

The Sabbath Recorder

The Friday evening service of the semi-annual meeting of the Western Association was held at our church this fall. The adults had an inspiring meeting in the church under the leadership of Victoria Burdick. The youth met in the hall for a "Swap Box Supper" followed by an organizational meeting under the chairmanship of the pastor.

The church and community are enjoying social fellowship also. The Sunshine Society served the usual delicious Harvest Supper in October. A community Halloween party sponsored by the church was held in the hall with an attendance of 75 children and young people as well as many adults. Fun and gayety prevailed along with good fellowship. On November 4 the church and community met at the hall for a tureen dinner and to hear Mr. and Mrs. John Sanford tell about their recent trip to Alaska. Mr. Sanford showed many beautiful slides of scenes taken on the trip.

— Publicity Committee.

Accessions

Daytona Beach, Fla.

By Letter:

Deacon R. Merritt Kenyon
Gladys Kenyon (Mrs. R. Merritt)

Marriages

Brown-McSparin. — William F. Brown and Carolyn McSparin, daughter of Pastor Carlos and E. Kathryn (Lewis) McSparin, of Stonefort, Ill., were married Sept. 16, 1959. The ceremony was performed by Ralph H. Lewis, grandfather of the bride, at his farm home near Stonefort, Ill. The couple will reside near Riverside, Calif., where the groom is stationed in the Air Force.

Births

Bass. — A daughter, Vivian Marlene, to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bass of Paint Rock, Ala., on November 5, 1959.

Duryea. — A daughter, Antoinette Dawn, to Wilbur and Jeanette (Randolph) Duryea, of New Market, N. J., November 7, 1959.

Kelly. — A daughter, Kim Debra, to Mr. and Mrs. Haskel Kelly, La Sierra, Calif., on Oct. 30, 1959.

Paquette. — A son, Dennis Clarke, to Arthur J. and Dorothea (Clarke) Paquette, of Plainfield, N. J., August 9, 1959.

Obituaries

Bassett. — Jennie Bender, daughter of Mary E. Williams and Worth Bender, was born at Hicksville, Ohio, February 10, 1881, and died at the Foothill Acres Nursing Home, Neshanic, N. J., August 30, 1959.

She was married to Dr. Laverna C. Bassett, June 15, 1911, and lived in Farina, Ill., until 1920 when they moved to Dunellen, N. J. For many years she was active in temperance work and a regular and faithful member of the Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist Church of New Market, N. J.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. William Becker, of Dunellen; a grandson; a brother, Jay Bender, of South Bend, Ind.; four sisters: Mrs. Jacob Wentworth and Mrs. Harold Brinch, of Michigan; Mrs. A. Krebs, of Ohio; and Mrs. William Ogle, of California.

Memorial services were held in Dunellen by the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson. Interment was at the Alfred Rural Cemetery, Alfred, N. Y., with the Rev. Hurley S. Warren conducting the service.

— C.H.D.

Churchward. — Martha Starch, was born near La Crosse, Wis., March 27, 1887, and passed away at St. Joseph Hospital, Chippewa Falls, Nov. 9, 1959, after a very brief illness.

She was united in marriage to Everon Churchward of Dodge Center, Minn., April 26, 1911. She moved with her husband in 1916 to Wisconsin and has been a member of the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church since that time.

In addition to her husband she is survived by her children: Russell, of Milwaukee, Wis., Dale, of Fontana, Mrs. James Grant, of Los Angeles, and Vila, of Pasadena, all in California; a sister, Mrs. Sara Carpenter, of West Bend, Iowa.

Interment was in the New Auburn Cemetery with Pastor Kenneth B. Van Horn officiating.

— K.B.V.H.

Young. — Clara Isabel Randolph, daughter of Emily Jeanett Ward and Thomas Stillman Randolph, was born in Plainfield, N. J., April 9, 1887, and died at the Foothill Acres Nursing Home, Neshanic, N. J., October 29, 1959.

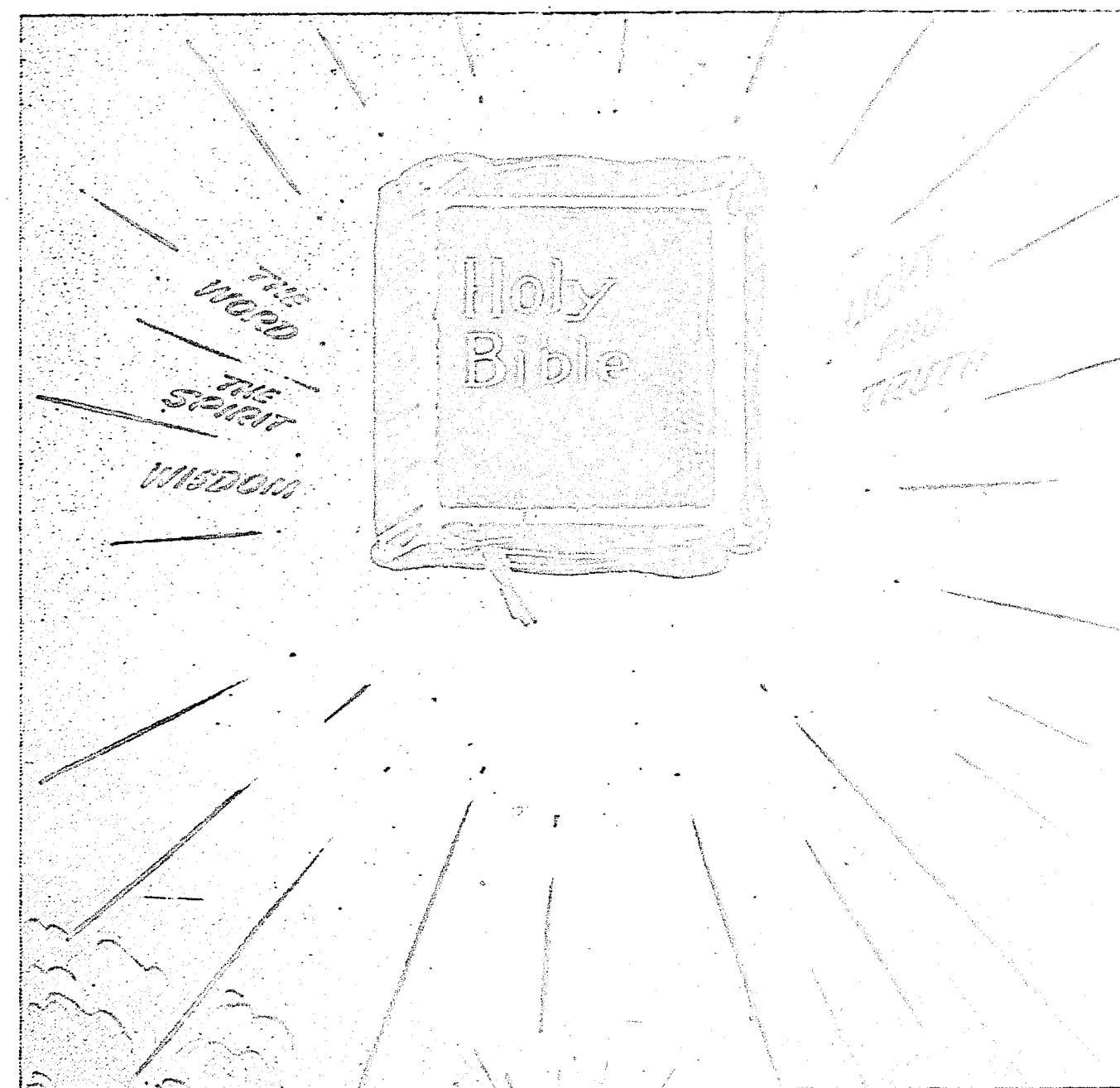
She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, Plainfield, N. J., for 61 years. She was married December 28, 1926, to the late A. Roy Young.

Mrs. Young is survived by a sister, Mrs. Edna R. Smalley, now residing at Bedminster, New Jersey.

The memorial service was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson. Interment was in the Musconetcong Valley Cemetery, Hampton, N. J.

— C.H.D.

Character, when you boil it down, is just the sum total of the choices we have made.



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Measured Heartbeat of America

A few weeks ago an editorial writer of the New York Times discussed in advance the current "Presidential Pilgrimage." Among the many fine things he wrote about Mr. Eisenhower's ability in personal diplomacy which would be apparent in his goodwill tour of 20,000 miles was this one: "He can speak for us as though he had measured the heartbeat of America." The editor felt that few people in our recent history were as well qualified to present our nation before the world "in a mood of goodwill and unassuming friendliness that is truly American."

If our President can live up to this evaluation it will be wonderful. The greater question may be whether we who make up the rank and file of "Christian" America can rise to the standard that is set in the last clause just quoted. We are reminded that there are many, many things in our culture and in our national life that fall pretty far short of goodwill and unassuming friendliness. We have entered upon that period between Thanksgiving and Christmas which is supposed to be the best period of the year for us to show forth such qualities. We talk a good deal about goodwill and unselfish giving. How much of it is just talk? Is there some change within us at this time of year? Do we really suit our action to our words? If so, how widely is our personal goodwill felt? Do the people on our mission fields have tangible proof of it? Do the unfortunate and the starving children of the world who qualify as "the least of these my brethren" sense our generosity?

We doubt if President Eisenhower has measured the heartbeat of America in the truest sense. No man can do it. However, He who is the Great Physician has done it and still does it. We are pretty well aware in our most sober moments of what He hears when He listens to the throbbing of Christian love within us. We know whether it is strong or weak. The joy of it is that He who hears the faltering heart can also change it — if we are willing. May there be some real improvement in the composite heartbeat of all the members of our churches who may chance to read these words and to meditate on our spiritual condition at this season.

Baptist World Congress At Rio de Janeiro

Conscious of Seventh Day Baptist membership in the Baptist World Alliance our General Conference last August expressed hope that our denomination could be represented by someone at the Baptist World Congress to be held next summer in Brazil. It will attract thousands of people from all over the world to a Latin country where Protestantism is growing more rapidly than almost anywhere else in the world.

Unfortunately, our General Conference has no funds which can be used to help pay the expenses of delegates to this great gathering. Our funds for extensive foreign travel have to be limited to our missionary program. However, it was hoped by our representatives at Salem, W. Va., last August, that one or more of our people able to well represent us would find it possible to make the trip. The following excerpts from a publicity release should be of interest to those who cannot go and an encouragement to some to think of the possibility of attending the meetings.

Rio de Janeiro, capital of Brazil and one of the world's most beautiful cities, will be the site of the 10th Baptist World Congress June 26 — July 3, 1960.

Some 3,000 to 4,000 Baptists from the United States and Canada, traveling by plane or ship, will get a breath-taking first impression of the colorful city on Guanabara Bay where the 1,230-foot Pao de Acucar (Sugar Loaf) stands as silent sentinel, and from atop Corcovado (Hunchback) Mountain, the 100-foot statue of Christ the Redeemer stands with out-stretched arms.

The statue, by Paul Landowski, gives the appearance of a giant white cross when it is floodlighted at night, a fitting welcome to the Congress.

A short distance from the hustling harbor and modern buildings of the famed metropolis stand low stucco buildings along narrow streets, built when Rio was a Portuguese colonial city.

Rio is a city of architectural splendor, of scenic beauty, and historic interest. The

135-acre Botanical Garden, founded by King John VI of Portugal in 1808, contains more than 5,000 kinds of plants. The spectacular Municipal Stadium can hold 150,000 spectators.

Rio has two universities. The University of Brazil was founded in 1920 and the Catholic University was established in 1941. The National Library is the largest in South America and has more than one million books.

Brownell Tours has travel agents throughout the United States and Canada handling reservations for the 10th Baptist World Congress Mission Tours.

Interesting Book

Many are the books that might prove helpful in our Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance. On Good Soil, a Friendship Press book of 174 pages (\$2.95), by Wilfred Bockelman may not be one of the most helpful but there are many local church situations described in this book that have some parallels with certain of our churches. It contains the success stories of many churches, mostly small ones, in various types of communities. The successes in some cases are great, in others not so great. They range from a mining town with a woman preacher to a waning river community or an Arizona Indian reservation. One of the churches is a doctrinally strict Lutheran Church; others are far more liberal congregations of various denominations. A paragraph from the conclusion gives the author's aim:

"In essence, this book is intended to accomplish two things: acquaint the reader with some of the types of churches in various town and country situations, and help groups to analyze their own churches in the light of the stories to see if they might benefit from programs similar to some of those described.

"In other words, this book is essentially the story of different methods of cultivation. If churches concluded that they could work only under ideal circumstances, that is, 'on good soil,' then there would be few if any churches. It is the genius of the Christian Church that it can work under all sorts of circumstances."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Sunday Sale Boycott

The Lansing, Mich., Council of Churches recently took action urging members of the churches in the Lansing area to boycott those stores open on Sundays. They did this partly as the result of the appeal to the churches for help by two big grocery chains that did not want to keep their stores open on Sunday. The Council of Churches noted that letters of protest have little effect but that people can make an effective protest through the cash register.

Although many Sabbathkeepers find it convenient to have a place to shop on Sunday they would agree heartily that churches have a right to urge their members not to patronize (especially on Sunday) those stores that remain open on that day. This, we would agree, is a far better way than trying to pass legislation that enters the field of religion and does not allow equality before the law to all citizens regardless of their particular religious faith.

Ben Hur

The Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches, which keeps religious periodicals posted on NCC — sponsored TV and radio programs and regularly evaluates current motion pictures, has recently given high praise to MGM's "Ben Hur" which began playing in New York November 14.

The release quotes Bosley Crowther in the New York Times: "Their mammoth color movie is by far the most stirring and respectable of the Bible-fiction pictures ever made . . . a rich and glowing drama that far transcends the bounds of spectacle." He speaks of the enactment of the crucifixion as "impressively personal, strong and real."

The executive director of BFC says: "This is a picture that every Christian minister can unhesitatingly recommend and should try to see. . . . Here, for once, is a 'religious' film for the theater of which no man of faith need feel ashamed."

MEMORY TEXT

Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities. Acts 3: 26.

Year Book Completed

The 1959 Seventh Day Baptist Year Book has been compiled, edited, printed, and mailed. A tremendous amount of work is involved in getting out a statistical book of about 240 pages. Much credit is due to the painstaking editor, Miss Hazel Gamble, a lady handicapped by a crippling disease, who has done this work for the denomination for a number of years. Miss Gamble has asked that the Sabbath Recorder carry a note of thanks to express her appreciation for all the help received from various individuals in supplying information.

Nearly everyone realizes that our General Conference voted this year to try to make the Year Book more self-supporting by sending free copies to a limited number of church officers and making a nominal charge to all others. Present indications are that quite a large number of church members were willing to pay one dollar for the valuable information and that the cost of printing the minutes will thereby be offset to a considerable extent.

It should be added that the publishing house anticipated that there would be late orders and printed accordingly. The supply on hand should be sufficient to meet the demand but it is suggested that orders for additional copies be sent in at once.

WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING THANKSGIVING to CHRISTMAS

Daily readings suggested by
The American Bible Society

December	6.....	Matthew.....	5:1-16
	7.....	Matthew.....	5:17-32
	8.....	Matthew.....	5:33-48
	9.....	Matthew.....	6:1-15
	10.....	Matthew.....	6:16-34
	11.....	Matthew.....	7:1-12
	12.....	Matthew.....	7:13-28

A County Helping Teacher Tells

How Bible Study Equips A Person For Working With Others

By Florence Bowden*

I like people! I have found that the greatest rewards in the teaching field result from working hand in hand with children, teachers, parents, and interested lay groups.

I approach a discussion of this topic with great humility. I realize how far short I fall of the goals in human relationship which I set for myself. In an article of this length, it is impossible to mention all of the Bible passages which have given me strength and guidance in working with others. In fact to treat the topic adequately, it would be necessary to use most of the New Testament messages and draw, too, upon the inspiration of the Psalms and the wisdom from Proverbs.

There is no magic formula for working with others. One learns, step by step and with increasing maturity, how to approach others, what to say, how to suggest better ways of doing things, how to inspire and challenge, and how to encourage and comfort. The more one studies the Bible the clearer one sees the picture of the one way people can live and work together — through acceptance of Jesus Christ and the principles He taught.

A number of years ago, I discovered two questions which I try to keep uppermost in my thoughts as I approach the different phases of my work, much of which is perplexing and often discouraging. I was trying to help a young friend find a solution for a troublesome situation in which she was involved. In the midst of our discussion her face suddenly lightened and she exclaimed, "What I need to do is think

*Miss Bowden, of Shiloh, N. J., long prominent in county and state educational work, stands ready to serve her local church also. This article is the substance of her part of a panel discussion on an assigned topic at the Yearly Meeting of the Eastern New York and New Jersey Seventh Day Baptist Churches.

— What would Christ say? What would He do?"

What we all need to remember as we work with others is "What would Christ say? What would He do?" Briefly, let me give some of the things I feel Christ has told me about working with others.

To Treat Each With Respect

The Bible shows that we should treat each person with respect. We learn in Genesis 1: 26 that man was created in God's image for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Believing this, we recognize that all are equal in the sight of God. We look upon and approach each other with respect because we are made in God's image. None is above us in life; none below.

We must not confuse respect for God's creation, man, with the evil which man does. We do not respect wrongdoing. We seek for the godlike qualities in a person even when they are hidden by indifference, deceit, and disbelief. We do not withdraw but listen in the hope that we may discover the reason for a person's unworthy reactions. Often, when we leave the door open and give encouragement and comfort, a person's attitude shows signs of change. In this connection Christ, when He was reprimanded by the Pharisees for eating with sinners, said, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick."

That Each Has Something to Offer

From the words of Christ and the teachings of Paul, we learn that each person has a unique contribution to give to life and that this contribution, no matter how small, is of worth. Christ chose His disciples from humble folks. He recognized the difference in men. In the parable found in Matthew 25: 15, He gave this illustration, "And to one he gave five tal-

ents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability."

St. Paul elaborated upon the differences in people in his epistles, pointing out the God-given gifts of various individuals. In Romans 12: 6-8, he speaks of the gifts of prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, ruling, and comforting (showing mercy).

One of the tragedies of this generation is that many teachers and parents, some of them church members, are unable or unwilling to accept this great truth of differences. They place undue pressures upon children to try to fit them into one mold of unrealistic academic standards. They compare them unfavorably in their abilities and accomplishments. They set up competitive tasks which promote failure, leading to frustrations and often forms of mental illness.

It is imperative that anyone responsible for working with others understand that God, in His infinite wisdom, created differences that men's gifts might complement and supplement each other.

A Concern for Others

A genuine concern for others is essential in working together. The happiest person, in the truest meaning of the word, is the person who forgets self in his desire to serve others. There are many weary minds and troubled hearts around us. Illnesses, financial difficulties, broken homes, and misunderstandings often stand in the way of a person's fulfilling his personal or professional obligations. People's hearts must be set at ease before they can work creatively and effectively. In Matthew 25: 35-45, Christ speaks of the need of ministering to others: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Our concern is not limited. It should be for all people at all times.

Someone may say that today there are no hungry near at hand. But hunger is not always of the flesh; it is of the soul. People hunger for a kind word, a friendly smile, a tone of encouragement. They thirst for love. Some are "strangers within our midst," seeking the shelter of se-

curity, peace, and joy. Some need to be clothed with sympathy and understanding.

To Judge Not

Christ teaches us not to judge in Matthew 7, verses 1-7, beginning with the words, "Judge not that ye be not judged." He points the way to judging oneself in the verse, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" Psychologists tell us that one person's criticism of another is often an index of a like weakness within himself.

The lesson in Christ's words in Matthew 7 is evident if we will listen and think. Christ does not say that we accept the thoughts and actions of others as right. He admonishes us against judging. This message of Christ implies another lesson. We should always seek the truth of a situation by gathering all of the known facts. We should not be swayed by idle gossip or exaggerated reports.

There is a phrase current in educational circles known as "action research." The term has a scientific connotation. Actually, "action research" is nothing more than getting at the facts of a situation. It rules out jumping at conclusions, half-truths, and libel. It is a rather feeble effort to bring a Christ-like attitude into a working world.

Imagine what could happen to our country and the world if business, industry, and education were willing to base their ways of working upon "Christian Action" rather than upon such slogans as "cooperative," "bargaining," or "action research."

To Use the Golden Rule

The golden rule given by Christ in His Sermon on the Mount has long been used as a measure of man's relationship to his fellow man: "Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them." Unfortunately, many give only lip service to the rule, forgetting that actions toward others often speak louder than words. The measure of man's actions must include patience, understanding, truth, devotion, and trust.

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Serving the Blind

By Gilbert Q. LeSourd

As late as thirty years ago there was very little religious literature available for the blind. Helen Keller wrote to Dr.



Chamberlain of the American Bible Society saying, "I have always known that there is a scarcity of religious literature available for the sightless. . . . It seems strange to me that so little thought apparently has been given to the spiritual needs of the blind. From my own experience, I know how unspeakably precious religion is to those who walk in dark ways."

Deeply moved by this appeal, Dr. Chamberlain persuaded a group of church leaders to organize a society that would serve all denominations by providing religious literature for the blind. They named it the John Milton Society after the blind poet. Its initial venture was the *John Milton Magazine*, a monthly in braille. It continues to be the leading organ of its kind and now has the largest circulation of any religious magazine in braille.

One of the more recent braille publications is a book of *Hymns for Worship*, a collection of 100 hymns most commonly used in church worship services. Like all other publications of the John Milton Society the *Hymns for Worship* is given free

to any blind person requesting it but many churches like to present a hymnbook to a blind member, and in that case it is suggested that the church send two dollars to help pay the cost of this volume. Some blind readers also like to pay for this book.

Another venture was to put the Church School lessons on records, and now many teachers of Bible classes and their students are using Recorded Church School Lessons which are based on the Standard Uniform Series. There are about 1,000 blind teachers of Bible classes in America and many of them depend on these recorded lessons to help them in their preparation.

Blindness, of course, is not confined to America. In fact the incidence of loss of sight is much higher in many countries than it is with us. Unfortunately in many lands almost nothing is being done for the blind except such service as is being rendered by Christian homes and schools. The John Milton Society does not provide the entire support for any of these institutions but it does aid over thirty schools and homes in seventeen overseas countries.

How is all this service made possible? In small part by grants from denominational boards of Christian education, boards of missions and publishing houses, but these provide less than five percent of the yearly budget. Most of the funds come from devoted Christians who, in thankfulness for their own sight, give generously to aid those who walk in darkness. Many churches, Sabbath Schools, Vacation Bible Schools, and other church organizations help in the work. A few very small foundation gifts are also received.

The headquarters of the John Milton Society is at 160 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. Complete information about any feature of the work will gladly be sent at any time.

The Mary Johnston Hospital in Manila — one of overseas Methodism's best-known institutions — recently observed the fiftieth anniversary of its service to the Filipino people. Mary Johnston's School of Nursing also is 50 years old. From it, almost 600 nurses have gone out to service in the Philippines.

Ministerial Training Committee Reports Its Recent Meeting

The Salem Conference directed the Committee on Ministerial Training to continue its efforts toward a fuller Seventh Day Baptist support of our School of Theology and to "present to the next Conference a full investigation of alternatives if increased participation is not successful." The investigation of alternative plans was to "commence at once and not be dependent on the outcome of present attempts to secure support."

Reports of sub-committees assigned at the close of Conference to the "investigation of alternative plans" were presented at the meetings of the Ministerial Training Committee held in Alfred on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27.

One plan which was presented was a "study center at Plainfield." Under the study center plan, students attending seminaries within commuting distance would meet regularly, perhaps monthly, at Plainfield for study. A coordinator of Ministerial Training would devote full time to the study center and the ministers in training.

A revision of "Plan B," originally presented in 1954, would involve an annual summer school of six weeks for our theological students. An administrator, employed the year round, would be responsible for the training program.

Other proposals were discussed, including the possibility of a Seventh Day Baptist chair in an established school of theology.

These proposals will be presented to the Commission for its December meeting. The committee will meet in July to prepare the materials for Conference.

A tentative budget for 1960-61 was prepared. The committee voted to make additional materials available to pastors for use in the encouragement of candidates for the ministry. The resignation of Courtland V. Davis as secretary of the committee was accepted with regret, and the Rev. Paul Burdick was elected to that office.

Members of the committee are J. Leland Skaggs, chairman, Courtland V. Davis,

secretary, Rev. C. Rex Burdick, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, and David T. Sheppard. All were present at all sessions of the committee. The Rev. Albert N. Rogers, dean of the School of Theology, was also present, by invitation of the committee, at all sessions.

New York Bible Society

The upsurge of crime and juvenile delinquency in New York City in recent months caused the New York Bible Society to take drastic action to turn the youth of the city to higher thoughts.

The Bible Society initiated a crash program of Scripture distribution in one of the city's most troubled areas. 5,000 Bibles, 10,000 Testaments, and 25,000 Scripture portions were set aside for immediate placement. Block-by-block, door-to-door visitation is being carried on with the help of local church volunteers and with police cooperation.

This emergency action is directly in line with the Bible Society's goal: to provide every New Yorker with the Scriptures in his own language. Society agents regularly visit hospitals, servicemen's centers and bases, ships in port, immigration centers, and hotels, distributing Bibles and Testaments. As often as possible, this is done in person-to-person contact. During the present year more than one million copies of the Scriptures are being distributed. These were published in 70 languages, including several African dialects.

The New York Bible Society, which is this year celebrating its 150th anniversary, is not to be confused with the American Bible Society which works on a national and international basis. The local society aids the city's 14,000 blind, distributing braille Bibles and long-playing recordings of Scripture passages. It also services 300 New York hotels with Bibles produced by the larger organization.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 19, 1959

Good News for the World

Lesson Scripture: Luke 2: 8-14.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Maxson

I WAS A STRANGER

And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord thy God.

(Lev. 19: 33, 34).

Perhaps you have been thinking, as you plan Christmas festivities, that you would like to include someone who is away from home and family or friends to share in the joy of your family circle this holiday time. There are many who will be lonely.

It may be you have thought of inviting that foreign-born person or family — student, worker, or visitor — in your community, but have hesitated because you did not quite know how to make him feel at home. Here are some pointers that would make such a visit a rewarding experience for you and your guest.

Before Your Guest Arrives

If you are making the initial contact yourself, you should tell the foreign visitor how you received his name. He needs to have confidence in the invitation and in you before he will accept.

Both guest and host must be absolutely clear as to date, time, and transportation. This is of utmost importance. An invitation by letter should include a self-addressed stamped postcard with a place for the visitor to check whether he can come or not. This helps the host get an answer more quickly.

Know something about your guest's country. This should include: location, form of government, predominant religion, race, etc. Your local library will help you here.

If your guest is a Hindu or Moslem, plan menus carefully. Moslems do not eat pork. Hindus do not eat beef. Some Hindus are vegetarians, and eat no meat or eggs. Do not look or feel distressed if your guest eats only the fruit, rice, and vegetables. He will be happy if he does not feel he has distressed you.

When He Arrives

Some people relax quickly. Some of us have to "warm up" to people. Your guest

may be a reserved person. Let him move at his own pace. You can reach a friendship level only if you act naturally. Try to be understanding in the area of cultural patterns. For example: If you suggest that he take off his coat and he seems reluctant, do not insist. It may be contrary to his social pattern at home.

Learn how to spell names correctly, and how to pronounce them.

Many foreign visitors want to be considered part of the family. Your guest may want to take your son's bike and ride around the neighborhood. He may want to look over your bookshelves and find a place to read. He might like to go see some apple trees or strawberries growing, if they do not grow in his country.

Most foreign visitors will be happy to attend church with you. Recognize that discussions of religion must spring from students and visitors, not from us — we must respect their religion. We may take this opportunity to witness to the love of God, and then let the Holy Spirit work in our midst. We must not impose, they must seek.

Some may want to help in the kitchen, others may not. If they want to, let them. They may be cooking and are interested in seeing how you do it. Conversation may be as light or heavy as the situation would indicate. Listening is an art. Share experiences and family traditions with your guest. The emphasis here is "sharing." Give him an opportunity to share with you his experiences and family traditions. Do not fear conversation. Even the food on the table can lead to many interesting areas of conversation. For example: home, kitchen equipment, farms, farm equipment, government programs for farm improvement, etc. Do not be alarmed if there are moments of silence.

You are proud of your country, the United States of America. Recognize that we have made mistakes. Take this opportunity to point out that we are constantly striving to improve our system and help our people reach the fullest life possible.

You are proud of your Christian religion. Your guest has a religion of which

he is proud. A free exchange of ideas and convictions can lead to a better understanding. You can share your convictions only if you know what they are. Your guest may ask you some penetrating questions. He will see your family relationships. We have all heard the saying, "What you are speaks so loudly, I can not hear what you say."

After He Leaves

He may or may not write you a "thank-you" note. Do not be offended if he does not. This is not the custom in all countries; also he may be unsure of his written English.

Keep in touch with him. Christmas cards, birthday cards, and letters mean a great deal to these friends from other lands.

Invite him again if it is possible. The return visits are the ones which are most rewarding to host and guest. Soon he feels that he has real friends here in this country — not just people who are being "nice." If he does not have another invitation he will always wonder why. When he returns to his native land, write to him. The correspondence will be rewarding to both of you.

Above all, be yourself in the presence of foreign guests. Treat them as you treat your friends. These guests from other lands are just as interested in you as you are in them. Be prepared for a wonderful adventure and friendship which might last a lifetime.

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Dr. Masao Takenaka of Doshisha University, Japan, emphasizes the need for Christians to engage in a common search for "a real understanding of the problems of society."

"Today the frontier of Christian witness is not mainly in the church building, but it is in the places where the Christian is in actual social context with others sharing the same burden and suffering," Dr. Takenaka said.

Sunday in England

By Stanley C. Page*

In the article on "Sunday" in the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, we are informed that in the 7th century, Wihtred, King of Kent, made laws that if a servant contrary to his lord's command did servile work between sunset Saturday and sunset Sunday, he should pay a fine to his lord. A servant was forbidden to make a journey on his own horse on Sunday under penalty of fine or lash.

There were also penalties against free men working on Sunday. But Ina, King of Wessex, ordained if a slave worked on Sunday at his lord's command, he should be set free and the lord liable to a fine of thirty shillings (which for those days was a considerable sum). But Sunday observance was not ordained by national law until the reign of Edward VI by the Act of Uniformity of 1557.

By 1558, everybody had to go to church or be liable to censure by the church to a fine of 12 pence. This law was not repealed until 1846. But it still remained the law of England that all members of the Church of England must go to church on Sunday, but the law has not been enforced for several generations. Nevertheless this law has been upheld by the High Court, which means of course that it could be enforced if circumstances warranted or made it possible to do so. By the Act of 1677, no business was allowed. The penalty was a fine of five shillings or two hours in the stocks.

So from the time of Constantine, who in A.D. 321 enjoined a rest from labor (except agriculture), the Sunday rest not only for England but the continental nations also has been made a matter, in vary-

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ing degrees, of legal compulsion. It is reasonable to believe that Constantine made his law out of the kindness of his heart for the underprivileged classes, and the same may be said for some of the English rulers, but, on the other hand, often, quite evidently, these laws were enacted on a basis of power rather than love, and of course there is no Scriptural foundation for any such laws for the observance of that day.

How Bible Study

Equips a Person

(Continued from page 6)

To Love Sincerely

Genuine love is the greatest attribute in working with others — love for God first, love of neighbor next. When we understand the full significance of love for our neighbors, everything falls into place. We then look upon others with respect; recognize their worth; have concern for their problems and rights; refrain from judging; practice the golden rule, and subjugate self.

The test of real love is shown in the 46th verse of Matthew 5: "For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye?"

I am reminded of the words of a prominent educator who was describing the real task of a teacher: "It is easy to love and teach the loveable — the golden-haired little girls and the shiny-faced little boys. But the mark of a real teacher, a Christian teacher, is to love the great multitudes of unwashed and unlovely."

Perhaps the passage from the Bible that I have read the most and that has given me the greatest strength and insight is St. Paul's familiar chapter on love in 1 Corinthians 13. The entire chapter is too long to include here. Most of you know it from memory. I would like to emphasize the message in verses 4 and 5 by quoting them: "Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. . . ."

Forgiveness is an act of Christ-like love. In the stress and hurry of everyday life, people are guilty of thoughtlessness, rudeness, lack of consideration, and anger. We are tempted to pay back in kind. But the Bible helps us to withhold unkind words and resentments and to forgive. Forgiving means forgetting. Forgiving releases tensions and fears and leaves peace of mind.

Christ taught us to forgive in the Lord's Prayer in the words, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

Forgiving once is not enough. In answer to Peter's question, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?" Christ replied, "I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven."

Christ gave us the example of the supreme act of forgiveness in His dying words on the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." In working with others, we are not called upon to lay down our lives as did Christ but we are "crucified" by unkind words, misrepresentation, deceit, indifference, and coldness. Do we have the courage and love to pray, "Father, forgive them"?

The Place of Children in the Plan of God

I must not close this phase of the topic without speaking especially of children. The spiritual creation of children is often overlooked. Children, in the real sense, are created of God. They are His gifts to parents and all those privileged to work with them. We should remember, then, that each child is precious in God's sight and is endowed with godlike qualities. Often the poet is the one most sensitive to this truth. Wordsworth in one of the stanzas from *Recollections of Early Childhood* gives these lines:

"But trailing clouds of glory
do we come

From God, who is our home:
Heaven lies about us in our infancy!"

Even Christ's disciples, at one time, misunderstood the place of little children. In the passage from Luke 18: 15-17, Christ recognized and established the significance of childhood:

And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples

British Guiana Plans Indefinitely Delayed

The Executive Committee of the Missionary Board regretfully announces that plans for the Rev. Rene Mauch and family to go to British Guiana as Seventh Day Baptist missionaries have been delayed indefinitely because of Mrs. Mauch's health. A chronic nervous condition has been aggravated by the strain of preparations to go. Further word regarding the situation that has developed will be published later.

saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

I left until the end the most important phase of working with others because I wished to place especial emphasis upon it. Working with self is the first step in learning to work with others. Self must be put aside to assure harmony in everyday relationships. One's own mind and heart must first be right with God. When this is not so, one cannot see others for self.

Measuring My Growth By the Bible Yardstick

The Bible is the best mirror to use to reveal one's true self. From its teachings one can make a kind of yardstick to measure again and again one's spiritual insight and growth. These are a few of the questions and Bible passages which I like to include in my own yardstick.

1. Have I cast out fears? Do I keep this verse in mind as I go about my daily tasks: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Tim. 1: 7)?

2. Do I really believe in and use the Power of God in times of doubt and perplexity? Do I act upon the belief that "with God all things are possible"?

3. What kind of faith do I manifest? Do I fret and worry? Do I take a nega-

tive attitude? Am I afraid to venture? Do I really trust in this verse: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"? Does my faith inspire me to good works, knowing "that faith without works is dead"?

4. Have I the courage to face criticism and misunderstandings and to speak for my convictions even when I stand alone? I should, if the life of Christ and the experiences of the early Christians have any meaning for me.

5. Have I put aside foolish pride? Am I truly humble? Do I remember these words of Christ: "And whosoever shall exalt himself, shall be abased"?

6. Am I soft-spoken? Have I learned to bridle my tongue, keeping before me this verse from James 1: "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain"?

7. Do I turn to God for the renewing of my spirit? Do I commune with Him — through prayer? Do I put my trust in these words of Christ found in John 14: 27: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"? Can I submit to God's will for me as given in Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose"?

8. Have I the true spirit of forgiveness expressed in Ephesians 4: 32: "And be ye kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you"?

Working with oneself means constant soul searching, or to put it into a phrase I frequently use "talking with oneself," but it pays big dividends. It means conditioning our lives by what we learn from Bible study. It means letting our beliefs, our hopes, our faith be reflected in the way we work with other people. It means serving the purposes for which we were created.

Would that all we who work with others might say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

"God's Businessman" Receives Citation

Robert G. LeTourneau, who is probably the world's most noted inventor and maker of earthmoving equipment (and other specialized heavy machinery), was recently honored with a citation at a dinner in Seattle, Washington. The National Defense Transportation Association gave the citation in the presence of 1500 guests to recognize the tremendous contribution the machine builder had made to the cause of national defense, particularly in the line of mobile engineering equipment.

After citing his phenomenal accomplishments the document went on to say in its last paragraph:

Robert G. LeTourneau, building a career with an engineer's slide rule in one hand and a Bible in the other, has become known throughout most of the free world as "God's Businessman." The "religious" aspect of the title has been earned through the many millions of dollars which he, through the LeTourneau Foundation, has contributed to furthering the Christian doctrine in this country and abroad. The "business" aspect of the title has been earned through Mr. LeTourneau's highly diversified skills in financial management, manufacturing, and, most important perhaps, inventive proficiency.

Mr. LeTourneau in his acknowledgment gave a strong word of personal testimony to the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ and gave all credit to Him. In deference to the honored guest no drinks were allowed to be served at the dinner.

A sample of the testimonies of "God's Businessman" taken from Now, follows:

Things change quite rapidly in this day and age, but neither the love of God nor the laws of God have changed. God gave us the Ten Commandments. They are still the same. A lot of people think that if the good deeds outweigh the bad deeds they will get to Heaven. But the Bible says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18: 20). And where is the man who dares to say he's never sinned? But the Bible also says, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5: 8). Why not accept God's love which He is willing to "shed abroad in our hearts" (Rom. 5: 5), then we can say like the song writer —

"Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to Thy cross I cling:
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die."

"Pat Boone Talks to Teenagers"

Turn to the Bible for the answers to life's Big Questions, urges Pat Boone, popular television and screen star! This is his primary advice to teenagers — and their parents — as he launches a new series of counseling articles for teenagers in the December Ladies' Home Journal. If he could, he would put a Bible in the hands of every teenager, he declares.

Boone, who is equally popular as a singer and as a teenagers' counselor, singles out time-tested passages of Scripture and names the problems which he believes each will remedy. The troubles range from the blues to the budget. The verses are familiar ones.

For example, if you feel lonesome and unprotected, you'll find solace, he says, in the ninety-first Psalm, . . . "the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in him will I trust."

If people criticize you harshly, there is consolation in the fifteenth chapter of St. John, which asks that "ye love one another as I have loved you. . . . If the world hates you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. . . . If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you."

Should you be troubled with the age-old problem of money, Boone says to read the twenty-seventh Psalm: "In the time of trouble the Lord shall hide you in his pavilion. . . . Wait on the Lord: Be of good courage and he shall strengthen thine heart."

The singer, who is the author of an advice book for teenagers, entitles his new series, "Pat Boone Talks to Teenagers," and in the first one he tells youngsters how to increase their popularity.

A Layman and His Faith

"No, we do not worship the Bible. But we honor and trust it as a precious revelation of God's eternal truth; and in our doing this, we have found it never to fail." — Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Executive Editor, Christianity Today.

DEACON R. C. BREWER

Richard Chase Brewer, better known as "R.C.," was born in Mantorville, Minnesota, on February 26, 1878, the son of Israel Putname and Helen Hoppin Brewer. He was called to rest November 16, 1959. As a young man he lived in and around Dodge Center, Minn., coming to Santa Rosa, Calif., in 1903. The following year he was married to Leah Baxter of Kasson, Minn. They established their home in Riverside, California, in 1905. To them were born two children, Bernice (now Mrs. Orvis Chapman) and Rex, both of Riverside. Mrs. Brewer died in 1943. In 1945 he married Allie S. Green of Adams Center, N. Y. They continued to make their home in Riverside.

As a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church he was very active, dependable, and consecrated, holding many of the executive and committee offices of the church. He was a deacon for many years and served several terms as a trustee. He was a man of deep convictions and was known to stand by them unswervingly. He believed profoundly in the power of prayer. In matters of business as well as of religious matters he spent much time in prayer. At the age of 81 he was called to rest, bequeathing to many friends and loved ones a wealth of fond memories.

Funeral services were conducted on November 18, 1959, with interment at the Monticito Memorial Park Cemetery near Riverside. Pastor Alton L. Wheeler officiated.

Besides his wife and daughter and son, he is survived by three grandchildren and a host of brothers and sisters in Christ.

— A.L.W.

"Nobody in this profoundly wise generation ever gets deeper than the New Testament gets. You never have to apologize for it in any company where brains meet. No matter what goes wrong or how badly, you don't need to be ashamed of it, or afraid that it will dodge the issue. It was written from the bottom up."

— Paul Scherer, in the Chaplain,
March, April, 1951.

Teen Talk

I Am the Vine

When Jesus gave that wonderful discourse in John 15 in which He called Himself the vine, He was talking to His disciples about how to be fruitful. We cannot, as branches, be fruitful except as we remain attached to the main stem of the vine. But perhaps there is another lesson which is illustrated by the picture.



In this picture a young man calls attention to an unusual vine. It grows by an oak tree in a pasture near one of the little rivers that flows through the village of Ashaway, R. I. If you look carefully at this vine you will see that it encircles a tall cedar post, almost completely hiding the top of the post. I am quite sure that the post was set in the ground before the vine started to grow. It supported the climbing vine in its tender years.

Now the situation is different. All the other cedar posts that may have been set in this field at the same time have long since disappeared. This one stands because of the giant living vine which now holds it fast and supports it.

One of the things Jesus said when talking about the vine was, "Without me ye can do nothing." We sometimes think that we are pretty well able to take care of ourselves, to meet every problem in

our own strength. It isn't so. Show me the slender post that is not a "push-over." We are encircled by the tremendous strength of a living Christ — something like that great vine, firmly rooted and extending far up above.

The wonders of nature that to some may seem commonplace were used by Jesus to teach us to depend upon Him for salvation, for eternal truth, and for daily strength. Let us learn of Him.

Young people have been "going to the dogs" for thousands of years, and their parents have been "out of date" for about the same length of time. — Anon.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — Pastor Herbert L. Polan, of Battle Creek, is back to serve our church during the winter months. He presided at our Sabbath morning service on October 31. The Rev. and Mrs. Rhodes Thompson were invited to fellowship with us at the noon meal in the social hall. Dr. O. B. Bond thanked Mr. Thompson and expressed our appreciation for the five months he had served our church. The president, Earl D. Burdick, gave a cordial welcome to Pastor and Mrs. Polan.

Winfield Randolph gave a general outline of the Program for Advance. Dr. O. B. Bond spoke of a planned Lay Development Program that would include every member of the church. Dr. Ruth Rogers explained the idea of a retreat and planning conference. It was voted that we have such a planning conference. The committee met the next day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eslie Jeffrey in DeLand to plan for it.

The program for Lay Development was launched at the social hall Sabbath afternoon, November 7, with Winfield Randolph presiding. Mrs. Ruby Babcock reviewed the history of the church. Pastor Polan spoke on "What tends to build togetherness in the fellowship of the Seventh Day Baptist Church." Dr. Ruth Rogers talked about "Witnessing to the Community," and Mrs. O. B. Bond discussed: "What is the value of music to the worship and spiritual enrichment of

the members?" It was voted that the same committee plan for several weeks of workshops to be held the first and third Sabbath afternoons of each month.

Several expressed the desire that those coming to a milder climate in Florida would locate in Daytona Beach and join us in our Christian fellowship and worship. — Correspondent.

WALWORTH, WIS. — We were fortunate to have the Rev. Loyal Hurley with us on the weekend of October 24. A large group of people enjoyed the meeting he conducted at the home of Miss Ethel Butterfield. His closing thought expressed in the song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," which he sang accompanied by Mrs. Vivian Kimball, was enjoyed by all.

On November 15 a business meeting was held in the home of Miss Minnie Godfrey at which time it was voted to contribute \$25 a month to Our World Mission, also to carry on the project of the Chinese boy in the orphanage. We voted to send \$65 to the Texarkana Church for their building project and \$25 for the Maiden Hall project for the purchase of books. It was voted to retain the same church officers: Roger Dangerfield, president; James Bonham, vice-president; Minnie Godfrey, trustee; and Charlotte Beland, clerk.

An additional \$5 was sent to Our World Mission by Russell Dangerfield from the Sabbath School.

The project of the Sabbath School of packing Christmas boxes for the Walworth County Home is getting under way by Mrs. James Bonham and Berta before they leave for their winter home in Florida. — Correspondent.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The first weekend in October nearly 25 persons, including several children and young people, attended the Mid-Continent Association meetings at Denver, Colo. Good reports were brought back by those attending. We rejoice with Denver in the prospect of their new house of worship in the near future. The Association will be entertained by the North Loup Church next fall, with Dr. Wayne Babcock the presiding officer.

The Sabbath Recorder

Pastor Soper plans to be in Walker, Louisiana, for special evangelistic meetings December 2-12. We are praying that God may richly bless these services.

A baptismal service was held on Sabbath, November 14, when seven young men and two young women, all members of Elery King's Sabbath School Class and of a class for baptism conducted by Pastor Soper, were baptized. The following Sabbath, they with three others were received into the church. Both services were very impressive. The entire congregation was invited to go forward and individually extend the right hand of fellowship to each new member.

The Lord's Acre project was completed Sabbath afternoon, November 21, following a fellowship luncheon with a dedicatory service for the \$1,000 raised through the project. The general committee, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Monk, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. George Maxson, had sponsored a supper and sale of donated articles. The Woman's Missionary Society used the penny-a-meal plan for August and October and a "Guess What" table at the sale. The Dr. Grace Society served dinners to the Inter-County Club meeting held in North Loup in October. Dr. Wayne Babcock sponsored a drive for scrap iron, and the Youth Fellowship hauled trash for their project. Mrs. Mynor Soper gave a concert of classical and religious music. A free-will offering was received for the Lord's Acre Fund, and there were some other individual gifts. We ask God's blessing on all who helped to make the project a success.

— Correspondent.

Accessions

North Loup, Neb.

By Baptism:

Vivian Swanson
Kathleen Swanson
Leonard Williams
Ronnie Williams
Rollie Davis
Phillip Van Horn
Brice Severance
Darrell Cox
Allen Cox
Janice Scott
Phyllis Fuller

By Testimony:

Mrs. H. A. (Annabelle) Schoning

Obituaries

Brewer. — Deacon R. C., son of Israel Putname and Helen Hoppin Brewer, was born Feb. 26, 1878, at Mantorville, Minn., and died at Riverside, Calif., Nov. 16, 1959. See extended obituary by the pastor on another page.

Chester. — Lena Smith, was born Jan. 26, 1890, at Richmond, R. I., and died at the Rhode Island State Hospital, Cranston, R. I., Sept. 23, 1959.

A daughter of Wilbur and Bertha Smith, she was married to Ray Chester June 17, 1911. He preceded her in death. She was a member of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Ashaway, R. I.

Surviving are: a daughter, Mrs. Carol C. Whitford, of Hope, R. I.; five sons: Edmund T., Theodore S., Ray A., William C., and Roderick D., all of the Ashaway and Westerly, R. I., area; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two sisters: Mrs. Edith Lamb of Avondale, R. I., and Mrs. Amelia Murphy of Florida; and a brother, Edmund T. Smith, of Ashaway.

Funeral services were conducted from the Harvey Buckler Funeral Home by her pastor, the Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler. Burial was in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly.

— E.F.W.

Scriven. — Emily M., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Scriven, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1876, and spent much of her life in Los Angeles, where she died June 30, 1959.

Miss Scriven was baptized by the Rev. A. H. Lewis at Plainfield, N. J., and united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of that city, where she kept her membership until her death. She was a charter member of the Christian Endeavor.

She leaves two brothers, Walter and Elmer Scriven; two sisters, Mrs. Clara S. Loftis and Mrs. Florence S. Munro; a niece and nephew who lived in the family home and nine other nieces and nephews; thirty grandnieces and grandnephews and six great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

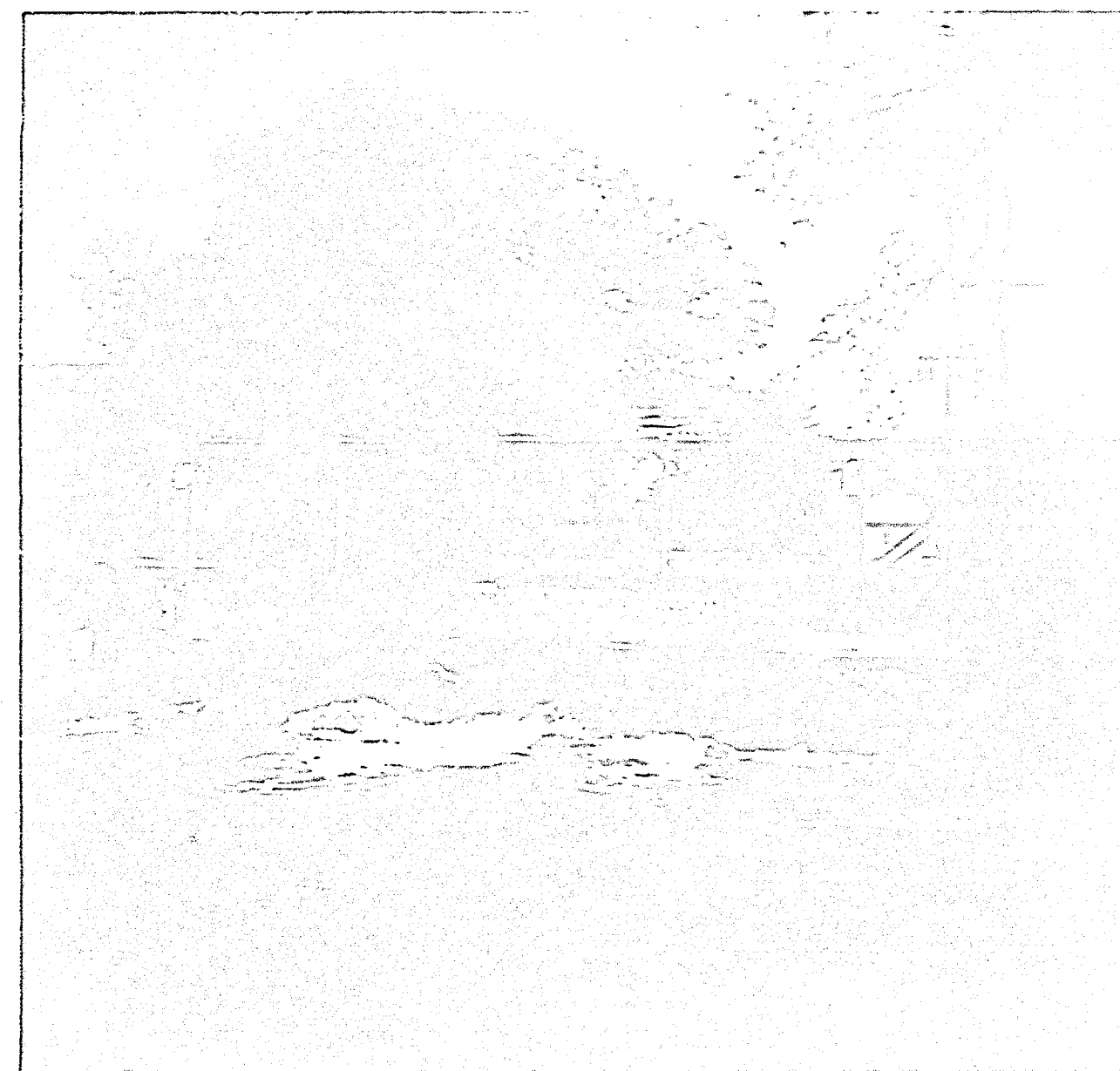
Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Francis D. Saunders, pastor of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church. —F.D.S.

Van Sickel. — Grace, daughter of I. Newton and Eva Jane Hubbard Van Sickel, was born in Plainfield, N. J., and died September 25, 1959, at New Rochelle, N. Y.

She is survived by a niece, Miss Margaret Schmidt, of New York City.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, September 29, in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J.

— C.H.D.



THE GLORY THAT ENDURES

In a moment of vision the prophet Isaiah heard a song of both heavenly and earthly glory in these words of the seraphim: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." We try to catch and preserve on paper the brilliant but changing glory of tumbling streams, resplendent foliage and lacy boughs. We fail to convey to others in black and white what we have seen in color. What matters more is that we try more earnestly to get others to see the glory that endures, "the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."