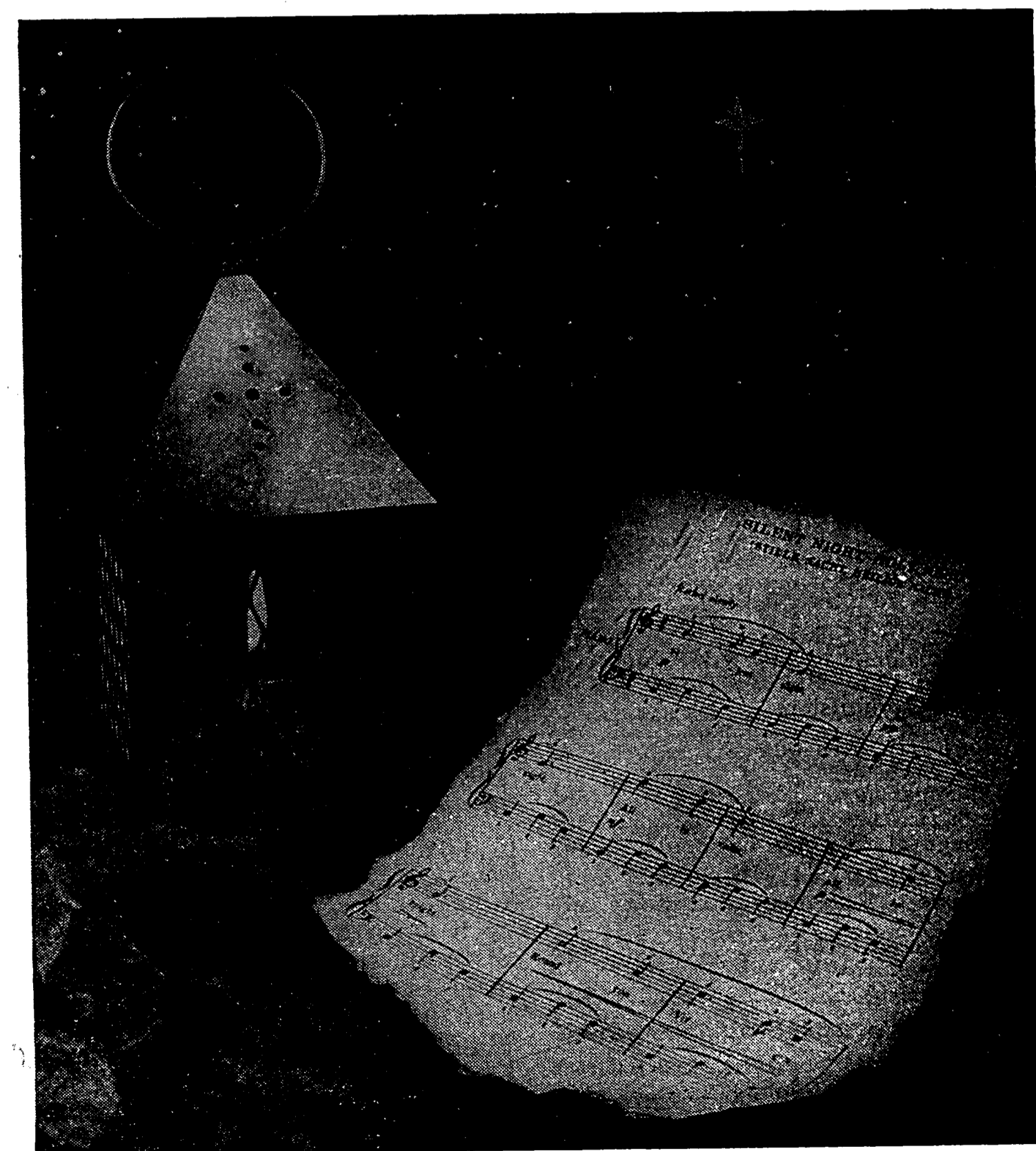


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THE RETURN OF FAITH

Once a year faith returns like a swelling wave on the silvery beach of a moonlit bay. Once a year the stars look down from their celestial expanse upon God's little footstool to see evidences that the lost image of the Creator has been regained in large measure in those lands where the news of the Nativity has been accepted. Once a year the Incarnation ceases to be debated at the higher intellectual levels of modern society, and the simple, clear story of the beginnings of salvation is taken in child-like faith.

The first chapters of the Gospel of Matthew and Luke are read, recited by children, sung in carols and in the great anthems. The air is filled with the music of Christmas. The sweet lullaby of Luther, "Away in a Manger," has for 425 years called children to express their faith in the Lord who was cradled in hay. Since 1749 Wesley's great hymn, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," has been with us. It waited 100 years to be set to music in Mendelssohn's cantata but it, like so many others, rings out through all the land in the crystal nights of December. The carol on our cover this week contains the affirmation of our faith "Round yon Virgin."

These songs are not based on doubt but on Scripture. They call us back to faith. Fancy has oft been mixed with faith in the folksongs that cluster around the hearthstones of European countries and there is much about the modern celebration of the most popular holiday that we ought to deplore. But with it all, in high churches and low, in school and in market, there is a return to the Bible.

The virgin birth of Christ is the only story of the birth of Christ. At other times in the year some would argue that such a birth is impossible. They would discount the annunciation, the prophetic utterances, and the angelic chorus. But at Christmas time the child and philosopher alike symbolically kneel at Bethlehem's manger as they read together the God-given revelation of how Jesus was born — born of a virgin. At such a time we instinctively recognize the supernatural.

It was not just a man that was born.

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One who was both man and God came thus into the world with a redeeming purpose. He who could speak life to the decaying corpse of Lazarus, who could open the eyes of the congenital blind, who could still the tempest, walk the waves, multiply the loaves, and Himself step forth unaided from the sealed tomb, could not have been of common origin with the rest of us. These things we know at this season of the year, and we wonder why anyone who has seen the transforming power of that same Christ today in countless sin-filled lives can ever doubt again the story of His birth as told by those who walked with Him. It was a redeemed publican and a converted physician who gave us the record of His words, His death, and His birth and preached these things to the world of their day.

Yes, faith returns in December. May it be an abiding faith and a shared faith as we go forth in our generation engaged in "Our World Mission."

South Koreans Appreciate Liberty

We in America cannot appreciate liberty as much as the people in such countries as South Korea, where political freedom is a present-generation achievement, won through much bloodshed and heartbreak.

A gripping evidence of this came to our attention in a small item in the *New York Times* of December 3. The article stated that the president of the Republic of Korea, Dr. Syngman Rhee, had contributed \$4,000 for the relief of Hungarian refugees. Not only that, but "all South Korean Government officials voluntarily gave 10 per cent of their meager monthly salaries" to the International Red Cross for the same cause.

The needs in Korea itself are still great. Relief work there in the aftermath of their struggle for independence must go on with much outside help. But the government officials appreciate liberty so much that their hearts bleed for those in far-off Hungary who made an unsuccessful bid for a type of freedom that has been commonplace to us for many generations. In the thick of the struggle a group of besieged patriots sent out

word, "We have nothing left to give but blood." What a sad commentary on the present lack of adequate international machinery to guarantee the right of a people to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." We were able to help half of Korea gain the rights guaranteed by international agreement. Korea is a small country on the far edge of Communist domination; Hungary is too close to the center of the system to be helped. As yet we are not even able to send in a team of observers.

Americans are giving generously to Hungarian relief and to relief throughout the world out of their abundance, as hearts are stirred by love and pity. But in Korea something else is added to their motivation for tithing their meager salary checks. Love of freedom after generations of foreign domination, after the ravages of a recent war that thrice pulverized much of the Republic — that provides a reason for sharing.

The redeemed of the Lord, the men of good will, have to share. Prisoners pardoned at the foot of the gallows, drowning men dragged from the briny deep, slaves freed at the auction block, drunkards delivered from the clutches of alcohol, sinners saved from the brink of hell — do any of these need to be told to help their brethren in like circumstances? Do they need to be taught to tithe? Why, then, is the average giving in the Christian Church so far below one tenth of income?

Greetings

In the Name of Jesus

We of the Recorder staff and the publishing house wish to bring greetings in the name of Christ the Lord to all our readers far and near. The editor's voice is often heard but some 25 people working daily in the publishing house contribute silently through the year to producing this little magazine of Christian enlightenment. From all of us to all of you goes this simple greeting: May the good Lord bless you every one — and make you a blessing.

Underestimating Spirit in Political Struggles

From the Hungarian revolt against ruthless foreign domination we can learn one important lesson. "The movement in Hungary and Poland teaches us to set a higher estimate on the political importance of the spirit of a people than we have often done in the past." So claims a professor of theology at Bonn, Germany, Dr. Helmut Gollwitzer.

Ecumenical Press Service quotes his message to the German people as follows:

"We have allowed ourselves to be too much impressed by the enormous material power at the disposal of a 20th-century state, and have often been defeatist in our attitude to the power of the spirit. Now it has been proved that people cannot be permanently degraded into mere raw material for their rulers to mould just as they wish. They have given fresh significance to the words 'justice,' 'freedom,' and 'democracy' which we so often misuse. The spirit of the people has exercised such pressure, in face of the armored divisions and the secret police, that changes took place which we never would have believed possible, and of which we still cannot foresee the repercussions. Even the Soviets cannot prevent these repercussions, however much they want to do so, and they cannot, in the long run, prevent this transforming power from influencing themselves and their country.

"Although spiritual power alone is not sufficient to avert the menace of tyranny, nevertheless it is the decisive factor. If we recognize the significance of the moral forces which have been at work during the last few weeks, we must give up playing nervously with the idea of using the atom bomb, to which many people in the West still cling."

The theologian has given us something to think about. There is evidence that no matter how well controlled the news is which goes out from Soviet sources, some of the true significance of the Hungarian struggle does get out to surrounding nations. Perhaps we may yet see tyranny crumble before the mighty forces of spirit and truth. To be sure, force must be met

MEMORY TEXT

"Christ Jesus: . . . and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Philippians 2: 5a, 7b-8.

by force but the two are not necessarily of exactly the same kind. This is not a case where "turning the other cheek" would suffice, but possibly a case of "Fear not, little flock."

Not Living Up to His Name

At election time we noticed that a man bearing the name Bible was elected to Congress. We were tempted to comment on that name. Literature just received makes us thankful we did not. It appears that U.S. Senator Alan Bible, together with a Mr. McDonald, is the incorporator and principal owner of a \$1,500,000 gambling hall and sporting hotel and also of the two leading newspapers of Reno, Nevada. The "bouncers" in this gambling hall prior to the election repeatedly caused the arrest and jailing of boys and girls 9-12 years of age who were selling "Jesus Saves" signs outside this place of business, according to a notarized statement by Marrold Neil, founding president of God's Little Candles. News of these arrests did not get in the papers.

We once knew a man who divorced the wife he had lived with for many years, married another woman, and took her name. If Senator Bible is responsible for this violent treatment of children seeking to promote the central message of the Bible, we think he ought to either change his ways or change his name.

"Kant, and most of those who deny the possibility of petitionary prayer, are oppressed by the idea of nature as a closed system which imprisons personality. But the reverse of this is the truth. A law-abiding universe becomes the servant of the personality. Man's powers have not been decreased but vastly enhanced by universal law." Bonnell in *The Practice and Power of Prayer*.

Our World Mission

The Commission of General Conference

"We are one people, we must continue to be one people bound together by the sacred truth God hath called us to defend and promulgate" is a statement made in 1867. It was made as a result of a continued attempt to try to unify and thus to strengthen the work of the denomination.

Working with this purpose in mind, the Chicago Council was called in 1890; the Advisory Council was formed in 1897; the Executive Committee was enlarged in 1898; a Pre-Council appointed in 1900. This led to the General Advisory Board of Conference in 1905. In 1912, the first Commission was appointed. Changes were made in this body in 1918, and in 1921 there was an amendment to the constitution: "There shall be a Commission of the General Conference . . . nominated and elected in the same manner as other officers of the General Conference."

At the present time the by-laws of General Conference state that Commission "shall be composed of six members, consisting of pastors and laymen, among whom the president and first vice-president of the General Conference shall be included. The members of the Commission shall be as widely separated geographically as may be practicable, and two members shall be elected each year and hold office for three years, or until their successors are elected. . . ."

Duties: "It shall be the duty of the Commission to represent the General Conference, under the direction of the latter body, in all matters described and included in Article 9 of these by-laws as the 'prerogatives' of the General Conference, carefully considering from time to time the various matters therein described, advising the various denominational boards and societies when so requested by them, respectively, and providing for the program of the annual or other session of the General Conference. The Commission shall perform such other duties as the General Conference may impose, and shall make such reports as the General Conference may direct."

In recent years General Conference has

been placing more responsibility upon Commission. Yet it is important to recognize that unless charged otherwise Commission is limited to making recommendations to Conference. In the democratic process all action is that which is decided by General Conference as it meets in regular session.

"Creative leadership and initiative above and beyond the review of material presented by other denominational agencies is the function of the Commission which should be of most value to the denomination and which should receive the major time emphasis" is one of the rules established for the guidance of Commission several years ago and was endorsed by Conference in 1955 at the recommendation of the Committee on Reference and Counsel.

Your Commission this year is composed of three pastors: Charles Bond, Westerly, R. I.; Earl Cruzan, Adams Center, N. Y.; and David Clarke, Boulder, Colo.; and three consecrated laymen: Charles Harris, a teacher in Bridgeton, N. J.; Albyn Mackintosh, a consulting engineer of Los Angeles, Calif.; and LeRoy DeLand, a physician of Bellevue, Mich.

As they meet for the midyear meeting, they solicit your prayers that they may know the continual presence of God in all of their sessions and that they may receive guidance in creative leadership in the matters of denominational interest and growth to the end that we may be one people and that we may increase in the work of the Lord as a denomination. The meeting will be held in the Battle Creek, Mich., Church, December 31, 1956, to January 3, 1957.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God because He talked like incarnate deity; He thought like it, He planned like it, He died like it, rising from the dead in glorious vindication of it. I believe in Christ because He evidences the divinity of His person today by bringing new life to those who receive Him. What do we think of this man Jesus? Well, if you doubt what He says about Himself, ask Him to verify it in your own experience, surrendering to the truth He has to say about you. — Robert Boyd Munger in *What Jesus Says* (Fleming H. Revell Co.).

Conference President Visits Salemville

An invitation to visit the Salemville (Pa.) Church was extended by Rev. Edgar Wheeler about a month ago, one I was very glad to accept. It had been about twenty-five years since I was there with the Salem College Glee Club, and I have many friends in that community. In response to a request for some of our Shiloh folks to accompany me, eight of our interested members volunteered.

We drove to this western Pennsylvania community Friday afternoon, December 7, arriving in time for the evening service. The pastor conducted the service and led an interesting and informative Bible study. At the close, testimonies and prayers were given in which our group participated. Mrs. Elden Hitchner and Mrs. Ruth Harris sang a duet before the Bible study.

Sabbath day was a bit rainy but that did not dampen the spirit of those assembled for the services. We took our places in the Sabbath School at ten o'clock, with Joseph Boyd presiding and Warren Lippincott leading the singing. The classes were well attended, over seventy-five being present. It is easy to understand why an addition is being constructed at the back of the church to serve as classrooms for the children and young people. The structure is very nice and is nearing completion. It shows the sacrifice of many of the Salemville Church who love their Lord and the church.

The Christian education of our young folks in all of our churches should be given an important place in our prayers and plans if we are to train them properly.

At the church service which followed Sabbath School, Pastor Wheeler was the leader, and our Shiloh group was privileged to take a major part. Our mixed quartet sang "Remember Now Thy Creator," and Mrs. Martie Hitchner sang as a solo, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." The messages of the morning were: "Prayer in the Life of a Christian," by Mrs. Mary Ayars; "The Church — the Body of Christ," by Everett Dickinson; and "Spreading the Gospel and the Sabbath — Our World Mission," by the Conference president.

The theme of purity in the individual

Christian and in the Church in order to effectively carry forward "Our World Mission" was developed. Each message was given from a sincere heart. All of our group took some part in the services with Mrs. Leroy Rainear singing in the quartet with Mr. Dickinson, the president, and his wife Anita, and Mrs. Everett Dickinson and Miss Katherine Davis leading in testimony and prayer.

The Salemville folks expressed their appreciation of our presence, and we certainly received a rich blessing from the experience and fellowship. Many new friendships were formed and many were renewed. The hospitality extended to all of us by the people of the church will never be forgotten. While they labor on in a work of love, we will be continually praying for them and their work in the Lord.

EVANGELISM AND "THE BLESSED HOPE"

By Rev. Francis S. Johnson
Minister of the Seventh Day Baptist
Church of Auckland, New Zealand

Amid the world of darkness, sorrow, and sin, there comes to the Christian's heart the precious divine promise, "I will come again." Ringing down through the ages come the sweet words of our Master as recorded in John 14: 1-3: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself that where I am, there ye may be also."

John on the Island of Patmos says: "Behold he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him" (Rev. 1: 7) — a sublime picture of the return of our Lord in Glory. First Thess. 4: 16 and 17 tells us: "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." This inspired picture

by the Apostle Paul was written even for our day and generation. How sublime the picture here portrayed! We shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. We shall see Him face to face. Then the shadows shall fade into the eternal glad tomorrow, when shall end earth's night of sorrow, sin, and death. We shall inherit a land where there is no more death and no more pain — a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Beyond the sorrow of this old world, our tear-dimmed eyes can behold by faith God's glad tomorrow. We can say, "At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Some Greeks of old said to Philip, "We would see Jesus." My Seventh Day Baptist brothers and sisters, would you see Jesus? "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." If we would but look for a moment at the prophetic hourglass we would indeed be waiting and watching for our Lord's return. He is coming back again as King of kings, with all His holy angels with Him.

Have you made your peace with Him? Have you accepted His great salvation? Is your life hid with Christ in God? Have you received the pardon granted you at Calvary? Then my brother and sister, you will indeed be ready to meet Him when He comes, and be able to say, "This is our God; we have waited for him." He will say to you, "Fear not little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." But if you should not avail yourself of His salvation, then you will call for the rocks and the mountains to hide you from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne.

The ages have come and the ages have gone, but there will come a day when time shall usher in eternity. Let us each one as we see the sublime picture of our Lord's return, hasten to tell others of His redeeming love. Let every Seventh Day Baptist say with John the Revelator, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

As I view the world, with its wonderful increase of knowledge foretold in Daniel 12: 4, the printing press, railway trains, air travel, radio, television, submarines, and atomic energy, I realize more than ever that Jesus soon will come. Nahum tells us that chariots shall run with flaming torches in the day of the Lord's preparation. Our motor highways at night truly portray this vision of the long ago.

The light that beamed from Bethlehem, the shepherd song, and the story of Calvary marked the first coming of the world's Redeemer. Jesus on that never-to-be-forgotten moment of His departure left two angels to declare this message, "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

The night is far spent, the morning is at hand, God has blessed Seventh Day Baptists with the glorious light of the Gospel of His redeeming love, the truth of His unchangeable law, and the sacred rest of His holy day.

The last great conflict when it comes will be over the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Are we ready to fight the good fight of faith and behold on that glorious morn His wonderful face, and hear His sweet voice say, "Well done, good and faithful servant . . . enter thou the joy of thy lord"?

The days come and the days go, each moment is a marvelous opportunity for Seventh Day Baptists to witness for Him of the Gospel and of the Sabbath truth to all the world in this generation.

"He is coming once again, to set His people free,

That where He is in glory bright His saints may also be.

Then lift the drooping head, look up, rejoice and sing.

He comes in majesty sublime, salvation's glorious King."

"Nothing reveals a person more accurately than what he expects from life or has against it. Indeed, all thinking about destiny makes man a question to himself and ricochets back upon the thinker." — Roger Hazelton in **God's Way With Man.**

Missions

Universal Week of Prayer

The Universal Week of Prayer is to be observed in the churches January 6-11, 1957. Now is the time to order devotional material for use in churches, homes, or private devotions.

The theme of the devotional readings this year is "God's Word Through Prayer." It seems especially appropriate for Seventh Day Baptists to follow these suggestions, so closely related to our Conference president's theme, "Pray Without Ceasing."

The leaflets can be secured from the Joint Department of Evangelism, Office of Publication and Distribution, 120 East 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y., at ten cents per copy.

Nyasaland Pastors' Training

By Rev. David C. Pearson

On July 16, immediately following the sessions of our annual Central African Conference, our pastoral training classes convened at Makapwa.

Pastors attending the classes were: Hakison Gereman, Gallion Kadamanja, Gresham Kanyenya, Lamek Kawere, Addison Makhukwa, Witness Mankhanamba, Grant Msonkho, Leman Mungoni, Readson Mwango, Timothy Nkandawire, and Lookson Nothale. Others in attendance were: Amosi, Zackeu Joshua, Otrain Manan, Gezaman Mpopo, and Sedara Sagawa.

Classes were conducted both in the mornings and afternoons. Approximately six hours of instruction were given daily.

Misses Severe and Clement led a class in Soul Winning, having placed emphasis where emphasis is so sorely needed. The class was a big success.

Mrs. Pearson taught a class in Church History, beginning with a summary of the Apostolic Church and covering through the Church of the Reformation. She took her material from Halley's Bible Handbook, the Great Controversy by White, and a syllabus on Church History by Tabernacle Films. A filmstrip was shown in conjunction with this.

I led the morning class in such areas of

thought as: the Sabbath, Seventh Day Baptist Church History and Polity, the Holy Spirit, ways and means of better working together, and items of miscellaneous nature.

This brief report would not be complete apart from the mention of the classes recently held in the Northern Province. These classes were of shorter duration than those previously described, but were nonetheless beneficial to promote a better basis for working together.

Northern studies dealt in the doctrines of the Resurrection, the Judgments, Return of Christ, and the Sabbath.

Department of Foreign Missions Meeting at Buck Hill Falls

The annual meeting of the Division of Foreign Missions of NCC, was held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Nov. 26-30, 1956. There were approximately three hundred officials and workers in foreign missions from forty-five American Protestant denominations attending this five-day Conference. Secretary E. T. Harris of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society represented Seventh Day Baptists.

The theme of the seventh annual assembly was "The Worldwide Mission of the Worldwide Church." Dr. Raymond Dudley, chairman of the assembly program committee, struck the keynote for the meetings on the first evening. He illustrated the present mission situation with the story of a small boy who asked his father, "Dad, who killed the dinosaurs?" After giving the matter some thought his father answered, "Nobody killed the dinosaurs. The temperature of the earth changed. The dinosaurs did not change — they died." Doctor Dudley pressed home his point that it will be thus with missionary programs, policies, and administrative boards — either they will adapt themselves to meet new conditions and times or they will die. "We are met to consider the changes that must be made in order to match this new day with the age-old Gospel," he reminded us.

Messages were brought by young leaders of missionary churches abroad as well as outstanding leaders in the field of missions from this country. Out of such messages and discussion periods which followed

came many new thoughts on such themes as "Emerging Ecumenical Relationships," "Training the Messengers," "Stewardship of Our Resources," "Proclamation of the Gospel," and "Our Unfinished Task."

One problem which was considered was how to bring the average church member of this country to understand and appreciate the necessity for a better relationship toward the "younger" churches abroad. The young and vigorous native leadership of these missionary churches must increasingly be treated as equal members of the Worldwide Kingdom of Christ. Neither they nor we can tolerate an attitude of condescension toward them. The following information presented makes one think:

"Although Christians outnumber believers in other faiths, the worldwide growth of Christianity in recent years has failed to keep pace with the global increase in population. During the last quarter century the proportion of Christians in the world has slipped from 37 per cent of the total population to 32 per cent.

"There is a remarkable resurgence of non-Christian religions in Asia and Africa. The revival of Asia's long dormant native religions has been attributed to the new spirit of nationalism which is sweeping former colonial areas. Christianity has been severely handicapped in these areas because it has been identified as an export from the West."

We know that we must still obey our Savior's command to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel," and this includes Asia and Africa. To do this in spite of handicaps of growing opposition we are urged to work in closer cooperation with the younger churches whose native leadership will not be accused within their own countries of being "agents of a foreign ideology." These young leaders may still be called out by the Holy Spirit and be our representatives in a very real sense as we support them from afar with our prayers and loving concern. The Gospel message will still be preached and Christ's Kingdom will go forward. This is a part of the newer approach of working as part-

ners with the indigenous churches under native leadership.

After one hundred fifty years of the older approach of always sending missionaries from this country, it will be difficult for some church members here to understand and support the newer approach. And yet this is a part of the challenge in our day to meet changed conditions with new methods and strategy so that the evangelizing of all the world may go forward.

Evangelistic Emphasis In West Virginia Church

By Pastor Duane Davis

The Evangelistic Program of the Lost Creek, W. Va., Church came to a close on Sabbath, November 3, with Dr. Loyal F. Hurley's closing sermon, "Certainty of Salvation," but evidence of continual growth and outreach of interest show that evangelism did not end with that climax service.

The program, as outlined by the Missionary Board's field evangelist, included both lay visitation instruction and evangelism and a nine-day Preaching Crusade to strengthen the church and to help the members in their responsibility to invite others to "Come with us to Christ." Considerable preparation, prayer, and publicity went into the weeks and months before the coming of the evangelist, who began a series of three services on October 19, showing the church the necessity of every lay member sharing in bringing others to Christ.

These preaching services were followed by four evenings of Visitation Evangelism. Five teams, who had previously agreed to attend, met at the church each evening at six o'clock, where supper was provided by the Ladies' Aid. A brief period of instruction was given by the visiting evangelist, with the aid of a turn-over chart, "They went forth two-by-two," and then assignments were given for the teams to visit in behalf of Christ and His Church. Over fifty calls were reported for the four evenings of visiting, both in Lost Creek and in neighboring communities.

On the eve of the Sabbath, October 26, our series of preaching services called

"Sharing Our Faith," were begun. Dr. Hurley led the church and visiting friends in a series of thoughtful and inspirational messages, to help in the understanding and certainty of the Christian message and to make it clear enough for anyone to share it with others. An average congregation of fifty-five attended this rural church during the seven evenings with an average of one hundred at the two Sabbath morning services. New faces were seen at every service during the campaign, which revealed the interest gained through publicity and the visitation.

A number of decisions for Christ were made during the series, and a baptismal service was held in the Salem Church on Sabbath, Nov. 10, for those who wished to give testimony of their faith in the crucified and risen Lord through baptism. Several new members are being added to the church as a result of both the visitation and the preaching crusade and as an evidence of the prayers of the church. In addition to these visible signs of growth, and the deepening of the faith of loyal members of the congregation, plans for continuation of evangelistic outreach are being worked out. A Visitation-Evangelism organization held its first meeting on November 17 to plan for monthly meetings for instruction and to share their experiences and calling assignments. The callers will present the friendly invitation to discover the love of Christ and the message of His Seventh Day Baptist Church in this community.

Motivation for Larger Gifts

Dr. William H. Leach, editor of *Church Management*, in an article on church fundraising in the October issue points out that the story of the widow's two mites is passing out of the stewardship presentation. We quote:

"The story is still a wonderful illustration of a consecrated woman. But in the practice of raising money, experience has shown that men and women with financial resources are moved to larger giving not so much by the experience of the poor widow who gives her all as by the gift of a business associate who gives a substantial amount from his plenty."

WOMEN'S BOARD NEWS

By now every woman in our denomination should have her copy of "Our World Mission in British Guiana." If you have not received a copy, please see the keyworker in your society, as a quantity has been mailed to each church.

An envelope of packet material for three additional programs has also been sent to each society. It contained:

1. A missionary worship service on the March topic, "One Body in Faith," prepared by Mrs. Leland Davis, with program suggestions, and a questionnaire on the British Guiana booklet which we hope will be helpful in studying it.

2. A leaflet for the "Christian Careers" program entitled, "Possibly the Ministry?" The need for ministers is apparent to all of us. How many of our Seventh Day Baptist young men consider the ministry we do not know, but we do know that too few enter this field. Perhaps your society can encourage someone, after giving the matter study.

3. A self-addressed postcard questionnaire is enclosed for each program chairman to fill out to help the board to evaluate the program packets.

A new set of color slides picturing the committees and the work of the Women's Board has been prepared with a thirty-minute tape explaining the pictures. Included in this set is a series of pictures taken by Miss Joyce McWilliam of Milton, showing places where she assisted in Bible Schools last summer under the sponsorship of the Women's Board. Any society wishing to use the new slides and tape may order them from Mrs. Walter Wilkinson, 174 West St., Battle Creek, Mich.

We have not sent out any World Day of Prayer materials as several societies have said they receive their own materials through their community programs. In case you do wish to order any materials such as packets (50 cents), filmstrips, map (25 cents), emblem seals (sheet of 30 at 15 cents), the address is: National Council of Churches, P and D Dept., 120 E. 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y. The theme this year, March 8, 1957, is "Who shall separate us?" — A. D.

Christian Education Executives Meet at Columbus, Ohio

With a deep concern for the interests of Christian Education in our churches and the teaching of it in our churches, colleges, and seminaries, the executive secretaries of denominational Christian Education Boards met with the executive staff of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ, in Columbus, Ohio, November 19-20. Fifteen hours were spent in receiving and reviewing reports of activities and projecting new programs that call us to a realization of the work that is being done in Christian Education and the enormous needs in that field of endeavor.

We listened to Dr. Walter N. Roberts, president of the American Association of Theological Schools and president of the United Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio, as he informed us that in the Americas there are 79 accredited Schools of Theology, 43 associate members, 2 affiliated (outside of U.S.), and 50 others. The Association counts approximately 20,000 seminary students as of July 1, 1956. It was interesting to note that our School of Theology at Alfred, N. Y., was listed among the associate members. The Association of Theological Schools has some endowment from a philanthropic foundation which will be devoted to assisting theological students and others in research in what should be taught in a theological school and other research.

Since some denominations are merging and some are contemplating union, there was a discussion of the role of Christian Education Boards in church merger developments.

Other discussions that were held included: "The Church Distribution Study — Its Implication for Christian Education," "Developments in the Christian Education Television Project," the "Division of Christian Education's Future Policies in Weekday Religious Education," a "Proposed United Student Fellowship," and the "Meetings of the World Council of Christian Education" in Tokyo, Japan, in 1958. Seventh Day Baptists are en-

titled to 5 delegates at the World Council of Christian Education Convention.

We were afforded a two-hour tour of the American Lutheran Church Headquarters and Wartburg Press after the evening session Monday night.

Periods of worship set the mood for all of the meetings.

R. E. Z.

Better Training for Children In Church and in the Home

By Rev. Paul Maxson

[Thoughts inspired by attending the Character Research Project, Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., November 12-14.]

Religious education is five times more effective when backed up and reviewed by the parents in the home. This was shown by the method of pre-testing carried on by the leaders of the Character Research Project.

The Character Research Project is working with children from kindergarten age on through the senior-high-school age in preparing lessons for them so that they may realize their spiritual potential. They are helping them to know and want the love of righteousness and truth. In these lessons, the research project insists that the parents work with their children, helping them to find the truth. Where the parents fail to study and work with the children, those children have spotty vision of right and wrong and do not catch the vision of Christ living in and through them.

What I got from the conference was help in sifting out the tools that were best to use in teaching and training this generation to seek God, to find God, to serve God, as revealed in His Holy Word, the Bible.

Another thing is the importance of starting the training at a very tender age. Perhaps there are pastors who have people in their parish who think that a child may grow up naturally to the age when he may choose whether or not he wishes to go to the church services and attend Sabbath School. The conference impressed upon all of us that the Christian or religious training cannot begin too early. Babes in arms will hear the lullabies and

hymns being sung by their mothers. They will listen when the Bible is read and when prayer is offered. We may think that they were so small that they did not get any of the meaning or the significance of it, but they did, and will continue to learn more as they hear and see.

Parents share with the child especially at kindergarten age. The parent and child adventure together into the world, discovering right and wrong, which experience can be positive. The parent helps the child discover through words, as well as actions. Young children take their part in doing little chores around the house, first to help mother. Growing older, they are taught to take greater responsibilities in and around the home. Then at school they will have the opportunity of putting into practice the many truths that were taught them by the parents in the home.

I am sure that we as parents do not realize the great responsibility that is placed upon us to teach and train the child to love and obey God in all ways of life. We must try to take back some of the responsibilities that we have delegated to the public school, to the church school teacher, and to just about anyone who will take a little time or spend a little energy to teach our children right from wrong, and the many lessons that parents should have taken care of long ago.

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Young Seventh Day Baptist Administers Hungarian Relief Volunteers to Stay in Austria



LeRoy Burdick, son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. Burdick of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Waterford, Conn., is shown with a refugee farmer who was the recipient of an American heifer through Heifer Project, Inc. Mr. Burdick, whose period of alternative service under the auspices of the Brethren Service Commission expires in December, has agreed to continue his work in Austria for another two months in order to help meet the needs of the Hungarian refugees.

After graduation from Replogle High School of New Enterprise, Pa., and from college at Milton, Wis., Mr. Burdick was placed in the Church of the Brethren two-month training program at New Windsor, Md., in December of 1954, during which time he qualified for European service. A month as a control patient in the United States experimental hospital at Bethesda, Md., preceded his sailing for Kassel, Germany, the BSC headquarters in Europe, where he then participated in a two-month orientation program of language and culture study as well as the experience of living in a German family.

Since May, 1955, Mr. Burdick has been serving in Austria as the representative of Heifer Project, Inc., the organization that has distributed over 9,000 heifers to refugee farmers throughout the world, who in turn give the first calf to another farmer in need. "It is an unforgettable picture to watch farmers, once victims of World War II and then of Communism, now attempt to begin life in a free land,"

observes Mr. Burdick. With a final distribution of sixty heifers planned for January of 1957, Mr. Burdick will bring his work in alternative service to a close.

CHURCHES SEND REFUGEE TEAM TO AID HUNGARIANS

A three-man special Church World Service Hungarian Refugee Assistance Team left Idlewild International Airport, New York, for Vienna December 5, to work for the next two months in aiding Hungarian and other eastern European refugees from tyranny who seek resettlement in the United States.

The team is composed of the Revs. Arpad Beretz (Evan. and Ref.), Wallingford, Conn.; Nicholas Sewell (Presb.), Groveland, N. Y.; and Alexander Jurisson (Estonian Ortho.). All of them have command of the languages required.

Of the 21,500 Hungarian refugees authorized by Presidential action to be brought to the United States by January 1, upwards of 7,500 are expected to be resettled in this country under sponsorship of the constituent denominations of Church World Service.

More About Hungarian Relief

Nothing about the Hungarian situation can be really up to date when it appears in a weekly publication, especially at this season of the year when the mails are delayed. The latest news we heard before writing this note was that another revolt against tyranny was under way. Whatever the outcome, relief needs will increase rather than diminish. When we hear the appeals from the many organizations sponsoring such relief, it is well to remember that our gifts of clothing, food, or money are appreciated more and are administered more effectively if sent through church channels. Unless we have direct church connections in the neighboring countries it is suggested that any gifts we may feel impelled to give may well be sent to the largest Protestant relief agency, Church World Service, 215 Fourth Ave., New York 3, N. Y.

CWS has already sent much food, clothing, medicines, and other supplies to political and disaster victims and refugees from Hungary.

November Church Attendance

Up to the present time the November attendance figures received at this office represent only about twenty per cent of our churches — too small a number to evaluate the results of the local emphasis on increased participation in all the services of the church which was called for by our Conference president. Last year the tabulation at a somewhat later date showed nearly thirty per cent of the churches making at least a partial report. We therefore confidently expect to get figures from quite a few more churches. Most of the statistics now at hand are from the small churches where attendance is usually more stable.

In fairness to the pastors and leaders who made the effort to send in the attendance promptly we quote a few figures. Of the larger churches Shiloh, N. J., has made a significant gain over last year. The morning services were: 177, 168, 171, 181, an average of 174.2 compared with 153.2 last year. Sabbath School attendance at Shiloh showed an increase in average from 130.3 to 138. Prayer meeting attendance declined from 41 to 34. At the Pawcatuck Church Westerly, R. I., there was also some significant change. Prayer meeting both years averaged 27. Sabbath School increased this year from 66.3 to 69.3. Church was up in average from 96.3 to 115.5. At no time during the month was it below 100 and on Homecoming day it went to 150.

Lost Creek, W. Va., reports an average this year of 88.2. Last November the morning worship was 72.1. This increase is due, no doubt, to considerable extent, to the arrival of a new pastor and the conducting of a Preaching Mission. Attendance declined from 106 the first week to 73 the last week.

Denver, Colo., ranged from 98 (quarterly meeting) to 63 with an average of 75.7 compared with a 68 average a year ago.

At Berlin, N. Y., the average at the morning services was only a fraction higher than last year (35.5). Plainfield, N. J., did not report last year but showed a steady increase during this November: 48, 64, 72, 82. Prayer meeting averaged relatively good and Sabbath School attendance was higher, partly due to the presence of

local members of the Piscataway Church.

The little church of Putnam Co., Fla., averaged about 6 at all of its services, much the same as last year. The two meetings of the Buffalo Fellowship were well attended, with 20 on the third and 25 on the seventeenth. Waterford, Conn., showed a high relationship between prayer meeting (15) and morning worship (27), which was slightly higher than a year ago.

Rockville, R. I., with a new pastor showed Sabbath School slightly higher than church, which averaged 23.4. Last year the average was 13 for Sabbath School and 20 for church. At Second Hopkinton there was no report last year. This year the figures show a church average of 10 and Sabbath School average of 16.5. Hammond, La., with no report last year, now has an average of 36.8. Friendship, N. Y., also not on the list last year reports an average of 12. — Ed.

Dates Set for Midyear Commission Meeting

The Commission of the General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists which always meets during the Christmas holidays will hold that meeting this year in Battle Creek, Mich., from Monday, December 31, through Thursday, January 3. Albyn Mackintosh of Los Angeles is chairman of the 6-man body again this year, and the new executive secretary of Conference, Mrs. Fetherston of Battle Creek, serves as secretary. She is chairman of the Planning Committee which will meet on Sunday, December 30. The Co-ordinating Council (composed of the Commission and two representatives from each of the major boards) will get together on Monday afternoon to consider the matters which concern the larger group, particularly the evangelistic outreach of the denomination.

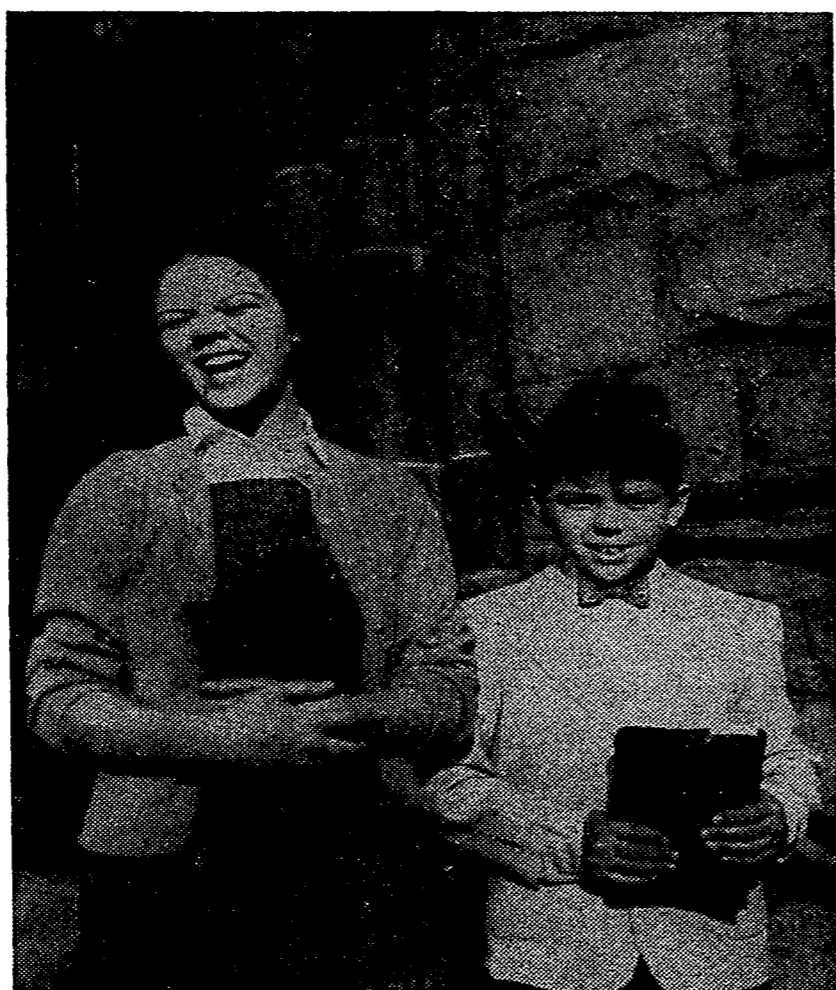
Ministerial Training

The Conference committee charged with planning for the adequate training of the future Seventh Day Baptist ministry has announced that it will hold a meeting at the denominational headquarters in Plainfield, N. J., the last weekend of December. This Ministerial Training Committee has important decisions to make regarding policy, program, and finances.

Teen Talk

Our First Bibles

We and our mother have been attending Sabbath School and church only a few weeks. Before that time we had not gone to church anywhere, at least not for a



long time. Our father and mother are not of the same faith. Now we are so glad that someone comes and gets us every Sabbath morning. We are learning to say "Sabbath School" instead of "Sunday School," although it still seems a little strange.

Why are we so happy in this picture taken on the front steps of the church? Two or three days ago, Mother brought home a zipper Bible for Laura, who is 13. Yesterday when she came home from the office she had a very nice Bible for Sandy (that's what they call me). We never had a Bible of our own before. That's why we are so happy.

We think our new Bibles are wonderful and we really do need them in our classes. I recited all the minor prophets perfectly this morning and got credit for it in the contest that the members of our class are having each week.

They told us that today was Bible Sab-

bath all over our denomination. This special observance of "The Bible's Day" is promoted by the American Bible Society. That is the organization that printed the new Bibles which we are holding in our hands. We are glad that we could have our first Bibles on this important day.

In the front of the church today instead of a basket of flowers on the Communion table there was a very large open Bible with a tall white candle standing on one side and a spray of pine on the other side. It looked very nice, but not half as nice as the Bibles we are holding which are our very own.

We have asked for copies of this picture to remind us always of the first day that we were able to carry our own Bibles to church. We hope that many other teen-age and junior-age young folks who haven't yet learned to love the Bible will get gifts like ours very soon, perhaps for Christmas.

New Parsonage at Boulder Occupied

The pastor at Boulder, Colo., David S. Clarke, a member of Commission, when writing to the Tract Society in Plainfield, N. J., about other matters, calls to our attention his new address, 1648 Ninth Street. The former, rather inadequate, parsonage on Bluff Street was across the city from the church. The new one is just next door. The pastor says that he and his family are thrilled with the space and convenience of their new home.

Visitors coming to Boulder should now find it much easier to contact the pastor and to visit the church if they arrive at times when services are not going on.

Church bulletins indicate that various organizations within the church are busily engaged in fund-raising projects to help pay for the new parsonage. Indeed, these bulletins are a joy to read because they call attention to so many things outside the local church.

One such interesting item was the announcement about a Japanese flier, Mr.

Fuchida, who was to speak in the high school. Now a Christian, Mr. Fuchida was one of the fliers who engaged in the Pearl Harbor attack — one of the few who lived to see the end of the war.

Another item reports that the church has contracted for a new Communion table and invites the people to give toward it as a memorial to the late Orville Rasmussen.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PALATKA, FLA. — On November 3 the first Seventh Day Baptist Church of Putnam County observed "Men and Missions" Sabbath. Messages were given by Joseph Price and Alfred Blix. Pastor Beebe read excerpts from a message prepared by Paul V. Beebe who is a Junior, majoring in Humanics, at Oglethorpe University, near Atlanta, Ga. Following this Pastor Beebe spoke of our Seventh Day Baptist missions, locating them on a map of the world. This was in line with the emphasis on our world mission rather than our budget, as suggested by the General Conference.

On November 24 we had our Thanksgiving service and Homecoming. Some, unable to be present, sent messages. The service was built around the idea of "Thankfulness for God's Love." After church the company went over to the parsonage and enjoyed a fellowship dinner. We made plans for strengthening the work of the church for young people in the coming months.

BUFFALO, N. Y., FELLOWSHIP. — We hold our meetings the first and third Sabbaths of the month in the Union Road Community Church in Cheektowaga, N. Y., at 11 o'clock. We believe we have a message of truth in the Gospel of God in Jesus Christ and the worship on the Sabbath of the Bible. One of our chief witnesses to our love of God in obeying His commandments is to worship on the seventh day of the week. We believe that the seventh day on our calendar (Saturday) is actually and historically the same day that our Lord worshiped upon "as his custom was." If we "keep" it in love and gratitude, we believe it is more pleasing to God than if we hallowed any other day of the week. If we "keep"

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 29, 1956

All Things Made New

Lesson Scripture: Rev. 21: 1-8, 22-27.

The Sabbath Recorder



THE CHRISTMAS CHILD

By JOHN UNDERWOOD STEPHENS

Honor the Babe in the bed of grass,
 Whom worshipping sheep and ox and ass
 Adore with monarch and sage bent low
 Over fragrant gifts in the circling glow.
 Hark to the tramp as the heedless pass!
 Only a Babe in a bed of grass?
 Only a Babe in a manger bed:
 Then sleep while Thou mayest, haloed head.
 The world, though weary of night and sin,
 Is wary of asking a Saviour in.
 Hush to the clangor and heedless tread!
 Angels are watching the manger bed.
 Beautiful Babe in the hay asleep,
 Thy crucified hands for us shall weep,
 And scarlet tears from Thy feet shall fall
 For the scarlet sins that betray us all,
 Broken of heart on a skull-formed steep.
 How see we only a Babe asleep?



it selfishly and stubbornly, we might as well not worship at all; nothing honors God unless done in His spirit of love.

In His spirit then we invite every person in the Buffalo area to come and be a witness to eternal truth as best we can perceive it. The address of the secretary of the Buffalo Fellowship is Miss Shirley Bottoms, Farnham, N. Y. — Church Bulletin.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The Saunders family left North Loup the last week in October and after spending the weekend with the Colorado churches, went on to their new pastorate at Los Angeles, Calif. The Sunday evening preceding their departure they were given a farewell party at the church.

Mrs. Leona Babcock now prepares the bulletins, Deacon Aubrey Davis is counselor for the young people's group, and Mrs. Ava Johnson, with a committee, plans the Friday night meetings.

The Lord's Acre Committee planned a soup and pie supper for Thursday, Nov. 29, to be followed by a sale.

In recent weeks the pulpit has been supplied by E. H. Sohl of the E.U.B. Church in Mira Valley; Mr. Sawyer of North Loup, an organizer of young people's groups; Merle Steeley, a missionary home on furlough from Nigeria, Africa; and Mr. Brantham of Horace, Neb.

Four babies were recently dedicated: Russel Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Williams; Janece Mari, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Goodrich; and George Edwin and Victor Ted, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clement.

A Boy Scout troop has been organized by the Lion's Club with Ronald Goodrich as scoutmaster.

Miss Merle Davis, Mrs. Nina Johnson, Mrs. Grace Mayo, and Mrs. Jennie Bee have gone to various parts of California to spend the time of cold weather.

— Correspondent.

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Accessions

Salemville, Pa.

By Letter:
 Edgar F. Wheeler
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Lost Creek, W. Va.

By Baptism:
 Nancy Alice Loofboro
 Phyllis Randolph (Mrs. Rex F.)

By Letter:
 Duane L. Davis
 Katherine Davis (Mrs. Duane L.)

Plainfield, N. J.

By Baptism:
 Judy North
 Roger North
 Sylvia Poulin
 Marlene Poulin

By Letter:
 Louis Gauch
 Jeannette Duryea (Mrs. Wilbur)
 Ethel Rogers
 Deacon Frank R. Kellogg
 Mertie M. Kellogg (Mrs. Frank R.)
 Deacon George Crandall

Births

Kagarise. — A son, Bryan Kerry, to Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Kagarise of New Enterprise, Pa., on July 2, 1956.

Ebersole. — A son, Steven William, to Mr. and Mrs. William Ebersole, of Baltimore, Md., on February 2, 1956.

Dimond. — A daughter, Susan Kaye, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dimond of New Enterprise, Pa., on April 2, 1956.

Correction. — The Goodrich baby's name (Dec. 3 issue) is John instead of George.

Obituaries

Babcock. — Herman C., son of Oscar and Martha Babcock, was born June 19, 1886, at Humboldt, Neb., and died at Nortonville (Winchester Hospital), Kan., Oct. 23, 1956.

Mr. Babcock's family moved to Nortonville when he was 8 years old. On April 30, 1913, he married Lenna Bond, who survives him. He was a life-long member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church. Although his health had been poor for several years, death came unexpectedly.

Surviving besides his wife are seven children: Zella, at home; Vera McWilliams, Milton, Wis.; Ruby August, Atchison, Kan.; June Johnson, Gashland, Mo.; Evelyn of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; Osmond, Nortonville; Paul, Derby, Kan.; a sister, Mrs. Madie Coppinger, Nortonville; and two brothers, Phillip of Horton and Glen of Valley Falls; 18 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. — L. B. B.