

# The Sabbath Recorder

SALEM, W. VA. — During the past weekend we had an opportunity to get a full picture of Seventh Day Baptist world missions. At the invitation of the local Missionary-Evangelism Committee, Rev. Everett T. Harris, corresponding secretary of our Missionary Society, came to us to present the present conditions, challenges, and needs of our mission fields. In the presentation of our missionary interests, Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Bond, recently returned from Jamaica, Rev. Clifford Hansen who is deeply interested in Nigerian opportunities, and Rev. Ralph Coon, chairman of the local committee, were used to present various phases of our mission work.

Other churches of West Virginia joined with us for the occasion as it was also the Semiannual meeting of the West Virginia Churches. Certainly we now have a new appreciation for our own mission work.

Secretary Harris urged two things that the people of the denomination may do to best help in the field of total Seventh Day Baptist world missions.

1. Pray earnestly and consistently. He said that our missionaries are continually requesting the prayers of Seventh Day Baptists at home.

2. Raise the Denominational Budget in full. This will enable all of our agencies to go forward with the work that they have planned. — Salem Mid-Month Mail.

## Accessions

Riverside, Calif.

By Testimony:

Holmes Helson  
Mrs. Holmes (Barbara) Helson  
Miss Donna Oswalt

## Marriages

Harris - Leete — James Thurman Harris, son of Rev. and Mrs. Everett T. Harris of Westerly, R. I., and Nancy Ann Leete, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brewer Leete, Ashaway, R. I., were united in marriage May 5, 1956, with the groom's father officiating.

## Births

Branch. — A son, Robin Rene, on March 2, 1956, to Gary and Phyllis Branch of 1112 Rathbone S.W., Grand Rapids, Mich.

## Obituaries

**Brown.** — Hattie E., daughter of William A. and Harriett Pelton Babcock, was born Jan. 24, 1864, in Peterboro, N. Y., and died at her home in Leonardsville, N. Y., April 27, 1956.

On September 8, 1885, she was married to Merton Brown who preceded her in death in 1931. She had been a resident of Leonardsville for 56 years and was the oldest member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Brookfield (Leonardsville) as well as a member of its Women's Society.

Surviving are: one daughter, Mrs. Elsie Croop, with whom she lived; two grandchildren, Paul Croop, of Ilion and Mrs. Elizabeth Talbut, of Leonardsville; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held in the Leonardsville Church with Rev. Howard Wadell of the Methodist Church officiating because of the illness of her pastor. Burial was in the Leonardsville Cemetery. M.C.V.H.

**Rogers.** — Elizabeth West Whitford, daughter of Richard and Ruth Dare West, was born in Shiloh, N. J., May 9, 1867, and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., Nov. 21, 1955.

She united with the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred in 1885, in which village she has lived for the past seventy years. She was married to Frank Samuel Whitford in 1898. Mr. Whitford died in 1908. In 1918 she was married to Daniel Herbert Rogers, who preceded her in death in 1928.

Survivors include: a daughter, Mrs. Willis C. Russell (Ruth) of Alfred; a sister, Mrs. Frank A. Crumb of Pittsford; several stepchildren, stepgrandchildren and great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. A son, Alfred W. Whitford of Watsonstown, Pa., died Jan. 8, 1956.

Memorial services were conducted Nov. 23, by Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Committal services for both mother and son were held Sabbath afternoon, May 5, 1956, at Alfred Rural Cemetery. H. S. W.

**Rose.** — Maud Ethalyn, daughter of Nathan and Nancy Greene Rose, was born Mar. 15, 1874, in Rock River community, Milton, Wis., and died May 4, 1956, in the Beecher Home, Janesville, Wis.

She is the last of six children who grew up on a farm near Rock River and were part of a large and influential family in that community and the Rock River Seventh Day Baptist Church, now extinct. She always lived near her old home, spending some late winters with her niece, Ruth Hamele, in Portage, Wis. Other surviving nieces and nephews are: Mamie Thomas, Alfred, N. Y.; Gladys Beard and Walter Rogers, Milwaukee, Wis.; Lawrence Rose, Pacoima, Calif.; Ben Vincent, Janesville, and Willis Vincent, Milton Junction, Wis.

Miss Rose often expressed herself in verse at family or community events, and several of her poems were used in the farewell service conducted by Rev. John F. Randolph. Interment was in Rock River Cemetery. J. F. R.



## Children's Day

Universal in its appeal is the annual celebration of Children's Day in the churches. On this occasion we most joyfully recognize the achievement, the growth in understanding, in spiritual knowledge, in faith, and in sheer loveliness of all the children of the church. We remember again the words of the Saviour: "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

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## SABBATH DESECRATION IN HOLY LAND

It is assumed that nearly everyone knows that the Jews who have returned to Palestine are not all religious Jews in the sense of being Orthodox. However, it is hard to remember that those who have established the new nation of Israel with such a crusading spirit are sharply divided on such a basic question as Sabbath observance. We have thought of the Zionist movement in terms of Old and New Testament prophecy. Books, many books, have been written by Christians to point out that this regathering of Israel is a signpost indicating that the end is near. We wonder what could fire these people with such zeal if it was not a revival of their religion.

The fact remains that the new state is divided on religious issues and that strict Judaism figures rather small in the total Jewish population. We have heard that Sabbath quiet settles over Jerusalem each week with the traditional blowing of the ram's horn at sundown on Friday. Nevertheless, the Orthodox are a small minority.

The particular incident which comes to our attention has been in our newspapers and has been reported in *Israel Speaks*, a weekly newspaper published in New York in the interest of the nation. At Haifa an industrial fair has been going on under government sponsorship. The government refused to heed the appeal of the Orthodox group to keep the fair closed on the Sabbath. The tension became acute. On the last Sabbath of April more than 20 policemen were injured by a great crowd of demonstrators attempting to storm the exhibition grounds. On the next Sabbath at Tel Aviv 8000 gathered outside the Great Synagogue. In Jerusalem all synagogues were closed during the morning and 10,000 Sabbath observers marched in protest against the "Sabbath desecration" sanctioned by their government. Agitation had become nationwide. A vote of "no confidence" in the government was introduced but was lost by a large margin. Finally, on May 9, Prime Minister Ben Gurion declared that it was impossible to force Sabbath closing since Orthodox Jews were in a minority. However, he worked out a

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compromise by which on May 12, the final day of the industrial fair, the exposition would be closed during the daylight hours of the Sabbath.

We mention these things not to embarrass the new nation with a little more adverse publicity but because Sabbath problems are of particular interest to most of our readers. The question quite naturally comes up in any thoughtful consideration of the Sabbath as to what would happen in a situation where Sabbathkeepers instead of Sundaykeepers were in control of the government. Frankly, it is hard for a religious group that has always been a minority to say just what they would do if they suddenly were to become the majority. It would be interesting to make a test case of a city or state where Sabbathkeepers provided the impetus for separate government and where they came near to having a majority.

Would Seventh Day Baptists confronted with a situation like that at Haifa react anything like those Orthodox Jews? Would we close our churches on Sabbath morning to do physical battle with the police? We think not. The Sabbath is a matter of one's individual and family conscience, a question of one's relationship to God. We believe that if we are going to be called to account in the day of judgment for "the deeds done in the body" we cannot expect the Judge to overlook how we spent one seventh of our time — that portion which He reserved for Himself at creation.

The Orthodox Jews do not seem to have advanced very much in their Sabbath attitudes since the days of Jesus. We who have studied the Gospel stories have learned to avoid the narrow pitfalls into which the Jewish zealots of that day fell. Christianity is more than a spirit of tolerance and brotherhood. It is imparted life rather than a way of life. But there is a hard-to-be-defined Christian spirit which must, of necessity, show itself on our day of worship and every other day.

## Quoting the Bible or the Devil

All of us are guilty of misquoting the Bible because of faulty knowledge or tricky memory. Usually our misquotations do not seriously affect the sense of the passage quoted. Unfortunately that was not the case with the well-known news commentator, Gabriel Heater, in his daily broadcast heard on May 22.

In order to drive home a point of patriotism and to emphasize that Americans should stick up for their country instead of becoming the dupes of Soviet propaganda, he said he was going to give some words of wisdom from the past. His sentence, as we wrote it down a few minutes later, was very much like this: "If I remember my Bible correctly, it says, 'If I am not for myself, who will be for me?'"

Our mouths drop open at such a misquotation. Nothing could be further from the spirit of Christ, whose words Mr. Heater was apparently trying to quote. Jesus did say on one occasion, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth" (Luke 11: 23). On another occasion, speaking of those who had cast out demons in His name He told His disciples, "... he that is not against us is for us" (Luke 9: 50). But this other quotation, or paraphrase, sounds for all the world like what the devil would say. It has the spirit of the tempter's words in Matthew 4 or in Job 2: 4 where Satan said, "Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life."

Self-interest, not the Bible of Christianity, says, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me?" Of course it has an element of truth in it just the same as the above quotation from the devil. We may as well take whatever truth there is in those words and apply them within reason to patriotism for such a country as ours. What we cannot do is to palm off such an expression as one of the principles of the New Testament. Our supreme allegiance is to Christ, and is so stated in the passages from Luke quoted above. We are to seek His Kingdom and His righteousness. We are to say in every situation, "Not I, but Christ."

**CONFERENCE DATES**  
**August 14 - 19, 1956**

**THE CUP OF FURY**

The Crowning Temperance Work of Upton Sinclair

Not until yesterday (May 27) did your editor find time to read the pre-bound copy of Upton Sinclair's latest book, **The Cup of Fury**, which was received for editorial comment several weeks ago. Reviews of this temperance epic are appearing in the religious magazines. The publishers (Channel Press, Great Neck, N. Y.) state that reactions received so far are 100 to 1 favorable.

Across the pages of this 192-page book move the great authors, poets, and actors who have touched the life of the aged writer during his sixty years of great literary work. The book would be valuable just for this but its purpose is far higher — to save young people from the pitfalls of alcohol. This is the story of some of the 40 or more great men and women whom the author has seen go to their doom because of alcohol.

The writer is not to be confused (as he so often has been) with one of the characters of this book, Sinclair Lewis, a writer who "made it to the age of 36." Here is a book that no young man could have written. Its value lies partly in the great span of years which it covers in well-documented personal experiences. It tells the story of this struggling youthful author nursing his own father through years of drunkenness and it includes the death in 1956 of the satirical liquor advocate, H. L. Mencken, who has more than five pages devoted to him.

Upton Sinclair has lived in closer relations with more social drinkers, problem drinkers, and alcoholics than perhaps any living writer. He is able to evaluate "John Barleycorn" far better than Jack London who wrote a much-heralded book of that title. That great writer concluded his book by affirming that he never was a drunkard, that he had not reformed, and that "I will drink — but oh, more skillfully, more discreetly than ever before. Never again will I be a peripatetic conflagration." But Jack London did not keep his promise. The rest of the gruesome story is told here. As he con-



**MEMORY TEXT**

Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. Lev. 26: 42.







tinued to drink, with or without excuse, his literary work deteriorated. He became one of the 11 suicides mentioned in the book.

Upton Sinclair does not give much space to statistics as such but toward the close of his book he quotes at length from the report of Professor Greenberg of Yale and **Drinking in College** by Straus and Bacon, a book based on the Yale studies. He reminds us that 74 per cent of our college youth are now "social" or "moderate" drinkers, that one out of sixteen of them will be an alcoholic, and that one out of five or nine will be a problem drinker. In another place he says that he can name only three writers who have reached the state of "problem drinking" and then stopped. On page 175 he writes:

"I cast my vote against social drinking. I will not keep a dog in my house that bites one out of every five or nine people who stoop to pet it. Nor will I sanction alcohol because it dooms or harms 'just' one of every five, nine, or sixteen who drink it."

We commend this book in the highest terms as a reform book and we urge Christian people to buy it and give it away. **Christian Herald** is offering it at prices far below the \$3.00 list price.

**April 30, 1956, Budget Status**

	100% September 30, 1956 Goal	\$74,114
	58.3% 7 Month Goal	\$43,225
	40.8% Raised 1956 (April 30)	\$30,255
	37.3% Raised 1955	\$26,409

*\* Rais'ns* Budget Promotion Committee

For 19 almost consecutive weeks, one or another of the members of an interim committee has been trying to perform one of the duties regularly assigned to an executive secretary. Since our appointment last January, President C. H. Bond, Commissioner Earl Cruzan, Charles H. North, and sometimes volunteer writers have burdened Recorder readers with one facet or another of the stewardship privilege that Seventh Day Baptists in faith adopted last August as a Denominational Budget.

May we again express appreciation for the many helpful remarks and suggestions that have reached our ears to date. That consecrated individuals have already generously dedicated a part of their tithes and offerings to this worldwide program of Seventh Day Baptists is abundantly borne out in the monthly reports of the budget treasurer, Olin C. Davis.

But the work is not finished! In the tabulation below we are publishing, for all to study, a rearrangement of budget figures on the basis of increase in average per-member gifts by church, compared to a similar 7-month period

last year. By Year Book data (which were probably out of date even before they appeared!) we have calculated that about \$12 apiece from all Seventh Day Baptists or, alternatively, **\$2.60 apiece more than last year's giving** — on the average — would see our budget raised in full.

We suspect, of course, that some members and some churches can not possibly show stewardship as high as any particular average or target. The burden and blessed privilege therefore rests heavily upon the rest of us, prayerfully to make up the difference as God has given us the ability.

Two alternative targets are humbly suggested for each church to reach in the few remaining months before September 30. In addition, monthly target levels for "all churches" have been inserted on the basis of increase over per-member gifts of last year. This certainly is not an ideal method of approach, but we pray God's hand will show in the results of our effort. Work and prayer by each pastor and layman can complete the task!

**7-Month Budget Picture through April, 1956**

		Two Ways to Meet the 1956 Budget					
	Change from 1955 Increase	Average Member Gift	Church (Rank Last Month)	Total Gifts	I 1955 Gifts Plus 27%	II 1955 Per Member Gifts Plus \$2.60	Church Total
1	\$3.41	\$29.21	Plainfield (1)	\$3,096	\$4,756	\$37.92	\$ 4,020
	2.60	12.00	1956 Target, All Churches				74,113
2	2.29	20.64	Chicago (2)	867	1,627	33.10	1,390
3	2.24	2.79	Brookfield 2nd (3)	220	474	7.32	578
	1.95	9.00	June Target, All Churches				55,575
4	1.93	2.33	Friendship (10)	100	152	5.39	232
5	1.90	6.77	Berlin (5)	325	446	9.91	476
6	1.87	6.25	Los Angeles, Christ's (7)	50	98	12.22	98
7	1.81	5.95	Verona (6)	649	1,359	12.42	1,354
	1.74	8.00	May Target, All Churches				49,400
	1.52	7.00	April Target, All Churches				43,225
8	1.38	5.02	Adams Center (4)	522	786	8.55	889
	1.30	6.00	March Target, All Churches				37,050
9	1.25	2.99	Farina (16)	215	288	5.75	414
	1.09	5.00	Feb. Target, All Churches				30,875
10	.99	7.31	Shiloh (8)	2,361	4,792	14.28	4,612
11	.98	.98	Jackson Center (15)	50	23	2.95	150
12	.94	5.05	White Cloud (12)	444	1,039	11.90	1,047
	.87	4.00	Jan. Target, All Churches				24,700
13	.81	3.69	Middle Island (22)	118	267	9.16	293

## Two Ways to Meet the 1956 Budget

	Change from 1955 Increase	Average Member Gift	Church (Rank Last Month)	Total Gifts	II 1955 Per Member Gifts		Church Total
					I 1955 Gifts Plus 27%	Plus \$2.60	
14	.76	4.76	Richburg (9)	157	302	9.81	324
15	.73	3.41	Brookfield 1st (19)	150	302	8.01	352
16	.65	4.00	Piscataway (30)	148	290	8.76	324
	.65	3.00	Dec., '55 Target, All Churches				18,525
17	.63	1.31	Ritchie (21)	105	121	3.79	303
18	.60	2.43	Edinburg (32)	73	144	6.37	191
19	.53	3.73	Hopkinton 1st (23)	713	1,642	9.37	1,790
	.43	2.00	Nov., '55 Target, All Churches				12,350
20	.29	2.05	Salem (29)	595	1,315	6.16	1,793
21	.24	1.59	Indianapolis (24)	105	248	5.55	366
22	.23	2.27	Nortonville (39)	349	959	7.50	1,155
	.22	1.00	Oct., '55 Target, All Churches				6,175
23	.114	2.90	Denver (25)	330	1,123	10.35	1,180
24	.113	1.25	Old Stone Fort (41)	55	102	4.42	194
25	.00	4.17	Syracuse (37)	50	64	6.77	81
	Decrease						
26	.04	2.00	Boulder (27)	236	579	6.46	762
27	.26	5.48	Milton (18)	2,725	7,984	15.24	7,574
28	.27	5.47	Putnam County (13)	82	135	9.67	145
29	.273	2.00	Washington (42)	66	260	8.81	291
30	.278	4.44	Walworth (20)	80	165	9.82	177
31	.279	1.10	Hebron 1st (28)	75	191	4.81	327
32	.33	.62	New Auburn (46)	48	136	3.99	307
33	.41	8.18	Milton Junction (34)	802	2,201	20.28	1,987
34	.42	4.63	Alfred 1st (36)	2,005	5,109	11.89	5,148
35	.43	1.63	Alfred 2nd (17)	429	1,415	6.84	1,799
36	.53	6.87	Waterford (14)	206	592	18.13	544
	.57	4.63	Average, All Churches	28,724*	74,113	12.00	74,113
37	.62	2.59	Roanoke (51)	75	188	7.70	223
38	.66	1.53	Albion (43)	185	633	6.72	813
39	.69	4.84	Los Angeles (26)	503	1,491	13.89	1,445
40	.77	.80	Hammond (49)	28	178	6.60	231
41	.78	5.16	Independence (33)	346	992	14.26	955
42	.83	2.17	Genesee 1st (31)	275	798	7.54	958
43	.87	.52	Rockville (51)	35	203	4.99	334
44	.88	.72	North Loup (44)	177	996	5.77	1,425
45	1.02	.43	Fouke (52)	42	343	5.36	525
46	1.07	.60	Hopkinton 2nd (48)	25	142	5.27	221
47	1.15	1.86	Dodge Center (50)	220	714	7.36	868
48	1.17	9.36	Pawcatuck (38)	2,275	5,442	20.23	4,916
49	1.28	4.86	Lost Creek (53)	554	1,453	12.64	1,441
50	1.77	9.05	Marlboro (35)	1,195	2,710	18.76	2,476
51	1.79	8.93	Irvington (54)	250	413	14.21	398
52	2.51	.86	Salemville (55)	63	401	6.93	506
53	2.67	2.44	Twin Cities (47)	22	196	19.71	177
54	3.97	12.46	Daytona Beach (56)	349	875	27.21	762
55	4.38	7.88	De Ruyter (57)	567	1,406	17.98	1,295
56	4.49	5.34	Battle Creek (40)	1,532	6,672	20.90	5,998
57	5.65	6.09	Riverside (11)	1,273	5,282	22.49	4,700
58	13.16	7.11	Schenectady (58)	135	634	28.86	548
59	.00	.00	Dinuba (59)	0	0	2.60	16
60	.00	.00	Hebron Center (60)	0	0	2.60	26
61	.00	.00	Little Prairie (61)	0	0	2.60	29
62	.00	.00	Paint Rock (62)	0	171	10.54	179
63	.00	.00	Washington People's New York City	0	0	2.60	31
				0	295	10.33	310

\*Rais'n' — This amount includes gifts only from churches. Gifts from individuals, groups, and Fellowships are more difficult to consider for targets, but they might easily put us over the top!

## A SCHOOLTEACHER

Tena Thomas

I am a schoolteacher and I'm a Negro. Some folks wonder if it's easy for a Negro to live a happy, meaningful life in America. I can't speak for all Negroes but I can for myself. But first I want to tell you about my background — how I arrived at where I am today.

I was raised in Louisiana and my childhood was a happy one.

Ever since I can remember I can recall the term God. My father and mother walked and talked with God as surely as I walked and talked with them.

I can remember the family altar, the family Bible, and the family prayer. I can remember my father's Sunday morning "before breakfast" prayer meeting. And how we as children would wish for the end because we knew hot biscuits and butter were waiting in the country kitchen.

I remember the close friendship of my father, and we were perfect pals. And he and God were perfect friends. We built fences together, planted crops, gathered wood, and studied together. He was the greatest person in the world. I always wanted to be like him.

I remember some of the hymns we loved to sing: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "I Am Bound for the Promised Land," "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine." Well, it seems like yesterday that we were together on that blessed farm — the little one-room school; my horse, Shine; the little country church and Uncle Charley, our pastor. How we children would imitate Uncle Charley. His favorite phrase was "Go preach my gospel, saith the Lord."

It was a beautiful, secure childhood — not in wealth materially, but in the things that really make a home secure. I know now what held that home together. I know now why the stillness of those woods meant so much, why the music of those creeks and branches meant so much. I know now who was in the center — God.

When I was 14 my father decided our little country school had given me all it had to offer. So we got on a smoky little train and went to Baton Rouge. He intro-

duced me to my new teacher and told her some things about me. And then I was alone in a strange city.

It was there in Baton Rouge that I came face to face with Jesus Christ. I had always known about Him but had never trusted Him myself. It was at a revival meeting that for the first time the things I had known about so long became real. I remember my saying, "O Jesus! O Jesus! O Jesus!" I was almost 16 the night that I came to Him and promised to follow Him. That was the beginning of a great and mighty adventure.

After finishing college I was given what most folks considered a very difficult job. I was made supervisor over 44 schools and 98 teachers in a Ku Klux Klan area. Up to that time no supervisor had stayed on this job for more than a year or two. This is where the Lord stepped in and took over. The job was about impossible. But you know, I worked with the Ministerial Alliance and prayed to God for guidance. I experienced the promise, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all things will be added." I held this job for seven years. I found out later that one of the leaders who had always given trouble told a friend why she hadn't worked against me. "She opened her meetings with prayer and I don't bother praying people."

For several years I taught in Southern California, and life today is full of real, deep-down meaning. I know that anyone who wants to can experience this same meaningful life if they will but trust in Jesus Christ.

I thank God for all the people, the situations, the circumstances that helped me to know Him. I thank Him for Jesus Christ who died on the cross to save me from my sins. I thank Him that I was listening when His voice spoke to me. I thank Him for the power of the Holy Spirit that works within to guide, direct, and instruct.

To know Jesus Christ is to know real life. Have you had this experience?

(Additional copies of this article in 2-color tract form may be secured from the American Tract Society, 21 West 46th Street, New York 36, N. Y.)

## Missions

### Kenneth Smith Visits German Seventh Day Baptists

A letter of appreciation has been received from Elder Heinrich Bruhn of Hamburg, Germany. He writes concerning the visit to the German brethren made by Kenneth Smith "from Thursday, April 5, to the end of the Sabbath, April 7, 1956." Pastor Smith addressed the German brethren at the Sabbath morning service of the Hamburg Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Mr. Bruhn writes, "We are most thankful to the Lord for the sermon given by Brother Smith on Sabbath morning. He preached, translated by Brother Oldenburg, on the fourth chapter of the First Epistle of John from verses 7 to 21, a sermon on love. It has only little power to preach on love, if the personal life is not a testimony of the spoken word. But by this brother the subject had great power because his personal life is unselfish and self-sacrificing in love to the Lord and to His assembly."

The letter concludes, "After a blessed Sabbath we asked Brother Smith to take our most hearty greetings with him to our American brethren and to thank them for all the help with which they have given us aid."

Pastor Smith went from Germany to Copenhagen, Denmark, accompanied by Brother Oldenburg to visit the Sabbath-keeping brethren of that area. He then returned to Edinburgh, Scotland, to conclude his studies at the university. It is expected that he will be returning to this country early in June. It is hoped that an opportunity to hear his message will be provided at Eastern Association meetings at Ashaway, R. I., June 8-10, and again at General Conference meetings at Alfred, N. Y., in August.

### Gleanings from Jamaica Letters

Principal Grover S. Brissey writes of the many activities and pleasures connected with the school in Jamaica: "May I generally say, we are busy enough that the past ten months and a little more

seem like so many days instead of months." He wrote of taking the "quartet" from Crandall High School to a baptismal service at Labyrinth, about ten miles from Maiden Hall.

Of this baptismal service Rev. Wardner FitzRandolph wrote, "Sunday I took a group to Labyrinth to a baptism. . . . The White River is a beautiful river and the place where we baptized was the most beautiful spot that we use for baptism. I finished the film there which I carried to British Guiana and I hope you will find a picture or two of the baptism which will do. I received a letter from Pastor Lyons yesterday saying that thirty-five new members were added to the Higgintown Church Sunday afternoon after the baptism."

The article, "Mountaintop Experience," by Miss Jacqueline Wells is a dramatic account of the baptismal service at Labyrinth.

### "Mountaintop Experience"

By Miss Jacqueline Wells

The old gospel hymn, "Shall We Gather at the River," never meant very much to me until I heard it on Sunday morning (May 6) at about 7:15 a.m. when nearly four hundred were "gathered at the river" for early morning baptism. Seeing Pastor C. S. Lyons wade out into the stream and then call to the candidates I couldn't help but think back hundreds of years ago to the days when John the Baptist stood at the River Jordan bidding men to come and repent and be baptized.

But wait, come with me as we here at the mission cottage arise at four o'clock and eat a hurried breakfast, and climb into the car to journey to the morning service.

A boys' quartet made up of Crandall High students rode in the Brissey car, and the mission Chevrolet carried Rev. and Mrs. John E. Hamilton, Deacon Samuels, Owen Lynch (second-year student), and the writer. Pastor FitzRandolph was the driver. It was about five o'clock when we left "29" and we covered the fifty miles to the riverside near the Labyrinth Church in just two hours and fifteen minutes. Now you may ask why so long

a time just on a fifty-mile trip! The roads are narrow, country roads in some places, and at other places are cut out of the mountainside, which makes travel slow.

The tropical countryside was gorgeous as the sun began to rise and the birds to sing and as boys and girls and men and women began to appear on the roads with their mules and wooden carts. The women walked along with their burdens of buckets of water on their heads with as much ease as we would walk to church wearing our best hat. The water has to be carried from a stand pipe along the main road back up to the thatched homes among the hills.

As the narrow dirt road led down to the spot where the river made a large, shallow, sandy pool, we could hear the singing. There were three large trucks parked near by which had been chartered at Higgintown to carry the candidates and church members from that area to the service.

Rev. Henry Grant was in charge of the simple but very effective devotional service, and prayer was offered by Deacon Samuels. The quartet sang three numbers for us. Pastor FitzRandolph spoke a few words concerning the ordinance of baptism and Rev. John Hamilton brought to us thoughts regarding the newness of life after the burial of our sins in the baptismal water.

It was certainly a tremendous thrill to see the twenty-seven candidates immersed there in the river, and still another blessing is in store for us as there are about that many more from that area who are desirous of baptism but were unable to join in this service because of not being able to journey the twenty miles by truck to that particular site. At a later date this group will meet at a river near Higgintown for baptism.

We can surely see the fruits of Pastor Lyons' labor among his churches. He had been holding a special series of evangelistic meetings in the Higgintown Church and so many, many more than the church could accommodate came to hear the Gospel preached that they had to

stand outside and peer in the windows and doors.

At the close of the baptismal service Deacon Brissey pronounced the benediction, and there was much singing and clapping and rejoicing as the trucks pulled away from the riverside. The two cars journeyed back down the mountain to sea level and into Kingston, just in time for the noon meal.

This was indeed another "mountaintop experience" here on the sunny Island of Jamaica.

### Interesting Facts Regarding Nyasaland

Livingstone discovered Lake Nyasa in 1859. In 1891 Nyasaland was proclaimed a British Protectorate and its administration was taken over by the Crown. It is still predominantly an agricultural settlement. The chief crops are tobacco, tea, and cotton. Sisal, a strong and durable fiber used in the making of rope, is grown and woven into rope in our own Cholo area.

At Blantyre, a cement manufacturing factory is in the making. For years a soap-making establishment has been in operation and at present is associated with Lever Brothers and Company. Another concern bottles granadilla juice. There is also in operation the Nyasaland Clothing Company at Limbe. Most recently established is the Coca Cola Bottling Works at Blantyre.

Up until 1948 Nyasaland could in no wise pay its own way and of necessity received grants-in-aid from the United Kingdom. Since then it has balanced its budget and its annual revenue has increased considerably.

In the Northern and Central Provinces, the land runs on plateaus and is considerably higher than in the south. From the most southern tip of the lake flows the Shire River (pronounced Sherry) along which are the Shire Highlands. The southern part of the country is low and hot with shade temperatures up to 115° F. Such a reading however is rare; although a reading of 105° F. is quite common at Makapwa during the intense heat season. Our nurses agree that they

have suffered more from the heat in California. In July I have seen the temperature drop to about 42°. This is cold! Believe it; don't laugh.

Much of the land is rugged and mountainous. Makapwa Mission is surrounded by hills. Mlanje, Nyasaland's highest mountain, towers some 10,000 feet.

On many a hillside, erosion, caused by poor farming methods, has ruined considerable acreage. Generally speaking, the South is still fertile, which accounts for the dense southern population.

We appreciate the development within Nyasaland but we fear the spiritual development is not keeping pace with the secular.

### Paint Rock Pastor Reports

For the past two months our church has been sponsoring a weekly radio program with the best station in our county, and we have had many contacts through this medium. Even in Paint Rock many gather at the service station and listen to the broadcast, and I have been told by several since they heard the broadcast that the message had been of interest to them and they were going to come to our church. Some few have already come as a result.

I am planning to hold a series of special meetings in two different towns in the county this summer.

We are holding worship services in our church each first and third Sunday evenings, and also on a fifth Sunday we showed the film on the Inspiration of the Bible, with some new ones in attendance.

We here at Paint Rock are still busy distributing clothing to the needy, visiting the sick, bringing the children in, and spreading the message of the Gospel of salvation through Christ our Lord. — Ralph W. Soper.

### Correction Please

Did you read about the Tract Board slogan contest in last week's issue, page 342? The five Savings Bonds totalling \$150 are offered, not for "tense" but for terse slogans. Let's get those slogans turned in to your pastor at once!

### Northern Association Women's Meeting

The Northern Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches met in Battle Creek, Mich., May 18, 19, and 20, and following supper Sabbath night the women came together for their meeting. In the absence of our associational representative, Mrs. Marion Cruzan, of White Cloud, Mrs. Russell Maxson, president of the Women's Board, conducted an informal discussion period. Many of the current activities of the Women's Board were outlined, and the suggestions and comments of the meeting were very helpful.

Mrs. Leonard Wilkinson, our non-resident program chairman, from Freeland, Mich., was with us for the meeting, and gave us additional information and plans for her work. She had presented a very interesting resume of the non-resident program in a general session of the Association on Sabbath morning. Of the 135 families now on her mailing list, she estimated about 90 subscribe to the Sabbath Recorder. She felt there was a need for a few Sabbath Recorder gift subscriptions for some families who are unable to subscribe, but who would like to have their denominational magazine. Mrs. Wilkinson also mentioned the good response she had received from the mailing of Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs (A Manual for Study) and that she was waiting for more copies of the new edition just off the press.

Out of the discussion of this program, one nonresident in attendance at the meeting made the suggestion that her children would enjoy writing letters and having "pen pals" among other nonresident children.

Mrs. Emmett Bottoms, Jackson Center, Ohio, spoke of the Daily Meditation card and how much she used and appreciated it.

Some of the new material in the packets recently sent to each society was discussed. Special mention was made of the two dramas and two workshops which were included. The workshops, "Women's Work in the Church and the Denomination," and "Family Devotions Where There Are Small Children," were pre-

pared at the suggestion of some of the women of the denomination, so we hope many will find them useful. The dramas included were written by Mrs. Walter Wilkinson, a member of our Women's Board. It was stressed that either of these little plays about our Seventh Day Baptist history, "Stephen Mumford's First Day in the U. S. A.," and "Organization of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church in America," could be put on with very little preparation or staging, so we hope no group will feel it can't use them.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Bottoms. M. P.

### Advance Information on Summer Camps

Vacation Bible Schools are already under way in those states where public schools let out early. Other churches are enlisting and training teachers for the schools soon to open. After Bible School comes camp for a good many of our children, young people, and adults. Those plans also are moving forward and it is possible at this time to give some of the dates and themes for camps to be held in 1956 in nine or ten different geographic areas. As more information becomes available through church bulletins and direct communication the announcements may be given in more detail.

Pacific Pines Camp announces as a general theme for all the age groups "Adventuring with Christ in the King's Adventureland." Senior Camp is from July 1-8; Primary from July 9-12; Junior, July 15-22; Intermediate from July 22-29; and Family Camp, Aug. 31-Sept. 3.

The Rocky Mountain Camp dates for the Junior age are not presently available. The tentative dates for the Mid-Continent Association Youth Camp in the North Loup, Neb., area are July 3-12.

Lewis Camp in Rhode Island has announced July 8-15 for the young people of New England and the Eastern Association.

In West Virginia, Camp Joy will bring joy to young folks above the age of 10 at the Marion County 4-H Camp from July 16-22.

Camp Holston, located just outside

Battle Creek, has a full program as usual with much-improved facilities now being developed. The plans call for a C. E. Retreat July 6-8; Primary Camp on July 12; Junior Camp from the 15th to the 22nd; and Intermediate from July 22-29. Family Camp is Aug. 3-5.

In Southern Wisconsin Camp Wakonda is being steadily improved and its schedule of summer use will interest a large number in that area.

Camp Miles in the Southwestern Association has a theme, "Ye Are My Witnesses," and Clifford Beebe has been asked to take charge of it. Time and place have not yet been announced.

The Western Association continues to improve Camp Harley at Alfred Station in preparation for its summer program. Worship books will be provided for the camp as a memorial to Rev. Harley Sutton.

The South Jersey Camp will be supervised this summer by Rev. Paul Osborn. Full plans are not yet advertised. A fund for a permanent camp site is growing.

All the camping experiences of the summer will culminate (for those in the upper age group) in the Pre-Con Retreat at Alfred, N. Y., Aug 9-13. See the details in the May 21 issue, page 327. — L. M. M.

### Another Youth Reports

At the recent Buffalo Conference Ed Shaw and I attended the panel discussion on "A Christian's Duties to the State Government." Rev. T. R. Conklin of Syracuse was the chairman. We met in a beautifully decorated room. The panel sat around a massive oak table in front of a fireplace, while we, the audience, formed a semicircle around the panel.

In the discussion we covered these topics: What It Means To Be a Christian Citizen; Why Should the Church Deal with Governmental Matters, Instead of Spiritual Affairs; What Our Responsibility Is as Christian Citizens; Is Voting a Christian Responsibility; As Young Citizens What Do We Owe the State, Federal, and Local Governments; How Can an Individual Take Part in Government; and finally, What Is the N. Y. State Christian Youth

Council Doing in the Governmental Area?

We learned that organized youth can exert great influence. One of the panel members told how a group of young Christians, of which he is chairman, can, by having 10 members call 10 more, put at least 500 telegrams on a state senate member's desk. Another point that was frequently brought out was that it takes great courage to express and fight for your own principles when under pressure.

Much time was also devoted to the problem of segregation. One of the remarks that interested me was that a Negro boy from New York City said he had hardly noticed discrimination until the recent racial fight began. The discussion closed after we had talked over several points entered by some other members of the audience concerning segregation in their schools and clubs.

— Robert Campbell.

### HIGHER EDUCATION

Seventh Day Baptists have pioneered in education in many places before there was a public school system. To mention but part of them: Brookfield, DeRuyter, Shiloh, Albion, and Fouke have all had schools established by Seventh Day Baptists. The need which they supplied was filled later by the public school system.

Three schools established through the efforts of Seventh Day Baptists have grown into colleges: Alfred University, and with it our School of Theology for training our ministers; Milton, to which many of our people have gone for their education; and Salem College, whose recent emphasis upon Christian Education is to be highly commended. When our students attend one of these schools they have an advantage in that there is an active Seventh Day Baptist Church in each community. They deserve your support in the patronage of your children and of your financial support also. — Adams Center, N. Y., Church Bulletin.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 16, 1956

Ambassador in Bonds

Lesson Scripture: Acts 26: 2-8, 19-23.

### Milton College Honors Salem President

By unanimous vote of the senior class, faculty, and trustees, Milton College this year planned a new schedule for commencement exercises. The program for the ninetieth annual commencement was held on Sunday afternoon, June 3, at 3 o'clock.



The exercises featured an address by K. Duane Hurley, who has been president of Salem College, Salem, W. Va., since 1951. Last month President Hurley was elected National Chairman of the Council for Advancement of Small Colleges at a three-day meeting held in con-

nection with the annual meeting of the North Central Association in Chicago. His voice and influence have been largely instrumental in calling national attention to the non-accredited colleges.

An honorary degree, Doctor of Pedagogy, was conferred on President Hurley at the commencement exercises. He was presented by Dean-elect L. Milton Van Horn, who is a graduate of Salem College. The Milton College choir was scheduled to sing with Professor Kenneth Bird at the piano. Doctor Hurley has a bright record of service and a brilliant future.

### Success Story

A 26-year-old Negro entered the ministry of the A.M.E. Church 30 years ago. After one year's ministry in Rhode Island he was appointed minister of the Emmanuel A.M.E. Mission, New York City. In 14 years of his pastorate the congregation grew from 8 to about 2,500. At 55, Bishop Decatur Ward Nichols is internationally known. He is "vice-president and second in command" of the policy-making General Board of the National Council of Churches and is on the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. He holds honorary degrees from two universities and some colleges.

## For Jr. High Readers

Boys like to have projects, especially those which might bring in a little spending money. Not all the creative projects open to the country boy like gardening and calf raising are possible to the Junior High lad in the city. But perhaps there are quite a few anywhere if one looks for them.

On our street one boy has recently undertaken the ownership and training of a big bulldog. Another has been raising white rabbits. Neither boy is making any money at it and both have their problems. Ordinarily the bulldog is kept tied up. When he gets loose he is either hard to catch or else he is hanging around the rabbit pens trying to get the door open.

The two owners are good friends in spite of this sort of competition. The other day we saw the boy with the rabbits coming down a side street toward home carrying a big white rabbit and leading a big brown dog. When asked about it, he said the dog was loose and nobody could catch him. So he took one of the rabbits out where the dog could see and smell it. It was then no trouble to catch the dog, making sure that while he was at it no harm came to the white rabbit.

When I was a boy on the farm I liked to examine every hollow log that lay on the ground in the woods to see if there might be a rabbit hiding in it. The dogs on the farm always had a very hard time when they smelled a rabbit in a hollow log and the hole was too small for the dog to get in. It is now a long time since I have seen anything like that, though some of you farm boys have that sort of excitement quite often. On one of our streets the gas company has laid down a lot of big iron pipes which they will soon bury in the ground. We could have an interesting game right here in the middle of the city if some of the cottontails or the pet rabbits got chased by big dogs along the street where those pipes are.

It seems to be in the very nature of most dogs to like to chase rabbits and to follow this scent. In quite a different way it is in the very nature of God to reach out after youth. It is quite reassuring to know that He always keeps close to us; we can't get out of His sight. He even understands us when we feel that others do not. Do you remember what it says in Psalm 139? "Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off."

### Remember June Meetings of Several Associations

Eastern Association

at Ashaway, R. I., June 8-10.

The theme is: "Prayer — The Christian's Fuel."

The Sabbath eve service starts at 8 o'clock and the Sabbath morning service at 10:30. Meals will be served in the parish house by the church women at minimum cost.

Western Association

at Independence, N. Y., June 16-17.

(More information may be expected in next week's issue).

Southeastern Association

at Berea, W. Va., June 29-July 1.

### Southeastern Association

Southeastern Association will be held with the Ritchie Church at Berea, W. Va., June 29 through July 1. Association Moderator Warren Lippincott of Salemville, Pa., has announced that the theme will be "Walk in the Light" with the key verse, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5: 16).

The association sessions will include devotional services planned by Mrs. Richard Maxson, inspirational messages by various pastors, Conference news by the Conference president, workshops on stewardship and evangelism, and items of information on the denominational level.

Young people's activities will be directed by Venita Zinn, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Green, Jr., will be special guests and helpers with youth work.

## CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Sermon preached by Kenneth E. Smith  
at Mill-Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church

In 1938 the New England coast was battered by a violent hurricane. The experience of the storm made a profound impression upon me, as a small boy, because my home was situated on the bank of Pawcatuck River in Rhode Island. My mind was much occupied with boats during those years and I was especially interested in the large number of small boats that had been wrecked along the river banks. It occurred to me that perhaps I could reclaim one of those wrecks by simply removing it from its resting place. What I finally obtained was a 22-foot cabin boat which had suffered considerable damage, and, in addition, had been drying out on the rocks for many months. With two other boys I approached the task of getting her afloat in order to move her the three miles up-river to home.

There is a native optimism in youth which can only be dimmed by a taste of absolute defeat. In that sense it was to be an experience which would broaden my outlook on life. Not that we didn't get the boat in the water — we did. But we had not calculated how long it takes a leaking boat to sink. I had chosen for myself the task of bailing with a small can while my friends rowed the tow-boat. I had expected her to leak, so I was not surprised. I suddenly became aware that I would have to bail much faster, but I was bailing as fast as I could. The river was coming in. I couldn't stop it. Nothing that I could do with the equipment at hand could keep her from sinking. It was a moment of utter futility. The feeling swept over me as completely as the river swept over my craft. Perhaps it was part of my growing-up.

This time in which we are living has been called an age of futility. Perhaps the reason is that we stand before power which is far beyond our control. Nor is it just sheer power, but we are afraid that it is immoral power. It is like a great ocean, a tidal wave, and we stand before it as helpless onlookers.

That is the picture that the philosophers and theologians have been giving us. It brings deep questions from our hearts. Questions like: "Can we make a difference?" Is there anything that our hopes and dreams and efforts can do in such a world as this?

If we accept the negative answer we may fit into our culture all right. We may just be swept along by the great wave of futility and meaninglessness that has followed the great wars. But let us note this one fact: We become strangers to the Christian faith! We read the New Testament as a strange book. What are these words we read? "If God be for us, who can be against us?" "Fear not, for I have overcome the world." "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." "He hath put all things under his feet." "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow."

There may be setbacks and temporary discouragements, but the great news is that of God's ultimate triumph. Like the New Testament, the Apostles' Creed is cast in the same spirit of ultimate victory: ". . . he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God, from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead."

And to the modern who asserts that these are evil times we must reply that those were evil times, for Roman armies marched the world and Roman ships sailed the seas. The grip of tyranny was never stronger and hopes would seem to have no soil in which to grow. But up out of that time and place the Hope of the World burst forth. All the forces that rose against it have fallen. The institutions that seemed eternal are no more — the Roman Empire is history now, but the Kingdom of God endures.

We read in the Book of Acts that when Peter was in prison the Church made constant prayer for his deliverance. Yet in their hearts they feared that he would not return; he might already be dead. When their prayers were answered they could not believe: "It must be his ghost," they said. That is always the danger of praying without a sense of expectancy. You can never pray in faith

when your heart is filled with a sense of futility. That is what the early Church had to learn, and that is what we must learn today.

Specifically, we must return to a basic tenet of the Christian faith. That tenet is the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. God is active in human history; indeed, God's activity is the meaning of history. The Christian faith says: Count on God. Don't think anything or do anything without counting on God. He is able above all that we ask or think. He who gave His own Son in the struggle will not be indifferent to our struggle. This is not the uncaring, unmoved Absolute of Aristotle, but the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is His Spirit that broods over the affairs of men.

If our sense of futility has to do with the powers that stand against us, let us not overlook the power beside us. Indeed, the next power to be discovered, it has been said, is the power of God. If we stood alone, with our own hands and no other resource, the picture would be utterly void of hope. But that is precisely where Christianity speaks to our need. "Can we make a difference?" We can if we have that hope within us. We can if we know whom we have believed. We can if we have discovered the real power in all events of life. "If God be for us, who then can be against us?"

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MARLBORO, N. J. — Here are some of the things that have been going on in our church.

The first Sabbath in February was Christian Endeavor Day. Our young people did a splendid job of conducting the services.

Pastor Paul B. Osborn has been giving us "food for thought" through stirring sermons from the Book of Nehemiah. Beautiful music is enjoyed each week. The choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Margaret Cobb, and the organist, Mrs. Marion Campbell, presented special music at Easter services. Flowers add so much to worship services. Mrs. Jonathan Davis, Mrs. Albert Ayars, and Mrs. Melvin Cobb

have been responsible for many cut and potted plants — another way of "praising God for His handiwork." Twenty-five people bought books and several enrolled for the Bible course held on Friday evenings.

The Faith Ensemble of Faith Theological Seminary, located in Elkin Park, Philadelphia, Pa., conducted services one week. Through their music and testimonies one could not help but feel inspired. Everyone was so vibrantly alive for the Master; it was a most wonderful experience.

A box social was held in the basement with fun and fellowship for all.

The Ladies' Aid has entertained the county Boy Scout executives twice, in February and May.

On April 17, joint Communion with our mother church, Shiloh, was held here with Rev. Robert Lippincott preaching on "Laws of Liberty."

The W.C.T.U. Spring Institute was held at Marlboro, all day April 30. Twelve mothers and one grandmother presented 17 little folks for the White Ribbon Recruit service. Three new members joined the W.C.T.U. Frances E. Willard Day was also appropriately observed.

Family Day was observed May 12 when six babies were dedicated. Each baby received a rosebud. The congregation stood at the end of the service, also re-dedicating themselves to live more holy lives.

We observed Sabbath Rally Day on May 18-19 in an all-day service with Rev. Leon Maltby, secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, as guest speaker. Mrs. Maltby gave an excellent talk to the children.

A building fund has been started toward the development of a new parsonage. Two chicken-potpie suppers have been sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee totaling a neat sum, while many pledges have been made by members. — Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y. — The Alfred Church people had the pleasure of having several members of the Buffalo Fellowship and



# The Sabbath Recorder

Rochester group meet with them Rally Day, May 19. Rev. Loyal F. Hurley was guest preacher, using as his topic "Christianity Is Christ." Following the morning service, a tureen dinner was held in the parish house with the visitors as guests. At this time Dr. Hurley was presented with a gift of money in appreciation of his work in Alfred and vicinity, and best wishes were extended to him and Mrs. Hurley as they go soon to their new home in Colorado and to their new work in home missions. During an informal program that followed, Paul Green, Jr., led a men's chorus in several numbers which were enjoyed greatly by all who listened or participated. Later in the afternoon, the Intermediate Sabbath School held a Galilean Service at Camp Harley.

At a special meeting called in May, the church voted to ask Mr. Green to accept the position of assistant pastor. Paul, who will be a second-year student at the School of Theology, has accepted with duties to begin in September.

The annual spring rummage sale held by the Ladies' Aid Society and W.C.T.U. was again a success. This sale affords not only revenue for the sponsoring groups, but in many cases, provides good used clothing and other articles for persons in the area who find it difficult to buy new items.

Sabbath Day, May 26, Pastor Warren preached at Hebron, Pa., at which time the guest preacher at Alfred was Rev. O. Blakely Hill, supply minister at the Independence Church. Both were taking part in the annual pulpit exchange of the Western Association. Mr. Hill, who is minister at the Christian Temple, Wells-ville, preached from the theme "Lest We Forget." That same Sabbath, Paul Green, Jr., preached at Little Genesee, and Rev. Neal D. Mills was at Nile. — Correspondent.

ASHAWAY, R. I. — With the snow and ice of the winter gone and the slow warming days of the spring, yet too cold for many growing things of nature to definitely unfold and look cheerfully above the slumbering roots still in their frigid dormancy, we are approaching the pleasanter days of summer.

We are glad to renew faith in pleasantness of those about us. We rejoice in

God more abundantly, surely feeling His nearness more deeply and strongly.

This church has had a number of mid-week prayer meetings to which several parishioners have been faithful in attendance, and we have been blessed by the renewal of interest in the Lord's work.

We shall soon be in the midst of Eastern Association's duties. We rejoice to be in this land of quiet and peace, free from the roar of guns, devastation, and destruction. — Correspondent.

## Obituaries

Jenner. — Nellie E. Sweet, was born in North Loup, Neb., Mar. 15, 1885, and died at Boulder, Colo., April 4, 1956.

Coming to Boulder at the age of nine she grew up in this city as a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. On Nov. 2, 1901, she was married to William Jenner who died in January, 1954.

Mrs. Jenner is survived by four sons and four daughters: Delbert O., of Sunland, Calif.; Thoran E., of Peoria, Ill.; Eldon L., and William L., of Pendleton, Ore.; Mrs. John Pierson, Mrs. Albert Hard, Mrs. Allen Bolton, all of Boulder; and Mrs. Rose Lackey of Oakland, Calif. There are 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial in Mountain View Memorial Park on Sabbath day, April 7, followed a memorial service conducted by her pastor, Rev. David Clarke. Family and friends gave memorial gifts so that the Jenners' church now has a three-purpose film projector which will be dedicated in June. A plaque on it says: "In memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Jenner, April, 1956." D. S. C.

**Remember Budget Sabbath**

**JUNE 9**

**Turn in your coin card  
to your local church.**

Sabbathkeeping churches and promoters of the Sabbath of the Bible can now procure an invaluable historic Chart of the Week, showing the unchanged order of the days of the week and the true position of the Sabbath as proved by the combined testimony of 160 ancient and modern languages. It was prepared by the scholar, Rev. William Mead Jones, D.D., who was pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in London, England. A photostatic copy in 4 parts each measuring 17½ by 22½ inches and suitable for framing may be procured by sending \$10 to Mark Wiley, 5614 So. Morgan St., Chicago, Ill.

## Dreams and Realities

Sometimes, I think, the things we see  
Are shadows of the things to be;

That what we plan we build;  
That every hope that hath been crossed,  
And every dream we thought was lost,  
In heaven shall be fulfilled;

That even the children of the brain  
Have not been born and died in vain,  
Thought here unclothed and dumb;  
But on some brighter, better shore  
They live, embodied evermore,  
And wait for us to come.

And when on that last day we rise,  
Caught up between the earth and skies,  
Then shall we hear our Lord  
Say, Thou hast done with doubt and death,  
Henceforth, according to thy faith,  
Shall be thy faith's reward.

Phoebe Cary.