

The New Forward Movement

A Clarion Call to Seventh Day Baptists

TO THE INDIVIDUAL IT MEANS—

A Richer Spiritual Life

TO THE CHURCH IT MEANS—

A Forceful Agency for Righteousness

TO THE DENOMINATION IT MEANS—

A United Fellowship in the Master's Service

TO THE COMMUNITY IT MEANS—

A Gracious Recognition of the Brotherhood of Man

FORWARD TO CHRIST AND VICTORY

The Sabbath Recorder

FROM THE INTERCHURCH WORLD-WIDE PRAYER

Almighty God, Father of all mankind, malice has so often thwarted love, we join the prayers of all thy children around the world for peace, the elevation of justice and of brotherhood.

Thou Creator, possessor of all things, who didst make the earth for the races of men and didst set bounds for their habitation, forgive us our greed as we repent of our sin, and restore to all hearts the recognition of the transcendent right of human life to live.

Open our eyes, we beseech thee, to the dignity of labor, the sacredness of human service, and the privileges of production, that nation may join nation and man may join man justly in honest work to replenish a devastated earth.

Quicken the sympathy of hearts made dull by reports and sights of suffering, incomprehensible and needless.

Call us again that we may bow before the eternal laws of creation, putting aside malice, envy, covetousness and brutality, to enter into the peace of the sons of the Most High.

Hasten by thy gracious providence and by the consecrated efforts of thy children the coming of thy world-wide kingdom where justice, mercy and love shall rule the hearts and hands of men.

Create in us, O Lord, clean hearts, and renew right spirits for the coming year.

This we ask in the spirit of Jesus Christ, our only hope. Amen!

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A Tract Board Meeting Long to Be Remembered The meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Sabbath Tract Society on Sunday, January 11, was a most impressive one. It was the first meeting of the board since the death of its first vice president, Joseph A. Hubbard, who for so many years had been active in the work of the society.

After an appropriate written memorial had been adopted, which will appear in the minutes, a special service was held in which nearly every member present paid loving tribute to the worthy man who had been called to his eternal home. This part of the service was closed with a season of prayer that the mantle of Brother Hubbard might fall upon the workers left behind.

Sixty New Subscribers In One Month The Committee on Distribution of Literature reported sixty new subscribers to the SABBATH RECORDER since the December meeting. This is the largest number of new ones we remember of having received in any one month. But they also reported that twenty-five had stopped their paper. For this we are sorry. Still there is left a net gain of thirty-five which, after all, makes a good showing, and we are thankful it is no worse. We are also glad for the loyal spirit that has moved so many to approve the raise in price which the board was obliged to make in order to reduce the deficit.

Great Need of Trained Workers In the great Interchurch World Movement Convention, held last week in Atlantic City, we were represented by President Boothe C. Davis and Secretary Edwin Shaw. We have received a typewritten list of some eight or nine hundred men from all over the United States who were in attendance. Next week we will give the address of John R. Mott kindly furnished the RECORDER by the clerk of the convention.

One of the live topics of that great

meeting was the need of trained Christian workers. The opinion prevailed that little or no good would come to the cause if we secure all the money called for but fail to find trained workers. So plans are on foot to have the colleges of America visited by men whose business it shall be to search out young men who will be willing to take training for Christian work.

The World Survey Conference Grows Every message from the World Survey Conference of the Interchurch Forward Movement impresses us with the greatness of that convention. It grows upon us day by day as the data regarding the work comes to hand. For intense spiritual fervor, for whole-hearted unselfishness, and for a determination to overcome all difficulties in order to do something worth while for the kingdom of God, the Atlantic City convention was ahead of anything of which we have ever heard.

An intensive evangelistic campaign was planned for all churches to precede the budget campaign to be made the last of April. The total budget for one year is \$326,107,837.

Seventeen hundred thirty-two persons were registered, representing more than forty denominations and societies. Thirty-four denominations and one hundred forty-seven boards are behind the budget movement. The budget of each denomination is to be counted in the movement.

Some Suggestive Notes We have not the space for a complete report of the Atlantic City convention, but feel that our readers will be interested in a few notes from the speakers indicating something of the results of the survey and suggestive of the world's great need.

Dr. Samuel K. Zwemer declared that in dealing with Mohammedanism Christianity is facing a foe which is bolstered by spiritual forces. He pointed out that the Moslems had a definite and insistent evangelistic program and the number of their converts was increasing at an alarming rate. "At present there are 2,500,000 of this

faith in Europe," he said, "42,000,000 in Africa, 150,000 in South America, 67,000,000 in India and mosques now are even being erected in Australia."

Through lack of time only a trifling amount of the interesting and vital material discovered by the foreign surveys could be told. Indeed, that was the case with the whole program—the stress of hundreds of minds working six months with loving care at their task had to be boiled down into ten or even four tense minutes.

Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer introduced the home surveys. Dr. Inman, speaking again, said that "by train and by boat there is liquor sufficient to flood the Woolworth building to the twentieth floor being poured into Cuba," and Christian Americans should see every Cuban "has at least as much chance to be decent as to be drunk."

C. L. Fry told of migratory labor in the United States while his audience bent forward to study his unique charts and maps.

"There are in the United States a million and a half men constantly on the move," said Mr. Fry. "This body of men is practically untouched by the church. In the great wheat belts of the middle west alone there are a quarter of a million following the harvest from Texas into Canada." He also told of the hundreds of thousands leading a wandering life on account of the exigencies of fruit picking, fishing, lumbering and other occupations.

"These are the men of whom I. W. W. are made," he commented. "And why are they I. W. W.? Because they are subject to the most intolerable living conditions. Because the church has not reached them. We must substitute home life for hobo life."

Dr. Diffendorfer had thrown on the screen colored maps giving a picture of the foreign-born problem in our large cities. To reach these people he suggested an appropriation of \$200,000 a year for five years for a press that would touch the five principal nationalities.

Great applause greeted the plea of George Haynes for the education of Christian leadership for the colored race. "Our people are feeling a new consciousness of being 100 per cent American," he said. He told of negro denominations voting money to send missionaries to Africa, adding: "They can carry more than money. They can carry this message—that the white race of America has Christianity enough, has democracy enough, to give them a place as men and as Christian brothers."

The second day of the conference, January 8, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who was one of the most active delegates, made an inspiring address in which he said there could be no such word as "fail" in the movement. "Instead," he said, "there was the possibility of the enlargement of this movement, as other bodies, communions, organizations may desire to enter into this fellowship and association, and as those already within the movement may see fit to take them in."

"Its enlargement and extension are almost infinite under God's leadership," he said, "I believe it will become the greatest force for righteousness in this whole world. As men and women work together in a common cause they naturally come to understand each other better,

to see eye to eye their points of agreement multiplied, their points of difference become fewer."

An Interesting Convert To Sabbath Truth Some weeks ago a writer in the RECORDER mentioned a lady who had embraced the Bible Sabbath, and suggested that a letter from Seventh Day Baptists might be enjoyed by her. Our friend, Mrs. Schoonmaker, of Bradford, Pa., kindly followed the suggestion, and we take the liberty to publish the letter received in reply, withholding, of course, the writer's name:

DEAR MRS. SCHOONMAKER:

Your letter of cheer, and welcome, to the Sabbath truth was much appreciated. More than a year and a half ago, from the study of God's word on the subject, I was led by the Holy Spirit to see the great error of substituting the first day for the seventh—God's holy Sabbath Day. By the grace of God I began keeping the Sabbath, and have done so ever since.

From a child I have been a member of the First-day Baptist Church. My father was a Baptist minister. I should like very much to join a Seventh Day Baptist Church, if I lived near enough to attend even occasionally; but as I do not, I shall retain my membership in the Baptist church here, for the present at least. However, I feel much interest in the work and progress of Seventh Day Baptists, and try to keep in touch with the denomination by reading the SABBATH RECORDER and other literature. I have sent a contribution to the New Forward Movement and hope they will go "over the top."

Again thanking you for the kind interest expressed, I am yours in Christ Jesus.

December 16, 1919.

Effects of Prohibition Are Most Convincing When the air is filled with clamorings from the liquor men concerning the failure of prohibition, it is worth while to note carefully the data from genuine statistics as to the relative merits of license, local option, and national prohibition. Government figures do not lie in such cases; but they invariably do give the lie to the representations made by the wets in their efforts to impose their accursed business upon an unwilling people.

The Westerly (R. I.) Sun gives the figures for ten years by which the arrests for drunks in dry and wet seasons are compared. The showing is a good one, and probably might be duplicated in many another town. The liquor men say that prohibition is a failure; but in this case local option in no-license years reduced the num-

ber of drunks nearly one-half, and under the national prohibition the number of drunks of local option no-license times was again "cut in two."

Great-Hearted Men The Need of Our Time In a very popular play in England entitled, "Abraham Lincoln," we are told that one of the characters, "a society blossom," is represented as not being able to understand Mr. Lincoln's sorrow of soul over a victory in which the South lost more than three times as many men as the North. Mr. Lincoln's great heart took in the entire loss to the nation, and spoke of it in deep sorrow, using a number that covered the loss of both armies. This the woman could not understand, and spoke of the union loss as the only loss that mattered at all. Whereupon the President replied: "The world is larger than your heart, madam."

This was a characteristic answer, showing the sorrow-sobbing heart of a great and true man. Lincoln was great-hearted enough to feel the sorrows of a foe, and broad-visioned enough to see beyond his own little chimney-corner with a yearning solicitude for the people of both North and South. Being a true man, he was loyal to humanity, even while striving to promote the truest Americanism.

Large-hearted men whose thoughts embrace the needs of the nations, who plan for a world-wide democracy, who have the courage to look all the facts in the face and the heroism to bring their own country into sacrificial service for the common good of all, are indeed greatly needed in these momentous times.

When America became a dominating factor in the World War, enabling the Allies to win the victory, all Europe looked upon her as the one all-sufficient guarantee for the future welfare of the nations. The civilized world believed in America as the one power able and ready to lend the needed aid for the enforcement of permanent peace. The nations rejoiced in the hope that great-hearted, free America had ceased to think of itself only, and was committed to the aid of all the powers in establishing world-wide democracy. A year of sad disappointment has dragged its weary days through, and this great nation has

brought disappointment and confusion to its allies, until the outlook is dark indeed.

It will take great-hearted men—men of the Lincoln type, men who have come to see that the world is larger than their hearts—to bring order out of chaos. There must be men who are large enough to think of the world's needs and who are willing to apply our wonderful resources in relieving the tragic strain that now threatens world-wide disaster.

If the Stars and Stripes are again to mean as much to the world as they meant one year ago, America must have in legislative halls more great-hearted men with world-vision; men who will not be shortsighted enough to declare a strike against all the world while they look out for an isolated America. We believe America has enough such men to save the day, and the eyes of the world are looking to see them come to the front.

What Makes A Nation Great? The Master taught that the one who would be greatest among men must be the servant of all. We are familiar with this principle, and as a rule we are ready to apply it to individuals in their relations to their neighbors.

Let us not forget that the law of human brotherliness holds for nations as well as for neighbors. Humanity is greater than any one nation, and the nation that can become most truly the servant of humanity is the one who stands greatest in the eyes of Jehovah.

If we see a man who is willing to sleep in comfort and peace while his neighbors are being trampled to death by their foes; or, being crushed beneath burdens that he could easily help them bear, we could in no case call that man good or great. A man becomes truly great in proportion to his willingness to serve his fellow-men. No selfish man can be greatest among his fellows.

Is not this principle as true between nations as between men? What if America shall seek its own self-aggrandizement, stand isolated and place its selfish interests first, and practically say to the other nations: "Go your way down to death under the curse of wars and pestilence and famine, for all we care! We are going to take

care of ourselves regardless of the world's distress." A nation that would make such a decision as that could not be greatest among nations. It would be fore-doomed; already under a curse, and well on the way to death.

Every true American, while he loves his own country as the one most dear to him, and while he stands ready to die in its defense, should at the same time long to see her the great, generous, unselfish friend and ally of other nations in order that all humanity may have peace and prosperity. In proportion to our country's willingness, in unselfish ways, to serve the less favored nations of earth will she become truly great.

Our Army as a Great Training School The nation learned some wholesome lessons through the World War. The astounding revelation of illiteracy among the millions who were called to the colors aroused "Uncle Sam" to the crying demand for education, and steps were taken to make the American army something more than a trained military force for defense, namely, a great educational institution for the intellectual and moral development of the young men.

So great has been the success of these educational efforts that the movement has passed the experimental stage; and Congress has now appropriated \$2,000,000 for army educational purposes in 1920. Education and Recreation officers are already at work perfecting plans to make our army a great university in khaki. The plan is to have every hour in the day, between military drills, occupied with some educational or recreational work which is definitely scheduled in daily programs. Every soldier may thus receive an education which will fit him for better citizenship and more desirable positions when he shall return to civilian life. The plan is to develop leadership among the men as well as among the officers. The need of such development was clearly demonstrated time and again during the war when men of the rank and file found themselves where they had to take the initiative and carry on the work without the help of officers. That is a great army, where each man is so disciplined and cultured that he can act inde-

pendently and make wise decisions on his own responsibility.

Proper recreation, too, has come to be regarded as an essential part of soldier life as well as of student life, and the Government is making excellent preparation to supply this need.

A Prayer That Went Around the World On our cover we give the Interchurch World Movement prayer that was telegraphed throughout the entire world for use wherever there were Christians. It was given in hundreds of languages and was spoken by men of every race and color as the new year reached their lands. It was the first universal prayer in history and breathes the spirit of a united church in its efforts to reconstruct the war-cursed world.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND BOULDER

GEORGE C. TENNEY

There seems to be a charm about the name "California" that is more marked than that which is associated with any other modern locality. From the day when gold was found in 1848 to the present no one has questioned its right to the title "golden" and it has been appropriated quite universally. Its Golden Gate, golden climate, golden fruits and flowers, and many other gilded features are held out as allurements to those who are looking for an earthly Eldorado, Arcadia, or Paradise. California claims to have them all. But, all is not gold that looks yellow, to vary the old saying slightly.

From the snow-capped Shasta region in the north to the hot Imperial Valley of the south is a vast reach of many hundred miles. This great tract gives evidence of being the place where the left-over material of which the earth is composed was dumped in great stacks. The only way to dispose of such vast quantities of surplus rock was to line it up in great ranges of utterly waste matter. These gigantic ranges serve some good purposes. They furnish much sublime scenery which, with the glorious climate, furnishes a large portion of the State's stock in trade as far as attractiveness is concerned. These great ranges become depositories of the rain and

snow, and pour them down in copious and life-giving streams of moisture to fertilize and fructify the intervening valleys. Without these great reservoirs of water, for the most part California would be and remain a waste of sand. But under their beneficent ministry these valleys and hillsides blossom gloriously. Without irrigation California would not have gained its great prestige.

Notwithstanding its dependence upon artificial watering, its great waste of mountains, its boundless deserts and cacti plains and its scorching summer heat when no rain refreshes the atmosphere, and its evergreen flies, California is a wonderful State. The poor man will do well to be sure of a good landing place before he goes there. The rich man and the old man with even a moderate competency will find much to their liking, especially as they go from the zero weather of the East into the orange groves and flowers of southern California at mid-winter. The man of vigor and with a worthy ambition to do something worth while will accomplish it as well in the more rigorous and vigorous regions east of the divide.

We spent three Sabbaths in Los Angeles and on each enjoyed meeting with the little church there in their snug chapel at 246 West Forty-second Street. Pastor Hills and his good wife live in a cottage on the same lot. There are twenty-five members who usually meet on the Sabbath, though in winter the number is increased somewhat by visitors from the East. Among other visitors this winter are James Jeffries, of Nortonville, B. I. Jeffrey, of Milton, G. H. Trainer, of Salem, and their wives. This little band has a great field before them. Brother Hills and his wife are faithfully ministering there. On December 27-28 the Pacific Coast Association held its meeting at Riverside. We gladly accepted an invitation to be present and to participate in the meeting. It was with a pleasant surprise that we noted the goodly number in attendance. The church has about seventy-five resident members and half as many non-resident members. A number of visitors and friends came, so that there were about one hundred in attendance.

During the time the church is without a

regularly chosen pastor Elder A. F. Ballenger, who lives near Riverside, is ministering to the church, with good acceptance.

Pastor Hills preached the opening discourse at the beginning of the Sabbath, from James 4: 14, "For what is your life?" The impressive remarks were followed by a most earnest and willing testimony service. Many earnest prayers and desires for greater spiritual blessings were expressed. The Lord graciously responded in rich measures of his good Spirit.

The Sabbath was a good day. After the forenoon sermon the sacrament was administered. The afternoon was occupied by a most excellent program of exercises by the young people, a fine company of them being there, representing no small degree of talent. In the evening Professor B. F. Crandall, regional director of the Forward Movement, led an enthusiastic meeting in that behalf. The quota of the church was filled in a very few minutes, and before the meeting closed the subscriptions totalled more than fifty per cent plus. It is confidently believed that two hundred per cent would yet be reached. This achievement was produced by the willingness of our people to be led forward and the result was a rich blessing of joy and peace upon the meeting.

On Sunday afternoon the meeting was conducted by the woman's society and an enjoyable time was had. The program was very effective. The business meeting elected Miss Mary Brown president of the association for the coming year, and an executive committee of seven was chosen representing well the wide field of the association. This committee was chosen with the expressed purpose of prosecuting active work during the year. The closing discourse was by Elder Ballenger, embracing much excellent counsel and exhortation.

Everybody rejoices over the good meeting we enjoyed. The committee, under the direction of Moderator Osborne, did fine work in planning and carrying out the program. A fine spirit of brotherly love and harmony prevailed. It seems a pity that our work is not more fully represented in that vast field, but with such a competent and intelligent force of workers waiting to be "hired" let us hope that the isolated families and members will soon

form nuclei for churches and thus our work be expanded.

There is no doubt that there are many sincere lovers of truth who would prize the Sabbath truth as we do. Why should we not do our best to place the things we cherish before them? Have we not been too conservative, too much afraid of incurring reproach as innovators or proselytizers, and so been led to hide our light under a bushel? Have we been faithful to the world around us?

Sabbath, January 10, we were at Boulder, Colo., where Pastor L. A. Wing is ministering to a church of about one hundred members. Our visit was brief and included but one gathering of the church, but it was a most enjoyable occasion. The Word was well received. Several dear friends of days gone by came in to the meeting with hearty greetings. The church here manifests a good degree of vitality and possesses a full quota of ability for active work waiting to be employed. Their subscription to the Forward Movement budget is well under way and will doubtless be fully met.

The church is being augmented by removals from the East from time to time. The city is about to appropriate their church property as it is part of a proposed park site. This will give the friends there a chance to improve upon their present location and buildings.

It was a great privilege to meet that aged pioneer and faithful servant of God, Elder Samuel Wheeler. He is now eighty-five years of age, and is subject to many infirmities, but is still active in mind and body, though his activities are limited by his infirmities. His wife is also feeble in health, but they are well grounded in the Savior's love and care.

The privileges we have had of meeting with our people in various places in the Northwest and far West have been rich in blessing and satisfaction. The broader our acquaintance becomes with this people the more grateful we are for their association, and the more our hearts are drawn out in fellowship and sympathy for them.

"O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee."

RELIGIOUS REST DAY COMMITTEE IS DISCONTINUED

Rev. T. L. Gardiner,

Editor of the SABBATH RECORDER.

DEAR BROTHER: Readers of the RECORDER will be interested in the following:

At the meeting of the General Conference at Battle Creek last August the writer was nominated to become the representative of the denomination on the Administrative Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. He was elected and has been attending, whenever possible, the meetings of said committee.

Only one matter of special interest to us as a denomination has come before the committee. At the meeting held on January 2, 1920, the report of the Committee on Family Life and Religious Rest Day to the Executive Committee was referred to a special committee, which asked to report at the afternoon session. The committee was named by the chairman, and was as follows: F. S. Idleman, S. L. Gulick and G. B. Shaw.

I now quote from the minutes of the afternoon session:

Dr. Idleman presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: "Since the work of the Committee on Family Life and Religious Rest Day is being duplicated by the Commission on Education and since the Lord's Day Alliance, as an organization in co-operating with the churches is doing efficient work in pressing Sunday legislation and safeguarding its enforcement, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Family Life and Religious Rest Day be discontinued."

I hasten to disclaim credit for this action. I did not propose it to the special committee and I did not urge it before either committee. So far as I could see your representative was the only member of the Administrative Committee who did not vote for the resolution. Nothing short of a mathematical demonstration could be more certain than that this action came about because our denomination was a part of the Federal Council, and because our representatives have been standing patiently and courageously defending our position from the beginning to what looks like the end of this matter. It is almost equally certain that no amount of opposition from without could have accomplished the same result. Fraternal yours,

GEORGE B. SHAW.

THE COMMISSION'S PAGE



EVERY CHURCH IN LINE
EVERY MEMBER SUPPORTING

"Without me ye can do nothing."
"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

ROLL OF HONOR

- + ★ North Loup, Nebraska
- + ★ Battle Creek, Michigan
- + ★ Hammond, Louisiana
- + ★ Second Westerly Rhode Island
- + ★ Independence, New York
- + ★ Plainfield, New Jersey
- + ★ Salem, W. Va.
- + ★ Dodge Center, Minnesota
- + ★ Verona, New York
- + ★ Riverside, California
- + ★ Milton Junction, Wis.
- + ★ New York City

FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

MILTON JUNCTION OVER THE TOP

Just as this article is ready to mail comes the good news that the church of Milton Junction has made its canvass and over-subscribed its quota. This is fine.

These annual church meetings are wonderfully effective, and in their results the interest of each member is stimulated, and the church as a whole is strengthened.

- ★ Churches which have qualified for the Roll of Honor by subscribing their quota in full, beginning with July 1 to correspond with the Conference year.
- + Churches which have over-subscribed their quota.

This church combined its home and the denominational budget, thus assuring the necessary financial support of all objects for the year 1920. There has been some excellent work done in this church which the director general trusts he may have the pleasure of mentioning next week.

RIVERSIDE, CAL., OVER-SUBSCRIBED ITS QUOTA

A previous issue of the RECORDER contained the information that the church of Riverside had subscribed \$1,035 per year on the five-year denominational budget for its ninety-seven members, of which twenty-eight are non-resident.

The church meeting to make the canvass was held in connection with the closing session of the Pacific Coast Association, and was therefore held under favorable circumstances. Rev. and Mrs. George C. Tenney, of Battle Creek, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Trainer, of Salem, W. Va., who are spending some time on the coast, were splendid helpers. Rev. A. F. Ballenger, the acting pastor, had made strong pleas for the success of the movement, which, with the addresses of Elder Tenney and Mrs. Trainer, representatives of churches that had each over-subscribed its quota, emphasized both the importance of the effort and the assurance of success when all pull together. Dr. William B. Wells and Regional Director Crandall, in charge of the canvass, laid stress upon the reasonableness of the apportionment of ten dollars per member, that it was easily within the reach of every one, and should be met.

The result quickly confirmed this view. More than a thousand dollars in twenty minutes, at the rate of fifty dollars per minute, is a splendid endorsement of the Forward Movement by a congregation that only a few years ago was largely supported by the Missionary Society.

Director Crandall adds: "It was a wonderful meeting, and it seemed to me I never saw more tense feeling and more grateful appreciation. No one stopped with his 'bit,' but with his 'best.'"

The matter of canvassing the L. S. K's and other absent members will be diligently followed from now on. This is the correct idea to have every church member contribute to the budget, and bespeaks a loyalty that is certainly praiseworthy.

Read Conference Treasurer Whitford's appeal for efficiency in distribution. See "Recorder" of December 29, pages 810-811.

There are three important steps in the handling and distribution of funds for the denominational budget, and each one is so simple and efficient that it seems wise to call the attention of all church treasurers to this matter now.

1. Let each contributor to the denominational budget deposit, week by week, his or her amount in the church collection.

2. Let each church treasurer forward, unapportioned, the full amount so collected to Conference Treasurer Whitford on the 20th of each month.

3. Let the treasurer on the 25th of each month apportion the total contribution so received to the various objects of the budget in the exact proportion specified.

This arrangement, if adopted by each church treasurer, will greatly simplify matters, avoid unnecessary labor, expense and possible errors, at the same time providing a constant source of income to each of the fourteen objects named in the budget.

This is a movement for efficiency, and does not in any wise reflect upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance, which in its apportionment was carrying out the instructions of the Commission. Read Mr. Whitford's article for further explanation.

The director general, in each church he has visited in the interest of the Forward Movement, has invited an expression of opinion as to this matter, whether the funds of the individual churches should be prorated and forwarded to the eight different treasurers in charge of the funds, or whether the church would send the entire sum of contributions unapportioned to the Conference treasurer. In every instance the latter arrangement has been favored and ratified by the church as the better plan to adopt, which action met with the gratification of each church treasurer.

SHALL WE CARD INDEX THE ENTIRE DENOMINATION?

At the meeting of the Pacific Coast Association a committee was chosen to go ahead with the Forward Movement throughout this association. As a means to correctly locate and tabulate every mem-

ber it has been decided to use the card index system. It is believed that by this method each church will secure correct data of its entire membership, and thus have a record that will be valuable in locating each person, and afford a means of frequent correspondence.

The idea seems a good one, and might well be adopted by every church in each association. The resident membership is fairly accurate and is usually kept up to date, but the non-resident element is often a matter that in too many instances is past finding out. There is only one thing certain about the absent membership, and that is the uncertainty of correctly locating them. In many cases recently the inaccuracies have been a surprise and disappointment to those who have endeavored to reach them by letter.

Each church surely needs a vision, but in this matter it sorely needs a revision, and what more opportune time than now? It is important that every church should know the exact address of each of its absent members. It is part of a service that is well worth following systematically and continuously.

There has been much remissness on each side. Many members have joined other denominations and altogether severed their connections with the home church; others have left the faith of their fathers, broken their church covenant and drifted away, many past recall. There are a considerable number, however, separated by long distances and many years' absence whose sympathy and interest are still warm. They are Seventh Day Baptists more than anything else although not active in the cause, and inactivity invariably brings about indifference or something worse.

Shall we not now find out definitely about all members, get a line and new hold on them if we can? Pay the expenses of their pastor to make them a visit at least once a year. Such a visit would do both parties good, and is really a part of our church covenant. Here is where a card index system would work to good advantage. It will be available at all times for the information of each church member, and might well be placed in some accessible spot in the church for ready reference and use. The church clerk, pastor

REGIONAL DIRECTORS IN THE NEW FORWARD MOVEMENT AMONG SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS

1. Ira B. Crandall, Westerly, R. I.;
2. Rev. Alva L. Davis, North Loup, Neb.;
3. Benjamin R. Crandall, San Bernardino, Calif.;
4. Devillo J. Frair, Brookfield, N. Y.;
5. William C. Hubbard, Plainfield, N. J.;
6. Curtis F. Randolph, Alfred, N. Y.;
7. Dr. A. Lovelle Burdick, Janesville, Wis.;
8. Lucian D. Lowther, Salem, W. Va.;
9. Frank E. Tappan, Battle Creek, Mich.

and other interested friends with an accurate mailing list could thus keep each absent member well informed in the work and news of the home church.

The sentiment that revealed the feelings of our people during the war was beautifully expressed in the words: "Keep the Home Fires Burning." These words brought comfort to those at home and cheer to the ones "over there." Why not adopt some such sentiment in our attitude towards the absent church member: "Keep the Home News Constant," or some better sentiment?

Some churches are doing this very thing in quarterly or semi-annual church letters. It is a most valuable service and might well be adopted in each church. With a card index system in operation and kept up to date, the correct address is always available, and frequent letters will prove that out of sight is not out of mind.

Next to the pleasure of a letter from home is one from the home church, and years of separation do not greatly lessen the keen enjoyment that such a letter brings.

These sentiments merely prove that it is much easier to suggest than to execute, granted—but frequent visits to absent members by the writer during a period of twenty-odd years convinces him that the average absent member welcomes and is in sore need of the best efforts of the home church to quicken his interest and loyalty to the cause. A well-arranged card index system will facilitate this work.

WALTON H. INGHAM,
Director General.

TRACT SOCIETY—MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in regular session in the Seventh Day Baptist church, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, January 11, 1920, at 2 o'clock, p. m. President Corliss F. Randolph in the chair.

Members present: Corliss F. Randolph, William C. Hubbard, Clarence W. Spicer, Edwin Shaw, Frank J. Hubbard, William M. Stillman, Theodore L. Gardiner, Esle F. Randolph, Jesse G. Burdick, Franklin S. Wells, Irving A. Hunting, Alex. W. Vars, James L. Skaggs, Willard D. Bur-

dick, Arthur L. Titsworth and Business Manager Lucius P. Burch.

Visitor: Mrs. David E. Titsworth.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Willard D. Burdick, D. D.

Minutes of last meeting were read.

President Randolph at the opening of the meeting referred to the recent death of Joseph A. Hubbard, and said he thought it would be fitting to devote a portion of the time of the meeting to a memorial and reminiscent service, and it was voted that such time be given before the close of the meeting as the President might indicate.

The Advisory Committee presented the following report:

1. The Advisory Committee considered the correspondence from Rev. J. T. Davis, which was referred to the committee, and makes the following recommendation:

That the Corresponding Secretary write Brother Davis that the Tract Board deeply appreciates the interest in its work, which is shown by his correspondence, but that in view of the plans already adopted for the year's work the Board does not deem it wise to take up the suggested plan at this time.

2. That the present support of the Italian Mission be continued for the year 1920.

3. That the Board does not deem it wise to arrange for the employment of Rev. E. H. Socwell for the very short period of two or three months, the offer for such service coming too late to make proper arrangements for such service.

4. That the tentative plans of the Corresponding Secretary for participation in the American Education Department of the Interchurch World Movement, be approved.

By vote the report and recommendations were adopted.

The Committee on Distribution of Literature reported 1,475 tracts sent out, and a net gain of 35 new subscribers to the RECORDER.

The Committee on RECORDER Drive reported a letter from the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Western, R. I., Church, giving the result of an effort on the part of that society to place the RECORDER in every home, the number of new subscriptions reported being ten.

The Investment Committee reported the investment of \$6,000 on first mortgage at 6 per cent on Magee property in North Plainfield.

The Treasurer presented his report for the second quarter, which was adopted.

The Corresponding Secretary reported correspondence with the Interchurch

World Movement, and the president of Conference, relative to the reference by the Tract Board at the last meeting, of the matter of underwriting the expenses of the Interchurch World Movement.

The President reported a visit to the German Seventh Day Baptists at Ephrata, Pa., and transmitted the greetings of that church to the Tract Board.

President Randolph also reported the death of Dr. Sachse, which occurred in Philadelphia on November 15, 1919.

The Recording Secretary reported a communication from Mr. and Mrs. William Charles Hubbard and Mr. and Mrs. Frank James Hubbard, acknowledging their grateful appreciation of our kind expression of sympathy as evidenced by the floral tribute, sent on behalf of the Board for the final services of their father, Joseph A. Hubbard.

By request, he also presented the following tribute to Brother Hubbard, which was adopted by a rising vote, and ordered to be embodied in the minutes of this meeting, and a copy sent to the family.

JOSEPH A. HUBBARD

While we were convened at our regular meeting one month ago, December 14, 1919, our beloved First Vice-President Joseph A. Hubbard was rapidly nearing the border land, following a brief illness, and on the evening of that day he passed peacefully to his reward, having completed nearly ninety years of a most useful and helpful Christian life.

He was in his accustomed place at our November meeting, but we sit beside his vacant chair today, in loneliness.

At the annual meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society held in Farina, Ill., September 25, 1881, the personnel of the Board was changed almost entirely, and since that time the meetings of the Board have been held here in Plainfield.

The members of the Board at that time were: Isaac D. Titsworth, President; Charles Potter, Jr., Vice-President; J. Franklin Hubbard, Treasurer; George H. Babcock, Corresponding Secretary; Leander E. Livermore, Recording Secretary, and Directors: Benjamin F. Langworthy, Simeon H. Babcock, Lucius R. Sweeney, Joshua Clarke, Stephen Babcock, A. Herbert Lewis, J. Denison Spicer, Thomas H. Tomlinson, J. Benet Clarke, Edwin Whitford, Benjamin F. Rogers, Edgar R. Greene, and J. J. White.

Carroll D. Potter and Henry V. Dunham were added in 1882, and William C. Burdick, Joseph M. Titsworth, George B. Carpenter, Jonathan Maxson, and Joseph A. Hubbard were elected in 1883.

Mr. Hubbard was the sole survivor of this group of stalwarts, all of them having preceded him to the home-land, and as he continued

to meet with us, their successors, his feeling of loneliness was often perceptible, as one by one all these associates of former years fell by the way.

Brother Hubbard served continuously on the Board from his first appointment, over thirty-six years ago, and was our First Vice-President since 1905, his special services as a member of the Board, being rendered by his wise counsel, good judgment and clear vision, as a continuous member of the Advisory Committee, yet he was also ever ready in contributing this same helpfulness in all the general discussions relating to the work of the Board.

We shall miss his presence and assistance greatly, but as we have had occasion to say of others, so we say again: "It is hard to take the burdens up when these have lain them down," yet how can we mourn when the victor, full of years, is called to don his garlands of triumph; when the king goes to his coronation.

No words of mine can equal the tribute to Brother Hubbard, by Joint Secretary Edwin Shaw, published recently in the SABBATH RECORDER, so we embody it here, that it may become a part of our permanent records.

"Joseph A. Hubbard will be sadly missed at the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Tract Society. He seldom failed to attend the regular monthly meetings. In these later years he always occupied an easy chair in a corner where he could partly face the rest of us. His presence was a benediction to the meetings. His part in the discussions was always constructive, his voice was for unity and harmony, his counsel was wise and prevailingly unerring, and his spirit was hopeful, confident, and optimistic. For many years as First Vice-President of the Board he has presided over the meetings in the absence of the President, with dignity, courtesy, and fairness.

"His valuable contributions of life influence have been given freely in many quarters. We here, pay this tribute to his loving work for the Tract Society."

To the sons, William C., and Frank J., both of whom have been co-workers here for many years with the honored father, and to their families, we extend our sincere sympathy, and the assurance that we mourn with them, and yet we also rejoice with them, in knowing that ere this, the good old father has heard the Master say: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR L. TITSWORTH,
Recording Secretary.

This was followed by remarks by President Corliss F. Randolph, William M. Stillman, Theodore L. Gardiner, James L. Skaggs, Esle F. Randolph, Edwin Shaw, Jesse G. Burdick, Willard D. Burdick, Clarence W. Spicer, Alex. W. Vars, William C. Hubbard, Frank J. Hubbard, and Irving A. Hunting.

All expressed their appreciation of the virtues of Mr. Hubbard as manifested by his helpfulness to others, the church, this

Society, and the denomination, his faithfulness to duty, his sympathetic nature, and as a wise counsellor, who grew old beautifully and thus afforded to us all a most helpful example of simple, unostentatious Christian living.

These remarks were followed by a most devout and fervent prayer by Rev. Theodore L. Gardiner.

Minutes read and approved.

Board adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

ARTHUR L. TITSWORTH, Recording Secretary, ALEX. W. VARS, Secretary, pro tem.

TRACT SOCIETY

Treasurer's Receipts for October, 1919

Table of Treasurer's Receipts for October, 1919, listing contributions to General Fund, Denominational Building Fund, and Marie Jansz Building Fund.

Table of Contributions to Denominational Building Fund and Marie Jansz Building Fund for October, 1919.

Main financial summary table for October, 1919, including Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hardy, Income from Invested Funds, Collection, one-third Southwestern Association, Publishing House Receipts, and Total for October.

Table of Receipts for November, 1919, including Contributions to General Fund, Denominational Building Fund, and Marie Jansz Building Fund.

Main financial summary table for November, 1919, including Arthur M. Loup, Contributions to Marie Jansz Building Fund, Income from Invested Funds, and Total for November.

Table of Receipts for December, 1919, including Contributions to General Fund, Denominational Building Fund, and Marie Jansz Building Fund.

Main financial summary table for December, 1919, including Miss Rosa E. Davis, Contributions to Denominational Building Fund, Contributions to Marie Jansz Building Fund, and Total for December.

Treasurer's Report for Quarter Ending December 31, 1919, showing balance forward, contributions, and total balance.

To funds received since as follows:	
Contributions, as published:	
General Fund:	
October	389 58
November	198 09
December	452 57
	1,040 24
Denominational Building Fund:	
October	306 90
November	294 87
December	336 78
	938 55
Marie Jansz:	
October	37 00
November	167 95
December	85 00
	289 95
Income from Invested Funds:	
October	608 22
November	341 82
	950 04
Collections	2 92
Interest on bank balances	19 20
Publishing House Receipts:	
"Recorder" \$1,228 63	
"Recorder" stock	
sold	82 01
	1,310 64
"Visitor"	39 00
"Helping Hand"	253 03
Tracts	19 10
Tracts, Bond's sermons	35 00
"Junior Quarterly"	49 76
	1,706 53
	\$9,013 09

By cash paid out as follows:	
G. Velthuysen, salary	\$ 156 00
Joseph J. Kovats, salary	60 00
Thomas W. Richardson, salary	37 50
J. G. Burdick, Italian Mission	87 50
W. D. Burdick, salary	93 75
George B. Shaw, salary	93 75
Edwin Shaw, salary and expenses	225 00
T. L. M. Spencer, appropriation for printing	30 00
George W. Hills, balance expenses on field	6 65
Edwin Shaw, expenses	40 46
T. L. Gardiner, balance expenses, Association	17 94
George B. Shaw, expenses, Western Association	23 15
Expenses of President Corliss / F. Randolph:	
Printing	\$ 20 40
Typewriting	7 80
	28 20
Expenses of Treasurer F. J. Hubbard:	
Printing	\$ 21 62
Typewriting	5 00
	26 62
Expenses Committee on Revision of Literature	6 70
Tract Society expenses, printing directories and cards	10 29
Publishing House expenses:	
"Recorder"	\$2,074 37
"Visitor"	296 84
"Helping Hand"	526 73
"Junior Quarterly"	75 89
	2,973 83
Marie Jansz, contributions	185 20
W. C. Hubbard, to Equitable Trust Co., drawing draft on Java	50
First National Bank, purchase Liberty Bonds for Denominational Building	1,636 42
Equitable Trust Co., purchase Liberty Bonds for Denominational Building	139 20
City National Bank, purchase Liberty Bonds for Denominational Building	46 15
G. H. Schneider & Co., fire insurance premiums, Martha H. Wardner property, Chicago, Ill.	20 00
	\$5,944 81
Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps contributed for Denominational Building	62 79
	\$6,007 60

Balance cash on hand January 1, 1920:	
Denominational Building Fund	550 65
Amount reserved for:	
Marie Jansz contributions	150 75
B. C. Davis' sermons	300 00
Publishing House equipment	750 00
General Fund	1,254 09
	\$9,013 09

E. & O. E. F. J. HUBBARD,
Treasurer.
Plainfield, N. J.,
January 11, 1920.
Examined, compared with books and vouchers, and found correct.
CHARLES POTTER TITSWORTH,
O. B. WHITFORD,
Auditors.
Plainfield, N. J.,
January 11, 1920.

BRAZILIAN CONVERTED BY READING THE BIBLE

"One evening I was introduced to a fellow-passenger, a wealthy Brazilian gentleman from the state of Matto Grosso," says Rev. H. C. Tucker, Brazilian representative of the American Bible Society, in the *Bible Society Record* for December, "who, when told that I was the agent for the American Bible Society, related to me the following story: Sometime ago he found it convenient to move to the state of Minas Geraes to educate his children. About a year ago he became impressed with the importance of giving more serious thought to the subject of religion. For a long time he had had little faith and interest in the form of religion prevalent among his people. He had never attended a Protestant service, but had heard men speak of the Bible; had also heard that there was a store in Rio de Janeiro, the Bible House, where Bibles were on sale. He asked a merchant to order one for him, began reading, and continued until he had read the entire book. It was thrillingly interesting to hear him tell of his impressions, and what light, blessing, and joy had come into his life from the reading and study of the Word of God.

"I asked him how he could account for the thought and desire awakened in his mind to read the Bible. He said he could only attribute it to the goodness and mercy of God. He has acquired a fair knowledge of the Scriptures and an intelligent conception of salvation through Jesus Christ."

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

MISSIONS

MONTHLY STATEMENT

S. H. Davis	
In account with	
The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.	
Dr.	
Balance on hand December 1, 1919	\$ 975 57
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hurley, Shanghai Boys' School	25 00
Gentry Church	75 00
Mrs. Mary C. White	5 00
Dr. W. H. Tassell	110 00
Mrs. Prudence Alen, China field	8 00
First Alfred Church	92 02
Plainfield Church	50 35
Elder George P. Kenyon	16 00
Chicago Church	25 00
E. M. Bennette, Cr. North Loup	5 00
Mrs. E. M. Tomlinson, China Mission	25 00
Andover Church	7 79
Verona Church	6 51
Mrs. S. S. Brown, L. S. K.	1 00
Lucia M. Waldo	1 00
Fouke Church	62 00
West Edmeston Church	22 25
West Edmeston Church:	
Georgetown Mission	2 76
Java Mission	4 20
Received from S. H. Davis, temporary loan	50 00
Plainfield Sabbath School	14 32
Plainfield Sabbath School, Education Chinese Children	11 27
Friendship Church	45 83
Marlboro Church	15 80
First Hopkinton Church	22 45
R. J. Severance, contributed on field	9 00
Lucius Sanborn, L. S. K.	30 00
DeRuyter Church	34 37
Woman's Board:	
Miss Burdick's salary	210 00
Miss West's salary	210 00
General Fund	75 05
Work on Southwestern field	18 00
Chicago Church	25 00
Second Alfred Church:	
South American Mission	17 96
General Fund	31 30
One-third collection at Southeastern Association	22 30
A Salem Friend, John Manohah	1 00
Battle Creek Church:	
General Fund	300 00
Shanghai Boys' School	28 20
Shanghai Girls' School	28 20
Georgetown Chapel	14 10
Shiloh Church	204 00
Rockville Sabbath School	10 00
Milton Church	92 48
W. C. Whitford, Treas. Forward Movement:	
Georgetown Mission	9 45
Girls' School	37 81
Boys' School	37 81
General Fund	277 12
First Genesee Church	423 55
Andover Church	85
New Market Sabbath School, Credit Piscataway, Georgetown Chapel	11 05
Marie S. Stillman	25 00
Chicago Church	48 50
Nortonville Church:	
Georgetown Chapel	8 40
Shanghai Boys' School	33 60
Shanghai Girls' School	33 60
General Fund	240 80
Shanghai Church	50 00
Susie Burdick	10 00
Income Permanent Fund	1,600 00
Interest on checking account	1 38
	\$5,788 94

Cr.	
Rev. R. J. Severance, November salary and traveling expenses	\$ 79 88
Rev. M. C. Pennell, November salary and traveling expenses	67 66

Rev. Luther A. Wing, November salary	37 50
Anna Crofoot, acct. Rev. Mr. Crofoot	12 50
Rev. T. L. M. Spencer, December salary	50 00
Rev. J. J. Kovats, Hungarian Mission	20 00
Jesse G. Burdick, Italian Mission	29 16
Rev. George W. Hills, November salary	58 32
Stephen J. Davis, salary P. S. Burdick	50 00
Dr. Rosa Palmberg, November salary and traveling expenses	38 89
Rev. Edwin Shaw, November salary, postage, etc.	79 54
Rev. T. L. M. Spencer, on Georgetown Building Fund	100 00
Susie M. Burdick, on salary	140 00
Rev. J. W. Crofoot, salary	212 50
Rev. H. Eugene Davis, salary	200 00
Dr. Grace I. Crandall, salary	150 00
Dr. Bessie E. Sinclair, salary	150 00
Anna M. West, salary	90 96
Girls' School Acct.	75 00
Evangelist and Incidental Acct.	125 00
Extra for exchange on China salaries	1,172 14
Washington Trust Co., interest on note	30 36
General Fund, for Shanghai Church	50 00
General Fund, for Susie Burdick	10 00
Paid S. H. Davis, Treas., return of loan	50 00
Treasurer's expenses	25 00

Balance on hand January 1, 1920	\$3,104 42
	2,684 52
	\$5,788 94
Bills payable in January	\$1,200 00
Notes outstanding January 1, 1920	\$3,000 00
E. & O. E.	S. H. DAVIS, Treasurer.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SABBATH RECORDER:

I want to take this opportunity of expressing for myself and the Commission great satisfaction with the effective way Mr. Ingham has done his work as director general of the New Forward Movement. He has taken up this work at considerable sacrifice of his business interests. We appreciate his devotion to the mission of our denomination and we value highly his untiring efforts.

It is very encouraging to see how well the churches are responding to this call for larger efforts and greater means in our denominational work. In many ways this conference year will be the most significant year in the history of the denomination because we have caught a vision of much greater service and are united on a definite program of action.

In his visits to the churches, Mr. Ingham has always emphasized first of all the need of deeper consecration, richer spiritual life, and the necessity of the entire membership of a church lining itself up for energetic Christian service. The money, after all, is secondary, and the New Forward Movement will fail, even though the entire budget be raised, unless the mis-

sonary spirit is greatly increased in each church. This was the profound conviction of the members of the Commission when they proposed the New Forward Movement to the General Conference at Battle Creek. Those of us who have to do with the carrying forward of the movement have the same deep feeling.

Mr. Ingham has now practically completed the active campaign of visiting the churches and from now on will spend a fraction of his time in directing the canvass by correspondence from his home in Fort Wayne, Ind. He feels that the churches should now be able to complete their canvass for pledges and thus make the financial part of the New Forward Movement an assured success. Mr. Ingham will continue to work through the regional directors in rounding up the campaign for pledges and later in securing full payment of the same. Let no church think it has fulfilled its obligation until all its members have done their best to make possible this great missionary enterprise of our denomination.

Perhaps some of our friends are wondering where Milton stands with reference to the New Forward Movement. Milton is without question solidly backing the movement and expects to meet its quota of nearly \$4,500 for the denominational budget. Always generous givers, the people of the Milton Church have been hit pretty hard in the past year. We have recently passed through two drives for money for purposes outside of the church. These efforts, together with an unusually heavy expense in connection with repairs on the parsonage, have resulted in the membership of the church either paying or pledging over \$12,000 in one year. This explains why the canvass in Milton has been delayed; but understand this, Milton will do her part.

A recent visit of the president of the General Conference to Alfred and to Battle Creek has brought me in contact with many of our devoted people in both these churches. I find there, as elsewhere, the same fixed determination that the work of the denomination must go forward and the confident faith that God has a larger work for this denomination to do.

I went to Alfred principally to consult

with the people there concerning the program of the next session of the General Conference, which is to convene with that church August 24th next. Many valuable suggestions were made. Let the people keep the next Conference in mind and plan to attend, if possible. It is desired to make the program as helpful to those attending and as effective in forwarding the mission of the denomination as possible. To this end let all who will write me a personal letter and let me have the benefit of your suggestions in the preparation of the Conference program.

ALFRED E. WHITFORD.

Milton, Wis., January 10, 1920.

PROHIBITION AND CANDY

With the advent of national prohibition it was predicted that those accustomed to alcoholic beverages would turn to candy as a substitute. The prediction has come true and new candy concerns are springing up on all sides while old ones are enlarging their facilities. In fact, a new industrial group of great importance is being formed as a result.

In the course of a court case recently the fact was brought out that over \$25,000 had been offered for a share of the stock of Huylers, candy manufacturers and distributors. As the total capital of the company consists of one hundred and fifty shares of \$100 par value, the price offered would place the market value of the business at \$3,750,000. Other well-known candy companies are experiencing a rapid growth of business and there is every indication that the increased purchasing of sweets has become a permanent feature of our business development.—*Bankers' Letter.*

THE BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM

Wants at Once

Fifty young women between eighteen and thirty-five years of age to take a six-months' course in Hydrotherapy with practical experience in the Hydrotherapy Department of the Sanitarium.

Requirements: Good character; physically able to work; at least a grammar school education.

Permanent positions guaranteed to those who prove a success.

Those interested in this course of training are requested to make application to the Battle Creek Sanitarium, c/o the Nurses' Training School Office, Battle Creek, Michigan.

WOMAN'S WORK

MRS. GEORGE E. CROSLY, MILTON, WIS.,
Contributing Editor

PROGRAM OF PRAYER

Topic for the month of February:
OUR WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

First week:

Prayer that all the women of the church become interested members of a woman's organization.

For a number of years past the women of our churches have joined with women of other churches in a day of prayer for foreign missions. This day has usually been set for the first week in January, probably because that week has been for many years distinguished as "the week of prayer" in all churches. This call for prayer has come from the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, and later in the year there has been appointed a day of prayer for home missions, this day determined by the Council of Women for Home Missions. It has always seemed to me we are making a mistake when we draw hard and fast lines between these two branches of our work. I have heard people say, "I do not believe in foreign missions—not for our people, we are not a large enough group (they say denomination) to spend so much money with so little returns as we are able to get." I have wondered what sort of people we would be in these United States if the disciples had said, "We are so small a group that we can not accomplish anything if we leave our own country, so let's stay at home, we have a good thing, and let's tell it to our own family and our relatives; that is all that we ought to be expected to do."

Almost every one admits that home mission work should be done, but many people can see the greater unworked fields abroad who never think of the little cross roads community where no one is eager to spend his life in missionary work.

Now this year I think we have made a decided advance when these two organiza-

tions unite in a call for a day of prayer for both home and foreign missions. The day is called for Friday, February 20. Programs based on the theme—a happy theme—"The World to Christ We Bring," are being sent out to all our women's societies, and it is the hope of the Woman's Board that all our women will co-operate in this service—if the women of the other churches do not invite you to join them, ask them to join you.

The following appeal for preparatory prayer has been sent out.

WILL YOU PRAY

That all Christian women may respond to this Call to Prayer and meet in cities, towns and villages, "morning, noon, or in the evening," to ask God's mercy upon the troubled and confused nations and his blessing upon his servants as they seek to bring the world to Christ;

That the women who have in their care the preparation and plans for the meetings may have clear vision and loving zeal as they confer together;

That all the Christian women of our land may strive to promote all agencies and organized effort looking towards the development of the spiritual resources of the Church of Christ and the purification of our national life.

Do not confuse the call for a day of prayer for missions with the "Program of Prayer" that is being prepared by the Woman's Board under the direction of Mrs. West and Mrs. Van Horn. It is the plan to have the subjects for this "Program of Prayer" published in this department each week during the coming year.

The other day I heard some women talking about their work in the last Red Cross membership drive. It seemed that they met some people who did not feel that they could keep up their membership for the coming year. They had been loyal members, and the solicitors felt that should another great need arise these people would quickly take up the work again. Finally the women entered a home where they were greeted with a smile and all went well until the hostess was asked to renew her membership in the Red Cross, when she smilingly dismissed the subject by saying, "I never did belong to Red Cross," and went on with the conversation about the high prices as if some one had asked her if she had ever been in Calcutta, and she had considered the question of no importance.

And she is a good American woman, so they told me, whose family has had the advantages of American institutions these many years. I thought of that story today when I chanced to read some statistics put out by the Red Cross Society. They were interesting to me so I venture to give them place here. When we read it we are glad that we each can say, "I helped about that, if I had not, the total would have been smaller."

Since April 6, 1917, the American people have either pledged or paid into the treasury of the Red Cross in money or materials a net total of \$325,000,000. It is said that this general response to the call for service for the suffering has been accompanied by a spirit of sacrifice and devotion and that there has been enthusiasm and spontaneity in the giving that has been wonderful and can not be measured in dollars and cents. Up to the first of July, 1919, the Red Cross work rooms of the United States turned out 490,120 refugee garments; 7,123,621 hospital supplies; 10,786,489 hospital dressings. Subscriptions to the first garments and 192,748,107 surgical war fund amounted to \$115,000,000, and to the second, \$176,000,000. To this sum is added \$24,500,000 from membership dues.

The figures showing expenditures are also very interesting. In France \$36,613,682 was spent for civilian relief and for military activities. In Italy over \$12,000,000 was appropriated up to January, 1919. For various activities connected with the training camps and cantonments in the United States \$11,989,097 has been expended. And unnamed amounts were used in caring for Americans imprisoned in Germany and Austria.

WORKER'S EXCHANGE

MILTON, WIS.—CIRCLE NO. 2

It is some time since we have seen a report from the woman's societies of the Milton Church. We have three societies or circles. Circle No. 2 meets the first and second Wednesdays of each month and has a birthday supper once a month. Each member whose birthday occurs during the month, pays one cent for each year, and sometimes more. This collection, with 15 cents for each supper, amounts to quite a sum during the year. A work commit-

tee plans the work for each meeting, which is usually tying comforts, quilting and piecing quilt tops. We have sold 13 pieced quilt tops during the past year. The pieces are given to the society, so there is no extra expense in this line. We have also made machine and laundry bags.

Last year we served luncheon and dinner for the ladies of the Federated Clubs. The proceeds paid one of our pledges of \$100 to the college. In December we had a sale of useful articles and a cafeteria supper, which, in spite of the cold and snow, was well attended. Each member had donated an article which was to be sold for \$1. The net proceeds were about \$126, \$50 for the Forward Movement, \$50 for expenses of the church, and the balance for various benevolences.

These societies bring the women together and I hope that in working for Christ's kingdom on earth we are also brought nearer the kingdom of heaven and closer to our Savior. If we can not bring the message to the world ourselves, we can at least help hold up the hands of his servants.

Our record for the year just ended is as follows:

Articles sold	\$ 96 07
Meals served	169 10
Other sources	165 56
Total	\$430 61

MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD

The Woman's Executive Board met with Mrs. Henry N. Jordan on January 5, 1920. Those in attendance were Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. West, Mrs. O. U. Whitford, Mrs. J. H. Babcock, Mrs. A. E. Whitford, Mrs. A. R. Crandall, Mrs. Crosley, Mrs. Van Horn.

Mrs. West called the meeting to order, and read Joel 2: 21-32, and Mrs. Babcock led in a season of prayer in which each one present joined.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mrs. Whitford read the Treasurer's report for December. Total receipts for the month, \$593.64; disbursements, \$760.85.

The report was adopted. The Treasurer also read the quarterly report, show-

ing total receipts of \$1,230.79, and disbursements of \$847.14. This report was adopted.

A letter from Mrs. George H. Whipple, of Yonkers, N. Y., was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter concerning the annual meeting of the Council of Women for Home Missions to be held in New York City January 13-15.

Motion was made and carried that we invite Mrs. Edwin Shaw to represent the Woman's Board at this meeting.

Mrs. Babcock also read a communication from the Federation of Women's Boards in regard to the day of prayer for missions.

It was voted that the Corresponding Secretary order one hundred of the leaflets containing the program for the day of prayer for home and foreign missions, to be distributed among our societies.

Voted that \$10 be appropriated to the Editor of Woman's Work, for magazines.

Mrs. West gave a report of the work done by the committee who are preparing the program of prayer for our women.

An interesting letter from Miss Susie Burdick, Shanghai, was read.

Minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

Voted to adjourn to meet with Mrs. Daland on February 2, 1920.

MRS. A. B. WEST,

President,

MRS. E. D. VAN HORN,

Recording Secretary.

PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION WORK

Mrs. N. O. Moore, Pacific Coast secretary of the Woman's Board, had charge of the Woman's Hour at the annual meetings of the Pacific Coast Association held in Riverside, December 26-28.

The woman's service was held Sunday afternoon. Mrs. G. E. Osborn led a short praise service, after which Mrs. Tenney, of Battle Creek, Mich., led the devotional exercises.

Mrs. Ben Crandall, of San Bernardino, gave a short talk on the women's part of the Forward Movement. One of the helpful suggestions that she gave us was that we can help more by words of encouragement and commendation than by a spirit of criticism.

We were fortunate in having with us that little bomb of enthusiasm, Mrs. George Trainer, of Salem, W. Va., who never misses an opportunity of boosting, and who gave us at this time a short review of woman's work at Conference.

Bertrice Baxter gave us a pleasing violin solo, after which several girls rendered the missionary presentation, "Hanging Her Sign," which was very impressive.

Following this Miss M. Veola Brown sang for us and the session closed.

EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES

There have been so many contradictory newspaper stories regarding the feeling of Europe towards the United States that the opinion of a careful and capable observer is particularly valuable at this time. The following statement of Albert Breton, vice president of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, who has recently returned from a lengthy visit of inspection, will prove both interesting and instructive.

"It is absurd to think that Europe will not survive if America does not go to her assistance. She will survive, but it will take ten years to restore what would take maybe only two years to fix up if the United States could help now. It will be unfortunate, of course, if the United States does not do something on a big scale; but if, for any reasons whatever, this is impossible, Europe will not harbor ill-feeling against this country. There is no ill-feeling there now, and I doubt if there will be. Nor will the European countries refuse to trade with the United States in the years to come if we are unable to help them materially now."

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

REV. R. R. THORNGATE, SALEMVILLE, PA.
Contributing Editor

OUR PLEDGE: WHAT DOES IT REQUIRE?

Christian Endeavor Topic for Sabbath Day,
January 31, 1920

DAILY READINGS

Sunday—Bible reading (Ps. 119: 17-24)
Monday—Church attendance (Heb. 10: 19-25)
Tuesday—Loyalty (Isa. 62: 1-5)
Wednesday—Faithfulness (II Cor. 4: 1-7)
Thursday—Following Christ (John 21: 20-22)
Friday—Service (I Cor. 15: 58)
Sabbath Day—Topic, Our pledge: what does it require? (Deut. 13: 4; John 14: 21-26) (Christian Endeavor Day. Consecration meeting).

WHAT IS A PLEDGE?

Among the many helpful things for which the writer is indebted to our Theological Seminary, as a result of the training and preparation which he received while a student there, is the benefit that has come from Dean Main's insistence upon definition—the going to the bottom of things, the thinking out clearly, just the meaning of a certain word or statement. No subject can be intelligently approached without doing this. Failure to do this results in much scattered and muddled thinking.

The Word pledge is often on the lips of Christian Endeavorers. Do we understand just the exact content of its meaning? Consulting the dictionary, I find that Webster gives this definition of a pledge, as applying to the sense in which we use it: "A promise by which one binds one's self to do, or refrain from doing, something." Another authority gives this definition: "Anything placed as a security or guarantee." And I think it is not a misapplication of this definition to say that in the case of pledges that contain purely moral or religious obligations, our word and our name become the security or guarantee. Does this definition of a pledge put any meaning into it? Is our word and name worth anything? Are they a guarantee or security that we will do or not do a certain thing?

Only the other day I was very much impressed as a man now past middle life told me of his struggle with the tobacco habit. Like many other men, he made the promise

that he would stop the use of tobacco at the beginning of the year, and did so. For some two weeks he did without it, but the craving of his appetite for it was almost unbearable. About that time business called him to town, and his mind was well made up that when he reached the village he would satisfy the craving of his appetite, as it seemed needless to him to thus deny himself of tobacco. But it was in the days before automobiles and rapid travel, and he had ample time before reaching town to think the matter through—and conquered. He thought it out something like this: If I promised a man—gave him my word or name—that I would do a certain thing I would not go back on it; it would be dishonorable. I have promised myself that I would give up chewing tobacco. Is my word no good to myself? It ought to be worth something to myself. I can't go back on it—and he didn't. That was as many as thirty years ago, and his word still holds good. He has been true to *himself*. Young people, is our word good? Does it mean anything to ourselves when we give it as a pledge and security? Are we true to *ourselves*?

"This above all,—To thine ownself be true;
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

OUR PLEDGE

There are certain things in our Christian Endeavor pledge, whether it be one form or another of the pledge, to which we give our word and our name as a security or guarantee that we will do.

1. We give our word and our name that we will trust in Jesus for strength and strive—make an earnest, determined effort—to make our lives conform to his teaching and example.

2. That we will make it a fixed rule of our lives to give place in our lives to prayer and Bible reading—that there shall be something of a real devotional spirit in our lives.

3. That we shall be loyal and true to the work and services of the church—contributing both positive spiritual and financial support. Not only this, but we give our word that we will take an active part in the work of Christian Endeavor.

4. Our word and pledge is given with the manifest understanding that the things

are to be given first place in our lives, unless we are hindered by things, the reason for which we can conscientiously give to our Lord and Master.

Our pledge is no meaningless thing. It demands of us faith, obedience and truthfulness. Do we have a full understanding of it, or do we obligate ourselves with no understanding of what it demands of us? Let us think seriously about it.

TOPIC FOR SABBATH DAY, FEBRUARY 7

A WORTH-WHILE LIFE

DAILY READINGS

Sunday—A life communion (John 8: 16, 19, 26)
Monday—An unselfish life (Phil. 2: 1-5)
Tuesday—A life of service (I Sam. 12: 1-5)
Wednesday—A life of high purpose (Neh. 4: 1-6)
Thursday—A pure life (Jude 20-25)
Friday—An earnest life (II Cor. 11: 18-33)
Sabbath Day—Topic, A worth-while life (Ps. 37: 18-40) (Decision day)

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS

WELTON, IA.—The Welton Christian Endeavor Society has had several interesting meetings lately. One evening we had an "impromptu" debate. The subject was, "Resolved, That Solitary Meditation Is More Important in the Christian Life Than Social Co-operation." The debaters were chosen after the meeting began, so that there was no time for study. It was interesting to all. Another evening when there were only a few present we had a "reading circle" and read the tract, "Following Jesus." There were some visitors present and they helped in the reading.

Two evenings after Christian Endeavor we had social gatherings in the basement of the church. Once a popcorn party, and another time a taffy-pull. Both times First-day young folks were invited and attended.

NEW YORK CITY.—At the New Year's social given by the New York City Church, held at Professor and Mrs. E. E. Whitford's home on New Year's afternoon and evening, the young people's society furnished the entertainment. The afternoon was spent in some very interesting games. Then the refreshments that only our church social committee knows how to provide, were eaten with relish. After Mrs. Russel

Terhune entertained us with some negro spirituals, Miss Ruth Kemper, of Salem, but now studying in New York, played some very beautiful pieces on the violin. Then Miss Edith Balmford, of Barnard College, gave an extremely interesting talk on the work of the Barnard College Unit in France.

The social was ended by repeating the Twenty-third Psalm and the Lord's Prayer.

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.—Christmas eve a group of Christian Endeavorers met at the parsonage, and went around to the shut-ins among the church members and sang carols.

A church social was given in the basement of the church Christmas eve. A program was given, mostly by the children, then a Christmas tree was uncovered in one corner and each child was given a box of candy and nuts. The young people of the church served a dainty lunch, after which a social time and dish-washing were enjoyed.

The Missionary Committee found work in the home of one of our church members who is sick in bed, and unable to find any help. The committee took food, prepared some meals, and helped to cheer the home as much as possible.

Sabbath night, December 27, we had our social for the month. We met at the parsonage at 7.30, where three sleighs took us for a three-mile ride to the home of one of our Endeavorers. The main feature of the evening was a Christmas grab-basket. Each person took a present, all of which were put into a tub with a cover over it, then every one in turn drew out a present. If you had heard the songs and rounds which filled the air that winter night when we came home your decision would have been, "That is a jolly crowd."

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Young People's Board was called to order in the Welfare Office of the Sanitarium by the President, Mrs. Ruby Babcock.

Prayer was offered by Dr. B. F. Johanson.

Members present: Mrs. Ruby Babcock, Miss Ethlyn Davis, Miss Edna Van Horn,

Dr. B. F. Johanson, Dr. W. B. Lewis, E. H. Clarke, I. O. Tappan, O. L. Crandall and C. H. Siedhoff.

The following report from the Corresponding Secretary was read and accepted:

Letters have been received from Verna Foster, Myrtle Branch, Paul Hummell, Alberta Davis, E. M. Holston, George Thorngate, Rev. R. R. Thorngate, Marian Coon, Miriam West.

Replies from L. S. K's as follows: L. E. Boss, Gladys Wade, Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Greene, John Hoekstra, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bottoms, Ella Eaton Eberhard, Mary Whitford Ware, Mrs. Grieshaber, Fern Crosley, Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Davis, Author Johnson. All thought it a fine idea to have something to keep the L. S. K's in touch with the denominational C. E. work.

Number of personal letters sent out.... 25
Number of weekly messages sent out.... 121

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES FERRILL BABCOCK,
Corresponding Secretary.

The following report from the Treasurer was read and accepted:

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the month ending December 31, 1919

Dr.

Balance	\$ 96 58
Plainfield C. E.	15 25
West Edmeston C. E.	6 00
North Loup C. E.	29 50
Waterford, C. E.	13 25
First Hopkinton C. E.	71 50
Los Angeles Church	6 00
Milton Junction C. E.	10 00
First Hebron C. E.	13 00
Shiloh C. E.	15 00
Walworth C. E.	22 00
Riverside C. E. (Special for Boys' School)	17 00
Marlboro C. E.	5 38
Pawcatuck C. E.	24 00
Nortonville C. E.	14 00
Fouke C. E.	9 00
Conference Treasurer	31 51
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Corresponding Secretary	\$ 12 51
Tenth Legion Superintendent	1 56
Efficiency Superintendent	1 61
Rev. R. R. Thorngate (supplies)	15 82
E. M. Holston (salary and expenses)....	38 56
Fouke School (on salaries).....	100 00
Mimeographing	4 34
Balance	227 57
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	\$401 97

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. CLARKE, Treasurer.

The report for November from the field secretary, E. M. Holston, read and accepted.

A letter from Paul Burdick, at Fouke, Ark., was read.

Voted to allow the bill for \$18.80 for expenses and salary of E. M. Holston for November.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to pay all bills for mimeographing and similar bills without further order from the Board.

Voted to accept the report of the committee appointed to arrange the program for the observance of Christian Endeavor Week in our denomination. (This program will be found on another page.)

Reports of progress were given by the Goal superintendent and by the committee on preparing the letter heads for the use of the Young People's Board.

Voted that the Board direct the President to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Martha Wardner for the helpful interest which she always shows in the work of the young people.

Reading and correction of the minutes.
Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. SIEDHOFF,
Recording Secretary.

TO GATHER PREACHERS OF NATION IN CONFERENCE SERIES

Details are being worked out for a great series of state conferences of all the clergymen of the denominations participating in the Interchurch World Movement. The conferences will cover every State in the Union. They will be held between January 26 and March 6.

At these conferences the results of the World Survey Conference in Atlantic City, January 7-10, will be presented. The ministers' conference will be followed by county and township conferences until the whole nation is awake to the needs of the day.

The conferences will vary in size, some States having 5,000 to 6,000 clergymen, while in one or two the enrolled ministers will run under 100. Specially well qualified teams of speakers will visit every conference. At least half a day at each conference will be set aside for representatives of each denomination to plan their special part in the co-operative program.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

THE WORD THAT TEDDY BACKED UP

"Huh! you can't do it!"

The voice had a jeering tone that was not pleasant to listen to.

"I can!" Teddy Perkins emphasized the assertion by a stamp of his little foot. "Say, mother," he appealed as Mrs. Perkins at that moment appeared upon the scene, "Donald says I can't get V. G. in conduct for a week; and I say I can! I know I can! Don't you believe it, mother?"

"Why, yes; if you know you can, of course you can," mother said with an encouraging smile. "But 'know' is a pretty strong term to use, son, unless you can back it up," she cautioned.

"You'll see whether I can back it up!" the little boy declared, straightening himself.

Teddy was mischievous, and apt to be careless about his conduct marks, although he was quick to learn, and in his lessons V. G. appeared quite often upon the cards that he carried home for his parents' signatures.

His brother Donald was a little jealous of the readiness with which Teddy mastered his lessons, for Donald was not as quick to learn as his wide-awake little brother, although he excelled him in conduct. If Donald's V. G's could have been transferred to Teddy's card, or Teddy's to Donald's, the result would have been a card to delight the eye of any fond parent or appreciative teacher.

The next day Teddy started to school with a new light in his eyes. He walked directly to his seat, even before the school was called to order, which was a very unusual thing for Teddy Perkins to do. In vain, Dick Jones stuck pins in his arm and tickled his neck with a feather from his seat behind; Teddy kept his eyes studiously fastened upon his book until his tormentor got tired of his efforts and also went to studying.

Once when Teddy raised his eyes he caught Miss Durkee watching him approvingly; and thus encouraged he managed to keep out of mischief for one-half day, at

least. The afternoon was easier to get through, because it was shorter; and there was not a prouder boy in Spencer than Teddy Perkins when he rushed into his mother's presence at four o'clock and triumphantly held out his report card, where V. G. stood at the end of every line.

"Bravo! I am indeed proud of my little son!" his mother asserted.

A thing that has once been accomplished becomes easier each time it is attempted. And at the end of the third day Teddy decided that it was quite easy to bottle up his mischief until recess time and then let it all out at once, and be ready for another hour of quiet study when the bell again called the class to order.

When Friday night came he could hardly realize that a whole week had actually passed without a single disfiguring mark upon his report card.

"I said I could, and I did!" Teddy replied, throwing back his shoulders when his teacher questioned him concerning it. And then he went on to explain why he had been led to make so positive a statement.

"What has been done once can always be done again," Miss Durkee encouraged.

Teddy thought it queer that his mother should say the same thing when he held the transformed card before her approving eyes some time later.

But the strangest thing of all to Teddy was when he found himself also repeating Miss Durkee's words whenever he was tempted to misbehave at school, until, in a very short time, it would have been as difficult for him to have disobeyed the rules as it before had been for him to be good.

"If you know you can, of course you can," is a motto that Teddy is now very fond of using.

When his mother hears him she usually asserts, with a twinkle in her eyes: "'Can' is a strong term, but my little son has proved to me that he can back it up."—*Child's Hour.*

WHERE THE WOOL COMES FROM

One of our workers recently in an address to a group of small children, was trying to impress on them the many things which they obtained from the animal kingdom.

"Where do you get your milk and butter and cheese?" she asked.

"Cows," answered most of the children, though many gave their favorite answer—"From the store."

"And eggs?" demanded the instructor.

"Hens," answered those who did not answer "Store."

"And wool?" asked the instructor.

There was only one answer to this question—"The store."

"Yes," answered the instructor, "but how does it get in the store—now think, wool—wool, you get wool from the back of—what?"

Expectantly she awaited the answer, following one small girl's upraised hand, and she got it, too. "Back of the counter!" answered that one small girl.—*Our Dumb Animals.*

MILTON JUNCTION NEWS

Optimism and good fellowship pervaded in every particular at the year-end business meetings and annual dinner of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church held Sunday, January 4th. Reports from the church officers and from the auxiliaries of the church showed in all, a state of healthy, growing Christian activity. A few quotations and items of interest from these reports may be welcome reading to those outside the Milton Junction circle who care to know how we are faring.

PASTOR'S REPORT

In submitting this, my annual report, I wish to make grateful recognition of the spirit of good-will and co-operation which has been shown by all branch organizations of the church during the year just closing. Although this has been a most trying year in many respects, with increased responsibility and claims upon our time, energies and money, we have come to the close of the year with hard tasks creditably done and with the church in a better working condition than when we began the year.

The Sabbath school under the superintendency of Brothers E. M. Holston and Vernon Hurley has maintained a high degree of efficiency in all its departments. A better corps of teachers it would be hard to find, who give unstintingly of their time and energy and have at heart the spiritual

welfare of their pupils. In this connection it may not be out of place to express the regret that more members of the parish do not avail themselves of the opportunity of studying the Bible under competent teachers and wise leadership. If more did this there undoubtedly would be a higher degree of efficiency throughout the church and community. There is no more important task confronting us than the training of the boys and girls in the art of Christian living and the quickening of conscience in all ages, that comes with a sincere study of God's Word.

The Ladies' Aid society has carried on its work in a most commendable way. Not alone in the promotion of good-will and the formation of Christian ties in Christian living, but in the practical administration of material help to those in need. The Mission Study circle has followed up a course of study in Christian missions and has thus deepened and widened that sense of sisterhood so necessary to the foundation of Christian missions.

The Christian Endeavor society has worked with unremitting zeal in the carrying out of its program for this year. Early in the year it was challenged by another leading society of the denomination and willingly accepted the challenge. At the time of the last rating by the Young People's Board it was leading the denomination in efficiency, and it will not lag in its interest in the work. Of late it has been doing most commendable work in the visiting and giving practical aid to an aged and sick member of the church, and in other ways helping to lighten the burdens of the community. Our young people are wide awake and are living up to their reputation for practical and helpful Christian living.

The pastor has spent a busy year. Up to Conference time not a little time was spent in manual labor which necessarily shortened the time for pastoral visitation and the more strictly religious work. Since Conference more time has been spent in visiting the sick and shut-ins, and the administration of the more spiritual affairs of the church. Letters have been sent to all the non-resident members of the church in which the New Forward Movement has been explained and the goal of our church

more clearly set forth. Encouraging replies have been received . . .

The pastor has made 245 visits during the year, reaching a large aggregate of people in the neighborhood, thereby directing the attention to the privileges offered by the church and its auxiliary organizations. Regular Sabbath services have been maintained throughout the year with a good degree of interest. . . .

While this report breathes a spirit of optimism, it comes not so much from what has been accomplished in the past as what is planned for the future. The New Forward Movement with its splendid ideals and tasks appeals to the virile and heroic in us all and I have a growing confidence that we will prove worthy of the tasks before us and go over the top with the rest of the denomination this year. This hope and expectancy is enough, of itself, to awaken zeal and a sense of pride in our work, and I am sure that we all can feel the blood of a deeper spiritual life surging through our veins as we undertake these larger Kingdom tasks.

THE CHURCH FINANCES

The report of the treasurer, A. B. West, was one of the most encouraging features of the meeting. During the year \$1,531.42 was expended for local purposes which liquidated all current bills and other indebtedness. This included the raising of the pastor's salary to \$1,000 a year at the beginning of the last quarter, an indebtedness from the previous year of \$197.53 for the installation of electric lights, and the last payment of \$48 on Endeavor Park, some real estate purchased by the church a few years ago. The sum of \$314 was raised for semi-local purposes which includes \$33.20 for evangelistic work of the Northwestern Association, \$15.10 for association dues, \$85.80 for the Anti-Saloon League, \$60 for Armenian and Syrian Relief, and \$120, the personal contributions of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. West and the Carroll West estate to the Armenian and Syrian Relief. There was raised for denominational purposes \$542.68. To this may be added \$317.09, money raised for various purposes by the different auxiliaries which did not pass through the church treasurer's hands; which would make a total raised for all purposes of

\$2,705.19. The budget for the coming year amounting to \$3,345 and including our apportionment of \$1,990 for the Forward Movement was adopted unanimously with the understanding that the Forward Movement apportionment was underwritten by the action. An every-member canvass will be made January 11.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

The school has undergone a change in administration during the year owing to the resignation of the superintendent, E. M. Holston, who was called to work for the Sabbath School Board. His successor, Mr. Vernon Hurley, was elected in September. A new treasurer was elected about the same time to take the place of Dr. Merton Burdick, who had also resigned owing to removal from the place. Miss Ruth Schrader was elected to fill the vacancy. The chorister elected at the beginning of the year being unable to do the work, and the organist being needed in the primary department, it became necessary to fill these places. Miss Elma Mills was elected organist and the singing for the last quarter was led by a choir composed by members of the Clover Class. In spite of these changes there was a steady gain in enrolment and in average attendance. The enrolment for the first quarter was 70 and average attendance 57. For the last quarter the enrolment was 91 and the average attendance 62. Forty-six sessions of the school have been held. At the opening of the year there were thirteen classes, but two classes of Intermediate girls have been united, leaving now twelve. Five of these are in the Children's department and the rest in the main school. Five adult classes use the *Helping Hand*. All other classes are studying graded lessons.

Deacon Henry Greenman, teacher of the Dorcas Class, has been present every session. Susie Burdick, of the Clover Class, was present every session but one at which time she attended the quarterly meeting at Walworth. Elizabeth Van Horn, of the Jewels, missed only one session. Mrs. Van Horn, superintendent of the Children's department, Mrs. Clarence Olsbye, teacher of the Beginners' class, and Donald Van Horn, of the Diggers, were present every session but two.

A Teacher Training class was maintain-

ed for about six months and Workers' Meetings have been held once a month. Delegates were sent to the County S. S. convention. Children's Day was observed in June and Rally Day in September. For the second time the school was recognized by the General Conference as a Standard school and the date 1919 was added to the banner publicly presented at Conference.

The Home department reports a membership of 25 and receipts of \$5. The Cradle roll department reports three promoted to the Beginners' class and two new members added, with a present membership of fifteen.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The Ladies' Aid society reports a membership of 43, a gain of two during the year. Twenty-six meetings have been held with an average attendance of 14. The society has raised \$222.39. Of this \$50 was paid for Anna West's salary, \$50 to the Randolph Memorial Fund, \$35 to the Woman's Board, and \$27.03 for local causes. A barrel of clothing valued at \$65 was sent to Rev. Mr. Kovats in Chicago.

THE C. E. SOCIETY

Though the membership of our society is not large it has an enthusiasm and "pep" that reaches to the tail-end member of every committee. As evidence witness our position at the top in the Efficiency chart contest. The chart has been a great aid in suggesting the many different lines of Christian work that our society has been able to do. Some of the special activities reported by the secretary as done during the year were:

Conducted religious services at County Farm;

Held several socials, two of which were union socials with the Milton society;

Sang carols at Christmas time and to shut-ins on Sabbath afternoons;

Secured a concert by the Treble Clef to raise money;

Sabbath-school committee sent out postal cards urging more regular attendance;

Held joint meeting with Juniors when three of their members were graduated;

Sent delegates to both state and district conventions;

Twice during the year our society and the Milton society have held joint prayer meetings;

Mission study class conducted for several weeks;

Expert Endeavor class now at work;

Present active membership 26, money paid Young People's Board \$25; for local purposes \$32.40.

JUNIOR SOCIETY

The Junior Society is doing good work with a membership of twenty-two. Mrs. H. E. Schrader is superintendent and Miss Ruth Schrader, assistant. The teachers are Mrs. Schrader, Catherine Shaw and Doris Holston. By means of socials and collections the society raised \$8 for Anna West's salary.

THE DINNER

The annual dinner is looked forward to by our people with keen anticipation, for this is one time of the year when all the families make an effort to get out and enjoy themselves together. One hundred and seventy-five were served this year in cafeteria style, a departure from the usual custom. Special tables were provided, however, for the old people and the little folks, and waiters served them in the old style. Twenty-two little folks around one table with one of their teachers keeping their plates well supplied, and none of them having to wait till their elders had finished, was an example of the thoughtful way in which the committee carried out their work. Eighteen fine dinners were also taken out to the shut-in members of the parish.

BY A MEMBER.

"Luxury imports during the past year increased 125 per cent over 1918, according to figures issued by the collector of the port of New York. During the third quarter of 1919 the duty collected on all imports was close upon 225 million dollars as compared with 152 million dollars for the corresponding period of 1918. Of these amounts the paid duty on luxury imports was 58 millions and 25 millions, respectively."

"Production of wheat flour for the season ended November 7, 1919, was 52,433,000 barrels against 43,174,000 barrels during 1918. Stocks now on hand are fifty per cent higher than at this time last year."

SABBATH SCHOOL

E. M. HOLSTON, MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.,
Contributing Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD

The attention of all Sabbath-school officers and others interested, is called to the fact that the present treasurer of the Sabbath School Board is L. A. Babcock, Milton, Wis. The former treasurer, Mr. Greenman, resigned and Mr. Babcock was elected at the last Conference. Many treasurers have not taken notice of this fact and are still sending their checks to Mr. Greenman, which causes a good deal of confusion. Please bear this in mind when you are making your next remittance and send your contributions to L. A. Babcock, Milton, Wis.

Your attention is also called to the fact that the schools will be scored again during the month of February. Cards will be sent out soon and we hope the response will be even more hearty than it was in November. We received replies from forty-two schools in November. Some of the results were exceptionally fine. The school that gets the banner this year will have to "go some" if the competition next month is as strong as it was in November.

The secretary would be glad to be informed of any changes in the officers of any of the schools which may have been made the first of this year. It is essential that we keep a corrected list of the superintendents and secretaries for our guidance in sending out literature and report cards.

We wish to have a complete list of the schools that are contributing to the Armenian Relief Fund, for publication in the RECORDER. Will you please report the results of your collections either directly to our special representative, Rev. George B. Shaw, 65 Elliott Ave., Yonkers, N. Y., or to the secretary, at Janesville, Wis.?

This department would also be pleased to receive items of news and information concerning your Sabbath school and its work. It will be interesting and encouraging to others.

Our field representative, Mr. E. M. Hol-

ston, has been engaged for several weeks in preparing manuscript for the Intermediate course of graded lessons. Good progress is being made in this direction. If you have suggestions to make, write to him about it. He will be glad to hear from you.

Is your school co-operating to its fullest extent with the New Forward Movement project? You know that movement comprehends spirituality, evangelism, education, service and stewardship. All right in the line of Sabbath-school work. What an opportunity we have to do real constructive work. Let us do our part.

A. L. BURDICK,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD, DECEMBER 22, 1919

The regular quarterly meeting of the Sabbath School Board was held in Whitford Memorial Hall, Milton, Wis., Monday evening, December 22, 1919, at 7.45 o'clock, having been adjourned from the regular date, Sunday, December 21st.

The President, Professor A. E. Whitford, presided, and the following trustees were present: A. E. Whitford, J. H. Lippincott, L. A. Babcock, E. M. Holston, H. N. Jordan, E. D. Van Horn, D. N. Inglis, L. M. Babcock, G. E. Crosley, Mrs. L. A. Babcock and A. L. Burdick.

Prayer was offered by Pastor E. D. Van Horn.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and the Secretary reported that notices of this meeting had been regularly sent to all members of the Board of Trustees.

The report of the Committee on Publications was given and adopted. In connection with this report it was voted that the Treasurer be instructed to correspond with Mrs. H. L. Polan, the former editor of the *Sabbath Visitor*, and obtain from her a statement of the amount due her for postage and editorial work done since her last payment. The report also showed that Miss Evalois St. John, Plainfield, N. J., had been secured to act as editor of the *Sabbath Visitor* in the place of Mrs. Polan, resigned.

The Finance and Auditing Committee reported that it had audited the bills of the

field representative and had authorized their payment. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Field Work reported, giving a detailed account of the work done by the field representative in the schools of the Southeastern Association and in other schools that he had visited since the last meeting of the Board; also of his work in preparing the material for the graded lessons in the Intermediate course. The Secretary also reported having visited the schools at Welton, Ia., and New Auburn, Wis., where he presented the interests of the Sabbath School Board. The report was adopted.

Correspondence from Rev. A. L. Davis, the Interchurch World Movement, and others was presented.

It was voted that field representative be appointed a special committee to investigate the feasibility of the Board preparing and printing all of the certificates needed by the Sabbath schools.

The report of the Treasurer was presented and adopted as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

From June 30, to September 30, 1919

<i>Dr.</i>	
To balance June 30, 1919.....	\$716 17
Churches:	
Milton, Wis.	6 39
Riverside, Cal.	10 67
Milton Junction, Wis.	2 36
Los Angeles, Cal.	1 25
Plainfield, N. J.	4 35
Westerly, R. I.	10 33
Cosmos, Okla.	1 00
Plainfield, N. J.	7 72
Shiloh, N. J.	10 00
Alfred, N. Y.	5 81
Adams Center, N. Y.	24 38
Sabbath Schools:	
New Market, N. J.	2 50
New Auburn, Wis.	8 63
Walworth, Wis.	9 13
Boulder, Colo.	7 88
Stone Fort, Ill.	5 00
Milton Junction, Wis.	9 82
Nile, N. Y.	8 00
Shiloh, N. J.	7 00
Shiloh, N. J.	16 73
Little Genesee, N. Y.	16 63
Nortonville, Kan.	20 00
New Milton, W. Va.	5 00
Brookfield, N. Y.	3 05
Major and Mrs. Kemp, Washington, D. C.	65
Interest on Babcock Bequest, \$300 bonds..	6 39
Young People's Board, one-third salary and expenses field secretary, August...	30 60
	<u>\$957 44</u>

<i>Cr.</i>	
Davis Printing Company	\$ 3 60
E. M. Holston, salary, expenses, etc.	100 11
E. M. Holston, advance expenses	40 00
Total	\$143 71
Balance on hand September 30.....	813 73
	<u>\$957 44</u>

STATEMENT FROM SEPTEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 22, 1919

<i>Dr.</i>	
Balance on hand September 30.....	\$813 73
Irving A. Hunting, Plainfield Sabbath school	2 79
B. I. Jeffrey, Milton, Wis., Church.....	33 39
E. H. Clarke, treasurer Young People's Executive Committee, one-third salary and expenses, E. M. Holston for September	33 60
G. W. Hodge, treasurer, Dodge Center Sabbath school	8 00
A. W. Vars, Plainfield Church.....	10 44
Rev. William C. Whitford, apportionment Hammond, La., Church, Forward Movement	11 04
F. F. Randolph, New Milton, W. Va., for expenses E. M. Holston	4 00
N. C. Clarke, Farina Sabbath school	3 19
Allen B. West, Milton Junction.....	2 36
R. J. Davis, Farnam, Neb., Sabbath school	5 69
E. H. Clarke, treasurer Young People's Board, one-third expenses of representative to the association in June.....	32 00
Interest on Höcker Fund, \$500 bond....	10 00
E. H. Clarke, treasurer Young People's Board, one-half salary and expenses, E. M. Holston for October.....	38 56
Curtis F. Randolph, First Alfred Church	7 67
William C. Whitford, treasurer, apportionment from Forward Movement.....	3 46
M. G. Stillman, Lost Creek Sabbath school	20 02
M. G. Stillman, Roanoke Sabbath school	7 59
Eula L. Warner, Verona Sabbath school	18 04
Tacy Inglis, Milton, Sabbath school.....	24 92
J. M. Maxson, Chicago Church.....	10 00
J. F. Randolph, New Market Sabbath school	5 00
A. W. Vars, Plainfield Church	8 75
J. J. Hevener, Roanoke, W. Va.....	2 00
J. J. Randolph, Middle Island	1 00
Total receipts	<u>\$1,117 24</u>

<i>Cr.</i>	
150 post cards and printing same.....	\$ 2 80
American Sabbath Tract Society:	
200 reports to Conference.....	17 90
Cut E. M. Holston	2 98
Davis Printing Company:	
500 letter heads	3 90
500 envelopes	2 90
Circular letters	2 25
500 folders, 6 pages	8 15
Rev. G. B. Shaw, Armenian-Syrian Relief Fund	24 38
E. M. Holston, balance salary and expenses for September.....	60 79

Davis Printing Company, 500 envelopes, 150 score cards, 150 circular letters....	11 75
E. M. Holston, salary and expenses for October	115 67
E. M. Holston, salary and expenses for November	98 06
Bank of Milton, certificate of deposit...	100 00
Total paid out	\$451 53
Balance on hand December 22, 1919.....	665 71
	<u>\$1,117 24</u>

Voted that the Secretary be instructed to reply to the correspondence from the Interchurch World Movement.

It was voted that Pastor E. D. Van Horn, Pastor H. N. Jordan and Professor D. N. Inglis be a committee to read and criticize the manuscript of the graded lessons and have the authority to secure whatever help they may need or desire.

It was voted that it is the sense of the Board that when the field representative is devoting his entire time to the work of the Sabbath School Board, the Young People's Board be relieved from their obligation to share his expenses and salary. It was voted that the former superintendents of departments be continued in their respective fields, namely, Teacher Training, D. N. Inglis; Home department, Mrs. J. H. Babcock; Primary department, Mrs. L. A. Babcock; Junior and Intermediate department, E. M. Holston.

The minutes were read and approved. Adjourned.

A. L. BURDICK,
Secretary.

Sabbath School. Lesson IV—January 25, 1920

PETER STANDS UP FOR TRUTH AND HONESTY, Acts 5: 1-11

Golden Text.—Lying lips are an abomination to Jehovah, but they that deal truly are his delight. Prov. 12: 22.

DAILY READINGS

- Jan. 18—Acts 5: 1-11. Peter Stands up for Truth and Honesty.
- Jan. 19—Psalm 15: 1-5. A Citizen of Zion
- Jan. 20—Matt. 6: 1-8. Sincere Worship
- Jan. 21—Eph. 4: 25-32. Putting away Evil
- Jan. 22—1 Sam. 3: 10-18. Telling the Truth
- Jan. 23—Matt. 23: 1-15. Warning against Hypocrisy
- Jan. 24—Prov. 6: 16-23. God Hates Falsehood (For Lesson Notes see *Helping Hand*)

"My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee."

"Sales of surplus army property for the first ten months of 1919 amounted to 1,150 million dollars, of which over 600 million dollars was in the United States and 400 million dollars in France. During the first nine months of last year the War Department saved over 60 million dollars by reclamation of clothes and supplies used during the war."

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OUR WEEKLY SERMON

THE COMMON GOOD

REV. JOSEPH FORT NEWTON, D. D.

Text: "The field is the world." Matt. 13: 38. "Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matt. 4: 17.

Today we read the words of Jesus with new eyes, wondering at their depth, grasp and sweep of thought; and as we understand the message we the better know the Messenger. When we remember the narrow nationalism and religious exclusiveness in which he lived, we needs must wonder that out of such an environment there should have come a gospel of world-wide significance and perpetual importance. In manner and habit Jesus was a son of his age, but his mind moved outward toward the far horizons, and he thought and dreamed in terms of all humanity. His parables, so rich in local color, have in them suggestions of the vast spaces and great movements of time—like ships caught in the trade winds of the world. Living in a tiny, turbulent province, he was in nowise provincial, least of all in his sense of the love and power and purpose of God.

Next to his faith in God and man, the central fact in the mind of Jesus was his vision of the kingdom of heaven on earth, that is, his amazing faith in the possibility of the communal redemption of humanity. Many great dreams have haunted the human heart—the ideal Republic of Plato, the Augustinian City of God written when the Eternal City was reeling to its downfall—but all of them are dwarfed by the mighty dream of the kingdom of heaven in the soul of Jesus:

"They are but broken lights of thee,
And thou, O Lord, art more than they."

In nothing does Jesus more assuredly reveal his divinity than in his conception of mankind living by the law of love in a beloved community here, now, upon this earth. In height, in depth, in breadth and beauty it is the noblest vision that has come within sight of our groping human mind, and today it is no longer an iridescent dream but a necessity.

For the supreme need of our time, as its

deepest thinkers agree, in every field of aspiration and endeavor, is a clear, comprehensive, commanding conception of the common good; the perception that the good of humanity as a whole actually exists—not as a theory, but as a fact—and that the good of any class or nation or race can only be realized in the good of all. In one of his poems William Morris speaks of the problems of our day as a "tangled wood," until they are seen in the light of life's meaning as a whole, and

"looking up, at last we see
The glimmer of the open light,
From o'er the place where we would be;
There grow the very brambles bright."

Looking up, Jesus saw in clear vision the meaning of life, the goal of its uprising passion and desire, the purpose of its organization in the home, in the state, in industry, in moral fellowship and spiritual faith, to be the building of the kingdom of heaven on earth; and thus he pointed the way out of the "tangled wood" in which we wander.

Here, at last, in the vision of Jesus—and here alone—we have a faith equal, alike in its nobility and grandeur, to our human enterprise, and no longer does it seem visionary. A decade ago it seemed far more remote and unreal than it does today when the world lies in ruins and the shadow of despair. Much has happened, many things have been shattered, many easy vaulting optimisms with which we deluded ourselves have proved false and foolish—our eyes have been washed by a flood of tears. We have walked through the Gethsemane of world war up to the very mount of Calvary. Today we are beginning to realize, in a way never dreamed of before, that what Jesus was talking about was real, that he saw straight, and that only spiritual forces can hold the world together. Force is a failure, diplomacy is largely trickery, and we must trust other influences now to redeem us not from some hypothetical hell in the future, but from the red hell in which we have lived for the last five years.

Henceforth we must measure and interpret all human activities and institutions against the background of that august vision of the kingdom of heaven as it shone in the mind of Jesus, and doubly so if we

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MARRIAGES

STEEL-STEVENS.—At the home of Mrs. Emma L. Camenga, the mother of the bride, Alfred, N. Y., December 31, 1919, by Dean A. E. Main, Charles E. Latimer Steel, of Dunkirk, N. Y., and Miss Lucile Stevens, of Alfred, N. Y.

CRANDALL-BABCOCK.—At the home of their pastor in Exeland, Wis., March 20, 1919, by Rev. Mr. Dale of the Methodist Episcopal church of that place, assisted by Mr. C. W. Thorngate, Ellery F. Crandall and Amy Babcock, both of Exeland, Wis.

BALDRIDGE-THORNGATE.—At the home of the bride's parents in Exeland, Wis., Christmas Eve, December 24, 1919, at 6.30, by Mr. C. W. Thorngate, father of the bride, Wesley W. Baldrige and Kathryn Eleanor Thorngate, both of Exeland, Wis.

PEDERSON-LOOFBORO.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Loofboro, near New Auburn, Wis., on New Year's eve, by Rev. Mr. Warren, Mr. Ivan Pederson, of Makoti, N. D., and R. Susie Loofboro, of New Auburn, Wis.

BIRD-LEWIS.—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Vincent, North Loup, Neb., December 23, 1919, by Rev. A. L. Davis, Harry L. Bird and Miss Cecile Lewis, both formerly of Dodge Center, Minn.

DEATHS

LOOFBORO.—Near Auburn, Wis., Lela Bernice, infant daughter of Leo L., and Hazel Loofboro, died December 3, aged two months. Funeral services conducted by Rev. Mr. Warren, of New Auburn. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

BABCOCK.—Rocelia G. Babcock, the eldest of three daughters of Oliver P., and Susannah Fitch Babcock was born December 3, 1848, and died December 27, 1919, at the age of 71 years and 24 days.

The place of her birth was on a farm on Gorton Hill. When but a young girl her parents moved to North Brookfield and later to the house where her home has been for fifty-two years. There were two other daughters born to this family, Marcella and Annette, the former wife of the late B. G. Stillman. Marcella alone remains of the immediate family. She tenderly and patiently cared for her sister in her days of ill health.

At the age of nineteen years Rocelia was baptized by the Rev. J. M. Todd and united with

the Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church along with fourteen other young people, among whom were her two sisters. Since that time she has always remained a faithful and consistent member. About four years ago she was stricken with paralysis which left her partially crippled. It has been her portion to endure a great deal of suffering during these latter years, but through it all her faith failed not, and there has always been manifested a sweet spirit of patience and thoughtfulness for others, fearful lest she should become too great a burden for her loving sister.

Although in poor health and with hands drawn out of natural shape they were not idle and many articles of beautiful lace and embroidery were delicately wrought which afforded her no small degree of comfort. Many a home has been graced by her handiwork which is a token of skill and also a token of her patience and love.

Although deprived of the privilege of attending church services she never lost her interest. She loved her Bible and prayer and often requested the pastors who called to pray with and for her. The worn and tired body returns to the dust whence it came but the spirit remains with its sweet benediction.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Tuesday at 2 o'clock by Pastor Hutchins and the body laid to rest in the Brookfield Cemetery.

J. E. H.

CHAMPLIN.—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Myrta V. Benjamin, in Richburg, N. Y., December 18, 1920, Mrs. Jane Crandall Champlin, aged 84 years, 5 months, and 4 days.

Mrs. Champlin was the daughter of Stanton and Olive Coon Crandall and was born in Dodge Creek, Allegany County, N. Y. She was married to Samuel A. Champlin, February 23, 1850, and ten years later moved from Dodge Creek to the vicinity of Alfred, N. Y., which for the most part has since been her home.

At an early age she was baptized and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Dodge Creek and lived a worthy Christian life until her death. She had been throughout her life a great reader and had taken much interest in education, temperance and other reforms.

She is survived by one son, LeRoy D. Champlin, of Ceres, N. Y., two daughters, Mrs. Myrta V. Benjamin, of Richburg, and Mrs. Charles Vincent, Alfred Station, N. Y., eight grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

Funeral services, conducted by Pastors William L. Burdick and William M. Simpson, were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vincent in Alfred Station, December 22, 1919, and burial took place in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

WM. L. B.

TROBRIDGE.—Adell V. Trobridge was born in the town of Adams, June 28, 1853, and died at her home near Adams Center, December 13, 1919.

She was the daughter of Franklin J., and Cordelia Ann Sweet Greene. She was married to William R. Trobridge, and to them two chil-

dren were born. With the exception of five years that she lived in Illinois her life has been spent near Adams Center, N. Y.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, two children: Sherman R. Trobridge, of Adams Center; Mrs. Fred Rider, of Rodman; one brother, Arthur J. Greene, of Adams Center; three grand children, and one great grandchild. In early life she united with the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church to which she remained a member until her death. She was also a member of the Adams Center Grange.

Her death was caused by creeping paralysis. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, and she was laid to rest in the Union Cemetery.
A. C. E.

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would be his followers. First of all, here we must find the key wherewith to interpret the meaning of our national life, its significance for God and humanity—and never did we need more to reach into the grave and touch the bones of our prophets than today, when we are in danger of making the "Great Refusal," and of becoming, in moral leadership, a second-rate power. The real question before every Christian patriot is: What does God mean by America, and what purpose, what plan, what prophecy, is he seeking to work out in our history? As Lincoln said, what concerned him was to know, not whether God is on our side, but whether we are on God's side; and his insight measures the difference between a true and a false patriotism—and equally between a true and a false religion. True statesmanship consists in discerning the way God is going and in getting things out of his way.

Great events, which are the footsteps of God, led America to unite with the free peoples of the earth in a crusade of righteousness, and we can not honorably withdraw from the fellowship of nations. Isolation is no longer possible. In the modern world a self-centered, self-sufficient nation is a monstrosity. Moral obligations, no less than the dictates of humanity, unite us with our comrades, as before a common peril and necessity joined us with them in the trenches and on the gray solitudes of the sea. Once we signed a Declaration of Independence; the day has now come when we must sign some form of a Declaration of Interdependence—tying the world together in common honor, interest and obligation in behalf of the common good of the race. *I believe in America.—Christian Work.*

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If you have a friend worth loving,
Love him; yes, and let him know
That you love him, ere life's evening
Tinge his brow with sunset glow.
Why should good words ne'er be said
Of a friend—till he is dead?

If you hear a song that thrills you,
Sung by any child of song,
Praise it. Do not let the singer
Wait deserved praises long.
Why should one who thrills your heart
Lack the joy you may impart?

If your work is made more easy
By a helping, friendly hand,
Say so. Speak out brave and truly,
Ere the darkness veil the land.
Should your brother workman dear
Falter for a word of cheer?

Scatter thus your seeds of kindness,
All enriching as you go;
Leave them, trust the harvest giver;
He will make each seed to grow.
So, until its happy end,
Your life shall never lack a friend."

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