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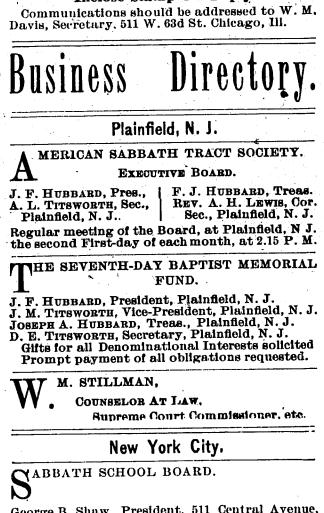
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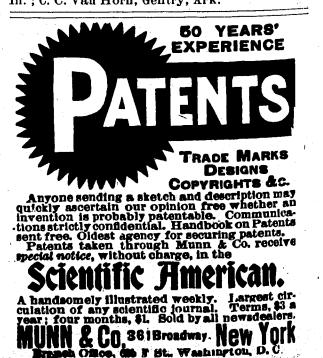
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TO SERVE. MALTBIE D. BABCOCK. O Lord, I pray That for this day I may not swerve By foot or hand From Thy command, Not to be served, but to serve. This too I pray, That for this day No love of ease Nor pride prevent My good intent Not to be pleased, but to please. And if I may, I'd bave this day Strength from above To set my heart In heavenly art, Not to be loved, but to love.

"THE denomination which does

atively weak as a leader. On the other hand, if the prominent ideas and tendencies in this leading group are in the line of pleasure-seeking and worldliness, the controling tenden- culture is the first requisite, but this must be

cannot be overestimated. -----Educating Our not educate its own leaders must Official fail." The late President Allen Leaders.

expressed this truth many times in his able Baccalaurate Sermons during the tors, deacons, theological students, and col-yond argument. Those who are to lead Sevlast twenty-five years of his life. The state- lege professors; all official leaders and cre- enth-day Baptist churches, colleges, and dement is axiomatic. It involves more than ators of public opinion. In reference to all nominational enterprises to success, need to appears on the surface, and much more than such, education must be defined broadly and be Christian scholars, broad-minded, and the ordinary definition of the word educa- carefully. It must include far more than gen- strong souled; but they must add to this, tion includes. That this calls for the general eral education, literary, scientific, or even specific training and specific convictions. education of Seventh-day Baptist children in theological. Herein has been and is the cen- That specific training and education must beour schools and under the influence of our tral feature of the importance of our gin with these inquiries: "Why do Seventhchurches goes without saying, for the leader- theological seminary. One who has day Baptists exist; are the reason for their ship of the people is a large factor in our gone to his reward, and who was for existence sufficient to warrant their continudenominational life and work. In all churches | many years a pastor and teacher, said in | ance; how can they develop themselves in the there is constant action and interaction be- open meeting at one of our General Confer- qualities and methods requisite to the accomtween pastor and people in the matter of ences thirty years ago: "I was educated at a plishment of their mission," etc., etc. To leadership. Neither may be conscious of Dutch Reformed Theological Seminary, and these general inquiries must be added, the this, and no outward or definite struggle it has taken me a dozen years to get in touch question of personal duty, personal fitness, may appear, but the fact remains that pas- with my own people." That statement illus- and personal devotion as leaders. Every tors lift churches, or are dragged down by trates the whole question of denomination official leader in our churches, schools, and them. Pastors suffer defeat, or are helped to alism and leadership. It is this getting into societies, must seek such special training as success by the leadership of the people, up or | touch that determines leadership, and its re- | these questions and issues demand, or meet down, more than people generally suppose, sults, good or evil. Something like that must failure as a leader. Under such circumstances, and all agree that the history and character be said in every similar case. If there be a all failure is doubly disastrous. Aside from of churches are shaped in no small degree by strong and vigorous denominational inheri- all that our schools, our theological semipastors. Both these forms of leadership | tance, and this be followed by primary and | nary, and our societies can do to promote must be recognized in considering the ques- higher education in our schools, and under the education of the people and of official tion of educating leaders. Leadership by the | the influence of our churches, and denomina- | leaders for successful work, there must be people, guided by a small number of "leading | tional meetings and interests, post graduate | much self-education. Men in positions of ofmembers," who may be official or unofficial, studies may be sought elsewhere with profit. ficial leadership, and those who seek such usually formulates itself into ideas and tenden- But it is against every natural law that boys places, must be eager and untiring in their cies more than into distinct personal leader. and girls whose formative period in educa- personal efforts for fitness and service, or ship, as in the case of the pastor. Dominat- tional work is spent away from our schools they must fail. The larger factor of success ing ideas concerning life and duty determine and churches should become strong in those or failure is in the individual, in his deeper the upward or downward leadership of elements which make for successful leader- convictions, sympathies, purposes and dechurches and communities. For example, if ship, official or unofficial, in denominational terminations; therefore, does the question of the group of leading members, who deter- work. The accident of birth, or the form- educating our leaders unfold into the still mine the general tone and tendency of church ality of church membership, cannot over larger field of educating ourselves for our life, are devoted to prayer-meeting, Sabbath- come the general laws of character-building work under the leadership of God. The times school, and similar forms of church work, the during the formative period of developing demand a universal call for higher life and spiritual life and power of the church will be manhood and womanhood.

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strong and constant, even if the church is Dénominationalism.

SPECIFIC training is absolutely espastorless, or when the pastor is compar- Education in sential for leadership in any given field. This fact appears in all forms of business and professional life. A broad basis of general

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cies will be downward, in spite of pastors, or supplemented by specific education; for genevangelists, or revival efforts. Since the eral training alone will be fatal to specific children of to-day are to be the leading leadership. Business, politics, diplomacy, actors in church life to-morrow, or, worse medicine, law, science, all forms of enterprise, still, are to be inactive, or only negatively recognize this need of specific training and favorable to higher Christian life or church the folly of expecting successful leadership life, the demand for educating the children of without it. The ablest surgeon in the land is each generation with a view to leadership in not therefore fit for a high diplomatic misthe right direction is constant and impera- sion nor a place on the supreme bench. The tive. This fact is not fully appreciated. It ablest farmer in Nebraska is not therefore fit for leadership as the head of a great ironworking plant. He may be authority on In spite of our extreme congrega- corn-raising and the western grain market, tionalism and because of it, the but he is not up on pig-iron and printing mawords of President Allen have chines. These illustrations unfold the truth double meaning in the case of pas- | we seek to impress and place the question bemore earnest endeavor. The changing tides

of thought and influence assail our churches they will put such opinions into actual life. wrought most for you; for, be it remembered must fail.

Pastors Take Heed.

EVERY consideration touching our history and the history of that for which we stand shows that we have not made enough of

the pastors place as a teacher and leader. By leader we do not mean dictator, nor one in authority, but rather an instructor and inspirer to action. The people have been quite as much at fault in this direction as the pastors have. They have not always asked enough of pastors, nor have they given heed to their pastors as instructors and leaders as they should. In too many instances, "public opinion," that indefinite and elusive, yet powerful influence, thwarts and nullifies the calls of the pastor to higher life and to denominational work, not so much by open opposition and denial, as by inaction and silence. Opinion sits down on advanced movements, and appeals from the pulpit by irre- of Reforms. sponsiveness or spasmodic attempts toward response, which end in heavier stagnation. | character, and society is carried forward into | Good-natured inaction is one of the worst higher and better attainments. Such is the forms of opposition a pastor can meet. Al- upward movement. The downward trend most anything is better than genteel, smiling | illustrates the same law. Evils grow like stagnation. But whatever and however weeds from tiny seeds and slight germs. Regreat the difficulties may be, the pastor is forms cannot be bought ready-made in any still the first and highest official leader in the market. These great laws of unfolding, of church. He must give heed to himself and evolution are God-ordained, and without his flock lest evil befall, he must fight stagna- them neither permanent good, nor the pertion, awaken lethargy, meet opposition, in- sonal training which gives strength of purstruct ignorance, and press on, knowing that pose and fibre to character, would be possible he is answerable first and mainly to God and This fundamental principle in reform must be eternity for his work. Many of the needs and appreciated and recognized in all cases. dangers which now await us will be met by Every man seeking higher life, stronger faith instruction, by larger views of our place and and larger development for righteousness work, of life and its demands. The RECORDER | must know the value of seeds and germs, of has faith in both the pastors and the people their implanting and development in his exwhen they are thoroughly instructed. Hence perience. Otherwise he will be discouraged at its appeals for education and leadership. It the failure of his efforts and the apparent impoints to dangers that it may arouse to ef- possibility of rising toward his ideals, much fort and attainment.

of Unapplied **Opinions.**

before such embodiment, as material for a slight causes coming into great development, building has; but as building material de- appear as foundation principles and funda- merging is not advisable or practicable. teriorates and becomes wholly useless unless mental experiences. It must also be borne in wrought into proper relations by use, so mind that good is infectious, quite as well as tion of the report of the Council, its action opinions and theories' become burdens and evil. We are not wise enough to compare the hindrances when men delay or refuse to em- progress of either good or evil in their various body them into action and life. At this aspects, but the whole teaching of the New 21: point men whose words promise much often | Testament and of history tells the final vicbecome permanent failures. Right opinions tory of right and truth. Patience is one of as to what ought to be done indicate a cer- the cardinal virtues in every reform and every that to attempt to merge the Societies in the tain knowledge which heightens the duty of reformer. Patience does not mean inaction doing and becoming what one ought to do nor cessation of effort. It teaches and de- practicable." and to be. Not infrequently men are de- mands the utmost activity and unceasing luded into a false sense of security because efforts. But it forbids hopelessness, and August 10, and the opinion formulated by they hold right opinions, and promise them- wavering. Those struggles against evil, in the Council indicate the progress of investiga-

and our denominational work more fiercely | Such delusion is the more fatal, because it | God's judgment weighs efforts and purpose as and unfavorably year by year. Under these fosters new promise and new procrastina- the most important element in attainments strenuous circumstances the issues of leader- tion. The man who knows his duty, who holds We climbed Vesuvius once. Hours were conship and education for it are increasingly right opinions, often resents the suggestion sumed in the ascent. Progress was slow vital. We do not need the leadership of one that he will never embody them into life and Difficulties were abundant. From the foot of man half so much as the united, harmonious character, even while he is making such re- the mountain, even half way up, the crest leadership of many men under God, men with sults certain by promises supplemented by was hidden in sulphurous steam and the one aim, one purpose, and with largest lines failures, each of which confirms inaction and stygian smoke, which belched at every exploof fitness and power. God can lead such men fatal delay. As to final results, such opin- sion of lava. But once on the crest, the hours to success in spite of difficulties. Without ions are the source of greater evil, because of climbing and the weary way all behind and such fitness on our part God's highest plans knowing his Master's will and doing it not, below, the scene was matchless. Windsfrom for the advancement of truth, through us, he insures "many stripes." To say that un- the Mediterranean swept the sulphurons applied opinions are worthless is another shroud aside. The summer sun filled all the way of saying that "faith without works is heavens, until the stygian smoke fled away dead, being alone." The purpose of these to the other side, while the joy of victory lines is to shake the lethargy out of your filled our hearts. All this was gained stephy good but unapplied opinions, and to induce step, step by step. So we gain in goodness. action-immediate action. The man whose So weakness yields to strength. So reform lips are vocal with truths he does not obey, gains and error is overcome. Never had peowith knowledge he does not weave into life ple greater need to learn the truth that and character, walks on dangerous ground | reformers must be patient and persistent. and hinders his fellows from obedience. Stop | brave and hopeful, more than the readers of taking pride on finding comfort in your the RECORDER need that lesson to day. But opinions concerning truth and duty which the virtue of patience and plodding must be are not put into concreteness and action. complemented by the greater virtues of ac-The world does not ask what your opinions tivity and devotion. Reforms grow. Souls are, but what you "propose to do about grow Godward. Faint aspirations become them." The recording angel reports deeds, full attainments. not theories, for final entry in the Doomsday Book of God.

ALL great movements in human

society grow into form and power by natural laws. Ideas unfold • truths crystalize into action and

less of attaining them. Christ strove often and earnestly to teach this truth. His para-THE actual value of a theory, bles abound with illustrations of it. The Worthlessness opinion or creed is its embodi- mustard seed, the loaves, the blade, the ear, ment into action and character. and the full grain, the one and the ten talents, Opinions have a certain value etc., etc.; in all these, germs, tiny beginnings, selves and their friends that "some day" yourself, which have taxed you most, have tion and discussion, while the action of Con-

The Legal Question in Re-adjustment.

The following lawyers have been consulted by different portions of the committee: B. F. Langworthy, Chicago, Ill.; Dexter B. Potter. Providence, Rhode Island; Herbert G. Whip ple, New York city; Milo M. Ackers. Hornells ville, New York. Reports from the attorneys are now all at

societies.

4. The societies can legally include in their membership all the regular Conference delegates, either for the session, or for the entire Conference year. 5. If the Conference delegates are made members of the societies it is legal for the societies to report to Conference, and for Confer-

ence to elect the officers of the societies. In the RECORDER for Aug. 31, Dr. Gardiner reported the Recommendations of the Advisory Council, the first of which was as follows: Resolved, That it is the sense of this Council that while the merging of the three denominational societies with the General Conference would be legally possible, to attempt such

Our readers have seen the statements touching this question. In the RECORDER for August 10, Geo. W. Post wrote:

hand. Where they touch upon the same points they substantially agree, and from the legal standpoint the following questions may be considered as settled :

1. It is possible to merge the societies in the Conference fully and completely, and without risk to their funds or officers.

2. This cannot be done by the societies, nor y amending their charters.

3. It can be done by decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, on petition from the

When Conference came to the final considerawas as follows, as shown by the minutes published on page 595 of the RECORDER for Sept.

"On consideration of the first item, it was voted that it is the sense of this Conference General Conference is neither advisable nor

The opinions expressed in the RECORDER of

ference, last given above, shows the final de- utes were read and approved, and the So- cupy an important place in our work and cision and forms the permanent history in the ciety adjourned. matter. It was a wise and happy outcome on a point where differences of opinion were unavoidable.

MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY.

For the Election of Officers and an Executive Board. The American Sabbath Tract Society held a meeting at the residence of Vice President Stephen Babcock, No. 344 West 33d Street New York City, on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1903, at 3 P. M., in compliance with the following call of the President:

MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY Pursuant to the action of the American Sabbath Tract Society, at a meeting held in Salem, W. Va., Au gust 23, 1903, a meeting of said Society is hereby called to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1903, at 3 P. M. at the residence of Stephen Babcock, 344 West 33d Street, New York City, for the election of officers and an executive board, and such other business as may come before the meeting.

By order of the Society, J. F. HUBBARD, President.

The action of the Society referred to in the | Wis. above call is embodied in the following preamble and resolution, as recorded in the Minutes of the Society for the meeting held report of the Nominating Committee, the following resolution was adopted :"

thority that it is safer to have the officers of this Society elected at a meeting held in the State of New York where the Society is chartered, therefore,

Resolved, That the Society approve the report of th Committee, and that the President be directed to call a of the books, July 1). meeting of the Society to be held in the City of New York, at which the officers nominated in this report shall be elected; and that publication of the call for the meeting in the SABBATH RECORDER for two weeks shall be accepted as sufficient notice thereof.

The meeting was called to order by the President, J. Frank Hubbard, of Plainfield, N. J.

of New Market. N. J.

election of officers, the report of the Nominating Committee was then read as follows:

President-I. Frank Hubbard, Plainfield, N. J.

Vice-Presidents-Stephen Babcock, David E. Titsworth Rev. Leander E. Livermore, Rev. Asa B. Prentice, Rev. Arthur E. Main, D. D., Rev. Edward B. Saunders, Rev. Samuel D. Davis, Rev. Lucius R. Swinney, Rev. J. H. Hurley. Corresponding Secretary-Rev. A. Herbert Lewis, D. D. LL.D., Plainfield, N. J.

Treasurer-Frank J. Hubbard, Plainfield, N. J.

Recording Secretary-Arthur L. Titsworth, Plainfield, N. J. Assistant Recording Secretary-William M. Stillman, Plainfield, N. J.

Directors-J. Dennison Spicer, Rev. Frank E. Peterson, Rev. Stephen Babcock, Ira J. Ordway, Rev. J. Bennett Clarke, Charles C. Chipman, Edgar R. Greene, Joseph M. Titsworth, Joseph A. Hubbard, Rev. William C. Daland, D. D., William man D. Clarke, Edwin H. Lewis, Rev. Oscar U. Whitford, D. D., Edwin Shaw, Corliss F. Randolph, George B. Carpenter, Henry D. Babcock, Henry M. Maxson, Edgar H. Cottrell George H. Utter, Rev. Lester C. Randolph, Rev. George W. Lewis, Rev. Theodore L. Gardiner, D. D., Frank L. Greene, Alfred A. Titsworth, Rev. George B. Shaw, Alex W. Vars, Uberto S. Griffin, George W. Post, Sherman E. Ayres, Orra S. Rogers, Will H. Crandall, Esle F. Randolph, Edward E. Whitford, Eli F. Loof boro, John P. Mosher, Mrs. C. D. Potter, Mrs. H. D. Witter, Mrs. George H. Babcock, Mrs. Henry M. Maxson, Mrs. Stephen Babcock.

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| CHAS. STILLMAN, | Com. |
| DR. A. C. DAVIS, | Com |
| ERNEST RANDOLPH, | |
| LUTHER S. DAVIS, | |

ciety for the ensuing year.

Motion carried unanimously.

No other business being presented, the Min-

J. FRANK HUBBARD, Pres.

ARTHUR L. TITSWORTH, Rec Sec.

MINUTES OF THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY.

The American Sabbath Tract Society held The RECORDER is the heart of the denomiits Sixtieth Annual Session at Salem, W. Va. nation, because through its columns courses in connection with the Seventh-day Baptist the life-blood of every one of our denomina-General Conference, on First-day, Aug. 23, tional interests. It is a sort of Denomina-1903, at 10 30 A. M. tional Clearing House.

The Society was called to order by the Here followed the eloquent and stirring President, J. Frank Hubbard. of Plainfield. words of the closing portion of the report of N. J., who feelingly expressed his deep gratthe Board. itude that he was permitted to be present. A solo, entitled "There is a Blessed Home," In the absence of the Secretary, David E. was sung by Miss Dora Gardiner, of Salem, Titsworth, of Plainfield, was elected Secretary W. Va.

pro tem.

During the offering for the Society, the Sa-After a praise service conducted by Rev. lem Quartet sang "Onward and Upward." Judson G. Burdick, a Scripture lesson from The offering amounted to \$85.66. Rom. 12 was read by Rev. D. Burdette Coon, By vote of the Society, the President anof Little Genesee, N. Y., and prayer was offernounced the following Committee on Nomed by Rev. Lewis A. Platts, D. D., of Milton, ination:

Rev. George W. Lewis, Dodge Centre, The congregation then united in singing Minn.; Rev. G. H. F. Rundolph, Fouke, Ark.; Stand up for Jesus.' Charles Stillman, Alfred, N.Y.; Dr. A. C. Da-Frank J. Hubbard, of Plainfield, N. J., the vis. West Edmeston, N. Y.: Ernest Randolph, Aug. 23, 1903: "On the consideration of the Treasurer of the Society, presented his An-Salem, W. Va.; Luther S. Davis, Shiloh, N. J. nual Report, which was unanimously adopted. Adjourned to 2 P. M.

The Treasurer stated that, in answer to AFTERNOON SESSION. WLEREAS, it has been decided by competent legal au- the appeal through the SABBATH RECORDER, The afternoon session was opened by singabout \$1,300 had been received, leaving the ing "Onward, Christian Soldiers." indebtedness at this time about \$700 (\$500 The President stated that the order for having been borrowed soon after the closing the hour was the consideration of the Corresponding Secretary's report.

The report of the Board, which has already Upon the motion to adopt the report, Rev. been published, was presented by Rev. Abram J. G. Burdick spoke of his earnest apprecia-Herbert Lewis, D. D., of Plainfield, N. J., the tion of the work of the Board. Corresponding Secretary.

Pres. Boothe C. Davis, of Alfred, N. Y., in Atter giving details of the Publishing inspeaking of the suggestion in the report callterests, Dr. Lewis asked permission to coning attention to the establishment of indusdense the rest of the report into a brief ad trial institutions, said he was aware that we Prayer was offered by Rev. L. E. Livermore | dress, under the following heads: are wise industrially only when we produce I. The Relation of our Churches Already what is demanded, and he was in doubt as The meeting being called especially for the Existing to our Denominational Work. to the advisability of organizing industries The church is the unit of our denominasimply to give employment. He believed, tional life. The work of a church is deterhowever, that a union of legitimate demand mined by the attitude of a few; hence the and opportunities for helpfulness may be found. He believed that there are grand importance of the pastor's loyalty to denominationalism, not mere sectarianism, but loypossibilities for organizing commercial indusalty to the great truth which separates us tries upon philanthropic and business lines. from Christendom. He cited two companies at Alfred, N. Y., who II. The Organization of New Churches. are making a good business out of a shale The state of Georgia has been more thor- which once was considered a hindrance to maoughly canvassed by the distribution of our terial advancement. We must be alert for literature than any other state. Bro. Ash- opportunities. Our schools ought to prourst speaks of the importance of some vide better advantages for young men and business interests around which to rally new women to fit themselves for technical ad-C. Hubbard, Frank S. Wells, Rev. Ira L. Cottrell, Rev. Her- churches, and thinks that many could be vancement. For instance, he would like to gathered into churches around a business see Salem College able to fit out twenty-five center. We need a careful consideration of architects for West Virginia. There is a dethis matter by our consecrated business men. mand for men who "know how," and he III. The Sowing of Truth Outside Our- | hoped for the day when our denominational schools can fit our young people for any poselves. This is really the especial work of the So- sition. The thought stirred his heart, and ciety. The influence of the Sabbath Outlook | he believed that much would be accomplished was more far reaching than any other effort | in the future in this direction.

we have ever put forth.

presentation of our foundation truth.

It was moved that the above nominees be | this need, but its reception by our churches is | tians, not merely Baptists, but Seventh-day elected the officers and directors of the So- disappointing. This meeting must counsel Baptists. Have we been aggressive enough the Board as to the best method of distrib- on the lines which thus distinguish us? I beuting this and other Sabbath truths. The matter of Sunday legislation will oc- | sermon once a quarter, and had tangible

must receive closest attention.

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IV. The Relation of the Tract Society to Ourselves.

I blead for more loyalty to our publishing interests, and that the American Sabbath Tract Society shall occupy a higher place in the hearts and purposes of our people.

Rev. O. U. Whitford, D. D., of Westerly, The need of the hour is for a clear, concise R. I., in speaking of the Sowing of Sabbath Truth Outside Ourselves, said: "This truth The Sabbath of Christ was started to meet | makes us a distinctive people, not only Chrislieve not. As pastor, I preached a Sabbath

results from same. We need to indoctrinate our children and young people, and to give the light to those who do not know, or who will not accept it. I believe we lost ground when the Outlook went out. I believe we ought to be more aggressive in lecturing upon Sabbath truth. The living teacher is better than many printed pages. We had more converts to the Sabbath when we used tent work."

Dr. Platts: "I was particularly pleased | with two features of the report, telling what has been done. One of these is tract distribution. I wish we could count the pages distributed by the millions, instead of by thousands. I was glad to hear of Bro. Ashurst's splendid work in sowing Sabbath truth in Georgia. The other point is the organizing of churches, as the result of such seed-sowing. . This is well; but scattered Sabbath-keepers may become centers of Sabbath influence and draw around them faith ful adherents, if they are loyal and aggressive."

(To be continued.)

CONFERENCE AT SALEM. Report of the Proceedings by the Recording Secretary

Earl P. Saunders.

SECOND-DAY-MORNING.

From 6 to 7 o'clock Rev. A. H. Lewis gave a Sabbath History study.

At 10 o'clock the President called the Conference to order for a business session.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. E. Main. The Committee on Obituaries reported. Omissions being noted in the report, it was referred back to the Committee for completion. The committee was also authorized to correct certain errors in the report of last year.

The report of the Committee on Denominational History was presented :

(I) THINGS DONE, OR SECURED.

1. Through the courtesy of the editor, the Committee has published recently in the columns of the SABBATH RECORDER, a "History of the Historic Board" which it is hoped may be read with interest by many, and result in bringing forth the desired fruit.

2. The Record of the Seventh-day Baptist church of Providence, [Missouri, has been received and placed on file in the library of the Alfred Theological Seminary.

3. Some old and valuable material has been received through Mr. Henry N. Jordan, a book containing the old records of Amity and Scio churches; the Angelica church records, dating back as far as 1816; the manuscript minutes and circular letter of the General Conference held at Berlin, N. Y., Sept. 11-14, 1806; and other manuscript of interest.

(II) THINGS SUGGESTED.

1. That the early minutes of Conference, as given President Allen's articles in the SABBATH RECORDER of 1881, be re-printed in pamphlet form for gratuitous distribution, or to be placed on sale.

2. That arrangements be made to secure for file in the Alfred Theological Seminary, transcripts, as follows:

1st. Of the manuscript journals of Samuel Hubbard, first deacon of the Newport R. I. Seventh-day Baptist church; one volume of which is said to be in possession of Prof. Ray Greene Huling of Cambridge, Mass.

2d. Of the "Memoir of Governor Samuel Ward," published in the Narragansett Weekly of Westerly, R. I., in 1859. This might be put in pamphlet form and placed on sale.

3d. Of the sketches of early Seventh-day Baptist churches in America, as found in the writings of Morgan Edwards and John Asplund. These are to be found, some in autograph manuscript, in the library of Crozier Theological Seminary at Chester, Penn.

For the Committee,

J. L. GAMBLE, Chairman.

The report was adopted, and its sugges tions were referred to the Committee on De nominational History appointed at this session.

The following report of the Committee on Petitions was adopted :

Your Committee on Petitions would respectfully repor that two petitions have come before the Committee.

First, the petition of the Hickernell church, asking for admission into the General Conference.

Second, The request of the North-Western Association for the next session of the General Conference to be held with the church at Nortonville, Kan.

We recommend, first, that the request of the Hicker nell church at Blystone, Pa., be granted; second that we accept the recommendation of the North-Western Association that the next session of the Conference be held with the Nortonville church; third, we would further recommend that our Corresponding Secretary be instructed to communicate to the church of Asaa, Denmark, that we do not consider that their practice of feet-washing need exclude them from membership in the General Con ierence.

> REV. CLAYTON A. BURDICK,) REV. GEO. W. HILLS. M. O. BURDICK. Com. PERIE R. BURDICK, S. O. DAVIS,

The President gave the hand of welcome and fellowship to Bro. W. L. Davis, pastor of the Hickernell church, Blystone, Pa., admitted by the last above action.

The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations beg to submit the follow ing report:

President-Dr. Geo. W. Post, Chicago, Ill.

Recording Secretary-Rev. E. P. Saunders, Alfred, N. Y. Corresponding Secretary-Rev. L. A. Platts, Milton, Wis. Treasurer-Rev. Wm. C. Whitford, Alfred, N. Y.

Vice-Presidents-Rev. L. E. Livermore, Dunellen, N. J.; Dr. H. C. Brown, Brookfield, N. Y.; Miss Susie M. Burdick, Alfred, N. Y.; Rev. S. H. Babcock, Albion, Wis.; Rev. G. H. Randolph, Fouke, Ark.; A. J. C. Bond, Roanoke, W. Va.; Rev. O. U. Whitford, Westerly, R. I., Corresponding Secretary, Missionary Society; Rev. A. H. Lewis, Plainfield, N. ., Corresponding Secretary, Tract Society; Rev. W. L. Burdick, Independence, N. Y., Corresponding Secretary, Edu cation Society.

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Hammond, La.

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he may desire submitted.

During the remainder of the morning session Rev. G. H. F. Randolph gave an account of the work which he and his co-laborers are doing in Arkansas.

J. Van Horn.

The President called the Confe rence to order at 1:30 o'clock.

The Committee on Ways and Means of Entertaining the Conference made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on ways and means of entertaining the Conference would respectfully report that, in their judgment, no substantial change in the plans is advisable at present.

The Committee appointed to consider the report of the Sabbath-school Board made the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee to which was referred the report of the Sabbath-school Board recommend the adoption of the same excepting as hereinafter specified We have carefully considered section 3 of this report in

reference to the publication of a series of lessons on denominational history and doctrine, and have endeavored to get a consensus of opinion from Sabbath school workers gathered here, and we heartily commend the proposed series of lessons, but do not believe that we are ready to substitute them entirely for the international lesson.

We recommend that the Conference instruct the Sabbath-school Board to prepare a series of lessons covering denominational history and doctrine to be published in the Helping Hand in connection with the regular Sabbath-school lessons in such form that each school may use them in the way to procure best results obtainable.

We recommend that the Conference urge upon pastors, Sabbath-school superintendents and endeavor workers the importance of having these lessons introduced in every church and Sabbath-school in our denomination.

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BOARD OF SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

RAILROAD COMMITTEE.

Ira J. Ordway, Chicago, Ill.; D. E. Titsworth, Plainfield, N. J.; G. W. Hills, Nortonville, Kan.

Your committee recommend that the editor of the Young Peoples Page have power to call to his aid such assistance as

Also that the Board of Systematic Benevolence be empow. ered to elect their own officers. All of which is respectfully

| H. D. BABCOCK, | γ |
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| WILL H. CRANDALL, | |
| M. BERKLEY DAVIS, | . J erre i |

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. T.

SECOND-DAY-AFTERNOON.

After singing, prayer was offered by Ahva J. C. Bond, Roanoke, W. Va.

| ARTHUR E. MAIN, |) |
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| THEO. L. GARDINER, | |
| STEPHEN BABCOCK, | |
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SALEM, W. VA., Aug. 24, 1903.

Respectfully submitted, D. E. TITSWORTH,)

SEPT. 28, 1903.]

| E. A. WITTER, | |
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| G. W. HILLS, | Com. |
| T. J. VANHORN, | |
| W. D. BURDICK, | |
| G. H. F. RANDOLPH, | , |
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The Board of Pulpit Supply and Ministerial Employment presented the following report, which was adopted :

The Board of Pulpit supply and Ministerial Employment would respectfully present the following report:

1. The Corresponding Secretary of this Board has kept during the year a list of the unemployed ministers, and those available for pastors and workers in our denomination:

and committees and with these ministers and workers | elected. in regard to securing and settling of pastors and workers in fields of labor. $\$ In some instances personal interviews have been held with parties concerned by the Corresponding Secretary.

3. The result of this work during the year has been that some churches and fields of labor have been helped in securing pastors and workers.

Respectfully submitted.

I. B. CRANDALL, President. O. U. WHITFORD, Cor. Sec.

The Committee on Publication of Historical Papers last year reported as follows:

To the Seventh-day Baptist General Conference:

Your Committee on Publication of the Historical Volume, appointed at the session of 1902, regrets that it is not able to report the completion of its work.

Several of the most important papers were not comnleted at the time of Conference and some were assigned to new writers from necessities that need not be recalled here. The regular duties of the writers of the incomplete papers have prevented their being finished during the year, but it is expected that the summer vacation will make their completion possible, and that the volume will be published in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. MAXSON,

Chairman of Committee.

The report was adopted as a report of progress, and the committee was continued.

The President called upon Rev. L. C. Randolph to preside over the Young People's Hour. After a praise service, the following program was presented:

Address-Christian Education, S. O. Bond, Aberdeen, W. Va.

Solo-Earl Davis, Salem, W. Va.

Address-Junior Work, Rev. Clayton A Burdick.

Singing, by the congregation.

Address-Every Christian an Evangelist, Rev. A. C. Davis, Jr., West Edmeston, N. Y. Singing, by the Congregation.

Address-The Relation of Christian Endeavor to Our Denominational Life, Alva L. Davis, Alfred, N. Y.

Duet-Okey Davis and Mrs. A. J. C. Bond. Address-What Wilt Thou Have Me to Do? B. F. Johansen, Milton, Wis.

At this point Rev. L. A. Platts was allowed the privilege of presenting the following notice of proposed amendments to the constitution, it having been discovered that the committee appointed for that purpose could not legally give the notice:

To the Seventh-day Baptist General Conference in session at Salem, W. Va., August 19-24, 1903:

I, Lewis A. Platts, a delegate to this body from the ^{Seventh}-day Baptist church of Milton, Wis., hereby give notice that I will offer amendments to the constitution \$3,500. of this Conference at its annual session in 1904, as follows:

1. In article 2, immediately following the words, "or fraction of twenty-five," insert the words, "And further, all members of the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Society, of the American Sabbath Tract Society and of the

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ference, shall, by virtue of such membership, be annual members of Conference."

2. In article 3 strike out all after the caption-Art. 3 -and insert the following: The officers of this Conference shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer; there shall also be such boards as the Conference may, from time to time, deem necessary. The President shall be elected each alternate year for a term of two years; the other officers and members of the various boards shall be elected annually for a term of one year. All candi-

various boards shall be presented to the Conference by a Nominating Committee, and shall be elected by majority vote of the delegates and members present and voting. They shall enter upon their respective duties at the close of the session at which they are elected, and 2. Correspondence has been held with church officers shall continue in office until their successors are duly

> 3. In article 4 strike out all after the caption-Art. -and insert the words: 1st. The powers and duties of the officers of this Conference shall be such as pertain to like officers in similar organizations, together with such specific powers and duties as the Conference may determine. 2d. The President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary shall be, ex-officio, chairman and secretaries of an Executive Committee which shall be composed of these officers together with one member from the Executive Board of the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Society, one from the Board of the American Sabbath Tract Society, one from the Board of the Seventh-day Baptist Education Society, and at least six other members to be elected by Conference, one-third for a term of one year, one-third for two years, and onethird for three years; subsequently to the first election one-third shall be elected annually for a term of three years. 3d. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to represent the General Conference, under its direction. in all matters described in article five of this constitution as its "powers and prerogatives," carefuly considering from time to time the various matters therein described, advising the various boards when previous action. so requested by them, bringing all denominational interests before the General Conference in an annual report, and providing for the annual programme. The Executive Committee shall perform such other duties as the Conference may impose, and make such reports on the same as the Conference may direct.

The committee referred to was discharged.

The Salem Quartet then sang. The Seventh-day Baptist Pulpit for Octo-The report of the Corresponding Secretary | ber has been mailed from the Publishing was read by Rev. L. C. Randolph. nine pages, and contains sermons for each of It was voted that the Permanent Commit- the Sabbaths in the month. These sermons tee be authorized to pay the expenses of field are carefully selected by Rev. O. D. Sherman, ligious and denominational instruction. The Pulpit is issued by the Missionary Society for The Treasurer of the Committee, J. Dwight an order of service and a sermon for each Sabbath. The publication is of interest to The report of the Superintendent of Junior others, as well, and should receive a more Work was presented. hearty support at the hands of the denomi-These three reports were adopted as the nation. The subscription price is 50 cents a year, payable to Rev. O. U. Whitford of Westerly.

of the Young People's Permanent Committee | House. This number is made up of twentysecretaries from funds collected as they deem | the editor, with the idea of variety, and rebest. Clarke, Milton, Wis., presented his annual the purpose of giving lone Sabbath-keepers report. report of the Young People's Permanent Committee.

After benediction by Rev. B. C. Davis, the Conference adjourned till evening.

SECOND-DAY-EVENING.

The President called the Conference to order at 7:30 o'clock.

The Publishing House carries supplies for churches, Sabbath-schools and Young Peo-After singing, the Committee on Credentials ple's Societies. Its publications are always presented the report, which was adopted. at the disposal of the members of the denom-After an anthem by the choir, W. H. Ing- | ination.

ham, Milton, Wis., announced that \$3,025 **Five Dollars** had been subscribed for Salem College by friends of that institution present at this Con-Will be paid for a copy in good condition of ference, and that enough of the pledges were for five years to make the amount exceed Materials toward a history of the American Baptists in XII volumes by Morgan Edwards. Two volumes only were published:

Address

President Gardiner expressed with much feeling the gratitude of the management of the College for this unexpected gift.

President Gardiner announced that a \$1, 000 scholarship had been established by ^{Neventh}-day Baptist Education Society, present at Con- Salem people in Alfred University and also

one in Milton College, each to be known as the Salem College scholarship. C. Laton Ford, Plainfield, N. J., who had made the canvass, read the list of subscriptions thus far received, and the canvass was carried forward from the platform until the whole \$2,000, and more, was subscribed.

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President Gardiner announced that J. Alexander Randolph had founded a paid-up dates for the respective offices and for membership in the \$1,000 cash scholarship in Salem College.

During the evening, Lloyd Randolph announced that he would give \$1,000 cash to found a scholarship in Salem.

W. H. Crandall, Treasurer of Alfred University, expressed the thanks of the Trustees of Alfred for the generosity of the people who contributed to the Salem College scholarship n Alfred.

President B. C. Davis, of Alfred University. seconded Treasurer Crandall in expressing thanks on behalf of Alfred

President William C. Daland expressed thanks on behalf of Milton College for the generosity which had prompted Salem people to establish a scholarship in Milton.

The minutes were referred to the Executive Committee for correction and publication.

It was voted that when we adjourn it be to meet on the Fourth-day of the week next preceding the fourth Sabbath in August, 1904 with the church at Nortonville, Kan.

After singing "Blest be the tie that binds," prayer was offered by Dr. A. H. Lewis, and the Conference was, adjourned according to

THEODORE L. GARDINER, Pres. EARL P. SAUNDERS, Rec. Sec. SALEM, W. VA. Aug. 24, 1903.

Publisher's Corner.

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> JOHN HISCOX, Manager, Plainfield, N. J.

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By O. U. WHITFORD, Cor. Secretary, Westerly, R. I.

HOME MISSIONS.

- GENERAL MISSIONARIES

THE ALABAMA FIELD.

The Rev. R. S. Wilson is our general missionary in Alabama. His main field of labor is in the Etowah and Cullman counties of Northern Alabama. He is doing pastoral work as well as that of a general missionary, serving the Attalla church as missionary pastor. He makes regular visits to our people living in Cullman county, and also looks up and visits the scattered and isolated Sabbath-keepers in the state; holds meetings, as far as he can, at preaching stations where there is no interest, or where he can arouse an interest. He is quite an earnest Sabbath'Reform worker as well as a warm gospel worker. His preaching stations the sickness and that of his family.

THE SOUTH WESTERN FIELD.

This field comprises the states of Texas Arkansas, Missouri, and Indian and Okla homa Territories. The Rev. G. H. Fitz Ran dolph is the general missionary. It is a big field and Bro. Randolph has compassed it well. He as missionary pastor has cared for the Texarkana, Fouke, Little Prairie, Crowley Ridge and Wynne churches, Ark He has made missionary trips to Deluce, De witt and Bethel, Ark.; Groveton, Texas; Boaz and Aurora, Mo. In November, 1902 Rev. J. H. Hurley, pastor of the Gentry Seventh-day Baptist church, and the Gentry church Quartet, assisted Bro. Randolph in evangelistic meetings at Crowley's Ridge, Wynne, Little Prairie and Fouke, which encour- pects. aged and strengthened these little churches. Bro. Randolph built the past year a good school-house, mainly by his own hands and his own means, that he might have a school ployed by the Tract and Missionary Sociefor our own boys and girls on that field. ties and the Woman's Board as missionary The teacher of that school has been Miss colporteur in the North-west. Her head Carrie Nelson, of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, quarters are at Milton, Wis. She has lawho taught without salary, doing the work bored under the direction of the Correas a free-will missionary offering. Children of sponding Secretaries of the two Societies. Randolph took some of them into his own and in school-houses, holding cottage prayfamily to board, and found them places er-meetings, distributing our tracts and literwhere they could earn their board. Some of ature, and now and then giving a temper-

recovery and rest, the Board voted him a fluence and power of Christ manifested in vacation for two months, and at this writing the hearts of men. The missionary and col. he is in Independence, Allegany Co., N. Y., for porteur work ought to be augmented five. that purpose.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK FIELD, CANADA.

The Rev. George Seeley is the general missionary on this field, located at Petitcodiac, New Brunswick, Canada. He is jointly employed on this field as missionary colporteur by the Tract and Missionary Societies. His preaching stations have been at The Forks, New Canaan, Hunt's Home and Brookville, N. B. He has distributed a good deal of our literature, evangelistic and Sabbath Reform, in New Brunswick. Because of the severe winter and blockaded roads, poor health and the long sickness of his wife, he has not been able to do a full-year's work. He reports pages of tracts, 258 Recorders, 178 Sab. 28 sermons, congregations of 15, 40 and 50, visits 70. In his work he meets with strong prejudice and opposition.

THE PACIFIC COAST FIELD.

The Rev. J. T. Davis has labored during past year have been at the Alexander school- the year on this field as missionary colport- two the whole year; one part of the year. house, Heald's school-house, Crain Hill, Lo-leur under the auspices and direction of the Two missionary colporteurs, one the entire gan, Pleasant Valley, Dill's Lookout, Steel's Tract and Missionary Societies. His head- year, one part of the year. They labored in Station, Hopewell, Harmony and Shiloh. He quarters are in Riverside, Cal., 302 East Alabama, Arkansas, Texas, Missouri, Indian reports during the year 74 sermons, 17 Tenth street. He has visited once during and Oklahoma territories, New Brunswick. prayer-meetings, 119 pastoral visits, 1,492 the year the scattered Seventh-day Baptist Canada, Oregon, Washington, California. pages of tracts and 34 papers distributed. families in Oregon, Washington and Califor- Wisconsin, Iowa. They report 353 sermons. Mr. Wilson has been prevented from doing all nia. He has organized them into The Pa- 1,086 pastoral visits, 51,664 pages of tracts he would have done on his field by his own cific Coast Seventh-day Baptist Association, and 520 papers distributed; added to the which is a great help to our cause on that churches 10 by baptism, 8 by letter and exfield. Mr. Davis secured pledges to the perience-total 18; converts to the Sabamount of some \$400, in round numbers, bath 1. toward the work and expenses in the field He has preached at Colony Heights, River side, Fresno, Rocky Glen, and other places in California; at Talent, Walterville, Monta Villa, Kelso, and other places in Oregon. He reports 64 sermons, 231 visits, 14,669 pages of tracts distributed, 46 Seventh-day Baptist families and parts of families on the Pacific Coast; added to the Colony Heights church, 6 by baptism, 4 by letter and experience. Our people in Riverside are preparing to build a house of worship there, having purchased a lot for that purpose. Our cause in California is looking up, with brighter pros.

> THE WORK OF MRS. M. G. TOWNSEND, MIS-SIONARY COLPORTEUR, MILTON, WIS.

Mrs. M. G. Townsend has been jointly emour people, not only in Fouke, but in other Her work is preaching the gospel, house to places in Arkansas, attended the school. Mr. | house visitations, preaching in the churches | aging 70. them he employed on his little place that he ance lecture. She is also a good Sabbath might help them pay their way. This school Reform worker, being herself a convert to added to the churches 3 by letter, 7 by bapmeets a great need on this our mission field, the Sabbath. She writes: Many varied and and is a powerful missionary agency in our rich experiences have been given me as I cause in the South-west. Bro. Randolph re- have gathered around the hearthstone and ton and Leonardsville, N.Y. Sermons 72; ports for the year 142 sermons, 37 prayer- | talked of God's leadings and listened to con- | prayer-meetings 35, visits 60; added to the meetings, 237 visits; added to the churches, fessions of truth impressed by the Holy churches 6 by letter and experience, 8 by 2 by baptism, 4 by letter and experience, 1 Spirit regarding the true Sabbath, and have baptism, total 14. convert to the Sabbath. Mr. Randolph and given to them passages of Scripture that wife taught more or less in the school. In they might know the whole truth and be and Otselic, N.Y. Sermons 44, prayer-meet-June, while at work, he was prostrated by free. This is good work; no higher can be ings many, visits 30; added to the churches heat or sunstroke, and was in a dangerous vouchsafed to any one than to witness the by baptism 14, letter and experience 9, total

condition for a time. Needing a change for | hungry, earnest expression, and see the in. fold. The third quarter was broken somewhat in personal work by fire in the house in which I lived and by sickness; but providence opened a better way, by using the silent messages in tract and card to ministers and officers through Annual Directories sent me by different denominational secretaries. and with a praver that God would honor the effort. I claim the promise, "My word shall not return to me void." I love the work. and each message given, whether by voice. or tract or paper, does its own blessed work through the Holy Spirit. Mrs. Townsend reports 119 sermons and addresses, 17 cottage prayer-meetings, 379 visits, 25,303 baths of Christ distributed; added to one of the churches, 2 by baptism.

Three general missionaries during the year:

The first six months of the year the evangelistic work was carried on by the Evangelistic Committee of the Board of Managers, said committee being O. U. Whitford, Geo. B. Carpenter and S. H. Davis. The last six months of the year, the Evangelistic Committee being dispensed with, the work has been supervised by the Corresponding Secretary, under the direction of the Board. The work is supported from the General Fund of the Society. Two evangelists have been employed the entire year, Rev. J. G. Burdick and Rev. M. B. Kelly.

ALFRED, N. Y. Mr. Burdick has labored the entire year under the employ of the Board.

First Quarter. He labored the entire quarter at Jackson Centre and Stokes, Ohio. His work this quarter was more that of a pastor than as an evangelist. Sermons 25, prayermeetings 25, visits 30, congregations aver-

Second Quarter. Places of labor, Jackson Centre and Stokes, Ohio, Adams Centre and West Edmeston, N.Y. The whole quarter, sermons 70, prayer-meetings 40, visits 50; tism. total 10.

Third Quarter. Labored at West Edmes-

Fourth Quarter. Labored at De Ruyter

SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY WORK

III.

THE EVANGELISTIC WORK.

LABORS OF EVANGELIST J. G. BURDICK,

23; baptized in all 26,1 Christian Endeavor Society reorganized, 9 converts to the Sabbath.

LABORS OF EVANGELIST M. B. KELLY, MILTON, WIS.

Mr. Kelly has been employed by the Board og an evangelist and missionary in the North west and West the entire year, with headquarters at Milton, Wis.

Labors First Quarter. Places of labor, Gentry, Ark., and Hornellsville, N.Y. Sermons 72, prayer-meetings numerous, visits 90. congregations averaging at Gentry 100 at Hornellsville 50; added to the churches hy letter, 8 by baptism, total 12.

Second Quarter. Labored at Rock River. Milton Junction and Albion, Wis. Sermons 71, prayer-meetings 34, visits 94, congregations averaging 150; added to the churches by baptism 18; gracious outpouring of spiritual blessing upon the churches and community.

Third Quarter. Places of labor, Albion and Milton, Wis.; preached also at Coloma, Wis., Milton Junction and M. E. church, in Milton. Sermons 56, prayer meetings 68, calls 98 icongregations averaging 150; added to the churches 5 by letter and experience, 36 by baptism, total 41.

Fourth Quarter. His labors this quarter mostly missionary. Visited and preached at the following places: Albion, Walworth and Western Association at Dodge Centre, Minn. Sermons 33, visits 57, congregations averaging 50; no additions to the churches.

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EVAN-GELISTS.

Labored in the following states: Ohio, New York, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota. Sermons 443, pastoral visits 509, additions to the churches 91 by baptism, 27 by letter and experience, total 118, converts to the Sabbath 9. Christian Endeavor Society organized 1.

THE STUDENT EVANGELISTIC AND QUARTET WORK.

gelistic work in the months of July and Au- Missionary Board at its October meeting gust, 1902. Three of these quartets were com- considered the need, decided to carry out the posed of gentlemen, one of ladies. In the plan suggested, and appointed a committee, North-Western Association there were two comprising O. D. Sherman, A. McLearn and Milton Student quartets sent out under the O. U. Whitford, with authority to do it. The direction of Rev. L. A. Platts and Rev. M. B. committee proceeded to publish a monthly, Kelly. The first quartet was composed of J. The Seventh-day Baptist Pulpit, having a E. Hutchins, George I. Hurley, B. R. Rood sermon for each Sabbath in the month, from and W. L. Davis. The second quartet, a our own ministers, with all the preliminary ladies' quartet, were Misses E. O. Townsend, services preceding the sermon arranged in Carrie Nelson, Bertha Hurley and Annabella accord with it, - the Scripture reading, VanHorn.

the Rev. M. B. Kelly and the Rev. J. H. Hur- assisting, and O. U. Whitford is the Correley. They labored at Gentry, Ark., and sponding Secretary of the Committee, look-Bloomfield and adjacent villages the entire ing after the correspondence, the subcampaign. The results of the effort were: scription and the mailing lists. The first A great religious quickening among the issue of The Pulpit was in February, church-members; a growing interest in the 1903, of 300 copies, and each month since of Sabbath question, and a greatly increased 400 copies. The Pulpit was gladly received, power for Sabbath-keepers in the commun- is filling a long-felt need, with good success. ity; eight baptized and joined the church, The committee has been frequently comwith others soon to follow. These quartets mended in its publishing so creditable and so were partly supported by the Missionary neat a monthly of excellent sermons. About Board.

Theo. G. Davis. This quartet did double price is 50 cents a year. There should be a work, part in the interests of the Education Society, mainly for our Theological School, and in part for evangelism. Evangelistic meetings were held at Berlin, N. Y., Shiloh, Marlboro, New Market, N. J., and Niantic, R. I. The quartet was supported by individual contributions and by the Education Society. No conversions were noted, but much interest was awakened for our Theological School.

The Salem Student Quartet, being broken up by removals, no work was done by it dur- Society, and sent it in full for publication in ing the year.

autumn of 1902, the Gentry Church Quartet, Foreign Mission Work for the Past One C. C. VanHorn, leader, with Pastor J. H. Hundred Years, for our Centennial Con-Hurley and General Missionary G. H. F. | ference held at Ashaway, R. I., Aug. 20-25, Randolph as preachers, conducted a short 1902. He has attended all the regular meetevangelistic campaign in Arkansas, at Crow- ings of the Board, and has missed only two ley's Ridge, Wynne, DeWitt, Little Prairie of the Special Board meetings; also the Eastand Fouke. The churches were strengthened ern, Central, Western and North-Western and there were some conversions. B cause Associations, conducting the Missionary of sickness and bad weather, there was not Hour, giving addresses and sermons asaccomplished by the effort what was desired. | signed him on the program. He attended

SUMMARY OF THE STUDENT EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Three quartets of 12 young men, one of as a People and the Chief Requisites for Ac-4 voung women; 4 evangelists and preachers | complishing It." He has served on the Comlabored with them. Their labors were in Arkansas. New York, Rhode Island and New Coloma, Wis.; Welton and Garwin, Iowa; Jersey. One quartet reported 8 baptisms New Auburn, Minn., and attended the North- and more to follow; there were conversions, but the number not given. Compensation and traveling expenses were paid by contributions from churches and individuals, collections on the fields and appropriations by the Board.

THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST PULPIT.

N. Y., as a representative of the Missionary At the Conference last year. Dr. H.A. Place. Board, and has had the supervision of seva member of the Portville Seventh-day Baperal fields and workers during the year. He tist church, N. Y., a pastorless church, prehas not made as many missionary trips dursented to the Missionary Board the need of ing the year as usual, because of the sickness some way of furnishing the small and the of his wife, which kept him at home. pastorless churches and isolated Sabbathkeepers with sermons of our own for them to GENERAL SUMMARY. read, or use in Sabbath services. He sug-The laborers in China, 5 missionaries and Four Student Quartets engaged in evan- gested a plan whereby it could be done. The 12 native workers; 2 boarding-schools, 5 day-schools, 1 medical mission at Lieu-oo. added to the Shanghai Seventh-day Baptist church 6. loss by death 2, present membership 70. In Avan Maim, Gold Coast, West Africa, 2 native workers, the pastor of the church and the teacher of the school; added to the church 8 by baptism. In Holland, at Rotterdam and Haarlem, two workers, added by baptism 10, by letter and experience 8. hymns, etc. O. D. Sherman is the editor to On the Home Field during the year 54 The preachers who led these quartets were secure and edit the sermons, with A. McLearn workers, most of them the entire year, some part of the year. Through their labors there have been added to the churches 139 by baptism, 64 by letter and experience, total 203; converts to the Sabbath 12, 1 Christian Endeavor Society organized; laborers in all the fields, home and foreign, 75; added to the churches by baptism 163, by letter and experience 72, total 235. CONCLUSION. As we look back over the work of the past 60 copies are sent free each month to the year, there are some things discouraging, In the Western Association there was only small and the pastorless churches, about 200 but a great deal more that is encouraging one quartet engaged in work-the Alfred | copies to scattered and isolated Seventh day | and hopeful. We have, indeed, great cause Student Quartet – composed of Henry N. Baptist families in our country, and 140 for thanksgiving and praise. None of the Jordan, Eli Loofboro, Laverne Bassett and copies to subscribers. The subscription workers have dropped from the ranks, but

larger number of subscribers, for at present it is not self-sustaining, but a mission work. WORK OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

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Sermons and addresses 63, communications received 1,054, sent out 1,133, annual reports and blank reports mailed 182, sent out a quantity of monthly pledge cards and envelops to the churches. He has edited the Missionary Page of the SABBATH RECORDER, and prepared the Annual Report and presented it in summaries at the Anniversaries of the the Conference Minutes. The Secretary pre-In the South-Western Association, in the pared a Historical Sketch of our Home and the Yearly Meeting of the New York Church and the New Jersey Churches, and gave an address, per invitation, upon "Our Mission mittee for the Publication of The Seventhday Baptist Pulpit, and has had charge of its subscriptions and the lists of those to whom it is mailed. The Secretary served as Chairman of the Evangelistic Committee until its service closed, and the remainder of the year has had the supervision of our evangelistic work. He has served on several committees during the year, attended the Council on Readjustment, held at Alfred

have been graciously spared. The work on preserved us in our land for more than two periences that have occurred during the lives the various fields has been blessed. The Gospel centuries. May we be so led and directed by of those present. of the Lord Jesus Christ has been preached | the Holy Spirit, that whatever we shall do, and the presence and power of the Holy Spirit | shall be for the glory of God, the advancehave been manifested. Souls have been con- ment of truth, the salvation of men, and the family. Much pleasure and lasting good verted and saved and additions have been In behalf of the Board, and approved by made to the churches. The Gospel seed has been faithfully sown and God will bring the harvest in his own good time. Many of the churches have, through the faithful labors of their pastors and evangelistic effort, been revived and strengthened. One of the most serious hindrances to a greater advancement of our cause and larger results is the lack of gospel ministers and workers among us. We have not enough gospel ministers and workers

among us, all counted, employed and unemployed, to fill our pastorates and the mission fields needing workers. We are not the only people feeling the dearth, but all evangel ical denominations are feeling it. There was a time, not long ago, when we had more ministers and workers than we could employ. There was the lack of funds, and there is now. But if we had plenty of funds now, the earnest question would be: "Where can we find the workers? Who will go?" What is the cause of this condition of things? Are we losing so much of spiritual life and Christian devotion in our homes and in our churches that we cannot produce gospel ministers and workers? Is the Christian world so permeated by the intense commercialism and absorbing pleasure seeking of this age, that the young men in the churches have no leadings toward the gospel ministry? Whatever the causes are, it is a fact that there is an increasing lack of gospel ministers and workers. While we should earnestly pray to the Lord to increase our funds for mission work, and answer our prayers by opening wider our pocket-books, we need to pray more earnestly and devoutly to the Lord of the harvest, that he call and send more laborers into the harvest-fields, for the harvest is great and the laborers are few. One of the vital questions which engage the attention and thought of our people just now for solution is that of Re-adjustment or Re-organization. We are interested in that question. Our Society is represented in the Council and its sub-committee that are considering this important question, and to report the result of their deliberations to this General Conference. Whatever re-adjustment or re-organization of our work can be legitimately and wisely adopted, and result in greater unity of denominational effort, more simplicity and less of complication in organized work, and shall inspire and interest our people to do and give more tor the accomplishment of our mission in the world, we shall heartily approve.

methods of work, let us not forget to house, Dea. and Mrs. Crandall were married, seek a spiritual re-adjustment, which we as here they reared their family and witnessed greatly need as a people. We need to re-ad- the marriage of their two daughters, one to just ourselves, our hearts, our homes, our Rev. A. G. Crofoot, and the other to Dr. Colchurches, and our stewardship with God, ler. In this house their oldest grandchild Holy Spirit. Any re-adjustment we may After the bountiful dinner was passed and a adopt that does not have in it this higher | time had been spent in visiting, Pastor Burple that life and power so necessary for the lowed, speaking thankfully of their long and accomplishment of our mission for which we happy married life. He, and others who af-

crowning of Jesus Christ as our all in all.

them Aug. 10, 1903. O. U. WHITFORD, Cor. Sec.

SALEM, W. Va., Aug. 20, 1903.

Our Reading Room.

NILE, N. Y.-The weather this season has been unfavorable in this section of the state for the gathering in of the hay and grain crops, and many farmers are just finishing cutting their oats, and the large oat crop is badly damaged by the continuous rains. Potatoes are also suffering because of the rains. half of the potatoes in some fields being rot ten. But all in all the farmers are enjoying a prosperous year. The new railroad that is being built through Nile has given considerable employment to our people. The cost of the road is very great, as it is being built to carry Pennsylvania coal to the railroads north of us. At one time there were four steam shovels between Nile and Richburg.

The spiritual condition of the church is encouraging. There is manifest on the part of many, a real delight in attending the appointments of the church and pleasure in the study of the Bible in Sabbath-school. We are anxious for others to be more regular in attendance and more diligent in searching the Scriptures

While at the quarterly meeting at Hebron Center, Pa., the executive committee ar- the steeple and restored fully the original deranged for the next semi-annual convention | sign. of the churches of the Western Association to meet with the Hebron, Pa., church, (on Cran- difficult work and deserves much credit. The dall Hill.) Oct. 16-18. This is the first time Woman's Benevolent society has also taken that the convention has been held in this in hand the painting of the building, while part of the association, and we desire that it | the men are getting out the timbers and raisshall be an inspiring meeting to all who shall ing the money for a new parsonage barn. attend

of the marriage of Dea. and Mrs. W. W. Gar- things. diner, and their relatives planned a surprise, which was successfully carried out, about forty of their relatives and Pastor Burdick and wife spending a portion of the day with them.

Dea. Gardiner's brothers and sisters are dead. Mrs. Gardiner had three brothers Clark A. Stoodley and Miss Margaret E. present, Samuel, John, and W. Delos Crandall, and one sister, Mrs. Morton Crandall, beautiful. Suspended over the place where her other sister, Mrs. Hyde, of Wellsville, be- the ceremony was performed was a white ing unable to be present. Those present from a distance were Prof. and Mrs. C. E. Crandall, of Milton, and Mrs. Dr. Ella Smart and two children, Willie and Alice Crandall, of North Dakota. Bro. and Sister Gardiner own the The good wishes of all our church and com-While we are seeking wisdom and direction old Crandall farm where her father located for a wise solution of the question of a re-ad- when this section was a wilderness. There he feel that such unions as this mean much for iustment of our operative forces, and of built a home and cleared the farm. In this the future of our beloved Zion. the Father, Jesus Christ, the Son, and the was born-Jay Crofoot, of our China Mission. them now that they have gone. A number of re-adjustment, will not bring to us as a peo- dick made some remarks. Dea. Gardiner fol- members, especially the lone Sabbath keepers. stand in the world, and for which God has terwards spoke, recalled many interesting ex-

Several expressed their gratitude for the frequent re-unions that are held by the Crandall would result if other families would hold frequent gatherings. Brother and Sister Gardi. ner are running their farm alone, and we hope to meet them in their home for many years. and that the farm shall ever continue in the family, and be the place of frequent re-unions.

DE RUYTER, N. Y.—The annual celebration of "Old Home Day" is an important event in DeRuyter. It brings together prominent people from abroad and unites them in hearty good will for their native town. It has been incorporated, and Prof. F. M. Burdick, of Co. lumbia Law College, is its honored and efficient president. He is a brother of the late P. A. Burdick, and spends his vacations-in DeRuyter. Admirable addresses were made at the late meeting, Aug. 13, and many witty letters read. Henry C. Maine, of Rochester. always has something valuable to say. This year he spoke on architecture. He frankly admitted that it was the graceful style of the Seventh-day Baptist church steeple that first called his attention to the study of architecture. He/said further, that the whole building was the most perfect representation of the colonial style of architecture that he had seen in central New York.

This compliment to our old church from so distinguished a man, has awakened a good deal of interest among our people, and they have set to work and thoroughly repaired

Dea. C. J. York has led in this good and And so our precious revival last spring is September 2 was the fifty-fifth anniversary followed by corresponding good in material L. R. S.

> ADAMS CENTRE. N. Y.-The most recent event out of the ordinary in our village was a very pretty church wedding last week, September 17, from among the young people of our church. The happy couple are Mr. Greene. The floral decorations were very yoke that had come down in the family of the bride from her grandfather. Miss Mary Graves was organist and two solos were beautifully sung by Miss Janie Whitford. munity attend the newly married couple. We

> During the past Summer it has been a pleasure to have in our congregation quite a number of our members who are teaching elsewhere and who were home for their vacations, and others besides. We shall miss them were very helpful in all departments of church work. We do not forget our absent 8. S. P.

Order printed supplies from this office.

A CONFERENCE VIEW. To the Editor of the SABBATH RECORDER :

As I viewed Conference, it seemed to me that we must be on the eve of a great advance | rich and poor, great and small, as the tithing | cemetery lot. In the cemetery are scores of in denominational activity. Viewing our system. past history and noting the spirit of the men is fading away in the distance.

almost as a unit, it gives evidence of a great | that they "ought" to tithe. change in the spirit of our leaders. Perhaps they were helped by our prayers, but what Jesus mean this teaching for you and me, or great-grandfather's grave. There remains makes us rejoice and take courage is the evi- was it for Pharisees alone? Certain it is that however, no possibility of identifying it. dence of the sweet spirit they showed. With Jesus said they ought to tithe. Ought means More than a century has passed, and if it was all due reverence for our honored leaders of "to be bound in duty or by moral obliga- ever marked by anything more than field the past, we must say there is simply no won- | tion;" Webster. Can a command be more | stones, all traces of such marking have now der that we have not been more prosperous. God cannot bless a people who are governed by prejudice and uncompromising self-will.

Only once during the session of Conference did I see the fire fly. One good brother, in a satisfy me. There is one inducement that men volunteered to tell me at length how splendid speech, assumed a wrong premise in will appeal to every loyal Seventh-day Bap- these good conscientious people were persemaking one point, but nevertheless some of us felt that we must say "Amen" to the good thrive? Do you want to see our Missionary working on Sunday. things he did say. But one brother evidently and Tract and Educational interests advance saw only the error and arose and gave vent untrammeled by poverty and debt? Then had, and how good God has been to us. in to a flow of scathing sarcasm that made let every man and woman tithe. The steps continuing our growth and usefulness, and some of us very nervous. But the other taken in this direction at Conference bid fair our unity of spirit in such marvelous and brother just sat still and took his medicine for a more prosperous future. like a man. He made no reply, he did not gives promise of great things for us as a denomination.

No doubt there will always be firey fellows among us, but I can't be one nor you can't be one, so we will have the privilege of occupying that loftier place—sit still, take our medicine, keep sweet.

At various times between sessions of the Conference, meetings were held to discuss ways of introducing among and persuading finds us comfortably lodged for the Sabbath all of our people to adopt the tithing system in the eastern edge of old Fayette County, of deciding what our minimum gift to benev- Pennsylvania. One cannot fail to contrast olence shall be. Also in the deliberations of the experiences of last week, with all the life, the council appointed to consider systematic enthusiasm, and joy of the Conference at benevolence, this important subject was Salem, with the quiet loneliness, and apparent pretty well discussed. Also all, or nearly all, desertion of this little old mountain town. the pastors present at Conference, pledged to One might not feel this contrast so keenly, tithe during the coming year and to do all who is not a Seventh-day Baptist, and has they could to persuade the people of their not known of the noble little band which congregations to do the same. The Board of struggled to uphold the Sabbath in this Systematic Giving may devise the very best | county for nearly a century, and then through methods possible for raising funds, but if the death and removals surrendered the field. people do not have the money that they intend to give, no amount of perfect systems of loneliness by visiting, yesterday, the little will result in more than the same unhealthy | town of Woodbridge, which was once entirely spasms we have been having for the last hun- a Seventh-day Baptist village, and there dred years. But if every member of our de- learning that not a Seventh-day Baptist now nomination would tithe his living, and what- | resides in the county. A half dozen or more ever else the Lord prospers him in, then the of the old log houses of a century ago still well-devised method of systematic giving to stand in the village. But the old log church

Societies would have a firm and permanent in so long, was taken down about thirty basis upon which to stand. There is no years ago, and a neat little Union chapel now method that is so just and so equal for the stands in one corner of the old church and

Some object to the position of those who them are marked with sandstones whose inwho were our leaders in denominational claim New Testament teaching to substan- scriptions are wholly effaced. Some of them work, the unrelenting tenacity with which they | tiate the obligation of tithing. There is no | had only field stones_set up without inscripclung to their individual opinions about del need to insist on that point, for there is tions of any sort. But there are inscriptions nominational plans, the spirit almost akin to abundant evidence everywhere to prove the dating back to 1790. I found the familiar hitterness that seemed to prevail in some of righteousness and justice and equality of the names of Woodbridge, Davis, Davids, Hull their heated discussions, and the thwarting system. But I must say that I do not see and many others. of good plans because some were bound to why anyone should object to the clear lan-It was with the Seventh day Baptist people have it done their way, and viewing our pres- guage of Luke 11:42, "But woe unto you, of Woodbridge town that the ancestors of ent history, we note that that vindictive and | Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and every the Salem church stopped in 1789, when emiuncompromising spirit is losing ground and herb, and pass over judgment and the love of grating from Shrewsbury, New Jersey, toward God: but these ought ve to have done, and their present West Virginia home. They re-This is an omen of great promise. When (ought) not to leave the other undone." This mained at Woodbridge town two or three representative men like those who composed is the rendering of the Oxford revision. I in- years and then continued their journey to the Advisory Council, men who represented sert the word "ought" in the last clause to their destination. The Rev. Jacob Davis, my interests widely different, and who no doubt | show that the infinitive "to leave" depends | father's grandfather, went on with his conheld opinions about re-adjustment as widely upon it. If Jesus meant in this verse that the gregation to Salem, but after two or three different, could gather, and deliberate upon | Pharisees "ought" to attend to "judgment | years returned to Woodbridge on a missionthis great problem and reach conclusions and the love of God," then he meant also ary journey, where he died and was buried.

> obligatory? Study this out, brother, sister, disappeared. Two or three of the oldest setand decide what your duty is in this matter. | tlers remember and speak well of the Seventh-You need not try to settle it from a Bible day Baptists who inhabited Woodbridge standpoint, though I find enough there to sixty or seventy years ago. One of these old tist. Do you want to see our denomination cuted, under the laws of Pennsylvania, for

Pastors, let us keep this before the people churches rise and decline, centuries come and pout about it. He was just as sweet tempered as we promised to do, and persuade them, go, but God's cause moves on, entrusted to as ever. Brethren, that is the spirit that one by one if necessary, to adopt the system. faithful ones, whose hands and hearts are There will be a few of course who will not, and ready to do and dare. May God bless the newer churches in Pennpossibly some will be foolish enough to oppose it, but let us keep sweet and keep at sylvania and throughout our beloved land. it, and we will see a mighty change in our and make us worthy successors to the grand financial condition as a denomination in the men and women who have lived before us. C. S. S. BOOTHE COLWELL DAVIS. years to come.

ALFRED STATION, N.Y.

A SABBATH-DAY IN FAYETTE COUNTY, PA. The drive of 110 miles from Salem, W. Va.

We were peculiarly prepared for the feeling the Missionary and Tract and Educational | the Seventh-day Baptists built and worshiped

graves now entirely unidentified. Some of

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One of the-objects of our visit yesterday The only question at stake here is, Did was to discover, if possible, the location o

> What a history Seventh-day Baptists have mysterious ways. Men are born and die.

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Woman's Work.

MRS. HENRY M. MAXSON, Editor, Plainfield, N. J

FEAR NOT. THAMAR.

No fear of death should vex the Christian's life. Our little day of struggle, pain and strife Hath care enough without this needless dart, Self-thrust, to cling and rankle in the heart. We know that we shall die-death comes to all-But why should this affright us, or appall? God gave us life, his gift has proven sweet; The boon of death—shall it be less complete?

Without our own volition or consent We found ourselves in life's environment. Drinking new strength and joy in every breath, Lured toward the silence men have christened death. This little life-a storm between two calms-Hath borne us incense from God's isle of balms: Now Faith points heavenward-in God's love we trust Assured that "He remembereth we are dust."

When all his purpose in us is fulfilled, Our life-work done, our bounding pulses stilled. We shall not fear, we shall not even weep, But like a tired child lie down to sleep. Then put aside, my soul, the fear of death. The loving shepherd still remembereth The one stray lamb-he seeks and saves his own And we are his-we shall not die alone.

The night may fall when we are far from home Unmindful of the distance or the gloom, But we shall hear his call from mountain crest, "Come unto me and I will give you rest." This tender message rings down the years And lulls with soothing music all our fears. Life has been sweet, and death shall sweeter be For Christ the Lord is calling "Come to me."

CONFERENCE ECHOES. REBECCA H. WHEELER.

The Conference at Salem is a thing of the past, but the memory of the good meetings, the kindly Christian greetings, the loyalty and enthusiasm of Seventh-day Baptists, will never be forgotten and will be an inspiration to all who had the pleasure of attending.

West Virginians have long been noted for their hospitality, and everything possible was done by them for the comfort and pleasure of their guests, giving them a warm welcome to their new homes.

All came away feeling that Salem is an ideal place, bringing with them kind thoughts, aspirations for a better life, and good wishes at its good fortune.

ings, entertainments and the objects for which its society worked. Some of these suggestions were new and helpful.

love for the work of the Master, and I am sure all returned to their homes feeling they were no longer strangers, and that

" The fellowship of kindred minds,

Is like to that above."

come."

Only a few of the good things of the wo- terrible responsibility when, from silly fear of men's meetings have been given you, but I | possible injury, she forbids a child such physiam sure all went to their homes resolved to | cal abandon as will promote courage, endo more and better work in the year to come. | durance, self-reliance, and self-control." LEONARDSVILLE, N. Y.

CHARACTER-BUILDING THROUGH THOUGHT. J. LINCOLN BROOKS.

Thought's most deadly instrument for marring human lives is fear. It demoralizes character, destroys ambition, induces or causes disease, paralyzes happiness in se and others, and prevents achievement. has not one redeeming quality. It is all evi Physiologists now well know that it impoverishes the blood by interfering with assimilation, and cutting off nutrition. It lowers mental and physical vitality and weakens every element of success. It is fatal to the happiness of youth, and is the most terrible accompaniment of old age. Buoyancy flees before its terrifying glance, and cheerfulness cannot dwell in the same house with it.

"The most extensive of all the morbid mental conditions which reflect themselves so disastrously on the human system is the state of fear," says Dr. William H. Holcomb. "It has many degrees of gradations, from the state of extreme alarm, fright, or terror, take a moment's comfort while their boys or down to the slightest shade of apprehension girls are out of their sight. How many times, of impending evil. But all along the line it is in imagination, have you seen your children the same thing,—a paralyzing impression tumble out of trees, and off sheds? How upon the centres of life which can produce, many times have you pictured them drowning through the agency of the nervous system, a when they went to sail or skate? How often vast variety of morbid symptoms in every have you had visions of your boy being tissue of the body."

one's atmosphere," says Horace Fletcher; When none of these things happened, what "it causes mental, moral, and spiritual had you to compensate for the mental asphyxiation, and sometimes death,-death anguish, with consequent lowering of vitality to energy, death to tissue, and death to all and physical tone? Such useless imaginings growth."

Yet from our birth we live in the presence | before their time. and under the dominion of this demon. A child is cautioned a thousand times a year to look out for this, and to look out for that; it dread, and suggesting to them new and for the new found friends among the moun- may get poisoned, it may get bitten, it may tains, for Salem college and its beloved presi- get killed; something terrible may happen todent, whose life is devoted to its interests it if it does not do so and so. Men and and whose face fairly beamed with happiness women cannot bear the sight of some harmless animal or insect because, as children, The women's meetings held in the chapel they were told that it would hurt them. One crowd seems to be, and you will find, if you and tent were pleasant and quite informal. of the cruelest things imaginable is to instill Mrs. L. A. Platts was chosen chairman, and into a child's plastic mind the terrible image Mrs. Jessie B. Whitford secretary. Miss Susie of fear, which, like the letters cut on a sap-Burdick added much to the interest and gave | ling, grows wider and deeper with age. The helpful suggestions. Some lady from each | baleful shadows of such blasting and blightassociation was asked to tell of its ways of ing pictures will hang over the whole life, and raising money, methods of conducting meet. | shut out the bright joy of sun and happiness.

An Australian writer says:-

possibly happen to a growing child is to have The family cannot afford to have any little, It was a beautiful and inspiring sight, to see a mother who is perpetually tormented by legitimate pleasure, to travel, or to take the so many consecrated women in these meet. nervous fear. If she gives way to fear,ings from all parts of our country, who met | morbid, minute, and all-prevailing,-she will as strangers, to note the perfect freedom with inevitably make the environment of her child which they spoke, the bond which drew them one of increasing dread and timidity. The together as they planned and talked of their background of fear is the habit or instinct of money, simply because times may be hard anticipating the worst. The mother who never makes a move, or allows her children to make a move, without conjuring up a myriad of malign possibilities, embitters the cup of life with a slow poison.

Miss Cora Williams, associational secretary "I know that thousands of boys and girls of the Central Association, says in her report, | are to-day tremulous, weak, passive, and un-"We thank God for the measure of success alert on the physical side, simply because theythat has attended our efforts and trust for were taught, in the knickerbocker stage, or still greater achievements in the year to earlier, to see the potency of danger in all they did or tried to do. A mother assumes a

Not content with instilling fear of possibly real things, many mothers and most nurses invent all sorts of bugbears and bogies to frighten poor babies into obedience. They even attempt to induce sleep by telling children, "If you don't go right to sleep, a great big bear will come and eat you up!" How much sleep would a grown manget in a situation where this was a real possibility? Fear of the dark would seldom exist if parents carefully showed children that nothing is different in the dark from what it is in the light. Instead of so doing they take pains to people the mysterious gloom with every sort of ogreand monster which human imagination has been able to conjure up. Some one has thus expressed in verse this cruel but too common sin against healthy-minded childhood:-

> " He who checks a child with terror, Stops its play and stills its song, not alone commits an error, But a grievous moral wrong."

Mothers waste much energy in worrying about their children. Some of them cannot brought home from the baseball or football "Fear is like carbonic acid gas pumped into grounds with broken limbs or scarred face? of evil make many women old and haggard

With fearsome and anxious mothers surrounding children with an atmosphere of unthought-of-objects of fear, it is not astonishing that the whole world seems burdened and bowed down under a fearful weight of fear and anxiety. Go into almost any gathering, no matter how gay and happy the question any one of even the gayest, that the canker worm of fear gnaws at the heart in some form. The fear of accident, of sickness, -of the development of some terrible disease—of poverty, of death, or of some great misfortune, still lingers during the greatest apparent gayety. Many men and women narrow their lives by

"One of the worst misfortunes which can worrying over what may happen to-morrow. leading magazines or papers. They cannot afford to take much needed vacations. They must economize on clothes, on food, even, and every form of culture or recreation costing next year, "There may be a financial panic," urges the pessimist. "Some of the children may be sick, the times may be bad, our crops may fail, or some business venture may not succeed. We can't tell what might happen, but we must prepare for the worst." The lives of hundreds of families are mutilated, sometimes utterly ruined, by this bugbear of misfortune just ahead.—Success.

What does your label say?

PERHAPS IF YOU KNEW.

some interesting facts as follows:

sition to woman suffrage comes from states sicians. Graduate nurses are employed, and You are going away to school for the first where women do not vote and is therefore very careful daily records by both nurses and based upon theory, while in no state where | teachers are kept, correlating as nearly as posthe people have extended the suffrage to wo- sible the physical and mental conditions of men, and therefore have had opportunities to | these little folks.-Good Housekeeping. observe the effects of its actual operation, has there been any effort to repeal such laws, you might feel more confidence in the righteousness of the cause, and be willing to speak a | ture. There is a great deal of gossip that has | little economies in the home circle in order to word for it now and then.

ing testimony from the most prominent, responsible and respected citizens of the suffrage | there comes to us the picture of a family of | another winter and mother will make the old states, agrees that woman suffrage has resulted in better candidates for office, cleaner | We have seen them in galleries of art; we ones, too, are interested and their wistful polling places, quieter elections, and improved legislation, and that women have grown more bookstore or a library with fresh volumes in ing to leave home. You can see that scene intelligent, self-reliant, respected, and wo- their hands. When we meet them they are yet. Perhaps there was a little informal manly under its influence, you would feel it full of what they have seen and read. They gathering at home or church to bid you good your duty to work that such results might are brimming with questions. One topic of bye. People whom you did not know cared come to all states.

"Perhaps, if you knew, as many do know that woman suffrage measures have been de feated in the past dozen years in many in stances by well proved bribery, you would declare that a cause so hated by bribers must be worthy the support of honest people, and you might be willing to contribute something toward legitimate educational work for the cause.

"Do you realize that women are not dis franchised because 'women do not want to vote;' 'because good men fear the influence of bad women on politics, or bad politics on good women" as is commonly reported; but because bad men fear the influence of good women on bad politics, and fear the influence of good politics over the affairs of bad men?'

HOSPITALS FOR LITTLE CRIPPLES.

The visit of Dr. Lorenz did more, probably, to awaken the sympathies of America for crippled children than any amount of charity talk could have done. It also opened the eyes of the public to the large percentage of our infantile population who are pitifully crippled and deformed. In New York alone there are seven day schools for crippled children, as well as the school connected with the hospital for the ruptured and crippled. There are over four hundred children in attendance, who are gathered from all parts of the city in wagonettes and ambulances each morning and taken home again at noon. Unless one should observe in the vehicle, as it rolls by, a heap of small crutches, the group of bright faced children smiling down from it would never suggest they were maimed and pain racked. This gracious charity is supported by voluntary subscriptions and managed by boards of wealthy women, many of whom lend horses and carriages for the daily ride of the little cripples.

The Chicago hospital school for invalid children is a unique institution, providing special education for young invalid children. It is for crippled, nervous, delicate, defectivein fact, all children that are not quite well or columns on subjects of denominational interable to work with normal children. The est. It desires to see its Reading Room conschool aims to prepare children to work with | taining news from every denominational cennormal children; it also takes young children | ter. And most of all, it desires suggestions having imperfect speech and develops their | that will lead to its improvement.

powers of utterance; or, in case the function In a little booklet prepared by Mrs. Carrie of speech has been retarded through illness, it Chapman Catt, president of the National aims to restore these powers. Partially deaf Suffrage Association, she calls attention to children and those having imperfect eyesight are also taken. The school has a corps of "Perhaps, if you observed that the oppo- teachers and its own staff of consulting phy-

CURE FOR GOSSIP.

no^{*} malignity in it. Good-natured people help you to an education, economies which "Perhaps, if you knew that the overwhelm- | talk about their neighbors because they have | would be very hard, were they not dictated nothing else to talk about. As we write, by love. Father will wear the old overcoat young ladies. We have seen them at home. | black dress do a little longer. The younger | have caught glimpses of them going from a | faces followed you about as you were preparconversation is dropped only to give place to for you have spoken to you kindly and feelanother in which they are interested. We ingly. You have come during these days into have left them, after a delightful hour, stimu- | a new awakening of manhood or womanhood, lated and refreshed; and during the whole as you have been led to realize the hopes that hour not a neighbor's garment was soiled by | are centered in you and the possibilities that so much as a touch. They had something to | are wrapped in your lives. talk about. They knew something, and wanted to know more. They could listen as are near and dear to me. In the days when well as they could talk. To speak freely of a pastor or evangelist in the community, I was neighbor's doings and belongings would have often in the home. They would talk freely seemed an impertinence to them, and, of about their children, their characteristics and course, an impropriety. They had no temp- tendencies, their temptations and dangers, tation to gossip because the doings of their their companions and habits, the hopes teresting than those which grew out of their knowledge and their culture.—J. G. Holland.

THE PRODIGAL. M. B. CLARKE.

Forth from his father's house alone, From love, which all life's years had known From kind restraint and tender care. From fellowship of kindred there He turned aside, to seek and win His freedom in the paths of sin.

Not empty-handed, for he bore The gifts of love, a generous store, Of youth and health and talents rare, Position, wealth a goodly share, And all a father's hand could bring To make of life a noble thing.

In that far land, without a name, He wasted all in guilt and shame, Youth, wealth, ambition fled apace, And famine stared him in the face; Bond-slave of sin, what had he gained? The empty husks alone remained.

In grief and penitence, he said, "My father's servants all are fed. No more his son, it may be still That I a servant's place can fill. I will return and humbly cry For help and pardon ere I die."

Afar off, yet the father's love, Would every barrier remove, The son, long mourned with grief profound Restored to life, the lost one found. "Make ready for the feast, and bring

The royal robe, and signet ring." Oh! wondrous love, which welcomes in The wanderer, from the paths of sin, Restoring to his place and name The sonship, lost through guilt and shame, Made free indeed, is he, whom grace Has gathered in its wide embrace.

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Young People's Work. LESTER C. RANDOLPH, Editor, Alfred, N. Y.

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THE BEGINNING OF DAYS.

To many of the young people who read this, these days are the beginning of days. time, or leaving home anew after a few happy weeks of vacation. Perhaps you are entering upon some form of practical education in shop or mercantile life. Attended by high hopes you set out, not only by the high hopes of your own fancy, but also by those of par-What is the cure for gossip? Simple cul- ents and friends. There have been many

Some of you I know well. Your parents neighbors formed a subject very much less in- cherished for them. How much it means to them when the boy and girl leaves the home nest. There will be a hunger in their eyes, when they meet some one from the community to which their children are gone for some bit of good cheer regarding them. "John is a manly fellow. He is winning golden opinions from the best people. He is making good use of all his opportunities." "Mary is a royal girl. Her companionships are all you could desire. She is doing her work well, and is preparing for a queenly womanhood?" If you have ever seen the eager look on a father's face as he heard such words and tried not to show his gratification, or the shine of grateful tears in a mother's eyes, you will never forget it. My dear young people, one and all, God grant that such words may be said of you during the coming months. voice the wishes, not only of parents and teachers, but also of a much larger circle outside, when I bid you God speed.

> These are golden years through which you are passing. I scarcely ever hear nowadays one song we used to sing so much. It is not very good poetry, perhaps, but our hearts thrill with the memory of the feeling that stirred us as we sang it out on Winter sleighrides or the calm of Summer evenings:

> > "Golden years are passing by, Happy, happy golden years, Passing on the wings of time, These happy, golden years.

"Call them back as they go by, Sweet their memory cheers, O, improve them as they fly, These happy, golden years. "Golden years are passing by, Fleeting, fleeting swiftly on, Life is but a passing hour, Before we know 'tis gone.

"Soon the parting time will come, Day by day it nears, Have we done our duty well,

These happy, golden years?"

"Have we done our duty well?" That is the solemn question which will come to you most persistently when you bid good bye to | nice round flat piece of cooky dough. the scenes upon which you are now entering. If you have not, it will be with a sense of friend of Janey's. She was teaching Janey shame and bitter regret for the opportunities how to make thimble cookies. "Just press lost forever. But how happy you will be to your mamma's thimble down on the cooky say: "Yes, I have made mistakes and met dough, deah, and there you have a little said, "I guess they didn't drink the wine, did discouragements, but I have never given up. baby cooky!" I have kept pressing on, and victory after battle is sweet."

BOBBY AND BETH.

"Girls don't have to do anything!" declared Bobby, as he sat down with a thump on the shoe-box, in grandmother's room. "Girls don't have to feed hens or fill the wood. box. I wish I was a girl, so I do."

"Girls don't have to do anything!" exclaimed Grandmother Stone in surprise. "Well, well, well! You come with me a minute, Bobby, and we'll see if you are right."

Bobby followed grandmother into the sit- ness!" ting-room. But when they got there both were surprised, for sitting in the big rocker was Beth, her eyes ful¹ of tears.

"I wish I was a boy, same as Bobby," she said, sorrowfully. "I'm tired as anything dusting rooms. Boys don't have to dust or mend stockings or do anything. Oh, dear, dear, dear!" and Beth hid her curly head in the duster and sobbed.

er. "Suppose you do Bobby's work today, delighted to exchange work with you."

But would you believe it? Grandmother was mistaken, for Bobby shook his head.

"I'm going to feed the hens myself," he said decidedly.

never fill wood-boxes," she murmured.

Then they both laughed and stopped grumbling for that day.

THE SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Pursuant to the action of the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Society at a meeting held at Salem, W. Va., August 20, 1903, a meeting of said society is hereby called to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 1903, at 9.45 A. M., at the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventhday Baptist church, at Westerly, R.I., for the election of officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may then be necessary or expedient.

By order of the Society,

WM. L. CLARKE, President.

SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

In accordance with an action taken at Salem, W. Va., on August 21, 1903, a meeting of the Seventh-day Baptist Education Society is hereby called to be held in Kenyon Memorial Hall, at Alfred, N. Y., on Thursday, October 1, 1903, at 1:30 P. M., for the purpose of electing the officers of the Society and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

By order of the Society,

E. M. TOMLINSON,

President.

Children's Page.

ARATHUSA'S STORY.

apron with a little ruffled bib, and she was kneeling in a chair by the table in the kitchen. On the molding-board before her was a

Arathusa, the new cook, was an excellent

(Arathusa said deah for dear!)

the table before her was a nice round tin of er came running out; and I came out, too. thimble cookies.

smiled and said: "Thank you so much for And then their mother said, 'Louie and Carteaching me how to make thimble cookies. I rie, go into the house and go upstairs and go Josev and Joe will be so surprised to taste to bed!"" them.'

And Arathusa said: "That they will, deah. | asked Janey. And you will be surprised, too, when you put one of those little baby cookies in your and bathed her for about an hour, and put mouth. and see how it melts away into sweet- on nice clean clothes; and then I rocked her

And Arathusa put the tin of thimble cook- | old, and didn't know any better." ies into the oven, and Janey went and sat on the doorstep, and waited for the thimble "O, Arathusa, that is the best, best story cookies to bake.

"And Janey said: "Tell me a story, Araing, tell me a story, please?"

And Arathusa said: "All right. I will tell you a real, true story about three little girls "Well, I never did!" exclaimed grandmoth- where I used to work. One little girl was named Louie, and one was named Carrie, Tootsie.

"Well. down the hill back of the house where these three children lived was a long | that Janey had ever seen. And, when they grape-vine arbor; and the grape-vines were were cool enough, she put one in her mouth; covered with grapes,—oh, beautiful grapes, and, before she could think, it was gone!" Beth wiped her eyes in a hurry. "Girls | large and purple, and juicy and sweet! And | "Why, they just melt in your mouth, Ara one morning early what should these three thusa," she said. "Before I could think, it mischief children do but drag a wash-tub | was gone!" down to that grape-vine arbor, and begin to pick the grapes and toss them into the tub.

"Louie was six years old, and she should in sweetness." have known better; but Louie was the greatest mischief of all. And Louie said, and Joe, and give them some thimble cook-'Now, Carrie, when we have a lot of grapes in | ies, and tell them the funny story that you the tub, we will take off all little Tootsie's | told me." clothes, only except her little shirt, and she must tread out wine, just as they do in the found Josey and Joe; and they all went and Bible story. She must tread out wine with sat under a big tree and ate thimble cookies, her little feet.'

"'And little Tootsie said, 'I don't want | that Arathusa had told her. my pretty clothes taken off!'

do, too, Tootsie. You must tread the grapes | grape juice going splash, dash, all over her, with your clean little feet, and make some Josey and Joe lay back in the grass, and wine.'"

Janey clapped her hands. "O Arathusa, and put her in the tub?"

"Yes, they did, deah. They took them all off only except her little shirt, and put her can be-I see her, too!" into the tub! They had pulled the grapes all

Janey laughed and clapped her hands. "Oh didn't she look funny? I can see her right now, when I shut my eyes, dancing about in the improvement of the RECORDER, and also that tub!"

And Arathusa said: "Yes, she certainly did look funny. The purple juice came out of the grapes and went splash, dash, all over One morning dear Janey was making thim- dear little Tootsie; and she just liked it, too. ble cookies. She had on a little white ruffled | Her brown eyes twinkled like stars, and she laughed as she trod the grapes. And Louie and Carrie laughed, too, and clapped their hands and danced about the tub. "Go faster!' they said. 'Go faster, little

Tootsie! Oh. see the beautiful wine she is treading out with her little feet!""

And Janey laughed so that she tumbled right over on the floor. "O, Arathusa," she they?"

"No, deah; they didn' drink it, and good And Janey did as she was told, and now on | reason why. Just at that minute their moth-At first we laughed and laughed, little Toot-And Janey looked up at Arathusa and sie did look so funny and sweet and deah.

"Well, she kissed her a good many times, to sleep. You see she was only two years And Janey clapped her hands and said,

vour ever told me!"

And then all at once Arathusa held up thusa. While the thimble cookies are bak- both her hands, and said: "Goodness me! I clear forgot your thimble cookies, Janey!" And Arathusa ran and opened the oven door, and drew out the tin of thimble cook-

ies; and they were not burned at all! There they were, round and tiny and and he will do yours. I know that he will be and the little one two years old was called sweet,-fifty little thimble cookies, all ready to eat.

They were the very first thimble cookies

And Arathusa laughed, and said, "Yes, thimble cookies certainly do just melt away

And Janey said, "I'll go and find Josey

And Janey went out into the garden and and Janey told the story, the funny story,

And when she got to the place where little "And that mischief Louie said: 'Yes, you Tootsie was dancing in the tub with the laughed and laughed and laughed.

"Oh, wasn't she funny?" said Josey. "] dear, did they take off little Tootsie's clothes see little Tootsie right now, with my eyes shut, dancing about in the tub!"

And Janey said: "Arathusa says it is a off the stems, so it could not hurt her little true story. I like true stories the best of all.—Little Folks.

> We want our readers to suggest plans for methods to increase its circulation.

"What did she do to dear little Tootsie?"

And Joe said, "I see her, too, as plain as

SOME OF THE PLEASURES OF OLD AGE. it some experiences of which the young, and and fed and cared for than his or her grandeven the middle-aged, have little conception parents were or could have been. of. They see the whitened hair and the fur- While it is true that old people feel deeply rowed face, and mark the faltering step and the loss that has come to them in the depart other indications of failing strength and en- ure of their loved ones, so that they have feebled intellect, and naturally come to re- many lonely hours when they feel that they gard old age as a joyless period of human are almost alone in the world, it is also true life. to be endured with what patience is pos- that they have within themselves or within sible-the dregs of life after its good wine has | their reach more than adequate compensation heen exhausted, or the time which the travel- | for the loss of which they are so deeply coner reluctantly spends where connections be- scious. Those who are "not lost but gone tween trains are bad.

But old age has its own sources of enjoyment, which are neither inferior nor few. Old age is measurably free from causes of worry and anxiety which almost inevitably harass | lovers do not know how dear they are to and annoy those who are in the midst of the activities of life. In earlier life all men and women have their aspirations and ambitions and hopes and rivalries which fret and distract the soul and destroy its peace. Even a | her faults and to think only of her virtues. life which, as a whole may be regarded as fairly successful, has been shadowed by many ciate her and love her more; and it is the disappointments, and success has been achieved only by conflict with opposing forces: and when achieved has failed to bring the satisfaction expected. Old age has left this season of worry and strife behind. Worldly aspirations and ambitions have gradually expired, and out of the winds and waves of the voyage of life the aged have entered a sheltered bay where they are looking for nothing but the peaceful harbor.

Though some of the physical senses have grown dull, the eye dimmed, and the ear heavy, the inner senses have become more acute and refined, so that the human soul is more appreciative of the soul of things, their meaning and beauty. The soul has come into more perfect harmony with nature. The old see meanings and beauties in the familiar objects and operations of nature which the unpracticed eyes of youth did not perceive. To them the blossoms of the spring are more lively, the skies of summer are bluer, the fields and the trees are greener, the clouds are care to describe it from any other.-The more picturesque, the sunsets are more gorgeous, the ocean is more majestic, the lakes are more bright in the sunlight, and their waves more musical in storm, the autumn foilage has richer and more varied hues; and even the winter snows, as they silently mantle the landscape in white robes, or pile themselves in drifts, seem purer and more spark- no matter of how long standing. It is not a ling than in their earlier life. Not only are the old more free from distracting thoughts and so are at leisure to observe and admire whatever is admirable, but their inner sense has been developed and refined.

advance the world has made and is still mak- | It tones, strengthens and gives new life and ing in everything that conduces to human vigor to the bowels. Only one small dose a well being. They remember how things were day removes all the causes of the trouble in their early days and are able to compare and leaves the bowels well and able to move them with things as they are now, and so to themselves without the aid of medicines. It appreciate the betterment of condition that | cures dyspepsia, kidney and liver troubles, has been made during their lifetime. How | indigestion, headaches, catarrh of the stommany things only the favored few once en- ach and all other diseases and conditions joyed which are now possessed by the many. growing out of a clogged condition of the How much better the homes of even humbler system. Try it free. Not a patent medicine people are supplied with articles of conven- or liquor. A list of ingredients on every ience and comfort than in their early life. package. A free sample bottle for the ask-These are too numerous to mention, and yet ing. Send for the sample today. Address, those now in active life can have little con- Vernal Remedy Co., 235 Seneca Bldg., aception of the advance the world has made | Buffalo, N. Y. during the lifetime of many persons now liv. Sold by all leading druggists.

ing. There is scarcely an aged man or wot The process of "growing old" brings with man who is not better housed and clothed

> and Lillian Rina White of Nile. STINES-EMERSON.-In the town of Alfred, N.Y., Sept. 6, 1903, by Rev. C. S. Sayre, John Stines and Flora E. Emerson ORMSBY-EMERSON.-At the Parsonage at Alfred Station. N. Y., Sept. 10, 1903, by Rev. C. S. Sayre, Orson Ormsby of Alfred Station, and Frances Emerson of Alfred STOODLEY-GREENE.-In the Seventh-day Baptist church. Adams Center, N. Y., September 17, 1903, by Rev. S. S. Powell, Mr Clark A. Stoodley and Miss Margaret E. Greene, both of Adams Center, N. Y. before" have been growing dearer to them ever since their departure. It is a trite re-DEATHS. mark that we come to a knowledge of the value of a possession only by its loss. Even BENJAMIN.—Silas Benjamin was born in the town of Alfred, N. Y., Sept. 2. 1825, and died at the home of his daughter, Sarah E. Potter, near Alfred Station, each other till they have endured separation N. Y., Sept. 15, 1903. C. S. S. for a time. When a wife has been taken from GRIDLEY.-Giles Harmon Gridley was born in Tioga her husband's side he soon comes to idealize county, N. Y., June 11, 1835, and died at the home (if not to idolize) her. He ceases to remember of his youngest son, Melvin J. Gridley, at Alfred Station, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1903. DANGERFIELD.—Moses Doty Dangerfield was born at and he wonders that he did not better appre-Pott's Grove, Salem county, N. J., Dec. 25, 1823, and died at Walworth, Wis., Sept. 13, 1903, aged 79 years, 8 months and 18 days. same with respect to all whom he has loved He came to Wisconsin in 1851 and in the following and lost. For the aged man there is a great year married Miss Ann Converse, near Walworth. He company of loved ones on the other shore. was very fortunate in his choice, for she has been strong The love he bore them when they were with and faithful with good mind for business. Before our him has been purified and intensified by his Civil War they lived at Edgerton, Wis. They united idealization of them, and he cannot but dwell with the Walworth church in 1863. Bro. Dangerfield has for many years been in feeble health. He often conwith great delight upon the thought that he templated hopefully, the passage, "In my Father's house is soon to be reunited to them in the near fu are many mansions." The funeral service was held in ture where he will know them better and apthe Walworth church Sept. 15, conducted by the pastor. preciate and love them more. Burial at the Walworth cemetery. So the men and wom-Old age, instead of being a period of decay, en who came to this fair land fifty years ago are rapidly passing to their rest and reward. is the ripening season of human life. It might M. G. S.

seem that every life would be incomplete without it. Surely nature's plan for human life must include old age. As autumn's suns and winds change acrid saps into delicious juices, so the experiences of the old are decharacter. First the blade, then the ear, and then the full corn in the ear. and then the harvest is ready for the sickle.

Brother Randolph grew to manhood in the religious atmosphere and under the moral influence of the old Salem church. There he experienced religion and formed signed to sweeten the spirit and perfect the the habits of integrity, firmness and loyalty to truth that characterized his earthly career. October 1, 1851. he was united in marriage with Marvel Maxson, daughter of John Maxson of Greenbrier. The following spring This view of the pleasures of old age is tak they settled on the waters of Bone Creek. After a resien from the Christian standpoint. I do not dence there of about two years, they removed to Meat House Fork, and operated a tannery on the site now oc-Standard. cupied by W. H. Davis. Early in the year 1857 they removed to the South Fork of Hughes River and founded A CHEERFUL GIVER. the home so well known by the community and ever We give away very cheerfully sample botcherished in the minds of the noble men and women who tles of a constipation cure that actually have gone from its beneficent influence to take their cures. It is Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry places in the arena of life. The saintly wife and mother passed on to her reward December 2, 1887, and now we Wine. It is not merely a relief. It permanmourn the father, who returned to these scenes of his ently cures any kind of a case of constipation, active life, and was stricken down in the midst of his family and early friends. Brother Randolph was again purgative nor an irritant cathartic. These married to Hannah Mary Saunders at Alfred, N. Y., simply lash and hurt the bowels and bring April 16, 1891, President Allen officiating. The last but temporary relief. The condition left be eleven years of his life were very pleasantly passed in hind is worse than the first. Vernal Saw their home at Alfred. Eight of his eleven children are left with her to mourn this loss.

Palmetto Berry Wine does just the opposite. The old have a better comprehension of the | It is a tonic laxative of the highest order. January 29, 1871, Brother Randolph joined the Ritchie Seventh-day Baptist church, and October 10, 1874. was ordained deacon. In religion he was steadfast, conscientious and faithful to every requirement. As a citizen, upright, generous, honorable, in all his dealings. As a husband and father no greater praise can be spoken than the lives of the sons and daughters who bless his memory to day. Soon after his removal from West Virginia, he united with the Seventh-day Baptist church at Alfred, N. Y., of which he was a worthy and honored member at the time of his death. The earth life is ended, Its work is done, Heaven unfolds What here is begun. REAL ESTATE. Loans and Collections: fine Fruit Farms for sale. All prices. Correspondence solicited. MAXSON & SEVERANCE. Gentry, Ark.

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WIXSON-WHITE.-At the home of the bride's aunt. Mrs. E. A. Rogers, Nile, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1903, by the Rev. Willard D. Burdick, Percy R. Wixson of Inavale, N.Y.,

RANDOLPH.-Asa F. Randolph, son of John and Experience F. Randolph, was born at New Salem, Va., (now Salem, W. Va.,) Feb. 15, 1833, and died at Berea, W. Va., Sept. 3, 1903.

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LESSON II.-GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID.

LESSON TEXT.-2 Sam. 7: 4-16.

For Sabbath-day, October 10, 1903.

Golden Text.—Thy throne shall be established for ever.—2 Sam.

INTRODUCTION

• Our author of the Book of Samuel is not concerned so much with giving us a political history of the reign of David as in telling us of David's relation to Jehovah. The lesson of this week is still more valuable than that of last week in picturing to us the religious life of this warrior king. It is evident that this seventh chapter is not in exact chronological order, for it is after the time of thewars recorded in chapter 8 and following that David found time to think of building a house for Jehovah. The lesson is especially important, as containing a Messianic prophesy which is often alluded to in other Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament and is quoted in the New Testament. The promise to David had far greater significance than that a king of his family should reign upon his throne to the end of the age. There was off thine enemies. David's many victories had been than a merely temporal ruler, one of whose kingdom there is to be no end, who is to rule without the pomp of outward royalty, who exercises a power far greater than that of all other kings.

TIME.—In the latter part of David's reign.

PLACE.—Jerusalem.

PERSONS .- David the king, and Nathan the prophet. OUTLINE:

- I. Jehovah will not have David Build Him a House v. 4–7.
- 2. Jehovah will Build David a House. v. 8-11.
- 16.

NOTES.

1. And Jehovah had given him rest. David's triumph over his enemies was through the blessing of Jehovah.

2. Nathan the prophet. The prophecies of this great prophet with the exception of the few words in Samuel and Kings have not been preserved for us. It is possible that he kept the official records of the reign of David and that the writers of the historical books make use of these in the compilation of the books of Samuel and Kings. Nathan is the prophet who rebuked David for his great sin. At the end of David's life it was Nathan who was prominent in securing the throne for Solomon. He was perhaps a member of David's household. It evident that he was recognized by David as a valued counsellor. I dwell in a house of cedar, etc. David was struck by the inappropriateness of the circumstances that his own residence was so much better than that which held the ark of Jehovah. Not only did David live in a house instead of a tent, but in a house made of costly cedar wood. It is very improbable that the tabernacle built by Moses was preserved to this time. that David had himself provided.

3. Go, do all that is in thy heart. The prophet thinks David's idea a very good one, and approves at once of the plan to make a house for Jehovah.

4. The word of Jehovah came unto Nathan. We do not know how the word of Jehovah came to the prophets. Very likely upon this occasion it came in a dream. casion Nathan was certainly not speaking from himself. series of individuals, but of the personified seed of David.

He had already expressed his opinion, and he now has a message that is in direct contradiction of that opinion. 5. Shalt thou build me a house for me to dwell in? This question is evidently to be understood as equivalent to a negative statement. Compare the parallel passage 1 Chron. 17:4.

6. For I have not dwelt in a house, etc. The work which David proposes is altogether unnecessary and against precedent. During all the years that Jehovah had been revealed to the Israelites, even from the time of the Exodus from Egypt, he had dwelt in a tent. We are not to infer from these words that the Most High dwelleth in houses made with hands; but since the ark with its mercy seat symbolized the visible presence o Jehovah there would be no misunderstanding from speaking of the tabernacle as the dwelling place of Jehovah

7. In all places wherein I have walked. Or, sojourned The reference is not only to the times that the Israelites were upon the march. Any of the tribes of Israel. It is almost certain that we should read instead of "tribes," "judges," as 1 Chron. 17:7. Shepherd of my people In a certain sense the judge might be said to be the guardian and caretaker of the flock of Israel. Why have ye not built me a house of cedar? Not only had there been no definite command to build a house for Jehovah. but also no judge had ever been reproached for not thinking of building a house for him.

8. Thus shalt thou say unto my servant David. It is plain that Jehovah is not displeased with David on ac count of his plan and has rejected it only on account o its inappropriateness. Now he sends David a promise of bleesing, and prefaces it with a reminder of what he has done for David in the past. I took thee from the sheepcote. That is, the dwelling place of sheep. Some prefer to render this word "pasture." David has 17. been exalted to his present position from a very humble walk in life. Prince, in the sense of leader or chief.

9. And I have been with thee, etc. Jehovah's care has been manifest with David, not only at the beginning of his public life, but all the way through. And have cut to be a king, a human king to be sure, but much more directly due to the divine providence. And I will make thee a great name. David is to become famous.

10. And I will appoint a place for my people in Israel The blessing of David and the blessing of Israel are associated. He is the official representative of God's chosen people. And will plant them. God's care for his people is made vivid by the metaphor of planting, as if Israel were a viae to be firmly established. Compare Exod. 15: 17; Isa. 5: 2. And be moved no more. The prophet portrays the gracious purpose of Jehovah for Israel in no measured terms. One might inferfrom these words that there was no possibility of any calamity oc-3. David's Son will Build Jehovah a House. v. 12- curring to Israel after this time. But as in the case of many other promises there is the condition understood that Israel shall not turn aside from Jehovah their God.

> 11. I command judges. Better, I set or appointed judges. And I will cau e thee to rest from all thy enemies. This seems to be a needless promise in view of the declaration of verse 9 in regard to enemies. Moreover Jehovah telleth thee that Jehovah will make thee a house. This sentence begins a new paragraph in Jehovah's message to David through Nathan. Instead of David's making a house for Jehovah, in the sense of a temple, Jehovah is going to make for David a house. that is a dynasty. His son is to reign after him, and his son's son for generations and generations.

> 12. When thy days are fulfilled, etc. Nathan proceeds to explain how Jehovah is to build David a house. This promise is to have its completion after David's death. I will set up thy seed after thee. This promise found its first and immediate fulfillment in the reign of Solomon then in the reign of a long line of kings of the house of David, and finally in the spiritual reign of Jesus Christ.

13. He shall build a house for my name. This line The ark was probably at this time sheltered by a tent interrupts the connection in regard to Jehovah's building a house for David. The reference here is in regard to the temple, the material house which Solomon built for Jehovah. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. This gracious promise with its wide sweep is enough to show that Nathan was not speaking especially of Solomon.

14. I will be his father and he shall be my son. Thus But, however it came, we must believe that the prophet | is the seed of David adopted to that condition of sonhad entire confidence in his own inspiration, and knew | ship with Jehovah which is often spoken of as the high that the message that he received was really from Jeho- | honor of the nation of Israel. If he commit iniquity. vah. Oftentimes the prophets gave messages of exhorta- | This line is enough to show that the prophecy of this tion or encouragement, the ground for which they might | paragraph is not explicitly concerning Jesus Christ. The have found in their own experience, but upon this oc- prophet is not speaking of a definite individual or of a

I will chasten him with the rod of men. As a father punishes his children in order to reform them. 15. But my loving kindness shall not depart from him. The seed of David is not to be dealt with as harshly as rigid justice might seem to demand, but the tender mercy of God is to be manifest. It is only with the stripes of men that he is to be chastened; he is not to be exterminated. As I took it from Saul. As we have seen, there was a limit to God's forbearance in the Case of Saul. Compare the lesson for July 25.

16. And thy house and thy kingdom shall be made sure forever. This promise can find its complete fulfill. ment only in David's Greater Son, and in the kingdom of heaven which he established. Before thee. We should read rather with the Septuagint, "before me." This reading is also plainly required by the analogy of verses 26, 29. All that is promised is to be accomplished in the sight of Jehovah rather than in the sight of David. 18. And sat before Jehovah. David shows his appreciation of the promises brought to him by Nathan by going immediately to the divine presence in the taber. nacle or wherever the ark was, and expressing his thanksgiving in prayer. Sitting is a rather unusual attitude in prayer. Some translators have preferred to render this verb "tarried." Who am I? David begins with a humble confession of his own unworthiness.

20. And what can David say more unto thee? Words fail David to express his thanksgiving and his wonder that God has done so much for him. 22. For there is none like thee. David acknowledges

pare Exod. 15:11 and other passages. 25. Establish it forever, and do as thou hast said. David shows his appreciation of Jehovah's promises by praying that he fulfill them. With this chapter the student should compare 1 Chron.

- Pinckney, N. Y., 1848.
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- May 1, 1883.
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the greatness of Jehovah in unmeasured terms. Com-

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Transit, Minn., New Auburn, 1865. Trenton, Minn., Oct. 2, 1859. Truxton, N. Y., Cuyler, 1824. Tustin, Cal., merged into Colony Heights, March 11 1891. Ulysses, Penn., h, 1845. Iltica, Wis., First called Christiana, J+n. 22, 1850. Verona, First, N. Y., Rome, 1820. Verona, Second, N. Y., 1837. Villa Ridge, Ill., Pulaski, Sept. 28, 1869. Walnut Creek, Neb., 1882. 1812. Walworth, Wis., 1845. Wasioja, Minn., Dodge Centre. h. 1859. Waterford, Conn., New London Neck, Oct. 24, 1784. Watson, N. Y., h, May 23, 1841. Wellsville, N. Y., h, Sept. 9, 1885. Welton, Iowa, Jan. 7, 1855. West Edmeston, N. Y., Third Brookfield, h; Sept. 28, 1823. Westerly, First, R. I., Dunn's Corners, h, Oct. 3, 1837. | keeping. Westerly, Second, R. I., April 10, 1858. West Fork, W. Va., see Roanoke, 1872. West Genesee, N. Y., Third Genesee, 1847. West Hallock, Ill., Southampton, h, Sept. 3, 1852. West Union, W. Va., Sept. 28, 1888. Willing, N. Y., merged into Scio, see Stannard's Corners, 1834. Winthrop, Ark., 1898. Wilson, N. Y., Aug., 1855. Wirt, N. Y., Richburg, or Friendship ? 1834. Woodbridgetown, Penn., June 6, 1790. Wood Lake, Wis., see Grantsburg, 1875. Woodville, R. I., organized as Richmond, Jan. 19, 1843. Wynne, Ark., 1898. SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST CHURCHES. Never connected with Conference. Adell, Kan., Oct. 8, 1888. Adams, second, N. Y., Independent, 1853. Babcock church, Westerly, R. I., April 5, 1750. Beauregard. Miss., Seventh day Baptist church South, 1890. Beaver Creek, S. C., probably German, July, 1759 Beulah, Cullman Co., Ala., 1897. Broad River, S. C., 1754. Calamus, Neb., Sept. 18, 1892. Catawba, N. C., probably German; slight evidence of rest Sabbath-keeping. Cloud's Creek, S. C., probably German, 1764. Conococheague, Penn., 1735. Cottrellite church, Plainfield, N.(J.) 1811. $\mathcal{D}\mathcal{N}$ Dighton, Kan., August 16, 1892. Dunham's church, Jonathan; Piscataway, N. J., 1753. Durham, Kan., German, 1893. Ebenezer, Tenn., Lebanon, 1873. Eden. Mo., Summerville, 1895. Edisto, S. C., probably German, Jan. 14, 1770. Edith, Tenn., 1895. Eawarre, N. C., German? scant evidence of Sabbathkceping. French Creek, Penn., 1722 or 1724. Friend, Kan., April 21, 1888. Fulton county, Ill, Cuba, May 13, 1842. Hawkins county, Tenn., Caney Valley, 1812. Hinkernell, Penn., 1901. -- Holgate, Ohio, 1898. Humphrey's church, Nicholas Co., Ky., 1790. Jackson, Second, Ohio, Freewill, May 11, 1855. 1791. Leyden, Mass., 1780. Little Bethel, Obio, Mad River, 1810. Little Loss Valley, Texas, Mt. Hecla, July 21, 1879. Lost Creek, Second, W. Va., 1835. Louisville, Ky., 1895. Manhattan, Kar. Sept. 11, 1859. New Orleans, First, La., Mt. Pisgah, Negro, Jan. 29, 1888. New Orleans, Second, La., White, Dec., 1888. New River, Va., probably German, 1743. New Sweden, Me., April 24, 1884. Newtown, Penn., 1700. Nottingham, Penn., c, 1727. Oyster Pond, L. I., N. Y., August 17, 1791. Pennepeck, Penn., 1699. Philadelphia, Penn., 1698. Philip Davis' church, Hopkinton, R. I., 1754. Prince William county, Va., see Tuckaseeking. Providence, R. I., a society never organized as a church, March 12, 1892. Reedsborough, Vt., June 25, 1827. Shiloh, Penn., re-organized as Hayfield in 1829, 1798.

Southampton, Penn., 1697.

Spunk church, Hopkinton, R. I., 1853. Stannard's Corners, N.Y., h, see Willing, Stowe, simply mentioned in the Minutes - Todd's Fork, Ohio, 1806. Troupsburg, N. Y., August 30, 1824. Tuckaseeking, Ga., removed in a body William county, Va., in the Fall of 1759. Upper Providence, Penn., Oct. 12, 1697. Waldensia, Mo., Sept. 30, 1886. Watson, Second, N. Y., 1866, Wayne county, Penn., organized som

Westfield, Penn., 1853. West. Fork of the Monongahela River, 28, 1793,

Wilcox church, Westerly, R. I., 1765.

Wittenberg, S. D., German, 1893.

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THE FORCE OF HABIT.

We are told of an incident that took place a short time, ago at a pumping station of a water works, where a tank was placed near the roadside and kept full of water for accommodating the public in watering horses and other animals.

A gentleman living near by had a cow. For of the Union. Mrs. Harry Thomas. a few times he took her to this tank and gave It is expected that pastor W. D. Wilcox, of the Chicago her a drink of pure water before taking her to church, will address the meeting in connection with the her pasture, and also in the afternoon to other exercises. quench her thirst before entering the yard for The people of the Rock River church will be glad to entertain ALL who can come. Do not hesitate to attend

the night. Very soon the cow, after being liberated in the meeting because there are only a few families in the church. One home offers to take care of forty-five friends the morning, would go of her own choice to alone, and a barn on another farm can shelter and feed the tank and take a drink, and from there to twenty horses. Let the old church be filled full again at the pasture for the day. On being liberated every session of the meetings. Persons who come on the from the pasture, she would go to the tank cars will be met at Milton Junction if they notify Marion again and then to the yard for the night to Rose or Harry Green, Milton Junction. PASTOR, ROCK RIVER CHURCH.

THE semi-annual meeting of the Seventh-day Bap-On one occasion, during one night, there tist churches, of Minnesota, will convene with the New came a heavy down-pour of rain and the Auburn church, Oct. 2, at 2 P. M. Introductory sermon street, being quite level, became flooded, so by H. D. Clarke, alternate, D. C. Lippincott. Papers much so that the water stood well nigh up to and essays by the Young People, together with sermons the level of the drinking tank and all across and Conference meetings, will give us a three-days spirthe street. In the morning the cow was lib- itual feast none can afford to miss. D. T. ROUNSEVILLE, Cor. Sec. erated as usual. She walked to the street SEVENTH-DAY Baptists in Syracuse, N. Y., hold but on seeing it flooded hesitated. Realizing Sabbath afternoon services at 2.30 o'clock, in the hall the necessity of having a drink before going on the second floor of the Lynch building, No.120 South to the pasture, she ventured to cross over to Salina street. All are cordially invited. the tank. On the way she came to the gutter SABBATH-KEEPERS in Utica, N. Y., meet the third nearest the tank where the water was well up | Sabbath in each month at 2 P. M., at the home of Dr. on her sides, and it being a little muddy she S. C. Maxson, 22 Grant St. Other Sabbaths, the Bibleclass alternates with the various Sabbath-keepers in the had to make an effort to go a few steps city. All are cordially invited. further to reach the tank. This she made, and on reaching the tank took a good drink SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST SERVICES are held, regular of the water. Then turning around, seem- | ly, in Rochester, N.Y., every Sabbath, at 3 P. M., at the Jarman's church, Jonathan, Shiloh, N. J., July 29, ingly satisfied, and with an effort she made residence of Mr. Irving Saunders, 516 Monroe Avenue. All Sabbath-keepers, and others, visiting in the city, her way back, water dripping from her sides, An Saouan-Acepta, and others, in her way back, water dripping from her sides, are cordially invited to these services. and was off for the pasture. All of this move-THE Seventh-day Baptist Church of Hornellsville ment and effort of the cow was charged up to N.Y., holds regular services in their new church, cor. the "force of habit." West Genesee Street and Preston Avenue. Preaching at

We demur to this conclusion. True, the 2.30 P. M. Sabbath-school at 3.30. Prayer-meeting cow was first shown the way to the tank the preceding evening. An invitation is extended to all and especially to Sabbath-keepers remaining in the city filled with water and to the pasture, but she over the Sabbath, to come in and worship with us. used her own judgment as to the quality of THE Seventh-day Baptist Church of Chicago holds the water with which the tank was filled and regular Sabbath services in the Le Moyne Building, knew that it was good. When she came to on Randolph street between State street and Wabash the street in the morning and found it flooded. avenue, at 2 o'clock P.M. Strangers are most cordially she knew by the smell. or otherwise. that for drinking it was not as good as that in the welcomed. W. D. WILCOX, Pastor, 516 W. Monroe St. tank. Her thirst might have been such as to have compelled her to drink the water in the THE Seventh-day Baptist church of New York street, but not while she knew there was bet- | City holds services at the Memorial Baptist church, ter water to be obtained by making an effort | Washington Square South and Thompson Street. The Sabbath-school meets at 10.45 A. M. Preaching service and going to the tank. Our decision is with the cow, rather than at 11.30 A. M. A cordial welcome is extended to all

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to me," President W. C. Daland.

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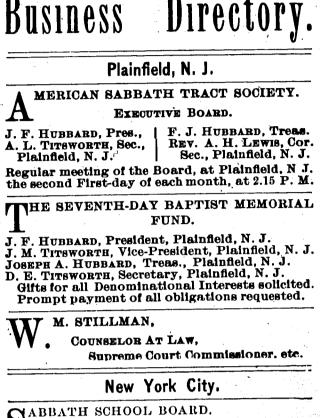
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Some four, some six, some seven. All agree

Waits darkness deep as night and black as jet.

And so we know what Noah saw we see.

Nor less nor more—of God's emblazonry

A shred—a sign of glory known not yet.

If red can glide to yellow, green to blue,

When we rewake upon a wider shore!

What joys may yet await our wider eyes

What deep pulsations exquisite and new !

What keener, swifter raptures may surprise

Men born to see the rainbow and no more l

and done. Do you say you "have been so

busy" that you could not read? When mat-

do justice to ourselves or to the interests of

Like rings upon God's finger ? Some say three,

How many colors do we see set,

To left of red, to right of violet.

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not done their duty nor fulfilled their obliga- | iterated ipsissima verba in direct ethical teachtions. He who cares only to know that he is ing. Those who think it unnecessary to have honored with a place among the official rep- written codes of ethics, take the same ground resentatives of our work, is not worthy the with these people in the Christian church. honor or the place. Position and office mean They assume that the principles of virtue, more than empty formality. Have you read morality and godliness need not be formulatthe RECORDER carefully since Aug. 17? If you ed, 'thou shalt,' and 'thou shalt not,' but have not, will you? "Some of the papers are that they should be so taught by the life and lost!" That is unfortunate. Who was care- example of the Teacher that they are instincless? Send us word if you want any special tive in the highest sense in the conscientious copy since Aug. 17, and we will fill your or- | character." der, if possible, without cost. Those who ******* read not, will be ignorant. Those who are THE medical and legal professions, A FEW weeks ago we announced ignorant will be uninterested. Those who are value of within their respective spheres, Are You Read- the purpose of enabling all our uninterested will neither preach nor practice written Codes. place the highest estimate on posing Conference readers to attend Conference what they ought. Those who fail in any of itive written codes and directions. through the RECORDER. For this these particulars will have a poor standing and base their most valuable conclusions uppurpose we are giving the pro-before God. To be a good, faithful and effi-on obedience to written documents. It is not ceedings of Anniversary Week in detail, as they | cient servant of Christ as a Seventh-day Bap- | enough for them, that General Principles come from the pens of the various secretaries. | tist, and an efficient worker in the denomina- | are recognized. Both these learned profes-Valuable papers, reports, sermons, etc., form tion, is not a slight matter. It is a glorious sions demand adherence to specific and a part of the matter through which those who privilege and a sacred trust. Are you fulfill- minute directions. Many important suits at

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