

The Sabbath Recorder

several of us a chance to have a nice visit. The following Wednesday evening Joan Clement and Beth Severe joined us for a fellowship supper at the church, then took charge of the evening service when they showed their Nyasaland slides, gave their testimonies for Christ, and acquainted us with much of the work in Africa.

— Correspondent.

FARINA, ILL. — It was with regret that we received Pastor Appel's resignation on May 3. He has been here nearly five years. He has accepted a call to the Leonardsville and Brookfield churches and expects to go there in late June. Much as we shall miss them here we wish them success and happiness in the new home.

Leigh Stewart, who is a member of our church living in Kirkwood, Mo., and is president of the St. Louis West Side Conservation Club, read a paper and showed a film at a Sabbath morning service recently. The film dealt mostly with the preservation of wild life.

We were invited to meet with the Old Stone Fort Church on May 17 for their anniversary service and Communion.

— Correspondent.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — Weekly work programs at Pacific Pines Camp each Sunday are unifying the spiritual energies of the church. The man-power chairman, Philip Lewis, has set different men in general charge each week. Al Withrow and Bill Lewis have served in this capacity recently. Elmer Maddox, Dr. Lewis May, Gleason Curtis, Bob Babcock, Bob and Jim Hurley, Jack Jensen, and Bill Rymer deserve special mention. Week by week the hope of a completed job before the season starts comes nearer to reality.

A special event of May 3 was the gathering of the Salem College alumni and interested prospective students with President K. Duane Hurley in Riverside.

Conference planning committees are doing excellent work. A report at a recent Dorcas meeting showed that the ladies have been attending to every possible detail to make for the convenience and comfort of expected guests.

Christian Family Day was marked by the dedication of four infants following the regular Sabbath worship service. It culminated in the evening with an all-church social delightfully programed by Glenn Hemminger. — Correspondent.

Accessions

Alfred, New York

By Baptism:
 Alan Richard Burdick
 John Burdick
 William Hatherall Langer
 Lawrence H. Nida
 Helen Percy
 Mark E. Potter
 Peter Randolph
 Cynthia Rogers
 Susan June Thomas

Independence, N. Y.

By Baptism:
 Dawn Burdick
 By Letter:
 Carrol Burdick
 Merabah Burdick (Mrs. Carrol)
 Associate: (By Baptism)
 Sheliah Clarke
 Gayle Clarke

First Brookfield (Leonardsville, N. Y.)

By Letter:
 Marion Dillmann
 Mrs. Marion Dillmann
 (Mr. Dillmann was a deacon in the Verona, N. Y., Church and will act in that capacity at Leonardsville.)

Marriages

Randolph - Jones. — Winfield W. F. Randolph of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Eva Jones of Adams Center, N. Y., were united in marriage at the bride's home in Adams Center on May 17, 1958, by the Rev. Earl Cruzan, pastor of the bride. They will make their summer home in Adams Center and their winter home at Daytona Beach.

Births

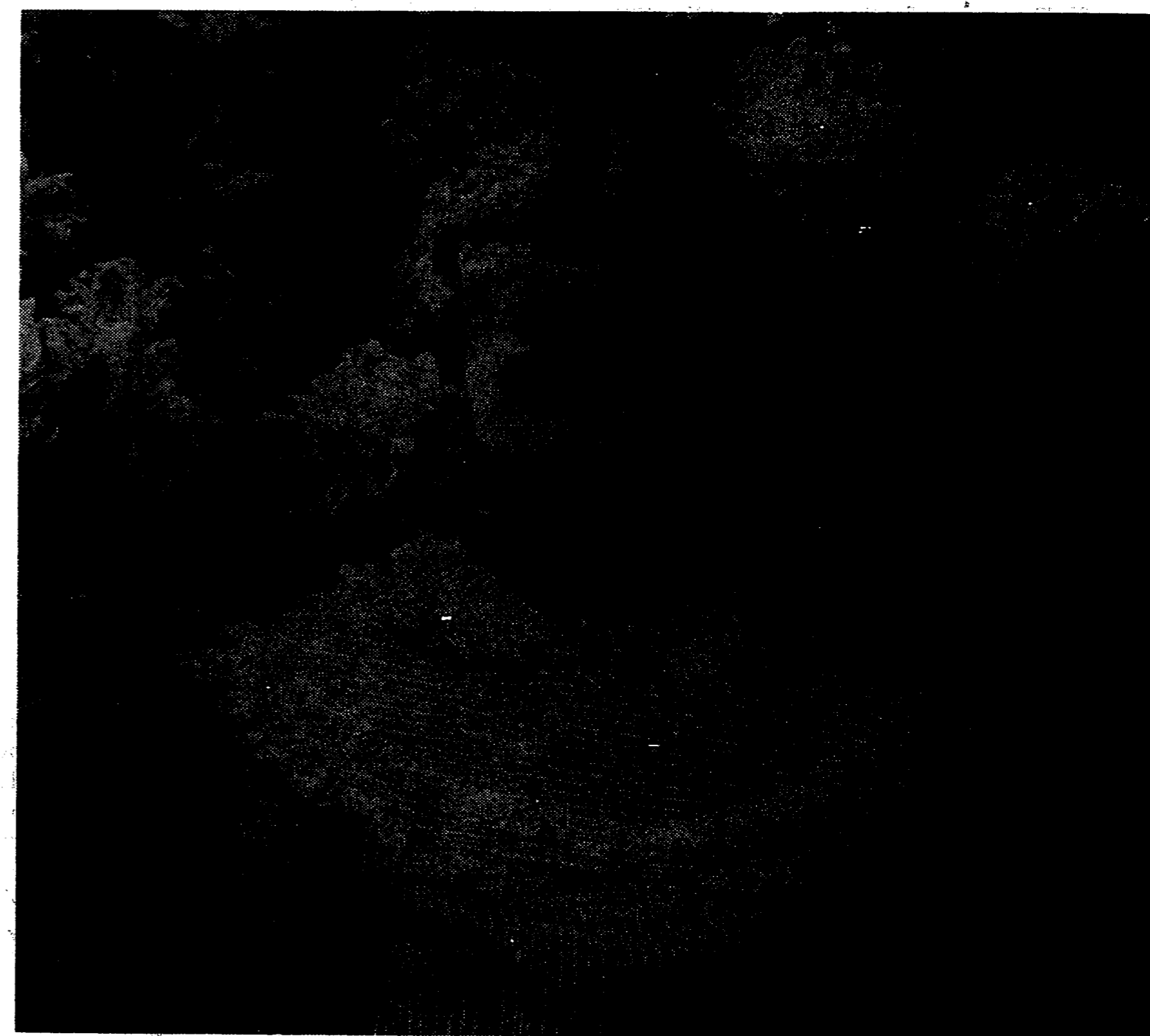
Burdick. — A daughter, Pamela Jeanne, to the Rev. and Mrs. C. Rex Burdick, of Verona, N. Y., on May 18, 1958.

Faith Expressed In Will

(Suggested clause to last will and testament of a Christian)

I, _____, of the _____ of _____, County of _____, and State of _____, being of sound mind, realizing the uncertainty of this life, and with full confidence and trust in my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in His death for my sins on the cross and in His shed blood as an atonement for my soul and knowing that by faith in His sacrifice on the cross for me, I have eternal life, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be my last will and testament.

—Submitted by a Christian lawyer.



CHILDREN'S DAY

"Then were brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them and pray." Children's Day is for parents, a time of dedication. We stand the child among the flowers of spring and pray that we may be given grace and wisdom for the years ahead.

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Great Response In San Francisco Crusade

Those who thrill to the news of any great outpouring of the Spirit have been thrilled by the reports coming from the Cow Palace in San Francisco where Billy Graham's evangelistic crusade has met with greater response than in other places.

Up to May 24, according to the report, 14,000 decisions for Christ had been recorded in the counseling room. Doubtless other thousands of decisions had been made through the televising of the Saturday night programs. In fact, more people from the TV audience wrote in saying that they had accepted Christ than at any time during the great New York Crusade a year ago.

On May 24 none other than Paul Harvey, famous news commentator, announced the television program in his own gripping style. He had something to say about the relation between the drawing power of the new ball club at San Francisco and the new preacher of the Gospel. His words, as we recall them, were, "The giant killer draws greater crowds than the Giants in San Francisco." He went on to say that one person battling against sin isn't much but 14,000 battling against sin is something to think about (referring to the 14,000 recorded decisions).

Thursday nights have been made special young people's nights in an effort to reach the youth of San Francisco and the Bay Area. It is reported that on Thursday, May 22, there were 1,200 young people who came streaming down the aisles to give their hearts to the Lord or to seek counsel in the after meeting. Dr. Graham reported also that at the University of California, 11,000 students and faculty members assembled in the Grecian Theatre and listened attentively to the simple Gospel message.

When such great crowds of church and unchurched people willingly gather to hear a man who puts on no healing demonstrations, who uses no high-pressure methods, who studiously avoids emotionalism, and never cheapens his message with sensationalism, can there be anything but rejoicing among the consecrated church people. Billy Graham voices the message of God's love and judgment, of the

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sufficiency of Christ to fulfill life's deepest need. He gives the invitation in few words, usually almost the same words. Having urged those who feel the call of the Spirit to come, he stands aside, folds his arms — and the people come. This is evangelism such as this generation has not seen.

The Lord long ago stated that there was joy in the presence of the angels when one sinner came to repentance. He called on His disciples to join with the angels in that rejoicing. If the work of an evangelist is turning great numbers to a new life in Christ, we must indeed rejoice or be counted with those whom even the skeptical Gamaliel advised to be cautious "lest haply ye be found even to fight against God" (Acts 5: 39).

Local Church Cooperation

The unique relation between the Baptist and Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Brookfield, N. Y., is well known to many of our readers, having been mentioned on these pages from time to time. They worship in the same building and have held joint ownership of it for well over 100 years. Recently the local paper told of a fellowship supper and a business meeting of the two congregations to consider extensive repair and upkeep. Apparently the business arrangements work out well and will continue to do so as long as the congregations remain equally able to do their share. We may all rejoice that after a considerable length of time without a pastor the Seventh Day Baptist Church will soon have a pastor, the Rev. A. Addison Appel, who will also serve the Leonardsville Church, living in that community.

From Leonardsville comes news of another type of local church cooperation. The Rev. Howard Waddell, a Methodist minister who has been serving in that village for some time, has also served the Brookfield and Leonardsville Seventh Day Baptist Churches for many months in a very acceptable manner, according to reports. He has taken a keen interest in the affairs of the churches and has made considerable effort to do his part in pre-

paring for the Central New York Association program at Brookfield.

A friend has called attention to an item in the local paper relating to cooperation. On Sunday, May 25, at the Leonardsville Methodist Church, there was a farewell dinner in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Waddell and their children. Both the Methodist and the Seventh Day Baptist Churches participated in the affair, with the menu planned by a joint committee. We understand that Mr. Waddell is leaving the Methodist Conference to devote his time to some form of social work.

Interesting indeed to many of our readers is the brief note in the May 29 Brookfield Courier to the effect that Sabbath Rally Day would be observed on May 31 at Brookfield with the supply pastor, Mr. Waddell, in charge of the Sabbath morning worship.

We would comment that there are numerous indications that many religious leaders who come in close contact with our churches are willing to think seriously about the teachings of the Bible relative to the Sabbath.

What Do We Read?

It was a bit startling to see in the New York Times a full-page advertisement for TV Guide which made great readership claims. The claim is that for the first quarter of 1958 it topped all other weekly magazines for circulation and that it is read on an average of five times a day per reader. The purpose of the ad was to convince manufacturers that they would get more for their advertising money in this than in any other weekly.

It is unquestionably true, as claimed, that we live in rapidly changing times; a magazine, not needed at all ten years ago, now has a sale of nearly six and a half million per week.

What does this reveal as to the habits of the American people of which our church members are a part? Does it mean that we are far more interested in what television has to offer than what has traditionally been counted as the best reading? The fantastic growth of the

TV Guide from 1½ million to 6½ million in five years might also have a bearing on Bible reading. Just what the relation is may be hard to tabulate. We know that millions of people are reading their Bibles, at least occasionally. Television is a recognized medium of information and culture, and evangelism — if it is so used. None can deny, however, that it is primarily a convenient means of entertainment and that a high percentage of the programs exist for the purpose of selling products that true Christians cannot endorse.

We must conclude that the mushroom growth of a service magazine for television should remind us that we are in danger of drifting away from our Christian principles and from the reading which will ennoble our lives. We are in a fast-flowing stream with problems that are strictly contemporary. What we must require of ourselves is eternal vigilance. "My soul, be on thy guard," is a quotation that needs to be carefully and prayerfully applied lest we find ourselves carried along to destinations that are unthinkable.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Featured in the News

A lone Sabbathkeeper in Massachusetts recently sent the editor two clippings from the local paper. Both were Associated Press items mentioning Seventh Day Baptists. One referred to an Air Force Chaplain's Assistant who had become student pastor of one of our churches (previously mentioned in this paper). The other with a dateline of Hopkinton, R. I., mentioned the acceptance of a call by the Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler to serve the First Hopkinton Church. This we had not previously published.

The point made by our good friend was that every church ought to be alert to any newsworthy stories to the big news agencies like AP because they may be picked up in faraway places and be the means of letting people know of the existence and the work of Seventh Day Baptists.

We were glad to mention to our correspondent that a start has been made officially, through our denominational

MEMORY TEXT

Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments. Psalm 119: 166.

executive secretary, to get our bigger stories to the press. An article appeared some time ago mentioning the appointment of Mrs. Rolland A. Maxson of 503 East Fulton St., Edgerton, Wis., to this work of press relations.

Spirit-Led Preaching

One of our pastors, writing of the effective use of tracts, tells of coming before one of his congregations on a recent Sabbath with a sermon all prepared. Upon entering the pulpit he realized that over half the people in his audience were not Seventh Day Baptists. He discarded his notes and talked to them as he felt led. When the message was finished a number of people requested that it be made available for publication. This, of course, means extra work for the pastor in reconstructing the sermon, but it may be something that our readers will appreciate as much as the smaller congregation did. Watch for it.

There are those who suppose that people attending a Seventh Day Baptist church are of course members of our denomination. That is not true. They may be people of the community hungry for the Gospel as presented in our church.

Well Spoken Of

On the Sunday afternoon television program "Frontiers of Faith," June 1, there was an interesting reference to Seventh Day Baptists. Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, was being interviewed by Charles Van Doren in regard to that organization which draws together nearly all the Baptist denominations of the world. In explaining how many different kinds of Baptists there are, he made a point of mentioning Seventh Day Baptists, telling his interviewer that they are like other Baptists except that they observe the seventh day of the week instead of Sunday. He went on to say that they were a fine group of people.

President's Column

A Prayer for Growth

Paul had established the church at Thessalonica and had gone on to other fields of labor. He often longed to go back and work with these people who had so eagerly accepted the word of God, but had been hindered by various circumstances. Now word has come to him from Timothy of the continuation of these people in the way of God. Paul is encouraged. He does not feel called to reprimand them as he does some of the churches to which he writes, but sends a letter of encouragement and of longing to be with them and to fellowship with them.

I am impressed by Paul's prayer for growth for these people and would ask that we make it our prayer for growth also. "And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: to the end he may stablish your hearts unblamable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints" (1 Thess. 3: 12-13).

Paul had told them of God's love in terms similar to those found in the Gospel: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3: 16-17).

And there had grown up within them the sign which Jesus gave as a sign of discipleship: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13: 35). As Paul prays for them that they may increase and abound in love, may our prayer be that we increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men.

Two men of differing theological thought were contemporaries. One sent forth a tirade against the other wherever he thought it would have the most effect. The other, having it shown to him, replied in humility: I think our brother needs prayer.

Voiced in another way the poet, Edwin Markham, has expressed it: •

He drew a circle that shut me out,
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in.

The only comment on this is not in regard to correctness of theology, but the visible evidence of the spirit of love which is so essential to Christian growth. For God needs not man to defend Him — only man to respond to His love and to teach, humble in love, the salvation of God through Jesus Christ. Even as Paul told the young man, Timothy, "And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, forbearing, correcting his opponents with gentleness" (2 Tim. 2: 24-25a RSV).

May we pray that we may increase and abound in love one toward another and toward all men.



MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

"While we are mindful of the unknown dead, let us not be unmindful of the known dead. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is but a symbol of all our soldier dead. We pay a debt of gratitude to all who have poured out their life's blood that we might live, that all our cherished American institutions might grow. We salute all of these dear sons in gratitude.

"Eternal Father, let us not leave this sacred shrine without Thy blessing. May we, the living onlookers, draw inspiration from what we now do. We have been honoring the nameless, who are dead for the sake of Thy law. As we return to our pursuits, may we glory in the nameless service of Thy law, may our reward be Thy approval of the talents Thou hast given us. We seek this blessing in the name of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

A portion of the invocation by Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Patrick J. Ryan, Chief of Army Chaplains, at the Memorial Day interment ceremony for the two Unknown Servicemen of World War II and Korea, at Arlington National Cemetery.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Plans Progress for Special Services at Denver

Evangelist Loyal Hurley has written that he has been consulting with Pastor Kenneth Smith as to plans for the special preaching and visitation program to be held with the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church Friday, June 20 through Sunday July 6. He writes, "Pastor Smith is doing a fine job in preparation and is quickening the enthusiasm of his people. What we hope and pray for is a growing church, not merely statistics from a seventeen-day meeting."

Pastor Smith writes, "It is our plan to make the month of May a time of spiritual inventory with a good deal of publicity for the June meetings." The student quartet of young men who will assist during this evangelistic series of meetings is: Justin Camenga of Milton, Owen Davis and Wendell Thorngate of Battle Creek, and Gary Cox of Salem. They plan to meet at Milton for a few days of rehearsal before proceeding to Denver. You are asked to remember this special effort in your prayers.

Visiting Missionaries on Schedule

As this article is being read our visiting missionaries will be completing their visits to the churches of the Central New York Association and will be on their way to visit those of the Eastern Association (God willing). They will be over half way on their round-the-country trip to visit the churches.

All reports show that they arrive on schedule. Those churches not yet visited may confidently expect them to come driving in on the day specified. They are to phone ahead to the contact leader if they find it impossible to arrive as planned.

Many letters of appreciation have been received telling of the fine reception given by church and community to the message of our missionaries. Their witness for Christ is convincing. Their slides of scenes on mission fields are informative and their accompanying message inspiring.

Thanks to the generous offerings received along the way we understand that

the expenses of the visitors are being cared for. They have said that the trip is not too strenuous and that they are keeping well. We thank God for this and pray that He will continue to bless and keep them from all harm.

Extension and Growth in the Churches

Our "stalemate" on the Home Field is not so much due to lack of funds as it is lack of dynamic, creative leadership. If this statement deflates someone's ego a bit, then it is plenty overdue.

The return from the questionnaires on use of the booklet on Extension and Growth shows a discouraging picture. Only a few churches have made a study of the booklet and fewer yet have made any constructive use of it or indicate any intention to do so.

As to other plans or methods of outreach: eight churches report pastor's training classes as having been held during the year; five churches held special evangelistic services; four churches held lay visitation programs; and seven churches made other plans for evangelistic outreach.

The above figures are based on approximately fifty per cent returns from the churches. About one half of the church leaders did not bother to reply.

One pastor reports: "For too long we have been content with just Sabbath morning services. I will not force a program upon them (the church he serves) but continue to try to bring them to want it themselves."

How to develop dynamic, creative pastoral and lay leadership in our churches — this is the crying need of our day. Of how much help will a program of city evangelism be unless we find the leadership for such a needed program? Here are thoughts to make concerned Seventh Day Baptists come before God in humble prayer. It is our conviction that our people will give the funds if our leadership will provide the enthusiasm, the incentive, and the real leadership.

Sabbath Rally Day Themes

After a denomination-wide Sabbath Rally Day is past we wonder how effective it was. In one church perhaps little was done and few results were noticeable. Are the members of that church to assume that it was the same in every other city and town? That would be discouraging. In another locality all departments of the church life cooperated to make it a day of real blessing to many. Will they take it for granted that all other groups throughout the country got as much out of the special Bible emphasis as they did? That would not be true. What then is the accurate picture of this annual emphasis on the Sabbath which was promoted in many of our churches on the suggested date of May 17?

Results are hard to measure when we are dealing with spiritual matters and the response of human wills to a divine call. Some soil is prepared for the seed, other soil is not. Reports do not come back in great numbers to the American Sabbath Tract Society which sponsors Sabbath Rally Day. Once an event is past church leaders turn their attention to the future and concentrate on the yet-to-be rather than the has-been. This is no doubt as it should be — except that the future can be better planned if the previous efforts are publicized and analyzed to some extent.

The best we can do at the moment is to take note of the wide variety of sermon themes mentioned in church bulletins and the gleanings from pastoral correspondence with the secretary of the Tract Board. What do we find?

Although most of the churches welcomed the bulletin covers and other literature and used the material on the suggested day, there were some churches where it seemed expedient to make the Sabbath emphasis on a different day. At Riverside, Calif., it was held two weeks ahead with a sermon, "The Observance of the Sabbath." At Brookfield, N. Y., it was delayed until May 31 with a Methodist minister bringing the message.

At Battle Creek the pastor took the suggested theme, "The Sabbath, A Bless-

ing," and quoted on his bulletin these words: "Sabbath desecration is a step down the ladder of conformity to God's will, to seek a lower plane of living."

At Milton, Wis., the pastor spoke about "Rethinking the Sabbath." At Marlboro, N. J., Carlton Wilson of Philadelphia was the guest speaker. The Plainfield congregation listened to a thoughtful message by the Marlboro pastor, Paul Osborn, on "Does the Sabbath Interfere?" Shiloh welcomed Plainfield's minister on the subject, "The Sabbath, A Delight." Rev. Orville Babcock at White Cloud, Mich., entitled his message "Rally Day Reflections."

Secretary Rex Zwiebel emphasized Rally Day at the Buffalo Fellowship and based his sermon on a tract published by the American Sabbath Tract Society, "The Sabbath and the Law of Love."

The Los Angeles Church heard its pastor, the Rev. Francis Saunders, presenting "The Burden of Proof."

At Salemville, Pa., the Rev. Edgar Wheeler talked to the children about "What Shall We Do with the Sabbath?" and to the whole church on the subject, "The Key to Life's Best." His bulletin also carried the following quotation from George Adam Smith in the Expositor's Bible:

An institution, which is so primitive, which is so independent of locality, which forms so natural a part of the course of time but which, above all, has twice — in the Jewish Exile and in the passage of Judaism to Christianity — survived the abrogation and disappearance of all other forms of the religion with which it was connected . . . has amply proved its Divine origin and its indispensableness to man.

Other churches are yet to be heard from. Members of the congregations are urged to write to denominational headquarters if they were particularly impressed by messages or discussions. Some have already done so, urging that their pastor's message be considered for publication in the Recorder.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for June 21, 1958

Wasting God-Given Strength

Lesson Scripture: Judges 15: 11-15; 16: 15-21.

Statement of Belief

By Rev. Donald E. Richards

(Given on May 3, 1958, before his ordination at Berea, W. Va. — somewhat condensed.)

According to Christianity, man does not lift himself to God. God reveals Himself to man through a message which is accepted in faith. The central core of this message concerns Jesus Christ. Apart from the acceptance of Jesus there can be no true understanding of either God or man.

I am humbly thankful that as I have sought to know God, He has in turn revealed much to me. May it be clearly known that I know only in part. I expect to grow into a more complete understanding and surrender to God as He gives additional light. I believe my present statement is in keeping only with my present experience.

The Bible

I believe the Bible is God's holy, inspired Word and in total must be accepted as such. It is the revealed record of God's progressive revelation of Himself and His activity within the universe. Holy men of God were moved to speak or write as they were empowered by the Spirit of God. Each writer wrote in keeping with his personality and experience. Often the writer wrote far more than he comprehended. And again the revelation was incomplete; they saw through a glass darkly. Yet there is a unity of thought expressed through the entire Book because the Spirit of Truth was the Inspirer of the message.

The Bible, as was the Law in particular, was unable to within itself give spiritual life and power. The Bible revealed how man should live, but lacked the power to make him good. Hence man needed an expression of not only the way to righteousness and truth, but the method enabling him to live aright. In due time God spoke through Jesus, who became the supreme revelation of God. The messages in the Old Testament point to Jesus and beyond; the New Testament speaks of Jesus as He lived, died, and rose again to continue His work through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

I believe it is the right and privilege of each Christian to personally study the Bible for himself, allowing the Holy Spirit to quicken truth. I believe spiritual truth is completely integrated according to the plan of God. Many times words even at their best do not convey the whole truth. Sometimes we see different parts and fail to recognize their inter-relationship; sometimes we teach half-truths as whole truths; sometimes we are led astray by error and blindness, selfishness and pride. Regardless of problems involved, each person must individually do business with God through the Christ of the Bible as revealed by His Spirit.

I believe the Bible is to be studied devotionally as God's Word with the expectation that He will reveal His truth. Its truths are to be received in faith and become the final authority of our faith and conduct. Man's reason, when controlled by the Spirit, may lead us aright into the truths of God. Man's reason, when uncontrolled by the Spirit of Truth, leads mankind only to further blindness and erring from the truth.

As truth from the Bible is revealed by the Spirit, acceptance of it and obedience to it must follow. As one walks in the light of truth, additional light is given.

I believe the Living Word is to be preached and lived, not defended or argued. Such qualities as love, patience, forgiveness, sacrifice, and service should be inculcated into the warp and woof of Christian living as we study aright. The mind should always be open to receive additional truth, and admit error, should the Spirit so direct.

Triunity

I believe in the triunity of the Godhead. There are three manifestations of God — God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There are not many gods; there is but one God. Each Person of the Godhead has His particular function, yet there is a unity of Divine

activity through all three. God Himself has never been seen by human eyes; Jesus Christ is the supreme revelation of the nature and character of God the Father; the Holy Spirit of Truth is the influence of the Godhead upon individual life and society.

God

Our concept of God is, of necessity, adjusted to human capacity of comprehension. I believe in God the Father. The Bible never argues the existence of God. He is perceived through faith according to revealed truth.

God is Spirit. He transcends both time and space; His imminence is declared through His activity within and through both time and space. God is Power, Law, Wisdom and Truth, Holy and Righteous, and Sovereign Ruler of all the universe. His activity is in harmony with His changeless nature as characterized in love, life, and light.

God desires personal fellowship with His creation. He is as a Father extending a holy, redeeming love unto all men. God is just, but justice is tempered by love and grace. He is to be worshiped in spirit and in truth. True worship leads to surrender of the human will to the Divine; surrendered life leads to love for God and man, a life of stewardship and service.

Jesus Christ

I believe in Jesus Christ. The mystery of the Incarnation is difficult to understand. Yet Jesus claimed to be both "Son of God" and "Son of Man," and so He is.

Jesus came as the Son of God, the Messiah. He was all of God that could be poured into human flesh. He was God entering personally into historical time and space. During His ministry Jesus both identified Himself with God and distinguished Himself from God. It was God's power, authority, character, and activity which found expression through Jesus. Yet Jesus was not all of God.

Jesus also identified Himself with the human race. He emptied Himself and was born of a virgin. His claim to divinity, however, rests not upon His birth, but upon His pre-existent state with God.

Jesus was Jewish by human birth and religious heritage. In a deeper sense His ancestry is traced back to Adam. During His life on earth He always lived in complete obedience to and in fellowship with His Father. While living amidst all passions and temptations common to mankind, He was without sin. As such He was the demonstration of truth, life, and love. Jesus is our Teacher — infallible in His interpretation of truth. His authority is to be accepted as the word of His Father. Jesus is our Master and Guide because He is the only way to God.

Jesus is also our "Savior" and "Redeemer." The crisis of all history centers upon the cross, for it was upon the tree that Jesus became our Savior to redeem us from our sin. He laid down His life according to the plan of redemption. The sacrifices and ritual of the tabernacle and temple were fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

After three days and nights in the grave and at the close of the Sabbath, God raised Jesus from the dead. During the next forty days Jesus revealed Himself to His disciples and taught them concerning the Kingdom of God. He ascended into heaven where He is even now seated on the right hand of the Father making intercession as High Priest for His children. He asked His followers to work and watch for His coming again that the work begun might proceed toward completion.

The Holy Spirit

I believe in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the "Spirit of God" or the "Spirit of Christ"; His characteristics and nature are in keeping with the Father and Son. The Spirit is not seen; He is felt.

During the past ages the Spirit came upon men only for special tasks. Jesus told how it was necessary that He go away, but that the Comforter would be sent to take His place.

God granted to the apostles as leaders of the church great power to live enriched lives within the body of Christ and to declare with power the crucified-risen Christ. This power was the Spirit at work within the believers and the church. God granted unto them special gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, distinguishing between

spirits, speaking in tongues, and interpretation of tongues.

I believe the unregenerated person in the world does not see or understand the Spirit, although He is a restraining force against sin. The Spirit convicts of sin and is a revealer of righteousness in Christ. As sin is confessed and Christ is received in faith, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within the Christian. From within, the Spirit then illuminates the mind, cleanses the conscience, and sharpens it in its perception of right and wrong, quickens the memory, governs the will, brings joy and peace, equips for service, and integrates into a unified whole the individual parts of man.

I believe each Christian receives in some measure the Holy Spirit, but that there are different levels of fullness according to yieldedness and obedience unto Christ. Some Christians receive a baptism of the Spirit at conversion. Other Christians do not have power over sin or to proclaim Christ until some other time, and many never know the depth of joy and peace in Christ.

I believe there is only one baptism of the Spirit, but many fillings for special tasks. The Spirit falls upon men in different manners and equips for different service, but He is the same Spirit. The gift is promised to all who seek Him and are willing to follow regardless of possible cost.

After having personally committed one's self unto God to be used according to His divine will, there is danger in trying to "quench the Spirit," thus forcing our human spirit back into the "soul-life" from which God's Spirit brought freedom. I do not believe in sinless perfection on this earth during this age. I do believe in a living above the power of sin through Christ in daily obedience unto Him as Lord.

Man

I believe man is a special creation of God made in the likeness of the image of God in his spiritual nature and personality. As such he is created for divine sonship and human fellowship. Man is the noblest work of creation, having been granted moral responsibility because of

freedom of choice. Through disobedience to God, man stands in need of a Savior and re-creation.

I believe man is both nature and spirit, both bound and free, both a child of God and sinner, both mortal and immortal.

Man is a triunity composed of body, soul, and spirit; he possesses basic nature which is never seen, a body which manifests his nature, and a personality which is felt. Man is a physical, intellectual, emotional, social, moral, and spiritual being. Sin has caused division within one's self; only the Spirit can unify man's nature and keep his different parts in proper relationship for effective living and service.

Socially speaking, man has been organized into different groups on the basis of social need. Institutions have been established to fulfill different functions within society. These institutions are to be supported or rejected according to the purposes of good or evil created through their existence. All should, however, remember and follow Jesus' injunction: "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

Sin

I believe the problem of sin within the world is one of the knottiest we face in theology, and cannot be accounted for except through God's revelation of the very place sin plays within the human race. The origin of sin lies in the very nature of man's freedom of choice. Because of disobedience sin came into the world, man's fellowship with God was broken, and spiritual death took place. Furthermore, man tried to ignore the moral responsibility in his failure by passing the blame to another.

I believe in a personal Satan and evil spirits, even as I believe the testimony of the Bible concerning angels as servants or messengers of God. Satan is a liar, a deceiver, a counterfeiter. He blinds men to truth and enslaves them in his power. Recognizing Satan does not in the least absolve man from being responsible for

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

The Church and the Educational Challenge

By T. R. Sutton, Fabens, Texas

Much is being said today about education. Are our schools meeting the needs of the time? How can they be improved? While a few "cranks" may seem to want America to duplicate the Russian method of education it is encouraging to note most leaders, educators, and others, remind us that we must not lose sight of our American principles of education. Although we need scientists and technologists we also must train our youth in all phases of free living, developing each person's special talents.

Likewise we need to think about Christian education. Are the churches of America giving an adequate program of Christian education and experience? I am sure most of us agree that on the whole they are not. Some who stress personal spiritual development neglect training and experience. Others who emphasize applied Christianity, neglect the personal spiritual development.

There are, among others, four areas in which we should study: objectives, housing and materials, personnel, and methods.

Three important objectives are: 1. Know God and His plan for man. This takes training in Bible knowledge with understanding and not mere memorization. 2. Knowledge of and experience in the Lord Jesus Christ. There needs to be instruction before and after conversion — a never-ending process. Conversion includes the use of emotions and intelligence — either alone is not the complete experience needed for continued growth in Christian living. 3. A life dedicated to God in service. This calls for spoken and living witness of God's redemptive love, and constant endeavor in the uplift of mankind spiritually, morally, mentally, and physically.

Housing and materials are not the most important in the objectives of churches but are important "tools" for the task. Buildings are necessary for the present-day congregation. Even the beginning congregation should outgrow the private home or small hall, in program as well

as numbers. The church building is a place for worship and education. Its appearance and facilities should meet the need of each person in his approach to the "altar" of God. Space should be provided for the teaching work where children and youth are not distracted by other groups. Facilities for music in worship and teaching need to be adequate. Lesson helps and visual aids should be attractive and stimulating. (In this respect many public schools are stiff competitors.)

The personnel in the work of the church is of extreme importance. The minister is the chief leader of the congregation. He has the responsibility of co-ordinating all church work. As pastor he is counselor of the people, as "priest" he conducts worship and administers the sacraments, as preacher he proclaims the word in sermon, teaching, and counseling. For this he must first be called of God and ready to be led by Him. He must be well educated and trained for his responsibilities. If unable to secure a formal college and theological education he must be responsible to train himself by diligent study under some guidance of those who are trained. Every minister needs continuous study and training.

The church personnel also includes lay workers for the tasks of teaching, music, business, and many other duties. These workers, except in larger churches, are people who give free time. They cannot be expected to be trained as one in full-time work, but they can receive training both by the church in leadership courses and individually by self-study. Devoted Christians with a will to learn can render efficient service for the Lord.

Methods in obtaining the objectives of the church are numerous. Oldest methods include worship and teaching, from the time of the temple and synagogue to the present, where the person is brought into the presence of God and His will. The early Christians depended much on personal witness, and visitation "two by two," where they shared their knowledge and experiences with others. Then there is preaching (a form of teaching) where a person gifted by experience and training speaks to groups of listeners.

Today every method must be used if the church is to meet the world's challenge. Under devoted and trained leadership each church and all the members should endeavor to proclaim the whole Gospel of God's love and redemption. No longer can we use the methods of Bible times alone but must utilize also tools of learning which modern science produces.

There is a place for mass evangelism in the manner of the revival meeting, for some can be reached only by that means. Others can be reached only by personal witness, or the activities of the church schools. Still others are reached by worship experience of various types, and even the sacrament of the Lord's Supper brings some to God's love. Some people must face realities of judgment and hell and then surrender to God, but most people, already suffering the fears of this world, need to be loved into submitting themselves to God's help and love.

Most public schools today utilize every means possible to stimulate learning, such as attractive, well-written books for all age levels and many audio-visual aids. Teachers receive training before and during their years of service. Is the church lagging behind in a day when it should be ahead? Do we teach our youth that the church is less important than the school by offering poorly prepared lessons from cheaply printed helps taught by untrained (and sometimes undevoted) teachers? Do we offer them a church designed for adults only? Do we lead them into Christian experiences that are positive realities?

The world today makes a great challenge to the church as well as public schools. Our armed forces with the missiles and satellites, may be able to ward off the power of evil nations. But, freedom will be preserved in the world only if the church unitedly becomes the front line of defense through its many avenues of evangelizing. It is time for every church and Christian to self-check the Christian faith. Holding fast to honest convictions that still calls for denominations we need to work together in an all-out evangelism. It is time to bury those

hatchets that mislead the world — and our youth. May our differences be stepping-stones to better understanding, greater sharing, and deeper love. It is late, but not yet too late for the church to lead the world.

Higher Education

Quoted with Approval

Institutions of higher education are being urged to intensify scientific training at the expense of other branches of learning. The Commission on Higher Education of NCCC in a recent memo quotes with approval the attitude of the University of Chicago toward the high-pressure suggestions mentioned above:

This Chicago will not do. Your university would be proud to produce a man or a concept instrumental in giving the Western world superiority in space research. (Hermann I. Schlesinger of the Department of Chemistry developed the boron hydrides, the new missile fuel.) But the university would win the blessings of all the world were it to find a man or a means that could channel the great discoveries of our age away from the realm of terror into the service of mankind. — Leaflet from Alumni Foundation, the University of Chicago.

We say amen to the attitude of the University of Chicago. Our country and the world need scientists, but the need for educators in the humanities, peace-makers, and religious leaders is not one whit less. The rush for scientists would not be nearly so great, if church people would take seriously our obligation to teach of the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

PRE-CON 1958

Additional staff members who have agreed to serve this year at Pre-Con include Jacqueline Wells as dean of girls, Harriette Maddox as director of recreation, and J. Paul Green as worship leader. Watch for further announcement.

An act of God on the soul will have a psychological result on the believer, but a study of this result cannot completely explain the experience because all the facts cannot be ascertained by a psychological study. The Holy Spirit is not within grasp of the psychologist. — Bernard Ramm in *Christianity Today*.

Western Association

The Western Association of the Seventh Day Baptists will begin with a meeting for the S D B Youth Fellowships at Camp Harley on Sabbath eve, June 20, featuring Miss Beth Severe and Miss Jacqueline Wells. Simultaneously, a meeting for the adults and children will be held in the Second Alfred Church where the speaker will be Miss Joan Clement. The Laywomen's Fellowship of the Association will have charge of the devotions. On Sabbath morning at 10:30, the worship service will be in the First Alfred Church with the Rev. Hurley S. Warren in charge. The furloughed missionary ladies will bring messages. On Sabbath afternoon, devotionals will be in charge of Mrs. Sylvia Carr, and the speaker will be Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, executive secretary of our General Conference. The men's chorus will sing.

There will be a worship service on Sunday morning, June 22. Other arrangements were incomplete at the time of writing. The afternoon session will convene at 1:30 for the business meeting, preceded by devotions led by the Association SDBYF. — R. E. Z.

Missionaries Visit Plainfield

By Ethel Dickinson

(Plainfield Courier News)

Three missionaries of the Seventh Day Baptist Church visited local Seventh Day Baptists during the past week. Two of the visitors, Miss Joan Clement and Miss Beth Severe, are nurses on furlough from Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, Africa. The third, Miss Jacqueline Wells, is returning from a term of service at the Seventh Day Baptist Mission in Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I.

At a meeting held in the local church, May 28, the missionaries showed pictures of both areas of work, telling of their experiences and accomplishments.

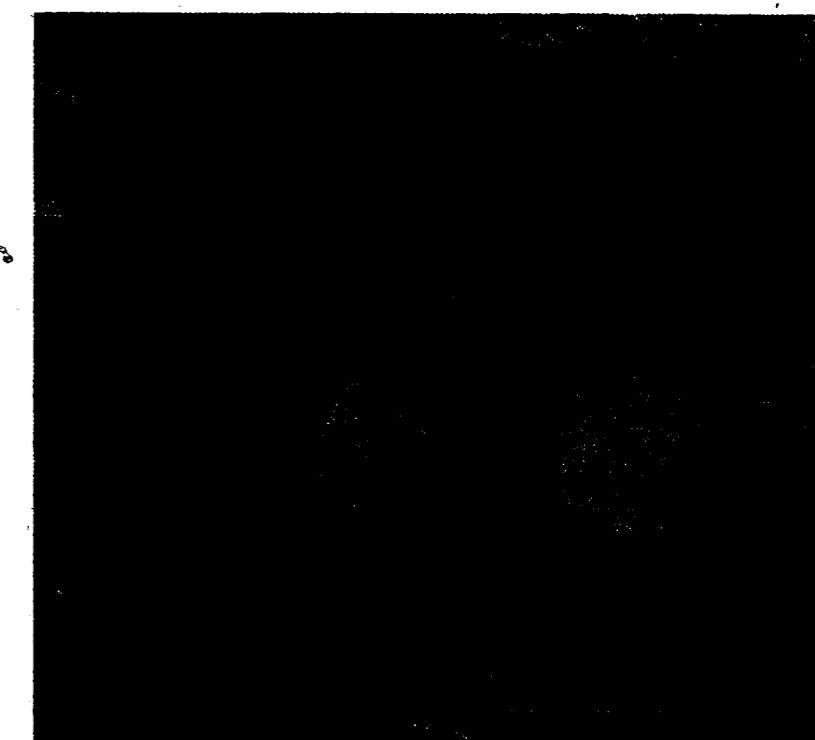
Tells of Teaching

Miss Wells told specifically of the work at Crandall High School in Kingston where she has been teaching. She reported

that native Jamaicans are being trained for positions of leadership as pastors of churches and school teachers.

Miss Severe expressed appreciation to the members of the Plainfield Church for providing the funds that enabled the house the nurses use for a residence to be built on the mission property at Makapwa.

In speaking of their educational and medical work, Miss Clement said, "We do not run our school simply to educate the African, nor operate our dispensary and maternity center solely to relieve physical suffering. Our purpose is to use both channels as a means to win those people to Jesus Christ."



Missionary nurses Joan Clement and Beth Severe begin to unload the accumulated gifts for the hospital work in Nyasaland at the rear entrance of the publishing house where there is easy access to the freight elevator and the boxing facilities.

While in Plainfield the nurses have been busy packing supplies for the African mission that they will take with them when they return to Nyasaland by ship in September. One of the projects of Seventh Day Baptist women throughout the denomination during the past year has been the making of hospital garments and layettes.

These have been sent to the Seventh Day Baptist headquarters, 510 Watchung Ave., for packing. Used clothing has also been received here for the mission.

Teen Talk

Close-Formation Flying

When we look into the sky and see the wonderful cloud formations or the carefully spaced stars we know that God's hand is in it and we have a feeling that His guiding hand is also over our lives.

There is another interesting sight which often meets our eyes, especially if we live near a military airfield. Who does not marvel at the close-formation flying of interceptor planes with conventional propellers or jet engines? There is a story about this wing-tip flying which was just told to us by a former Air Force pilot. You will be interested.

Our pilot friend told how nervous he was as he neared the completion of his training and was told that he must fly at several hundred miles an hour with his wing tip almost touching the wing tip of the flight leader. The leader showed him that it could be done. Then he was told to pull his plane within six inches of the plane ahead with an overlap of two feet. When he had done this, carefully following the radio commands of his instructor, he was told to let go of his controls. He scarcely dared to do it. He feared there would be a mid-air crash of the two planes. There was not. Instead his plane followed the leader not only in level, straight flight but also in easy turns and changes of elevation. The air-flow from the wing six inches in front held his plane in formation like the wire on a model airplane.

In the Korean Conflict this principle of flying saved the life of a pilot and saved a plane as well. One pilot in a flight was blinded by enemy action. He could no longer control his plane. Two other pilots matched their speed with his and took up positions at his wing tips as described above. They actually flew his plane to a safe landing, with one on the right and the other on the left. The wounded man could do nothing but trust. Any effort on his own part would have been disastrous.

Is not this a good illustration of several things connected with our salvation? We

must recognize that we have a great leader in heaven who knows all. We must trust Him with unwavering faith, and we must keep very close to Him. Then, and then only, can we be sure that we will be safe. Trust implies obedience. If we obey Christ we can know that all will be well.

When people look at us in our daily lives, will they see us doing remarkable things like Peter and John healing the lame man? Will it be said of us as of them, "They took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus"? How close are you keeping to your great Savior and flight leader?

Place of Holy Spirit in Missions

In this age, the Holy Spirit is the sponsor of foreign missions. As the vicegerent of Jesus Christ, He is the supreme commander of the church of which Jesus is Lord.

Second, the Spirit works as the convicting and converting Agent in redemption in the hearts of men.

Third, the Spirit of God calls and commissions workers for the special task of missions.

The Holy Spirit, in the fourth place, performs a mighty work of grace in the hearts of believers. They are transformed by His power to become what they were not and to do what they could not.

Fifth, the Spirit controls and directs the labors of His servants, sending them where He wills and to do what He wants.

Sixth, the Holy Spirit should be the supreme Agent in the missionary councils which make decisions and arrive at concepts of strategy.

The Spirit, seventh, is the disciplining Agent in the Church. The power of the keys rests in the hands of the Holy Spirit and through Him in the hands of the church.

Last, the Holy Spirit is the final ecclesiastical power from whose decisions there is no appeal. — Harold Lindsell in *Missionary Principles and Practice*.

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"If your riches are yours why don't you take them with you to the other world?" — Franklin.

Four Ordained to Diaconate at Milton Junction, Wis.

We had the privilege of ordaining four candidates to the diaconate at an afternoon service on May 17. Pastor Victor Skaggs, who conducted the service, chose for his Scripture lesson Acts 6: 1-6. He gave us a brief review of "Ordination, Its History and Meaning," and led us in prayer. The examining council, composed of fifty delegates from the Albion, Chicago, Walworth, Milton, and Milton Junction churches, elected Prof. L. C. Shaw as moderator and Miss Joyce McWilliam as clerk. The four candidates who were called for ordination were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Babcock, Mrs. Wesley Loofboro, and Mrs. Carroll Loofboro.

After the examining council voted to accept the candidates for ordination, Deacon Charles Burdick presented the charge to the candidates. The Rev. John F. Randolph in his charge to the church pointed out that the church should look on the Board of Deacons as an organization to: (1) help the church increase its efficiency, rather than a body to which the church might shift a part of its responsibility; and (2) daily administer to the livelihood of the needy, thus helping the church to realize more fully its day-to-day obligation to them. He also recommended that the church recognize and support the leadership afforded by the Board of Deacons and use it to the fullest extent.

The consecrating prayer, in which all ordained people present participated, was led by the Rev. Elmo F. Randolph. Following the singing of the hymn "God of the Prophets," we were dismissed.

— Correspondent.

"Prayer is not just an exercise for certain times of the week or day, nor should it be used only as an SOS in emergency. It should be just like breathing — a constant response to a life-giving God who is closer to us than our own breath. It should include the main elements of a fine relationship between a child and his parent." — From *The Next Day*, by James A. Pike.

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his individual or corporate disobedience of God, be it through ignorance or willfulness.

Sin is transgression of the law. The heart of the law is expressed in the command to love God with all one's being. Love for God will be expressed, as commanded, in "agape" love for man. The inner sins of hate, jealousy, criticism, fear, and doubt are just as real as such outward sins as idolatry, murder, adultery, theft.

Jesus clearly taught that man is morally responsible for his own choices according to the inner light of understanding. The greater the knowledge, the greater the responsibility. The sin of man is in failing to recognize God as God and worshiping Him in loving service.

Every human being, with the exception of Jesus, has been disobedient unto God and is thus a sinner in need of salvation. There resides within every person the definite tendency toward darkness and evil. Children do not have to be taught to do wrong; they have to be taught to do right. Jesus further taught that amidst the tendencies to do evil there is the capacity to recognize and do goodness.

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Corrections and Additions

We are reminded that at the ordination of Donald Richards at Berea, W. Va., on May 3 there was a representative from the Southwestern Association, Paul V. Beebe, who had traveled from Hayesville, N. C. (See May 19 issue, p. 5.)

In the issue of June 2 we might have added a note to the Women's Board News to the effect that at least 20 societies had sent in material for the Makapwa Mission Hospital instead of the 11 of which the board had knowledge at the time of their meeting.

Last week we mentioned that there were 4,000 registrations for the Baptist Youth World Conference to begin at Toronto, Can., June 27. Later reports have brought the figure to over 5,000. One of the evening meetings — the one addressed by the Prime Minister is expected to draw a crowd of more than twice that number.

The Sabbath Recorder

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MARLBORO, N. J. — At last our dreams are fulfilled — the parsonage has been completed! Paul Buckley landscaped the ground, planting a large number of shrubs and trees. On May 4 there was "open house" from 1 till 5. At 5 o'clock the keys to the new home were presented to our pastor, the Rev. Paul Osborn, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Edwark Cook have purchased the former parsonage.

Joint Communion with Shiloh was held at Marlboro on April 12 with the Rev. Elizabeth Randolph and Pastor Osborn in charge. It was a full house.

Family Day brought the dedication service of three babies, the parents of whom were Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Hiles, Deacon and Mrs. Fred Ayars, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cook, Jr.

Sabbath Rally Day was observed with Carlton Wilson of Philadelphia officiating. Pastor Osborn preached in Plainfield on that day.

On May 13, a mother and daughter banquet was held in the church basement with a large attendance. Mrs. David Sheppard was hostess and the men served. This was followed by slides of India shown by Lester Brown, of Cedarville, who had spent eight months in that land.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 20, the W.C.T.U. held a White Ribbon Recruit service led by Mrs. Paul Osborn. There were five babies dedicated, each one being given a rose. Several young people had previously written their signatures as "proud signers to abstain."

We had a Mission Week observance the 4th weekend of May with Miss Joan Clement giving the children's and adult messages Sabbath morning. It was touching to know that the people in foreign lands pray for us as we pray for them. Her address was certainly a challenge.

— Correspondent.

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS. — Our Ladies' Aid Society entertained the local "Council of Church Women" at its annual May breakfast on May 2. The theme of the meeting, "A Place to Live," was very interestingly portrayed by the table decorations. Tray arrangements were made illustrating the shacks and the better homes with a little church between. Lamp posts

on strips of green marked the streets with the slogan "Fellowship Lives Here." Seven women from the Milton-Milton Junction Protestant churches made comments on the life in ghettos, in slums, and in migrant camps and what is being done and can be done to improve conditions. A sextette of girls from the Milton Junction grade school provided music during the breakfast which was attended by about seventy local women. — Correspondent.

BEREA, W. VA., — The work of the Lord is continuing here in the Ritchie Church. We are happy to share some of the experiences that have been ours during the past weeks.

On April 11-27 our church and community were richly blessed through the preaching of Evangelist Loyal F. Hurley. Mr. Hurley did not feel well but God continued to grant physical strength to continue the meetings. Attendance was fair most of the time, especially considering weather and road conditions. God knows just how much good was accomplished through decisions made. We are grateful to God for having permitted the Hurleys to come to Berea.

Another high-water mark within the life of the church was the ordination of Pastor Donald E. Richards. The Semi-Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Churches convened at the Ritchie Church on May 3. Delegates from other churches and denominational agencies were in attendance. Attendance Sabbath morning was around 250. This occasion was a time of rejoicing on the part of the local congregation, the Middle Island Church, and the pastor. The one regret lay in the fact that the time soon passed and there was so little opportunity for renewing acquaintances and forming new ones.

Plans are again being made for the annual Daily Vacation Bible School to be held in the church from June 16-26. Pastor Richards is director this year. Other special features of the summer's activities include the Southeastern Association meeting at Lost Creek, June 27-29, and Camp Joy from June 30 to July 6.

**Plan to attend General Conference
COVINA, CALIFORNIA, August 11-16**



MIGHTY OAK AND HISTORIC CHURCH

The wonder of passers-by, the mighty oak of Basking Ridge, N. J., shades all the graves in the churchyard of a Presbyterian Church dating back to early colonial times. When the third pastor was buried here in 1749, the great oak with a present circumference of 17 feet and a spread of 126 feet was already more than 200 years old. Some of its great outstretched arms are now supported by iron staffs. People of every church generation rely on the rod and staff which comforts them.