

Accessions

Ashaway, R. I.

By Baptism:
Miss Lois Burdick
By Profession:
Montford Condon
Norma Condon (Mrs. Montford)

Marriages

Granger - Williams. — Harry Granger, of Cedar Rapids, Neb., and Jeanette Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Williams of North Loup, Neb., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in North Loup, on Sunday, Sept. 16, by Rev. Francis Saunders, pastor of the bride. They will be at home at the Beeville, La., Army Base.

Green - Bond. — At the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Lost Creek, W. Va., on Aug. 21, 1956, Leland S. Green of Milton Junction, Wis., and Dortha Jane Bond of Jane Lew, W. Va., were united in marriage by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley.

Births

Abel. — A daughter, Cheryl Rae, to Howard and Jeaneane (Brennick) Abel of North Loup, on Sept. 12, 1956.

Clement. — A son, Victor Ted, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clement of North Loup, Neb., on Sept. 14, 1956.

Obituaries

Brightman. — Gertrude L., daughter of Samuel D. and Mary Murray Bliven, was born March 19, 1872, in Minneapolis, Minn., and died at her home in Pawcatuck, R. I., Sept. 11, 1956.

Mrs. Brightman, wife of the late Walter P. Brightman, had been a resident of Pawcatuck for the past 32 years and was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and the Woman's Aid Society.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Bert Shippee of Newington, Conn., and Mrs. Raymond Spargo of Hinckley Hill, R. I.; a son, Frank P. Brightman of Schenectady, N. Y.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held September 14 with Rev. Charles H. Bond and Rev. Harold R. Crandall officiating. Interment was in the River Bend Cemetery. C. H. B.

Longfellow. — Nellie M., daughter of Orlando S. and Phebe C. (Geary) Longfellow, was born at Taunton, Mass., Feb. 24, 1872, and died in Cranston, R. I., Aug. 22, 1956.

For many years her home had been in Rockville, R. I., where she was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. The funeral service was held at the Avery Funeral Home, Hope Valley. Rev. Harold R. Crandall of Rockville

officiated, assisted by the recently arrived pastor of the Rockville Church, Rev. Neal D. Mills. Burial was in Mayflower Hill Cemetery, Taunton, Mass. H. R. C.

Clark. — Deacon Joshua Perry, son of Benjamin F. and Emily Kenyon Clark, was born in Westerly, R. I., Feb. 3, 1860, and died Aug. 3, 1956. See more extended obituary elsewhere. H. R. C.

Shaw. — Nellie R. C., widow of the late Rev. Edwin Ben Shaw and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Campbell, was born in Cambridge, Wis., Nov. 6, 1870, and died at Milton, Wis., Sept. 3, 1956.

With the exception of 14 years in the parsonage at Plainfield, N. J., she spent her life at Milton. She was married to Dr. Edwin Shaw July 24, 1895. He retired from the faculty of Milton College in 1944 and died in 1950. Mrs. Shaw was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and of the Women's Village Improvement Club.

She is survived by two sons and two daughters: Leland C., Elston E., Mrs. Constance Bingham, and Miss Stephana Shaw, all of Milton; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Two of her five sisters also survive: Mrs. Edith Greene of Seattle, Wash., and Miss Myra Campbell of Janesville, Wis.

Funeral services were held in the Milton Church, conducted by Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. Burial was in the Milton Cemetery. E. F. R.

Rasmussen. — Orville S., son of Christian and Marthea Rasmussen, was born May 10, 1891, in Union Grove, Wis., and died at his home in Boulder, Colo., Aug. 3, 1956.

He married Clarissa Wheeler (daughter of Rev. Samuel R. Wheeler) in 1920. During all their married life he was a member of the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church. By trade he was a painter and decorator. Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Stanley, who is an atomic research scientist at Berkeley, Calif.; two granddaughters; three brothers: Gordon of Salem, Ore.; Chester and Roy of Milton, Wis.; four sisters: Mrs. Ruth Saunders, Misses Irene and Annette Rasmussen, all of Milton, and Mrs. Clara Olson of West Palm Beach, Fla. Farewell services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. David S. Clarke, assisted by Rev. Erlo E. Sutton. Burial was in Green Mountain Cemetery. D. S. C.

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.

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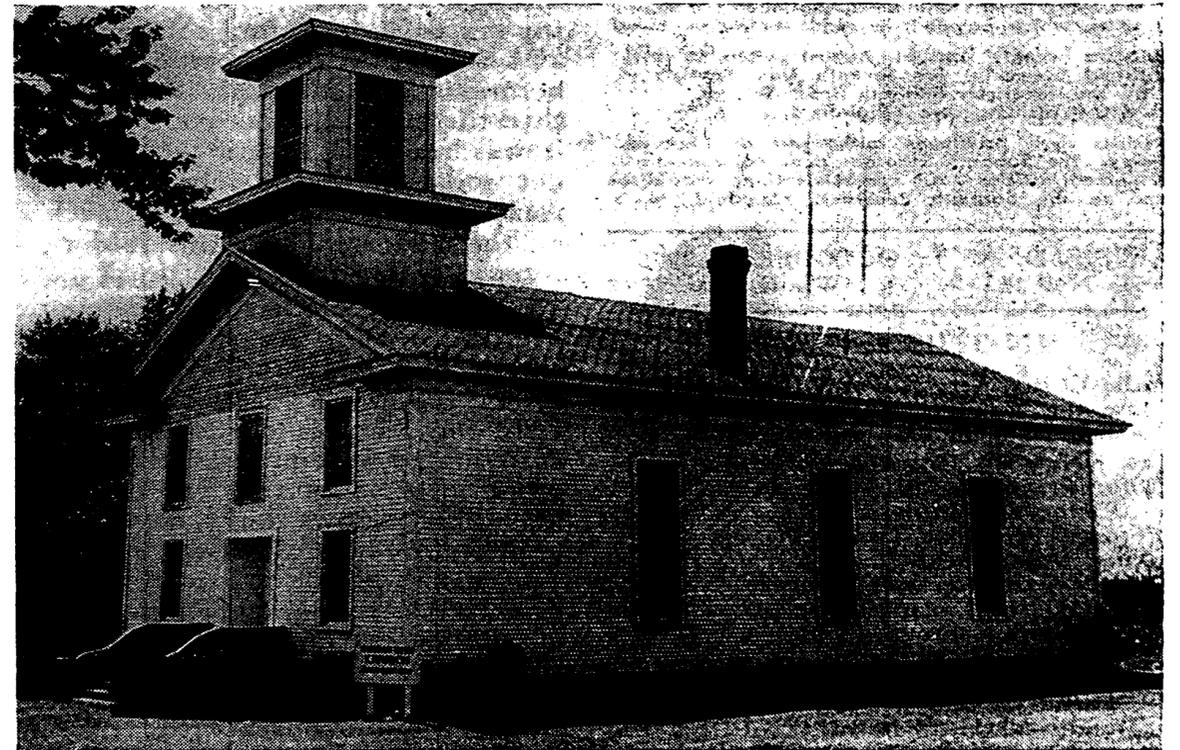


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FARINA, ILL., SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH,
featured in Vandalia Leader (see story inside).

Conference President's Speaking Engagements

The president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference this year, Charles F. Harris, is a high-school teacher. He brings to his current, unpaid denominational office a high degree of devotion. This is evidenced by the present schedule of speaking engagements which he has laid out for himself without regard for the loss of salary and extra strain which this program will cost him.



Charles Harris and his wife, Anita, pictured above, who have two children in Salem College and three at home, have recently conducted a weekend series of meetings with the Washington, D. C., Church. There they were assisted in the music and the speaking by Mrs. B. B. Sheppard and Owen Probasco of the Shiloh, N. J., Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris leave for a two-week tour of the churches and Associations on October 11. They will meet with the Northern Association at White Cloud, Mich., October 12-14, and will leave for Milton, Wis., the day following. At Milton, on the 18th, the president will counsel with the local group which is laying plans for the entertainment of Conference next August at a nearby camp ground.

The next weekend, October 19-21, will be spent with the North Central Association at Albion, Wis. There again Mr. Harris will speak about his Conference theme, "Pray without ceasing — abound to every good work," and will discuss the

work of the denomination under the newly adopted financial emphasis, "Our World Mission."

It is expected that on this trip the Conference president will spend as much time as possible while he is in Michigan conferring with the new executive secretary of the General Conference, Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, of Battle Creek, who is just beginning her work this month.

SECULAR MAGAZINE PRAISES COURAGE OF WCTU

[An open letter by Mrs. K. Duane Hurley to the Salem Herald, sent to Sabbath Recorder by Mrs. Thurman Brissey.]

An excellent article has appeared in a good little magazine, "Woman's Day" (Aug. & Sept. issues), available at supermarkets. Thinking people who care about the wellbeing of our present society would do well to read it.

It is the kind of article of which the Woman's Christian Temperance Union would approve.

The time is fast passing when people think of the W.C.T.U. as a group of "dear old ladies" meeting once a month to cluck their collective tongues over the drunkards.

Many intelligent people are aware of the havoc alcohol is playing with our present-day civilization, yet so few do more than cluck their tongues, feeling it is not their problem.

Not so with the Christian women of the temperance union. They are valiantly and intelligently combatting highly paid and colorful advertising in a positive educational way, with no funds except those they can raise out of their own pockets.

These women could sit at home and "cluck their tongues" in comfort and wait with the rest of the civilized world for our society to drink itself into ruin and destruction as many ancient civilizations throughout history have done.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 20, 1956

God's Command to Teach

Lesson Scripture: Deut. 6: 1-9, 20-25.

Oldest Religious Group in Farina, Illinois, is Seventh Day Baptist

[The Vandalia (Ill.) Leader, a county newspaper, featured the village of Farina in one of its summer issues. The following story by a staff writer (slightly condensed here) was graciously released to us along with the photo on the cover.]

Farina has the distinction of having one of the three churches in the state of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

The local church was organized in April, 1866, although a group of believers had been meeting together in a fellowship for several months previous to that time. The church just this spring held services commemorating its 90th anniversary.

This was the first denominational group in town.

Many of the early settlers who founded the local Seventh Day church were from Milton, Wisconsin, home of one of the church's colleges today.

The \$4,000 church structure was completed two years after the group was organized. It is still standing although it has been remodeled several times. The town's first church bell, imported from Troy, N. Y., was installed in the belfry in 1876.

Ministers of the local church, in general, have long tenures of service. Only about 15 different men have served during the church's 90-year history. The present one is Rev. A. A. Appel who has served the church for the past three years. Married and the father of five children — four boys and a girl — he teaches a fifth-grade class in the Farina elementary school in addition to his preaching duties.

The other two churches of this denomination in Illinois are at Stonefort in southern Illinois and in Chicago. Many of the churches are concentrated in the East, particularly in New York State. The church maintains colleges in Milton, Wis., and Salem, W. Va., and a university and seminary at Alfred, N. Y.

In spite of the sparsity of congregations, the group has contributed several noteworthy persons to society in the sciences, arts, and politics.

Many people, even locally, confuse the Seventh Day Baptist church with the Seventh Day Adventists, from whom they differ in history, many essential beliefs, and in form of church government. The similarity in name is found, of course, in both groups' observance of Saturday, the Sabbath Day, as the day of worship.

The Seventh Day Baptists essentially are like the other Baptist groups in doctrines and government. The group is a member of the Baptist World Alliance.

The church has a long history. It sprang directly from the Baptists in the time of the English Reformation, and was first organized in England in 1617. That particular first church is still in existence. Early in this nation's history, Seventh Day Baptists came to America, settling mostly in eastern towns.

The Farina community has a high church-to-population ratio. Five strong churches are found in the 850-inhabitant town.

In Dead Earnest

There is so much to do and so little time in which to do it! We need to be in dead earnest about our main business of winning the world for Christ's Kingdom.

A man engaged in conversation a Communist who had put a leaflet in his hand. He advised the Communist, "It is no use; you will never get anywhere doing this. At best there are but two hundred thousand Communists in America, while we Christians number seventy-five million."

The Communist replied, "Remember Gideon's band? They had only three hundred. Members of my party are willing to live on the barest necessities of life. Every dime we earn above and beyond our simple needs we turn back to our cause; we believe in it with all our hearts." Then he went on to say, "We are going to be victorious, and, if you want to know, I will tell you why. We have an unshakable faith in our cause. We are even willing to die for it. That is more than you are willing to do!" Is it? How far will you go to serve your cause? — Reuben K. Youngdahl in *The Secret of Greatness* (Fleming H. Revell Co.).

Missions

Missionary Prayer Suggestions

The Conference president has urged us to remember our missionaries daily in prayer. The following prayer suggestions have been prepared as a reminder of our promise and as a guide and stimulus to praying for specific needs.

For the Jamaica Field

1. Remember in prayer Rev. and Mrs. Leon Lawton and their children, Duane, Gordon, and Patricia, as they adjust their lives to new surroundings. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as Pastor Lawton takes up the duties of head of the Jamaica Mission.

2. Remember Principal and Mrs. Grover Brissey as the fall semester begins at Crandall High School. Pray that they may keep well and be guided aright as they teach by word and life.

3. Remember Miss Jacqueline Wells as she begins her third year of teaching at Crandall High School and as she gives of her special talents in the more efficient operating of the mission.

4. Remember Rev. and Mrs. Wardner FitzRandolph as they visit the churches telling of the needs and opportunities in Jamaica. Pray that their visit with their children and grandchildren may bring joy and satisfaction to their hearts.

For the Nyasaland Field

1. Remember in prayer Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson and infant daughter as the annual trip to visit the brethren of our churches 250 to 300 miles north of Makapwa Mission Station is made. Thank God for the generous response of our people which made it possible for our missionaries to travel in a new mission car.

2. Remember the nurses, Beth Severe and Joan Clement, as they carry on the work of the dispensary and school at Makapwa, reaching out to surrounding villages. Pray that the alleviating of suffering and the preparing of the leaders of tomorrow may all work to the glory of God and the saving of many souls to His Kingdom.

3. Remember Dr. Victor Burdick as he begins his studies at Kennedy School of

Missions. Pray that the doors may open before him to have many years of successful missionary service. Thank God for the inspiration which is coming to us all because of the dedication of his life and his humble witness to his Saviour.

For British Guiana

1. Remember in prayer Rev. and Mrs. Delmer Van Horn as they consider the call to serve as our missionaries in British Guiana. Because our Heavenly Father only knows what is best, pray that His will may be revealed to them in such a way as to leave no uncertainty in their minds.

OUR AFRICAN MISSION

By Loren Osborn

Chairman of Missionary Board Committee on African Interests

(Continued from issue of September 24.)

And now for the future. I wrote to Superintendent David Pearson and outlined some of the areas I wished to cover in this review of African interests, thinking that since he was there on the spot, he was much better qualified to look into the future. So many of his plans and hopes are woven into this, that I want to read directly some of the things he has written.

Brother Pearson breaks his ideas into four major points, and this is what he says:

1. **The future of evangelism.** Evangelism will always have a future until Christ comes again. The greater part of evangelization is being done out among our churches rather than in the Makapwa area. At Makapwa, evangelism is fertile among our school students. This area, possibly due to the hills, is not as densely populated as other nearby areas. In much of Nyasaland there is keen competition among the various mission bodies at work. One of our pastors mentioned recently that in his area there was Seventh Day Adventist, Roman Catholic, Nyassa Mission, Church of Scotland, Sons of God, and, of course, our own work. Conversions are being made, people are being gathered. The future looks good in this regard. There are those (and they are numerous) who for various reasons, drift about from one church to another think-

ing to better their own position for the moment. Nyasaland needs revival as does the rest of the world. We need to employ the agency of the Holy Spirit to far greater extent and submit ourselves and our work into His hands.

2. **The future of the churches.** With the exception of an occasional relapse, our churches in the future will be more numerous. They will also be larger and stronger. The churches do branch out, and these offshoots in the course of time usually either strengthen into churches or fall by the wayside. [This is what he refers to as a relapse as mentioned above.] It is not unusual for a mother church having a resident pastor to nourish two, three, or even four such branches.

3. **The future of African leadership.** It seems that our real hope lies in the oncoming generation. Our training program is not adequate to make up for the lack of education among our pastors. We missionaries may at times be a bit critical of our pastors' preaching, but an African told me that they are preaching to their own people and are being received by their people. This may well be borne in mind. Generally speaking, as a denomination we can supply our own pastors, but it will be a long time before we can possess a fully educated clergy. It is harder to produce our own teachers. To have a school system stand in favor with the government, qualified and certified teachers are necessary. Not all of ours are. However, some are, but not all of these are members of our church. Here is a situation that is not desirable, yet it will be some time before it can be righted. Schools are in great demand, but evangelism and the work of the Gospel must never be second to education.

4. **Physical future of the Mission.** In some ways it seems that expansion of the mission will be nil, but we need to improve what we have. We are building a new church of brick. Our school building will be altered, and a building for storing machinery is under construction. The coming of a doctor means expansion of our medical work. An operating theater and additional housing for bed patients will be necessary. Africans may eventually support the mission, but such

seems far away. In a discussion with certain Africans recently I asked about the question of self-support. They thought that in time it could be handled, but to me it seems rather distant. The Missionary Board is desirous that our program seek to lead our brethren to self-sufficiency. I would personally be happy to leave Nyasaland tomorrow if the work were finished, but the road ahead is long and hard. Our people generally speaking want to be led.

An encouraging factor is that there are a few churches in Nyasaland (but not of our denomination) that are already supporting themselves.

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These are Missionary Pearson's thoughts on the future as governed by the present situation. I think you can see that he is a realist, but a realist with a vision.

We must never lose sight of the fact that we are entered on this great project to preach the Gospel of Christ, and to bring Christianity as interpreted through our Seventh Day Baptist tenets, to the people of Central Africa. If we lose sight of this goal, or if we subordinate it in any way to any other phase of the work, no matter how valuable that is, we might as well pack up and leave, because we are defeated. But as you can see from Mr. Pearson's letter, we need have no fear of that happening at Makapwa.

Future dreams include the establishment of an advanced school system so that we can turn out qualified preachers and teachers for the Central African Conference. This can be handled in many ways, and is one of the big things to look forward to in the continued expansion of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Africa.

The coming of Dr. Victor Burdick on the scene early next year will bring very nearly into being the dreams of having an adequately staffed and efficient medical work.

Farther yet in the future we vision such things as economic independence for the Makapwa Mission. We look toward the distant time when the African group can be financially secure and support their own pastors, churches, schools, and medical work. We look to the time when the education system will be staffed by

Plans For World Community Day November 2

Every year World Community Day reminds us of the needs of people all over the world and how church women can work to build a world community by meeting some of these needs. In the words of Dr. George Carpenter, of the Africa Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions, "The long-term security not only of America but of the whole world rests on the growth of world community in the deeper sense."

This year's theme, "For the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen," is doubly important. We not only need to assist in material ways with food, clothing, and medicine, but by fostering the basic needs of "human rights." Our Seventh Day Baptist topic for October, "One Body Throughout the World," was chosen to lead up to the observance of World Community Day. A good source of information is the study guide published by the United Nations, **Our Rights as Human Beings**, P. and D. Dept., National Council of Churches, 120 E. 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y. (Price 25 cents).

In this booklet you will find the text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the two draft covenants. This declaration is not a "law" but is a statement of goals adopted by 48 nations in 1948. It sets a new common standard for human rights around the world. All men and women everywhere must experience the meaning of equality of opportunity, freedom from want and fear, and be assured of equal justice before the law.

There are several visual aids available

teachers trained in our schools in Africa; and the final goal when we will exchange pastors and teachers with the Central African Conference for mutual inspiration.

With the entire African Continent seething with political unrest, and groping for economic and cultural improvement, we cannot but hope for the complete independence of our branch in that land. We must do all in our power to help them achieve the inalienable rights that are as truly theirs as the freedoms guaranteed to us in our own Constitution.

on the theme of "human rights" that make this subject more vivid.

1. "Of Human Rights" — 16mm. film in black and white, 21 min. A newspaper man discovers anew the basis of human rights. Available from the United Nations Dept. of Information, United Nations, New York, N. Y. (Rental \$4.)

2. "A Train of Action" — 16mm. black and white film, 27 min. It shows the social action role of the church in race relations, locally and internationally. Available from the Evangelical and Reformed Bureau of Visual Aids, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia 2, Pa. (Rental \$4.)

3. "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights" — 35mm. filmstrip with 73 frames. Price \$3.00 from the United Nations Information Center, United Nations, New York, N. Y.

Because human rights includes so many phases, it combines well with programs of world missions and social relations. Since the United Church Women's foreign mission theme is "Southeast Asia," the Parcels for Peace collected on W.C.D. will be sent to India, Pakistan, Korea, Near East, Hong Hong, and Japan, as well as to Greece, Italy, and Germany. Suits and overcoats for men and boys (16 years and up), especially needed as well as yardage of denim and sheeting for refugee women to make into work clothes. Either full size or children's blankets are also acceptable. Pack and tie each carton (marked World Community Day Project) and ship to the nearest Church World Service Center. Please collect 8 cents for every pound of clothing to aid in the handling charges of shipping the Parcels for Peace and send it to the Gen. Dept. of United Church Women, 175 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

If we give generously to W.C.D. offerings, we shall help to bring about a more peaceful world by aiding the aged and sick refugees who may never be able to migrate, men and women forced off their lands in east and west Pakistan, students in Indonesia who are trying to fit themselves to take the place of Dutch ministers who withdrew at the time of their independence. The offering is also used to extend the work of the United Church Women and the Christian Women's Pro-

gram for Lasting Peace. It sends an observer to the United Nations. Some of the money will be used also:

(1) In the Far East for physically handicapped victims of war who need vocational training; (2) in Southeast Asia for small Christian hospitals needing equipment, medicine, and surgical dressings; (3) in Europe for young refugees who need tools and equipment to fit them for their new life.

By each of us contributing in a small way, we can unite with other church women to fulfill these worth-while needs around the world. What are you and your society doing to make World Community Day a vital point in our world mission? What is our responsibility as church women in our own country, our own community?

Women's Board Meeting Notes

We were happy to have a guest, Mrs. Paul Crandall, of Riverside, Calif., who led the devotions, using episodes from the life of Elijah to encourage us. The minutes of the annual meeting of the Women's Society, held at Conference in Alfred, were read and discussed.

The proposed committees for 1956-57 with their chairman and members were read and will be published in the next Newsletter.

Two letters to Mrs. Leonard Wilkinson, from lone Sabbathkeepers telling how much they appreciate her work and the materials she sends out, were read. It was voted to again send \$25 to Mrs. Wilkinson for the expenses of this Lone Sabbathkeeper Project.

The Goals Committee read a letter from Secretary Everett Harris thanking the women for successfully supporting the Jeep Project for Nyasaland. He reported that \$1,396.81 had been sent to Mr. Pearson and that this would allow for a few extra items of equipment beyond the cost of the jeep. All credit goes to the many women throughout the denomination who were willing to make some sacrifice for this special need beyond their regular denominational giving.

A letter from Rev. Earl Cruzan asked the board to provide slides on women's

work for denominational use. Since the making of a new tape and slides of the Women's Board activities had been suggested, it was hoped that this could be partially completed in time for use by Commission as requested.

It was voted that the revised By-Laws of the Women's Society be printed in the new Year Book.

The chairman of the Associational Representatives Committee was asked to write each Association representative asking her to plan a women's program during their Association meeting and to send a report of it to the Women's Board.

Mrs. Russell Maxson, the president, asked each committee on the board to study and make suggestions as to how we could promote denominational growth as outlined in the "Seven Steps," especially under Step II — "Find the Interested Person or Group."

A. M. D.

Women's Discussion at Conference

The discussion meeting on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock was held in Kenyon Hall. The method used was an experiment in which everyone present very helpfully participated. Meeting in one large room, the women were asked to group themselves in various places in the room, about 15 to a group, to consider together the work of the Women's Board committees and projects. Sheets already prepared for each one contained a space for suggestion or criticism of each item. A leader for each group had been secured to head up the discussion and bring in the findings of the group. These findings are being tabulated for study and will guide the board in future work.

"A. G. Tansley, of England, once declared, 'Theism is a tendency of the mind to project that which is calculated to make for peace of mind.' But, we are then compelled to ask, Is the atheism of Samuel Butler, of the modern cynics, and of the dogmatic minds of our day a projection of what they want to be true?" — R. Ray Jordan in **Beyond Despair**.

Christian Education Corporation Meeting Held

The annual meeting of the corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education was held in the assembly room of the School of Theology at Alfred, N. Y., on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 16, at 2:00 o'clock with the president, Wayne N. Crandall, presiding. Twenty-three voting members of the corporation were present, and eight were represented by proxy. The annual report of the Board of Christian Education was voted to be adopted as a whole. L. Eugene Reynolds read the report of the Nominating Committee. A 30-member board of directors from the Western Association Churches was elected. After requesting the chairman to appoint the Nominating Committee for next year it was voted that a letter of appreciation from the corporation be sent to the retiring executive secretary, Rev. Neal D. Mills, for his faithful tour of duty with the Board of Christian Education.

World Christian Endeavor

An aggressive program of youth evangelism and leadership training has been launched by the Christian Endeavor movement, according to announcement made recently by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

The program adopted at the Pacific Area Conference of the World's Union in Karuizawa, Japan, July 30-August 2, calls for the participation of hosts of young people in local churches, in conferences, conventions, and work camps, and through an international exchange of Christian youth.

The conference revealed that in Asian lands, particularly in Japan and Korea, younger Christians are exerting growing leadership in church and public affairs. Australia and North America reported that Christian Endeavor is in the center of a steadily growing youth revival.

The International Society of Christian Endeavor, which has more than 1,000,000 members in North America, is actively participating in this world-wide program as it emphasizes this coming year the theme, "Christ Shall Reign."

For Jr. High

Are You Doing Something?

Is your home church able to speak with pride of the interest the high school students take in the church work? Are you one that can always be depended on to lead meetings, to give talks, or to go out and try to get other young people to lead the Christian life? There are many such. If you are not one of them, should you be doing something to center your attention on spiritual rather than worldly things so that you can be really counted on? Christians are those who have accepted Christ and who constantly try to develop strength and beauty in their lives as they follow the example and teaching of Christ. Let us strive to be strong and beautiful, not just average.

From Nigeria comes the story of a Sabbathkeeping boy about your age. He hopes to finish school within a year. (There is no high school for him to attend.) He has learned to read and write English. Recently we have sent him a Bible. A number of the other boys in his school had Bibles and had learned to keep the Sabbath. They had become discouraged in trying to be Christians and were no longer going to church. They did not have strong leadership and seemed to be unable to stick to their Sabbath convictions.

When this boy got an encouraging letter from America he went around and talked to the other boys his age and to some who were older. According to his recent letter he and one or two others have succeeded in winning back about 15 boys and persuading them to continue in the faith. He gives the names of the boys who have made such promises.

This is a sample of what boys in other, less-privileged, countries are doing for Christ and the Sabbath. You have read on these pages in recent months how wonderfully some of our boys at Makapwa Mission in Nyasaland, Africa, are witnessing to unsaved boys in neighboring villages. The same is true of a number of the students at Crandall High School in Jamaica. Our churches in the city of Kingston are

growing, and young people are being converted in the mountain villages. This is not just the work of pastors and deacons, but the work of young people too. Let us not allow those young folks to put us to shame by seeming to be more zealous in the Lord's work than we are.

Who are the happy people? Not the rich who try to buy pleasure with money; not the boys and girls whose chief aim is to be entertained by hired actors and popular singers, but those who are finding joy in creative work. There is nothing more creative than building up Sabbath School classes, young people's groups, and churches. Bringing new light and joy to other young folks by leading them to Christ is the best cosmetic, the best tonic, the best way to make you truly handsome that has ever been found. Try it!

COME FORTH, O CHRISTIAN YOUTH

Tune: Diademata

Come forth, O Christian youth,
A task before us lies;
The world awaits the strength and zeal
Which useful heart supplies.
We seek to win mankind
To choose Christ's nobler way,
And usher in true brotherhood
For every man today.

Stand firm, O Christian youth,
With trust in God alone,
That we may live our Christian faith
And make Christ truly known.
Be ours to show all men
The path His feet have trod,
To make all life a sacrament
And holy unto God.

Grow strong, O Christian youth,
Be loyal, brave and true,
And strive with courage for the right
In what we say and do.
Thus may our words and deeds
Be worthy in God's sight,
And manifest to all mankind
His way of truth and light.

Give all, O Christian youth,
And nought from Christ withhold;
His Kingdom claims us for its own;
His Spirit keep us bold!
As pilgrims in the world
Yet followers of the Way,
God make us faithful citizens
Till His eternal day. Amen.

Miss Mary Ellen Jackson,
Anderson, S. C.

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The Home and Heathenism

Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler

We are always just one generation from heathenism. This fact is startlingly revealed in the history of Israel, and has been in every generation. Each generation must, through the individuals in it, make anew a decision for or against the Lord. It is, then, vital that Christians use every possible means to influence the decisions of their children and thus to secure the future.

From the beginning God ordained the home as the primary place or agency of teaching the faith and as the first line of defense against unbelief. Important as it is, the teaching of the Church concerning faith and holiness is largely ineffective unless it is reinforced in the home.

Here are some of the musts in proper home training:

1. Parents who have a clear-cut and vital faith in Jesus Christ who can share such a faith with their children.
2. Consecrated parents who are living examples of the Christian spirit and way.
3. A respect for the personalities of children.
4. A systematic and meaningful devotional life in the home.

Are you doing your part in your home to secure the future for the Lord?

Bids Christian Colleges Battle Humanism, Rationalism

It is the task of Christian colleges to battle humanism and rationalism in higher education, the Tennessee Methodist Conference was told at its annual meeting at Nashville.

Dr. Earl Hunt, president of Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va., said that the entire curriculum in a church-related college should be given "a Christian slant."

The church-related institution "dares not offer inferior instruction, however," he added. "Ignorance preaches poorly, and accuracy of fact must back up our moral accuracy. Academic excellence is particularly important in a Christian school." — R. N. S.

Happiness Through Spiritual Poverty

By Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson
Conference Sermon, August 14, 1956

(Continued from October 1)

Dependence in Denominational Work

Conference days should be a time of soul searching. We as a people must be aware of our dependence upon God from day to day in our Christian living and in every phase of our denominational work. We must realize that without this we are without power. And we cannot do the work of God without depending upon Him. Is our faith dependent upon the power of God released through our lives and through our witness to those around us? Or are we more cognizant of our denominational organization and a well-planned program for advancement? Now to be sure, both parts of this question are important, but we must in humble recognition depend upon God if our faith is to be released in power to convict other men's hearts and bring people into the faith.

We have a rich and glorious heritage as Seventh Day Baptists and yet we find ourselves impoverished in our activity to propagate ourselves. Could it be that the message given by the angel in Revelation to the church at Laodicea applies to us? "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot. . . . Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. . ." Rev. 3: 15-17).

We are not a poor people in a material sense, and a few of us question that we have the financial resources in order to put our program over the top with little or no sacrifice to the majority of Seventh Day Baptists. And yet it takes faith to release this financial potential. The big problem that faces us yearly, and faces us constantly in carrying out the program of our denomination, is how to release the faith that will enable our people to do more for the Lord. I believe that part of the answer lies in dependence upon God.

Are we poor in spirit? Are we humble before God? Do we realize that without

God's power we can do nothing in promoting His work? We have a mighty potential for service and we have a good record in many respects. But we can do more, through greater dependence upon God.

The Promised Reward Begins Now

We notice in the last part of this beatitude that happiness is promised to those who are poor in spirit. There is a promised reward awaiting those who practice the condition stated in the first part. Blessed are the poor in spirit — or happy are the poor in spirit — for to them belongs the kingdom of God. Sometimes we look off into the distance for the reward. But as we accomplish the first part of the beatitude or reach the condition of being humble and poor before God, we actually become a member of the kingdom of God. As we practice the first part we become present possessors of the promised reward.

Why was it harder for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle? He, Jesus said, needed to get into the kingdom of heaven in the same way that any person needs to get there. The rich and the poor must enter in the same way. They must enter through that narrow gate that Jesus mentioned in the seventh chapter of Matthew. And the condition for entering through the narrow gate is that we realize our spiritual poverty, that we become poor in spirit.

Most of Jesus' disciples whom He called were poor men, yet they became rich as they experienced poverty of spirit before God. Jesus also called two other men to follow Him. He called Matthew the tax collector and Zaccheus who was a rich man. Both of them were rich in this world's goods, and yet they became poor in spirit in order that they might enter into the kingdom of God and be happy and full in Him.

I remember a touching letter that came from our brethren in Holland after World

War II. They mentioned how they had lost everything in a material way. Their homes had been destroyed. And what little other possessions they had were very, very few. And yet the spirit of that letter was one of rejoicing. It was one of thanksgiving because they felt that God had been with them through their trying moments. They were happy people because they were poor in spirit.

The Secret of Happiness

The greatest happiness of life comes to us as we share in the blessings of Christ's kingdom. A French philosopher recently said, "The whole world is on a mad quest for security and happiness." Oh, that we Christians might tell the world that the answer to their quest is through a humble and poor spirit before God — that if they are looking for happiness they can find it in God.

Some think that the whole world would be happy if they had enough to eat, if they had enough money to spend, and if they had security from the cradle to the grave. But would they really be happy? I'm sure they wouldn't because so many have those things that are spoken of. They have material possessions. They have nearly all that this world has to offer in material things, and yet so many are not happy. And the reason they are not happy is because they are not poor in spirit before God. Abiding, satisfying, genuine happiness can come only as we enjoy the things of God achieved through the personal experience of spiritual poverty.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." There is the secret of happiness!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Assigned Spheres of Activity

In recent years Councils of Churches, national and local, have exercised considerable control of church location in new and redeveloped communities. Evangelical churches have often found difficulty in acquiring building sites. The National Association of Evangelicals has participated the last two years in meetings of the American Institute of Planners resulting in a new appreciation by planners of the evangelical viewpoint. Planners

have since indicated their desire to provide freedom of choice in granting church locations. The Commission on Evangelism and Church Extension of the NAE is continuing an aggressive program for maintaining this freedom. — A Press Release.

Ten Commandments in Trains

Miss Adelaide O'Mara saved her pennies till she had \$400 and had cards printed like other commercial ads to place the Ten Commandments on all BMT trains in New York. She says she gets some of her money back in pleasure every time she sees those cards on the subway trains. She had been riding the subway all her life. Cards appeared until the middle of August. This was featured by a radio news commentator on WOR, Sunday, August 5, and on the following Tuesday, Dave Garroway presented the lady to his vast TV audience holding one of the Ten Commandment cards.

The American Sabbath Tract Society has smaller Ten Commandment cards, and through the courtesy of Paul Mahoney of Colton, Calif., also distributes four-foot wall charts to those who wish to display them in churches or other public places.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DE RUYTER, N. Y. — A correspondent from the church writes that there will be available a good story of the 150 years of the church in the near future. The De Ruyter Gleaner of September 27 announced the September 29 celebration as the biggest feature of the week and told of the large number of former pastors being gathered together from Rhode Island, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania, as well as the other ministers of the Central New York Association who participated.

NEW ENGLAND MINISTERS. — The pastors of New England churches and the retired ministers of the area had a luncheon meeting at the Waterford, Conn., parsonage on September 24 at which they planned the Yearly Meeting program. It is proposed that this group of clergymen get together for fellowship on a bimonthly basis.

Fall Associations, Additional Information

The Central Association of New York Seventh Day Baptist Churches will hold its fall meeting with the Adams Center Church on October 13. The theme will be "Our Growing Place in Our World Mission." The morning service will begin at 11 a.m. followed by a Fellowship dinner. Several young people will give reports at 2 p.m. on different phases of camping and there will be a youth meeting and social hour in the evening for those of junior high through early college age.

Maurice McCrae, moderator of the Western (N. Y.) Association, announces that the semiannual meeting will be held at Hebron, Pa., Sabbath day, October 13. The youth meeting under the leadership of J. Paul Green, will be held Sabbath eve, at Richburg.

The theme for the Northern Association, meeting at White Cloud, Mich., October 12-14, is "Pressing Toward the Mark." This theme is subdivided for Sabbath eve, morning, and afternoon as follows: "For the Individual and Family"; "For the Local Church"; and "In Our World Mission." Conference President Charles F. Harris speaks the evening after the Sabbath.

The North Central Association will meet with the Albion, Wis., Church from Friday to Sunday, October 19-21.

The annual meeting of the New England Seventh Day Baptist Churches, which has not previously been mentioned among the fall meetings, is scheduled to be held with the First Hopkinton Church at Ashaway, R. I., on October 20, with morning and afternoon services and a dinner in the parish house. Rev. Neal D. Mills, the newest pastor in the area, preaches in the morning. In the afternoon a panel of laymen will speak on the second part of our Conference theme, "Abounding in every good work." They will discuss the Christian's responsibility at the polls, how to combat the liquor traffic, how to promote evangelistic witnessing, a program of home evangelism for New England, and supporting our world mission as a whole.

The speakers at the New Jersey Yearly Meeting to be held in Plainfield, October 12 and 13, are expected to be Rev. Paul

Maxson, Rev. Paul Osborn, Rev. Robert Lippincott, and Harry E. Moore, in that order. The young people are asked to take charge of the program the second evening which will close with a religious motion picture.

The theme for the Pacific Coast Association (October 19-21) is "Feed My Sheep." The meeting will be held in the Los Angeles Church at 4976 North Figueroa Street.

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Marriages

Blair - Bond — Malcolm F. Blair, U. S. Navy, and Lila Rose Bond, both of Williamsburg, Kan., were united in marriage Aug. 28, 1956, in the Williamsburg Methodist Church. They will be at home in Beeville, Texas.

Obituaries

Parsons. — Grace Lewis, daughter of Rev. A. H. Lewis, was born in Alfred, N. Y., February 1, 1870 and died August 4, 1956, in Monrovia, Calif.

Mrs. Parsons was baptized by her father and joined the church in Plainfield, N. J. She was married to James Henry Parsons who passed away in 1929. She was a member of the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church, later moving to Los Angeles where she was a member at the time of her death.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Louise P. Whiting, four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

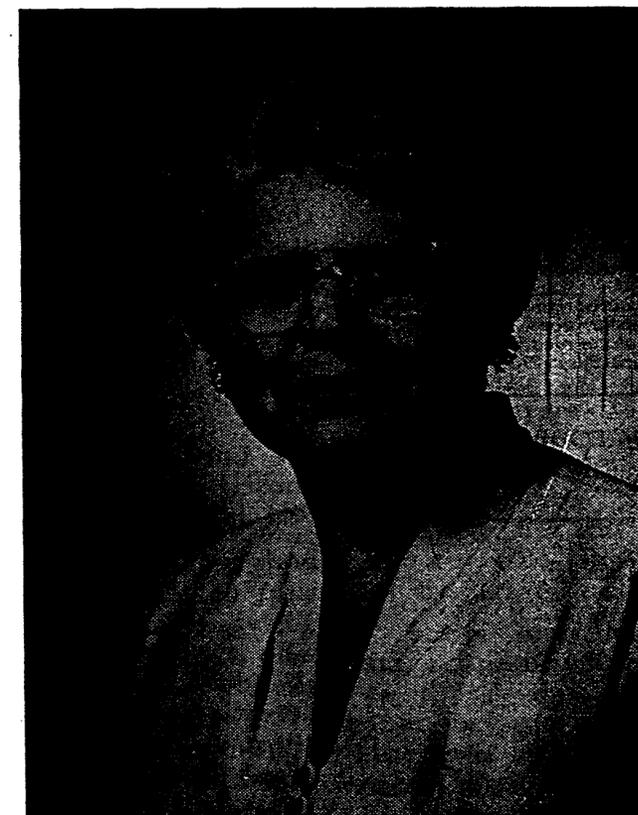
Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Mynor Soper and interment was in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Whittier, Calif. V. M.

Crandall. — V. Ethelyn Coon, was born in Hopkinton, R. I., Oct. 20, 1866, and died in Providence, R. I., Sept. 3, 1956.

Her husband, William H. Crandall, died in 1910. For the past forty years her home had been in Ashaway, R. I. A son, Erwood O., and a daughter, Miss Verice A. Crandall, have remained at home with their mother and cared for her the past several years. Other survivors are: a daughter, Mrs. Leora E. Hoxie of Ashaway; three sons: Ellsworth H. of Bradford and Ahvern I. of Ashaway, R. I., and LaVoy W. of Lowden, Wash.; ten grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren. Mrs. Crandall had been a member of the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church since her baptism in 1883.

The funeral service was private. Burial was in Rockville Cemetery. Rev. Harold R. Crandall officiated. H. R. C.

The Sabbath Recorder



Doris Fetherston, new executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, who holds a degree from Milton College and has been continuously active in church and denominational work for many years, brings to this position her buoyant enthusiasm and her special talent. Her first article, a call to prayer, appeared in last week's issue. Other brief articles about "Our World Mission" will appear regularly.