pull on the rope for each five dollars you send in!"

The response was phenomenal, especially in view of the fact that already over 400 alumni had given a total of \$9,600 to their alma mater during the year.

Prove all things by the Word of God — all ministers, all teachings, all preaching, all doctrines, all sermons, all writings, all opinions, all practices — prove all by the Word of God. Measure all by the measure of the Bible. Weigh all by the balance of the Bible. Test all in the crucible of the Bible. That which can abide the fire of the Bible receive, hold, believe, and obey. That which cannot abide the fire of the Bible, reject, refuse, repudiate, and cast away. — Bishop Ryle.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALFRED STATION, N. Y. — Needless to say we are very proud of the fine work done by our Stewardship Committee with Mrs. Madge Sutton as chairman. A complete report appeared in a previous issue of the Sabbath Recorder.

Rev. Charles Bond preached three sermons in our church during his preaching mission here in early March. We regret that more people didn't attend these services but feel sure that everyone who heard him received a rich spiritual blessing.

Our Easter Service attendance was 145. This included several nonresident members whom we are always glad to welcome. Both Junior and Senior choirs sang very lovely anthems and a fine Easter sermon by our pastor made this an impressive service.

A laymen's meeting was held on Friday night in our church prior to the Western Association services in Little Genesee on June 18. A similar meeting was held in the Little Genesee Church. These were planned and carried out by deacons and deaconesses in the several churches.

Special dedication services for two children and three babies were held June 11. As we witness such a service it brings to mind Christ blessing little children when He said, "Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me." Two weeks later a recognition service was held for seven of the seniors that live in our town that were graduated from Alfred-Almond Central School on June 27. Brian Rogers, Lyle Sutton, and David Palmer of our group were three of this number.

Two weeks of Vacation Bible School have closed. An enrollment of 63 boys and girls with an average attendance of 51 made it a very busy time for Miss Ruby Clarke as supervisor, Mrs. Nellie Barbur of Adams Center with grades 3, 4 and 5, Mrs. Barry Milliman, grades 1 and 2, Mrs. Adele Jefferds and Betty Pierce, the kindergarten. Several girls assisted these teachers. Janette Rogers had the very important job of arranging transportation. A program of songs and some of the work done was enjoyed by all in attendance on Sabbath morning. A religious

film was shown in the basement instead of the regular Sabbath school.

Camp Harley for senior boys and girls opened July 24 and closed July 31. The following week the juniors were there. The primary children were there two days, August 7 and 8. Pastor Rogers has spent many hours getting things ready for camp. Several men have donated much time and the ladies have done their bit.

Through the efforts of the Ladies' Aid the church kitchen has been remodeled. Three new sinks and generous cupboards with many other improvements have made the dreams of many years come true. The dining room has also had many changes made.

We trust much good will come from the meetings of the General Conference. Pastor Rogers plans to attend. — Correspondent.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. — Rev. Albert E. S. McMahon of Ashtabula, Ohio, continues to spend a large portion of his time with this church. On June 18 and 25 he installed Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ridgeway as deacon and deaconess, according to a letter from Mrs. Helen Heilman.

INDEPENDENCE, N. Y. — Independence has recently concluded the Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of forty-four children and seven teachers. The instructors for the various groups were Rev. Don Sanford, Mrs. Myrtle Shutts, Carolyn Clarke, Sally Clarke, Sylvia Clarke, Mrs. Martin Empsen, Mrs. Don Sanford, and her sister, Adelyn Miars, of Jackson Center, Ohio. The final program at the church was well attended and gave proof of the Bible-centered program that had been provided for these children. Handwork was on exhibit, songs were sung, and we all marveled at the accomplishment achieved in those few days of school. The teachers, some parents, and all the children were taken to Island Park for a picnic as usual at the conclusion of the school.

The Independence Church co-operated again this year with all Protestant churches in Andover for Lenten services. The Communion service was held in our church.

Our pastor, Rev. Don Sanford, and some other members have received information

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and material from workshops conducted at Alfred, Alfred Station, and Little Genesee that have been of great help to us. As a result we are now using the every-member-canvass envelopes for the weekly contributions. Practically everyone present is forming the habit of regular systematic giving, children and all. From the report in the Recorder, Independence is listed as reaching its goal and above in giving this year. We are blessed because of it.

Some of our young people attended Camp Harley. The Sabbath morning service, which is usually held in some nearby church, was held in the Independence Church July 30, followed by a tureen dinner with the Independence people.

Our pastor, in addition to his many other activities, has been one of the four chosen to edit one part of the Helping Hand lessons. His comments, like his sermons (he has yet to preach a poor one), are of a high caliber. — Correspondent.

OUR SERVICEMEN

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3rd Armored Division,
Fort Knox, Ky.

PFC George S. Stillman
HQ Battery, 64th F. A. Bn.
APO 25, San Francisco, Calif.

Accessions

Farina, Ill.

By letter:
Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Stewart

By baptism:
Susan Stewart
Elenore Stewart
Bert Appel
James Appel

By testimony:
Henry Wilcox
Mrs. Ila B. Wilcox

Daytona Beach, Fla.

By letter:
Mrs. Donald Cushing

Births

Cushing.—A son, Gregory Martin, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cushing of Ormond Beach, Fla., on July 27, 1955.

Obituaries

Arnold.—Hannah Brown, widow of the late Daniel E. Arnold, was born at Voluntown, Conn., June 19, 1883, and died in her home in Ashaway, R. I., on July 27, 1955, after a lingering illness of several years.

Surviving are four sons: John of West Kingston, Eldred of Stonington, Albert of Westerly, and Harold of Ashaway; five daughters: Mrs. Fred Brayman, Mrs. Martin Oates, Miss Elsie Arnold (who was her companion and nurse), and Mrs. Earl West, all of Ashaway, and Mrs. Robert Crandall of Quonochontaug. Also surviving is a brother, Arthur Brown, of Ashaway, 27 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Arnold was a member of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church and of the Ashaway Grange. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, on Sabbath afternoon, July 30, and her body laid to rest in the Riverbend Cemetery in Westerly.
L. G. O.

Branch.—Adelbert, son of Erastus G. and Emily Stoughton Branch, was born at Hartford, Mich., February 23, 1862, and died at Gerber Memorial Hospital in Fremont, Mich., May 28, 1955. (A more extended obituary appears elsewhere.)

Libby.—Helen, daughter of Chandler A. and Nancy Smith Libby, was born at Anoka, Minn., on March 7, 1876, and died at Marshall, Mich., July 21, 1955.

Miss Libby came to Battle Creek over 30 years ago in search for the Sabbath truth. Having written to our headquarters she was referred to Elder Fifield who was then in Chicago, and upon his recommendation she joined the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She is survived by two nephews, Arthur C. Libby of Moorehead, Minn., and Archie B. Libby of Minneapolis; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Anna Libby, also of Minneapolis.

Farewell services were held at the Hebble Funeral Home in Battle Creek on Sabbath afternoon, July 23, with her pastor, Rev. Leland E. Davis, in charge, assisted by Rev. Eugene Ballard. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery. L. E. D.

Wheeler.—Augusta Rose Stillman, daughter of Nelson R. and Rose Burdick Stillman, was born at Albion, Wis., Aug. 2, 1862, and died at Nortonville, Kan., on July 27, 1955.

Her early years were spent at Farina, Ill., until she came to Nortonville, Kan., as a young woman. In 1879, she became a member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church. On Sept. 14, 1881, she was united in marriage to Charles Greeley Wheeler, who died in 1915.

Surviving her are her son, Edwin, and two daughters, Vernetta (Mrs. F. S. Van Horn) of Logan, Colo., and Helen (Mrs. C. C. Crews) of Denver, Colo. There are 15 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Duane L. Davis, at the church on Sabbath, July 30, and interment was at the Nortonville Cemetery.
D. L. D.



A Korean family is all smiles because of the new clothes and gifts pictured here. The Civil Affairs Officer (kneeling), Lt. Col. Harry C. Bursley, and Chaplain Charles W. Lovin are bidding farewell to this fatherless family after presenting them with the clothing made possible by the gifts of women employed in the office of the Secretary of the Army. Such needs are met when people on the scene make known the needs to those at home. So it is also with all missionary work.