A PRAYER
By Luther Crichlow

Strong Son of God, Immortal Love, Giver of good gifts, and dearest of friends, the burden on our hearts is heavy as we approach thy throne of mercy. We have lost a priceless gift, the power to realize thy presence here with us tonight and with us in our homes.

We are like the man who stands in the light of the noonday sun and tries to view the stars. He knows they are there, but he cannot see them. Then, with a clear, cloudless vision comes the miracle of the beauty of the stars in all their infinite multitude.

Perform for us the miracle of realization of thy Presence, which we know is here. Grant but this humble request, Immortal Love, and we will praise thee world without end. Amen.

—Young People's Program, Conference, Alfred, N. Y.
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Some of our readers have had the privilege of hearing Miss Burdick's address on this subject. Their desire to have the results of her studies at hand led her to put into the next form in which it has just recently come from the Recorder Press. It may be secured for fifteen cents per copy from Miss Marjorie J. Burdick, Rockville, R. I.

Report of Conference For a year many had been looking forward to August 20, and to another Conference at Alfred. There is something about the Alfred setting high up in the hills of Allegany, that is luring, and a chance to attend Conference in this place never loses its attractions.

Early in the evening of the nineteenth autos began arriving, and Alfred was ready with homes prepared and friends waiting the arriving guests. Pine Hill never looked lovelier, and friends were more friendly.

When President Skaggs called the Conference to order Tuesday night at eight o'clock, the church was well filled and the vespers service went smoothly. A message of the General Conference, stated by the familiar leadership of Professor Ray W. Win- gate, had furnished a wonderful background for a program that quickly followed. More will be said about this General Conference, but here let it be recorded that little is left to be desired in Conference music when Mr. Win-gate directs. The impression of other years was made again that whenever the leader was ready for music at any session, this song leader would be right there with appropriate song or special music.

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As friends greeted friends the bell called to worship, and almost at once the one hundred twenty-third session and the one hundred thirty-third anniversary of the incorporation of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference was under way. The president, who is the beloved leader of the New York City Church, had given great care and thought to his program. He had been much in prayer, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit his leadership bore good fruit, as manifested by the fine tokens of fellowship and spiritual interest on every hand. Those who go back to their homes and return to their regular tasks, can scarcely go as they came. It would seem that something was taught—something never before experienced, or something richer and deeper, has taken hold of their lives, and we can well thank God and be of good courage for the year to come.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

"The voice of God is calling us in our center. As one he spoke in Zion, following he spoke to you. Whom shall I send to secur..."

This we read on the program at the opening meeting of the Young People's Board. At the dinner served at twelve-thirty, Tuesday, at Alfred Station, about one hundred of our young people, with some oldsters, sat down to a meal served by the mothers of the local church group, songs were enjoyed by all.

In the auditorium, a little later, a splendid program was presented with Miss Elizabeth Ormsby presiding. This capable young leader proved that it was no mistake in electing her as president of this newly located Young People's Board. The presence of many of the young people in all the sessions was an evidence of their real interest in Conference. They undertook more for Jesus than ever before. A song, "Building a Better World," was sung by a young girls' quartet from Battle Creek, Mich. It was written, both words and music, by Rev. Edward M. Holston, who with his wife brought these girls to Conference.

The later activities of the young people will be reported in their own department.
Many of us were again deeply impressed by the unusualrendition of the songs by the young folks, by their presence, and by their cheerful service in the dining room and their evident willingness to be of help wherever needed. As the evening drew toward the close, Pine Hill seemed more beautiful and inspiring—even thirty-four years ago when some of us saw them for the first time—so to the reporter the view was a reminder of beautiful and promising even than they seemed then. God grant that today they may lend themselves fully and helpfully to him and his cause than we of our generation have been able to do.

CONFERENCE WELCOMES

No need to await a formal welcome. Long before the stated words were spoken, all who had arrived were aware that the spirit of welcome was in the air. Every part of the beautiful village of Alfred was permeated with it. If any one had felt hurried or wearied with president of the Young People's Board, and a sense, he well camouflaged his feelings and gave splendid background to the greetings of Pastor Ehret and Miss Elizabeth Ormby, president of the Young People's Board, and a representative of the Alfred Station Church, which officially characterized the entertainment of the Conference.

Their cordial cheer was well responded to by Rev. J. W. Crofoot, president of Milton College, and of Trevah S. Sutton, one of our youngest ministers. The following is the address of this promising young preacher:

RESPONSE TO THE WELCOME—SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CONFERENCE

ALFRED, N.Y., AUGUST 20, 1935

Here among the Allegheny hills of this great Empire State—here among the Alleghenys, at another Seventh Day Baptist General Conference as guests we have been welcomed. We have been formally welcomed tonight at this service, but long before this service assembled your warm welcome was being given to the arriving guests. Even these beautiful hills gave us a welcome before we ever reached this quiet village. Their towering heights and outstretching valleys have given us many experiences that stir the soul and bring God close. They are the rockier and lasting hills and valleys inspire the lover of beauty far out of doors. Thus about us we find a welcome.

It has been said that a Seventh Day Baptist conference is the most beautiful thing we know. Of course we would not want to accept that as a point of theology, nor are we willing to say that on God could not get to hear by the way of Milton, or Salem, or Plainfield, or some other similar conference. That impression from such beauties are found in these various places are real, and for the most part they will be closer; and wherever we may be, whether here or elsewhere, our inspiration should lead us onward and upward towards God.

Having lived in Alfred during the first two years of our attendance, and having been one of the first to say that in our generation we have seen more beautiful and inspiring than we of our generation have seen, one must feel that the future of our generation is in the hands of Alfred.

As President of the General Conference, we have been formally welcomed, and we are looking forward with the assurance that many of the men and women who are part of Alfred Station Church, and who have been our hosts through the past four years, will continue to welcome us as the various denominational problems are discussed and actions taken. The problem of fellowship that will need the prayerful attention of our people is one of the principal problems of the present day. The mission work, which is dead, or some other word that is not known to the dictionary, has been given a name. The problem of fellowship that will need the prayerful attention of our people is one of the principal problems of the present day. The mission work, which is dead, or some other word that is not known to the dictionary, has been given a name. The problem of fellowship that will need the prayerful attention of our people is one of the principal problems of the present day. The mission work, which is dead, or some other word that is not known to the dictionary, has been given a name. The problem of fellowship that will need the prayerful attention of our people is one of the principal problems of the present day. The mission work, which is dead, or some other word that is not known to the dictionary, has been given a name. The problem of fellowship that will need the prayerful attention of our people is one of the principal problems of the present day. The mission work, which is dead, or some other word that is not known to the dictionary, has been given a name. The problem of fellowship that will need the prayerful attention of our people is one of the principal problems of the present day. The mission work, which is dead, or some other word that is not known to the dictionary, has been given a name.
Mr. L. Harrison North's "shop" talk was informative and cleared up some questions in the minds of many. He showed charts illustrating the printing process and the printing press in five colors. Whenever he spoke on the matters of printing there is always light, which confidence is strengthened.

The committee responsible for this program had chosen three talented young men, J. Leland, Skaggs, Luther A. Crichlow, and Elmo Randolp, to speak on this day. They all gave the very best accounts of their addresses will find a place in our pages.

Mr. Skaggs presented a suggestive paper on "Making Your Own Job," that ought to encourage many young men to launch out on their own and build up a business for themselves.

The report of Corresponding Secretary Van Horn covered the field of activities and brought forth items of interest in the work. Much of the details of this address have, during the year, appeared in the Sabbath Recorder. The report in part appears in this issue.

Mr. Crichlow, a graduate of Howard University, a member of our church in Washington, D. C., while entering the seminar, gave a fine address on "An Experiment in Interchurch Meeting."

Elmo Randolph, recent graduate of Salem, also entering the class for theological training, spoke practically and enthusiastically on "The Sabbath and Spiritual Growth." "Our past," he declared, "will not hold us together. We must be active and bring the Sabbath truth to the world." "Let us safeguard the Sabbath from every taint of holidayism or paganism." Reverently he closed his address with the prayer, "Our heavenly Father, thou hast given us the truth; thou hast shown us the way. We are ready to go forward."

Closing the afternoon session, when the last two addresses above mentioned were given, Dr. A. J. C. Bond led a discussion introduced by a brief address by Rev. W. D. Mills on "The Modern Christian and the Sabbath."

"Eight or ten others participated in this open discussion. No one can't say eight thousand Seventh Day Baptists do if they will dedicate themselves?"

Rev. Orville W. Babcock's worship service showed thoughtful poise and balance and we were led to appreciate again the need and use of faith.
pointment. How doth President Bond of Salem College wish to be for him, as proved a very successful 'pitch hitter.' Someone afterward remarked, 'I was sorry not to hear the congressman, but I surely would not have wanted him to give me all the attention ad
dress of Doctor Bond.' He spoke on 'Initi
eracy,' which we were led to think was not prompted by any reactions from the speaker's having mingled with the audience during the past three days. The illiteracies were of Health, Recreation, Social, Economic, Political, Cul
tural, and Spiritual. For the elimination of the last we are depending largely upon the pastors, the speaker said. Our spiritual liter
cacy depends upon them. Hence he urged that the best minds, hearts, and training are needed in our ministry.

The education hour was followed by a stirr
ing and encouraging sermon by Rev. Claude L. Hill, who spoke from Luke 24: 29, on theme, 'Disillusionment Disillusionment.' Lives that are disappointed and shocked by great catastrophes can be rehabilitated only by Christ. The real need of him who stands at the door and knocks. We must constrain him to come in and dwell with us. He will walk by the side of every one who will have him, and give him strength to carry on and go forward.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our present did not happen; it grew out of the past, and our future is contingent largely upon what is and what has gone before. Any proper evaluation, therefore, and presentation of Sunday School history is of importan
t and interest to us. Dr. Corliss F. Ran
dolph is the president of the Historical Society. His report of the society's work was of real interest. During the year, funds have become available for needed equipment of the Historical Rooms of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, equipment much of which has already been installed. Also funds are provided for classifying and cataloguing material in the society's possession. President Randolph does thoroughly whatever he undertakes, and it should be a matter of real satisfaction to Seventh Day Baptists that he does in this case.

Doctor Randolph presented Dr. Alva J. C.
Bond for the presentation of an address, 'Four Hundred Years of the Printed English Bible.' Doubtless this will be secured for publication in full.

We could say with Peter on the Mount, 'Lord, it is good to be here.'

COMMUNION SERVICE

Many years ago a thoughtful custom was esta
blished of celebrating the Lord's Supper at our General Conference, for the sake, espe
cially, of lone Sabbath keepers or members who could not otherwise have this privilege. A large gathering at Alfred enjoyed this fellowship and commemorative service, Sabbath morning at nine o'clock. It seemed very appropriate that we should celebrate one of our most cherished, and our senior ministers, Rev. George B. Shaw of Salem, W. Va., and one of our junior minis
ters, Rev. Newell M. Mills of New Market, N. J.

Your reporter could not discover how many churches are represented by their deacons who were in the group of splendid Christian men who assisted in administering the em
bly. The reception, consecration, and servici
ings of our deacons are not always appreciated as they should be. The church was comfort
ably seated with worshipers for the morning, 
hour, who enjoyed together this beautiful service. There were 283 who partook of the emblems.

Following the singing of the closing hymn, brother speaker introduced to two ladies who have recently accepted the Sabbath, by Presi
dent Skaggs, who at the time extended the hand of fellowship to one of them in behalf of the New York City Church. The Alfred Church extended the courtesy of the baptis
ty's use for the occasion because the lady baptized and joining the New York Church does not often have the privilege of being in the city. In the immediate presence of a num
ber of the church members called to the front by Pastor Skaggs, he gave the hand of fellowship accompanied by thoughtful, inspir
ing appropriate words. A young bride from Colorado was the other one baptized and will join the local church. Both parts of this morning service were impressive, and follow
ing the heartfelt singing of 'Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,' the meeting was dismissed preparatory for the warranty that directly followed. It was felt by many that a foretaste of heaven had been ex
perienced.

SABBATH MORNING SERVICE

The Sabbath morning services at Conference, naturally, are those of the high day of the meetings. Many, free from their usual

In the worship service this hour was con
ducted by the superintendent, pastor of the Waterford (Conn.) Church. A word here
ought to be said in appreciation of the wor
ship services prepared for and conducted by our young men. Everett T. Harris, Leon M. Malbey, Harley Sutton, Orville W. Babcock. We are all
of the fine manner in which these prom
ising young people have brought throughout the Conference, and especially with the high grade periods of worship which they have led. As we older men "decrease" may we be filled with joy and pleasure in their "increase." Power to them.

CONFERENCE SABBATH EVENING

Not infrequently are we told by outsiders that they know of no other people who at
temp to have in the midst of their anniver
saries such an agitation of the congregation as is experienced in Friday night or Sabbath evening. Be that as it may, we would feel cheated to go to a social Conference and not have a such a meeting. Day by day to this point the tide had been rising and this night it was at the full. Almost, some of us who had not been able to be present were disappointed in getting a seat—so filled was the house. Chairs were placed in the aisles and filled the front of the auditorium. In his own helpful way Brother George B. Shaw conducted the worship service, introducing the speaker, Rev. Herbert L. Polan, pastor of the Brookfield Church. No notes were taken, and the writer feels a bit like the old woman taken to task by her pastor who could tell him neither the text nor theme, and could not repeat a thing he said. But the impression she got was one whose influence she could not escape. So with Brother Polan's sermon. Closely did he bring home to us a message that ca
used us concern and stirred us to work, without a break except for one verse of a song, the song leader having to give up starting any music. At the close, some twenty or more young people arose in consecration, some of them giving herself for baptism which was administered the next day.
The offering for the Denominational Budget on Sabbath morning at Alfred was about $135, with a check of $200 for the debt of the American Sabbath Tract Society. The amount of the offering at the Alfred Station meeting was not announced.

A telegram received from the Boulder Church stated that on a certain date—August 25—the Chautauqua Auditorium would be secured for Conference in 1936. The matter of time and of placing Conference was referred to the Commission.

The members invited to serve the Conference for 1936, were Nelson D. Inglis of Milton, president; Herbert C. Van Horn, first vice-president; recording secretary, Paul C. Saunders; treasurer, Daniel M. Holcomb; corresponding secretary, Courtland V. Davis; treasurers, James H. Coon and Harold R. Crandall.

The only change in the personnel of the Commission was the resignation of Paul H. Hunt, Boulder, Colo., to serve until 1940, in place of Claude L. Hill whose term expired in 1935.

The members of the Committee on Religious Life were continued. But the place and personnel of the Committee to Promote the Financial Program were changed. It is now located in the Western Association—Harold O. Burdick, chairman; other members are Alfred E. Whitford, L. Ray Polan, Harley Sutton, Edgar D. Van Horn, Burton R. Crandall, Alva J. C. Bond.

There will be a new president of the Woman's Board—Mrs. Eli F. Loeb of Lost Creek, N. Y.

Luther A. Crichlow of Washington, D. C., was recommended to the Young People's Board as editor of the Young People's Work in place of Miss Marjorie Burdick who recently resigned this position.

It was the opinion of the committee to consider the Tract Society's report "that one of the next major aggressive steps for the denomination should be the restoration of the Sabbath Recorder to weekly publication." The present plan of giving a new subscription to the Recorder at one dollar, if paid at the same time as a full subscription is paid, the committee felt should be continued. "A careful reading of the report of the society is recommended in the interest of the denomination. It is believed that this will answer most of the questions raised, and thus our people should know of the excellent work being done under adverse circumstances."

This report was adopted by the General Conference.

Of the recommendations adopted by Conference, made by the committee to consider the report of the Committee to Promote the Finances of the Denomination, we would refer to this:

"We commend this committee for its unswerving zeal in prosecuting its work, and congratulate it upon the success of its efforts. Its suggestions and recommendations as to the financial policy of the denomination give evidence of careful thought and deliberation."

Recommendations approved were:

(a) "Every church adopt the plan of a regular definite monthly remittance to the treasurer."

(b) "Pastors and church officers to give regular and full publicity to Denominational Budget matters and emphasize the fact that the organized work of the denomination is also the work of the individual church."

(c) "Each church finance committee to include its proportions of the Denominational Budget in its local budget for the year, and arrange to meet it the same as other local expenses are met."

Other suggestions made by the Finance Committee were referred to the new committee to promote the Financial Program of the General Conference for consideration, to be reported to the General Conference at its next annual session.

The Conference approved the report of the committee to consider the Missionary Society's report, commending (1) the deep interest of the Board and willingness to join with the Commission in the hope that the plans to place a worker in the Iowa region be expedited, and (2) the marked evidence of initiative in China; the faithful lay leadership in Jamaica; the increased interest in Holland; the churches in Germany; and especially the progress in developing native leadership.

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The Upper Room

"Let us pray for an awakened conscience on Tithing—God's Plan."

E. F. D.

God Bless Our Homes

Our Father, we thank thee for thy great gift of home. We know, our Father, that first of all our hearts must be right with thee so that we may act as Christ Jesus taught us. Forgive our failures and mistakes and give us understanding hearts, that we may honor thee daily in patience and loving service to each member of our households.

God, bless our homes. Amen.

E. P. H.

Finance Committee Report

To the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference:

The Committee to Promote the Financial Program of Conference has done its work to the best of its ability during the year. A number of regular meetings have been held, and many informal discussions have been held among the leaders. The committee has submitted its report at its last meeting, and it is recommended for the denomination.

The report of the committee to consider the financial program of Conference, and that this committee formulate definite recommendations, similar to those above, for consideration and adoption by Conference as a statement of its financial policy for the denomination.

We recommend that for the sake of greater efficiency the committee be located close to the center of denominational life and activity, in close touch with boards and leaders.

Notice

The annual corporate meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Education Society will be held in the Woman's Board Room at 2 p.m. at Alfred, N. Y.

L. R. Polan, Secretary.

Notice

The annual meeting of the corporation of the Sabbath School Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference will be held in the Woman's Board at 2 p.m., Wednesday, September 11, 1935, at 2.30 p.m.
SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS HAVE A SPECIAL MISSION

This is from the Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptists,

We need to keep in mind that Seventh Day Baptists have a special mission, and that is to proclaim the Bible Sabbath with the rest of the gospel. The world needs the Sabbath and the Sabbath needs to be backed by the authority of God's Word.

Sabbath keeping alone does not save, but it is essential to religion in any life, at all times, and in all countries. The world needs that to have Christ in all lands. He is a people clean

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In the Institute of Managers has had dividends, of 5.02 percent, on the sum of $4,797.87 after deduction of administrative expenses directly chargeable to gross income, which is at the rate of 5.02 per cent per annum.

We must not fail him and ability. ..

We should be able to do. Through appreciative of what others have done and are trying to do. We need to be able to do.

We say that our determination is gradual. We are not going to let the resistance to the Sabbath take us. We will continue quoting statistical figures concerning our operating results, for such information can be better understood visually, and so I hope that you all will carefully read over the printed detailed financial reports already in your hands, that you will inform yourselves as completely as possible on all material therein contained, and that your return letter to us will show that you are interested in what we are doing.

As our society and our denomination face the future, we must be optimistic and aggro- sive if we would strengthen our position and continue the gains which have become evident during the year. Our condition is a happy one. It is an obstacle confronting us suggests my subject "Aristocracy or Democracy."

Since becoming treasurer of the Seventh Day Baptists it has seemed to me that circumstances surrounding our activities, over which the Board of Managers has had no positive control, have combined unfavorably to bring about some discouraging conditions. Strenuous efforts have been made each year to bring expenditures within revenue being currently received. Economies have been instituted and budgets reduced, yet some unforeseen reduction in income or increase in expense always has appeared when least expected or desired. A slight citizenizing of relief that I appear before the delegates to this Conference this morning and it is my privilege to report that our society has closed the Conference year of 1934-1935 with all its workers and all its obligations paid in full without a corresponding increase in our total financial budget. This is due in a large part to our determination in saving and conscientiously living up to all of our principles, as is fine a person as there is in the world, yet the point I wish to establish is that we tend to become exclusive.

The world needs that to have the Sabbath and the Sabbath needs to be backed by the authority of God's Word.

It is difficult to understand the indifference of people who should be interested in our denomination and its allied interests. Perhaps this is because we neglect some of the things they do, ascertaining the reason for their likes. Generally speak- ing, we know how to perform and to participate in those activities we understand.

One may say that he is not interested in politics. In a majority of cases that means he knows nothing of politics, for if a man once gets into politics so that he really knows the game from the inside, he either loves it or he hates it; he either stays in as long as he can or he gets out as quickly as he can. There is nothing of the indifferentist's attitude about him. The real reason for much indifference is ignorance. People say they are not interested in foreign missions, which probably means they know little or nothing about such mission work. They have never seen foreign missions in operation and never even read the material appearing in the Missions Department of our own Sabbath Recorder or opened any kind of foreign missionary magazine. It is impossible to be interested in anything unless one has some knowledge, however little, about it and in direct proportion as one's knowledge is increased, one's interest is increased. Those who are not interested from other peoples, are we living up to those principles and ideals for which we have been taught to strive.

It has been established through the years that democratic forms of government have the greatest chances of survival. Autocracies never stand the test of time. In many ways our denomination as it is constituted resembles an organized government with democratic ideals. Can we expect to any more than hold our own if we are convinced that belief we believe we are sufficient unto ourselves alone?

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more about their denomination and about their Missionary Society, they must place themselves in more intimate relations with the activities of both and assimilate more knowledge about them. The best knowledge is that based on experience and not hearsay, so we should strive earnestly to secure greater participation by our people in our denominational work. We should attempt to secure a larger number of gifts to our Denominational Budget, even if the individual gifts are nominal, and reduce the average donation per member. The wider participation secured, the greater becomes the possibility of the work enduring and expanding in the years ahead.

And so, although the Missionary Society reports a slightly improved financial condition for the year just ended, it can and should be very much better than it is. We must not let our interest or our contributions lag, but continue our progress, consolidating our gains as we make them. The first months of a new Conference year are always difficult to finance because of a seasonal drop of large proportions in contributions. Let us be mindful of this fact and enlarge our gifts now, that our faithful missionaries and pastors may not again be compelled to wait long months for their salaries and allowances, as they have had to do for nearly two years.

Can we not all conscientiously interest ourselves more in our denominational activities to the end that our support of them may be greater and more stable, at the same time overcoming any tendency we may now have to be aristocratic, exclusive, and self-satisfied? If we fail to do these things, there is no reason why we cannot have a greater share in the advancement of God's kingdom on earth. With his help, I believe we can and will do it!

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Condition as of June 30, 1935

The Society OWES:

Not Payable:
- W. J. Lyons Trust Company $ 24,500.00
- Ashaway National Bank 1,250.00
- A. L. Waite 300.00

Excess of assets over amounts owed, as at June 30, 1935, by the society's books $140,066.74

The above excess is applicable as follows:

To Funds - Principal Amounts
Permanent Funds .................................. $ 9,947.55
In the following were expended $102,145.61:
- H. F. Woodruffe Ministerial Scholarship Fund 1,097.35
- Permanent Funds ................................ 142.67
- Relief Fund ..................................... 63.86
- Relief Fund ..................................... 119.39
- Relief Fund ..................................... 517.14
- Scholarship Fund ................................. 38.76

$102,145.61

To Funds - Unexpended Income
- Permanent Funds ................................. 458.00
- Allen Smith Ministerial Scholarship Fund 521.82
- Relief Fund ..................................... 94.32
- Scholarship Fund ................................ 18.41

$1,094.14

For gifts to special purposes
- For real estate equities, not allocated 342.83
- In South America ................................ 550.00
- In India .......................................... 500.00
- In the English West Indies ........................ 134.28

Total .............................................. 1,037.11

Less - Deficit in General Funds .......................... $167,015.74

To the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society:
We certify that the examination of the foregoing Statement of Condition of your society at June 30, 1935, in connection therewith we examined accounting records and supporting evidence and found the expenditure of funds, entries in the cash books were compared with statement of condition as of June 30, 1935, showing the balance in each account for the year ended June 30, 1935, that amounts charged to various funds were reconciled with certificates received from the depositories. Par value of stock held during the year shown by the books, were compared with purchases and sales invoices. The examination of documents and certificates representing mortgages and notes, stocks and bonds as a companion also accomplished. This examination was confirmed by inspection or by certificates of depositories, for the year ended June 30, 1935.

The statements of cash, income and expenditures, and the statement of condition as of June 30, 1935, have not been in the opinion of the undersigned, examined in detail.

In the opinion of the undersigned, the above statement is presented to you for use in the formation of a true and complete statement of condition at June 30, 1935.

The undersigned certify to the correctness of the foregoing statement.

Herbert C. Van Horn, Secretary.

WOMAN'S WORK

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.—Psalm 91: 1.

OUR WOMEN AT CONFERENCE

The president of the Woman's Board, Mrs. George B. Shaw, presented in the meeting of the woman's hour at Conference, Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn. She read the following passage of Scripture with comments:


One seeking for Scripture appropriate for such an occasion as this may readily be surprised at the wealth of material found in the Bible. This is perhaps more clearly true when we remember the time when it was written and the period of history within which it deals—a period when men had but little that was interesting to the field.

I have read the story of Jochebed, the wise and cunning mother of Moses, whose faith was quickly and so wonderfully rewarded; and who, in the few years when her son was by her side, so trained him in the knowledge of God and the Hebrew people that he chose God rather than the king of Egypt, Pharaoh. Jochebed I shall call the mother.

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unpaid, in the missions in both Liuho and Shanghai of their devotion to their work. They have many things to encourage them, though the “depression” has recently struck them.

Two sectional meetings were led by Mrs. Walter Greene of Andover. In the first—how best to handle the question of temperance and the cigarette habit; and in the second meeting—the question of stewardship, were discussed.

Mrs. Harley D. Sutton told how they organized the tithing system in the Little Genesis Church. Watch for an article which describes the work of their organization, in a later issue of the Recorder.

In the third sectional meeting the president of the Woman’s Board was elected. Miss Evalois St. John made the address of the hour. It showed wide reading and much thought. The address will appear in the Recorder later. We hope for a reading of it by all of our women.

The fourth sectional meeting of the women was presided over Sunday afternoon at four o’clock by Mrs. Shaw. Miss Dixon led in praise. Rev. Mr. Shaw presented Miss Evalois St. John. She began by briefly reviewing her address of Friday afternoon and emphasized again the need of teaching children the love of God and of each other, finally reaching out to all peoples, and the importance of having them learn cooperation by doing things as a youth brotherhood is, leading to world brotherhood. She gave many illustrations to prove her point. Then she talked about books; she called out Mrs. Anna Croft Nowell to tell us about the book chosen for mission study for the coming year, “Women Under the Southern Cross,” by Margaret Ross Miller.

Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn reviewed another book for mission study for the coming year.

Mrs. Frank J. Hubbard told us about a book, “That Other America,” that will be another interesting study for next year. Miss St. John emphasized the necessity of reading widely, thinking and acting widely; then closed with a prayer.

The Woman’s Board will have a new president for the coming year. We bespeak for her the heartfelt support of the women of the denomination.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

THE AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY

For Year Ending June 30, 1935

It is fitting in making a report of our work that we acknowledge the goodness and mercy of divine Providence. The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society recognizes with sincere gratitude the loving care and kindness of our God, and herein reviews its allegiance and devotion to him whose wisdom and guidance alone can make any service we render of real worth.

The patience and continued support of our churches and people under the difficult circumstances of the times in which we live are real causes for encouragement to the members of the board. Work has been carried forward under greatly reduced expenditures, forcing economies that have not been helpful in promoting the work which the American Sabbath Tract Society was organized to do.

It is with deep sorrow and a real grief that we report the loss of a greatly loved and respected member of our board, Joseph G. Burdick, who died May 9, 1935. Mr. Burdick looked seriously upon his membership with the board and was a regular and faithful attendant upon its meetings. Every task assigned him he gave his best thought and effort. His loyal support will be greatly missed, especially his consistent efforts and progressive leadership in Sabbath Tractism, as chairman for many years of the Committee on Distribution of Literature.

Tract Publication

Efforts have been made to build up our stock of tracts and to put our depository on a satisfactory operating basis. Early in the year, we had 2,000 new tracts in stock. George B. Shaw were published by the board at the request and expense of a Sabbath school class of Salem, W. Va. This tract, entitled “The Sabbath Tracts and Other Misfits,” was, in the major part of the edition, presented to the board. A 5,000 edition of a tract by Rev. L. Richard Conradi, “Seventh Day Baptists and Seventh Day Adventists: How They Differ,” was printed, and the edition is already greatly depleted. A price of five cents, twenty-five for one dollar, who paid on this tract, and a total of $484.58 have been distributed, which is $4.955 more than the previous year.

The Sabbath Recorder

The publishing of the SABBATH RECORDER is of deep concern to the board as it is of vital importance to our churches and people. The board has expressed the desire of the Denominational Budget sufficient to justify the restoration of the paper to a thirty-two page bi-weekly, but the SABBATH RECORDER, therefore, has continued in the format of a twenty-four page paper and on a bi-weekly basis. The board feels the importance and need of more space, and especially the need of a weekly paging of the news, and realizes how necessary is the prompt publication of denominational needs and news, of reports and notices. It appreciates the fact that interests drag and lose, largely because the knowledge of events and of the pressure of needs is late in getting to the people. In days of war, time is speeded up, and time, in a weekly puts a breaking handicap upon the activities and progress of any religious group. Lack of space does not create the departments adequate opportunity for the presentation of information concerning the interests they represent. Good articles and addresses from assemblies, Conferences, and other sources either are long delayed or find no place at all.

Timely articles often have to be held until outdated. Fine articles and stories available from outside sources must be eliminated entirely. Death notices pile up, and when finally appearing, perhaps by the page full, are depressing.

More than these, the weekly appearance of the SABBATH RECORDER is greatly needed to keep up morale, to quicken faith, and assist in the propagation of religious interests and denominational loyalty.

Sabbath Supplement

A Sabbath Supplement to the SABBATH RECORDER, of eight pages, was printed in the issues of April 13, May 13, and June 10. The supplement occupied the center of the Recorder page, and was presented as a gift-of an interceding anonymous friend. This publication was made possible by unsolicited gifts of people interested in Sabbath promotion and in a larger circulation of the Recorder. A subscription drive based on the possibility of continuing the publication of the eight page supplement once a month was put on in May and continued on into June, and has been so successful that the board, boosted, returns are incomplete, and results are not yet known. However, much to our joy continued publication of the supplement has been possible by the very generous gift of an interested anonymous friend. Extra copies of the supplements have been in much demand, the edition of May 13, containing forty copies. Does Miss Verona, N. Y., entitled “The Sabbath and
Work of the Corresponding Secretary

Although much time is occupied as editor of the SABBATH RECORDER, considerably more time might have been used in field activities had funds for travel expenses been available. Calls for help from different parts of the denomination could not be accepted because of these financial conditions. Following the Conference last August a call was made at Cowan on some Sabbathkeepers, and Sabbath-keeping interests at Elkins, W. Va., were looked into. Five days in November were spent at Salemville, Pa.: the yearly meeting of the New England district was attended at Newport, R. I., and the dedication of the Shiloh church, and the yearly meeting at Marlboro, N. J. Three meetings of the Missionary Board, two of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council, one of the Commission for World Peace, and the ordination of Rev. Frederick P. Stoll, Indianapolis, Ind., were attended. Three group meetings of pastors and leaders, called by Rev. James L. Skaggs, president of the General Conference, to consider the phases of Sabbath keeping and work were attended—at Plainfield, Westerly, and Salem. The secretary represented various interests of the board at the General Conference, with parts on two other programs besides that of the Tract Society. Two weeks in February were spent at Shiloh, assisting Pastor Leon M. Marsh in interview meetings, with encouraging results. Other or more sections of addresses, have been delivered at Salem, Elkins, and Lost Creek, W. Va.; Waterford, Conn.; New York City; Salemville, Pa.; North Market, Plainfield, Irvington, Shiloh, and Marlboro, N. J.—in all thirty-seven.

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Forward Look

This is no time for discouragement or for the relaxation of our best endeavor. Not a little has been done in spite of our handicaps. Perhaps more individual responsibility has been felt and effort made because of lack of funds. Opportunity beckons and the Tract Board faces forward. Since this report was drafted, information and help have come giving encouragement and stimulating us to a larger faith and greater zeal. The need urged a year ago for larger appropriations for field and publishing work is still felt, and a larger support for these activities should be realized through the coming year. There is much that can be done by others as well as our own efforts, through the Tract Board, to evangelize and help. There are groups of Sabbathkeepers, here and there, ready and willing to be engaged in evangelistic work. There are Sabbaths where men regard the church as the great center of interest and work. They are calling us. Opportunity lies at the door of every Sabbath Church. That a call to work is no sign or designation, necessarily, of its being weak. The Congregationalists among their more than six thousand churches in this country list their church members in the ten thousand or less. No, the small church has the same God and Father of us all, the same Christ, and the same Holy Spirit, with access to all the power and resources of the church and all the responsibility. That church is poor, only, that has lost its faith and contact with the Spiritual, the Divine—the church that has lost its vision. Call to every church to serve "the present age." Yes, opportunity is ours to preach the gospel of Christ, a gospel which has been planted by the Father through Christ, the Sabbath of the Bible. The opportunity is ours to let this gospel permeate our lives and operate in every personal and social relationship, to develop the values of family life loyalty and consistent, zealous teaching. In spite of cynicism and infidelity and unbelief, there are around us scores and hundreds of people hungry for something better and more gripping than they have. If Seventh Day Baptists do not possess this satisfaction which the human world needs, there must be something wrong; the gospel of Christ with its Sabbath, which they hold, has not done for them what they claim for it. The fault is with the church—"it is a spiritual thing with them." In such a case we need to repent, confess our sin, and seek forgiveness. We must now "follow Christ's example and walk worthy of the crown of glory with which He has crowned us," and "lend a hand." We need to strengthen our stakes and lengthen our cords. We must be unafraid, heed God's call, and accept the responsibility of the honor bestowed by God at creation time, still stands to bless mankind, though forsaken by the Church, denied its place by the world, and obscured by discrediting and neglect. Like the Statue of Liberty—overtopped by imposing business towers, passed unheeded by vast cathedrals, sometimes ignored by daily passing throngs, or hidden by clouds of fog and swirling mists, yet with feet deep planted on eternal rocks in upper New York Bay—it stands, always with torches uplifted, the symbol of a great and glorious ideal. Like the Statue of Liberty, the Sabbath stands, whether men regard it or not, whether they admit its God or not by clouds of disobedience and mists of neglect— the Sabbath stands, a monument of divine forethought and labor. The people pointing to the fact and truth that God is, and that we are meant for him. The call of Seventh Day Baptists and of the American Sabbath Tract Society and its Board of Trustees, whose special charge it is, still is to move confidently forward in loyal Sabbath keeping to reveal the Sabbath as God meant it to be revealed, and to restore, to it its rightful place in the life of man and to the Church lost in a Sabbathless age.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT C. VAN HORN,
Corresponding Secretary.

July 14, 1933.

COMMENCEMENT AT MILTON

Commencement at Milton this year had at least one unique feature. The commencement address was given for the first time by a woman—Dr. Susan B. Ferris, who read an address of friendship to women at the University of Wisconsin. Miss Davis was graduated from Milton in 1898, and was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters in 1930. She gave a very scholarly address on the subject "Woman and Social Progress.

Another outstanding feature was the alumnii luncheon. The speeches this year seemed particularly good, being brief and pointed. This year and last we appreciated having the use of the excellent dining room of the Seventh Day Baptist church instead of the gymnasm for the luncheon.

A Shakespeare play, the recital of the school of music, the college union, and the sermon before the Christian associations by Pastor Carroll L. Hill were of the usual high quality.

Thirteen young people received the degree of A. B., and two the degree of Ph. B. Of the fifteen, five are residents of Milton and two of Milton Junction. Six others are Wisconsin young people, while one came from South Dakota and one from Shanghai.

A spirit of optimism seemed to prevail more than for a few years previously. This was doubtless partly due to the efforts of the retiring president of the alumni association, Dr. M. D. Davis, and to Dr. Rachel Salisbury, '26, the new alumni president, is also a person full of zeal and is expected to keep things moving.

The announcement of more intensive publication of the school of music, the alumni association, and to the coach during the football season, and of some quite extensive improvements to be made to the gymnasium, seemed to add to the enthusiasm.

J. W. C.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

The young people's program of Conference opened with the Pre-Conference meeting Tuesday afternoon. One hundred thirty young people and their leaders enjoyed luncheon and an hour of fellowship at noon in the banquet room of the Alfred Station hotel. Following adjournment to the main auditorium of the church, the president, Miss Elizabeth Ormaby, conducted a worship service with the theme, "The Sacrificial Life," the quartet of girls from Battle Creek—Lois Babcock, Arabel Lewis, Wilna Crandall, Madeline Lewis, with Miss Ormaby, and the topic of "Build a Better World." The latter was written by their pastor for a state Christian Endeavor convention. Miss Miriam Shaw told us a beautiful story of Chinese lives sacrificed
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and surrendered to Christ. The members of the church were called to the platform and briefly introduced. Rev. Harley Sutton, who with several Little Genesee young people represented us at the International Christian En-
deavor Congress, which is being held July 4th, described in a few words the outstanding fea-
tures and mountain-top experiences of this great event which was witnessed with the singing of our rally song. At four o’clock, recreation in the form of water sports was enjoyed by many of the young people at a swimming station near the pool.

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, in Kenyon Hall, following the regular Con-
ference session, Rev. Carroll L. Hill helped the young people to think through some of the perplexing problems in connection with their “Entering Into Life.” About sixty were present the first day and one hundred the sec-
ond. Although final decisions cannot be reached in such a short time, the enthusiastic leadership and the intense interest of the young people combined to produce real results by way of group thinking.

Friday morning at six o’clock, on the lawn of Dr. A. J. C. Bond’s home, two hundred young people, pastors, and friends gathered for the worship service. Mrs. Harley Sutton conducted the worship service. Her theme, “God of the Outdoors,” was beautifully worked out in song, poetry, Scripture, and meditation. The deep inspiration and fellowship of this occasion cannot be overestimated.

The Young People’s Board program was presented to the General Conference on Sab-
nath night. The president gave a concise but adequate summary of the board reports. The worship service was in harmony with the theme of the religious drama which followed — “Faith in the Unseen.” A lighted cross helped to objectify the thought of the as-
sumption and the act of the congregation along this line. The service con-
sisted in quiet music, reading, meditation, prayer, a solo, “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth,” and a prayer hymn offered by a mixed quartet. It was presented by Janette L. Rog-
er, Albert N. Rogers, Leta Caroline Cran-
dall, Luther W. Grochow, Orville W. Bab-
cook, and Faye Dike. The religious drama, “The Boy Who Discovered Easter,” was a beautiful and fitting climax to the evening of worship. The characters were very ably portrayed by John Reed Spicer as the doctor, Frank Earley Loughan as the boy, Maxine Arms as the nurse, and Imogene Carpen-
ter—the housekeeper. We are greatly in-
debted to these people for bringing the mes-
sgage to us in such a sincere manner; and we truly appreciate those who helped in other ways in the production of the play.

Throughout the young people’s meetings a spirit of co-operation and interest was present. We can only pray and hope that these young people have received lasting help—socially and spiritually.

ELIZABETH VAN HORN, Corresponding Secretary.

CHILDREN’S PAGE

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

DEAR MRS. GREENE:

I haven’t written to you for about two years. I am ten years old now. I have always wanted to write to you because you were my first teacher when I was a little girl in Walworth. My mother was born southwest of Walworth, on Bigfoot Prairie. I wonder if you remember her, Mrs. Harley Sutton, and Grandmother and Grand-
father Ayers.

Mother said you always liked children when she was a little girl. She thought you had the sweeter disposition.

I was born in Wisconsin. I lived there un-
til I was six years old. Four years ago I came down South to live near my Grandmother and grandmother. I go to Sabbath school and church when she was a little girl. I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. I go to school in Ponchatoula. I live three miles and a half from town. We go to school on the school bus. There are around one hun-
dred two children on our bus. It is a large one, but should be larger.

I have a big sister, nineteen, and a big brother, eighteen.

I hope this letter isn’t too long.

Your sincere friend,

MARY ELIZABETH STILLMAN.

Ponchatoula, La.,
August 10, 1935.

DEAR MARY ELIZABETH:

I was very glad to hear from you again. Your letter is not one bit too long, but just right.

Yes, I remember your mother, aunt, and Grandmother and Grandfather Ayers very well, but I can’t tell which one of the Ayers

make promises and then when something comes along in the way for them, they say, ‘Oh, Lucy will do that’; or, ‘Let Lucy go; we can’t row,’ and they run off, and I have to do the things they should have done — but I am getting ahead.

She sat thinking a moment then picked up a hymn book lying in her work basket. “Open it to where this book mark is, Lucy, and read the hymn on the left page.” I read the title, “The Old Rugged Cross.”

She looked kindly yet searchingly into my eyes and asked, “Can you tell me where your grandmother’s house was located?”

I replied, “It is first service — sometimes only little every-day tasks and sometimes sacrifice that lasts the rest of life’s journey? Did you ever think how Simon must have felt when they placed on his shoulders that heavy cross? It was a bur-
dden of shame also. It must have been a toll-
some journey up that hill, and perhaps there was much ridicule, too. But afterward— I can imagine how Simon rejoiced at the privi-
lege of carrying that cross. I do not believe he thought how heavy it was—often.

And for us, too, there is an afterward. If our cross gets a bit heavy, let us look up and catch the living smile of encouragement from him and get busy and just go on. Surely we do not want to tell him our cross is too heavy when he was nailed to his. Let us cherish the cross he permits us; let us bring our trophies of loving service to him.

Let us walk close, close to him all the way and some day exchange everything for his blessed, ‘Well done,’ which will be our crown. Shall we dear?”

We sang the beautiful hymn together and then I picked up my bundle, which seemed much lighter than it did when I laid it down. I could carry it all the way for love’s sake, be-
cause he first loved me, and some day there will be a glorious exchange.

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

HOW THIS HYMN HELPED

They lived in a little gray house with white trim, these dear people whom every one called grandpa and grandma. There was always such a cheerful air about the house, with the flowers and singing birds, both caged and free. It seemed as if the sun were brighter there and the shade more cool and restful.

One day I was looking at grandma Lewis, sat there, hands busy with some sewing. She looked so peaceful and happy, I felt I must stop, if only for a few minutes; so I went, straight up to the chair and smile so kindly and held out her hand in welcome.

‘“Why, Lucy, what brings you here today?”’

and she looked closely into my discontented face. “I am afraid you have a tangled skein, dear. Can I help untangle it?”

I laid down my heavy bundle and sat in a chair near her.

“It just seems as though everyone expects me to do her work and I’m tired of it. They
As we meet tonight in this opening session of this General Conference, let us first of all lift our hearts in gratitude to God for the blessings that He has brought, the confidence of His guidance and help. Let us rejoice in the confidence that our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever; that He never fails a people who rely upon Him and are actively obedient to His revealed will.

There is the old proverb that “Man’s extremity is God’s opportunity.” The great Apostle said, “When I am weak, then am I strong.” And has it not been historically true that when men have realized their own weakness and have reached out in faith, God has been their help?

As we come together in this General Conference, I am quite sure we have no undue sense of importance or strength. For some years we have been going through experiences which have revealed the inadequacy of our own strength and resources. Perhaps we have been a bit discouraged and have wondered whether or not God has any great purpose for us. If such has in any measure been the case, it might encourage us to reflect that often the people of God have had their discouraging days. Even Jesus in his most crucial hour cried, “Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.” And in response to that cry, God gave him the victory over sin and death.

So has it ever been. Again and again Israel felt that God had forsaken her; but in reality it was Israel who had forsaken God. His people had put themselves into a position in which His strength and blessing could not flow into and upon them.

We may turn our thoughts back to that day when Israel stood facing the deep waters of the Red Sea, and knew that the Egyptian army was rapidly coming upon them. Moses, their great leader, cried unto God for help. And the voice of God came back to him, “Why cryest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward.”

It seems that in the midst of their fears and misgivings, Moses was crying out unto God, perhaps expecting him, with scarcely an effort on the part of the people, to extricate them from their dangers and difficulties. But they must learn that action on their part is a real essential. They must begin to move forward, or the power of God would not become operative to help them. It is a wonder that those Jews had faith, hope, courage in such measure as to enable them to respond to their leaders and to go forward and to build a great nation. It was indeed that miracle that a leader as Mosaic arose in their midst. And surely their achievements would have been quite impossible except for the manifestations of the divine presence and leadership. That divine presence was to them as a cloud by day and a great light by night. They were given assurance that God was leading them forth for a great purpose, that he would bless them and make them a blessing. Was it not this assurance that changed them from a scattering slaves into men of hope, which produced a new generation with the spirit of masters and conquerors? As we follow them through succeeding years, we see much of struggle and confusion which in the light of the teachings of Jesus we would not commend or emulate; but we might well covet their consciousness of divine mission and purpose, the basis of which led them on to the doing of his will.

And is it not essential for any people to have good courage and the consciousness of divine mission? Is it not essential for the group that we are representing tonight to have their mission and purpose, the basis of which made the early Christians irresistible? And in the letter to the Hebrews, we find God appealing upon the example of men “who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the fire, were covered with a cloud, upon which were of the hosts of angels, who, through faith conquered weakness were made strong.” If we follow the course of Christian history, we find in the story only those successful who have had depth of conviction and a personal and personal mission. You may review the leaders of the Church from apostolic days down to our own time—the apostles, the evangelists, the missionaries, the laity, who have been organized for Christian service, young people—and in every case where there is any marked advance in building up our missions, the kingdom of God, you find peoples who have deep convictions and who have given themselves with zeal and courage for the service of Christ.

Two hundred and sixty years have brought to us some definite impressions concerning some of the problems and possibilities of the future. While we are not being actually pursued by a visible enemy nor are we facing any physical barrier like the Red Sea, we have been, as it were, encamped for many years and plagued by uncertain minds as to whether we are to surmount our barriers and go forward to a happy and useful future. We pastors and leaders have sometimes been keen of heart; perhaps we have cried unto God miraculously to save the situation, when we should have been on the march calling to our people, “Come, let us go forward!”

From another point of view an impression is received that we are quite well satisfied with our condition. Did we not ourselves that doctrinally we are Biblical, that our positions can hardly be assailed by those who take the Bible, and the Bible only, as a history and a faith? And do we have a people generally of high ethical standards and well-respected, that we are friendly, tolerant, and co-operative with other religious groups, and with an aggressive spirit for the propagation of the Sabbath truths, though we theoretically hold that truth to be of extreme importance? It is claimed that some of our churches should now be thinking of missions and expansion, although we have been very much alike—perhaps hardly open to criticism for the truth which we hold and the things for which we stand in the face of our darkest sins might well be charged to the things we have not done.
Another impression which a wide acquaintance over the country, is that we do not expect anything to happen. We rather expect to go on about as we have gone, with our slight ups and downs. A new church is an event. A Sabbath convert is a surprise. A Sabbath teaching is an important and permanent truth which God has given to men. In my observation there are few in pulpit or pew who have any desire to urge this doctrine on the Christian world. If it is important enough to make us a separate people, is it not important enough to urge upon the attention of fellow Christians? If the Sabbath is a trivial matter, we have no right to allow it to separate us from our Christian brethren; if it is vital and important, it must claim our loyalty and our ardent support. Our position puts us a tremendous responsibility, or else it brands us as stupid and foolish. Which is it? I hope Seventh Day Baptists will answer that question in the not distant future—answer it not merely in the repetition of doctrine, but in a program of action. I speak these earnest words because I feel that as a people we must justify our position before both God and men. If we do not, our own faith will fail, as for some of us it has come already, and our work will come to an end.

E. Stanley Jones tells of a Hindu who listened attentively to a Christian appeal and then said, "If what the speaker has said is right and true, then I will give you, if it is true, then nothing else matters." That thoughtful statement has its bearing upon our denominational position. Our teaching is aright and true, that is it is of paramount importance, or else it is very unimportant. I believe there should be a re-evaluation of our position, that our Christian teaching may be vital, that we may have something pulsating with the will of God and the Spirit of Jesus to feed our own hungry souls, to offer to our young people, and to the world. We Seventh Day Baptists know that we are not living for ourselves. We must live to make our contribution to the building of God's kingdom among men. We are living for the days when our whole life, and every thought of our life. Problems — personal, social, industrial, economic, national, and international—are pressing hard, and the clergy opposed to the Christian religion are organized and aggressive. Russia is attempting to generate a movement of people without belief in God. The political forces of Germany are completing a revolution in the institutions of that nation. Men of great power and influence are arrayed against the Church and using every available resource to break down whatever truthfulness, love, peace, of pleasure, and greed, are still set up against faith, love, service, and sacrificial living. The challenge to the Church today seems to be as great as at any time in history. The Spirit of Him who lived, loved, served, sacrificed, died, and rose again, must possess the Church if it is to go forward. Paganism, selfishness, atheism and all, the challenge of our times.

To this end, I would recommend that we, assembled here in this General Conference, for ourselves and in behalf of our churches and Christian forces, dedicate ourselves anew to the service of Christ in his program of redemption:

(1) That we recognize the claim of Christ upon our lives and our possessions, that he make us take and use, and use our money, our time, our abilities, according to his own will and purpose;

(2) That we recognize more fully our responsibility for the extension of the gospel message, by personal work, by teaching, by preaching, and by special missions; that we commend the work of our Religious Education Committee and urge a continued study and leadership in all that pertains to the spiritual life of men;

(3) That we re-study and try correctly to evaluate the place and importance of the Sabbath in the whole program of Christ among men and accept and discharge the responsibilities which may be revealed to us in this particular field;

(4) That we maintain the open mind and the willingness to grow through Christ and his teachings may impress upon us an ever increasing knowledge of the truth and lead us ever onward in the service of his will and people.

Do we hear that voice coming down through the centuries: "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." "Speak unto Seventh Day Baptists, that they go forward.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"
SECOND HOPEDONTO, R. I.

Our church has had a new coat of paint inside and out. We are looking forward to the October gathering of the New England churches of Germany. This will complete a century of progress. We have received by baptism five of our young people this summer. Pastor and Mrs. Burdick and others of our membership have been attendants at Conference.

ASHAWAY, R. I.

Dr. William L. Burdick of Ashaway, secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, is a patient at the Cooperstown, N. Y., hospital after suffering an automobile accident in that city, while on route to Alfred, N. Y., to attend a commission meeting of the society, past and annual Seventh Day Baptist Conference which opens Tuesday.

While his injuries are not severe, the extent is not known, and details of the accident in which Mr. Burdick was hurt have not yet been received here. The accident, it is reported, occurred last Tuesday evening.

[Secretary Van Horn with others of his party visited Brother Burdick in the Cooperstown hospital, en route to Conference. Mrs. Burdick had been able to proceed to Independence, and Secretary Burdick was convalescing nicely. His son-in-law, Professor Paul Saunders, took him by auto to Alfred on Friday. They were able to see a number of Seventh Day Baptist people who called upon him. He was greatly missed in the meetings, but all rejoiced at this promised recovery.—Wyn.]

Lewis Camp in Ashaway closed yesterday after a successful season. The closing was celebrated as usual, and the camp received many visitors who enjoyed the fun of the evening.—Westerly Sun (August 15)

ANDOVER AND INDEPENDENCE, N. Y.

The churches at Andover and Independence have held union services in the Andover house of worship once a month during the summer. In July the communion service was observed at this joint meeting, and in August, Dr. A. J. C. Bond preached.

July 27 was a happy day for the Andover Church. Four new people, Carroll and Jane Burdick, Brice Kenyon, and Emily Mac Green were received into the church after a beautiful outdoor baptismal service in Dyke Creek.

 Correspondent.

BERBA, W. VA.

Our Vacation Bible School at both Berea and Middle Island was a success. At Berea there were twenty-five decisions for Christ on the children's side and twenty-six decisions for the beginning of Sabbath before our closing exercise. Sixty-one pupils were enrolled here. At Mid-
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Child, early childhood.

CHICAGO. ILL.
The work in Chicago is slowly moving along along the pleasure of baptizing Brother Carl DuVard, who was converted several months previously. He is a real inspiration to all who meet him. The church has enjoyed the service of Rev. Ero E. Sutton for a few weeks. The Suttons lived in the apartments of Miss Ethel Butterfield during her vacation spent in visiting in the East. In July, at the Silver Lake colony, our Seventh Day Baptist camps has run... 

ANNUAL MEETING — AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

The annual meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New York, for the election of officers and directors and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, September 15, 1935, at two o'clock. 

CORLISS F. RANDOLPH, President. NEAL D. MILLS, Recording Secretary.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"WHAT OF IT?"

BY DR. BOOthe C. DAVIS

I understand that I am asked to introduce a discussion of the experiment of the Sabbath School, and to us, through April, May and June of this year, a three months' course of lessons on the topics repre...

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4th. The studies directed attention, in an unusual way, to the form and content of our so-called "Exposé." 

First: The name itself raised some interesting comments. We wondered why it was chosen by our forebears more than fifty, perhaps a hundred, years ago.

Second: Webster's Unabridged Dictionary today defines the noun, "Exposé" as "an undeniable or unshattering discovery or exposure," second as "a formal setting forth of the details of any act or action by anyone who wishes to keep concealed."


In the second place:

There seems to be an unfortunate disproportion of emphasis in the subject matter of the articles of the "Exposé." To mention but one example by way of illustration, there is one very brief article on Christ's life, and there are two articles on the resurrection.

Fifty or more years ago the doctrines of the resurrection were hotly debated in controversies between Adventists and Seventh Day Baptists. Doubtless the presence of these two articles on the resurrection reflects the con-

Two hundred years ago my great American ancestor, William Davis, from Wales, was tried as a heretic in the old Wesley church. One of the charges was that he preached the doctrine that Jesus Christ was human as well as divine; "Like wine and water mixed together," he said.

A century or more later when Seventh Day Baptists began to formulate a statement of beliefs they had come to accept William Davis' heresy, and assumed that they incorpo-

This is all that Seventh Day Baptists have to say in this only article of our faith in the blessed Lord Jesus: the Sacrificial Redeemer; the Great Teacher; the perfect example of righteousness, the absolute rejection of all human brotherhood and unselfish service; even Jesus, the pattern for Sabbath observance—they are
THE SABBATH RECORDER.

The church night, which has been a practice in the Riverside, Calif., Church for a number of years, has helped us to toward this goal. The pastor appointed a committee to visit every family and community supper and then have business meetings, committee meetings, or other group meetings of the various organizations of the church. It is hoped that the church school might have a meeting of its teachers; the Christian Endeavor executive committee, the boys, girls, and ladies. However, in a church which has a small membership, there are so many people who have a part in all these organizations that this plan is not entirely successful.

Our present plan is as follows: the pastor appoints a church social committee of four members. The committee has charge of the church night. A certain night is selected in each month (last year we had it the first Wednesday of the month) and is set aside for the church night. In the announcement which is made either at the church service or the Bible school, we ask each family to bring one large or two small covered dishes, hot dishes, salads, or anything they wish, and then designate the kind of dish (pie one night, cake another, cold stuff, etc.).

A dish is placed in a conspicuous place where anyone who wishes can drop a dime, nickel, or quarter. This fund is used for coffee, cream, sugar, and any other expense which may arise.

At the close of the supper, while people are still seated at the table, and with the pastor or some member presiding, we have a program which we try to keep within forty-five minutes. Sometimes this program consists of solo or group items, and for these purposes we have brought in an outside speaker. One night the superintendent of the Sherman Institute, a government Indian school near us, gave a lecture and presented a number of Indian boys who entertained us with Indian dances and songs. Another night we were served in our junior college and high school graduates, and again our Junior Christian Endeavor society gave a fine program. We have had many interesting and helpful programs.

The social hall is usually decorated in some way which carries out the same motive as the program or the season of the year.

The committee met several times to plan the events for each church night and try to arrange it so no one person will serve on the same committee more than once during the year. These are our committees: program, decoration, children's entertainment, reception committee including a "mixer" to keep things going, table setting, and one committee to un-"mix" the food and place it on the tables also to cut the pies or cakes, serving committee to supply and pass the food to everyone, and last but by far not the least, is the dishwashing committee.

The plan uses a large part of our regular attendance. The committee meets during the year and everyone enters into the plan and is willing to help. We enjoy it as much as any other kind of work, and it is not a burden on any two or three people if it is planned carefully. Try it sometime.

SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

The adjourned meeting of the Sabbath School Board was held in the basement of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist church on Sunday evening, July 28, 1935, at eight o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the president, Rev. John F. Randolph. The following trustees were present: Rev. John F. Randolph, A. Lovelle Burnard, Robert E. Greene, D. N. Ingla, Leland C. Shaw. The prayer was offered by Rev. Erlo E. Sutton. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the secretary reported on the call of the meeting.

The Finance Committee recommended the following budget which was adopted:

BUDGET FOR 1935-1936

Salary of the director of religious education $1,500.00
Expenses of the director of religious education 300.00
Membership in the Conference of Religious Education 50.00
Editor Children's Page, SABBATH RECORDER 20.00
Postage and other board expenses 195.00
Appointments and promotion of religious education 350.00
Expense of representative on the Commission 100.00

The Committee on Nominations presented its report of nominations for officers and trustees for the Conference year 1935-1936. The report was adopted.

It was voted that Mrs. Walter L. Greene be appointed to continue as editor of the Children's Page of the SABBATH RECORDER for the ensuing year.

It was voted that Rev. John F. Randolph be elected as the representative of the board on the Commission, that Rev. Erlo E. Sutton be elected as secretary of the commission, and that the General Conference be advised of these appointments.

The treasurer, Robert E. Greene, read correspondence from Rev. Harold R. Crandall relative to July payments from the Denominational Budget, and from Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, giving his itemized expense account.

The annual report of the treasurer, with the attached report of the auditing committee, was read and adopted. The report follows:

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

To balance, June 30, 1934 $189.48
Dedominational Budget 1,482.68
Special contributions 29.85
Interest on bond 76.05
Sale of farm mortgage loan 30.00
Total, $1,954.06

Salaries:
Dr. John P. Ford $1,500.00
Mrs. Walter L. Greene 25.00
Interest on bond 12.50
Postage 5.00
Interest on bond at bank 61.00
Education 25.00
Appointments and promotion 25.00
U.S. tax on checks 70.00
Expense of member of conference 10.00
Interest 11.00
Sabbath School Board promotion 4.55
Expense for preparing annual report 10.00
Balance on hand, June 30, 1935 $1,249.76

Robert Greene, Treasurer
Milton, Wis.
June 30, 1935

The Auditing Committee of the Sabbath School Board has examined the accounts of the treasurer, compared the same with vouchers, and believe the same to be correct.

L. F. Bailey, Leland C. Shaw, Committee.
correspondence

Elder H. C. Van Horn:
You cannot make a horse drink when he is not thirsty. And you cannot make anyone take the SABBATH RECORDER when he thinks one paper will do for a half dozen families by passing it around. Most people see their mistake when too late, if they ever see it. Please find a bill of $5 inclosed for the SABBATH RECORDER...I send this to help put the SABBATH RECORDER on its feet. Use it just as you please.

(The editor knows the writer above would not want her name to appear or even her address. It is dated July 5, 1935. The gift is a most self-sacrificing one, through no word of the intimation of it is expressed. May the Lord bless the sister with comfort and heart peace.)

Dear Brother Van Horn:
I have just finished reading "Free from Law" in the Sabbath Supplement for June 24, 1935. Wish we could as a denomination push this question. We could hardly set a better goal than to distribute one million of this supplement by next January first. We can do it! And what a blessing would come of it. Can additional copies be made of this particular supplement? I want some and can pay for them. I pray God to send me throughout this South to every one of God's people on this question, which will, in turn, bring conversions. . . .

Yours for the Master,
Lt.-Col. J. B. Conyers
Pt. Oglethorpe, Ga.
July 19, 1935.
funds" to replenish the Lord’s treasury — while from heaven our blessed Savior looks sadly on — the who gave us his earthly mission and the message of Milton and Raymond Wardner of Chicago. The son Mrs. Green had not been well. The past months have been filled with pain, but she had had most excellent care by devoted people.

Funeral services were held at the Crandall undertakers parsonage, in Milton, Penn., August 20, 1935, conducted by Pastor Carroll L. Hill. Interment was in Farina, Ill.

C. L. H.

GREEN.—Almira H. Burdick was born in Albion, Wis., February 8, 1846, and died August 2, 1935, at Otis Orchards, Wash. She was a daughter of Daniel K. and Sarah Burdick. She received instruction in both vocal and instrumental music under the best teachers connected with Milton College, J. M. Stillman, George Root, and other noted instructors, and finally attended the Ziegfeld Conservatory of Music, Chicago. She was a teacher of vocal and piano music for a number of years.

At an early age she united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Albion, Wis. She freely gave of her talent not only for the church but for the community as well. She was united in marriage to Jesse S. Green, a Civil War veteran, December 5, 1865. Mrs. Green was a member of the Relief Corps of the G.A.R. and loyal to the order as long as active.

Besides Mrs. W. C. Green, of Otis Orchards, Wash., she is survived by one son, H. R. Green, Minneapolis; eight grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. B. I. Jefferson, of Riverside, Calif., and one foster brother, Rev. M. G. Stillman, of Otis, Wis.

Burial at Albion, Wis. W. C. A.

WESSE.—Flora Mabel, daughter of Lester and Laura McCavy, Bee, and wife of George M. Weese, was born near Delphi, W. Va., October 2, 1907, and died at Akron, Ohio, September 9, 1935. Besides her husband and parents she leaves to mourn, one sister and three brothers; two aunts and an uncle, Maggie, Ocinia and Elzie Bee, all of Wellsville, who among her many friends attended her funeral conducted by Mr. L. C. Harris of Beaverly, W. Va., and burial was made near Cowan.

OBI T U A R Y

CROSELY.—Jennie Burdick, daughter of Russell and Amelia Vincent Burdick, was born at Alfred, N. Y., July 9, 1863, and passed away at her home, 102 S. Main St., May 23, 1935. One brother, A. Elisha Burdick, of Live Oaks, Fla., survives.

When she was about two years old her family moved to Farina, Ill. During her girlhood she was baptized and united with the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was married January 18, 1894, to Nathan Wardner Crosely who died several years ago. Two children, Rev. Geo. B. Davis of Denver, Colo., and Miss Gertie Belle Webb of Otis Orchards, Wash., were reared in her home.

EUGENE.—In the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Milton, Wis., on Monday, August 12, 1935, at four o’clock in the afternoon, by Rev. Curwin Shaw, Mr. Herman D. Ellis of Battle Creek, Mich., and Miss Miriam M. Deeshelm of Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Fox-Hunters.—At the home of the bride’s parents, North Loop, Neb., August 3, 1935, by Rev. Horley S. Warren, Inez Grace Huntsch of North Loop and Howard Victor Fox of Gary, Ind., the new home to be in Gary.

GREENE-CLEMENS.—At the Andover parsonage, June 30, 1925, Miss Ethel M. Greene, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Walter L. Greene, of Andover, and Mr. Frank C. Clemens, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Clemens, of Wellsville, N. Y., were united in marriage. The father of the bride officiated.

HORNER-DAVIS.—At the Seventh Day Baptist church, Shiloh, W. Va., June 23, 1935, by the bride’s priest, Rev. Geo. B. Shaw, Eleanor W. Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl W. Davis of Salem, and Kenneth V. Horner of Shiloh, N. J.

OBITUARY

RECIPE WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

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HUNGARIAN SABBATH HYMN

(A hymn of the early decades of the Seventeenth Century—translation published in "History of the Sabbath."

"The Sabbath you must holy keep
As did the ancients now sleep.
And as far remoteest time,
We still observe the Sabbath as divine;
But not the Sunday in its place,
Which cannot sanctify, nor give the grace
Alone the honorable Sabbath day.
Remember, keep holy, and God obey."

—Andrews and Coward.