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gave fire to three servants. The first servant went out into the world carrying his torch high. Presently he came to some people groping in the darkness because they had no light. The servant said, "They shall have light," and gave to them some of his fire. The second servant likewise went forth with his torch of fire. He came to a group of men huddled together in the cold, for they had no heat. The servant said, "They shall have fire for warmth," and gave to them some of the fire.

The third servant left with his fire. But he said, "This fire is precious. I must keep it at any cost. I will hide it in my heart where I shall always be able to draw upon it. It shall not perish."

Sometime later the master met the three servants and asked about the fire which he had given to each. The first two told their story. When the third told what he had done the master demanded to see the heart which contained the fire. When he had opened it, he found within nothing but charred walls and white ashes.

It is a temptation for the church, or even for a pastor to take great pride in certain good works of the church. It may make growth, adding to its numbers and its budget. Even our denomination may make certain strides towards a stronger program, but if we pride ourselves on our meager accomplishments and keep to ourselves the fire which we may possess, we, too, may find that instead of a pure heart we have a charred one.

Partial Commitment

The final barrier to willing one thing is "commitment to a certain degree." This barrier is illustrated by the story of the

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.

reformed burglar who prayed, "Lord, keep me from the sin of stealing, but first grant me one more successful burglary to live on."

"Simeon Stylites" in Christian Century tells of the incident in church history where a certain general forced his whole army into a river to be baptized while the priest stood on the bank reciting the proper formula for baptism. But as his soldiers were being thus baptized, he made certain that their sword hands were kept from the water, because he didn't want that part of any of his soldiers baptized. Then in typical fashion, Simeon makes the observation that there are a great many people in our churches today who are only partially baptized. He suggests that many who join our churches are careful that their pocketbooks are not baptized with the heart.

I think that of all the areas in which double-mindedness is operative in our churches and denomination, this is probably the most destructive. For though we appear to will the good, and though we have given ourselves in commitment to God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we have not been willing to go all the way. We have kept back a portion of ourselves from full service to Him. Perhaps Weymouth's translation of our text illustrates this most pointedly: "And make your hearts pure you who are half-hearted towards God."

We, like the rich young ruler, have failed in large measure to receive the promise because we have been only half-hearted in our commitment. We have not gone all the way. We have put our hand to the plow, but our eyes have been turned in the other direction, and so we are not fit for the Kingdom.

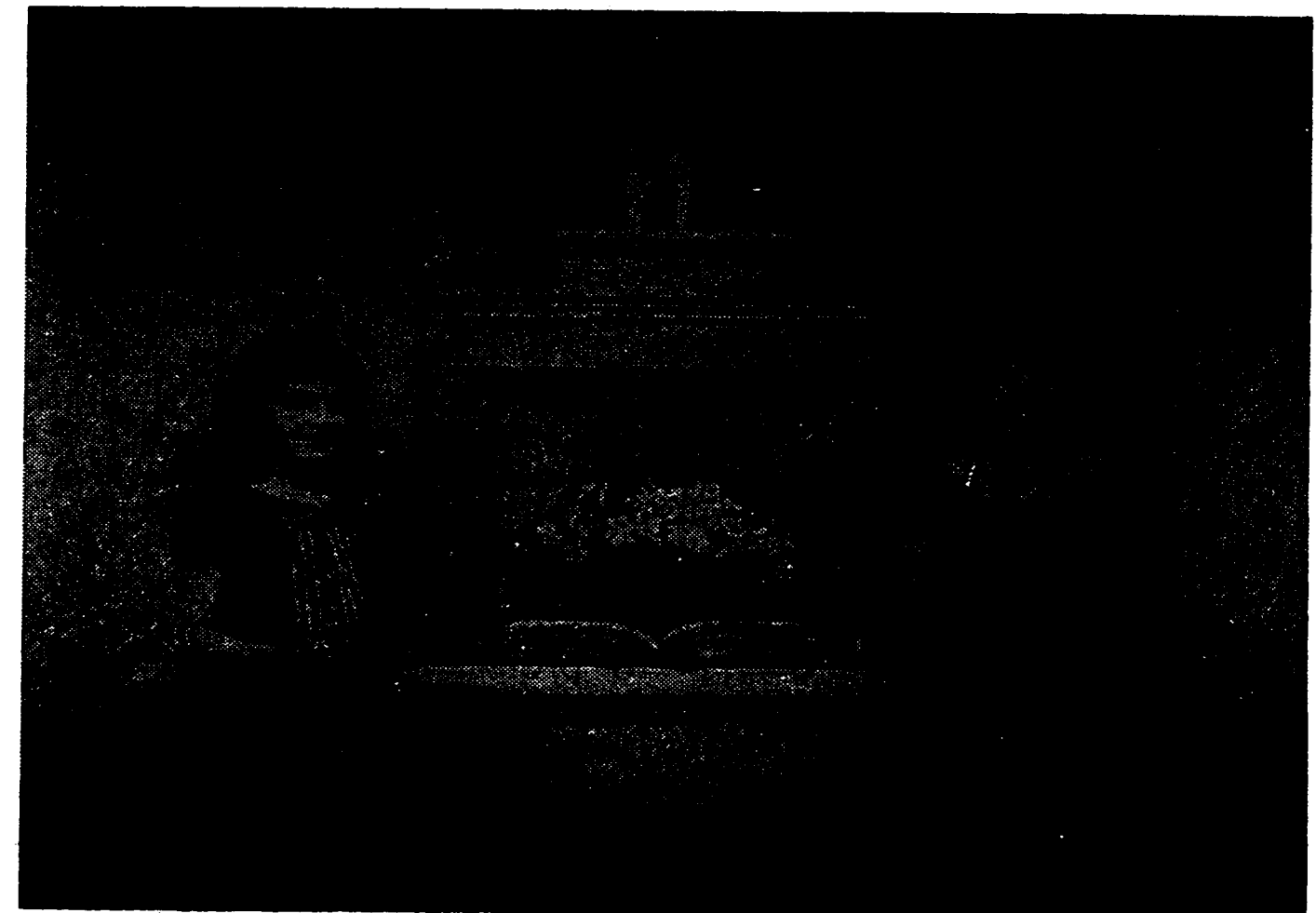
But it is not too late to turn to the Lord with a pure heart.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

Cleanse your hands, ye sinners,

And purify your hearts ye men of double mind.

"There is nothing more irrational than a man using his reason to prove the universe is irrational." — Lecomte du Nouy.



"Bring an offering and come into his courts."

The Bible says, "A little child shall lead them." These charming daughters of Robert Butler, Jr., are the regularly appointed ushers of the Paint Rock, Ala., Church helping the congregation to present their tithes and offerings each Sabbath. See story inside.

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The article "Permitted to Suffer" in last week's Recorder was written some time ago by Rev. Allen Bond.

Supreme Court Ruling on Obscene Literature

Freedom of religion and freedom of reading are by no means the same thing. They are alike in this, that there is sharp difference of opinion within our nation as to how much restriction can be placed on those freedoms by state and federal legislation. The issue in the first case may be said to be drawn more or less along party lines — the parties in this case being Protestant and Catholic.

When it comes to freedom of reading, the party lines mentioned above largely fade out. The matter came before the Supreme Court because certain well-meaning local and state laws against obscenity in reading matter were felt to be an invasion of the rights of adult citizens. People everywhere are rightly concerned with rooting out the causes of juvenile delinquency. Passion-inflaming books undoubtedly contribute to the corruption of youth. That, however, does not mean that every law, curbing the sale of books which ought not to be read by immature readers, is a carefully worded, wise law.

It is much the same with many other freedom restricting laws aimed at promoting the general welfare. The question arises as to whether bans on Sunday sales or work and bans on certain books will establish a precedent of law which later on will be seen to be against the general welfare of the people they were designed to protect. We can be thankful for a Supreme Court to adjudge such cases. It is an added, though not perfect, protection. Our generation has seen what many considered to be a "packing" of the court to bring in "younger blood" favorable to the "New Deal." Any human court has the possibility of error in its majority opinion.

The case in mind is one involving the State of Michigan and a book dealer convicted for selling a questionable novel. In an opinion written by Justice Felix Frankfurter which reversed the Michigan conviction, the Supreme Court declared:

"The state insists that by thus quarantining the general reading public against books not too rugged for grown men and women in order to shield juvenile innocence, it is exercising its power to promote the general welfare. Surely this is to burn the house to roast the pig."

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Here is a lesson in picturesqueness and simplicity of language, to say the least. The reference is, we believe, to "A Dissertation on Roast Pig," by Charles Lamb. If we recall correctly, the pleasing taste of roast pork was discovered quite by accident when a house with a pig in it burned down. Afterwards there was quite a housing shortage until the ignorant people learned other methods of roasting pig.

Surely we want to take our stand with those who would provide clean literature for our teen-agers rather than with those who would corrupt their minds for personal monetary gain. However, we should be careful, as our highest court seems to have been, to guard the freedom of reading. Reading bans could be manipulated to serve the purpose of ruthless dictatorship even in our land.

A local dealer in second-hand books rises to the defense of the reading taste of youth. He claims that when he put all of his lurid paper-bound books out of the reach of youth he found that it was adults rather than teen-agers who kept calling for them. The young folks did not particularly want them. The better paper-bound books and back issues of the National Geographic magazines were in demand by high school students.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Sacrificial Giving Suggestions

We do not have a vital interest in Shelton College and its rather desperate financial crisis. To us it is just one of those colleges with a strong Christian testimony which ought to be allowed to keep its doors open. We cite the following paragraph from the president just to show how people responded when the bank started foreclosure proceedings on a \$200,000 demand mortgage on February 9. The people who responded felt that it was the Lord's work. Our World Mission is the Lord's work also.

"As I write to you today, March 1, we have \$125,000 towards our \$200,000 goal. These have been days of waiting on God and deep spiritual experience. How could I doubt the hand of God when: One man made a bank loan of a thousand dollars

to send it to the college — another turned in a \$5,000 retirement fund — still another had \$3,000 saved for his children's education and invested it for this crisis — another had \$2,500 for a trip abroad and put it at our disposal — some cashed in valuable stock — others cashed U.S. Savings Bonds — a missionary on furlough gave us her entire allotment check — missionaries on the field responded — hundreds of people gave in extreme sacrifice. How can we doubt God's hand now? You have encouraged us tremendously."

Editor Takes Vacation

By way of explanation of references which may appear from time to time in editorial material in succeeding issues it should be stated that Editor and Mrs. Maltby took a thirteen-day vacation motor trip to Florida beginning Thursday, March 21. The trip included a Sabbath with the church folks at Paint Rock, Ala., attendance at the first Fuller Seminary Bible Conference at Boca Raton, Fla., from Monday evening to Friday noon, and a Sabbath spent with the Seventh Day Baptists in the Daytona Beach area. This welcome vacation with all its pleasant and profitable experiences was made possible by the willingness of personnel of the publishing house to take on the added responsibility of putting together the Recorder material for two issues.

Recorder Comment

Harrisburg, Ill.

"Thank you for reminding us of the Recorder. Yes, we would like to have it. Please date our subscription from the . . . issue which you sent us."

Minnesota — In the past we have been inclined to keep our copies of the Sabbath Recorder but we are hoping to remember to pass them on to our friends from now on.

Lent. "Everwhere there is a landslide down the slippery blind alley of forty days of religion — when consecrated, dedicated whole lives are needed. . . ."

— Lois F. Powell.

The Children's Church

When one speaks of children's church the reference is usually to a service for children conducted at the same time as the adult worship. At Paint Rock, Ala., the morning worship following the Sabbath School hour may well be called children's church because of the high percentage of youngsters in the audience. The outreaching ministry of the church is largely pointed toward the poor children of the rural families living on the mountain or the fertile bottom land. There are bright and attractive children of church members to make the nucleus of the larger group. Here is one church where the new and beautiful building gives more pew space to children than to adults.

Some of the children appear at church in overalls. A few of the adults also are dressed in clothing which most people would associate with a workday rather than the Sabbath. It is probable that the Sabbath convictions of quite a few are not yet well established from the Scriptures, but undoubtedly all wear their best clothes to church.

Many people throughout the denomination have taken an interest in the Paint Rock Church. It is as sturdy and substantial apparently as its neat edifice erected to the memory of Jim Butler, an Air Force captain who failed to return from a flight mission in 1942. The church in

many respects stands as a living testimony to the undaunted faith of Mrs. Robert Butler, Sr. She and her husband are large land owners. Their home, two or three miles from the church, looks out upon a broad expanse where large flocks of sheep and herds of beef cattle graze on the new spring grass. From the church one looks up the wooded slopes of a long mountain and sees a house standing against the high skyline. Most of the mountain belongs to the Butlers. They are well known at Woodville, Paint Rock, Huntsville, and throughout the county.

There is no reason to mention the prominence of this Christian family except to point out that almost coextensive with the respect for their economic position is the respect for their consistent Sabbath convictions. When their children were the only Seventh Day Baptists in the schools everyone knew that there would be no participation in sports, music, classes, or anything which was not religious on the sacred day. The schools adjusted their programs accordingly. Today their children and their wives are the leaders of the church and their grandchildren give promise for the future. Two of that third generation receive the morning offering with dignity and grace uncommon to girls so young.

Active in the church is Miss Golda Gerat, a retired nurse who had military



Family and friends gather at Butler home. Adults, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Mrs. A. T. Bottoms, Mr. Bottoms, Mrs. Ralph Soper, Mrs. Robert Butler, Jr., Robert, Mrs. Leon Maltby, Mrs. John Butler, and John.

MEMORY TEXT

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Psalm 90: 12.

service in World War I. She takes an early bus from Huntsville, some 20 miles away, arrives an hour or two before time for Sabbath School, and spends considerable time reading after church while she waits for a bus to take her home. The story of her tract distribution work and other activities may be expected in an illustrated article in a later issue.

Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Bottoms, teachers in a high school on the border of Georgia and Alabama some 60 miles to the east, are also active in the church program. For years they have led out in helping the poor in communities where the need was great. Mr. Bottoms and Mrs. Butler are brother and sister.

The pastor, Rev. Ralph Soper, and his wife, have labored faithfully on this field, promoting evangelism and leading the church through some of the difficult times that are common to all small churches.

The Paint Rock Church has a personal interest in foreign missions to which they have contributed more than money. The youngest daughter of the Butlers, Bettie, who now serves with her husband David Pearson on the Nyasaland field, keeps her family posted through letters that arrive regularly each week. Readers of the Recorder may look for another story of nationwide interest about the connection between our Nyasaland missionaries and one of Ralph Edwards' "This Is Your Life" television programs. Not long ago a young woman from Nyasaland embraced the mother of Bettie Butler Pearson at Huntsville, Ala. It is a touching story, a real sequel to the TV program just mentioned.

There is a great difference between Christian faith and Christian experience. The danger of experience is that our faith is made to rest upon it, instead of seeing that our experience is a doorway to God Himself. — Oswald Chambers.

Christians in Russia Are Communists

By Rev. Paul E. Freed

The great paradox of Russia today, at least to the American mind, is that Russia is full of Christians who are also professed Communists. That is what the Rev. Paul E. Freed, of Greensboro, N. C., found on a recent trip to Russia.

Mr. Freed is president of International Evangelism, an independent missionary organization which, since 1954, has operated the Voice of Tangier, an international Christian radio station located in North Africa. This station reaches not only Russia but Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, and Hungary, as well as the rest of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East.

"I found the Christians whom I met in Russia," Mr. Freed said, "evangelical and really out and out for the Lord. But I had a shock when all of them said categorically that they were Communists."

One young Russian said to him: "Of course you know that Jesus Christ was a Communist and the Bible teaches Communism. Therefore, all good Christians are Communists."

"I realized," Mr. Freed went on to say, "that Russian Christians are also a part of the Soviet system and either do not dare to criticize it, or their religious liberty would be in danger, not to mention their lives. Or perhaps they really believe this. They insist they have religious liberty in Russia."

In Moscow, a city of six or seven million people, there is one Protestant church — Baptist. There is also one Jewish synagogue, and one Roman Catholic church. Mr. Freed found that many former churches are now used as museums or public buildings. In this Baptist church in Moscow, people met twice on Sunday and once each weekday. Time and again the people were asked not to come to more than one service because of the overcrowding. The morning Mr. Freed spoke, about 2,200 people heard him, chiefly old women.

"Be sure to preach Christ," one leader told him earnestly. "Don't talk about

anything else. The people love to hear about the Lord Jesus Christ but are not interested in other things."

Mr. Freed felt that this injunction held a warning not to get into other fields, that the leaders had to be careful not to touch on other matters and issues. However this was the only limitation he encountered in his preaching, although wherever he went and spoke, there was always a so-called guide in the meeting.

"I have heard of no persecution of Christians in recent months," Mr. Freed said in reply to a question. "In the approximately five thousand Baptist churches in Russia, there is outward freedom of speech and worship."

Publication of Bibles and Christian literature, however, is another matter. Mr. Freed tried to learn about this from the leaders but all they told him was that things were going well and more material was being printed. When he asked for specific titles, he was told that a new hymn-book would be off the press shortly.

"I had the strong feeling that there had been a real curtailment of Christian literature," Mr. Freed said, "but that recently some of the restrictions had been relaxed. My judgment is that, generally speaking, there is more religious liberty and tolerance in Russia than we think. There is a tremendous opportunity to reach these peoples. The sad part, though, is that almost all the young people are atheists. The faces at all the meetings are not young faces but those of older people, primarily women. The youth of Russia must be reached!"

Mr. Freed has been invited to return to Russia for a two or three months' speaking tour across the country. He hopes to do this within the next year.

MEDITATION

By Virginia Vess

To look up in the face of God
Through nature's open door,
To read the language of the stars
In evening's metaphor,
To find that in life's every phase
God's love is woven through,
Is but to realize God delights
In taking care of you.

Dedication of Jamaica Buildings Marks Start of Evangelistic Work

A pastoral letter sent out by Mission Supervisor Leon Lawton to all the Seventh Day Baptist churches on the island a few weeks ago announced plans for dedicating the first entirely new buildings on the site of the vocational school. The dedication of the chapel and the first memorial classroom was scheduled for Sunday, March 24, according to the letter. A large printed poster accompanied the letter.

(The classroom was not quite finished on March 24 and will be dedicated a little later.)

The building of the chapel, financed and supervised by Winfield Fitz Randolph, was completed in record time. The program featured also the dedication of a stained glass window, brought down to the island by Mr. Randolph. Supervisor Lawton appealed to all the churches to try to send delegates to the service beginning at 3 p.m. Each church was asked to dedicate a pew in the new chapel, if possible, naming a representative well in advance "to do the honors for the church."

The first separate classroom on the property was constructed at the same time as the chapel since funds were available from a special gift to the Women's Board. The second classroom, dependent on our World Mission funds, has to wait.

Announcing the prolonged evangelistic effort, the first to be conducted at this new center of missionary activity, Mr. Lawton wrote thus to the leaders of the churches:

"On the night of the twenty-fourth special evangelistic services will begin in the Maiden Hall Chapel which will continue nightly for two weeks, with the exception of the nights after the Sabbath. These services will be conducted by the various pastors. It is hoped that many people from the area will be reached for the Lord.

"We are asking the special prayers of your church for these services! If you have a choir or musical group that would be able to come and participate one of these evenings, would you please let us know in order that we may include them on the program."

The supervisor of the field evidently feels that his people on the island must

Soul-Winning Sabbathkeepers

By Carlton W. Wilson, Philadelphia

Sabbathkeepers Can and Should Be Soul Winners!

I thank the Lord for His Sabbath Day which has been a real blessing to me in my every endeavor. Do I as a Sabbathkeeper have a problem in becoming a soul winner? If so, how can I overcome every obstacle that would curtail my effectiveness in winning souls for Christ?

Let's look at the need for soul winning. There are 20,000,000 youth in America that never go to church. Think of all the unsaved in the church and the others outside of it! I believe that millions want to give their heart to the Lord but don't know how. The fact is that the harvest is white and **God's problem is with the laborers.** Shall we examine ourselves before God and see where we stand spiritually?

Jesus told Nicodemus that a man must be born of water and the Spirit (John 3: 5). Do we really belong to God? Are we redeemed? (1 Pet. 1: 18-19; Col. 1: 13-14; 1 Cor. 6: 19-20.)

Have I been to the upper room for the filling of the Spirit? (Acts 1—2; Rom. 12: 1-2; Jas. 3: 17-18; Heb. 13: 20-21.)

Do I love to be alone with the Lord in meditation? (Ps. 16: 11.)

Do I love to read His Word and hide it in my heart? (Jer. 15: 16; Heb. 4: 12; Phil. 2: 16.)

Do I have a prayer list and go before

be constantly reminded of their financial responsibility. His letter continues:

"During the last few months the contributions to the 'Shilling Drive' have been very small. As you are aware, these funds help to meet the regular semiannual payments on the property. We are urging all Seventh Day Baptists to rededicate themselves to the shilling drive and send their regular contributions to the treasurer of the Board of Christian Education, Mrs. Alma D. Brissey, 29 Charles St., Kingston."

There will be further reference to this great day of dedication and evangelism in future issues of the Recorder. Watch for the news of missionary projects on this and other foreign fields.

the Lord with it, then thank Him for each victory? (Prov. 11: 30.)

How many people have I asked to pray for me as a soul winner, and am I praying for others?

As nearly as possible do I attend every church service, and pray for the pastor, that souls may be saved and that others be led into a closer walk with Jesus?

Problems and obstacles will lose their curtailing power on our effectiveness as soul winners when our confidence in Him is strengthened by the faith that He gives with the fruit of the Spirit. (Gal. 5: 22)

The Work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in Soul Winning

Ever since Pentecost the Holy Spirit has been leading the saved to the unsaved: Philip to the Ethiopian eunuch, Peter to Cornelius, Ananias to Saul. Even the woman in the fourth chapter of John, who had that despised religion, when the power of the Holy Spirit was on her brought the whole city to Jesus. The Lord Jesus knew that this despised woman was going to be faithful. We must have confidence in the Holy Spirit, knowing that He who hath begun a good work with a soul is able to finish it.

Let us consider the unity of the Trinity in soul winning another way.

The Lord told Israel that He loved them with an everlasting love, "Therefore with lovingkindness," He said, "have I drawn thee" (Jer. 31: 3). Jesus expresses the thought of God's love in John 3: 16 and in John 6: 44, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him. . . ." See John 6: 65. To be redeemed takes grace and faith, and they are gifts of God (Eph. 2: 8). To confess Christ, Peter found it took the Holy Spirit and God's will (Matt. 16: 17). Paul in 1 Corinthians 12: 3 claims, ". . . no man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost." Then to be reconciled to God, one needs to recognize that "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14: 6). What marvelous unity!

Since we know that millions are without Christ, shall we join these Sabbathkeepers, Philip, Peter, Ananias in winning precious souls for Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit?

Missions

Secretary Harris Visits Southwest and West Coast Churches

Carrying out plans made over a year ago the secretary of the Missionary Society is currently visiting among Seventh Day Baptists on the West Coast. He expects to take part on the program of the Pacific Coast Association which meets April 12-14, 1957, with the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church. Preceding the Association meetings he is visiting with members and friends of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Secretary Harris attended the Organizational Council of the Texarkana Seventh Day Baptist Church, March 29-31, at Texarkana, Ark., as he was en route to the West Coast. It was his privilege at this time to meet with Rev. Marion Van Horn, the shepherding pastor of the Southwest Field; with Dr. Lloyd Seager, chairman of the Association Missions Committee; with Pastor John McKay of the Nady Church, Pastor Ted Hibbard of the Hammond Church, Pastor Ralph Soper of the Paint Rock Church, and with other church leaders of the area.

He plans to attend the ordination council being called on Sabbath afternoon, April 13, at Riverside to consider ordination into the Gospel ministry of Arlie Davis of Phoenix, Arizona. At this meeting he will represent the Conference president, Charles F. Harris.

Student Gospel Team

Plans are going forward to provide a quartet of students to accompany Rev. and Mrs. Loyal Hurley in summer evangelistic efforts in the church areas of Albion, Wis., and Dodge Center, Minn.

Consent to serve has been received from the following young people: Miss Carol Harris, daughter of Conference President Charles Harris and a senior at Salem College, will sing soprano. Miss Helen Ruth Green of Milton, Wis., will carry the alto part. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Green and sister of Pastor Paul Green, Jr. Wendell Thorngate of Battle

Creek, Mich., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thorngate, will sing tenor. Efforts are continuing to find a student to take the bass part in the quartet.

It is expected that the quartet will meet at Milton on June 16 for a period of rehearsal and for "briefing sessions" with Evangelist Hurley. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Green have offered their home as a place where the students may meet for rehearsal.

Why Increase Pastors' Salaries?

There are those who seem to feel that our pastors are doing all right financially unless they are complaining. When a pastor's wife goes quietly about doing over last year's hat for a new Easter bonnet she is not apt to say anything about it. If a layman has eyes and some imagination he doesn't have to have the rungs knocked off a ladder in order to see through it.

This is an old subject and the self-satisfied run-of-the-mill is already saying, "Ho-hum." But before you lay this article aside would God that something or someone would stab your spirit wide awake.

So you are willing enough to let your pastor struggle along for another year while you buy a new car? Answer this, "Would you like your son to enter the Gospel ministry serving one of our Seventh Day Baptist churches at the maximum salary support of \$1600 a year?"

Our pastors need time enough and release from financial worries to the extent that they can put on a program of outreach to those within a reasonable radius of their churches who have never accepted Christ. This takes time, initiative, and prayerful imagination. No pastor can do this who is tied to the wheel of carrying on four different jobs, so as to be able to make a living.

If we are not growing as a denomination and people a part of the reason lies right here. We are diverting our pastors' talents and calling away from the Gospel ministry to bus driving, school teaching, and odd-jobbing. Does this make us hang our heads in shame? Brethren, it ought to. But shame is not enough. Let us do something about it in 1957. A Conference committee is working on the problem. Let us give the committee our prayerful and wholehearted support.

Maiden Hall Developments

A dedication service was held at Maiden Hall on March 24 for the recently completed Randolph Memorial Chapel. All the churches on the island sent representatives. It marked another forward step in accomplishing the hope of our Jamaica brethren to establish a "Country School" where vocational, as well as academic subjects, may be taught.

Principal Grover Brissey tells of visiting nine grade schools in the area of Maiden Hall where young people were supplied with questionnaires to learn how many would be interested in attending such a school when it is opened. Mr. Brissey was usually asked to speak to the young people about our proposed school. In his letter to us Mr. Brissey sums up the matter, "Prospects for students in that area are very satisfactory though many of them are not our own Seventh Day Baptists."

Pastor Leon Lawton writes of visiting the Maiden Hall School development accompanied by three officials of the Governmental Educational Department: a Mr. Thompson who is in charge of Vocational Education in Jamaica, Mr. Brent who is director of development for Secondary Schools, and Mr. Owens who is in charge of Secondary School Education for the department.

Mr. Lawton filed with them for their information a very tentative and preliminary prospectus for "The Maiden Hall Secondary and Vocational School."

In letter dated March 18, Brother Lawton writes, "We had a good meeting with Mr. Thompson, Mr. Owens, and Mr. Brent of the Education Department last Friday at Maiden Hall. The prospectus was considered and they made several suggestions as to how it should be expanded. They asked many questions about our program and urged us to keep in touch with the department on any major decisions which are made. I am sure that we can count on their co-operation in every way."

Pastor Lawton concludes, "Electricity will come to Maiden Hall eventually but I rather expect it will be two or three years before this comes about. They (the Educational Department officials) asked if we were planning to buy a lighting

plant and we said that this was not in our present plans because it would not seem wise to do so in the light of the fact that the power company would be supplying electricity eventually. Winfield Fitz Randolph has purchased four Aladdin Lamps for use in the chapel and these will serve the present need we trust."

What Mission Leaders Are Saying

Dr. Absalom Vilakazi, Instructor, Africa Department, Kennedy School of Missions:

"No missionary should go to Africa today under the illusion that he is going to benighted people who are like children. The African may lack book learning but he has much of the accumulated wisdom of the world which he has distilled in his language and proverbs.

"The African today has been through two world wars and is aware of the nationalistic movements in the world. He has made up his mind about what he wants and he claims the right to decide for himself what is good for him."

Dr. Frank Laubach:

"New literates are not convinced by intellectual arguments. They are convinced in their hearts by their emotions. So we aim to make them laugh and cry and feel aflame with conviction and fervor."

A Muslim woman, when asked why she and her daughter became Christian, replied, "We have been loved into heaven by the outgoing kindness and mercy of doctors and nurses."

Dr. Daniel Fleming, author and former instructor at Kennedy School of Missions:

"If we wish to replace defective beliefs and practices by more valid and useful ones, we must in general go beyond a logical, intellectual approach. . . . How often we have seen that the most authoritative truth imaginable is impotent unless people believe it with their hearts as well as their heads."

Seventh Day Baptists must present Christ and the Sabbath in such a way as to win more than mental consent to the truth of our position. Our convictions must be presented with a warmth and zeal that appeals to the heart as well as the head.

By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them

(The first quotation in this biography was taken from an article in the Salem Herald of May 14, 1953, and written by Mrs. Rose Meredith, the editor of that paper. The second quotation was taken from the same article but furnished to the editor by Dr. S. O. ("Ressie") Bond, president emeritus of Salem College. This biography was compiled by Mrs. Harley (Marcella) Bond, niece of Aunt Allie.)



"Aunt Allie" Randolph

"Thinking of and about 'Aunt Allie' Randolph is a pleasant diversion for her hundreds of friends. Today, we are thinking of this courageous Christian woman, whose special interest in life, in addition to her God and her family, has been the 'mothering of boys.'

"Kind, friendly, Aunt Allie Randolph has indeed been 'young a long time.' With her heart and mind in tune with youth, she has been able to understand their problems, and has been their loyal, guiding friend throughout the years."

Aunt Allie was born at Lost Creek, W. Va., on July 5, 1870. She was the daughter of Levi B. and Sarah Jane Davis. As a girl she attended Valley School near Lost Creek, and was graduated from Salem College in 1893. She is the oldest alumna of that school.

On June 25, 1896, Aunt Allie became the bride of Ray Randolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Randolph. To this

union was born one son, Harold Creed. He and his wife, Madge, lived in Angola, Indiana, until his death in April, 1956.

Since the death of her husband in 1942, Aunt Allie has been busy taking care of her home and the boys who have come to Salem College and who have also called her house "home."

A lifelong member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, first at Lost Creek, and later bringing her membership to Salem, Aunt Allie has been a strong influence in its progress.

Living sisters of Aunt Allie are Mrs. Althea Randolph (mother of Miss Cretah Randolph of Salem) and Miss Girthea Davis of Lost Creek. There are deceased three sisters and one brother: Mrs. Ilea Randolph, mother of Mrs. Harley Bond; Mrs. Laura Ford, mother of Mrs. Ross Seager and Miss Eva Ford; Miss Victoria Davis; and Okey W. Davis, father of Mrs. Clarence Rogers and George E. Davis.

There are many who, because of blood relationship, call her Aunt Allie, in addition to the countless numbers to whom she is "Aunt Allie" by friendship.

"It was at the opening of the fall term of Salem College in 1902 that Aunt Allie first decided to take roomers. She and her husband, Ray Randolph, had just finished the building of their new home in Salem. It cost more than they expected, even though Uncle Ray did the 'lion's share' of the carpentry work. Aunt Allie liked young people and was always a favorite with them. She decided it was her opportunity to make a little extra money with which to meet family bills while they were paying the final payments for the material for the house. The fall term of the college in 1902 opened with four boys rooming and boarding with Aunt Allie. One of these boys was 'Ressie' Bond.

"From the beginning of this first boarding club, Aunt Allie has hardly been without 'her boys.' Scores, even hundreds, have eaten at her table during the past fifty-one years. From her group have come many to bless the world with their services. A number have become physicians; a number became lawyers; a number became ministers of the gospel; many became businessmen; and a multitude of them

teachers. But in some way Aunt Allie succeeded in most cases in giving them her stamp of manly behavior, of Christian living, and a desire to make the most possible out of themselves."

Although Aunt Allie will be 87 years old next July she has never lost interest in her church, her college, or the social activities of her town. She attends all activities that her health and the weather will permit.

Aunt Allie still lives in the house where she has lived for almost 50 years. She is tenderly cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Swiger. At present there are four boys in the home, three of whom are Seventh Day Baptists. For 55 years Aunt Allie has "mothered boys."

Program Material for May Fellowship Day

Although an article about May Fellowship Day will appear in the April 22 issue of the Recorder, those who will be planning the program for your society or community will need to order material before this article appears, as the deadline date for shipping is April 19.

The topic this year is "Free Schools in a Free America." One or two basic packets may be had for 50¢ each, postage prepaid. (Three or more, 40¢ each, plus postage-handling charges of 15¢ for each \$1 or portion thereof up to \$5, plus 5¢ per dollar or portion thereof over \$5.) Order from: P & D Dept., National Council of Churches, 120 East 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y. G. N.

Delinquency in New York

Less than 1% of the city's families — or 20,000 out of the more than 2,000,000 — contribute 75% of all New York juvenile delinquents, the City Youth Board has reported.

These families are characterized by alcoholism, drug addiction, physical-mental illness, broken homes, and similar problems, said Ralph W. Whalen, executive director.

Whalen said a "total approach," with all agencies concentrating on this small group of delinquents, is the only solution.

— Sunday News.

Christian Education

What Are You Doing This Summer?

One of the projects of the Vocational Committee (denominational) is the placement of young people in summertime employment. The committee has some embryo plans and ideas which it feels will be interesting and exciting to a number of our young people. While that plan is being developed, won't you write to the committee if you are a senior in high school or have been graduated and are looking for work for the summer? Let the committee know the type of work you are interested in and your qualifications in that field. The committee at this moment cannot give any assurance of specific employment but hopes to release details on a program of this nature in the near future.

Laying aside for the moment the thought of a specific job and looking at the problem of preparation, the committee would suggest that you take a Civil Service examination as soon as it is convenient for you to do so. Consult your local postmaster for the time that such a test is to be given in your area. Civil Service ratings are necessary in some government positions and may be helpful to you even if you are interested only in private employment.

Make plans for spending your summer wisely. If you must work to have funds for further schooling, then be sure that your costs of living do not eat up all you make. It may be an interesting summer, but hardly a worth-while one to you in the long run if you cannot save a substantial share of your earnings.

Don't neglect your church while you work. Remember that it is essential that you support its work in summer just as you do during your winter schooldays. You will begin to feel and know something new of the ministry of the church when you become a contributor to its program out of the funds which you earn in regular employment. It's an opportunity for your fellow employees wherever you work, to know something of your faith

if you will express it and live it during working hours. On Sabbath your presence in some Seventh Day Baptist church and your participation in the work of the church will be a challenge and inspiration to those who share the fellowship, even if they be sometimes older than you. Don't feel that because you are in a strange town you now have the chance to be free from the church, do as you like, go where you want to go. The church need not be a stuffy place for you if you will, by your smile and your willingness to work, demonstrate a finer way for the church to reach young people.

Then plan sometime during your summer to spend a few days with yourself. Take time to meditate and think through some of your needs that cannot be met by what you eat, touch, or see. Reading books during the summer can help you prepare for effective and fruitful meditation. But even without special preparation such days can be very, very helpful in providing you with the strength to live right and act wisely.

What are you doing this summer? Won't you let the Vocational Committee know? We may be able to help you do some planning. — Clarence M. Rogers, Chairman, Vocational Committee of General Conference. R. E. Z.

Christian Endeavor Convention

The 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention will be held in Portland, Oregon, July 8-13, 1957. All youth are invited to attend. The fee is \$4.00 plus your board and room. There will be outstanding speakers, Bible study, discussion groups, recreation and sight-seeing, among other activities. Any young person who would like to go, or any Youth Fellowship that would like to send delegates may get further information by writing to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 E. Broad St., Columbus 16, Ohio.

World Christian Education

We have just discovered a magazine that deals with Christian Education around the world. It is called **World Christian Education**, and it is published quarterly by the World Council of Christian Edu-

cation and Sunday School Association. Articles are printed from reporters stationed around the world, most of whom are workers in Christian education. It is a good tool for the Sabbath School superintendent, the chairman of the Christian Education board or committee of the church, as well as other workers in the teaching ministry of the church. If you are interested, write your Board of Christian Education.

Retreat Questionnaires

In the fall of 1956 a questionnaire was mailed to all Pre-Con Retreaters in attendance at Pre-Con at Alfred asking for opinions regarding future Retreats. Not nearly half of these have been returned. While the ones returned from this date on will not be apt to influence this year's meeting, they will be helpful in planning future meetings. Opinions from every Seventh Day Baptist are solicited so that the Youth Committee of the Board of Christian Education can operate in such a manner that will feel the need of as many persons as possible.

Riverside Notes

Actions of interest from the Riverside Sabbath School include the following: The Sabbath School will pay the full amount needed for the maintenance of a nursery attendant during church and Sabbath School each week. A study of expenditures of the Sabbath School will be made by the Religious Education Committee along with Paul Crandall and Winifred Wheelock, treasurer and secretary of the school, so that a working budget can be presented at the next business meeting of the school. The school keeps before the members of the church the continuing hope to have all equipment uniform and attractive, and calls attention to needed articles.

Through Mrs. Orvis Chapman a report is made of a new youth choir having been organized in the Riverside Church. Rehearsals are held on Monday afternoons at 4:30 with as many as 17 attending. Rehearsals all begin with prayer. There is a break at midway for refreshments furnished in turn by choir members. (Gleaned from the Riverside "Church Chimes.") R. E. Z.

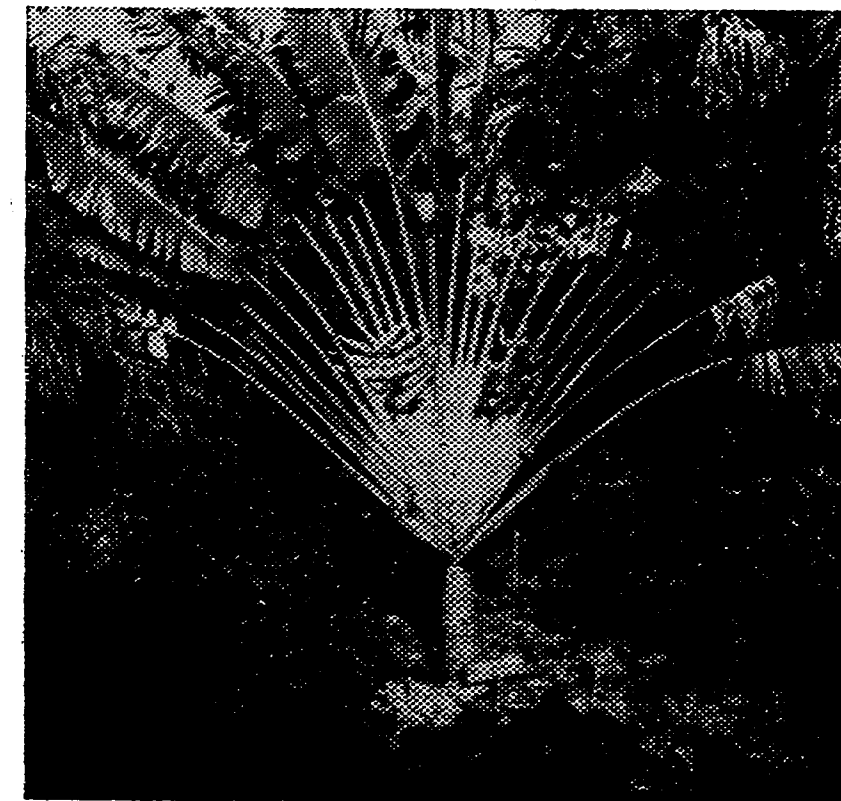
Teen Talk

Finding the Traveler's Palm

Africa, U.S.A., is a 300-acre plot of ground at Boca Raton on the east coast of Florida. On this tract of land is a much over-rated reproduction of Tangyanika, the African country most noted for its wild animals. For a price one can make a safari by jeep train through this land where huge birds and animals roam freely within the fence.

The hideously painted African chieftain with authentic headdress and native weapons is clothed in ragged leopard skin. He guards the gate, refusing admittance to pedestrians. His accent is that of a southern Negro. He served in the American Army and was one of the maintenance men on the jungle grounds before being promoted to the more leisurely position of chief.

The tropical gardens with 50,000 kinds of plants and trees are indeed beautiful. Walking through these gardens beside the noisy waterfalls of an artificial river one could well imagine that he was in deepest Africa. One of the most interesting trees



seen from a boat on the lagoon is the traveler's palm pictured above. Why does it have that name, you ask. Not because it looks like a giant fan with banana tree leaves. No, the traveler would have to

be a Paul Bunyan to wield such a 30-foot fan.

The sign at the base of the tree and the pilot of the boat explain that trees like this store large quantities of water (from three to five gallons) in the short trunk. The weary, thirsty traveler may quench his thirst by drawing water from this tree. It is like a well of water in the desert. There was no evidence that the water supply of this tree had ever been tapped. After all, this was only an imitation wilderness in a land where pure water abounds. Most of us have never been in danger of dying from thirst. There is no reason but careless negligence for our canteens to be empty when we go on a hike.

The land of Palestine, much of it, was barren in the days when the Bible was written. The children of Israel traveling from Egypt to the Promised Land were thirsty. They thought they were going to die. Moses had to bring water by miracle from a rock or sweeten the bitter waters of Marah with a branch from a tree. In their travels they found places where there were palm trees but they were not traveler's palms, and it would have taken many, many such palms to quench the thirst of such a multitude.

You well remember the words of Jesus when He said that He was the water of life, able to satisfy the thirst of anyone who would come to Him. In prophecy Jesus is referred to as a tree, a root out of dry ground. Our Lord is many things in type and prophecy. Perhaps, as we look at the picture of the traveler's palm, we can see an illustration of His ability to satisfy the thirsty soul. Let us try to witness to others who, whether they realize it or not, are desperately in need of the water of life which is available only from Him.

"You can't put out a fire by pouring kerosene on it. You can't stop the liquor business by drinking. You can't stop the cigarette companies by smoking. Just so, you can't stop wars by continuing to fight in them." — Ora Morland, in **Gospel Messenger**.

Youth Speaks

Consider Your Call

Christian Influence on Life's Work

(One of three Youth Week talks at Little Genesee, N. Y.)

By Bob Enos of Little Genesee, N. Y.

This morning I would like to give a short talk about the influence we have on other people at work or at play. We all are really living examples of Christ. If we are living a Christ-like life we are influencing the people around us to live a Christ-like life. The opposite also holds true. If we lead a life full of sin we are quite likely influencing someone around us to lead a sinful life. If we are to influence people in the right way we must live the right way ourselves. We must have the ability or gumption to do what we believe to be right even if the rest of the crowd does the opposite.

Adults have a lot of influence over younger folks. Thus if the adult attends church regularly and manages to live a fruitful Christian life he is bound to influence the younger ones around him to follow his example. But all too often the adults are setting the wrong example for us younger ones. You may wonder how you can help this situation. If you will permit me to use the word influence some more I think I can explain what can be done. If you folks go outside this church and start complaining or think that after you leave this church you are through for another week you certainly aren't having much good influence on anybody. The people on the wrong side of the fence will look at you and say, "Man, am I glad I don't have to go through that every week." And the one on the right side will lose faith in you. But if you go out of church with a smile and can honestly say you enjoyed it you are going to let others know they are missing something.

I think that all of us here today have been influenced by someone after whom we would like to pattern ourselves and we are likely to be further influenced by someone or something. We should not allow ourselves to be influenced in the wrong way but should try to swing other people to Christ.

Influence is like a chain reaction. Maybe it starts with a grandfather who has his daily devotions and prays at every meal. He is sure to influence his children. Also, people who are not directly connected with the family are influenced. But the reaction can and does go the other way. All of us should do our part to start it in the right way and get Christianity to rolling even faster than it is.

A Christian life is started in most cases in the home. Whatever the home life is like the children are quite apt to follow when they are older and are married. The good Christian home has probably made more converts than any other single organization in existence today.

Second to the home, the child is influenced in school and probably some children have been converted in school, but schools generally have anti-Christian atmosphere.

After a child is out of school he has to pick a life vocation. His choice will be greatly affected by the previous experiences in life. In his job a person may run up against difficulty. Maybe the job calls for him to work on the day he goes to church. In most cases this can be worked out with the employer without any or very little loss of cash. A person who sacrifices work for church deserves a lot of respect.

A person's choice of a lifework is also influenced in church. If a person becomes interested in religion there are several phases which may be entered into.

To sum all of this up briefly, the way a youngster turns out depends almost entirely on his environment and will power.

America is sending 25 per cent more Protestant missionaries to foreign countries than four years ago.

Despite some semi-official attempts to discourage entry of new missionaries into India, that country leads all others in the number represented, with 2,127 as reported by 82 per cent of the agencies covered. Next is Japan, with 1,562, and the Belgian Congo with 1,195.

The American proportion of the total missionary force has grown from 34 per cent in 1911 to 47 per cent in 1936 and to 67.5 per cent in 1956.

THE MOUNTAIN REVISITED

(One of a series of articles on the Sermon on the Mount as translated in RSV. See picture in March 4 issue.)

By J. Carter Swain

Tasteless Salt

Salt has been defined as what makes the food taste bad if it is left out. Salt is found in the blood and tissues of the human body. Since it is being continually thrown off, it must be replaced. Cattle have to be pastured near a salt lick, or else that element must be otherwise provided for their regular diet. Salt has industrial uses. Compounded with other chemicals, it figures in manufacturing processes. There are said to be not less than 14,000 ways in which salt is used.

Because of its manifold importance, salt plays a large part in the economy of nations. The quest for it has been a significant factor in political life. Wars have been won by cutting off the enemy's salt supply, and revolutions fomented by unjust taxes on salt. Our English word "salary" is derived from the Latin word for salt. To the Romans, salary was salt money. Salt is still used as currency in some parts of the world.

To those who heard Him on the mountain Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth." Because of its "purifying, sustaining, and antiseptic qualities," salt became a symbol of friendship and hospitality among Eastern nations. Those who had eaten salt together pledged themselves to be forever at peace. At Numbers 18: 19 and 2 Chronicles 13: 5 the relationship between God and His people is described as "a covenant of salt."

All that salt means to mankind, that Christians are to be among their fellows. The Revised Standard Version helps us to sense the urgency that salt should remain true to itself: ". . . if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?" (Matthew 5: 13.) A familiar translation reads: "if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?" "Savour," apart from its archaic spelling, describes that which appeals to certain organs of perception: "flavor, relish, scent." Salt has no odor, and taste would seem to be the preferable word here. Christians make

life palatable. They are a pledge of friendship. They destroy the evils that would destroy men. Their pervading influence is to be everywhere. What happens if the salt gets so mixed with dirt that it loses its taste; "how can its saltiness be restored?"

Annual Ministers Conference

Arrangements for the annual Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Conference are rapidly nearing completion. Under the supervision of the Committee on Higher Education of the Board of Christian Education, the meeting will be held in the New England churches with the Pawcatuck Church as host. The dates are April 29-May 2.

All ministers who plan to attend are asked to notify Loren Osborn, Westerly Sun Office, Westerly, R. I., as soon as possible.

Meals will be served by the folks of the Pawcatuck, Ashaway, and Rockville churches for a nominal charge.

Dr. Benjamin P. Browne, Executive Director of the Division of Christian Publication of the American Baptist Convention, will be our guest lecturer. Rev. Victor W. Skaggs will be our study leader with Pastor Kenneth E. Smith serving as worship leader. The theme is "Our Denominational Publications."

A non-arbitrary fee will be solicited according to the distance traveled.

Every minister is urged to attend.

The Cherokee New Testament

A reprint of the Cherokee New Testament for the Cherokee Indians in this country has just been completed by the American Bible Society. The first Testament was published in 1862. The new publication is the sixth printing of the Cherokee Testament which, according to information sent the Bible Society, is still read by many of the Cherokee people.

Cherokee is the only American Indian language to have been reduced to written form by one of its own people, Sequoia or George Guess, who lived all his life

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among his people and quite ignorant of English was early impressed with the power and value of the written word, thinking "that if he could make things fast on paper, it would be like catching a wild animal and taming it." He discovered that 86 symbols would represent the sounds necessary to reproduce this dialect. Among these symbols were several letters from the English alphabet, taken from a spelling book he had.

The New Testament was translated by Missionary S. A. Worcester of the ABCFM, aided by Boudinot and Stephen Foreman, an ordained Cherokee.

Cherokee is but one of seventeen dialects printed by the American Bible Society for the American Indian.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y. — The winter in Adams Center has been quite short this year. From Thanksgiving until the first of February there was quite a bit of snow but during February and March there were many sunny days and much warmer temperatures with much less snow than usual. The snowdrops and crocuses are popping into bloom and it truly looks as if spring is really on the way.

Some of the people who go to Florida for the winter will soon be coming back and filling more of the empty church pews. We hope now with the nicer weather more people will be able to get to church services.

On the afternoon of March 2, Pastor Cruzan and family drove to Verona to show "Our World Mission" slides to the church people. The slides were well received and a discussion period followed.

March 9, Pastor and Mrs. Cruzan went to Syracuse to meet with the church group there and to again show the slides and then on to De Ruyter in the evening. It was a rugged trip from Syracuse to De Ruyter with high winds and blowing snow, and in spite of many of the people having difficulty getting to church in the evening a goodly number attended and felt the slides were certainly worth while. A good discussion followed this meeting.

The slides were shown in the Adams Center Church on the evening of March

16. Pastor Cruzan plans to take them to the Brookfield-Leonardsville churches as soon as he can be sure spring is here to stay.

Our church is co-operating with the Baptist church in the village in Wednesday evening services during the pre-Easter season. The services alternate in the two churches and ministers from the surrounding area have been bringing the messages. On the evenings of April 18, 19, 20, and 21, with the assistance of Rev. Victor Skaggs and Pastor Charles Swing, we are holding a series of meetings.

The church enjoyed a variety program and box social on the evening of April 6.

The Youth Choir continues to take over the music for the Sabbath morning worship service once a month, from playing the organ to singing the responses and anthem. This choir is directed by Albert Gilmore.

ALBION AND MILTON JUNCTION, WIS. — Plans are being made by the Albion and Milton Junction Churches for special services concerned with the ordination of their pastor, Kenneth E. Smith, on April 13, at the Albion Church. The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches will be held in the morning with Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Alfred, N. Y., bringing the message, while the ordination program will comprise the afternoon and evening services.

Pastor Smith, who has been serving the two churches for the past five years, is a 1951 graduate of Milton College and before returning to accept his pastorate, studied for a year at the theological seminary at Alfred, N. Y. Last December he completed work for a degree in theology at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill. Prior to his graduation, the churches granted him a leave of absence for a year permitting him to accept a Rotary scholarship at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. In addition to his pastorate, he also teaches a class in philosophy at Milton College. — Correspondent.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for April 20, 1957

He Lives! Therefore, Make Disciples
Lesson Scripture: Matthew 28: 1-10, 16-20.



I am the resurrection, and
the life: he that believeth
in me, though he were
dead, yet shall he live.

John 11:25.