Honor the Lord with thy substance, and the first fruits of all thine increase;

—Proverbs 3:9, 10
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SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST NEWSPAPER

THE WHOLESALE

Plainfield, N. J.

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The Sabbath Recorder

A Seventh Day Baptist Weekly Published by the American Sabbath Tract Society, Plainfield, N. J.

Blessed Master, we bring to thee all our perplexing problems. Enable us to see the best way to solve them, and to follow thy leadings. Keep us hopeful that in those good old time the way will be made clear and thy cause go forward. With thine own grace help us to do. Give all by dear people a longing for better things. Help them to show their faith in the cause we love by rendering personal help in promoting things that endure. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sabbath Keepers Not Liberty, published at Alone in Protesting, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., has a leading article entitled, "Protest of the Press Against Sunday Blue Laws." The one significant feature, which shows that Sabbath keepers are not alone in their protests against the fanatic campaign being pushed in Congress for a drastic Sunday law, is seen in the fact that more than thirty quotations from Sunday-keeping papers throughout the entire land are given, protesting against such a "blue law." The "Blue Law Menace," so called, will have to plead not friends but foes if it has yet found, if the present attitude of Congress has any significance.

One would think that Bolby and company were the nation's Day Alliance, after so many years of fruitless effort to lobby such an un-American law through Congress, would really realize that this is, in very large part, a land of religious liberty. The more persistent such fanatic efforts becomes, the more we are told our friends than it has yet found, and the consistent Teachings of our Lord the way in which the present attitude of Congress has any significance.

The Powers that Be does not respond better way is to abide by the faithful teachings and the consistent example of real Sabbath keepers.

It is our duty to join with all Christians in exalting the Christ as the Savior from sin who must be the light of the world. While we do this, we must not fail to exalt Christ as the maker, observer, and Lord of the holy Sabbath day. Loyalty to this truth means loyalty to the other truths of which this is made the central one in the Decalogue.

The Sabbath was a test of loyalty with God's people oftened than any other precept of the law. It can be done, and when it is done, it is a more sure foundation for our eternal security than anything we can do. Therefore we must pray that the Church may be the Church in the real sense of the word, and not those who have forgotten the Sabbath.
the tribes were urged to return. God’s first plea was “Return unto my sabbaths.”

Curses denounced those who broke the Sabbath was forsaken, and blessings were promised to those who “remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.” The Sabbath does not stand alone in importance, but it has much to do with the attitude of men toward the Bible itself. Lack of the Sabbath is a sure indication of a lack in spiritual life. Given a correct understanding of any one toward the Sabbath truth, and you have a pretty fair estimate of his attitude toward religion. I am deeply impressed with the feeling that the proper meaning of the Bible as the only rule of life, assumes an attitude that discounts Bible teaching on this important question there. They tend in his teaching to undermine the entire system of Christianity and to destroy reverence for God’s revealed law.

Just this thing is happening all about today. Nothing is clearer than that there is alarming and wide-spread loss of faith in the binding force of the fourth commandment of God. The most natural result must necessarily be a general disregard of spiritual things.

The conscientious, God-fearing man, who lives in communion with God, reveres his Sabbath, calling it a delight becoming all too rare; and the tendency among our dear people to drift away from God and spiritual things is growing ever more common.

I fear that these tendencies are showing themselves in our own churches by the evident disregard to our religious work, and by the ease with which work is put aside.

I think I am on safe ground in saying that the SABBATH Recorder has more in common with the Bible than many other publications.

Inconsistency of Great Teachers After what we have already said, it may be an interesting study to learn some of the causes of indifference and skepticism regarding Bible authority and some of the very plainest teachings of the Book of books.

It is passing strange that so many great preachers extol the Bible as “God’s Word” and their only rule of faith and practice, and then use the most illogical and unscriptural methods explain away its plainest teaching, and substitute a mere man-made precept in its place!

Curses with the Bible in his hand, the simple child of God has in mind just what day Jehovah sanctified and made holy as a perpetual Sabbath unto himself. Then in the New Testament we read in the New Testament that God manifest in the flesh, the Maker and Lord of the Sabbath, came teaching men the law, and during all his life carefully observed the Sabbath of his Father, and went away without so much as a hint that there was to be any change: Thus the simple student is satisfied. He finds the Sabbath a delight.

The blessed word makes its very plain. And the disciples after Jesus were gone were careful to keep the Sabbath according to the commandment.

Now, what a shock must come to such a faith when leading teachers, by hair-splitting arguments and slightly founded theories, go to all lengths to explain away these plain teachings about the Sabbath, only to substitute in its place a civil day—a man-made sabbath—in place of God’s holy day. Then, these same teachers try to make us believe that God will not care, only so they connect the Sabbath idea to a heathen day once dedicated to Baal, and try to keep that holy!

I can not see how any thinking man can escape the undermining influences of such far-fetched efforts to harmonize the Bible with their teaching. It would be a very thing must account for much of the skepticism and loss of conscience regarding the Bible.

Some Illustrations

Let me quote from some leading Christian ministers showing just what I mean.

Here are some startling statements of a well known leader in the Baptist denomination:

“It (the Sabbath) was not merely a Jewish institution, as many are content to believe. It was an outgrowth of Jewishism by a thousand years. It was ordained by God at the very beginning of human history, and the Son of God declared that it was made, not for any one people, but ‘for man’ as man. The Decalogue, of which the Sabbath law was a part, was not indeed formerly promulgated from Sinai, and yet that law was in the world from Adam to Moses. Sinai only made it clearer before the eyes of men. It was commanded in the Ten Commandments, and was one of the Ten Commandments. It was therefore a binding law which had been given in the Ten Commandments. It had a beneficent reason underlying it, and that reason will last for all ages. It was not a commandment to be obeyed any more than before, because we are living at such a furious pace.”

This is fine Seventh Day Baptist doctrine published in a Sunday paper, written for young people to study. It is much wonder that the numbers who regard the Bible as an infallible guide for employees growing larger year by year? With such teachings, so entirely out of harmony with the teachings set by the teachers themselves, teaching methods are running into seeing to have none binding force upon conscience in the Bible.

It would be interesting to know just how much of the indifference and skepticism regarding the Bible is due to the inconsistent teachings. They are running directly regarding the plainest truths of the Book they claim as the rule of life.

Here is more example, from a world renowned leader in one of the largest denominations:

“God in his Word, by a positive and perpetual command, requiring all men in all ages, hath particularly appointed one day in seven for a Sabbath to be kept holy unto him. Nothing will bind the conscience but the authority of God! The fourth commandment, for this day arises necessarily out of the doctrine of the Decalogue, is of moral and permanent force as an expression of the authority of God. It is made for man in every age. It is a Sabbath both to the body and soul. Neither the family, nor the Church, nor the State can do with it.”

Now let me repeat the question: “What spiritual and moral teaching is in the public mind when great preachers teach so strongly the real binding force of the Bible Sabbath as set forth in the fourth commandment, while in actual practice they violate that sacred precept in its place?” When by the thinnest kind of sophistry they attempt to substitute another day in its place their teachings must tend to nullify Bible authority in the hearts of men.

The venerable M. Platt says: ‘Nothing will bind the conscience but the authority of God.” is it any wonder that the public conscience is so much disregarded the sacredness of the American Sunday?”

What else can be expected when religious leaders are reading upon the binding force of the Bible Sabbath, and then by deliberate act and by one of the Ten Commandments had a beneficent reason underlying it, and that reason will last for all ages. It was not a commandment to be obeyed any more than before, because we are living at such a furious pace.”

Appeals for help are being sent throughout Christian lands for immediate gifts. These are being asked to National Campaign for China, 419 Fourth Avenue, New York City.
The Best Legacy

A legacy is something bequeathed by a testator, or anything derived from an ancestor. It may be property, a custom, a habit, or some trend of thinking. Everyone has some peculiar train of thought that he falls back upon when he is alone, and this to a great extent makes the man.

The things we think about most are likely to settle the question as to our standard of conduct. We may take away from a man's life and you could say nothing left.

If this be true, then a good and truthful thought is the best legacy any man can bequeath to the world. Good thoughts are true riches. They have been compared to fountains of living water, gems that always shine, goodies apparel for the mind, excellent companions, angels of light, and seeds that shall be the first we heard in the morning.

The Glory of Motherhood

Mother's day should be something more than a mere expression of sentiment. It should exalt the idea of the dignity of motherhood and should emphasize the sanctity of marriage vows. Too many children know all too little about real mother love. They are like Becky Sharp's "poor, little beggar boy," portrayed by Thackeray, who never knew the real joys of mother love.

Praise God for the good, old-fashioned mothers whose loving service day and night was gladly bestowed upon the children God had given them. May the sweet and halow traditional of Mary, mother of Jesus, Hannah the mother of Samuel, and of Ruth the grandmother of David, enable every woman to be a mother of the world - a red crown of motherhood. The noblest being in our sinful world today is a good Christian mother. America needs good mothers. Without them our future is doomed. One has said: "Every day is Mother's day.

Every day is Mother's day. We never knew a day without mother and God, we never shall. Back as far as memory carries us we find The Bible is the first we knew. The first verse. Her face bent over the cradle in which was the first we heard in the morning. Her voice was the first we heard in the world. We do not know the parents of our children. From what I know of our people, I believe a large majority will heartily approve the decision of Brother Davis, and they must also approve Brother Crofoot's plea for a return to his chosen life work.

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PAWATUCK SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH, ANNUAL MEETING

REPORTED BY ELIZABETH K. AUSTIN

The annual meeting of the Pawatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church of Wadsworth, R. I., was held in the vestry of the church on Sunday evening, April 15, 1928.

Arrangements for the bountiful supper were in charge of a joint committee from the Woman's Aid society with Mrs. John H. Austin as chairman, and the S. D. B. society with Miss Edna Saunders, chairman.

The women took charge of the kitchen, and the committee from the S. D. B. society attended to the dining room. The tables were prettily decorated with spring flowers; one member of the S. D. B. society acted as hostess at the table, and the Christian evangelizers and others young people of the church were the waiters.

A prayer service, conducted by John H. Tanner, the chorister of the church, was held in the auditorium while the ladies were arranging the food and tables in the vestry.

Supper began at seven o'clock to approximately 175 members of the church and congregation, after which the tables were quietly cleared. Chairs were arranged facing the speakers' table, at which sat our pastor, Rev. Clayton A. Birden, who on the first of February entered his twenty-fifth year as pastor of the church, and his wife; also the table was the church and congregation.

George B. Utter, president of the church, presented over the business session which followed the supper. The first item of business was the follow report of the Nominating Committee:


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The Onward Movement budget was met for last year and we feel sure it will also be raised this year before the end of the Conference year.

amount of money of collected resident members
1. 659.11
amount of money from nonresident members 849.30
Lease collection each week 546.28
Total amount passing through collector’s hands 7,962.59
Resident members on pledge card file 73
Nonresident members on file 10
With a total church membership of 324 this would make an average gift per person per year of $23.84.

The person who has been a member of our church the longest is Mrs. Mary Babcock, who joined the church in 1850. The next in order are Miss Hannah Gander, who joined in 1857, and Mrs. Hannah Bills Ayers, who joined in 1858.

There have been twelve regular meetings and one special meeting held during the year. All have been held at the church with the exception of one at the home of the president, Mrs. S. H. Davis. One was held at the home of Mrs. Walter Grenolds, and the special meeting was held with Mrs. John H. Tanner in April, last year, at the annual church meeting.

The average attendance has been twenty-seven, compared with seventeen last year. At most of the meetings refreshments have been served to some of the ladies.

The S. D. B. society invited the ladies to attend a silver tea on October 10, and later the mite boxes which were given out the first of the year were received and a goodly sum was added to the treasury.

A food sale was held at One's store on March 27, and the usual donations were given to the People’s Mission and Mrs. Smith, the Onward Movement budget, the Recorder subscriptions, and other special contributions. At the last meeting a picnic luncheon was served at one o'clock, and later the mite boxes which were given out the first of the year were received and a goodly sum was added to the treasury.

The treasurer's report shows that the society has gained thirteen members and lost two, with two transferred to other societies.

The officers serving the society are Miss Hannah Gander, Mrs. H. W. Jespersen, and Miss Minnie Wheeler.

The treasurer reported that the society was in a splendid financial condition.

The S. D. B. society has held eight regular meetings and one special meeting at the home of the president, attended by the membership at the call of fifteen. The members respond to the roll call with verses of Scripture.

Our meetings have been interesting, with varied programs and readings from the SABBATH RECORDER. At one meeting we had a most helpful talk by Mrs. Dagmar Smith of the Gideon Mission. At another, we heard about “Camp Life for Girls,” and we gave money towards equipping the Lewis Summer Camp, with the understanding that the money was the Northfield evening, given by a member who had attended school there. This was doubly interesting because we had sent our president to Johnfield for the summer conference on “Home Missions.”

Our “Thank Offering” meeting was held in November, and at one of the mite boxes which was sent to Doctors Grace Candall and Rosa Palmberg; the latter’s share was used toward a new organ to take the place held at Rockville in June; she also wrote a letter to the Woman’s Board telling of the activities of the society.

One rummage sale was held. On January 20, there was a mite box for the members of the society and their families with the S. D. B. society as guests. Rev. A. C. Goodwin, Newfield, N. J., was present and gave a very interesting and instructive talk about his trip to Lausanne, Switzerland, last summer. There were 125 present. As the following day was our beloved pastor’s birthday, a cake decorated with candles was presented to him during the supper, and the president, Mrs. Davis, acting as toastmistress, called on several for short speeches.

At a meeting in February, Mrs. Tanner arranged a very interesting program with three of her death, Mrs. L. M. Horsley, Misses Una Clark, Dorcas Austin, and Nilla Sweet, consisting of music and reading.

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of the one destroyed in the recent war. Our Sunshine Committee has sent many cards and flowers to the sick and shut-ins.

We have gained one new member and lost one. We had four summer picnics for our children. We have sold 523 packages of Ready Jell and thirty boxes of vanilla. We have done considerable baking and for the Wabash Hospital Association, Christmas we made and filled ten Red Cross bags, and were told they were sent to soldiers stationed at Porto Rico. We dressed fifteen dolls, made nine aprons, and bedding for a large doll's bed for the mission children's Christmas.

In October we entertained the Woman's Aid society by giving a play, after which we served light refreshments. In January we were the guests of the Woman's Aid society at a special supper and interesting talk by Rev. A. J. Bond. We gave our customary May basket of edibles and money to Mrs. Dagmar Smith; also made our Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings to the mission and Mrs. Smith. We served a very successful supper and served light refreshments. In January we entertained the Woman's Aid society toward church decoration with the names and divisions of the four Gospels and the names of the saints. We have done considerable work and have filled ten Red Cross bags.

TENANT—CHRISTIAN ENDAVOR SOCIETY

This has been a very busy year for the Christian Endeavor society, which although rather small has been doing good work. There have been forty-eight meetings during the year, most of which were one hundred per cent in prayer and testimony. There were twelve members in the society last March, four new members have been received, those put on the list, four transferred to the Junior society, and two dropped from the list, leaving nine active members at present.

We bought flowers for the annual church supper last year. We gave a sum of money to help furnish the Lewis Camp. Several of our members took part in the Young People's pageant given at the Eastern Association at Rockport. Several also took part in the Onward Movement program given at all our New England churches under the auspices of the New England Seventh Day Baptist Christian Endeavor Union.

Your secretary was sent as a delegate to the International Christian Endeavor convention at Cleveland, and had a trip he will never forget.

A Junior society was organized in October and is being carried on very successfully. The members of our society were very active in the work of the General Conference held with our church the last week of August. We attended and took part in all of the young people's activities of the pre-Conference session with a banquet luncheon, C. E. morning study classes, the early afternoon on C. E. hour, and service on Sabbath afternoon, the Young People's board program on the evening after the Sabbath and the fellowship breakfast at Atlantic Beach at which we served breakfast to 250 endeavorers and friends.

On December 5th the initial meeting of the New England Seventh Day Baptist Christian Endeavor union was held with our church.

Two of our members and friends enjoyed a moonlight sail on September 12. In November our society was invited to an alphabet social at Ashaway. On October 26th a standard Halloween social was held to which we invited the Westerly Prayer Group. And in February we had a straw ride, followed by a social time at Howard Langworthy's home.

TREASURER—CHRISTIAN ENDADOR SOCIETY

Receipts

Balance in bank March 31, 1927 .... $ 280.26
Receipts from sales and gifts .... 27.00
Ready Jell .... 60.12
Flowers .... 5.05
Gifts .... 22.03
Tea .... 93.00
Thanksgiving receipts .... 47.00
Balance in bank .... 6.50
Total .... $ 541.02

Expenditures

Easter flowers for church ........... $ 5.00
Lewis Camp .... 15.00
Ready Jell—provincial company .... 36.00
Laundry of table cloths .... 3.00
Mrs. Dagmar Smith .... 20.00
Postage .... 10.50
Church .... 100.00
Flowers .... 8.30
Helen T. Greene, expenses to Northfield, Missionaries in China .... 30.00
Our friends .... 47.00
Red Cross bags .... 5.00
Woman's Aid society toward church decorations .... 50.00
Onward Movement .... 25.00
Westerly Hospital Association .... 25.00
Materials for mission Christmas .... 3.16
Cards, etc. .... 3.00
Stamps .... .14
Total .... $ 390.80
Balance in bank .... 150.22
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Receipts

Balance April 1, 1927 .... $ 19.44
Collections and gifts for year .... 92.31
Sale of Christmas cards .... 7.52
Total .... $ 119.27

Expenditures

Treasurer's book .... $ .85
Lewis Camp .... 5.00
Flowers .... 1.50
Due to United Society of Christian Endeavor .... 4.50
Due to Christian Endeavor local society .... 5.00
Toward expenses of Stanton Gavitt to Cleveland convention .... 27.00
Junior Christian Endeavor society .... 15.00
Plant for church .... 1.50
Toward gift for Mrs. Alexander Smith .... 4.50
topic cards .... 5.00
Dressed up state Christian Endeavor convention .... 7.00
Hymn books .... 11.25
Ice cream for socials .... 18.93
Total .... $ 101.13
Cash on hand April 1 .... $ 6.49
Balance on hand April 1, 1928 .... $ 18.14

SECRETARY—CHRISTIAN ENDORER SOCIETY

Our society was organized on October 15, 1927, to April 7, 1928, with an active membership of ten. We have twelve active members and two associates. There are four officers and seven committees. We hold business meetings every two months, at which time written reports are given by the chairman of the officer and committee chairman. Our regular meetings are held on the last Sunday in each month, and there is an attendance of nine members at our regular meetings. Seven of our members are members of the Quiet Hour.

The prayer meeting committee has arranged for special features, among which have been a boy or girl to do the same. We have voted to pay the dollar each month toward the support of a native worker in Jamaica. Each week we spend some time in a study of the Bible and memory work. We are learning the names and divisions of the books of the Bible and passages from the Sermon on the Mount.

TREASURER—JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDORER SOCIETY

Receipts

October 12, 1927, Senior Christian Endeavor society .... $ 15.00
October 15, 1927, to April 7, 1928, weekly collections .... 35.87
Total .... $ 50.87

Paid Out

General supplies and hymn books .... $ 13.15
Supplies in connection with the church work .... 3.70
Christian Endeavor stationery, reading and Bible for poor children .... 5.14
Subscription to "Junior Christian Endeavor" .... 1.00
The Good Literature Committee .... 3.50
gospel-New Testament for Bible Reading League .... 1.30
Toward missions for senior and junior societies .... 1.00
Expenditure for use in the state Christian Endeavor convention .... 1.30
Mottoes for junior' birthdays .... 7.00
Mother's Day supplies ........................................... .35
Toward native worker in Jamaica for 4 months .................. .4.00
Total .......................................................... $ 31.82
Balance on hand April 7, 1928 .................................. 19.05
SECRETARY—CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(The greater part of this report has been omitted because the fact that the most of it has already appeared in the Recorder under the report of the President—E. R. K.)

The sessions of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference for 1927 were held with our church August 23-28 inclusive. The church appointed a local Executive Committee, consisting of nine members, with Karl G. Stillman as chairman, to take charge of all business activities pertaining to Conference. The chairman appointed the additional five subsidiary committees. Eight meetings of the committee were held.

There were 501 delegates in attendance at the Conference. The Entertainment Committee provided places for the entertainment of 12 individuals, who came from outside of New England. In no instance, the chairman believes, did strangers or those who did not come together, occupy the same bed. Forty-seven more persons could have been cared for. A result of the canvas made found 96 homes in Wasterly and 13 in Ashaway who were able to take guests. The church at Ashaway was very generous and cared for a number of the guests, and would have taken more if necessary.

Those cared for in our homes came from the associations as follows:

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Total .......................................................... 412

Delegates from neighboring churches not requiring accommodations:

First Hopkinton .............................................. .28
Second Hopkinton ............................................. 32
Rockville ..................................................... 11
Pawtucket ..................................................... 32
Waterford ..................................................... 8

Total number delegates ...................................... 501

The Rhode Island State Armory was secured for the serving of the meals, which were furnished table d'hôte style, waiters being furnished by our own young people attending Conference. There were approximately 3,900 meals served during the six days. Excellent music for the two meals each day was furnished by the Salem College College string orchestra. Accommodations were provided so that everyone could be seated at one table.

All sessions of Conference but two were held in the United Theatre. This was made possible through the magnanimous offer of Hon. S. H. Davis, this being his contribution to Conference.

FINANCIAL REPORT, CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Total .......................................................... $ 4,741.47

Catering, chairs, etc. ....................................... $ 4,078.60
Miscellaneous commissary expense .......................... 28.00
Printing ....................................................... 99.43
Badges ......................................................... 146.34
Banquet, armory .............................................. 20.00
Miscellaneous office expense .............................. 23.48
Window card and sign ....................................... 2.25
Miscellaneous office expense .............................. 3.33
Mowing grass ................................................ 1.81
telephone service .......................................... 26.30
Rent of armory ............................................... 80.00
Newport Pilgrimage bus guarantee ......................... 46.00
Water, light, etc., for armory ............................ 20.42
Gas and electricity ......................................... 40.48
Napkins, towels, etc. ...................................... 67.25
Cartage of furniture ....................................... 22.38
Rooms rented ................................................ 14.00
Postage on books, etc., returned after Conference .......... 8.25
Balance Conference funds to church ....................... 20.17

Total .......................................................... $ 4,741.47

PASTOR'S REPORT

In bringing to you my twenty-fourth annual report it is with much thanksgiving for God's love and care and for the constant help and co-operation of the church and congregation.

As always, life has had its joys and sorrows, its unrest and peace, its laughter and tears. With the many blessings there have come sorrows, but always over-shadowed by the promise of the hope of God's future. It is this hope that enables us to make all things work together for good" to those who love him. Through morning congregations, although not much larger, have been especially helpful ones. Not only the pastor, but others officiating have spoken of our people as sympathetic listeners. Our Sabbath evening services have had a growing attendance with better spirit than in much of the past.

During the year a new and active Junior Christian Endeavor society has been organized and a teachers' meeting has been held at the parsonage Saturday nights of each week since early in the fall, with about ten in attendance. The choir has been recently reorganized and is an enthusiastic help in our services. The Sabbath school, Christian Endeavor societies, and women's societies have reported to you showing the work done for the year.

The pastor has been called for funeral services fifty-four times; but because of conflict in hosts, he had the occasion to attend but fifty-six more than in the previous year. Seven of these were for members of this church and forty-three were members of other churches. The church had the funeral services for ten of our members who have finished the course this year at an average age of seventy-five years.

The pastor has performed twelve marriage ceremonies and preached over a hundred sermons and with his church made more than three hundred seventy-five calls.

The church has cared for the General Conference this year, seven of our visitors called "a wonderful way." The report of the Executive Committee tonight has shown some good measure of cooperation given us by the Local community committee and gives us an idea of the spirit in which every emergency was met and the spirit in which the work has been done, and I wish to express my appreciation personally to the committee for the excellence of its actions.

As to the church's members, there is probably little change since the first of April one year ago. There have been seven additions by baptism and six by letter; seven have been lost by death, which would mean a net gain of three.

MOTHER'S WAY

You remember mother's way—how she came and like a messenger of bloom on sweet missions sent.

You remember mother's way—tenderly and mild.

How it brought such comforting and lighted. Everything was mother's way—till and song and rest.

From the dawn until the dream on her tender breast.

You remember mother's way—no one else could do

Just the same as she; at least, so it seemed to you.

No one else could cook or mend, keep the house as sweet.

Go and come as soft as dream on such noiseless feet.

Sweep and dust and tidy up, and at eventide

Sing the sweet old hymns of faith at the fireside.

You remember mother's way—when you felt so

Didn't want to lift your head, couldn't turn a jet.

You remember mother's way—how her presence made

Blossoms spring around your bed, gardens cool with shade.

Bandage here and poultice there, old-time herbs and that.

And her moving round the room as on angel wings.

You remember mother's way—when the attic room

Seemed so far and far away, horrible with gloom,

How she'd wait upon the stairs with the light, to keep the Fruit of a little child fell in childhood sleep.

Vigil till her little child fell in childhood sleep.

How for years she forgot the ghosts and the spoken and frights.

When in mother's way she'd wait in those olden nights.

You remember mother's way—every new and then

Some forgotten sweetness dawned in the heart of you.

Drifting as the shadows drift, insubstantial, frail.

Calling back the echoes lost when she ceased to live.

In that land where April soars on auroral wing.

You remember mother's way—bless the dream of her!

All her phantom beauty walks where the dead leaves stir!

When the sound of autumn touch heartstrings with their thrill.

Wanderers back again over vale and hill.

To the little home of love, in the shadows gray.

For remembered ministries of a mother's way!

—Baltimore Sun.

Act well your part; there all the honor lies.—Pope's "Essay on Man."
SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST
ONWARD MOVEMENT

WILLARD D. BURDICK, General Secretary
914 Kenyon Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

OUR BULLETIN BOARD

Eight Weeks wore in this Conference year.

Rev. D. Burdett Coon writes to the general secretary, "Thank you too for your mention of Jamaica's need of books, etc. Quite a good many of our people here fond of reading.

Two packages of books have been received and others are on the way to Plainfield for the next consignment of literature for Elder Coon and his co-workers to use. Bibles and other helpful books are needed. Send to Willard D. Burdick, 926 Kenyon Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

WHERE I PLACED $100 FOR A FRIEND

Two years and a half ago a friend in Honolulu, Hawaii, wrote me that he was interested in the Lord's work in Trinidad, Jamaica, Georgetown, Australia, Java, etc., and enclosed a draft for $100 for me to send to that field unless I knew of some good reason for not sending it there. Information that reached me about conditions in Trinidad before the money came caused me to feel that it was not best to send the money there, and I wrote to my friend to that effect. He wrote back advising me to place the money where I thought it would do the most good.

I have drawn on this money from time to time in ways that seemed to me would be most pleasing to the giver. The money has touched so many persons that I am almost surprised that $100 can do so much good.

There are nearly a score of Seventh Day Baptist churches in Jamaica, and when I received this money none of them had suitable houses in which to worship. Several of them were planning to build, and I sent the following amounts to help them build:

To Elder Mignott for the Waterford Church building $25.00
To C. M. Flynn for the Ballimonay Church building fund 10.00
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To R. S. Wilson for the Bog Walk Church building fund 10.00
To Elder Mignott to help finance the Watersford church 20.00

Word reached me that one of the evangelists who is working on the Jamaica field without much financial support was in great need of clothing and shoes, and I sent $5 for him to use in buying shoes.

Sent $2.92 to Rev. D. Burdett Coon to repay him for money spent in getting a shipment of tracts, books, and used clothing on the steamer for use on the Jamaica field.

Sent $1 in a letter to a worthy but poor family.

Paid the subscription on the Sabbath Recorder for nine of the leaders in the Jamaica churches for the present year.

Paid twelve cents postage on a Bible that I sent to a sick man up in the hills of Jamaica. (My Bible was sent to me by Elder James H. Hurley to be sent where needed.)

And I have left of the money $1.82.

I have no way of knowing how many persons are to be helped by this money, but I am certain that hundreds of people will be helped by it.

Many persons will worship in the four buildings that the money helps to build, and many persons will receive an inspiration and help from the Recorder that are going to the nine church leaders, for not only do they read the paper, but they make use of them in their churches.

The man who sent this $100 could not go to Jamaica, but his money is working for him.

When I stop and think how many interests and people that are helped by $100 sent to the Onward Movement Funds, I am as much surprised that $100 can do so much good.

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the education of young men for the ministry, and aids in several other lines of work that we are interested in.

Remember that through your gifts you are helping to do important denominational work.

MY CALL TO THE MINISTRY

REV. HAROLD E. CRANDALL

I can not remember the time when I did not desire to be a minister. Perhaps the earliest drawing was not above that which is told of the small boy who wished to be a minister "so he could holler in church. But it was the years that followed of it all came and the desire increased, prompted by the vision of service and helpfulness.

My years as a child and youth, and the years spent in my fitness and any real call. The years spent as a teacher were happy, in the main, but always there was an undertone of dissatisfaction in my heart, which I was continually trying to overcome. I recognized the possibilities of real service in teaching and tried to argue with myself that I was following the best course for me. I was in all vain so far as my work at this particular time was concerned. The time came when I felt that I ought to say to the Father, "If I had a call to a pastorate, I should feel that was my work," but I could not bring myself to the point of actually saying it. However, I saw the test was upon me. I must decide. I accepted the call which came first, that to De Ruiter. It was hard to leave the old home in Rhode Island and loved ones and life-long friends, but we have found ourselves very happy in the work of the Master. There have been times of question but on the whole there is increasing satisfaction and happiness; there is an ever increasing wealth of friends, for we have the new in addition to the old.

STATEMENT ONWARD MOVEMENT TREASURER, APRIL, 1928

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Special Fund: $2,244.13

Endowment Fund: $500.00

Total: $2,552.85

SABBATH RECORDER
**HOME NEWS**

**HAMMOND, LA.—**Hammond is prospering, though there has been some serious sickness among our members. There has been loyal support of all our services. Though few in numbers, we have bravely undertaken extensive repairs of the church buildings. The church is re-roofed and the steeple is undergoing important changes—it is planned to finish in stucco.

This is a prosperous year for those who till the soil. The weather has been on with the prospect good for a long shipping season because of the late frosts that delayed the crop to the north of us—the prices too are good. Early string beans are bringing unusually good prices.

There is no boom, but building progresses in healthy growth. There is a large theatre in process of construction; a standard Woolworth building is in completion; many new houses and bungalows have been erected—three of them on the same block occupied by our church building; many business blocks and dwellings are undergoing repairs and improvement.

We wish our long Sabbath keepers might locate with us. The churches in Brookfield made a fine appeal in the last R. C. O. collection. Florida, California, Texas have their advantages as well as the other established churches in the East, North, West.

Hammond, too, has much to offer—mild climate and beautiful old trees, first-class shipping facilities. A number one schools, junior colleges with two years’ free course granting rights to teach in the public schools. To those who are willing to work and to learn the soil and its culture, a reasonable prosperity is assured.

L. D. Seager.

IN MEMORIAM

Things there are beyond all human understanding but he whom we call Father understandeth all and doeth all things well. It has been his will to call for our Ladies’ Aid society our sister, Mrs. Ruby Randolph Davis. With sadness in our hearts we can but say “Thy will be done.”

Mrs. Davis was an earnest, loyal worker, and for more than ten years past, the treasurer of our society. Previous to that, she served as our president for some time. Kind and thoughtful ever, she was much loved by all—the young, as well as those grown older in years. She was always cheerful and happy, and uniting in her efforts to spread joy and gladness along the whole line.

Hers was the heart of friendship, tried and true. That laughed with us when joy our paths did meet.

And knelt with us when sorrow, like a pall, Smiled through tears over her departure?

Was our earth, too; that we had grown fond of it—our home.

A radiance that all else survives.

Hers was the love that sought not, the heart of Christ.

And knelt with us when sorrow, like a pall.

Enshrouded our stricken souls; then

Before we could smite the last blow,

Ain a day above another, or esteem all days alike holy.”—U. S. Senate Report on Sunday Males, January, 1829.

**A STORY FOR MOTHER’S DAY**

**Anneli B. Horton**

She was only forty-three years of age, but the last ten years of her life were worth more to the world than centuries as life is lived by many on the more fashionable promenades and boundaries of wealth and opportunity.

Her heritage was poverty. Her preparation was through paths of perseverance. Her education was in the university of adversity. Her equipment consisted of handicaps.

After a period of care-free and happy married life, she suddenly found herself without financial resources and the sole support of a hopelessly invalided husband, a paralyzed mother, and two children.

While she was facing the problem of earning a livelihood for those dependent upon her, a cablegram came from the American ambassador in Turkey, announcing that the Christian population of that country was facing starvation and death. A committee was formed for the purpose of receiving and transmitting help to the stricken peoples, and she offered her services at a salary much less than her ability might have commanded elsewhere. With the same spirit of self-sacrifice that sent relief workers abroad to minister to the stricken, diseased peoples she devoted herself to the details of the work of the office.

Knowing that life depended upon getting the facts and the appeal before the public, she gave cheerfully long hours of overtime work. Office closing hours and holidays meant nothing to her. She worked so hard that she was always sure to be saved. She had no money to give—but she gave her splendid service and gave it in full measure.

Through all the terrible years of the great war—which continued for five years in the Near East after the rest of the world—the she read the cablegrams and letters from relief workers and missionaries in Trebizond, Samos, Mesene, Constanti­nople, and other parts where the Christian population of Asia Minor had gathered, and she knew that upon her and those whose work she directed rested the entire responsibility for transmitting these appeals with promptness and efficiency, to those who could by their gifts and through her work make possible the needed service.

Her work was never done mechanically. It was ever prompted by the keenest sympathy for those whose cause she served.

Saturday, May 13, 1916, was a specially proclaimed holiday in New York City. From the Metropolitan Building, she turned occasionally from her work to look down upon the 125,000 men and women who were marching in the great “Prepared­ness” Parade. She knew that more in­centive non-combatants, men, women and children, had perished during the preceding day dying of hunger in that Near East. She knew that the Christian princes were marches in that great, possibly unprecedented, parade, and that at least twice as many women and children were, at that moment, homeless, penniless, comfortless in refugee camps, absolutely dependent upon her. She knew that, even as the bands played and banners waved, women and little children in the Near East would be perishing, that for her and her associates to take a legal holiday, that Saturday, would mean a delay of forty-eight hours in securing the funds upon which depended the lives of many. She did, therefore, what she would wish others—she practiced the golden rule.

Following the solution of the major refugee problems, she knew that there were tens of thousands of orphans who were not only without fathers, mothers, or responsible relatives, but were also without country. Of them were the “treu” age. They were absolutely dependent upon com-
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continued aid. The immediate ravages of star­
vation had been checked, but would begin ag­
ain with these innocent orphaned children if
the stream of food and benevolence ceased.
If a few more of the bread victuals were
among the number? She continued to ap­
y—to practice—to live—the Golden Rule.

Then her ro!;tust health ceased. What if her
own children were afraid of them. that he
brings the things we feast on more truly
than the stork brings the baby.

The bees hum from blossom to bloo­
som, collecting honey, they pick up in the
thirfty way all the brood and the pollen is thus
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What the centuries have brought us is great knowledge of the laws and conditions by which the ends she sought may be realized.

Closing. And what the progress of religion has brought us is simply a universalizing of the noble love she bore her son. What she sought was that we should seek for every child in our land, yes, and in all lands. It is as the expression of such an excited and true ideal that we recognize a the expression of a truly religious spirit—"The Child's Bill of Rights."—Child Health Association, New York City.

BOULDER TO HAVE NEW CHURCH
The following clipping, from the Boulder County Miner, will be full of interest to many of our readers. The little stone church on the corner of Twelfth Avenue and Arapahoe Avenue, which for nearly thirty years has been the Boulder church home of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, is being dismantled. Soon a modern filling station, constructed by the Texas Oil Company, will stand in its place.

The congregation of the church decided some time ago to make a change in their house of worship, as the clanging of train bells and steadily increasing traffic on both Twelfth Street and Arapahoe Avenue, broke in too much upon their hour of communion. Negotiations for the sale of the property were started over a year ago, and the sale was not consummated until about two weeks ago, because all transactions had to go through the Mission Board in the East. The Texas Oil Company gave the members the privilege of wrecking the edifice; $10,000 is the sum paid by the oil company for the property.

A new church building will be erected soon by the members of the Boulder Church, on the site they have selected at the southeast corner of Ninth and Arapahoe. Definitive plans have not yet been made. Paul Hummel is chairman of the Building Committee.

The box of papers in the corner stone of the old edifice, which was dedicated in the spring of 1894, will be placed in the corner stone of the new building.

The church on Twelfth Street was erected through the efforts of members of Rev. Samuel R. Wheeler who died on May 28, 1927, at the age of ninety-two years. He and his family came to Boulder in 1893. Rev. Mr. Wheeler held the pulpit here for ten years, when failing health caused him to relinquish it. He thought to retire at that time, but the call to the ministry was too strong, and after a year's rest he accepted a call to the church at Marlıboro, N. J., where the work was not so strenuous. He retired again after four years, when he was obliged to retire.

He and his wife then returned to Boulder. Mrs. Wheeler now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Orville Rasmussen, the D. M. Andrews is also a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Wheeler. The sons are: John R. Wheeler, local station agent; Alfred T. Wheeler, state train agent; and Herbert N. Wheeler, government lecturer for the For­mity department, who makes his headquar­ters in Washington.

The local church is at present without a pastor, but on April 1, Rev. C. A. Hansen, formerly of Boulder, will assume the pastoral duties, and fill the vacancy. Until the new building is completed, the members will hold meetings in the Nazarene church.

Doctor Henry van Dyke tells of a wise and kindly old doctor, without whom nobody knew and loved. Every election day he went to the polls in his carryall, the horses driven by an illiterate Irishman. The doc­tor would go in and vote the Repeal­lous, then hold the reins while Pat went out and cast the Democratic ticket, invari­ably chuckling to himself as he came out and saying: "Pegorra, I nullified the ould doctor's vote!"

But did he? Don't you suppose the sight of a Christian steadfastly performing the unpleasant duty of voting for an opponent to vote counted for righteousness far more than Pat's "nullification" vote did? When character votes for righteousness, there's a vote that can not be "nulligated."—Record of Christian Work.

MISSIONS

REV. WILLIAM L. BURDICK, ASHWAY, N. H.
Contributing Editor

SERVICE

During the last four months a series of articles have appeared in the Atlantic Monthly, entitled, "The Catholic Church and the Modern Mind." The writer is an un­named Catholic priest, who loves his church and has remained a member, though he admits that his "system" is not "com­mensurate" to his "theological and fatal weaknesses. He shows that at heart and in doctrine and practice it is still medi­aeval, and that, instead of education, en­joyment is much the same as in the twelfth century. He points out that the policy of Romanism is to keep its adherents in ignorance, that it has not been the promoter of schools and education in other countries, that it has done so in the United States to keep Catholics from sending their children to public schools, and that the training its schools give is mediæval, not modern. He proves that the early Christian Church was as strong as ever opposed to individual liberty of thought, belief, and action, and that it emphasizes dogma and adherence thereto instead of purity, love, and service. The statement is made that according to him there are five or six million foreign born people in this country, who have left the Catholic Church.

These articles, the last of which appeared in the May number of the Atlantic Monthly, are very interesting and instructive, especially so as they come from the pen of one who is a Romanist. The writerought to have opened the eyes of those Protestants who have forgotten the Reformation and are think­ing so much of the Catholic Church and its principles are about as good as any.

The thing which prompts this mention of these articles is, "The Catholic Church and the Modern Mind," is not their criticism of Romanism, but what the author urges, in the concluding article, as a constructive program, not alone for the Catholic Church, but for all churches as well. He insists that the heart of the gospel of Christ is loving service for the welfare of the entire man and race of men, and thinks the Church of Rome and Protestant churches must be reformed on this basis. The unkind and unlovely things which Catholics have prac­ticed upon Protestants, as well as upon their own members, and the unkind and unlovely things that Protestantism has done to each other, and all, are contrary to the gos­pel of Christ. The decayance of the Church is shown. How the Church will be restored in religion in our day are because the Church and those who compose it have departed so far in spirit and conduct from Jesus, the founder of the Church and the Christian religion. It is not enough to plead with men to be pure in heart. They can not be led to be clean in body. It is not enough to hold up to men the infinite perfections of God in grace, wisdom, and possessions; men's ignorance, shame, and self-dispelled, their lust, hatred, and greed should be changed into love and righteousness, their want into plenty, and their miseries into joy and peace. It is not enough to preach sound doctrines; loving service must take the place of self-skin.

After all is said, this is the basis upon which Christian missions have been and must continue to be conducted. Service to the entire man, prompted and guided by love and righteousness. The first mis­sionaries had a passionate longing to bring to all the world the happiness and well being that had come to them through the trans­forming power of a Divine Service. Some missionaries through the ages have forgotten this, and others have expressed it imper­fectly; but the great and good, whether fa­mous and well known, or unknown women of righteousness and love, giving themselves in loving service with complete disregard of others, regardless of race or color, might have the well-being, spiritual, mental, and physical, of the children of the King of the universe. What task can thrill and enthuse the Christian and the Church more than this?

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING WORK IN CHINA

[Growing out of the war in China our work in that land, as well as that of all brotherhoods in a state of uncertainty. The following communications from brethren Crofoot and Davis are helpful in that they show that work has been given so many years to the work in that]
COMMUNICATION FROM MR. DAVIS
Secretary W. L. Burdick, Ashmont, R. I.

DEAR SECRETARY BURDICK:

Your letters of recent date have been received and read with interest. I have also received the special communication from Secretary Shaw of the Commission. A number of other communications relative to the secretarship of the denomination have been received from our people at home. Is it true that the China mission is to suffer retrenchment this month for an all-day session. Two hours a week to conduct rubber classes for this term. A number of other communications relative to our people at home? Is it true that the criticism has been made a mistake in declining the call.

Perhaps I have made a mistake in declining the call, which you will see I have done in the communication to Secretary Shaw. I am not, as I have not the hundred per cent sure that this has been the right course, but it has seemed the only course with all the facts which are available.

I wish to report that the work of the school is progressing normally. We have at the present time thirty-seven students enrolled, five of that number, however, are not paying for tuition. The tuition received will pay the expenses of the school until it closes the first of July, but the salararies for the teachers and the incidental expenses required for the schools will have to be taken from the balance of $200 appropriated by the board for the school for this term.

We hear nothing more at present about registration of schools. Some schools have not bothered to register and found their registration application turned down, while others, like ours, have carried on without even applying for registration. The spirit and work of the students has not been better in years. The Christian atmosphere of the school has also not been better in years. In fact, a number of representatives from various parts of our country, including the one from Chicago, have expressed their desire to become Christians. Bible studies and worship are conducted much the same as in former years. The church seems to be more active than formerly and, under the leadership of David Sung, is planning and putting into operation new work and schemes for doing the various activities of a Christian Church. The Evangelistic Committee is planning to open work very soon in D'AZ. The Baptist mission has graciously offered to withdraw its work from this village, and has asked us to take over the work. And the Chinese Church is planning to send representatives each week to conduct meetings there.

You will be interested in the class for Christian work which has been organized this year. The class consists of ten men, including Doctor Sung and myself. Our plan is to meet temporarily for one month for an all-day session. Two hours daily are given up to the study of books of the Old Testament, and we endeavoring to find teachings that are applicable to China and the present generation, and also looking to book that will illuminate our preaching. The eight Chinese representatives of this group take turns in speaking and pray meeting or in the church service or in the Sunday school services, and I seem to feel that already there is a difference in tone to their preaching. I am sure that their appreciation of the Old Testament has grown during these two months' study. Each member of the group is supposed to have read the book assigned and bring in his contribution toward the discussion. The leader only outlines the thoughts that have come to him, and then each member of the group by question and suggestion adds his contribution. The two sessions which they have already held on the study of Genesis and Exodus have been most profitable, and on request the high school boys of our church have asked that they might study the Old Testament in the same way, and at the present time there are sixteen who give three quarters of an hour each week to the study of the Old Testament. We then have our lunch together, and then two hours of the afternoon session are given to the study of organized Christianity. Our first meeting was taken up with the early chapters as represented by the Acts of the Apostles. We then prepared a copy of that we could use in asking to take a general survey of the growth of Christianity from the early Church to the present day. To that end I have purchased from the Evangelistic Fund a number of books, and those in the group who understand English are reading these books, outlining them in Chinese, and after our discussion are preparing material for the Shanghai Church paper. This paper is to be printed, nine or ten numbers a year, and will contain among other things Bible studies, health hints, and things of general interest to our church. A rather large group of our younger Christians are interested in the success of this project.

The foreign group in Shanghai and Liuhou have thought many times about the possibility of sending one or more of our Chinese representatives to the General Conference at Riverside this coming summer. Ever since I heard that the Conference was to be upon the Pacific coast, I have thought seriously of this matter. A few weeks ago we began to think out loud. We have had, as I have mentioned, an $800 school fund subscribed. This has not been an easy task. It has involved a very great sacrifice, but we have had this with a view to aiding young men to get a larger vision of Christian service, and especially we are interested that they shall see the importance of Bible school work as represented by the International Sunday School Association Convention in Los Angeles. But beyond that, we wish to express the leaders of our denomination, and the leaders to meet and to know and to love these young men.

David Sung and Chao Ding have captured the confidence of the foreign group. They have done more than this; they have captured the affection of these young Chinese in their own people, as shown by the request of the committee, who are looking for a Chinese pastor for that work. Young men who should be called to that position. The final decision on this matter has not yet been reached, and we earnestly hope that their experience or experiences in attending the convention in Los Angeles and the Conference in Riverside may result in a decision which will be for the best of their lives and in active Christian service. Some of our foreigners and some of the Chinese have said that we go too, but at course I have also wished that I might be at the convention in Los Angeles and the one at Riverside, but that does not at the present seem possible. When our people feel it so difficult to raise the amount of money needed for the budget, it is certainly unwise for special appeals such as would be necessary for my return for the Conference to be made. The second possibility that the Daily Vacation Bible School, represented by the world board in New York, may assist in paying my expenses to Los Angeles. If that should go through, there would still be needed at least $150 gold, and I would have to travel third class even then, which I would have much rather been for the so doing benefit could be given to others as well as received by myself.

I wrote on the Call to Forward Movement Secretarship and the copy of the letter written to Secretary Shaw, with what I have said in this letter to you, will give you a complete understanding of my position and the reason for my decision.

Sincerely yours,
H. Eugene Davis.

3.4 Route de Siccavei, Shanghai, China.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE CALL TO FORWARD MOVEMENT SECRETARSHIP

Personal View

Over twenty years ago mission work in China was chosen because of the need of people to aid this great need to understand
the Christ. That need has not become less, though the task may have become more difficult. From my point of view here, I see no reason for leaving.

Larger View
If this is a case where personal judgment may be mistaken, and facts which would aid in a different conclusion can be brought to light, then it will be a case of being prejudiced. In a combined thought, I am not in the advice of personal friends with the below question (A) continuously in mind.

Do you, therefore, honestly believe that I should leave China to undertake the task of enlisting our people more actively in kingdom work in quite frank.

The question must be settled only in the light of the larger service to be rendered.

A. Can the Kingdom of God be helped more by staying in China, or will service for and with the churches in America bring greater results in China, as well as in the home churches?

B. Will the equivalent of my salary be available for distribution among Chinese workers, should the Chinese be set free?

C. Is the criticism just now in the air continual in mind.

D. Is the policy of retrenchment by reducing our foreign staff in withdrawal of support of Miss Mabel West to be adhered to, if I leave China?

E. Is this a choice of decision implied between leaving China and staying in China for two years, or moving them to America for missions, and sending them somewhere there during an almost critical period in our midst?

F. If expense could be arranged, would my attendance at Conference, Riverside, accompanied by the two Chinese whose young men whom we hope to send from here anyway, be of any service in clarifying the matter and bringing about a decision?

Objections to Leaving
1. Our Chinese Church is at a critical point in its history. It is struggling nobly toward self-determination. It has not yet been seriously attacked.

2. A plan for training a group of eight Chinese men in Christian service has just been turned to be put into operation. May it not be an opportune time to leave.

3. Opportunities for opening new centers of evangelistic work are at our disposal.

4. In case of Mr. Crofoot's return, the problems are not lessened, as one who has been trying to carry the work of two men for over two years is able to testify. At least two men are needed—one for school, and bringing about a decision?

5. A plan for training a group of eight.

6. Great expense would be involved in moving the family and securing furnished living quarters, etc., were they to go.

7. Duplication of effort and expense, Mr. Crofoot and Doctor Crandall already on the ground.

8. The attitude of the Chinese in the matter.

In Favor of Leaving
1. A possible opportunity of helping in the deepening of the spiritual life of the people in a section of America.

The possible opportunity, too, of rescuing the support of the China work from threatened retrenchment.

3. Sharing responsibility in denominational needs.

4. In this case, is a choice of decision implied between leaving China and staying in China for two years, or moving them to America for missions, and sending them somewhere there during an almost critical period in our midst?

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H. Eugene Davis
March 2, 1928.
Shanghai, China.

COMMUNICATION FROM MR. CROFOOT
Rev. Wm. L. Burdick, D. D.
Ashaway, R. I.

My dear Doctor Burdick:
I believe I have never written to you in answer to your letter of February 9, in which you ask me to have a part in the Conference program. If I am there, and I presume I shall be, I shall be glad to do what

I can on the program to help make it a success, if I can.

I trust that the board, at the meeting next Wednesday, will decide whether or not we are to return to China this year. If we are to go this year, it should be immediate, after Summer Conference, it seems to me.

And if we are to do that, we should leave here early in June to visit our children in the United States, as we are starting to Riverside, which we should do not later than July 1. For we should like to take our Ford to China with us as well as use it for the journey across the continent.

Looking at the matter from the point of view to China, I feel sure that we should remain here no matter what something of the strain and the task there. On the other hand, it must be admitted that I regret seriously not having the building program here in its present state. And it must be admitted, too, that during the nine months of the present Conference year the Battle Creek Church has paid only about thirty per cent of its appropriation to the Onward Movement budget. If other churches are doing as badly, the board must find it hard to go on.

On the whole, while I should feel regret to leave this job now, I should feel still more like a quitter not to go back to China which has, it is clear to me, the greater need.

I am glad that the decision is not in my hands, or even in the hands of the conse­cration committee. If there were women who could constitute the Missionary Board. I am praying earnestly that the board may be guided in its decision by the wisdom of the divine Spirit.

With warm personal regards.
Yours faithfully,
J. W. CROFOOT
Battle Creek, Mich.,
April 12, 1928.

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

It is a grave judgment, supported by constant testimony and by a growing reaction, that religious unity is rapidly being recognized not only as the hope of the Church and religion, and as a fundamental necessity in the life of the nation and the world. We are moving towards something larger than the integration of the activities of the churches themselves, significant and essential as this is. The names of the several departments of the Federal Council are indicative of the ever widening scope of its work in Christianizing our social, industrial, international, and race relations.

We are approached by one of our leading businessmen. A man as we use that term, who expressed the judgment that, whatever the Federal Council might have done and be doing to strengthen the internal life of the churches, it has done vastly more in its influence on all human relations throughout the nation and that it was creating a new atmosphere and spirit in personal, commercial, social, industrial, and political life. That need, he said, is religion in the simple terms in which the Federal Council puts it.

During the last year there has been special service in this direction, such as the impartial inquiry into industrial conflicts, the study of marriage and the home, the effort to make the drama worthy of its finest traditions, the serious conferences of white and colored groups all over the nation and the development of good will between Jews and Christians.

The Federal Council during the year has not been hesitant in its conviction that our nation should serve the world's demand for increasing tolerance and mutual good will.

The proposals of the Federal Council have not been without vital negotiations and have been thoroughly constructive. The opposition of certain uniformed and state agencies to the Federal Council's efforts to promote justice and peace throughout the world has been unwarranted, and the determination of enlightened leaders to do away with the scourge of war by preaching good will.

The Federal Council, while maintaining the religious convictions of its constituency, has lived, not in mere tolerance, but in peace and fraternity, and with the world and all other people in all genuinely religious and humanitarian activities.

Charles S. Macfarland,
General Secretary.
MOTHER'S PRAYER

Father, I thank thee.
First, because thou hast made me a mother, and of all women the mother of most blessed.
Second, because thou hast helped me to be a true mother, by giving me understanding that I may teach thy children.

Lord, continue thy goodness unto me and mine. Bind me close to thee by the cords of waters of courage and patience. Give me added strength, O God, and greater wisdom.

Be with me in my daily work that the bright ray radiance about my home that the young hearts growing here shall not be away from the living waters.

Guard them against evil, O Father, and keep them fresh in faith and trust. Keep them pure of thought and deed. Bless them with love, and with that strong belief in thee which exalts the heart and sweetens the life.

Strengthen them, Lord, with knowledge, and teach them to honor the duties thou seest fit to impose upon them. Give them richness of spirit, and with that strong belief in thee which exalts the heart and sweetens the life.

And thou, friends of mine, whose mothers have gone smilingly into that land that lies back in the glory of the sunset, you who have no mothers to keep them close, isn't it splendid that you have so many pictures? Don't the small things take on an added significance to you just as they do to me! Aren't you glad that your album is well filled—and beautifully filled? Aren't you glad—Margaret E. Sanger in the Christian Herald.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF WOMAN'S WORK

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Mrs. Edwin Shaw, secretary’s letters ......... 1.50
$868.50
Cash on hand, March 31, 1928 ................................ 93.35
$951.85

TODAY’S MOTHER
Mother of today! Awake—arise!
That none may leave her far behind.
That she may run a race worth while.
Attune your heart to the girl-world need,
The mother-love which dares and bears.
Project your mothering force afar,
Stir

YOUNG PEOPLE UNITED IN WORLD TASKS
A MODERN CRUSADE
In unparalleled measure and with remarkable spirit the Christian young people of North America, indeed practically all the evangelical denominations and from many unrelated groups, have begun to stir the world by uniting in a series of enterprises which are history-making.

"Crusade with Christ!" is the modern rendering of their power, and is used as the theme of a great interdenominational gathering of young people—the thirty-first International Christian Endeavor Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, in July, 1927—the challenge has seen rapid development since. It became at once the central objective of the Christian Endeavor movement. Three commissions, as proposed by President Daniel A. Poling, were organized to carry forward the three-fold emphasis of the crusade.

1. Crusade with Christ in evangelism, the primary need of youth, personal acceptance of life and allegiance to Jesus Christ.
2. Crusade with Christ for world peace, to win the warless world; to make international relations right; to focus the youth-consciousness on the futility and stupidity of war; to unite the Christian youth of America and the world to demand the outlawing of war, even as dueling, slavery, and beverage alcohol have been outlawed in America and in other lands.
3. Crusade with Christ for Christian citizenship. The implications of this purpose are stupendous, but they will be faced. Education, agitation, and consecration for a Christian and more wholesome social order are involved here. Youth will consider the place and supremacy of law in a democracy, the personal responsibility of the citizen toward his government, and the establishment of a Christian basis in industry.

SPIRITUAL VALUES FIRST
The crusaders of history were clad in armor, prepared to face the call of trumpets; they went forth with high purpose and holy resolve to achieve worthy ends. This modern crusade is none the less inspired, but it has no armament of armor. It summons the intellect, the heart, the service, and the sacrifice of enthusiastic youth, and relates the story of the discussion of Christ in producing a Christian world.

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ASK ME ANOTHER

There have been a number of missionary articles and letters in the Recorder for the past few weeks, so this is a good time to have an "Ask Me Another" meeting. Choose a judge, who will make out a list of questions from the missionary articles in the Recorder for the last two months, or any time desired. The report of the Missionary Board in the last year book may well be included in this list. Have the society into two groups and at the meeting conduct a "spill-down," between the two groups. The "judge" who prepared the list of questions, should ask them and decide whether the answers are satisfactory or not. Follow this with a brief discussion of the question of the lesson, "What does it mean to me that all men are brothers?" and "What must we do for missions than we do now?" If this plan does not fit your need, try the one suggested in the "News Notes from the Riverside Society," coming next week.

INTERMEDIATE CORNER

Christian Endeavor Topic for Sabbath Day, May 26


JUNIOR C. E. JUMBLES

MRS. ELISABETH K. AUSTIN

Junior Christian Endeavor Superintendent

SUGGESTIONS FOR TEAM

May 26

One junior might make a poster for this meeting and give a talk on it. On the upper half paste a picture of a child doing a kind deed and underneath, this verse: "Who is my neighbor? Well, who can say? There's Boa and Frank and Ray; There are boys I play with and boys I meet; And boys that go hurrying through my street. My mother says, and I know,wherever I go and whatever I do; Where there's someone who needs me—my kindness to lend—That is my neighbor, though stranger or friend."

On the lower half paste a picture of a boy or girl of another nationality, and beneath it write: "Your neighbor is not always The boy who lives next door; He may be miles and miles away, Yet need you all the more..."

-Mrs. Elizabeth K. Austin

Other juniors might give short talks on the following subjects:

Who Is My Neighbor? A Good Neighbor; My Neighborhood; Our "Other" Neighbors Across the Sea; Out Shut-in Neighbors.

SUGGESTIONS FOR WORK

The following opening exercise would add interest to the meetings for one or two months:

Leader—I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Junior—Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Parent—"Help us to do the things we should. To be to others kind and good; To all we do, in missions. To grow more loving every day."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOARD

The meeting of the Young People's Board convened at eight o'clock. The president called the meeting to order and Rev. J. W. Crofoot led in prayer.

The corresponding secretary's monthly report was received. It follows:

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR

MARCH, 1928

Number of letters written, 65.
Letters have been copied and sent to each associated secretary from the Quiet Hour superintendents. Considerable correspondence has been received. Some snapshots of the churches have been received in response to a request sent to each society.

Correspondence was read and considered from:

Frank D. Getty, E. P. Gates, Elizabeth K. Austin, Rev. W. D. Burdick, Rev. D. L. Cranfill. The treasurer presented a report for the quarter, which was received. It follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1928

Balance on hand, January 1, 1928 $ 794.22
Onward Movement 234.27
Onward Movement 350.00
Little Genesee 10.00
Adams Center 20.00
First Hopkinton 25.00
$1,083.49

TopiK HELPS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDURO

Have you noticed the coupons in the Christian Endeavor World, by which a leader of either Senior or Intermediate meetings may obtain detailed helps for planning and conducting the meetings? Look them up, they are worth sending for.

"Usually it isn't the hard worker who finds work hard."
CHILDREN'S PAGE

MRS. WALTER L. GREENE, ANDOVER, N. T., Contributing Editor

JESUS' WONDERFUL DEEDS

JESUS CHRISTIAN ENDUROIDE SUPERINTENDENT

[Following is a report of a Valentine social held by the juniors of Adams Center, N. Y. We are glad to give it space with our Junior article this week. We always welcome reports of the work in our juniors' societies, especially when they are written by the juniors themselves.—ELIZABETH K. AUSTIN.]

JUNIOR VALENTINE PARTY

We met in the church parlor. First we went outdoors to play. We played "Fox and Geese," "Dog and Deer," and "Shadow Tag." While we were busy playing our games out-of-doors, one of our members, Miriam Hurley, hid whole hearts and parts of hearts.

As last we went inside and played more games. We tried to throw beanbags through a hole which was the shape of a heart. We then hunted up the hearts, and later the parts of hearts which we had to put together. We were all numbered and then blindfolded. We had to mark our number on a heart as near the center as we could. Prizes were given for all winners of indoor sports. Then we had a small lunch.

We had just a small lunch, sandwiches, cake, and cookies composed our luncheon. We each told a Mother Goose rhyme during the meal. We had a real interesting time.

MARY VERREY,
Secretary.
Adams Center, N. Y.

IV.—Healing of the Blind.
2. Bartimaeus at Jericho.
3. Raising of the dead.
5. Widow's son at Nain.

[For the rest of the Jesus' wonderful deeds, please see our next issue.]

WINKY CHOOSES A HOME

One bright day in early summer, Winky, the little mouse, crept softly out of a hole in the shed and gave his mother a quick look around to see if Fluffy, the yellow cat, was anywhere in sight. As usual, the little fellow was in search of new adventures.

Now Winky was over a year old and quite grown up, for you know a year is a very long time in the life of a tiny mouse; but although he had become a wiser, better, and larger mouse he was still a restless little fellow and very fond of change. Besides, Poppy had told him that on his return to the hole where it was high time he was seeking a home of his own, and a little mouse wife to keep it neat and tidy. He thought it was about time that he "did it this very day," declared Winky, "but I don't believe I want to live all my life in this dusty old barn. I know every corner of it by heart. Besides, I don't know of a single girl mouse in the whole place that I want for a wife. I believe I'll slip over to the grey farmhouse and see what I can find. I was too much afraid of that horrid cat the last time I was there to look around very much. I'm quick enough to keep out of his way now. I should think." With Winky, to think was to act, and in a twinkling he had crept out close to the farmyard. There the Peerless this way and that for a convenient hole, and on the alert for a sight or sound of Fluffy, he crept half way around the barn to his horror, he beheld a old Parson Grey Mouse, making her own little wife, and I am sure they lived happily together ever after.

As for Betty Lou, although she was laughing about her queer experience in a very few minutes, and her arm healed in a day or two, she is still very much afraid of mice. Do you know why?

M. S. G.

YOUNG PEOPLE UNITED IN WORLD TASKS

(Continued from page 603)

MANY ACTIVITIES

This Youth's Crusade goes further than the mere statement of objective and the enlistment of co-operating agencies. Each group is urged to set its own machinery to work in the ways best suited to its young people. There is no set list of attainments or goals. The principles are freely stated and the strength consists in the freedom allowed for their application. Some of the more obvious activities already scheduled are the following:

1. Union meeting on Easter morning, April 8, 1928. Hundreds of these meetings in cities and towns are
now in process of arrangement, Christian Endeavor societies, Epworth Leagues, Bible schools, and other youth organizations having a part.

(2) Classes for study and practical application of methods are being organized in great numbers. The principles and practice of winning young people to Christ, of acquainting them with their duties as citizens and their responsibilities to make a world, "Youth must know" becomes a very active slogan.

(3) Practical adventures in evangelism in thousands of churches before Easter, and in young people's groups at other periods during the year arise naturally under the crusade.

(4) By the spoken word the call of the Crusade with Christ will come to scores of conventions, institutes, summer conferences, and the national, state, and provincial gatherings of religious bodies.

(5) In several great assemblies of youth including all the agencies at work among them—religious, educational, social, physical and moral—the claims of citizenship, peace, and relation to Christ will be presented.

Already there has grown beyond the bounds of the organization. The International Society of Christian Endeavor, under whose auspices the crusade with Christ started, is now only one among the many agencies giving it promotion. More truly than any other movement in our day, this has the possibilities of widespread, if not universal, co-operation among youth interdenominational, international, inter-racial.

An important gathering of representatives of all the youth agencies in North America is called to be held at Columbus, Ohio, on April 10 and 11, 1928. This will be the first time that leaders of youth from such varied groups have been summoned for counsel on their common relationships.

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